

Traffic stop yields impressive haul



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A table at Carmel P.D. covered with pot and cash after a what seemed like a routine traffic stop on Junipero Street. See page 13A

Downtown vacancies not so numerous after all

■ Six percent of commercial spaces empty

By MARY SCHLEY

OF THE 427 street-level storefronts downtown, 29 are empty — including some that have been for years — according to a survey conducted earlier this month by planning director Marc Wiener and his staff. Despite a lot of recent consternation over the perception that vacancies were burgeoning, the rate is just 6 percent, compared with a national rate of just over 10 percent in the third quarter of last year, according to a real estate research firm.

“So far, my interpretation is the vacancies are kind of dispersed throughout the commercial district,” Wiener said. “We collected the data — the next step will be doing some analysis

on it.” According to the March 8 survey of ground-floor retail space in the 19 blocks in the core commercial area, the block with the most empty spaces is Carmel Plaza, where there are five. The survey included all three floors of the Plaza — 48 total spaces.

Recently several more

The block bordered by Ocean, Dolores, Lincoln and Seventh contains four vacancies, though one of them — the Ocean Avenue space recently vacated by Talbott — will soon be occupied by an Italian men’s clothing store, Luciano Barbera. A few months ago, the city’s main shopping street had four empty stores.

See **VACANCIES** page 15A

‘We need your help,’ Big Sur tells coastal commish

■ Locals disagree about ‘overtourism’

By CHRIS COUNTS

SEVEN YEARS after she became their representative on the California Coastal Commission, Carole Groom hosted her first “listening session” with Big Sur residents, who packed a meeting room at the Big Sur Lodge March 22 — and gave her an earful.

The tone of the dialogue was civil, but many residents spoke with a sense of urgency.

“We need your help, Carole,” said Butch Kronlund, “Overtourism and overuse are challenging Big Sur. The results are a measurable decline in the health of the environment and the safety of residents and visitors. Current county, state and federal staff are overwhelmed and unable to address these mounting issues.”

Kronlund narrated a slide show depicting scenes of traffic congestion at Bixby Bridge and along Sycamore Canyon Road, where public safety hazards abound.

‘Extreme changes’

Several members of the business community pushed back against blaming “overtourism” for Big Sur troubles, including Kirk Gafill, the general manager of Nepenthe restaurant.

“With all due respect, I challenge this term, ‘overtourism,’” Gafill said. “I think that suggests there are too many people to be accommodated along the Big Sur coast, and I don’t think that has yet to be demonstrated. What I do think though is that we have seen extreme changes in behavior due to social media and different cultural influences.”

After supporting Gafill’s views, Big Sur River Inn general manager Rick Aldinger brought up the need for more public restrooms in Big Sur — and told Groom that the resources of local businesses are being strained by visitors as a result.

“They are coming in to use our private restrooms,” Aldinger reported. “Then they get back into the car and move on — that is not a sustainable business model.”

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SAND & SEA HOME CALLED ‘LIKE CORPORATE RETREAT’

■ Planners seek ‘simplicity and modesty’

By MARY SCHLEY

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS didn’t think much of the design for a new home in the Sand & Sea development on San Antonio Avenue, asking architect Braden Sterling to come back with something smaller, lower profile, and more like a “beach house” than a “corporate retreat.”

The commission’s March 13 meeting was the second public hearing on the 3,431-square-foot, two-story, modern-style home proposed to replace one of the beachside houses in the small group of homes. Last October, commissioners told Ster-

ling they were concerned about light intrusion and reflection from the large windows proposed for the west and south sides of the residence, as well as its overall mass looming over the beach, along with its height, lack of natural materials, and inability to blend in with the dunes and the beach.

‘Not responsive’

But after that meeting, Sterling and his client, a San Francisco-based LLC managed by Franklin Loffer, didn’t make many changes, according to senior planner Marnie Waffle, who said she thought the revised application was “not responsive to the comments provided during the preliminary review.”

See **CORPORATE** page 16A

Visalia, Merced — and on to the Monterey Peninsula

Last week, a young S.F.B. Morse graduated from Yale and headed west to seek his fortune. It was 1907, and California was a blossoming land of miners, ranchers and land speculators. Morse’s first job, thanks to contacts he made in school, was with a power company in Visalia. After that, he was hired by William H. Crocker, son of railroad baron Charles Crocker, to manage his ranch in Merced

PART II

AFTER ARRIVING in Merced and taking over management of the Crocker Ranch, the first thing I did was to double the charge for water, which was being sold for the ridiculous price of \$1 an acre, making the irrigation system a source of continual and substantial loss.

Naturally there was great resistance on the part of the farmers who used the water, and we were one of the early cases that came before the newly appointed so-called railroad commission, or Public Utilities Commission, appointed by Hiram Johnson. They sustained our charge for water; they could hardly do otherwise. After that, it was a question of putting water on all of the land we owned that was susceptible to irrigation and either selling the land, or using it ourselves to produce cattle feed.

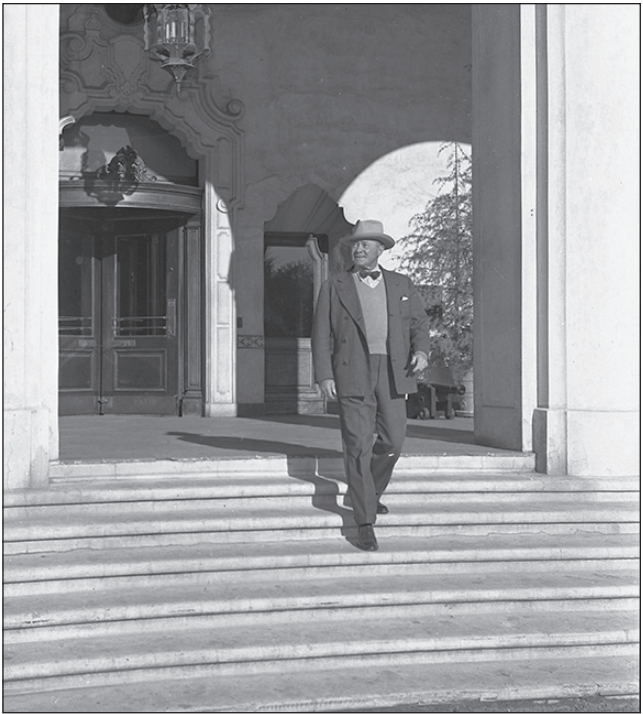
As we put more land under irrigation, we needed more range land, and I purchased a substantial amount, the largest single purchase being from Henry Miller — 25,000 acres for \$10 an acre. When we sold what was left of the ranch a few years ago, this particular area was valued at something over \$60 an acre.

Also, under my management, the Merced City Water System, which we owned, was completely rebuilt, and though the Crocker Estate has sold everything else, they still own the wa-

The Morse memoirs

ter works, which is one of the best small utility companies in the state.

We made an attempt to buy more land and develop it, but failing in this, the obvious thing was to sell the water works to the people. I think I can say without contradiction that I had more to do with the formation of the Merced Irrigation District than any other one person.



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Samuel F.B. Morse at the Hotel del Monte in Monterey in the 1920s.

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Sandy Claws

Biscuit's in the bag

THEY'D NEVER been a family of dog lovers, but Biscuit changed that. Dad and the boys had begun to feel the family really should have a dog. Mom, not so much. She was pretty sure all the caretaking would fall upon her.

Biscuit was headed for the SPCA when Mom met the little border collie-poodle mix. A family, preparing to move out of state, had decided they couldn't take their dog with them. There he was, white with a touch of gold, and a pair of "love me forever" eyes. For Mom, it was love at first sight.

"Once Biscuit stole my heart," said Mom, "my family said, 'It's in the bag; we've got him.' They knew we were finally getting a dog."

Biscuit came with his name; apparently it was inspired by the little character in the popular children's book series by Alyssa Satin Capucilli. The family agreed with the likeness and felt he was just as sweet.

Soon after Biscuit joined his new family in Salinas, his person injured her shoulder. She knew her dog wanted to go for a walk, but she just didn't feel up to it.

"Instead of begging for a walk," she said, "Biscuit came over and settled his body under my sore arm, as



if to say, 'I'll be your crutch.' I thought, 'This dog gets me.'"

Biscuit hasn't yet been to the beach, but Mom imagines he will inspire a new beach lifestyle for the family once the weather warms up. In the meantime, he attends Wags & Nags doggie daycare in Prunedale, where he's learning lots of new tricks.

"We've only had Biscuit since November, but it feels like he's been part of our family forever," Mom said. "He's definitely raised our spirit. I guess we just needed the right dog."

Support group for Alzheimer's caregivers

THE ALZHEIMER'S Association will hold a caregiver support group meeting April 17 in Pacific Grove for those who have family members who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or dementia.

The support group can provide "an opportunity to find out more about available community resources, learn from others who are going through similar experiences, and obtain additional educational materials," the association said.

The meeting will be held from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Sally Griffin Center, 700 Jewell Ave. in Pacific Grove.

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State labor commissioner hits Lafayette, Hanagasa with fines

By MARY SCHLEY

LAFAYETTE BAKERY in the Barnyard was ordered to stop using employees until its owners pay \$166,080 for not providing workers compensation insurance for 15 people, a violation of the Labor Code, according to a judgment entered in Monterey County Superior Court earlier this month.

And the owners of Hanagasa Restaurant on Eighth Avenue were fined \$1,500 for not having workers compensation insurance for one employee, and \$5,000 for not providing itemized wage statements.

While the restaurants were notified of the findings and penalties last fall, they weren't made final until the labor commissioner filed an entry of judgment with the court for each case March 5.

Eunice Suarez, a deputy labor commissioner based in Salinas, issued a stop-work order to Lafayette Bakery owner Jean Vial on Sept. 11, 2018. "Effective immediately, you are ordered to stop using any employee labor until you have secured workers compensation insurance," her notice read. "Failure to observe this stop order is punishable as a misdemeanor."

Further, any employees affected by the order must be paid for missed work, up to 10 days.

How the fine is set

Vial was also hit with a substantial penalty twice the amount he would have paid for the insurance. State law allows the fine to be calculated based on the number of employees multiplied by \$1,500, or double the insurance premium — whichever is greater.

According to Suarez' investigation, Vial

failed to provide workers compensation insurance from April 24, 2017, to Sept. 11, 2018. Also, on Sept. 11, 2018, she found Lafayette had no work permit on file, even though minors were working there. Failure to have a work permit carries a \$500 fine.

He had 20 days to appeal the stop-work order and 15 days to contest the penalties. The labor commissioner's decisions became final with the request for entry of judgment filed this month.

Vial could not be reached for comment.

Hanagasa dinged

The fines and penalties levied against Hanagasa owners Joung Sig Kim and Me Jong Kim were far less, because they have fewer employees and hadn't failed to provide workers compensation insurance for as long a period of time. According to Suarez's order, the Kims failed to carry insurance for a single employee April 1-17, 2018. The fine was \$1,500.

But from May 1 to Sept. 30, 2018, the Kims also failed to provide itemized wage statements, another violation of the Labor Code, and Suarez levied a fine of \$250 per violation, for a total of \$5,000.

The violations and the fines were detailed in Oct. 16, 2018, orders served on the Kims, who also had time to appeal them.

The judgments became final when they were filed in court March 5, but efforts to notify the Kims by mail failed, since the labor commissioner's office sent them to the restaurant's physical address on Eighth Avenue. The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea does not have house numbers or mail delivery, so residents and business owners have to receive their mail at the post office.

Problems with workers comp and itemized paycheck stubs

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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

Hope they took the scissors, too

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.

Carmel area: Someone broke into a vehicle parked on Highway 1 and stole items from inside.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Carmel area: A vehicle check was conducted at the Crossroads shopping center, and the deputy made contact with a male and female. The 34-year-old male was found to be on probation, and the 27-year-old female was found to have illegal narcotics substances on her person.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: At 0010 hours, a 33-year-old male from Monterey was arrested at Dolores and Ocean for violation of probation after assaulting a bar patron. The victim did not desire charges.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Officer assisted an elderly subject on Crespi south of Mountain View with information regarding a possible mail fraud (scam).

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Welfare check conducted on an elderly subject on Crespi south of Mountain View.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of an assault on Rio Road. Both involved parties were contacted, and the report was forwarded to the district attorney's office for review, per the caller's request.

See **POLICE LOG** page 11RE in the Real Estate Section

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Two women were arrested at Ocean and San Carlos for shoplifting from a business.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Multiple city-owned trees were cut down and removed from public property on Scenic south of Eighth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A vehicle's window was broken to gain entry to the interior, and various items were taken from inside. Burglary occurred on Ocean east of Scenic.

Pacific Grove: Driver's license re-evaluation ordered for a subject on Lighthouse Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Dispatched to a suspicious circumstance that was determined to be unfounded.

Pacific Grove: Report of subjects fighting in the street on Locust at 1126 hours. No prosecution.

Carmel Valley: At 0104 hours on Carmel Valley Road, a 49-year-old male was found to be in possession of heroin and methamphetamine. He also had two warrants. He was arrested and transported to county jail.



The gavel falls

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

Feb. 8 — Juan Carlos Valenzuela Ceja, 28, and Michael Ray Serrano, 22, were found guilty by a jury of eight felony charges, including three counts of attempted murder, three counts of assault with a semi-automatic firearm and one count of shooting at an occupied building. The jury also found that those crimes were done for the benefit of, at the direction of, or in association with the Sureño criminal street gang. Fausto Samuel Arellano, 22, was found guilty by jury of five felony charges, including multiple counts of illegal possession of a firearm, possession for sale of cocaine and methamphetamine while armed with a firearm.

On April 18, 2016, three victims were playing cards in the carport area of the Northridge Manor Apartments located on North Main Street in Salinas. Around 9:07 p.m., Ceja, Serrano and another male approached the entrance to the carport area, pulled out semi-automatic firearms and opened fire. At least 23 rounds were shot, hitting one of the victims twice in the leg. Text messages located on Serrano's phone indicated that he and Ceja were out looking for Norteño gang members

to shoot. However, the victims in this case were not affiliated with any criminal street gang.

On Oct. 15, 2016, Arellano was pulled over for numerous traffic violations. Serrano was a passenger in the vehicle. During a search of the vehicle, officers located 25 grams of methamphetamine, 8 grams of cocaine, packaging materials, a semi-automatic .40 caliber firearm and a police scanner.

Officers determined that the firearm was loaded and unregistered with the Department of Justice.

Monterey County Superior Court Judge Andrew Liu will sentence Ceja and Serrano, who face up to 110 years to life in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Arellano's sentencing date has not been set.

Feb. 14 — Edgar Zuniga, 38, a resident of Salinas, was sentenced to 364 days in jail and six years probation by Judge Andrew Liu. The People had requested he be sent to prison. Zuniga was previously found guilty by a jury of

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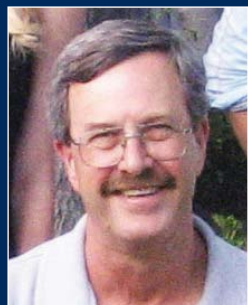
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Owner agrees that dog can be killed

By KELLY NIX

THE OWNER of two dogs that have attacked numerous pets and people has agreed to allow one of the animals to be euthanized, according to an agreement made with the City of Monterey.

The city had asked for a court hearing to determine whether Leslie J. Flores' Italian mastiffs, Balto and Adrien, were "vicious" or "potentially dangerous" — designations that could have allowed the city to euthanize at least one of the dogs.

But late last week, Flores, 53, agreed to have Balto, a 1-year-old male that has attacked several neighborhood dogs and has been quarantined since December 2018, to be destroyed. The court hearing was canceled after the agreement was made.

"The city shall bear no further expense for Balto, and any expense, including the cost of Balto's humane destruction, shall be borne by Mr. Flores," according to the agreement signed by Flores, his lawyer and Monterey deputy city attorney Lori Espinoza.

Flores' attorney, John Coniglio, said he met with Monterey officials and that "everyone felt that given Balto's history" it would be best that the dog be put down.

"Mr. Flores is trying to do the right thing and be a better neighbor, hence the reason for the various stipulations regarding the other dogs," Coniglio told The Pine Cone. "Overall Mr. Flores is trying to work with the city in resolving this most difficult situation."

Several residents who live and walk near Flores' house said their animals had been attacked by the dogs, some of them seriously. One man, who called Balto a "menace to the neighborhood," said the Italian mastiff latched onto his arm with his teeth as he was walking by Flores' house, while another man said Balto tried to "maul" his 4-year-old grandniece.

Must keep inside

Flores agreed to pay \$1,500 in fines and pay all expenses related to Balto and Adrien's care and maintenance, including \$300 to the SPCA for Monterey County, where Balto has been held, \$105 to euthanize Balto, and \$30 per day for each dog since March 11. The city seized Adrien for 10 days after she attacked an 8-pound Shih Tzu. Flores, however, will not have to pay the legal bills Monterey's incurred in the matter.

He must also keep Adrien and a third dog,

See DOG page 22A

Sheriff, CHP hold town hall

By MARY SCHLEY

THE SPEED limit on the four-lane section of Carmel Valley Road might be increased, the Monterey County Sheriff's Office and the California Highway Patrol need more officers, and a group of Irish travelers is scamming people by pretending they're driveway contractors and then absconding with their would-be clients' cash.

Those were some of the facts revealed at a town hall meeting hosted by Sheriff Steve Bernal and CHP Capt. Kelly Cardoza at Carmel Middle School Monday evening.

Because the meeting drew just a dozen people when such gatherings usually generate larger crowds, the pair said they'll schedule another one soon and make a greater effort to get the word out ahead of time. But they decided to go ahead and talk about their jobs on the Monterey Peninsula with the small group that was there.

"The sheriff and I have this incredible relationship," Cardoza said. "We share the same jurisdiction: CHP handles everything traffic related, and the sheriff's office handles everything crime related. So, we thought, 'Why don't we team up? We have the same jurisdiction and serve the same people, so why don't

we go out and talk to them together?'"

Bernal said that spirit of togetherness goes far beyond public outreach. Chronic understaffing requires the agencies "to work better and smarter together," not just with the CHP and the sheriff's office, but with local police departments like Carmel's. All three often respond to calls in each other's jurisdictions when needed. During last November's triple stabbing in Carmel Valley, for example, a Carmel P.D. officer was the first on scene, with deputies and a CHP officer arriving not long after.

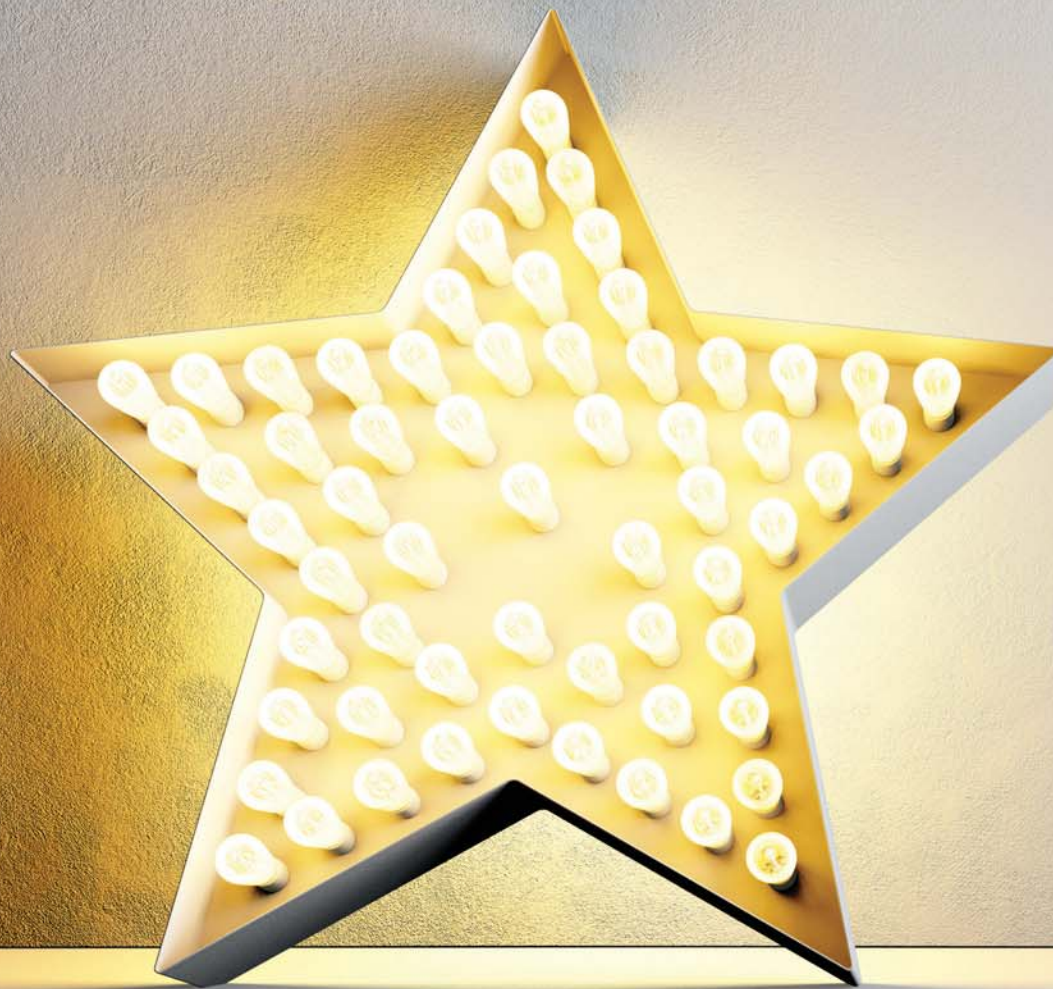
"Because of retirement cost increases and health insurance costs, we can't afford to get the staffing we need," Bernal said. "For last five years, we've had 20 to 30 vacant positions for deputy, and we've really seen a decline in patrol on the streets."

Jail strained

County jails throughout the state are under strain due to a state bill that moved many inmates to local jails in order to ease overcrowding in state prisons.

"Monterey County Jail was built to house people for sentences under a year," Bernal ex-

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Officers may have ID of burglar who ransacked storage units and stole a car

By MARY SCHLEY

POLICE BELIEVE they found the man who broke into several storage units at the Heather Glen Court complex on Mission Street sometime over the weekend, but they didn't have enough evidence to hold him, according to Carmel Police Cmdr. Luke Powell.

The break-ins were discovered around 1:15 p.m. March 24, when one of the complex's tenants noticed someone had forced entry into his storage unit in the underground garage and had taken his stamp collection and some luggage. As officer Joe Martis looked around the garage, he noticed others had been opened, too.

"These neighboring units were ultimately found to have been burglarized as well, resulting in the loss of approximately 24 bot-

tles of wine, vintage hand tools, a master key, and all keys to offices and residences in the complex," Powell said. The wine was valued at \$6,000 to \$8,000, though he couldn't say what the bottles were.

Martis also discovered one of an out-of-state resident's two Jaguars, a 2007 XJ-8 with the Texas license plate, HICKS4, had been stolen, and the other Jag had been rifled through. The owner said he leaves the cars virtually empty and unlocked, but police said the bag containing keys to both vehicles was missing from his apartment in Heather Glen.

While Martis was in the courtyard investigating, he spotted a man lingering near the door of Carmel Stamp & Coin, which is also located in the complex, and saw he had a bag of tools, according to Powell. Martis noticed open sores on his hands and face — signs of

methamphetamine use — and since drug addicts often steal to feed their habits, he went to talk to him.

"Officer Martis attempted to identify him and inquire about his business there, when he quickly told Officer Martis his name was 'Mike' and that he had to go for his mother, before turning and leaving the courtyard," Powell said. Although Martis was suspicious of the man, he let him leave.

'Mike' has lots of jewelry

Later that afternoon, officer Greg Johnson was helping Martis with the burglary investigation and tracked down "Mike," who was still in the area, for a more in-depth conversation, according to Powell.

The man was in a car and "displayed objective symptoms of being under the influence of a controlled substance and appeared fidgety, moving his hands around the compartment of the vehicle."

"Mike" then produced three silver ingots

he said he wanted to sell, though he wouldn't say how he acquired them, other than that it was "over time," Powell said.

Soon after, Martis joined Johnson and they administered field sobriety tests to determine whether the man was under the influence of narcotics. Powell said "Mike" kept reaching for his front pocket, and after both officers repeatedly told him to stop, they searched him and located a bag containing a bracelet.

A subsequent search of his car turned up more jewelry, much of it in cellophane bags with prices attached.

He told the officers the jewelry "was given to him by a friend, who told him to, 'get rid of it,'" Powell said.

Police kept the jewelry but weren't able to confirm it was stolen, and "Mike" was released without arrest.

And that night, someone cut the phone and cable lines at Heather Glen Court, according to Powell. Martis was sent back the next day to continue investigating.

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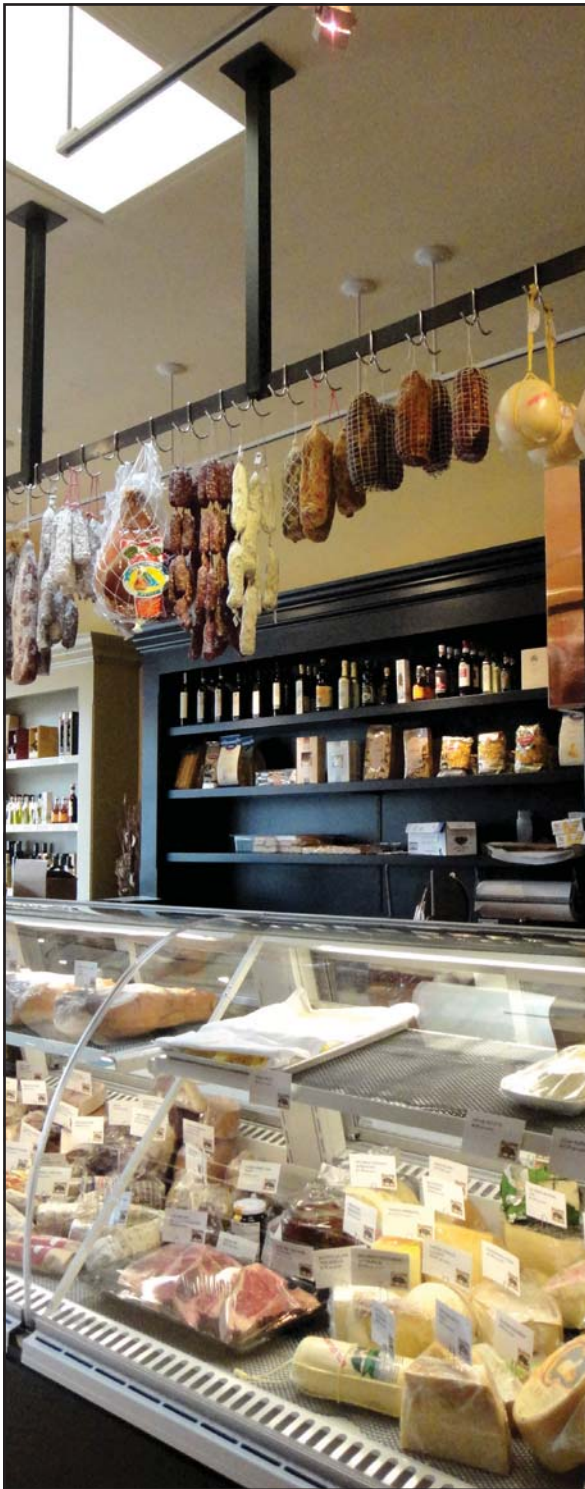
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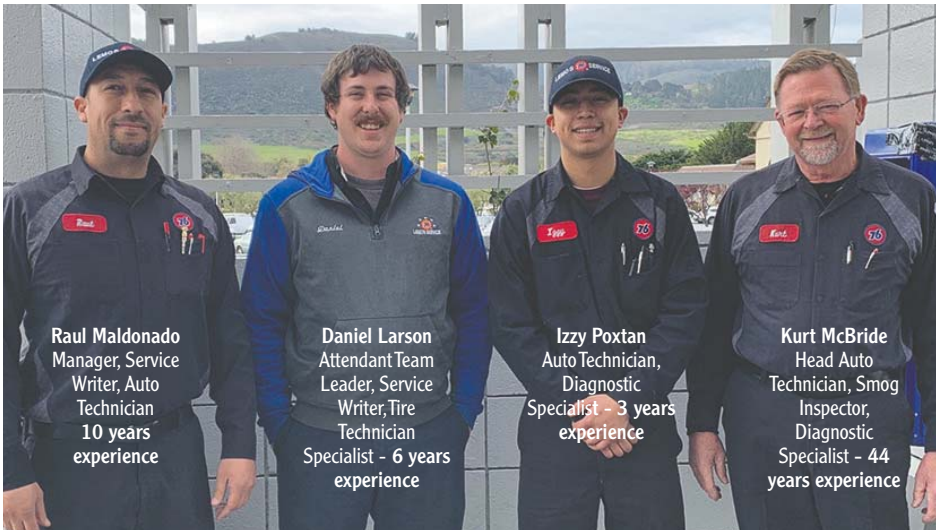


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P.G. takes tough approach to smoking and vaping

By KELLY NIX

WHILE PACIFIC Grove already has an ordinance in place that prevents smoking in its parks, playgrounds, open spaces and beaches, it needs to crack down on those who violate the law and do more to protect young people from smoking and vaping, according to one council member.

Councilwoman Cynthia Garfield, in a report to the council last week, said the city isn't doing enough to reduce sales of tobacco and vape products to minors, and to ticket those who smoke in smoke-free zones. The council agreed on March 20 to have council members and staff from city hall and the Pacific Grove Unified School District come up with ways to tweak the city's smoking ordinance to address the issues.

The group "will meet to assess ways to adjust current ordinances to best support ongoing education efforts, and to craft a comprehensive plan that will include recommendations for education and enforcement of current and new ordinances and tactics," Garfield said. "Those recommendations will be brought back to council for action."

Garfield said she was motivated to bring the subject to the attention of the council after the American Lung Association in 2018 gave Pacific Grove an F rating for its "overall tobacco control grade." However, most Monterey County cities got Fs, with Carmel being one of three that got Cs.

The lung association's grade, she said, was based on from Pacific Grove's "lack of regulation of smoke-free areas" and "failure to take actions to reduce of the sales of tobacco" and

vape and other products.

"Products that particularly endanger our children are flavored vaping and other non-cigarette products that are proven to rapidly addict young users, leading to lifelong health risks," according to her report to the council.

The Pacific Grove Police Department and the school district use a program called D.A.R.E., which teaches children in elementary school about the perils of illicit drugs, smoking and vaping.

They'll still come

Pacific Grove's smoking ordinance was written before vaping was a thing, and Garfield said adding vaping to the books is one of the changes she would like addressed.

More police enforcement of smoking in smoke-free zones, she said, would protect outdoor spaces, trails and the Monterey Bay from litter, fire risks and "annoying/dangerous second-hand smoke and vapor."

She also pointed to the proliferation of cigarette butts and their impacts on the environment.

"Butts are made of plastic, thus contributing to the growing problem of micro plastics in the environment," she said.

Taking a hardline approach against smoking isn't something Garfield believes will deter tourists.

"I think every smoker has to be as responsible as ever as to what they are doing with toxic waste," Garfield said. "They aren't throwing cigarette butts in their driveways, and they shouldn't be throwing them in ours."

Jury: Man guilty of DUI

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

HE REFUSED to take a breath test or allow a blood draw, despite a search warrant ordering him to, but Pacific Grove resident Russell Martin, 55, was still found guilty of DUI following a two-day jury trial, according to Monterey County deputy district attorney Molly Thai.

"On July 8, 2018, just before midnight, after drinking at The Bulldog British Pub in Monterey, Martin decided to drive to his home in Pacific Grove," she recounted. "While en route, he made an illegal left turn and partially drove on the wrong side of the road."

Monterey Police officer Timothy Ament saw those maneuvers and pulled Martin over. He immediately smelled booze on the driver, according to Thai, and after investigating further, arrested the man for DUI.

"He refused to take a breath test and refused to submit to a blood draw despite a search warrant ordering such," Thai said. Often, doing so will result in a one-year suspension of the person's driver's license but won't lead to a DUI charge.

In this case, "despite Martin's refusal, the jury determined that he was impaired for purposes of driving," she said.

After the verdict, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Efren Iglesia sentenced Martin, who had prior DUI convictions, to 90 days in Monterey County Jail and five years' probation. However, he is not in jail, the sheriff's office said.



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House permit, beach access to be weighed by coastal commission

By KELLY NIX

WHEN THE California Coastal Commission meets in Monterey County next month, commissioners will be asked to OK a permit for a Carmel Highlands homeowner who wants to partially demolish her three-story oceanfront house and build a nearly 5,000-square-foot house in its place. The panel will likely also weigh in on a decades-old dispute over access to a private beach below.

The only Monterey County project on the agenda for the April 10-11 meeting in Salinas involves an application by Yankee Point homeowner Darla Harbaugh to remodel her home.

Harbaugh needs a coastal development permit to partially demolish and redevelop her three-story, 2,334-square-foot residence at 172 Spindrift Road into a two-story, 4,938-square-foot home on the 1.5 acre blufftop property.

The project also involves renovation and conversion of a garage and workshop into a

garage with a gym, a new septic system, improved drainage and landscaping, grading, and construction of two new inland retaining walls, the coastal commission staff report says.

No erosion problems

While the coastal commission staff is recommending the panel OK the permit, one of the agency’s main issues with the proposal relates to the effects that “coastal hazards” may have on the property due to its location atop a coastal bluff. A geotechnical analysis submitted by Harbaugh, however, found no evidence of measurable erosion on the property over the past 60 years.

And a coastal commission senior engineer and a geologist with the agency determined that the site is “basically stable” and that threats from slope instability and erosion are “minimal.”

Nobody submitted letters objecting to

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Cabin slipping into Palo Colorado creek, but coastal commission says no to emergency permit

By CHRIS COUNTS

A COUPLE whose family has had a home in Palo Colorado for nearly 100 years wants to install a foundation to keep it from falling into Palo Colorado Creek. But they've been unable to convince officials to let the work proceed on an emergency basis — and now they must go through a lengthier, and more expensive, planning process.

The Monterey County Planning Commission will review the proposal April 3, and the Monterey County Historic Resources Review Board will do the same April 4.

Located at 36963 Palo Colorado Road, and owned by David and Linda Marshall, the home is part of the Palo Colorado Association — a subdivision of vacation homes built near the mouth of Palo Colorado Canyon in the early 1920s. The redwood-shaded cabin straddles a small creek.

Rejected after consultation

The Marshalls applied for an emergency permit because the log foundation of the cabin is failing. But the request was rejected by the county after consultation with the coastal commission.

“Staff coordinated on the emergency permit and it was determined that the proposed foundation repairs are not the minimum required to stabilize the structure and address the im-



PHOTO/COURTESY ROB CARVER

The wood foundation of a home in Palo Colorado is collapsing into the creek that runs below it, but an emergency permit to repair it has been denied.

mediate emergency situation,” a county planner's report said.

Representing the Marshalls, architect Rob Carver told The Pine Cone that county officials were “on board with the emer-

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LETTERS

From page 20A

Research Facility at Point Sur, currently owned by State Parks. This facility, with a massive amount of housing already built, has been sitting vacant for 40-plus years. It is the obvious choice for alleviating the affordable housing crisis that plagues Big Sur.

Short-term rentals are a good source of income for the county, and any ordinance that would eliminate them would discriminate against those less fortunate wanting coastal access. We homeowners operating transients rentals are a vital

part of our community and help make coastal access vacation experiences affordable. Moreover, any homeowner in a desirable area should be able to operate a short-term rental legally. Any ordinance limiting them should maintain safety and respect for neighbors, but in no way be restrictive of the rentals themselves.

One more thing: We need the 10.5 percent transient occupancy tax generated by short-term rentals to be a line item in the county budget so we can track the money. The public needs this information to understand how the county is benefiting from the revenue. Let's put our best foot forward for the future of our livelihood on the Monterey Bay we call home.

Thyme Lewis, Carmel Valley

Sidewalk needed

Dear Editor,

I was somewhat surprised to read in last Friday's Pine Cone about an item included in the proposed budget for “San Carlos Street traffic calming.” I'm not entirely sure what, in fact, “traffic calming” means.

Continuing to read the details, I was astonished that it has been decided to “move forward with Barbara Livingston's proposal to slow drivers on San Carlos by installing a “tree median island” between 10th and 13th — Ms. Livingston's neighborhood. Taxpayers will “pony up” \$17,000 to match her donation of the same amount.”

Methinks city hall is setting a precedent here. I have lived on Junipero for 35 years. My residential block extends from 12th to 13th Avenues and, between those two stop signs, Junipero is the equivalent of a speedway. And, unlike the residents of San Carlos, we do not have the luxury and safety of a sidewalk. Two dogs have been killed — one of them mine.

Ben was walking with me on leash, hit by a speeding car, thrown into the air and killed instantly. The speeding motorist kept on driving. I don't want my life to be cut short like my beloved dog because the city of Carmel favors residents who “pony up” 50 percent of the cost of their own personal “tree median island whilst ignoring speed and safety issues.

San Carlos is designated as the main thoroughfare in Carmel. Just wondering, does this “calming element” mean that it will now have a new designation? As a taxpayer, I am incensed at the thought of my dollars contributing towards this gratuitous island. Three children live next door to me and three more opposite. Sadly, it is not safe for them to ride their bicycles and scooters in our neighborhood since they don't have the benefit of a sidewalk.

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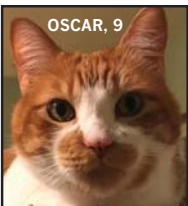
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Boxed owls enjoy their living quarters — even though they’re at the landfill

By KELLY NIX

A NEW generation of barn owls is taking up residence in some digs built just for the birds at a Monterey County recycling facility.

In winter 2017, Monterey Regional Waste Management District officials — while building the agency’s new recycling facility — discovered an owl nest and nine eggs in the construction zone. Because the animals were at risk of being injured, they had to be moved.

“We had to cease work in this area and wait for the eggs to hatch so the chicks could be relocated to a box” created for the owls, and so their “parents could hear them and find them,” the agency’s director of communications, Jeff Lindenthal, told The Pine Cone.

That happened in June 2017. The agency worked with Salinas High School’s green academy to build another 10 boxes, which were placed on the property in February 2018. Fast forward to 2019, and barn owls are still enjoying the manufactured houses.

“This winter marks our third generation of barn owls nesting in boxes on site, from that first box built in winter 2017 to the 10 boxes we have installed on site today,” Lindenthal said.

The Marina agency installed a webcam in one of the boxes



This momma owl looks over five her eggs inside a box made for the birds at the Marina landfill. She has since laid four more eggs.

last fall, and on March 3 a male and female pair moved into the box. The first egg appeared March 7, and by March 25, there were nine eggs.

“The barn owls now provide a natural form of pest man-

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Case No. 19CV000613

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A. Present name: CRISTINA ISABEL VIRGEN RAMIREZ

Proposed name: CRISTINA RAMIREZ

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled

to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING:

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The address of the court is 1200 Aguaji Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

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Temp worker won’t give up on suit

By KELLY NIX

A FORMER temporary worker for the City of Carmel whose small claims lawsuits against the city were dismissed in San Mateo County Superior Court two weeks ago has re-filed the cases in the Monterey County courts.

Chilone Payton settled a civil rights lawsuit with Carmel in September 2018 that alleged racial and gender discrimination.

In December 2018, however, Payton filed four new small claims lawsuits in San Mateo County alleging the city breached the terms of the settlement by talking about it with a Carmel Pine Cone reporter. The city fired Payton, a 49-year-old black woman, in late 2014.

Although a San Mateo County judge dismissed Payton’s complaints because they were filed in the wrong county, Payton Monday refiled the claims in Monterey County.

The lawsuits — essentially the same as the ones filed in San Mateo — contend Carmel “intentionally” and “fraudulently” breached the settlement terms in the civil rights case.

“The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea is pro-

hibited by law and our settlement agreement from disparaging me or disclosing details about our settlement agreement,” according to one of the complaints. “The city has engaged in defaming my character.”

She also contends that the city “took malicious adverse actions against me for exercising my rights,” and engaged in “retaliatory actions” to “punish” her.

Payton does not disclose what the comments were or who made them. City attorney Glen Mozingo told The Pine Cone in September 2018 that Payton settled her civil rights case for \$4,000 after originally seeking \$500,000.

Plaintiffs and defendants who settle a civil lawsuit often sign a nondisclosure clause to prevent them from disclosing the details of the agreement, including how much money a plaintiff is paid to drop the case.

Two of Payton’s small claims lawsuits seek \$2,500 each and the two others each seek \$9,999, for a total of \$24,998.

“We haven’t seen the suits yet, but we will certainly defend ourselves,” city administrator Chip Rerig told The Pine Cone Tuesday.

Flanders in closed session Monday, beach fires, STRs on tap for Tuesday

By MARY SCHLEY

WHEN THE city council meets behind closed doors April 1, after discussion of an unidentified potential lawsuit, contract negotiations with the police officers’ union and other items, council members will again dive into the issue of Flanders Mansion. After taking an initial look at potential curators’ proposals a couple of months ago, they’re scheduled to review the eight of them again, taking another step toward finding the right person to move into the historic mansion and commit to spending five years and at least \$300,000 on fixing it up, after which the curator will be able to stay 15 years without paying rent.

The following afternoon, during their regular meeting, council members will receive a few reports, vote on a \$53,420 contract with an architect to do some design work at Harrison Memorial Library, and approve the closure of public streets for four events downtown, after which they’ll ratify the appointments of two new members of the historic resources board.

Beach fires

The council will then re-enter the always contentious and somewhat repetitive debate over beach fires and the city’s “pilot program,” which allows wood fires in up to a dozen “smoke-less” fire pits on the beach south of 10th Avenue during the late spring, summer and fall, and an unlimited number propane fires, as long as they’re far enough away from the bluffs, all between the hours of 4 and 10 p.m. Council members will review the program and suggest any modifications.

They’re then set to consider an encroachment permit for retaining walls in the public right of way on Eighth Avenue between Junipero and Mission so property owner Thomas

Fountain can build a driveway to a proposed duplex on his 2,000-square-foot lot, and will also hear his appeal of a forest and beach commission decision last year to deny his request to cut down public trees. He originally proposed removing 13 public trees to build a sidewalk, which he offered as mitigation for the driveway. The forest and beach commission wasn’t convinced the walkway was necessary, and denied his application, so he subsequently removed the sidewalk plans from the project.

Senior planner Marnie Waffle is recommending approval of the variance and a partial reversal of the forest and beach commission’s decision so he can remove four public trees and a fifth that’s jointly owned by him and the city, to accommodate the driveway, retaining walls, and steps to the duplex.

Short-term rentals

Last on the April 2 agenda is an “urgency ordinance” that would ban short-term rentals in the commercial and multifamily-residential districts, where they are legal. Rentals of less than 30 days have long been illegal in the single-family-residential district. The ordinance — which will take effect immediately if approved — will also prohibit advertising short-term rentals citywide.

Planning director Marc Wiener said he intends to bring a permanent ordinance to the council in May, but the ban will also have to be approved by the California Coastal Commission, since it will be amending the city’s Local Coastal Program.

Monday’s closed session is set to begin at 3 p.m., while the regular meeting Tuesday will begin at 4:30. For more information and a complete agenda, visit www.ci.carmel.ca.us. City hall is located on Monte Verde Street south of Ocean Avenue.

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TRAFFIC STOP FOR BEING TOO QUICK ON THE GAS TURNS UP LOADS OF WEED, CASH

By MARY SCHLEY

A 20-YEAR-OLD man from the Northern California community of Red Bluff was caught with more than 20 pounds of marijuana and \$27,100 in cash after an officer stopped him for speeding away from a stop sign at the intersection of Junipero and Ocean, Carmel Police Cmdr. Luke Powell told The Pine Cone.

Officer Mike Bruno was watching the intersection the evening of March 13 when a driver later identified as Liam Groom stepped on the gas after stopping at the stop sign, allegedly hitting 35 mph in the span of a block as he drove north on Junipero. While speaking with the driver, Bruno smelled marijuana and booze, according to Powell, and asked about them.

“Groom admitted to possessing marijuana and stated he was 20 years old and had no valid medical marijuana card,” Powell said. He initially told the officer he had an eighth of an ounce, which is still illegal for him to possess because he’s

under the age of 21, and offered to show it to Bruno.

But since Groom was underage and had an expired driver’s license, and because of the strong odors, Bruno asked him to get out of the car.

“Groom consented, and as he was exiting his vehicle, Officer Bruno asked Groom what was inside a large 150-quart ice chest in the backseat,” Powell said. “Groom stated, ‘Some weed.’ Officer Bruno asked how much weed, and he stated, ‘Just my personal weed.’”

When Bruno asked Groom if the chest was full of pot, he admitted it was.

Life savings?

Bruno’s search of the Lexus turned up a box containing \$17,037 in cash, a backpack with \$10,090 more in cash and four glass jars of marijuana, 17.1 grams of concentrated cannabis in 11 small vials, and in the large cooler, 10 vacuum-sealed bags of pot totaling 20.24 lbs. He also found 29 small and two larger empty glass jars, and two smaller ice

chests that were also empty.

Groom denied he was selling marijuana and said the cash was his life savings, which he estimated at “probably \$9,000 or \$9,500,” according to Powell. Groom also reportedly told Bruno the pot inside the ice chest was “a few pounds” from a recent harvest.

Powell said Groom was also subjected to a series of field sobriety tests, and a breath test yielded a result of .062 percent blood alcohol concentration. The state has zero tolerance for underage drinking and driving, so the “legal limit” is 0.00 percent BAC.

The 20-year-old was cited for DUI while being under 21, as well as possession of marijuana for sale, possession of concentrated cannabis, and driving on an expired license. His vehicle was towed, and Groom was given a May 15 court date and released.

A social media page for a Liam Groom out of Red Bluff includes a 2015 post, “Started New Job at — Marijuana cultivation, grower.”



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Jean Adelaide Wood Horan
1930-2019

Jean Adelaide Wood Horan was born September 6, 1930 to Warren (Dutch) and Miriam Wood in Oakland, CA. She grew up in Alameda, attending Alameda High School and later graduated from U.C. Berkeley in 1952. Jean and her family spent many summers on the Russian River at the family cabin in Summer Home Park, a lifelong passion that she shared with her children. As a Freshman at U.C. Berkeley, Jean met her future husband and love of her life, Laurence P. Horan. Jean and Larry were married in 1953, and enjoyed 59 happy years together.

Jean began her career as a 1st grade teacher in Alameda, but after the birth of her second child, Katie, Jean became a full time mother and homemaker, a role she loved and at which she excelled. In 1960, Jean and Larry moved to Carmel CA, where they lived for over 45 years. In 1963, they volunteered to move to South America to serve in the Peace Corps. With four children in tow, Jean and Larry moved to Costa Rica, then Colombia, where Larry served as Director of the Peace Corps for Latin America. Their daughter Laura was born in Bogota, Colombia. After two and a half years in South America, they returned to Carmel, where they lived until 2012.

Jean will be remembered for her constant smile, her sparkly blue eyes and her kind and giving spirit. Jean was a true friend to many, both lifelong friends from college and Carmel, and newer friends that she made during her 6 years in Davis. Always positive, with an infectious smile, Jean was a supportive and loving mother, who grew even closer to her children as adults. Jean's down to earth style was unassuming and natural. Never one to linger at the mirror, Jean eschewed hair dye and makeup, except for her signature red lipstick. She channeled her great sense of style into her wardrobe, always classic and classy, with lots of navy blue.

Jean did not like to be the center of attention, instead her priority was to focus her love and support on her family and many friends. In 2012, Jean moved to the University Retirement Community in Davis, where she touched many with her warmth and kindness, and her sense of humor and fun.

Jean is survived by her five children, Kevin Horan, Katie Hammerson (Bill), Maureen Pon, Steve Horan (Candy), Laura Somers (John); twelve grandchildren, Sarah Eich (Kyle), Molly Pon, Casey, Connor and Christopher Horan, Lauren, Emma and Daniel Hammerson, George and Julia Somers, Joe and Erin Horan; and her great-grandchildren, Henry and Ella Eich. She will be so missed by all of us, but we will all carry her love and many happy memories forever in our hearts. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Yolo Hospice or the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

FALLING

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agency permit, but the coastal commission objected.”

He also said that during the effort to obtain a permit for the work, the cabin and its foundation “have sunk another 3 to 4 inches.”

The home also faces a threat from rising water in the creek. Carver noted that just last month, “the water came up to the floor” during a storm.

Floor to be raised

Despite the threat it faces, Carver said the house can be stabilized. “Our solution is to put concrete piers outside the

perimeter of house — farther from the creek — and on top of those, steel beams that span the creek. We’ll put the wood back for the look, but the structure will be steel.”

During the work, the cabin will be raised.

“We’re going pick the floor up about 6 inches,” Carver explained. “That’s the most we can move it without disturbing a stone fireplace.”

The design would make it possible for flood waters to flow around the house, and not through it, he said.

A planning commission hearing on the topic this week was continued so county staff would have more time to study the proposal. “Given that the applicant is seeking a coastal development permit for permanent foundation improvements rather than the temporary measures to stabilize the situation, staff needs additional time to fully vet the permit,” the planner wrote.

HELP

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While some debated the impacts of tourism, others turned the talk to land use, and some urged Groom to let the Big Sur Land Use Committee review all local projects — something that didn’t happen during an extensive remodel of Ventana Inn two years ago.

“I fully support the Big Sur LUAC and the South Coast LUAC having input,” attorney Aengus Jeffers said. “They know the rules better than I do, and they foster an open discussion with planners in Salinas or Santa Cruz.”

Resident and longtime Big Sur LUAC member Mary Trotter brought up a recent example of a land use decision she suggested could have been avoided with more local review — the creation of three parking spaces just north of Soberanes Point, just steps away from where State Parks recently installed a staircase leading to a scenic vista.

Trotter mentioned that locals are calling the site, “The Stairway to Nowhere.” But she said a bigger concern is that the parking spaces have created a public safety hazard — which she had a chance to witness.

“Just yesterday, I was coming in from town and I had a car stop in front of me right in the middle of the travel lane wanting to park in a space that was going to become available,” she told Groom. “It was not safe for me to move into the oncoming traffic to get by him, so all traffic stopped for three minutes while this person waited for a parking spot to become available.”

Trotter also said the local LUAC needs support from the coastal commission in its efforts to update the Big Sur Land Use Plan — something she said isn’t happening as it once did.

“It takes cooperation to get a good plan,” she added. “We need a good plan because there’s big things looming in the future.”

Less housing, fewer firefighters

Bringing up another land use topic, Big Sur Fire Chief

Matt Harris said Big Sur’s chronic housing shortage makes it more difficult for volunteer firefighters to find places to live — and Big Sur relies on those volunteers to provide the first line of defense against fires and other emergencies. “It’s a big deal to us,” Harris said of the need for more housing.

While many contend the number of visitors to Big Sur has increased in recent years, the number of houses has decreased — in part because 57 homes were lost in the Soberanes Fire in 2016.

The fire chief also urged the coastal commissioner to support efforts to reduce fuel for the next fire. “Defensible space is extremely important,” Harris said.

Echoing his concerns, resident Mike Caplin warned that state law is increasingly making it more difficult for residents to do fire clearance. Caplin lost his home in the Soberanes Fire.

“Right now, the California Coastal Act, as interpreted by coastal commission staff and county planning staff, threatens lives and homes in California — certainly here in Monterey County,” Caplin said.

Groom chimes in

After listening to locals, Groom spoke briefly.

“I haven’t been down to Big Sur for a couple of years, and it was a nice opportunity to see things,” said the coastal commissioner, who also visited several local sites that day with 5th District Monterey County Supervisor Mary Adams. “Many of the things you say we hear from every inch of the state — overpopulation, short-term rentals, land use plans that are incomplete or out of date — I want to tell you we do our best to follow the Coastal Act,” said the coastal commissioner, who also serves as a San Mateo County supervisor.

Groom then made a statement that elicited a few gasps from the crowd.

“The public of California owns the beach,” she declared. “We must let them go to the ocean.”

Groom concluded by telling residents that she would bring their concerns to coastal commission staff — and she plans to return to Big Sur in the near future. “I know you all care very much about California and the Pacific Ocean, as I do, and we want to make sure it’s protected and preserved for many, many years,” she added.

DONNA LOUISE ATAIDE

June 23, 1934 ♦ March 12, 2019

A Carmel resident for over fifty years, Donna Louise Ataide passed away peacefully on the morning of March 12. Donna was born in Los Angeles to her parents Esther and Herbert Patterson, and graduated from El Monte High School and San Jose State University.

In 1956, Donna married Melvin Ataide, owner and operator of Ataide General Tire in Monterey. She was active in many local organizations, including the Junipero Serra Mothers Club, the Altar Society at the Carmel Mission, and Monterey Peninsula Volunteer Society.

Beloved wife, mother, aunt, sister, and friend, Donna will best be remembered for her generous spirit, easy laugh, and the love and admiration she had for her friends and family. She was preceded in death by her husband Mel and her daughter Renee. She is survived by her daughter Teresa Magee; her son Craig (Lauri); her daughter Kim (David Schmittgens); her seven grandchildren (Sydney, Kaelyn, Jordan, Paxton, Lucy, Emma, Owen, and Henry); and great-grandson (Logan).

Services will be held Friday, April 5 at 10 a.m. in the Basilica of the Carmel Mission.



VACANCIES

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Todd Tice, who owns the clothing store, as well as The Club up the street, said he was quick to move in on Talbott’s space, which became empty when the landlord had the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office evict the former tenant in February.

“I saw the sheriff’s car out there,” along with racks of clothes being taken out of the shop, Tice said. He reached out and “worked with the landlord for about a month to get it all finalized.” Tice said he was able to negotiate the rent “a bit,” and he signed a five-year lease with two five-year options to extend it.

His move drops the number vacancies on Ocean Avenue to one — the former Kurtz Culinary shop on the south side of the street between San Carlos and Mission streets. The other two have been filled by Johnny Was clothing and accessories, and Aaron Chang’s ocean photography gallery.

Help find new tenants

Wiener said he hopes the information on vacancies will be useful to businesses wanting to open in town, and he provided the map to the Carmel Chamber of Commerce.

“Ultimately, we want the public to be able to use this to identify where some of the vacant spaces are,” he said. “Then we’ll go a step farther and note the zoning that’s allowed on the sites.” The zoning dictates what types of businesses a particular space can accommodate. Some areas are allowed to have restaurants, for example, while others are not.

Wiener said he would also like to find out how long the storefronts have been unoccupied. The former Knapp’s hardware store at Mission and Eighth has been empty for a couple of years, in part because it’s located in an area zoned for residential-commercial uses, so its potential use for retail is very limited.

“They are having a hard time finding a tenant for that space,” Wiener said, adding that his department “is trying to be as flexible as possible” when it comes to figuring out what sorts of businesses might operate there.

Wiener said the survey, which is available on the city’s website, is just the start. “There will be some follow up, with analysis,” he said.

Some other cities, meanwhile, are contending with the issue of lingering vacancies in once-vibrant commercial areas by penalizing landlords who allegedly let their commercial spaces stay empty for long periods of time while they look for tenants who will pay top dollar.

In 2017, the Town of Arlington, Mass., began requiring

landlords with vacancies to register with the city and started levying a \$400 annual fee “to cover the administrative cost of monitoring and ensuring the security and proper maintenance” of each vacant storefront, according to the ordinance. The town, which is located about 6 miles northwest of Boston and has a population of 42,844, according to the 2010 U.S. Census, also keeps a list of vacancies that includes addresses, uses, square footage, rents, and the landlords’ names and contact numbers. As of March 4, there were 26.

San Francisco began requiring landlords to register their vacant commercial spaces and pay a \$711 fee five years ago, but the law has mostly gone unenforced, with just 40 spac-

es listed last year. On March 5, the board of supervisors approved a new law that would significantly tighten up the rules, including requiring landlords to register their vacancies within 30 days, even if they are actively seeking new tenants, and slapping them with significant fines — 4 times the amount of the registration fee — if they fail to do so.

S.F. Supervisor Aaron Peskin has also proposed legislation to take punishing landlords a step further, according to media reports. He envisions taxing property owners \$250 per day on spaces that have been empty for longer than six months. Because his proposal involves a tax, the board of supervisors would have to approve his measure for the November ballot.

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“We didn’t feel the commission’s concerns were fully addressed,” she said.

A couple of other Sand & Sea owners, as well as attorney Tony Lombardo and architect Eric Miller (whose design for another new home in the complex was recently approved by the commission), objected to the proposal on various grounds, including interference with their views, privacy impacts and potential parking problems.

Although the lot for the proposed home is large, at nearly 9,000 square feet, a significant chunk of it is used for parking by other Sand & Sea residents, which means the new home would be situated entirely on one half of it.

The plans call for a wall separating the common area from the owner's parking space, and the neighbors worried the barrier would make it difficult for them to park and impossible for them to turn around, forcing them to back down a 100-foot shared driveway.

"I'm not being critical of Braden as either an architect or as a person this evening," Lombardo told commissioners. "As my grandfather used to say, I think the

property owner is trying to put 5 pounds of sugar in a 1-pound sack. This is a very constrained lot, a very unique location, and the comments you made at the last meeting have been ignored by the property owner.”

Commissioner Julie Wendt was direct in her appraisal of the design.

"No offense, this is the wrong design for this location," she said. "I'm sorry, it overwhelms the site, and it's very visible from the beach."

She said the design should be guided by the principles of "simplicity and modesty."

"To be blunt, this looks more like a corporate retreat than a Carmel beach house, and I'd like it to look more like a Carmel beach house," she said, before concluding, "I would like to see something much more modest and simple, so I'm not in favor of the design — at all."

Commissioner Gail Lehman suggested some changes that might make the layout more acceptable, and commissioner Stephanie Locke said she agreed with Wendt's comments and was also worried about the parking situation.

Chair Michael LePage suggested Sterling address the neighbors' concerns and return with a design for a home that's smaller and sits lower on the lot.

"All you have to do is come back with a better design. You have this amazing view, it's right there on a platter for you — you just put a window on the front of this house, and you get your pants knocked off every time you look at it," he said. "But you've got to be aware of the sensitivity of the site."

By KELLY NIX

DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMAN Jimmy Panetta introduced a bill this week that seeks to fix a glitch in the federal tax law that proponents say would benefit restaurateurs and retailers.

Panetta worked with Republican Indiana Congresswoman Jackie Walorski to roll out the bill — formally called the Restoring Investment in Improvements Act — in the House of Representatives.

For some background: A 2015 tax cut allowed restaurant and other business owners to write off certain improvements and renovations at 50 percent in the first year and the remainder over the next 15 years. Under the 2017 tax bill, though, business owners should have been allowed to immediately write off 100 percent of their improvements.

‘Drafting error’

But a “drafting error” in the bill forced restaurants, retailers and other leaseholders to instead write those expenses off over 39 years, “resulting in cost-prohibitive renovation projects and stalled investments,” Panetta said.

The representatives' bill intends to allow for immediate business write-offs, as the 2017 law intended.

“The loss of immediate expensing has hurt many of our family-owned small businesses that are critical to the success of our Central Coast economies and communities,” Panetta said in a statement.

Ted Balestreri, chairman and CEO of the Sardine Factory, lauded the legislation, saying it would benefit restaurants.

"A permanent correction restoring the appropriate tax treatment of our improvements will allow our restaurant operators, small and large, to support their employees and expand their businesses," Balestreri said in a statement provided to The Pine Cone.

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‘High-tech’ meter maid car system fails, taxpayers lose

By KELLY NIX

SOMETIMES IT’S the tried and true methods that work best. The City of Pacific Grove found that out the hard way when a “sophisticated” \$60,000 system to make parking enforcement easier and more efficient ended up being a dud.

The city council in 2017 OK’d a license plate recognition system called AutoChalk that the manufacturer claimed would use cameras and GPS to determine how long vehicles are parked in spaces, and would alert parking enforcement officers of violations. The system, if it had operated correctly, would have made chalking tires obsolete.

But a year-and-a-half after one of the city’s parking enforcement vehicles was outfitted with numerous cameras and other contraptions, the city concedes the system didn’t work.

The “license plate recognition system did not meet the city’s standards, and so it was removed from the parking enforcement vehicle in February and sent back to the vendor,” Pacific Grove Police administrative manager Jocelyn Francis told The Pine Cone this week.

In March 2018, Francis said the system did not properly alert parking enforcement officers when a vehicle had been parked in a space too long and should be ticketed — the very purpose of the technology.

Taxpayers were the biggest losers. Francis said that Canada-based Tannery Systems refunded only \$21,800 of the \$60,000 system, even though the system never worked. Offi-

cers continue to use the chalk method.

In Tannery Creek’s February 2017 quote for the system, it touted the technology as being “remarkably easy to use and very reliable,” and said it came with “digital chalking,” “parking zone mapping,” and “sophisticated survey grade GPS equipped with gyroscopic instrumentation for better accuracy in tree foliage and urban canyons.”

The system came with installation, 24/7 support, and a one-year warranty, according to a report presented to the council in April 2017.

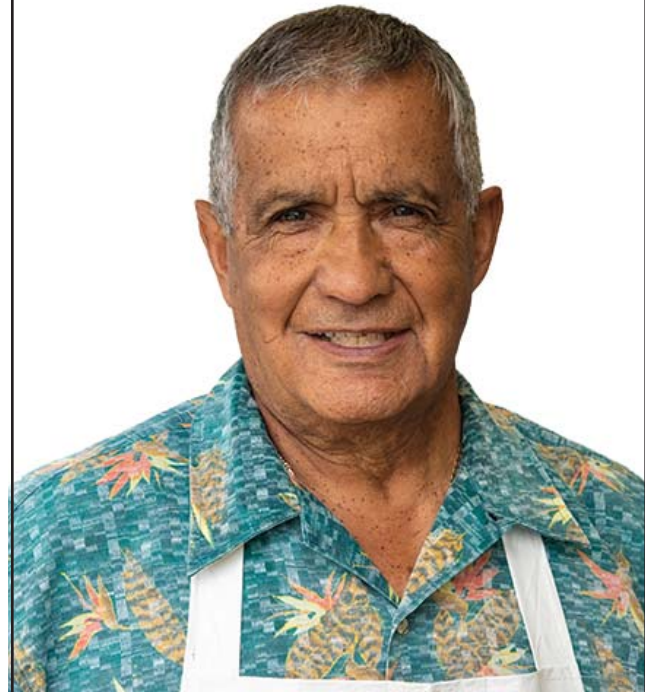
Hiker enters closed area, needs helicopter rescue

A WOMAN who was hiking along a closed trail in Garapata State Park March 15 injured her ankle and needed a helicopter to receive medical attention.

California State Parks superintendent Brent Marshall told The Pine Cone the woman injured her leg while hiking in a part of the park which is closed.

“The call came in at about noon, and it was close to 1 p.m. when she was taken out by helicopter,” Marshall said. “She was hiking on the Soberanes Canyon Trail, but went beyond the trail and scrambled up some rocks in a closed area.”

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Thank you to all who turned up to our February Mixer at Dawn's Dream Winery. Dawn's Dream has partnered with Special Olympics of Northern California this year as their 2019 non-profit beneficiary.

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SEASIDE YOGA SANCTUARY GRAND OPENING RIBBON CUTTING



The Chamber welcomed Seaside Yoga Sanctuary to the community with a Grand Opening Celebration in March!

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MORSE

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There is one interesting thing which perhaps I should mention. The revolutions in Mexico made cattle in Northern Mexico very cheap. One particular shipment of long-horn cattle from Northern Mexico we bought in Mexico and took a chance in getting them across.

They were aged steers and stags, and we paid \$12 a head for them. We got them across before Pancho Villa arrived, and if he had arrived first, he would have charged us \$5-a-head duty, as he considered himself the government in that part of Mexico. That particular purchase was probably the best we ever made, but for years we purchased from 2,000 to 3,000 head each year and fattened them for market. Most of them were purchased in Arizona and Nevada.

Ready to calf

The best purchases that we made for years were cows that were ready to calf within a couple of months. We purchased them usually in November and they produced a calf by February, and by June or July we were able to dispose of the calf at almost enough to pay for both the cow and the calf, but those days have gone!

In my years in the San Joaquin, I became intimate with many of the men who had fought Indians, hunted buffalo, and, in one particular incident, a man who had been not only a trail driver but a sheriff and U.S. Marshal from the late 1870s into the 1890s in Northern Wyoming.

Because of the success that I had with operations, through



PHOTO/PINE CONE FILE

The Lodge at Pebble Beach and the 18th Green as they appeared in 2001.

the influence of William H. Crocker, I was offered the job of manager of the Pacific Improvement Company, a holding company of the Southern Pacific Railroad.

My job was to liquidate the holdings of the company, which included the Hotel Del Monte, the Del Monte Forest, and Monterey County Water Works, and some 12,000 acres of ranch and range land in the Carmel Valley.

I took the job in April 1915, so that in April of 1968 I will have been associated with the operations here for 53 years.

My new job put me in close contact with the business world and was perhaps the most important step in my career, such as it is.

As this record deals specifically with the history of Del Monte, I am not going to mention my other activities. I did get involved in a good many important things, but they have no particular bearing on the Del Monte operation.

History of the Lodge

When the idea of the Lodge was conceived, there was nothing in the Del Monte Forest except the 17 Mile Drive and what was called the “Scenic” drive at the top of the hill. The 17 Mile Drive at that time, in the days of the horse-drawn stagecoaches, started at the Hotel Del Monte, went through historic Monterey, around the waterfront at Pacific Grove, into the Forest, and along the waterfront much as it runs now, then from Pebble Beach to the Carmel Mission, then over the hill and back again to the hotel. Pebble Beach was a convenient

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The first year that I came to the Monterey Peninsula, bringing my wife and infant child here for the summer, was 1908. There was a picnic served which was given by William H. Crocker, who was my boss for many years, about where the 18th Hole of the Pebble Beach Golf Course is now situated. Shortly after that, the idea was conceived to build a wooden log cabin at this point overlooking the picnic grounds, where meals could be served.

At the same time that the Lodge was built, a feeble attempt was made to develop and sell the adjacent real estate.

There is some dispute as to the exact date of the opening of the Lodge. It was between 1908 and 1915. My own guess is that it opened in approximately 1912 — and I was quite a constant visitor to the Peninsula in the years that I lived in the San Joaquin Valley.

This is the second installment of the serialization of the memoirs of Pebble Beach Company founder Samuel Finlay Brown Morse, which The Pine Cone is printing in connection with the company's centennial. To learn more about him, read the book, “Boss,” written by his grandson, Charles Osborne.

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Editorial

No need to fight

ONE OF the pat (and utterly misleading) phrases constantly uttered by the big city news media about the goings on in Washington these days is that there’s something called a “trade war” under way.

What’s really happening, of course, is that the Trump administration is trying to renegotiate a series of heavily one-sided arrangements with countries around the world that made their products very inexpensive in our country, while making ours much more expensive in theirs. What the president is trying to do is tip the scales to make them a bit less unfavorable for us — an idea heavily resisted by leaders in other nations (especially China) who would rather keep the gravy train running full speed in their direction.

Meanwhile, despite all his rhetoric about tearing up old import/export deals, Trump also says he’s 100 percent in favor of free trade as long as it’s fair trade, and despite his sorry record of playing fast and loose with the truth in many areas, there’s no reason to disbelieve him where trade is concerned.

Trump is, after all, a businessman, and nobody can succeed the way he has without also having developed a profound appreciation for the importance of international trade when it comes to creating wealth. It’s just a given.

In fact, it was the guru of capitalist economic theory, Milton Friedman, who best illustrated the principles of specialization and international exchange in the early 1980s on his PBS television series, “Free to Choose.”

In one classic episode, Friedman famously observed that “nobody knows how to make a pencil.”

His point was that, while it might be one of the simplest things on your desk, the common pencil is actually quite complicated, with its components of rubber, wood, graphite, glue, steel and yellow paint.

The seemingly humble pencil is actually so complicated, you definitely could not make one, and neither (by themselves) could anyone else.

No single person possesses even a small fraction of the knowledge that goes into growing, harvesting and cutting the trees, trucking the wood to the mills and creating those nifty hollowed-out pieces which can be glued together to become perfectly straight wooden tubes. Meanwhile, a similarly complicated effort goes into cultivating rubber trees, tapping them for the raw substances that eventually, thanks to numerous other people, are refined, colored and molded into erasers. And then there are the thin graphite columns which must be just the right softness to easily mark paper, and just the right size to fit the aforementioned wooden tubes. And those little metal bands that attach the erasers to the wooden bit don’t exactly grow on trees. Etc., etc. Truly, pencil making is a vast, and definitely world-wide, effort. And that’s a good thing.

Friedman used the pencil to illustrate the principle that free markets foster co-operation among far-flung people who are able to pool their efforts to create even very complicated products at low prices. But the pencil also provides a perfect illustration of how interdependent the world is, and how the wealth, good health and leisure enjoyed by people who live in developed countries are a direct result of the fact that these countries have complex and interwoven economies.

It’s also a principle that is even more true today than it was when Friedman explained it. The smartphone you surely have close at hand, for example, could not only not be made by a single person, it would require a team of dozens of highly specialized experts just to explain how those miracle devices come to be, and the global network required to create them.

Trump may be trying to fine-tune the trade arrangements that regulate American exports and imports, but he’s not trying to blow them up. We should all be very glad that we live in a highly interdependent world — and the “we” most definitely includes Donald Trump.

BEST of BATES



“My garage is so small I had to buy a Porsche.”

Letters to the Editor

Would like answers

Dear Editor,

I read with great interest Denny LeVett’s letter to the editor last week in favor of the proposed ordinance prohibiting transient rentals in the city’s commercial district. A number of questions come to mind:

Are there really enough hotel rooms and other short-term lodging to meet the needs of visitors as suggested by Mr. LeVett; or is this just a way for existing hotel owners (including existing members of the city council) to protect their turf?

Should the members of the city council who own or benefit from a limited number of hotel rooms be allowed to vote on the ordinance? Don’t they have a conflict of interest?

Should there be disclosure [and discussion] of those members of the city council who applied on an expedited basis for their rental unit to be approved for transient rentals in the commercial district?

Why is the ordinance being pursued on an “urgency” basis? Aside from the members of the city council who recently applied for approval to convert their rental units, is there a tidal wave of commercial district property owners who wish to convert their long-term rentals to transient occupancy?

Wouldn’t the city be better served using

city-owned property to increase the housing stock?

The proposed ordinance includes a finding that “the conversion of long-term rental units into transient rentals eliminates some of the most affordable housing in the city and conflicts with the city’s general plan as well as a state mandate to preserve and increase housing supply.” If the finding is valid, then why is the ordinance written so broadly as to prohibit new construction of transient units in the commercial district? There is much more to this story.

I hope you will join me in attending the city council meeting scheduled for April 2, at 4:30 p.m. I, for one, would like some answers to these questions.

Ralph Guenther,
Carmel

Use Navy housing

Dear Editor,

It’s very clear that utilizing short-term rentals to fill the gap for affordable housing is debunked. You can’t stop progress, and many solutions were brought to light when we sat with coastal commissioner Carole Groom and Supervisor Mary Adams in Big Sur this week. Monterey County is struggling to find a legal path to stopping short-term rentals by implementing a restrictive ordinance that would eliminate transient rentals as a way to create workforce housing in Big Sur.

But the best way to create affordable housing in Big Sur would be to utilize the Navy

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An astronaut with a love of people

PEOPLE, FRIENDS and comradery have always been important to 61-year-old Dan Bursch, a retired Navy captain and NASA astronaut. Bursch was born in Bristol, Pa., to a middle-class family. He was the youngest of four kids — three boys and a girl. His father was a project manager for IBM and they moved every five or six years, finally ending up in Vestal, N.Y. where Bursch graduated from high school.

Great Lives

By SALLY BAHO

“We went camping a lot,” he recalled. The family would load up in the Pontiac station wagon and go adventure somewhere within a day’s drive, like Quebec or Connecticut. When he was a kid, he loved snorkeling in Cape Cod while summering at his grandparents’ house. He would spend hours in the water searching for treasures which earned him the nickname “Danicus Aquaticus” from his grandmother.

On dry land, however, he said he was a “math geek.” He started liking the subject in Ms. Ellis’ 9th-grade algebra class. “It was a puzzle,” he said, “the language of science.” When Bursch was a senior, he began exploring his options for further education and ended up sitting down with his dad’s boss for a two-hour conversation about college.

Navigator’s seat

The boss — Tom Nealon — had gone to the Naval Academy and shared his experiences from World War II. Based on the stories Nealon told about comradery and the friendships he still had, Bursch was convinced. “One talk with one guy inspired me,” he said.

Bursch went to the Naval Academy from 1975-1979, where he majored in physics. That was, he explained, “Because of Mr. Bovan, my high school physics teacher. He was a quirky kind of guy with a great personality. He made physics fun.” It didn’t hurt that during orientation — as the college counselors went over the curricula — physics required fewer

credit hours than say, engineering.

He wanted to be a pilot but knew he couldn’t, “I already wore glasses and the restrictions were that you had to have uncorrected 20/20 vision,” he said. So next he explored the option of submarines but after his first trip on a sub, decided against it.

He returned to the idea of aviation, where he could be a navigator. “I decided I wanted to go A-6 Intruders, attack airplanes, where the pilot and the navigator sit side by side,” he said. And he did just that, going to Pensacola for navigator training and flight school in 1979. He earned his wings in April 1980 and was sent to Oceana Naval Air Station in Virginia Beach, where he stayed until the end of 1983.

First flight

But that wasn’t enough for him. He wanted to go to the Navy’s Test Pilot School in Patuxent River, Md., which also trains navigators. “That was where I first thought of becoming an astronaut because I saw that people with similar backgrounds had become astronauts,” he said. He went on a field trip to Houston and again, Bursch was sold. He applied to NASA in 1984 but his application didn’t make it out of Maryland because his commander believed he needed to finish school first.

Bursch graduated in 1985 and was selected for NASA by the Navy. “But the Challenger accident happened, so they canceled all selections,” he said. The third time Bursch applied, his application went through for an interview for the Class of 1987, but he missed the mark once more. Still, he continued with his career and education and moved to Pacific Grove to attend the Naval Postgraduate School in Space Systems Engineering. And he didn’t give up his dream.

Finally, the fourth time he applied for NASA, he was selected. Bursch moved to Houston for training and completed his degree at NPS by correspondence. He was trained on space shuttle systems, land survival, water survival and all the other things one needs to learn to go to space.

His first flight was in 1993, a space shuttle mission that was 11 days long, during which they orbited the Earth 16 times a day — a mere 90 minutes a lap — and launched a satellite.

In 1994, Bursch returned to space and spent 10 days mapping the earth. During his third shuttle mission in 1996, he helped launch another satellite.

Record holder

In 1997, he began training to be part of the crew for the International Space Station, but didn’t go until December of 2001 and returned in June 2002. “For about 3 or 4 years my American crewmate and I held the record for longest single mission in space for an American astronaut which was 196 days,” he said.

In January of 2003, Bursch moved to Monterey as the associate dean of the graduate

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GO AHEAD. HANG IT UPSIDE DOWN. SHE MAY HAVE MEANT YOU TO.

SECRETS AND surprises peek from paintings on every wall in the Carmel cottage Katrina Kacandes has nicknamed “Itsy Bitsy Bliss,” just off Carpenter, near the freeway.

the beholder.

Kacandes has a strong attraction to the ethereal world. She is fascinated by numerology. She studies something called “energy medicine” and believes in the power of “tapping the meridians of the body.” She meditates daily and practices yoga. “I lived in South Florida, which, surprisingly, was a very healing place,” she said.

“I spent time with Native Americans, shamans from the Lakota tribe, which was a very enlightening time for me, but when I moved

Carmel’s Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Abstract artists have all the fun.

She often applies paint with playful abandon, trusting her moods to evolve into colorful revelations. She said she is regularly surprised to discover images of unplanned and unexpected things in her artwork — faces, figures, animals, fish, flowers, or fireflies in a forest.

Splashes of color gradually reveal themselves as landscapes, seascapes, underwater worlds. She cut a tattered black glove into pieces, applied them to a painting, and watched the project evolve into a dark and haunting multimedia piece she later identified as nuns. Sometimes she throws paint at a canvas, or allows it to drip, until shapes or meanings reveal themselves.

“I embrace the mystery in our world, and I think that’s part of the complexity I bring into the art,” she said. “I don’t do it on purpose. It just kind of happens.”

‘A healing place’

Turn a Kacandes painting on its side, or upside down, and it might become something completely different. She sometimes double-wires the back so the piece can be hung either way. Like many abstract artists, she also opts to apply her signature to the back, not the front, to avoid suggesting how her work should be displayed. That decision, she believes, should be left to



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Abstract artists have all the fun — just ask Katrina Kacandes, whose Carmel cottage is named “Itsy Bitsy Bliss.”

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HALL

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plained. “But we now have people serving 10 to 15 years in our jail.” He said mental-health issues have also increased.

All of that means he has to work even harder to ensure he has enough deputies at the jail. A dozen are enrolled in the academy and another dozen are in training, though, so that might help ease the strain and increase coverage on the Peninsula, where just one or two deputies are on patrol during the slowest hours, between 2 and 7 a.m.

Meanwhile, Bernal said the county has asked him to cut \$6 million from his annual budget, and he asked the public to “write all the supervisors and tell them how important public safety is to you.”

The 2018-2019 budget for the sheriff’s department is \$111,235,729 for the fiscal year ending June 30.

C.V. Road tickets

Cardoza said her agency also needs more

officers, as well as more dispatchers.

“If you know someone who can really keep it together under stressful situations and has a calming voice, send them to us,” she said.

In general, the CHP will have between four and a dozen officers patrolling the county area and the highways, she said. “And we have people who have desk jobs where if we need their help in the field, they go out.”

There are also two special “problem-oriented policing” teams that go to hot spots — like Carmel Valley Road, where the speed limit dropped to 45 mph in 2018.

“Last year, we had three really significant fatal collisions on Carmel Valley Road,” she said. “We’ve heard a lot from the community about Carmel Valley Road.”

CHP Lt. Chris Weaver, a motorcycle officer, said he and other officers frequently patrol Carmel Valley Road and write tickets to people exceeding the 45 mph limit that was established based on two traffic and engineering studies. “I’ve been writing tickets for everything over 55 — I write seven or eight tickets in an hour-and-a-half,” he said, adding, “over 90 percent of the people I stop live here.”

The sheriff’s office also warned people to be on the lookout for a group of Irish travelers who rent work trucks, don construction gear, and go door to door offering to repair asphalt driveways and the like.

“They are younger, in their 20s, and will

BURSCH

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school of engineering and applied sciences at NPS. NASA had by then set a four-mission limit for its astronauts, so he became earth-bound once more.

In 2005, he retired from the Navy and began working as the National Reconnaissance Office Advisor for the Aerospace Corporation at NPS.

solicit you,” one of the sheriff’s representatives at the meeting said. “They’ll start the work and then tell you they need more money for materials. Then they disappear.” He said they have identified a half-dozen vehicles associated with the scammers so far.

He loves working on cars and is the de facto “car guy” for the people in his life. He is an avid basket maker and wove several baskets in space. Bursch’s fiancé Sharon Yencharis is the director of IT for the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco — the de Young and the Legion of Honor. The couple are working on children’s books so they can share their — and Danicus Aquaticus’ — adventures.

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DOG

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Capo, an 11-year-old male, indoors or in an appropriate enclosure. If Adrien is outside, the dog must be muzzled so it can’t bite, and Flores must license the dogs and indemnify Monterey in the event the dogs injure someone.

At least two residents said their pets were

attacked by Flores’ dogs after the animals broke free of their tethers outside Flores’ house. The agreement addresses the issue.

“Mr. Flores shall never permit any dog in his possession or care, whether kept” at his house on Cielo Vista Drive or elsewhere, “to be at large, tethered, tied up or chained,” the agreement says.

If Flores fails to abide by the settlement terms, the city could impound Adrien and Capo, and he could be prevented from keeping or owning dogs for three years.

C.V. Women’s Club fashion show

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THE CARMEL Valley Women’s Club’s 70th annual fashion show, Timeless, will take place Friday, April 5, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency in Monterey. Several local shops and boutiques will outfit the day’s models in “styles selected to bring back the flavor of yesteryear with class, as fine haute couture can be,” including White House Black Market, Chico, J. McLaughlin, Patrick James, Sylvie Unique Boutique and Déjà Vu Retro to Contemporary. Costumes

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Section 2

Plenty of competition, but a decade of Stevenson championships anyway

AT STEVENSON School, they simply bequeath league golf championships to the next generation. The Pirates have won 10 in a row, which means the four seniors on this

without hard work, of course, but there's no discounting the allure of attending a private boarding school in Pebble Beach, where the golf team plays its home matches at Spyglass Hill, one of the most famous golf courses on Earth. Stevenson attracts promising junior golfers the same way McDonalds attracts hamburger lovers — by unlocking the front door.

Senior Charles Alliston, Stevenson's No. 1 player, is from Singapore, which, according to the world map, is 8,500 miles southwest of

the Monterey Peninsula — as the (very tired) crow flies.

If your golf swing was as pretty as his, you'd dress it up and take it dancing. Alliston is a four-year varsity player who has been a league MVP twice. At 2018 Central Coast Section Regional Championships, he shot 68 — two under par — and won the 84-player tournament by two strokes.

"He has amazing touch around the greens — we're always talking about how good his hands are — and he's a phenomenal putter," said Justin Bates (Stevenson '99), who is in his fourth year as head coach at his alma ma-

ter. "So much of the action takes place around the green, which is where he stands above most other junior golfers. He has a very sophisticated short game, with all the shots you look for in a scorer."

Martin Gutierrez, a senior from Miami, was Stevenson's No. 2 player coming into last year's regional tournament, but was injured in a bike accident the day before.

He played anyway, but winced noticeably on his opening tee shot, and trudged to a painful 16-over-par 86, the fourth highest score of

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Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

year's varsity squad were seven years old the last time the team was an also-ran.

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PHOTOS/COURTESY STEVENSON SCHOOL

Stevenson's Charles Alliston (left), a senior from Singapore, is a two-time league MVP. Martin Gutierrez, a senior (above), is longest off the tee for the Pirates. And Alex Iniakov (above right) earned all-league plaudits as a freshman last spring. The three are a part of a powerhouse team on 10-year winning streak.



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the tournament.

“If Martin is having a good day, our team generally has a good day,” Bates said. “Watching him wince on that opening tee shot, and realizing he was going to have a rough time out there, was a tough way to begin the tournament, and it turned out to be a bad day for everybody.”

Exceptional short game

Gutierrez, Stevenson’s biggest hitter, typically leaves himself with shorter approach shots, affording him more opportunities to attack the pin.

When he finds his rhythm, he’s a force.

The Pirates’ most consistent player this season has been Robert You of Pebble Beach, a junior with a talent for landing his drives in the fairway, keeping the ball in play, then using an exceptional short game to cash in when he gets near the green.

“Robert plays in a lot of summer tournaments, not only in California but around the U.S.,” Bates said. “He takes every opportunity to test himself against the top junior competition, and I think that gives him a lot of confidence when he gets into our league matches and local tournaments.”

The youngest varsity player, Alex Iniakov of Prunedale, earned all-league plaudits last season as a freshman — something that left his coach at least slightly worried about 2019.

“Guys who have a great freshman year often come back with what we call a ‘sophomore slump,’” he said. “We were joking about that in the car the other day, and he said, ‘This is going to be a sophomore surge.’”

Iniakov’s bravado is already supported by his performance. The 10th grader placed second overall March 11 at this year’s season-opening event, the De La Salle Invitational, one of Northern California’s most talent-stacked tournaments.

Magic possible

Ji Woo Park, a senior in his fourth varsity season, is a Carmel resident with a deadly putter and a deft touch with his short irons. When his long game is on track, he’s capable of

eye-popping performances.

“He had a couple of under-par rounds last year — he can have a magical day out there if he’s on,” Bates said. “And when he struggles off the tee, or with his iron play, he often can make up for it by sinking a lot of putts.”

The fourth senior, Nat Schulhof of Santa Barbara, is beginning his first full season as a varsity player with what Bates sees as the best work ethic on the squad.

“He’s determined to prove to the rest of the team that he not only belongs on the varsity, but he also can contribute to our success,” Bates said. “That was evident last week when he had a really tough day in our league tournament on Monday, then came back the very next day and shot 3 over par at Laguna Seca. That was a great statement from him.”

Counting Schulhof, who was part of the varsity squad at last year’s regional tournament, the Pirates have a full roster of veterans from a squad that dominated the Mission Trail Athletic League last year and is unbeaten this season after three tournaments in the Gabilan Division of the new Pacific Coast Athletic League.

“Carmel is always the team we expect to be our top competition, and this year is no exception, considering they have George McNeely (third place at the 2018 regional finals) back at No. 1 and Nate Blakely at No. 2, along with Caleb Bars-tad and Tyler Bianchi from last year’s team,” Bates said. “We know all of those guys can put up low scores, and we realize they could bring it all together and beat us on any given day.”

Salinas High, which edged Carmel by a stroke in the second league tournament of the spring, is the other strong contender in a division that also includes San Benito, Pacific Grove, and Palma.

Ultimate dream

The big goal, said the coach, is to place among the top three teams at this year’s CCS tournament (to be held once again at Laguna Seca Golf Ranch), an accomplishment that would qualify the Pirates’ full squad for the NorCal championships.

And the ultimate dream, said Bates, would be qualifying as a team for the state tournament, which will be held this year at Poppy Hills, a course the Pirates know well.

Stevenson competes this weekend at The Golf Club of Terra Lago in Indio, battling 50 other teams in the Champions Invitational, regarded as one of the top high school tournaments in the U.S.

■ Hot and cold spring for ex-Pirate

Former Stevenson athlete Brad Powers (Class of ’16) is playing first base at Towson (Md.) University, where he’s experiencing a streaky spring. Powers began the week with a .243 batting average after going 1-for-11 against Virginia Commonwealth (one game), and three against UNC Wilmington.

Prior to that, he’d been hot at the plate, going 10-for-20 against George Washington, Fordham, Cornell, and North Carolina State, a tear that included two doubles, a home run, and five RBI.

Powers batted .375 in his senior year at Stevenson, leading the team in hits (28), doubles (6), triples (3), and home runs (3), and driving in 22 runs to earn All-Mission Trail League honors. He went on to play two years at Monterey Peninsula College, where he batted .288 with five home runs.

■ Looking ahead (March 29 - April 4)

Baseball — Friday: Carmel at North Salinas (4 p.m.). Monday: North Salinas at Carmel (4 p.m.). Alisal at Carmel (4 p.m.) Tuesday: Stevenson at Trinity Christian (4 p.m.). Thursday: Trinity Christian at Stevenson (4 p.m.)

Boys golf — Friday and Saturday: Carmel, Stevenson at Champions Invitational, Golf Club of Terra Lago, Indio (TBA). Monday: Carmel, Stevenson at Gabilan Division meet, Corral de Tierra (3:30 p.m.). Wednesday: Carmel, Stevenson at Gabilan Division meet, Quail Lodge (3:30 p.m.)

Boys lacrosse — Saturday: Carmel at Archbishop Mitty (10 a.m.). Monday: Stevenson vs. San Benito at Palma (5:15 p.m.). Wednesday: Carmel vs. San Benito at Christopher (7:15 p.m.); Palma at Stevenson (3:15 p.m.)

Girls lacrosse — Saturday: Santa Catalina at Castilleja (12 noon). Monday: Carmel at York (4:30 p.m.); Monterey at Santa Catalina (4 p.m.). Wednesday: Stevenson at Santa Catalina (4 p.m.)

Softball — Friday: Christopher at Santa Catalina (4:30 p.m.); Head Royce School at Stevenson (4 p.m.). Tuesday: Stevenson at St. Francis SCP (4 p.m.); Stevenson vs. San Benito at Veterans Park, Hollister (6 p.m.). Wednesday: Pacific Grove at Carmel (4:30 p.m.). Thursday: Santa Catalina at Pacific Grove (4 p.m.); Soledad at Stevenson (4 p.m.)

Swimming and diving — Friday: Salinas at Carmel (3:30 p.m.); Christopher at Santa Catalina (4:30 p.m.); Stevenson at San Benito (3:30 p.m.). Wednesday: Pacific Grove at Carmel (3:30 p.m.)

Boys tennis — Tuesday: Alisal at Carmel (4 p.m.); Palma at Stevenson (4 p.m.). Wednesday: Monte Vista Christian at Carmel (4 p.m.). Thursday: North Salinas at Carmel (4 p.m.); Stevenson at Monte Vista Christian (4 p.m.)

Track and field — Saturday: Stevenson at King City Invitational (9 a.m.). Tuesday: Santa Catalina at Gilroy (3:30 p.m.). Thursday: Carmel at King City (3:30 p.m.)

Boys volleyball — Saturday: Carmel Classic tournament (8 a.m.)

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BEST KNOWN for backing Bob Dylan during his transition from folk 'n' roll — and adopting one of the least descriptive names ever — The Band will be remembered with a tribute concert Sunday, March 31, at Sunset Center.

Paying tribute to The Band will be two acts, **Dust Bowl Revival** and **The Hot Club of Cowtown**.

The two groups will play music from The Band's 1968 debut record, "Music from the Big Pink," and its self-titled second album, which came out the following year. The former was recorded in Woodstock, N.Y., a year before the concert in nearby Bethel, N.Y., that put the tiny upstate town on the map. The latter was released a month after the concert.

The records include two of The Band's most memorable songs, "The Weight" and "The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down."

With guitarist Robbie Robertson, drummer Levon Helm

and other members of The Band backing him, Dylan began playing rock 'n' roll live in 1965, which famously led to him facing a chorus of boos from folk music purists.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

When "Music from the Big Pink" came out in 1968, the group's down-to-earth mix of roots rock, Americana and nostalgia quickly won over audiences who had grown tired of the excesses of popular music during the Summer of Love. Much of the music world follow suit, and the singer-songwriter era was born.

Named The Best Live Band in Los Angeles in 2013 by a Los Angeles magazine, Dust Bowl Revival serves up a "genre-hopping, time-bending dance party that coaxes new fire out of familiar coal."

The Hot Club of Cowtown, meanwhile, brings together Western swing, Gypsy Swing, "down-home melodies and exuberant improvisation."

The music starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$39 to \$59. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 620-2048.

Also at Sunset Center this week is singer-songwriter **Perla Batalla**, who presents a tribute to Leonard Cohen Thursday, April 4, in Studio 105. Tickets are \$55 and \$75. The concert begins at 8 p.m.

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Hot Club of Cowtown (far left) and Dust Bowl Revival (left) pay tribute to The Band March 31 at Sunset Center. The groups will play music from The Band's first two albums. The concert coincides with The Band's 50th anniversary.

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Village Wine Bar opens, Pescadero’s tortilleria, and getting saucy at Luca

CARMEL VALLEY resident Jessica Trask always wanted to run her own wine bar, and after 16 years working in other wineries’ tasting rooms, she and her husband, Michael, took the plunge and opened the Village Wine Bar & Tap Room at the east end of Carmel Valley Village. They hosted a soft opening earlier this month and will host a Grand Opening celebration on March 30.

It was all a matter of timing, she said.

Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

While helping winemaker friend Miguel Lepe try to get his wines carried in local restaurants and shops, she realized what a struggle it is for small producers to directly reach the customers they want.

“I thought, ‘Why not have a wine room for up-and-coming brands that don’t have tasting rooms?’” Trask recalled.

And around that same time, the owners of

a business in the strip at 19 E. Carmel Valley Road decided to close. “The wine bar was closing, and so we were able to take it over,” she said, adding, “Michael is in the construction business and has always wanted to do something like this with me.”

So, they got to work prettying up the place some and lining up the small labels — each producing just a few hundred cases of wine, and some very little known — that they wanted to represent. Lepe Cellars is on the list, of course, as are Damien Georis’ highly regarded Madeleine Wines, Ryan and Natalie Kobza’s eponymous label, Emily Hunt’s Drench wines, Sinecure Wine, Hollister-based Eden Rift, Larkspur (by young winemaker Sarah Cabot in Oregon), Paso Robles winery Indeginé Cellars, and Samuel Louis Smith, a pinot noir and syrah producer.

“We rotate the menu,” Trask said. “Every couple of weeks, it changes.”

A chardonnay and a red blend, each named after one of the Trasks’ bulldogs, Elle

and Emme, were made by Lepe and are served by the glass from taps. The bulldogs are also depicted in the shop’s logo.

Also on tap are a number of beers from Alvarado Street Brewery and Marina English Ales, and some food is available, as well.

Terrifying and exciting

So far, business has been good enough — and it will likely be very busy come summertime. “It’s been pretty quiet, but we’ve definitely had a lot of local support, which is nice,” she said. “Michael is new to the wine industry, so we wanted to get his feet wet without falling into the pool.”

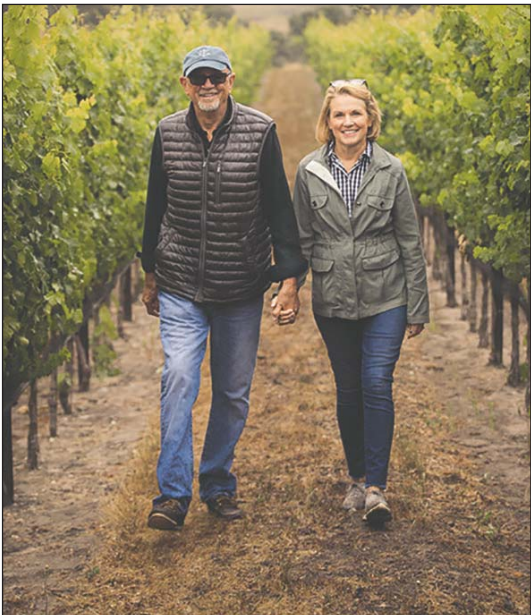
“I’m excited,” she continued. “It’s terrifying, but I’m excited.”

The Grand Opening Saturday will include tastes of a newly released house wine, the 2017 Village Red Blend, as well as the bulldogs’ 2018 Carmel Valley chardonnay and 2017 petit verdot-based blend. Highlights of the day will include Fabrice Roux, chef/owner of Roux and the Carmel Valley Chop-house, serving paella from 2 to 4 p.m., Patrice Ward taking photos from 2 to 6 p.m., a ribbon cutting organized by the Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce at 2:45 p.m., and beignets being served from 4 to 6 p.m. The Village Wine & Tap Room is located at 19 E. Carmel Valley Road and is open daily from 1 to 8 p.m.

■ Tortillas from scratch

Ever since Pescadero and Barmel owner Gabe Georis started renting the little space next to his restaurant and bar on San Carlos north of Seventh, he’s been trying to figure out the best way to use it. He’s tried operating it as a café, a shop, and as a private room or overflow for the restaurant. But now, he believes he’s come up with the perfect use for the little storefront with a tiny semi-kitchen at the back: making tortillas from scratch, starting with fresh corn rather than premade masa or mixes, and selling them for \$5 per dozen.

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Dick Doré and wife Jenny Williamson-Doré (top) are expected to share tales from three decades of winemaking at Foxen Canyon during an April 3 dinner at Carmel Valley Ranch, while Michael and Jessica Trask (above) are hosting a Grand Opening at their new Village Wine Bar & Tap Room March 30.



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“We’re turning the old café space into a tortilleria,” he said Tuesday, and he expects it to be up and running next week. “The tortillas will be killer, and we’re going to be selling them.”

During a few recent trips to Mexico, Georis found the right equipment to bring back to the United States, including a stone mill and other pieces designed for making tortillas at home. Used together, they turn out almost four dozen tortillas per minute.

“I don’t know what kind of home needs 45 tortillas a minute,” he mused.

Pescadero’s chef has been working with a broker in Salinas to get fresh corn and is experimenting with different varieties. “Right now, we’re playing with an organic Peruvian purple corn,” Georis said. “We’re still experimenting with different ones — they have different flavors and textures.”

Those with larger kernels work best for tortillas because they have more flesh. “We have access to 30 or 40 different varieties of organic corn,” he said, including many types that have been around for a very long time.

Soaking the kernels in lime — the mineral, not the citrus — breaks down the antinutrients and releases niacin, which is beneficial, Georis learned. “I didn’t know the process releases a bunch of nutrients in the corn that your body otherwise can’t process,” he said. That discovery — and the subsequent ubiquity of the tortilla — helped the civilizations of Central and South America flourish.

“The tortillas are exceptionally good,” he said, because they have great texture, taste like fresh corn and don’t fall apart. “I’m hoping there will be enough demand that some of the local markets will carry them, too.”

■ Foxen Canyon wine dinner

Carmel Valley Ranch executive chef Tim Wood and his

culinary team will welcome Foxen Vineyards, a winery southeast of Santa Maria, for a winemaker dinner Wednesday, April 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the Valley Kitchen. The winemaking team of Bill Wathen and Dick Doré have been collaborating at Foxen Canyon — now entirely solar-powered — since 1985, and Doré and wife Jenny Williamson-Doré will be at the dinner to share some of the more colorful tales amassed over the last three-plus decades.

Wood’s menu includes a first course of green garlic soup paired with Wickenden Vineyard Old Vine Chenin Blanc, line-caught cod with warm cabbage and bacon salad served with Bien Nacido Block UU Chardonnay, “Duck-Duck Goulash” paired with pinots from Julia’s Vineyard and Bien Nacido, and “Colorado Lamb meets French Truffle” with polenta and shaved truffle, served with Williamson-Doré Vineyard Syrah. Dessert will be strawberry shortcake with Chantilly cream and pink peppercorn meringue, paired with rosé.

Dinner and wine cost \$125 per person, plus tax and tip. Dinner is available without wine for a lower price. Reservations are required. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. and the seating is open at communal tables. Call (831) 626-2599.

■ Waypoint monthly dinner

Brian Kearns, executive chef at Quail Lodge, will be joined in the kitchen by special guest chef Elmo Han from The Peninsula Chicago’s Shanghai Terrace for the monthly prix-fixe dinner March 30 at Waypoint Bar & Kitchen. The Zagat Survey picked the Shanghai Terrace as the top Chinese restaurant in Chicago, and it specializes in Cantonese cuisine.

Han and Kearns will create a three-course menu for the March 30 dinner, offered from 6 to 9 p.m., and guests are invited to bring their own wine, on which they will not have to pay corkage. The cost of the dinner is \$55 per person, plus tax and tip, and reservations are required. Call (831) 620-8910 or visit quailodge.com/waypoint. Waypoint is located in the lodge at 8205 Valley Greens Drive off of Carmel Valley Road.

■ Cantinetta Luca lesson on sauces

Executive chef Aaron Rayor and sous chef Mikey Castaneda-D’Roma will teach the fundamentals of sauce making during a class at Cantinetta Luca on Dolores Street south of Ocean Avenue Friday, March 29, from noon to 2 p.m. Students will learn how to make perfect tomato, béchamel and pesto sauces, all while sipping “delicious Italian wines,” for \$85 per person, including tax and tip. To sign up, call (831) 625-6500.

■ Taste Twisted Roots library wines

Winemaker Josh Ruiz and wife Julie run their Twisted Roots winery’s tasting room in Carmel Valley Village, and on March 30, Josh will be “digging into his secret stash and pulling out some of his favorite wines of years past to create a one-of-a-kind tasting experience.”

Most of what he’ll be pouring remains a mystery, though Twisted Roots’ 2005 petite sirah — the first wine they ever produced — will be in the lineup. Four 45-minute library tastings will be offered for 10 people each between the hours of 5 and 7 p.m., at 4 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. The private tastings cost \$20 per person and can be reserved online at www.twistedrootsvineyard.com/events.

Other flights will be offered at the main bar for \$10 from 5 to 7 p.m., along with special sale wines and a three-pack of petite sirahs from different vintages.

The tasting room is located at 12 Del Fino Place in Carmel Valley. Call (831) 594-8282 for more information.

■ Kiwanis fundraiser at Cibo

Members of several local Kiwanis clubs and their friends will gather at Cibo restaurant on Alvarado Street April 1 to

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celebrate the work Kiwanis International does and support the global charity.

That evening, the restaurant will donate 20 percent of its proceeds to Kiwanis International Division 43 — as long as you mention Kiwanis when making the reservation. Dinner will start at 6 p.m., but guests are invited to come earlier to enjoy Happy Hour. Kiwanis officers will make remarks at 6:30. The evening will also include drawings for various prizes.

To RSVP, visit www.cibo.com or call (831) 649-8151. The restaurant is located at the foot of Alvarado Street in downtown Monterey.

■ Chardonnay fans, take note

Certified sommelier Aaron Hoops will lead guests through a tasting of chardonnays at The Wine Experience, located at 381 Cannery Row in Monterey, April 3 at 6 p.m. The lineup will include French and American chardonnays, as well as sparkling and sweet, showing the diversity of the grape and the wines made from it.

The tasting costs \$30 per person. To reserve, call (831) 324-4974 or email info@wineexperience.org.

■ Sip & Swing

Following on the heels of the Tip-a-Cop fundraiser at Carmel Bouchée last week comes another way to help the Special Olympics. Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley will combine miniature golf and wine for its Sip & Swing fundraiser Thurs-

day, April 4, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. And to make sure the non-profit's law-enforcement supporters don't feel left out, there will be a Dunk-a-Cop component, too.

During the evening, Folktale's Barrel Room will be "transformed for a one-of-a-kind interactive golfing experience that's fun and accessible for golfers and non-golfers alike," and everyone will be fortified (and emboldened) by plenty of Folktale rosé, chardonnay and Le Mistral red blend, and small

bites prepared by chef Todd Fisher.

According to organizers, proceeds from the event will help fund Special Olympics Northern California's "work to enrich the lives of local children and adults with intellectual disabilities through sports, education, and inclusive health programs."

Tickets are \$95 per person, and \$40 per person for guests too young to drink. To purchase, visit www.sonc.org/sipandswing. Folktale is located at 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

Endurance race to open season at Laguna Seca

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE STRENGTH, power, technology and tenacity of professional racers and the cars they're driving will be put to the test during this weekend's season opener at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca, which is hosting the Intercontinental GT Challenge California 8 Hours race Saturday, with qualifying races and other competitions held the day before.

The main race March 30 features high-tech cars built by eight manufacturers — Audi, Mercedes AMG, Porsche, Bentley, BMW, Nissan, Ferrari and Honda — raced by drivers

from all over the globe. The California 8 Hours is the only professional endurance race on the West Coast.

The action at the track kicked off Wednesday with testing and practice, followed by more practice and some qualifying sessions — which determine the positions in which the drivers start their races — on Thursday. Friday will have races at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., with more qualifying rounds in between, and the 8 Hours will start Saturday morning at 8:30.

Two-day tickets are \$65 at the gate, while single-day tickets are \$35. For more details and a full schedule, visit www.weathertechraceway.com.

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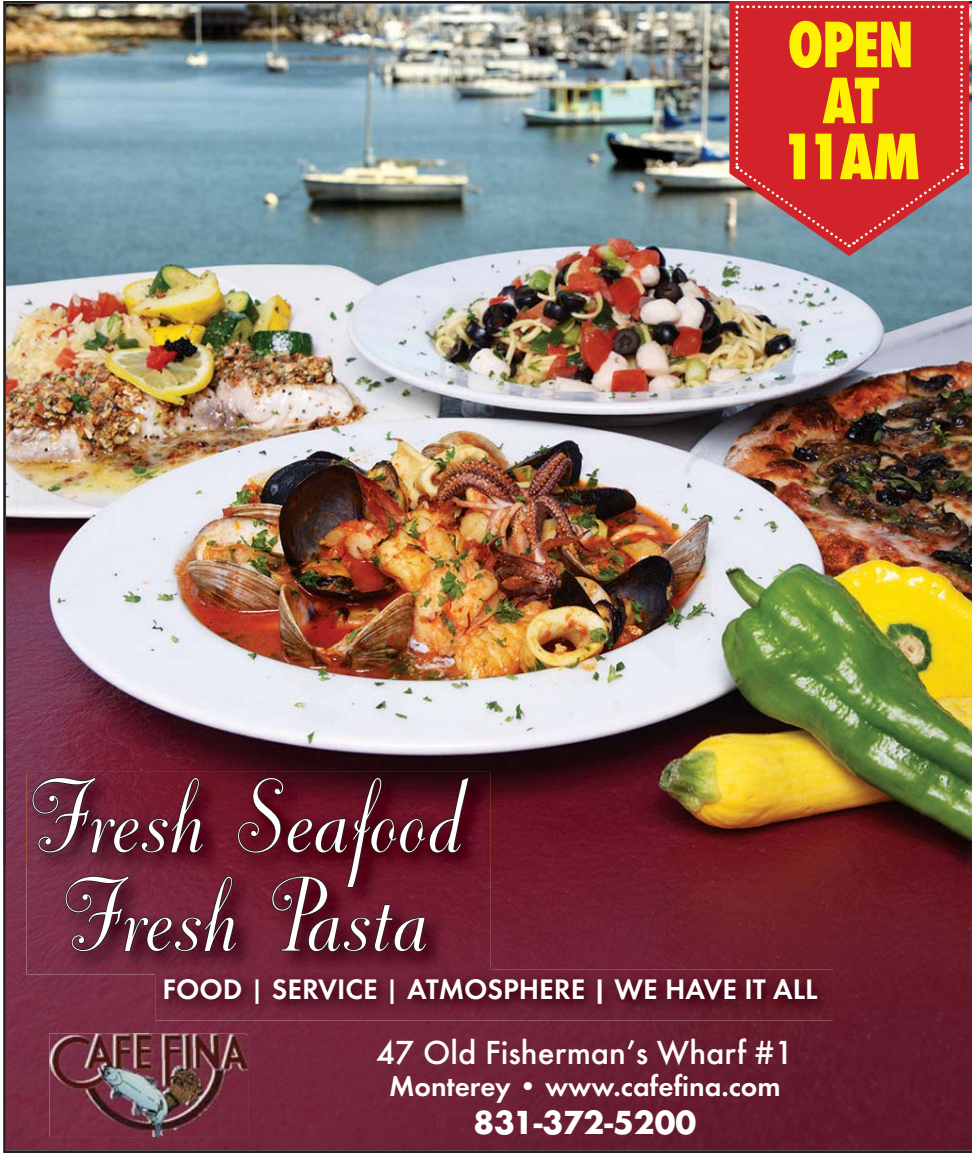
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MUSIC

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■ Doris turns 97

As part of a two-day fundraising celebration of Doris Day's 97th birthday, singer and pianist **Michael Feinstein** takes the stage Saturday at Carmel High School's Center for the Performing Arts.

Feinstein, who will sing favorites from the Great American Songbook, will be joined by comedian Rich Little, an auction, a raffle, birthday cake and more. Showtime is 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$150.

The previous evening — Friday — the same site will host a screening of the 1959 film, "Pillow Talk," which stars Day and Rock Hudson. The event also includes an auction of signed memorabilia from the film, and a Q&A. The show starts at 7 p.m., and tickets are \$75.

Proceeds benefit the Doris Day Animal Foundation, which supports animal welfare groups like the SPCA for Monterey County and Peace of Mind Dog Rescue — two groups which will be represented at the event. The school is located at 3600 Ocean Ave.

■ Cabaret series continues

In the latest offering of her Cabaret-by-the-Sea series, singer **Barbara Brussell** presents "Laugh, Cry and Love" Friday, March 29, at the Indoor Forest Theater.

Accompanied by pianist **Tedd Firth**, Brussell will sing "familiar and rare gems from Broadway, the Great American Songbook and beyond," including music by Rodgers and Hammerstein, Leonard Bernstein, Stephen Sondheim, Joni Mitchell and many others.

Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 to \$50. The theater is located at Santa Rita and Mountain View. Call (646) 298-4772.

■ Live Music March 29-April 4

Barmel — **The Virtuals** (rock, Friday at 7 p.m.); and **The Next Blues Band** (Saturday at 7 p.m.). In Carmel Square at San Carlos and Seventh, (831) 626-3400.

Carmel Craft Brewing Company — A singer-songwriters showcase includes performances by **Thomas Howard**, **Kristen Gradwohl**, **Rachel Spung** and others (various genres, 6:30 p.m.). In the Barnyard shopping center.

Cibo Ristorante Italiano in Monterey — singer-songwriter **Alex Lucero** (Friday at 9 p.m.); **Vybe** (blues and rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.); **The Dave Holodiloff Duo** (jazz and swing, Sunday at 7 p.m.); singers **Lee Durley** and **Scotty Wright** (jazz and swing, Tuesday at 7 p.m.); **Andrea's Fault** (jazz and blues, Wednesday at 7 p.m.); and **The Ben Herod Trio** (jazz and swing, Thursday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St., (831) 649-8151.

Cooper's Pub & Restaurant in Monterey — singer-songwriter **Michael Annotti** (Friday at 9 p.m.); and **A Band of Ninjas** (rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row, (831) 373-1353.

Crossroads BBQ — singer and guitarist **Rob Vye** (country blues, ragtime and gospel, Saturday at 1 p.m.). 241 The Crossroads.

East Village Coffee Lounge in Monterey — **The Billy Jones Quartet** with guitarist **Bruce Forman**, saxophonist **Gary Meek** and bassist **Steve Uccello** (jazz at 5 p.m.); and Open Mic Night (Wednesday at 7 p.m.). 498 Washington St., (831) 373-5601.

Embassy Suites in Seaside — singers **Lee Durley** and **Charmaine Scott**, bassist **Steve Uccello**, drummer **Jim Vanderzwaan**, keyboardist **Martan Mann** and bassist **Joe**

Dolister are featured at the free monthly jazz jam (Sunday at 1 p.m.). 1441 Canyon del Rey Blvd., (831) 393-1115.

Fernwood Resort in Big Sur — **Y Axes**, **Reisender** (rock, Saturday at 10 p.m.). On Highway 1 25 miles south of Carmel, (831) 667-2422.

Fireplace Lounge in the **Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel** — singer **Janice Marotta Perl**, drummer **David Morwood** and special guests (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.); guitarist **Frank Buchanon**, drummer **David Morwood** and friends (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.); singer-songwriter **Austin Metreyeon** (Wednesday at 7 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Johan Sotelo** (Thursday at 7 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road, (831) 372-1234.

Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley — guitarist **John Sherry** (blues, rock and jazz, Friday at 5 p.m.); singer **Cris Cab** (pop and soul,

Friday at 6 p.m.); and singer-songwriter and violinist **Razzvio** (rock, Saturday at 5 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road, (831) 293-7500.

Henry Miller Library in Big Sur — singer-songwriter **James McMurtry** (Thursday at 7 p.m.). On Highway 1 28 miles south of Carmel, (831) 667-2574.

The Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach — **The Jazz Trio** (jazz, in the lobby, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.); and **The Dottie Dodgion Trio** (jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.); also, a bagpiper plays every evening at sunset. 2700 17 Mile Drive, (831) 647-7500.

Jacks Monterey — **The International Trio** ("the world's favorite songs," Sunday at 11:30 a.m.). At Portola Hotel & Spa in Monterey, 2 Portola Plaza, (831) 649-7868.

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April 18 – “A TABLE AFFAIR-2019” will take place in the **Main Ballroom, The Inn at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach,** 2 to 6 p.m. Invite friends and come enjoy seeing an intriguing array of table arrangements. Sip a cup of tea or coffee, enjoy a cookie. There will also be a no-host bar for those wishing for a glass of wine. Purchase items from the “Fiddler’s’ Fayre” Boutique. There is no admission charge and reservations are not required. Donations (which are tax deductible) are respectfully requested at the event for Youth Music Monterey, this year’s beneficiary. For further information call Averil Nero at (831) 644-0833 or by e-mail: acnero@comcast.net

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March 30 – Buy your tickets now for an evening of pure imagination at PacRep’s Golden Ticket Gala; 5:30 p.m. at Intercontinental – The Clement Monterey on 750 Cannery Row. Enjoy champagne, fantasy auction, dinner, live entertainment, and dancing. Tickets \$195 per person. Info: www.pacrep.org

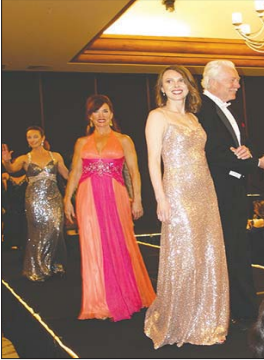
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April 1 – “No Foolin’ – You’re On Candid Camera!” And you just may be if you’re at the Carmel Woman’s Club April 1 at 2 p.m. when the inimitable **Peter Funt** presents the story

of his famed television show. Covering decades of pranks and hi jinx, Funt will reveal humorous anecdotes about the inner workings of the long running TV classic. Members free; guests \$10, includes coffee/tea reception immediately following the program. Memberships available. (831) 624-2866

April 3 – Joshua Rodriguez, registered dietitian with Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula and an independent Certified Personal Trainer, will be discussing nutritional and fitness tips for wellness for prostate cancer survivors and their families, 5 p.m. at the Westland House, 100 Barnet Segal Lane, for the **Prostate Cancer Self Help Group of the Central Coast.** For more information, contact (831) 915-6466.

April 5 – Giving back never goes out of style! Carmel Valley Women’s Club & Foundation’s 70th Fashion Show Luncheon Fundraiser “Timeless” at 11 a.m. Hyatt Regency Monterey-Regency Ballroom. Proceeds benefit local nonprofits and scholarships. Tickets: single-\$70; runway table for 10-\$800. Enjoy reception, silent auction boutique, \$700 raffle prize. Live auc-



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April 20 – Please join us for a celebration of Arbor Day and the **renovation of the North Dunes.** We’ll have refreshments, activities for kids, and the planting of a new City tree. 10 a.m. to noon, north side of Ocean Avenue between San Antonio and the beach, Carmel-by-the-Sea.

May 16 – Women’s Fund Luncheon. Help change lives of local women and girls at this inspiring event presented by the Community Foundation for Monterey County at the Hyatt Regency Monterey. Tickets \$55: <https://womensfund2019.eventbrite.com> or (831) 375-9712.

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Pop-up show celebrates ‘People of the World’

By CHRIS COUNTS

BRINGING ATTENTION to a series of paintings she started more than two years ago, artist Böbe Kirsch presents a pop-up exhibit, “People of the World,” Thursday and Friday, April 4-5, at Carmel Visual Arts.

The two-day show celebrates what the artist calls “the unity and the diversity” of the human race.

“The point is that we are all in it together and have to help each other to save out beautiful planet,” said Kirsch, a native of Hungary who learned to paint in Germany, and moved to California 20 years ago.

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

The gallery will host receptions for Kirsch Thursday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., and Friday from 4 to 7 p.m.

The gallery is located in The Barnyard shopping center, above Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Co. Call (831) 250-5732.

■ Sunset sculpture show closes

Sunset Center’s Marjorie Dawson Gallery hosts a closing reception March 29 for sculptor Steven Whyte’s exhibit “Inspiration to Installation.” The event starts at 4 p.m.

The show uses words, images, drawings, models, molds and even tools and materials to show the evolution of six of Whyte’s sculptures.

Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth.

■ Flintstones and Scooby-Doo

A professional animator who worked for Hanna-Barbera Studios, local resident Julia Hartnett Harvey offers a talk about her career — and her affection for animals — Wednesday, April 3, at Carmel Foundation.

Harvey’s portfolio includes renderings of characters from “The Flintstones” and “The Jetsons,” along with two with two of her favorite subjects, Yogi Bear and Scooby-Doo.

The talk starts at 2:30 p.m. The Carmel Foundation is located at Eighth and Lincoln.

■ ‘Local landscapes and landmarks’

Painter Jane Flury unveiled a show last week at Lalla Grill in Monterey, and she’s donating half the proceeds to nonprofits which aid the homeless. Done in watercolors, the paintings showcase “local landscapes and landmarks.” The display continues through June 15. The restaurant is located at Del Monte Center.

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

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The Lab — guitarist **Evan Hirschelman** (classical, Friday at 8 p.m.). In The Barnyard

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London Bridge Pub in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Matias** (acoustic 90s rock, Friday at 9 p.m.). 256 Figueroa St., (831) 372-0581.

Mission Ranch — pianist **Tom Gastineau** (jazz, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 5 p.m.); singer and pianist **Maddaline Edstrom** (jazz and pop, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 8 p.m.); singer and pianist **David Kempton** (jazz, Monday through Thursday at 5 p.m.); and pianist **Gennady Loktionov** (jazz, Sunday at 10 a.m., Monday through Thursday at 8 p.m.). 26270 Dolores St., (831) 625-9040.

St. James Episcopal Church — The Hét Hat Club in Monterey (Eastern European folk music, Friday at 7 p.m.). 381 High Street.

Sunset Lounge at Hyatt Carmel Highlands — singer **Neal Banks** (pop and rock, Friday at 7 p.m.); and singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Saturday at 7 p.m. and Thursday at 6 p.m.). 120 Highlands Drive, (831) 620-1234.

Terry's Lounge at Cypress Inn — singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Friday at 7 p.m.); pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Saturday at 7 p.m.); **Andrea's Fault** (jazz and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.); and guitarist **Richard DeVinck** (classical, Sunday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, (831) 624-3871.

The Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — singer-songwriter **Scott Fenton** (Friday at 6 p.m.); and **Boscoe's Brood** (acoustic rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place, (831) 298-7453.

Wild Fish restaurant in Pacific Grove — singer and guitarist **Andrea Carter** and multi-instrumentalist **Ben Herod** (jazz and blues, Friday at 6:30 p.m.). 545 Lighthouse Ave., (831) 373-8523.



As part of a local birthday celebration for Doris Day, pianist Michael Feinstein will sing favorites from the Great American Songbook March 30 at Carmel High School's Center for the Performing Arts.



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KACANDES

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here, to conservative Carmel, I actually had a hard time trying to find healing modalities. It took me a while to find my tribe in this area.”

Kacandes is a self-described “Jersey girl,” a native of a beach town called Neptune, the second of four siblings who grew up in a home where Greek music rattled the neighbors’ walls, and everybody danced.

“My father taught us to dance, and my brother, my sister, three of my cousins and I became professional Greek folk dancers,” she said. “Our grandmother was very proud that she had the most grandkids in the troupe.”

Kacandes majored in social work, minored in dance, and played tennis and volleyball at Virginia Commonwealth University. Then she moved into a house in Florida with six male cousins, all Greek.

“I danced with one of my cousins, played tennis with another, and chess with another. And we all ran a restaurant together,” she said. “I locked my bedroom door every night, and had my own bathroom, thank God. When I moved out, they all fought over who was going to get my room, because it was the clean one.”

Dreaming of Pebble

That Florida house sat on the 9th Hole of a golf course, so Kacandes learned to play and began dreaming of Pebble Beach. She moved here in 2005, and, having previously worked at a five-star, five-diamond resort in Boca Raton, she was hired to manage a restaurant in the legendary golf resort after a two-week job hunt.

“I’ve always done creative things, but I didn’t really start dabbling in art until May of 2012,” she said. “By that time I’d had some injuries that put an end to all of the athletic activity, which was hard. I’d been a runner for 30 years, so I started looking to put my energy into something else.”

Art felt like a comfortable fit for Kacandes, who was hired in 2014 to work at Patricia Qualls Contemporary Art in Carmel Valley as a manager, curator and assistant to the artist. She also took classes from Carmel Valley painter Deborah Russell.

“I feel fortunate to have found another career I love,” Ka-

candes said. “I am at a magical place in my life, inspired by all forms of art, love, movement, light, energy, texture, color, the conscious and unconscious, spiritual, ethereal, and nature.”

She also feels like she’s being guided. “My dad died young, at 54, and I also had an artsy friend who died just before I started painting,” she said. “I often feel like they’re speaking to me when I paint, and I allow it to come through in my art.”

Her work has been exhibited previously at the Monterey Museum of Art Miniature Show, the Carmel Valley Art & Wine Festival, Women’s Club Carmel, Bernardus Lodge & Spa, The Lab Arts in Carmel, and multiple other venues.

It will be showcased through May 12 at Testarossa’s tasting room in Carmel Valley from noon to 5 p.m. daily, with a reception on April 27 from noon to 2 p.m.

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