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C.V. man arrested for crashing someone else's Ferrari

By MARY SCHLEY

A MAN with a history of public intoxication and speeding in expensive sportscars was driving drunk and crashed an expensive Ferrari into a tree next to the Spanish Bay golf course Saturday afternoon — and the car wasn't even his, according to law enforcement.

California Highway Patrol officer Ruben Gonzales said

Brent Verwey, 34, of Carmel Valley, actually crashed the 2018 Ferrari 812 Superfast twice in Pebble Beach Saturday before being arrested for DUI, hit-and-run and driving without insurance. The car retailed for about \$340,000 without any extras that could easily add another \$100,000 to its price tag.

On Jan. 15 around 2:45 p.m., Verwey hit a fence on Portola Road west of Forest Lake Road but fled, according to Gonzales. "Mr. Verwey crashed again on Stevenson Drive north of Spyglass Hill Road, where CHP officer Kevin Sease arrested him on suspicion of DUI," he said. "Both crashes were property damage only."

Witnesses placed Verwey at the scene of each crash, Gonzales said. "And also there was physical evidence of Ferrari parts at the fence site and fence parts in the Ferrari at the second site."

A witness to the second

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PHOTOS/KEVIN GORMICAN

The front end of a \$340,000 Ferrari was smashed to bits when the car collided with a tree near the Spanish Bay golf course Saturday afternoon. The alleged driver, Brent Verwey (at right, talking to a CHP officer), was arrested for DUI and other charges.

Dick Ferris, 85, was co-chair of Pebble Beach Co.

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

DICK FERRIS — longtime co-chairman of the Pebble Beach Company and the man who purchased the company from a Japanese firm 23 years ago with the help of business partner Peter Ueberroth and former Carmel mayor Clint Eastwood — died Jan. 16, the company said this week.

Ferris, 85, who passed away after a three-year battle with ALS, was a "legend" in the business and golf worlds, and his impact and vision will continue to be felt for many years to come, the Pebble Beach Company said this week.

"I liked him very much," Eastwood told the Pine Cone Thursday from his home in the Monterey Peninsula. "He had a terrific sense of humor and ran things in a way that made everybody feel at home, but he was also efficient and got a lot done."



Dick Ferris in 2012

Former Pebble Beach Company CEO Bill Perocchi said the company and the golf world were heartbroken by the news of Ferris' death, and noted he had a unique ability to connect with employees.

"Dick's eye for details was legendary, whether he was touring our golf courses, inspecting rooms or reviewing the latest rollout of our bell staff uniforms," Perocchi said. "We have lost a true icon in the hospitality industry. We will miss him dearly."

Landmark sale

Ferris, Ueberroth, Eastwood, Perocchi, golf legend Arnold Palmer and a host of smaller investors bought the P.B. Co. in 1999 from Japanese golf resort company Taiheiyo Club, Inc., which had owned it since 1992. The

See **FERRIS** page 17A

CHOMP nears ICU capacity, postpones some surgeries

Record-breaking Covid cases?

By KELLY NIX

THE MONTEREY County Health Department this week reported what it said was a record number of new Covid-19 cases in the county, exceeding a previous high in January 2021. The surge has forced Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula to postpone some surgeries and caused its intensive care unit to be near capacity.

County health epidemiologist Kristy Michie said Wednesday that Monterey County had reached an "all time high" case rate for the pandemic.

According to data compiled by The Pine Cone, however, the county had 3,804 new cases during the week ending Tuesday, which pushed the county's case rate per day per 100,000 residents to 118.6, just shy of the record of 122.3 one year ago.

Highly prevalent

The numbers show that Monterey County is going through a significant surge of coronavirus due to the highly infectious but less dangerous omicron strain.

"I think this really reflects how prevalent Covid-19 is in our communities right now and how efficiently the omicron virus is transmitting among the population," Michie told news reporters.

Although hospitalizations are about half of what they

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Cases jump at schools, too

By KELLY NIX

THE NUMBER of new Covid-19 cases among students and staff in Carmel schools more than quadrupled since the first week of January, while cases in Pacific Grove schools tripled, according to data compiled by the districts.

On Thursday, Carmel Unified School District reported a total of 175 cases — 149 among students and 26 among staff members. On Jan. 4, the total was 41 cases.

While increased testing could be a factor in the jump, most of the increase is probably due to the spread of the

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Scenic Road in the headlines: If it isn't the benches, it's the trees

Tree-planting group wants neighbor input

By MARY SCHLEY

FOR AS long as people have owned houses on Scenic Road — and especially since they started paying millions of dollars for them — they have tried to keep more trees from being planted along the beachfront road. At last Thursday's forest and beach commission meeting, Jeb Bailey from the Friends of Carmel Forest, a tree-advocacy group, suggested establishing a "community panel consisting of homeowners along Scenic to assist in determining tree placement."

"We believe that increased stakeholder involvement might mitigate some of the negative response," to his group's effort to plant more trees along a road which boasts some of the greatest ocean views in the world.

Specifically, Bailey said, the forest friends group is planting new cypress trees

along Scenic to replace the older trees as they die but has received some pushback from homeowners there.

"The issue is many of our iconic trees are nearing the end of their natural lives," he said. "If we do not reforest, we stand to lose one of Carmel's most iconic and beautiful symbols."

'Certain individuals'

Along with being beautiful, he said, cypress trees provide shade, as well as habitat for animals.

"We have been made aware of complaints, however, from homeowners along Scenic about the reforestation," he told commissioners Jan. 13. "The issue seems to be that certain individuals are concerned about young trees blocking their views."

The forest group, which plants trees after getting authorization for the location and species from city forester Sara Davis, seeks to put them where they'll thrive, according to Bailey.

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Commission backs down on bench plan

By MARY SCHLEY

THE PLANNING commission followed all the procedures when it approved locations for 16 future benches along Scenic Road last October, and no one asked the city council to overturn it. But following the hue and cry from volunteers who maintain the pathway and others who strenuously object to the new benches, commissioners last Wednesday agreed to reconsider their decision and get more feedback from the forest and beach commission, too.

"There was nothing done that was illegal or outside the requirements

of code — everything was done above board," planning director Brandon Swanson told commissioners Jan. 12. "This is an effort to give those who felt they didn't have an opportunity to voice their concerns the first time around an option to speak

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More trees but no more benches? Or fewer trees and more benches? Or? Opinions run deep when it comes to Scenic Road.



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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Easy does it

SHE SHOWED up at The SPCA, carrying a tiny leash meant for a Chihuahua. But there he was, one of the most beautiful German shepherds she'd ever seen. Just 10 months old, Bucky was battling parvo and had already been returned to the shelter by potential adopters twice.

"Bucky has been a real handful," his person said. "I can see why he was returned. He has an intense instinct to herd, which has played out when he sees a border collie or Lab chasing a ball at the beach. It's taken someone really strong, who knows how to handle him, but he really is a great dog."

Bucky, now 4, has become increasingly calm, which is good, since he takes up a lot of space in his family's 1,000-square-foot cottage in Carmel Valley Village.

"During our first year with him, we wondered if we'd made the right decision," said his person. "He is very handsome, but he's 100 percent German shepherd, on duty 24/7, touring the perimeter of our property. He rarely relaxes."

Bucky's energy is balanced by Sabina's sweet, affectionate nature. Unlike Bucky, the Queensland heeler-Airedale mix, now 13, is certified as a Canine Good Citizen. Rescued on New Year's Day from Best Friends Animal Society in Kanab, Utah, "BB," as her family calls



her, is great with other dogs, as well as kids and, actually, people of all ages.

"BB is an angel from heaven. If I can't find her, it's because she's so close behind me, I can't see her," her person said.

BB loves the beach, but now that she's getting older, all the activity can be a bit much. Her family makes sure neither dog overdoes it at the beach.

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Commission finds no compelling reason to OK removal of oak, cypress

By MARY SCHLEY

HOMEOWNERS CAN'T cut down a large oak that's growing against a retaining wall, and another owner can't get rid of a cypress that's crowding a eucalyptus she wants to keep, the forest and beach commission decided last Thursday.

"I do think this is the first time in the four years I've been on the commission when we had two applications that are more about aesthetics than anything," said commissioner Michael Caddell. "We have two jobs: one job is to protect the forest that we inherit — that we are the custodians of today — but also to plan ahead for what the forest will look like long after we're gone."

In the first application, Jim and Kathy Janz requested permission to cut down an oak and three other less significant trees on their property to make way for a remodel of the home on the northeast corner of Carpenter and Fourth they bought in the fall of 2020 for \$1.18 million. City forester Sara Davis recommended the commission OK their request.

"The oak is in good condition but is in a very poor location. The oak is growing in contact with a wall that holds soil back from the garage and driveway," she said in her report for the commission Jan. 13. "As the tree grows, there is great potential for the tree to cause damage to the wall and compromise its integrity."

Architect Jerry Case argued for cutting down the oak and planting other trees elsewhere on the property, where they could provide a buffer to busy Carpenter Street and be more likely to thrive.

"The oak tree in question is stunted. I can't see it getting any better," he said. "And we do need to rebuild the walls."

Moving the driveway to relocate the wall and avoid the tree isn't feasible, he

said, because the driveway is already narrow.

"Looking at this tree, it seemed a good fit to take it out and put in the replacements," he said.

Commissioner JC Myers said the walls will have to be rebuilt, anyway, and that cutting the tree down now would be premature.

"There are two really significant trees on the property, and I hate to see an oak go just because it seems like the right time," he said. "It seems like that tree can be saved."

Myers predicted that if the oak is removed, the corner wouldn't "look nearly as nice" a decade from now when many of the pines there are also gone.

None of the other commissioners commented, and they voted 4-1, with Sarah Berling dissenting, to deny the Janzes' application to remove the tree. Because they are remodeling, they will have to plant three new upper-canopy trees on the lot regardless of the oak's fate, Davis said.

Save the eucalyptus?

Also at last week's meeting, Ann Carter, who purchased one of the recently rebuilt homes in the Sand and Sea complex on San Antonio south of Fourth for \$9 million last May, applied to cut down a significant Monterey cypress because it's crowding the eucalyptus next to it.

Eucalyptus trees are non-native and highly flammable, and dozens of them were recently cut down on a large property on San Antonio just north of Fourth. Nearly two decades ago, the city removed numerous eucalyptus growing along Fourth Avenue, as well. Davis recommended Carter keep the cypress and get rid of the eucalyptus, instead.

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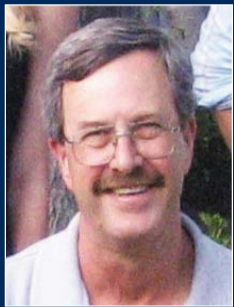


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Police & Sheriff's Log

A bit of battery between friends

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.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

Carmel area: Male found deceased at a residence on Rio Road.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Graffiti in the city restrooms at Forest Hill Park.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report taken for a lost wallet at Ocean and Lincoln.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fall on city property at Ocean and Lincoln. Subject transported.

Pacific Grove: Catalytic converter taken from a parked vehicle on Gibson.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Unwanted prescription medications turned in.

Pacific Grove: Coroner case on David Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Black backpack with miscellaneous camera items found near a bench at Berwick Park.

Pacific Grove: Adult Protective Services

referral on Briggs for subject in need of additional assistance with daily living.

Pacific Grove: Bicyclist fell on public property on Sunset Drive.

Pebble Beach: A 27-year-old male on Scenic Drive resisted deputies. A struggle ensued and a deputy was injured. The male was booked into Monterey County Jail for taking the deputy's weapon (not a firearm), resisting arrest, battery on an emergency responder and an infraction for a pedestrian violation.

Carmel Valley: Missing persons report taken on Del Fino Place. Person located.

Carmel area: A shoplifting incident was reported on Carmel Rancho Boulevard.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

Pacific Grove: A subject fell on public property on Sinex. A report was taken.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fall on city property at San Carlos and Ocean. Victim transported to CHOMP.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a report of a suspicious person on Carmel Knolls Drive.

See **POLICE LOG** page 10RE
in the Real Estate Section



The gavel falls

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

Dec. 15 — Brandon Conner, 36, a former resident of Greenfield, was found guilty by jury of possessing child pornography. This case was a retrial.

Between March 12, 2015, and March 16, 2015, Conner used LimeRunner, a peer-to-peer file sharing application, to download numerous child pornography videos. During an initial search of Conner's home computer, no child pornography was found; however, a subsequent forensic review of the hard drive revealed evidence directly linking Conner to the illegal child pornographic file-sharing.

Judge Stephanie Hulsey presided over the jury trial.

Dec. 15 — Monterey County Superior Court entered a stipulated judgment and injunction between the People of the State of California and LAiMA OBGYN, Inc.

Under the terms of the judgment, LAiMA OBGYN will pay \$15,000 in civil penalties and be subject to an injunction for 10 years to resolve allegations of misleading advertising.

LAiMA OBGYN's business is an obstetrics and gynecology medical practice in Monterey, and its sole physician is Dr. Vladimir Leibovsky. Leibovsky is an officer of LAiMA OBGYN and a licensed osteopathic

physician. Beginning in July of 2018, Leibovsky resigned his hospital privileges at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, and he did not have hospital privileges at any other hospitals in Monterey County.

Thereafter, LAiMA OBGYN limited its medical practice to providing outpatient care only. The People alleged that after Dr. Leibovsky resigned his privileges, LAiMA OBGYN failed to adequately disclose to some of its expectant patients that its practice was limited to outpatient care.

Dec. 16 — The Honorable Mark E. Hood sentenced Daniel Lee Rosbach, 29, of Salinas, to five years and four months in state prison, and his sister, Heather Louise Rosbach, 34, of Castroville, to felony probation. Judge Hood had previously found both defendants guilty in a court trial.

During the height of the Covid-19 pandemic, in 2020, Daniel Rosbach conspired with Heather Rosbach and applied for and obtained benefits from the California Employment Development Department. Because Daniel Rosbach was incarcerated in the Monterey County Jail during the applica-

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BY LARRY MESLER

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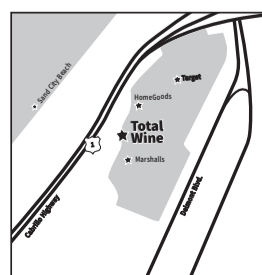
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Case on hold against Fourtané suspect

By MARY SCHLEY

WHILE HIS unnamed juvenile co-conspirator has already been found guilty of robbing Fourtané Jewelers with a sledgehammer during a raid last December, 19-year-old Elijah Juarez remains in Monterey County Jail and has delayed the scheduling of a preliminary hearing in the case several times while changing attorneys.

Juarez was arrested during a traffic stop Dec. 7, 2021, soon after the smash-and-grab at the downtown jewelry store. He pleaded not guilty to three counts of second-degree robbery using a deadly weapon and is also charged with conspiracy.

Juarez attended a couple of court hearings this month remotely, during which he changed attorneys several times, thereby putting off the setting of a preliminary hearing in the case. At that hearing, the prosecution will present some of the evidence on which the charges are based,

including calling police officers to testify, and the judge will decide if there's enough to proceed with the case against him.

He is now represented by attorney Mark Bledstein, who is based in Encino and was made a member of the bar in January 1971. Juarez is next set to appear in front of Monterey County Superior Court Judge Jennifer Jean O'Keefe on Feb. 22.

Meanwhile, Carmel police and other investigators are still searching for the other two people involved in the crime. One of the four perpetrators remained behind the wheel of a getaway car while three accomplices went into the store, smashed cases and made off with jewelry before being chased off by an armed security guard.

When the black SUV they'd been driving was stopped on Highway 1 in Marina, only Juarez and the 16-year-old were inside. The other two robbers and the loot were gone. CPD this week had no updates on the efforts to identify and find them.

Search underway for next police chief

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH BRIAN Uhler working as interim chief while the search is underway for a permanent replacement for Paul Tomasi, who left last fall to run security for the Monterey Bay Aquarium, city officials are seeking public input on what would make the ideal top cop.

Assistant city administrator Maxine Gullo said this week community input will be sought during a Zoom session Thursday, Jan. 27, at 4:30 p.m. The link will be posted on the city's website at ci.carmel.ca.us.

Temporary fix

Tomasi joined the police force as a sergeant in 2008 and worked his way up to commander under former Police Chief

Mike Calhoun. He was named chief in late 2016 and served until early October 2021.

After his departure, former South Lake Tahoe Police Chief Brian Uhler stepped in to lead the department while the city conducts its search. Uhler has 40 years of experience in law enforcement and ran South Lake Tahoe P.D. for nearly a decade. The interim chief found a place to live in Pacific Grove and can often be seen walking or biking around town.

Because he is collecting a state pension, the law would normally prohibit Uhler from working more than 960 hours in a year, though the governor set that rule aside due to the pandemic. His pay rate is \$87.13 per hour.

The city council earlier this month

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Modern house panned by public

But rudeness is condemned

By MARY SCHLEY

PLANS FOR a modern house on San Carlos south of First drew ire and insults from neighbors, along with several people who just hate contemporary architecture, while some planning commissioners offered words of encouragement and suggested the architect work on the design and try again.

"I think it is the worst design I have ever seen to be planted in our gorgeous little town," commented Ali McDaniel. "These modern homes that look like walk-in medical clinics combined with a Starbucks are destroying the quality of Carmel."

The project that elicited such comments at the Jan. 12 meeting calls for demolishing a 1,315-square-foot one-story house and building a two-story, 1,565-square-foot home with a 235-square-foot detached garage at the front of the lot. A 745-square-foot accessory dwelling unit that was already approved will be built at the rear of the property and will have a rooftop deck.

Architect Andrew Goodwin said he designed the house based on "interpreting this beautiful watercolor" of a modern home provided by clients Emily and Brad Bauer — who bought the San Carlos Street property in fall 2020 for \$1,251,000 — "and creating a contemporary cottage" that would be "subdued within the trees." Key features include a floating stairway to the front door and a garage door that projects out at a 20-degree angle, rather than

being vertical. The lower level of the house would be below ground to reduce the overall profile, which is "well underneath" the height limit, Goodwin said.

No love

"We wanted to give back to the characteristics of this neighborhood by not being ostentatious in the mass and scale of the home," he said. "This is our version of the contemporary cottage."

But nearby residents weren't having any of it.

Cheri, who didn't give her last name,

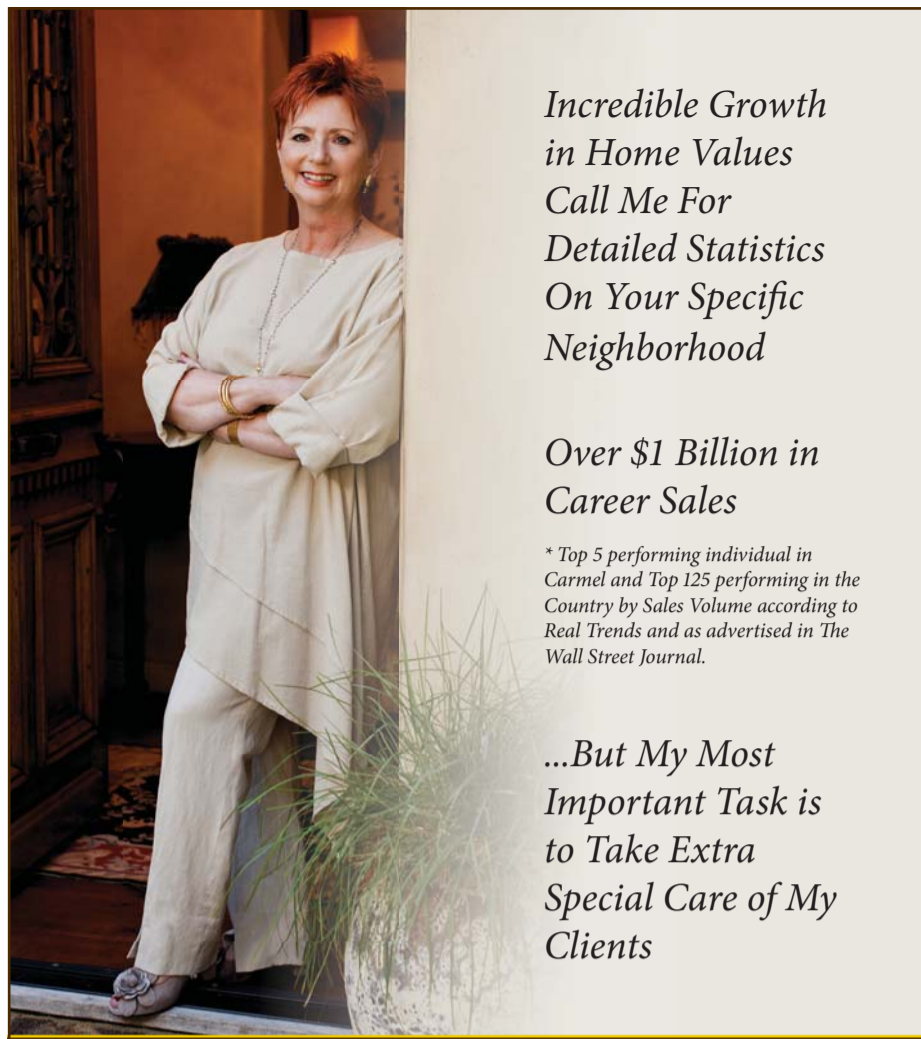


Some of the public comments on this proposed modern house prompted a planning commissioner to call them "outrageous" and said they made her "ashamed to be a citizen here."

lives a block away on Dolores and said the modern design is like a "white elephant" that won't fit into any neighborhood in Carmel.

Resident Karyl Hall, a member of the historic resources board and part of a group that generally opposes modern architecture in town, said the proposal "may qualify as one of the least acceptable designs yet proposed" for Carmel.

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TRACK, BRIDGE REDO AT LAGUNA COULD BE UNDERWAY BY NOVEMBER

By MARY SCHLEY

A PEDESTRIAN bridge that's close to being condemned and an aging track surface that generates complaints from the professional racers who use it will finally be overhauled at Laguna Seca raceway, GM John Narigi said this week.

Last month, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors voted 4-1 to commit to getting the work done and pitching in tax dollars to fund it.

"I think this is the right time to move forward. People are watching what we're going to do," 1st District Monterey County Supervisor Luis Alejo said at the Dec. 8, 2021, meeting, when supervisors discussed Narigi's request for support in moving forward with nearly \$10 million worth of critical infrastructure work.

The track, formally known as WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca, hasn't been resurfaced since 2007, even though the lifespan is typically seven to 10 years, and the pedestrian bridge over the start-finish

line is not only not ADA compliant, it's not big enough and will likely fail its next safety inspection in 2024 and be shut down.

Alejo supported sending "the message that we take this seriously, that we know and recognize the economic engine that Laguna Seca is, but also what an asset it is for us to be one of the few counties in the nation that actually own a racetrack of this caliber."

After hearing from numerous supporters in the hospitality industry and the volunteer groups that receive cash in exchange for the hours they put in at events, the supervisors voted to add the track resurfacing and start-finish bridge to their list of capital improvement projects. Redoing the Turn 3 hospitality building was put on the list at a previous meeting.

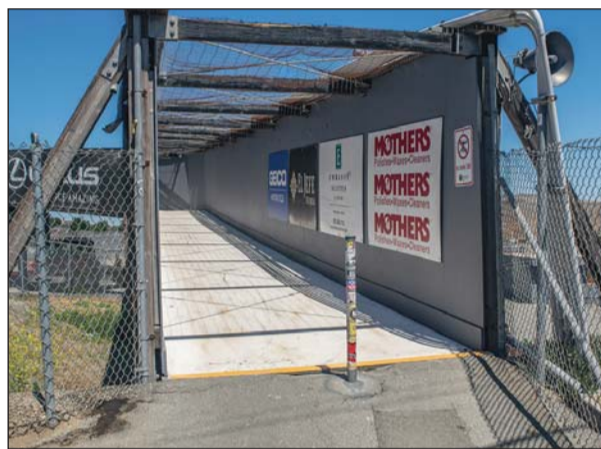
Hit the ground running

Narigi said the decision represented "the first time [the supervisors] have been willing to invest in the track," and he said planning for the renovations began soon after the votes were cast.

"We hope to be under construction by Nov. 1, with a completion date of May 2023 at the latest," Narigi said, adding that county officials "are committed to getting it done — and it has to get done."

Time is of the essence if Porsche's huge Rennsport event — expected to draw more than 100,000 people over the course of several days — is to return to Laguna in the fall of 2023. Organizers have yet to identify their final choice,

See **REDO** page 19A



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The bridge over the start-finish line at Laguna Seca is so decrepit that it's likely to be condemned in 2024. It's now set to be rebuilt.

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Vagnini to retire after 35 years at county assessor's office

By KELLY NIX

WHEN MONTEREY County assessor Steve Vagnini applied for a job at the assessor's office more than three decades ago, he admits he had no idea what the department did.

Equipped with a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's in religious studies, Vagnini moved to Monterey the day after receiving the graduate degree, with the hope of teaching at Santa Catalina school. But when the possibility of a job there fell through and he "discovered there were no jobs for philosophers," Vagnini said he

turned to one with county government.

"I applied for many jobs and was hired as an appraiser at the assessor's office based on my math and communication skills," Vagnini told *The Pine Cone* this week. "Other than that, I did not even know what the assessor's office did."

He eventually figured that out and ended up leading the department, being elected to five four-year terms as the Monterey County assessor clerk recorder. After 35 years of working at the assessor's office, including nearly two decades as an elected official, Vagnini said he won't run for reelection in June and will retire when his term ends on Dec. 31.

"More than anything, I will miss the people I work with — the people in my offices and also all of the other department heads that I have come to know and work with," he said.

Vagnini was first elected in 2001 and ran unopposed for three subsequent terms. He finally faced a challenger with Larry Tack in 2018 but handily won the election with more than 70 percent of the vote.



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So many things

The assessor's office establishes the values of properties in Monterey County, which have a current assessed value of more than \$74 billion, generating more than \$800 million annually in tax revenues for government agencies, fire districts and schools.

Vagnini — who has chaired numerous county committees through the years — is credited with helping the assessor and clerk recorder modernize the department, including electronic imaging of assessor records and electronic recording of documents in the recorder's office.

With lots of time on his hands once his fifth term is over, Vagnini, who created and produces the West End Celebration in Sand City every summer, said there are so many things he wants to do, he's not sure where to start.

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C.V. park could get county's second 'inclusive and accessible' playground

By CHRIS COUNTS

NINE YEARS after a group of volunteers raised more than \$1 million to build a Salinas playground called Tatum's Garden — which can accommodate kids with a wide range of disabilities — they're hoping to do the same in Carmel Valley.

Amanda Bakker of the Tatum's Garden Foundation reported that an effort is underway at tatumsgarden.org to raise \$800,000 to build the playground. It would be modeled after the one in Salinas, and it would be called Tatum's Treehouse.

Bakker's daughter, who uses a wheelchair, was the inspiration for the Salinas playground, which was built in 2013 and is located near the rodeo grounds.

"In seven months, we raised \$1.3 million," Bakker told The Pine Cone. "We built the playground with over 3,000 volunteers."

Bakker said her group had hoped to build a second playground at Toro Park, but she said the county objected to the plan to use all-volunteer labor. So they turned

their attention elsewhere and eventually settled on putting the playground in Carmel Valley Community Park, where they could upgrade the existing playground. The playground has been designed by a company called Leathers, which has created more than 3,000 playgrounds.

Why is it so special?

So what makes what Bakker calls a "fully inclusive and accessible" playground? For starters, the playing surface is rubberized to minimize injuries, but firm enough to run a wheelchair over.

Next, there will be a two-story Swiss Family Robinson-themed "treehouse" located in the heart of the park, with wheelchair ramps leading to the second floor. There would also be a merry-go-round that accommodates wheelchairs. "We've taken the typical ADA standards and raised the bar," she said.

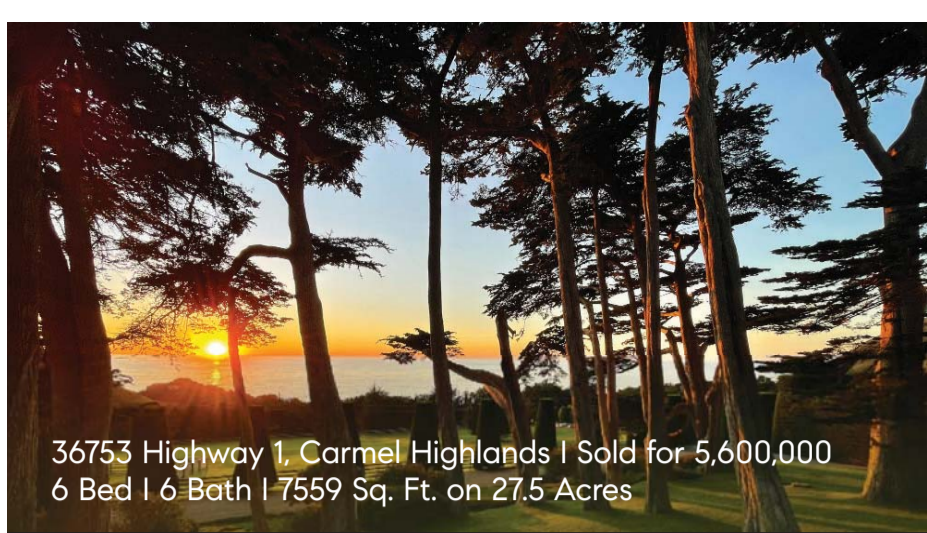
Before construction begins, fundraising needs to be successful. "The timeline will be driven by how fast the funds come in," Bakker said. "We feel it's possible for the park to open around this time next year."

Tatum, who is now 11 and a 4th grader at Spreckels Elementary School, said she looks forward to one day visiting the playground in Carmel Valley.

"I'm excited for a new accessible playground because going to a regular playground makes me sad when I can't play with my friends and go where they go," she added. "Tatum's Treehouse will be so fun because I can wheel around with all the other kids and just play."



The plans for a new inclusive playground in at Community Park in Carmel Valley include a two-story Swiss Family Robinson-themed "treehouse."



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NOAA building heads to auction, Panetta and others try to stop it

By CHRIS COUNTS

JUST TWO months after Congressman Jimmy Panetta seemingly had convinced federal officials to hold off on selling the old NOAA building in Pacific Grove, it's headed to the auction block anyway.

In response, Panetta sent a letter Jan. 11 to acting director Shalanda Young of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget asking her to stop the Jan. 31 auction, which is being done by the Government Services Administration. The congressman said he has "serious concerns" about the oceanfront building being a "high value asset," which the feds are contending it is.

Panetta said he understands why the GSA wants to sell the property, but the process it's gone through "has been flawed

from the start." He suggested the agency will be disappointed by what it sells for — and said there's a better way to use the land.

"While I can appreciate the federal government's desire to maximize the financial return on the sale for the benefit of the taxpayer, I question whether this objective can be met with the Lighthouse Avenue property and whether such a sale should supersede the interests of the local community," Panetta wrote. "New information has surfaced that raises serious concerns about the designation of this property as a 'high value asset' in the first place."

Locals want to create center

The news of the upcoming auction surprised the members of COAST, which

stands for Center for Ocean Art, Science and Technology. They want the feds to donate the building so it can be put to public use as an environmental science and education center.

At first glance, the property certainly looks like a "high value asset." Its location adjacent to the city's historic lighthouse and overlooking a beautiful stretch of coastline, along with its size — 4.28 acres, suggests it could be worth millions of dollars. But COAST contends the property is fraught with hurdles and roadblocks for any developer.

"The many constraints on the reuse of this building and the sensitivity of the site significantly constrain its market value," Ken Parker of COAST's steering committee said.

A report released in late December by another federal agency, the Public Buildings Reform Board, indicates the property didn't meet the criteria to be of "high value." The board is responsible for identifying property to be sold and put the NOAA building on the list.

Zoned for open space

According to Pacific Grove community development director Alyson Hunter, the property is zoned for open space. "It does not allow any residential uses," Hunter observed.

As for commercial uses, the land can only be used as a recreation area, a wildlife preserve, a forest preserve or something "pertinent or compatible with open land uses, subject to first securing a use permit."

Hunter noted that the land is in the Coastal Zone and "in a very highly sensitive biological and archaeological area."

She noted that it wouldn't be easy to change the zoning.

"The 'O' zoning district was enacted through a voter initiative in the 1980s, and any desire to change the zoning would require a ballot measure and vote of the people, then amendments to the city's zoning and general plan, which would then need to be certified by the coastal commission," she added. "This property is intended for civic and public access, recreation, and open space uses that will have very minimal physical impacts on the land."

Once the federal government sells the land, it becomes subject to state oversight, and the buyer would have to contend with the City of Pacific Grove and the California Coastal Commission if they want to make any changes. All of that notwithstanding, under the U.S. Constitution's takings clause and a series of Supreme Court decisions, the buyer would also presumably have a right to use the property for some type of economically beneficial purpose.

What the heck is Azul Bay?

The feds have given the property an enticing new name, Azul Bay, that seems to have no local ties. COAST calls it a marketing term and worse.

"This fabricated name is an affront to the cultural and historical significance of the site, located on land sacred to the Ohlone Costanoan Esselen Nation and overlooking the Great Tide Pool made famous by marine biologist Ed Ricketts' pioneering studies and the writings of author John Steinbeck," Parker said.

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SCHOOLS

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highly infectious omicron strain, which county health has said accounts for at least 80 percent of new cases in Monterey County.

The number of Covid cases that CUSD reported — 175 — represents the cumulative figure since the start of the 2021/2022 school year last August.

Most of the cases, 82, have been at Carmel High School. There have been 34 at Carmel Middle, 35 at River School, 11 at Tularcitos, seven at Carmelo, two at Cooper, three at Carmel Valley High and one at “other departments.”

Go to bit.ly/3q19cgb to view CUSD’s Covid-19 dashboard.

Pacific Grove Unified also reported a big spike.

This week, it logged 102 cases — 90 among students and 12 among staff. That compares to only 33 cases on Jan. 4. Like Carmel Unified, the PGUSD data is cumulative since the start of the 2021/2022 school year.

Pacific Grove Unified also reported this week that there are 61 “active” cases among students and staff. Of those, P.G. High has 34, Robert Down Elementary has 11 and Forest Grove Elementary and P.G. Middle each recorded eight.

No Covid cases have been documented at the adult school, community high school or district office.

The district’s Covid-19 data, at bit.ly/3fD76ri, is updated Fridays “and/or when we are notified of confirmed cases,” according to PGUSD.

The district told The Pine Cone that it had 1,828 students enrolled in its schools as of Dec. 10, 2021.

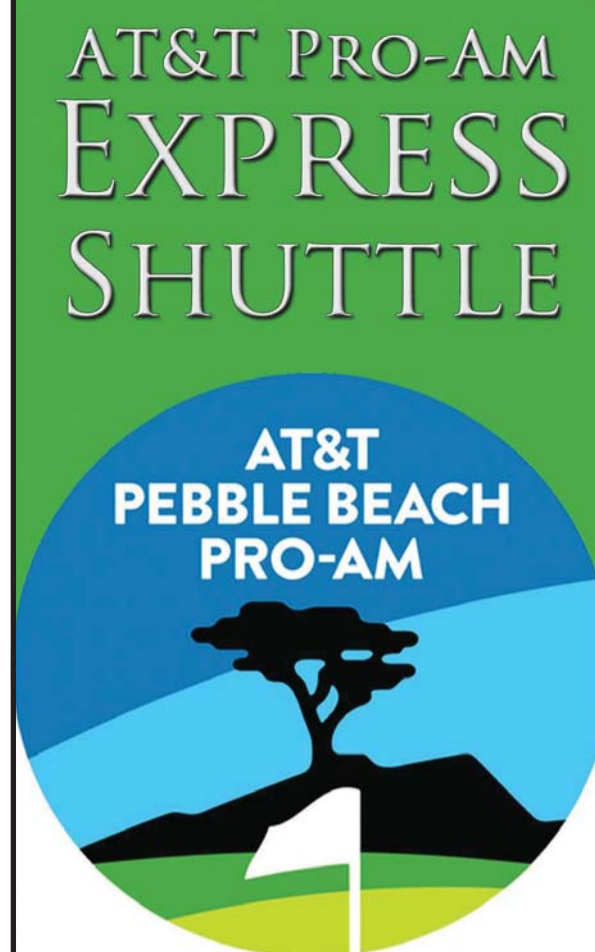
CHIEF

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approved the current pay range for police chief, which is the same as Gullo’s position: \$167,416 on the low end, to a maximum of \$203,495, plus benefits, retirement and other compensation.

In Pacific Grove, the chief is paid an hourly wage between \$69.33 and \$92.91, while Seaside’s chief gets \$101.67. Monterey’s chief receives a salary of \$219,816.

The chief’s job is just one of many that need to be filled. All told, the city is aiming to hire 20 people for a range of jobs in several city departments, including police officers, librarians, planners, a city clerk, a building official, a budgets and contracts director, and various positions in public works and forestry.



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For the time being, I'll be hoping the evacuation orders never reach me, and if they do, I'll be prepared; and if not, and until all of us have a better way to travel great distances without the use of fossil

fuels, I guess that will be me on the side of the road with my thumb in the air trying to hitch a ride.

Tony Amarante,
Seaside

'We should not succumb'

Dear Editor,

There is no doubt the Wuhan virus (Covid-19) has wreaked havoc worldwide. The cost to the U.S. economy is in the multi-trillions. Deaths, while overstated, possibly to induce fear, are in the hundreds of thousands. Fear, used by our government agencies to impose over-reaching mandates, masking, social distancing, 10-day quarantining, is not a good way to govern.

Without data to support locking down the nation's population, or triple masking, this shock to the economy should never have been implemented. We now have a new variant, omicron, and new talk about

lockdowns, when in fact omicron is more like the common cold. It is not a killer. A recent medical report from an agency in India, population 1.4 billion, states there have been all of 115 deaths worldwide. One death in India. The sky is not falling. We do need to continue to wash our hands and monitor our social intercourse. We should not succumb, once again, to lockdowns or extreme mandates.

Roland Martin,
Carmel Valley

Legislators should go

Dear Editor,

It is hard to believe that residents of California are quietly accepting the new compost law. Mandatory composting with inspectors coming into homes to check compliance! That's a scary example of "the slippery slope." If this is swallowed, what else is on "Big Brother's" agenda?

Climate change alarmists say it's to reduce methane emissions when, at the same time, they reject natural gas and nuclear energy. What hypocrites. China and India alone negate all our meaningless and virtue signaling acts.

Meanwhile roads need repair, water shortages are ignored, power is unreliable, crime is rampant, illegal immigrants are draining the system and schools are failing the children. All of these issues are ignored.

No California legislator who voted for the composting law should be returned to office. Refusing to vote for any legislative incumbent would be a good resolution and most likely improve our state government.

David B. Goldenson,
Carmel

'Treated horrifically'

Dear Editor,

All political nonsense aside, why are the people who were involved in the January 6 Capitol fiasco being caged worse than animals, in jails for over a year with

little or no legal representation?

Regardless of your view of that day, why are our representatives in DC not stepping forth and demanding due process for these people who are being treated horrifically, and why is the media not pasting this across the airwaves and printing it in their papers? Isn't innocent until proven guilty the process in this country?

Violent criminals are released from jail now and commit more violent crimes (run people over with a car and kill people during a Christmas parade) while these fellow humans are treated so poorly.

I have reached out to our local congressman, Jimmy Panetta, and get no answer, no response, crickets.

What is wrong in this country?

Mike Cate,
Carmel

A writer's gift

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to praise one of your longtime Pine Cone contributors, Lisa Crawford Watson. As most of us already know, she is the writer who pens the weekly feature "Sandy Claws" in an always humorous, informative and sometimes poignant style. Her journalistic gift of observation and insight delivers a most enjoyable composition on our furry friends and their adventures in our little town. Kudos and recognition are due to one of the paper's "unsung heroes". Many thanks, Lisa!

Gordon von Richter,
Carmel

Correction

IN LAST week's Pine Cone, an article titled "Feds give \$12 million to fix road" stated incorrectly that Nacimiento-Ferguson is owned by Monterey County. The road is actually owned by the United States Forest Service.

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BENCHES

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with the commission.”

Last month, after he received letters complaining about the bench plan, Swanson asked the forest and beach commission for comments on the issue. Commissioners said 16 new benches would be too many and that the proposal needs more public input. They also speculated the additional spots to sit would create bottlenecks on the pathway and cause overcrowding, and said there’s no need for them.

Pushback

The Carmel Residents Association board voted against the benches, and head Scenic Road volunteer Shirley Moon, from the group Carmel Cares, said the city should provide mockup benches at all the proposed locations.

“Do we want to permanently alter the pathway because of requests for dedicated benches?” she asked. “Or should we consider how many benches are really needed, and then have dedicated benches fill that need?”

Carmel Cares founder Dale Byrne said he and other volunteers didn’t receive enough of a heads-up that the commission was considering the bench plan last fall and that his group tends not to pay attention to the planning commission much because other organizations do.

“We’ve got our hands full covering all the open spaces in town that I’m doing all the maintenance on,” he said.

Forest and beach commissioner Brian Sours said he and other commissioners want more say in what happens at the beach and along Scenic, even though the policy for public benches puts decision-making responsibilities in the hands of the planning commission.

“We want to be more involved in these decisions,” he said.

Cindy Lloyd said the benches honoring her parents at Scenic and Santa Lucia were installed by the city council and by a nonprofit, not at the request of her family, but that now, anyone who can afford a memorial bench can get one.

“I urge you to request the planning department to revise their plans with input from the forest and beach commission and Carmel Cares,” she said.

The one person who commented in favor of the plan, Teresa Tellep, said there is “a demonstrated need for benches with panoramic views of the ocean for access by all,” and she doubted the new ones would really take up all that much space along the path.

She also raised “the ramification of setting precedent for citizens and organizations to bypass public hearings and official appeals processes once a decision has been finalized.”

In response to Tellep’s comments about accessibility,

resident Francyne Laney said the CRA would “advocate for and support making one or two” of the existing 37 benches ADA accessible.

‘Unnecessarily harsh’

Commissioner Gail Lehman said she was “unhappy reading the letters that came in, because the tone was unnecessarily harsh,” and she complimented Swanson and other planners for their hard work on the plan. She also noted the agendas were posted and the planning process was transparent.

“I’m concerned about the inference that this was something pulled over people’s eyes,” she said.

Nonetheless, she said she was “perfectly willing to look at the issue again, since so many people have come forward with so much anger.”

The plan should be brought back, but it doesn’t have to come back anytime soon, according to commissioner Robert Delves. “Staff and the commission followed all the right processes and steps,” he said. “But it’s clear we failed to tease out significant concern among the public.”

“In hindsight, I would have asked more for a needs analysis,” Delves added.

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Commissioner Stephanie Locke reminded everyone that commissioners wanted a more efficient process for evaluating bench requests, rather than on a case-by-case basis. “But given the input from the public, I think we need to look at this,” she said, despite her concerns about “how this has gotten back to us again without going through an appeal process.”

Chair Michael LePage said city staff should be given the time to study the issue, including impacts on pedestrian flow and assessing the need, and commissioners unanimously decided to reconsider the plan after they receive recommendations from the forest and beach commission. Commissioner Christopher Bolton was absent.

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FERRIS

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\$820 million purchase included two hotels, five golf courses, restaurants, retail outlets, 17 Mile Drive and extensive holdings of undeveloped real estate, plus trademarks and other intangible property.

The goal of the new owners, they said, was to “preserve, protect and enhance the property for generations.”

Ferris and Ueberroth would go on to serve as co-chairmen of the Pebble Beach Company’s board of directors for more than two decades. Ferris was a director of the P.B. Co. until his death.

Born in Sacramento, Ferris served three years in the U.S. Army before entering Cornell University, where he graduated in 1962 with a degree in hotel management.

That same year, Ferris joined Western International Hotels, later renamed Westin Hotels, as a staff planner. Four years later, he was general manager of the Continental Plaza Hotel in Chicago and would go on to other leadership posts within Westin’s worldwide hotels, the Pebble Beach Company said.

President, CEO ...

He spent many years working in corporate America, including at United Airlines, where he served as president in 1975, CEO a year later, and the company’s chairman of the board in 1978.

He was CEO of Allegis Corporation in 1979 and chairman and president three years later. When he retired in 1987, Allegis was the parent company for The Hertz Corporation, United Airlines, Westin Hotels and Hilton International. Ferris also served on the boards of several other companies during his career, including Proctor and Gamble.

In 1991, Ferris and Ueberroth were co-chairs in a company that acquired Doubletree Hotels. Under their management, the number of hotels owned by the company grew from 40 to 1,300.

“While Ferris’ accomplishments in the travel industry were remarkable, his contributions to the game of golf, particularly through his work with the PGA Tour, were equally impressive,” a statement from the P.B. Co. noted.

He was an independent director and chairman of the PGA Tour Champions policy board in 1985 before serving in the same position for The PGA Tour in 1992 and becoming its chairman in 1993 — a position he held until he stepped down in 2007.

“I’m going to miss my close friend Dick but am

NOAA

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the auction will have to put down a \$75,000 deposit and make a bid for at least \$1,000,000. Bids will be raised in increments of \$200,000. The auction starts Jan. 31 at 11 a.m. — unless efforts to stop it are successful — and closes March 9 at 11 a.m. To find the auction, visit realestate-sales.gov and click on the map of real estate listings.

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In 2009, artist Ray Troll was commissioned to create a colorful 400-foot-long mural of sea life on the building. The effort cost taxpayers \$120,000.

In 2012, the Pacific Grove City Council passed a resolution asking that the property be donated for public use. A petition endorsing that idea was signed by more than 700 people and backed by the town’s mayor and chamber of commerce.

Another 1,700 have signed an ongoing petition to save the building at change.org.

thankful for the over 50 years we were able to spend together,” Ueberroth said. “Dick had so many talents, infectious enthusiasm, drive and determination, but on the top of the list, he was a great partner.”

A celebration of life will be held Feb. 11, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Beach and Tennis Club. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to either the First Tee Foundation or the Tahoe Community Sailing Foundation.

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CASES

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were this time last year, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula spokeswoman Monica Sciuto told The Pine Cone Wednesday it had 31 patients “who tested positive for Covid-19, with five of those in the ICU.”

In response to the growing number of patients, as well as staff out sick because of Covid-19, the hospital is putting off some medical procedures. The number of employees who have tested positive for the virus and can't work was 58 Thursday, Sciuto said.

“Our hospital is very busy and our ICU is close to capacity,” Sciuto said. “And, we have temporarily postponed some elective surgeries to create space for patients with urgent healthcare needs.”

Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System

spokeswoman Karina Rusk said it's also dealing with a growing number of admissions. It had 45 patients Wednesday, which led it to open a third Covid-19 unit.

“Fortunately, the symptoms and critical care needs of the patients coming in now are not as severe as with the delta surge,” Rusk explained. “The increase in cases, however, is impacting staff, as is the spread of omicron in the community. We have 64 members of our team out with omicron, which amounts to about 3 percent of our staff.”

The hospital, she said, is managing with the staff shortages and is still “intently focused on providing quality care to our patients as we navigate the surge.”

The spike in coronavirus cases in the county will likely continue for some time. “Unfortunately, I don't think we've hit the crest” in cases “yet,” Michie said. “I think we have a little bit of a ways to go. We haven't seen our numbers slowing down, so I think they are increasing.”

She pointed to omicron surges in other states, such as New York, which maintained high case levels for a couple

or few weeks, then dramatically declined.

“The good news is that while our case rates are at record high levels, our hospitalizations are really only at about half of where they were during last winter's surge,” Michie explained. “So that's really great news. And our deaths are less than a quarter of where we were last winter during the surge.”

As of Thursday, 103 people who tested positive for Covid were hospitalized.

About 81 percent of eligible Monterey County residents have received at least one vaccine dose, and Michie said that there has been an uptick in residents 50 and older getting the booster shot.

“Right now, I think it's really important that people continue to move forward with all these measures that we've taken in the last two years to protect ourselves,” Michie said. “Like getting vaccinated, boosters, wearing face coverings, staying home when we're sick, and of course, getting tested.”

In Loving Memory of Edgar 'Lee' Murray

On January 10, 2022, Lee Murray, loving husband and father of three sons, passed away peacefully at the age of 77.

Lee was born on Valentine's Day, February 14, 1944, in Abilene, Texas, to the late Erwin and Edie Faye Murray. After proudly serving in the United States Army and while attending college in Arizona, Lee met the love of his life and married Lorraine in 1965. They moved to Monterey in 1975 where they raised their three sons.

Lee enjoyed his career in real estate and was a “natural” salesman who was well respected by his peers. He was a true “Southern Gentleman” who worked hard, lived honorably and devoted himself to his family.

Lee is remembered fondly for being a masterful storyteller and for always sharing a good joke. He was an avid reader who loved history, fishing, golf and above all else, spending time with family. Lee Murray will be deeply missed.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Lorraine; their three sons; Ronald (Julie), Stephen (Marlene) and Grant (Michele); their eight grandchildren, Francesca, Alexander, Natalie, Samuel, Brayden, Lana, Sydney and Cody and Lee's brother David (Terry).

The family would like to thank the staff at the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula for their kind and compassionate care.

Private family services will be held at a later date.



GERALD L. (JERRY) WALKER

1946 • 2022

Gerald L. Walker (Jerry), died peacefully at home on January 2, 2022, after a long battle with cancer.

Jerry was born on November 26, 1946, in Great Bend, Kansas to James and Helen Walker.

Jerry led an incredible life. At eight years old, Jerry was a Ted Mack Kid on the CBS Variety and Talent show. This led to appearances on “Name That Tune” and “The Big Payoff.” In his teenage years, Jerry appeared on “American Bandstand” as Terry and Jerry. He was also a dancer to Carol Doda's stage show in San Francisco for many years.

Jerry started his career as a hair stylist in Las Vegas and Los Angeles more than 40 years ago. Since then he has owned many shops that catered to a multitude of clients from the “Golden Era” of Pebble Beach and Hollywood.

Other passions included singing, dancing and acting. Jerry spent more than 10 years in the play, “Beyond Therapy” in San Francisco as well as numerous productions on the Monterey Peninsula.

Jerry is preceded in death by his parents, sister and half-brother, of Pawnee Rock, Kansas.

At Jerry's request, there will be no memorial or celebration of life. He requested that when friends gather they raise a glass in his memory.

Jerry wanted to thank all his friends, co-workers and clients whose lives touched along the way. He especially wanted to thank his physician of many decades, Dr. Lola Steinbaum, and his VNA Hospice workers, Melinda and Anne, for their loving support, kindness and professionalism.



Roberta 'Bobbie' F. Swanson

Long-time Carmel resident, Roberta “Bobbie” F. Swanson, passed away December 27th, 2021, at the age of 92. Her final months were spent at Casa Carmel Assisted Living under the skilled care of hospice staff from the Visiting Nurse Association. The wonderful support she received fostered a smooth transition from independent living to end-of-life care.

Bobbie was born June 25, 1929, in Los Angeles, California, the daughter of Sara Evelyn Yates and Robert Burns Soldini. She spent her early years in the Southern California area, moving to Northern California to complete high school and attend Stanford University. After college, she was employed by United Airlines as a stewardess until 1952 when she married her spouse of 58 years, Alex Swanson (deceased in 2011). Bobbie and Alex and their three daughters moved to La Jolla in 1965 where she found success as a real estate broker. Upon moving to Carmel in 1984, she continued selling real estate for two more years before retiring in 1987. After retirement, she served as a Docent at Joseph Boston Store in Monterey and the Oakland Museum, and volunteered at the UNICEF shop in Carmel. She also supported a number of charities.

Bobbie had a keen eye for decorating and helped her daughters and friends with decorating tips. She loved being at the beach and the family enjoyed many summer vacations at the Venetian Court at Capitola. She made a marvelous sandwich of tuna fish and potato chips that her children fondly remember from their vacations at the beach. She had a natural ability to make and keep close friends. She enjoyed extensive traveling after retirement and was always on the hunt for some unusual trinket to bring home from a trip. Bobbie was a skilled social bridge player of more than 70 years and loved playing with family and friends. She could not put down a good book. She was an empathetic caregiver for her husband in his later years after he lost his vision.

Survivors include: her sister, Marilyn Hanks; her brother, James Franklin Soldini; her three daughters, Catherine Leigh Kerns, Carol Leslie Talbott, and Sally Evelyn Swanson; her sons-in-law, John Thomas Kerns III and B.J. Talbott; her two grandsons, John Thomas Kerns IV (Katherine Beth) and Zachary Alexander Kerns (Ashley Caitlin); her great-grandchildren, Blaire Josephine Kerns, Whitney Alexandra Kerns and Stella Leigh Kerns; and her two step-great-grandsons, Greyson Scott Stephens and Porter Alan Stephens.

For those dog-walkers in Carmel, Bobbie was Rainy's “mom.”

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, any donations, if desired, may be made to the S.P.C.A.



GRETCHEN GEYER BARTOWICK

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Gretchen Geyer Bartowick, 91, a life-long resident of the Monterey Peninsula, died Thursday, January 13, 2022, at her home in Carmel.

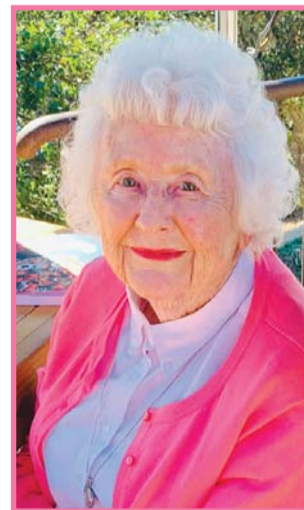
Gretchen was born February 12, 1930, in Carmel and grew up there and attended Monterey High School. In 1980, she married her second husband John Bartowick. They were married for 31 years, until his death in 2011. Gretchen was a long-time resident of Carmel, having grown up in Monterey and raised her own family on the Peninsula.

Gretchen lived a full life and was a lady in every sense of the word. To many, she was simply known as “Nanny.” And a nanny she was. Not only to her own family and circle of friends but to the many children that came through her daycare over several decades. Nanny's caring touch was evident in the vast collection of orchids she grew and an appreciation of good food and cooking for those she loved. Her loss is felt deeply by her family, friends, and all those who knew her. Her spirit and strength will live on in all those who have been touched by the love, strength, conviction, wisdom, and beauty of her soul. She will never be forgotten and loved forever.

Gretchen is survived by her five children, Karen Adams Knippen of Magalia, CA, Kevin Adams of Klamath Falls, OR, Keith (Linda) Adams of Mollala, OR, Kristin (Jim) Adams Clark of Del Rey Oaks, CA, Jeffrey (Sunshine) Adams of Liverpool, NY; seven grandchildren Elizabeth Mollie Shabaker, Alissa Adams Nelson, Sadie Adams, Allison Knippen Bressi, Courtney Clark Lee, Jessica Adams, and Sam Adams; nine great-grandchildren; and her two brothers, Peter Geyer and Harold Geyer, Jr. Her great-grandchildren brought such joy to her in later life. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Bartowick.

Bermudez Family Cremations & Funerals is in charge of arrangements. A celebration of Gretchen's life will be held at a future date.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Food Bank of Monterey County, KQED, or the donor's favorite charity.



CRASH

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collision reported the Ferrari hit the tree near the 9th Tee at Spanish Bay “at speed” and that the driver subsequently failed field sobriety tests and was breathalyzed before being handcuffed and taken into custody by Sease.

Verwey is not the registered owner of the Ferrari, according to Gonzales. He did not say who is. Verwey was booked into Monterey County Jail for drunk driving,

hit-and-run, and having no insurance, but he was released on his own recognizance.

A colorful history

The Monterey County District Attorney has not yet filed a case on the new charges against Verwey, but he is set to be arraigned Jan. 26 for public intoxication stemming from an arrest by a Monterey County Sheriff’s deputy in Carmel Valley last month.

Also according to Monterey County Superior Court records, during Concours Week last year, Carmel Police officer Joe Martis cited Verwey for making an “unsafe start” at the intersection of Dolores and

Ocean. That day, he was driving a black 2020 McLaren 720.

And he still owes the county for a violation in June, when a CHP officer pulled him over for driving 77 mph on Carmel Valley Road just east of Rancho San Carlos Road in a 2017 Porsche 911. He was also cited for having no registration or insurance.

He was the registered owner of both those cars.

Other records include a traffic ticket in January 2019 for speeding, driving while unlicensed — a misdemeanor that was

reduced to an infraction — and having no front plate and no registration.

He was driving a different 2018 Ferrari at the time, and it was registered to Ferrari Financial Services. According to the citation, he was living in Fresno.

And in August 2012, Verwey was arrested for DUI, refusal to submit to a chemical test, obstruction and public intoxication. He pleaded guilty to the last two charges, both misdemeanors, and the other two were dropped. He was given probation, fines, restitution and jail time.

REDO

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but Laguna Seca only remains in the running because the supervisors committed to redoing the bridge.

The projects must go through the planning process, including environmental review, and bids will be sought from construction companies. The county will decide whether the projects are put out to bid together or separately.

Sponsor dollars

The supervisors’ commitment also means the Laguna Seca Raceway Foundation and Narigi’s group will more likely succeed in soliciting sponsorships.

Indeed, Rolex, the title sponsor of the vintage races each August, sent a letter to Narigi last month explaining that without buy-in from the county, the company would have to reconsider their partnership.

“There are a number of growing concerns that we as a longstanding partner have seen and voiced over the years and continue to voice today — concerns we feel if not properly addressed will force us into a position in which we must reconsider the future of our partnership,” the letter said.

The worries are “mainly tied to infrastructure of the track,” but also a “general lack of commitment to the preservation

and modernization of this iconic racetrack and its facilities,” Rolex continued.

“We are confident that you and your team, with proper support and infrastructure, can once again deliver the type of experience that is representative of not only the Rolex name, but the Laguna Seca reputation.”

The board’s decision to move forward, with only District 4 Supervisor Wendy Root Askew dissenting, “gives a vote of confidence finally to the operator that has been wanting to get this done,” Narigi said. “It shows the community and potential donors that the track isn’t going anywhere.”

Narigi said sponsors he and representatives of the foundation have met with so far have responded positively, and he hopes some will step up with funds to help pay for the new bridge.

He also said planning is underway to build two large permanent restroom buildings in the lakebed area and just outside the paddock entrance. Those projects will be funded separately.

“That is our largest complaint out there — the lack of adequate restrooms,” he said.

This year’s racing season begins in April and runs through October, and when major events aren’t being held there, groups rent the track almost daily. Season tickets are available.

Camping and other uses have also increased, and Narigi said he and his staff “are all looking forward to having the best year ever at Laguna Seca in 2022.”

CYPRESS

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Not only are residents airing view concerns, they don’t like the screens erected to block the wind.

“Some have complained the wind barriers that we have installed to protect the young trees are too obstructing,” he continued.

The group is trying to make the screens smaller, he said, and to resolve the ongoing conflict between Scenic homeowners and the folks who want more trees, he suggested forming the committee.

“The Friends of Carmel Forest would be happy to assist the group with information about some of the ecological and community importance of the reforestation process and to help them help us determine

the best placements,” he said.

Forest and beach commissioners didn’t respond to the suggestion, but public works director Bob Harary told The Pine Cone after the meeting that the forest friends group has “a longstanding desire to plant more cypress along Scenic.”

Members get permission from Davis before putting in any new trees.

“That’s true for any planting in the public right of way,” he said.

Carmel Cares volunteers have been working to restore the Scenic pathway, which is set to get new railings and other hardscape, followed by more landscaping, according to Harary.

“We’re very sensitive to the fact that some of our cypress trees have become older and brittle, and a number have come down,” he said.

“We need to replant for the long-term health of the shoreline.”

Donald L. and Dianne M. Watson

After a full and beautiful life Dianne Meadows Watson passed away on 12/7/21, and one week later, with sunny skies and clear seas, her husband Donald William Lindsay Watson joined her in heaven on 12/14/21. Don is taking Dianne on another wonderful adventure in heaven.

Don Watson (6/5/1929) was raised in South Pasadena. He graduated from South Pasadena High and the University of California (first Davis then finished his curriculum at Berkeley) where he majored in Agricultural Economics. While attending Davis he met the lovely and dynamic Dianne Easton Meadows (6/7/1930). Dianne had graduated from Berkeley High with the hope of becoming a veterinarian or a lion tamer. She majored in Animal Husbandry at UC Davis. The happy couple married on August 22, 1952, at St. Clement’s in Berkeley. Don graduated from OCS Newport, Rhode Island, proudly serving as Chief Petty Officer commanding aircraft mechanics during his carrier-based commission in the United States Navy. Her creativity and curiosity complimented his regimented and orderly style for nearly 70 years.

After Don’s discharge, they settled in Stockton where Don held the positions of Field Manager of the California Tomato Growers Association, Diamond News editor, and Corporate Secretary for California Walnut Growers Association (Diamond Walnut). They were blessed with three fine children: Kim, Don, and Neil. Their busy lives were filled with helpful friends who lent a hand building their Tahoe Pines cabin in the early ‘60s. The Watson family loved Lake Tahoe and the adventures they shared in all four seasons.

In 1979 Dianne and Don moved to Pebble Beach where they had honeymooned 27 years before. Don, the lifelong learner and neoclassical economist, retired from Diamond Walnut, studied hard, and founded Agriland Appraisal, valuating ranches in the Salinas Valley and its surrounding coastal range. Don had a childhood passion for ornithology. He loved telling stories to visitors who observed nature at Point Lobos State Natural Reserve where he volunteered as a park docent. The couple loved the coast.

The Watsons had many passions. Don, a natural seaman, loved to sail from a young age. He was involved with the Stillwater Yacht Club, rising to Commodore, where some of their most cherished memories took place. They loved sailing with friends, often to faraway destinations. Sometimes they rescued others when the placid seas turned treacherous, and once they themselves were rescued from the rocky Carmel coast.

Dianne loved children, puppies and kitties. When she was ten years old, she ventured alone on the ferry from Berkeley to the dog show in San Francisco to see a Skye Terrier in person. She ultimately acquired fine genetics and became very active in Skye Terriers of America. She lived on Bonniebrook Drive and she named her kennel Bonniebrook Skies. Her love for the breed grew and she showed her spectacular champions at dog shows all over the country, including the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show which included a stay at the Plaza Hotel. The Watson’s Pebble Beach home was filled with meaningful art that Dianne acquired as the top selling saleswoman at Bleich & Zantman Galleries. She loved helping her clients discover treasures. Dianne volunteered at the SPCA Thrift Store as well as the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History. Don and Dianne were members of the Church of the Wayfarer and the Church in the Forest.

Don and Dianne Watson are survived by their children: Kimberly Talley (Rob) of Napa, CA; Donald Jr. (Carolyn) of Loveland, CO; and Neil (dear friend, Lucia) of Oshkosh, NE; their grandchildren: Caroline Talley Hale (Jake) of Tiburon, CA; Emily Talley Hoyer (Andreas) of Oslo, Norway; Andrea Watson of Chicago, IL; Donald Watson III (Stephanie) of Marysville, OH; and Graham Watson of Indianapolis, IN. Their great-grandson: Felix, of Oslo, Norway; and great-grandchild Hale due Valentine’s Day, 2022. They are also survived by Dianne’s sister, Merrie Meadows Beckham and her husband Sparkey, of Dallas, TX. The Watsons have many loved nieces and nephews and dear friends Dorothy Stenstedt and Patti Ellis.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to Meals on Wheels, Monterey, CA; Hospice of Central Coast, Montage; or ITN Monterey County Senior Transportation. These dedicated organizations were immensely helpful to Don and Dianne who were able to remain together in their home. A celebration of life for Don and Diane will be held on the coast.

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Carmel High coach will need all her skills in 'tough league' this year

THE BEST girls soccer season in Carmel High history happened two winters ago, when the Padres won the Pacific Coast Athletic League's Cypress Division crown with a 10-0 record, then went deeper into the Central Coast Section playoffs than any previous CHS team, reaching the Division IV semifinals and finishing with an overall record of 16-4-1.

With a dozen varsity players returning, head coach Krista Winkler felt confident that her 2020-2021 squad would be even better ... but you know the rest. The Covid pandemic caused most California high schools to cancel

goalkeeping situation, but also impacts the rest of a formidable starting lineup, requiring other versatile players to compensate in various ways.

"I'm going to be digging pretty deep into my coaching belt," Winkler said with a laugh. "We're in a very tough league, so we'll have to get really creative and try to capitalize on the fact that the girls we have are really solid players. If we can do that, we'll be able to salvage more than people think."

Challenging preseason tests

The Padres made it through a rugged-by-design preseason gauntlet with a 5-3-1 record, despite playing their first five games without Benak, who was ineligible by rule because she was still playing with her club team at the time.

Even shorthanded, Carmel scored impressive victories over Soquel (2-0) and San Lorenzo Valley (3-1) — both members of the powerful Santa Cruz League — as well as Notre Dame (2-1), King City (3-1) and Stevenson (4-2). They tied Pacific Grove — "probably our weakest performance of the year," Winkler declared — and lost to three teams that are likely to reach the CCS playoffs this year: Monterey (a 3-1 score), Watsonville (5-2), Alisal (4-0).

Absent through all nine of those games was Mendoza, an ultra-talented center midfielder who also was involved with a club team this fall and winter, and only made her first appearance in a Padres uniform this week.

"We're thrilled to have Ella back," the coach said. "She was our league MVP two years ago when we went all the way to the CCS semis, and she's a tremendous asset for us."

Benak and Morgan Mayer — who will both play center midfielder and forward — figure to be Carmel's top scorers this year, the coach predicted.

"Nikki is an outstanding lefty who probably will score the majority of our goals," she said. "She's very tiny in stature but plays as if she's the biggest player on the field. We need her in almost every play — she's that critical to our team."

Mayer, a sophomore, is an experienced club player with excellent skills, and good size and physicality, Winkler said.

"She's an absolute beast — 5-foot-9 and physically very strong," the coach said.

Sophia Bone, another club player, is a junior co-captain who moves between outside midfielder and forward for the Padres.

"She started as a freshman on our CCS team, and she has a long-range shot that's already helped us tremendously," Winkler said. "She plays a very critical role for us on the wing, getting the ball back to the center."

A 'new and exciting' list

Another co-captain, senior Lelia Kraut, is another outside midfielder, fast and graceful, and Sophia Davi, a standout cross-country runner, is a consistent and tireless defender who often is assigned to shut down the opponent's best offensive player.

Bartle, one of the two players learning the goalkeeping position, emerged as a solid sweeper, during the makeshift Covid season last year, and will likely play there when

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Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

their sports seasons, and those that played — like Carmel — did so for fun and exercise, with a shortened season.

"We were fortunate to be one of the high schools in our area that actually had a team last year, and just being together felt great," she said. "But it was a different kind of situation. We didn't have a JV squad, so everybody who signed up got to be on our varsity roster, even if they had never played soccer before, and everybody got into the game."

Largest turnout ever

An upside, said the coach, was a noticeable bump in interest: 48 players came out for the team this season — the biggest turnout in school history — giving Winkler a 23-player varsity squad, with another 25 on the JV team.

Six of those varsity players were members of the CCS team two years ago, including seniors Ella Mendoza (Cypress Division MVP), Nikki Benak (first team all-division), Lelia Kraut and Sophia Davi, and juniors Maddie Gallagher (second team all-division) and Sophia Bone.

No doubt that provided Winkler with a solid core of veterans around which to build, but it might've been better.

"We actually had three goalies — all underclassmen — on that CCS team, and all three of them transferred," she lamented. "One moved to New York, one transferred to York, and our starter (Jordan Chiewpanich, (138 saves as a freshman) is playing this year at Monterey High."

In fact, after nine preseason games, the Padres are still trying to figure out how to fill the goalkeeper position. As this week began, Winkler was auditioning two of her best position players — Gallagher, a center midfielder, and sophomore Olivia Bartle, a sweeper — for the goalie job, though neither has played there before. They're likely to share the position, at least for the next several games, under the tutelage of former Carmel High goalkeeper Sam Klemek (Class of '88), a former Padres goalie himself.

That not only brings uncertainty to the



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Morgan Mayer, (above) a sophomore with club experience, will play center midfielder and forward. Olivia Bartle, (right) a starting sweeper a year ago as a freshman, will double as a goalkeeper this year for the Padres.




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she's not in goal.

"She's tall (5-9), fearless, very smart, and really fast," said her coach. "I put her at sweeper last year, and she was really a rising star for us."

Another defender, sophomore Julia Blakely, emerged last spring as another "find" for Winkler and the Padres.

The "new and exciting" list includes a senior, Zibby Lindholm, who transferred from Notre Dame and will step into a defender spot, and sophomore Alexis Henderson, a fast and skilled forward who grew up playing club soccer.

The Mission Division also includes Everett Alvarez, Monte Vista Christian, North County, North Salinas, and Pacific Collegiate. Carmel's division games with Everett Alvarez (Jan. 11) and North Salinas (Jan. 13) have already been postponed due to Covid outbreaks at those schools.

Results from games played this week against Pacific

Collegiate (Tuesday) and Monte Vista Christian (Thursday) were not available at press time.

The Padres are scheduled to play road games Jan. 24 against North County and Jan. 28 against Everett Alvarez (both 5:45 p.m.), and will host North Salinas on Feb. 2 (3:30 p.m.).

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Maddie Gallagher (yellow jersey) is being auditioned at goalie after earning second-team all-division honors as a versatile field player two years ago.

Old Coast Road could reopen Friday

OFFERING AN alternate and slightly bumpy 11-mile route between Bixby Bridge and Andrew Molera State Park in Big Sur, the Old Coast Road has been closed since late December, but it could be reopened as early as Friday, Shawn Atkins of Monterey County Public Works told The Pine Cone.

The road was closed in anticipation of holiday storms, a decision that was made jointly between the county and Big Sur Fire. "It was closed just before Christmas

for public safety," Atkins, the county's maintenance manager, reported.

The storms left behind damage, including a tree that fell on the road, along with a couple slides. "The road was closed until we could get it cleared," Atkins continued.

Last Tuesday, county workers began clearing the road. "We're anticipating to have it open by Friday afternoon," he added. "As soon as it's open, we'll remove it from our road advisory page" on the county's website.



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Editorial

One man's successful life

WHEN RICHARD Ferris died last week, he was presumably a wealthy man. And why not? Even a cursory look at his life's accomplishments shows he must have been an extremely hard-working, intelligent and creative individual. Otherwise, he could never have reached the pinnacles of business success he did. Twenty-first-century America may not be an egalitarian utopia, but it's not a monarchy, either, and companies like United, whose survival depends on success in the highly competitive world of commercial airlines, don't exactly pick their CEOs based on who they're related to or how good looking they are. When they hire a top executive, they only look for someone who can do a highly demanding job very well. And they pay them accordingly.

For Ferris, the money he made in his corporate life, including as CEO at United Airlines, eventually enabled him to become a business owner himself, and the crown jewel of his holdings was surely the Pebble Beach Co., which he, along with boldface names like Peter Ueberroth, Clint Eastwood and Arnold Palmer, not to mention dozens of smaller investors, acquired in 1999. Imagine the pride they must have felt when places like the Lodge at Pebble Beach, 17 Mile Drive and the Lone Cypress belonged to them.

But with the glow of owning such a magnificent part of the California coast came a great responsibility — not only to protect their own very substantial investments, but to take care of the property, foster the workforce, please the customers, engage the community, support nonprofits and (of course) pay a lot of taxes. Just the property taxes paid by the P.B. Co. are upward of \$9 million a year. And then there are things like transfer taxes, sales taxes, Social Security and Medicare contributions, disability insurance premiums, employee retirement contributions, and workman's comp and business license fees to take care of. And if the company is lucky enough to make profits, there are income taxes. In his life, Ferris' overall tax bill was surely in the millions.

But did he pay his fair share? The Democrats in Washington and Sacramento want you to believe the answer to that question is always "no." No matter what Ferris paid, it wasn't enough, according to their orthodoxy. Which explains why Gov. Gavin Newsom and his allies in the State Legislature are working on a series of measures to raise the state's top income tax rate to 16.8 percent. President Joe Biden, meanwhile, has been trying to increase the top federal income tax rate to 39.6 percent. If these efforts are successful, the combined income tax rate for California residents would rise to 56.4 percent.

If this rate becomes law, don't expect the Democrats to decide it's fair. They never do. In their world, the only fair thing to do is take as much from the wealthy as you can get away with, and then distribute it to your favored constituencies.

Taxation, however, isn't a zero-sum game. Sure, taking money from Peter to pay Paul benefits Paul. But the people it harms include many more than just Peter. Rich people don't stuff their wealth into mattresses. They spend it or invest it. And when they do, it benefits everyone who's touched by the money.

Ferris used some of his hard-earned money to buy the Pebble Beach Co., and then he and his partners spent 23 years running it as a top-notch resort company that pleased thousands of golf enthusiasts and other customers, was one of Monterey County's biggest employers, did immeasurable good for local nonprofits, and paid lots and lots of taxes. Do we wish the company wasn't there? Should taxes be used to make sure nobody would be rich enough to buy it?

For our part, we would like to thank Dick Ferris for a job very well done. And we're pretty sure he paid his fair share of taxes.

BEST of BATES



"Now on this hole, everything breaks toward the ocean."

Letters to the Editor

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Wants cottages saved

Dear Editor,

Looks like Carmel's "Demolition Squad" is at it again! Oops! I mean the planning commission, as they just condemned another older cottage to the graveyard, destroying our village charm one house at a time.

Interesting, throughout last Wednesday's meeting, not one word was mentioned about emails sent to city hall from neighbors in protest. Did these letters just disappear?

Is there some level of lobbying happening from architects or builders we as residents are unaware of?

Why does our planning commission continue to demolish instead of promoting renovation? This project isn't finalized yet (San Carlos, 2 southwest of First). Maybe it's time they hear from you!

Lindamarie Rosier,
Carmel

Disasters on the way

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your editorial last week regarding the importance of disaster preparedness in our communities.

The scope and scale of disasters — with wildfires, winter storms and even tsunamis — has shown us that these natural events are an ever-present danger. The recommendations you cited in your editorial are a very important aspect of disaster readiness. Our physical location here on the Highway 1 corridor makes planning for evacuations even more challenging. I urge all citizens to create emergency plans for themselves and their businesses.

This is the optimal time for everyone to increase their personal sense of safety, security and peace of mind to know that they are ready in case of an emergency/disaster. Knowing what to do can save time, property, and most of all, lives.

Wanda Vollmer,
Carmel

Ready to bolt

Dear Editor,

I couldn't agree more with the advice of your recent editorial "Evacuations and Electric Cars," that we Californians should always be mindful of the importance of emergency preparedness. Ironically, your piece came out on Friday, and we all woke up on Saturday to a tsunami alert. However, and speaking as a proud member of the 99 percent, I still take much comfort in driving my Chevy Bolt regardless of the

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Researching beach history is like trying to nail a wave to the sand

LIKE ALMOST everybody, you probably assume the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea has always owned its beach. But this month marks the centennial of the city's acquisition of Carmel Beach — actually the northern half of the beach. Like most big decisions, the purchase was preceded

Ownership of the beach shifted again in 1894 when San Francisco surgeon Dr. Walton Saunders saw Carmel as an investment opportunity. That is when Saunders bought the 89 acres of beach land from San Francisco Glass Works, which apparently had no record of any sale to Hunter.

History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

by a campaign and required a vote to approve a bond.

The complete history is a bit elusive, but we will go back to the beginning of Carmel and put the pieces together. In 1880, Honoré Escole owned what would soon become Carmel City, but the western border of his land was roughly where Monte Verde Street is, with the dunes and the beach owned by San Francisco Glass Works. The glass works company, likely inspired by Pacific Improvement Co.'s sand operation at Spanish Bay, planned to sell the fine, white sand, but lacking a railroad or other economical way to transport it, it never found an economically viable way to do so.

Beach for sale

When the Duckworth brothers launched their plans for Carmel City in 1888, the beach was not a high priority. However, the brothers soon partnered with Abbie Jane Hunter, a savvy businesswoman in San Francisco, who recognized the beach as a key asset. At some point, seemingly in 1889, around the time the president of the glass works died, Hunter claimed ownership of the 89-acre beach and dunes, stretching from present-day Pebble Beach to Santa Lucia Avenue. Later, she had her uncle, Delos Goldsmith, build the once famous Beach House that stood above Carmel Beach until 1929.

In 1895, shortly before his death, Honoré Escole also sold his remaining holdings in Carmel City to Saunders, and in 1900, Hunter, who had fallen on hard times, threw in the towel and sold him all the lots she owned in Carmel City, including any claim she may have had on the beach lands.

Within city limits

Despite being positioned to determine the future of Carmel, Saunders soon decided to invest in electricity by building a power plant in the Central Valley. In November 1900, Saunders sold his holdings in Carmel to San Francisco attorney Frank Powers. Powers then formed a partnership with real estate developer James Franklin Devendorf — a partnership that became the Carmel Development Company and launched what we know today as Carmel-by-the-Sea. Powers held onto the old Murphy ranch property at the north end of town — a property that included an 1846 cabin in the dunes and extended to the shoreline.

When Carmel-by-the-Sea voted to incorporate as a city in 1916, the new city limits included the beach. This gave the city some level of jurisdiction over, but not ownership of the beach.

A year prior to Carmel's incorporation, Pacific Improvement Co. hired Samuel F. B. Morse as its new general manager. Morse revised the company's plans for development of its extensive holdings. The prior manager had planned small

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In the mid-1920s image, we can see Carmel Beach from its southern end below the bluffs of Carmel Point, with Robinson Jeffers' Tor House at right, to the north where it ends near J. A. Mackenzie's stone house at the far left.

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SOMETIMES, IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO NURTURE A VILLAGE ARTIST

BECOMING A full-time artist was a dream delayed, imperiled, and revived for Monterey artist Bobbie Brainerd, a career woman who also raised three sons.

But then, with that work done, she was ambushed by a neurological condition that nearly cost her the use of her hands.

Brainerd credits a talented surgeon, Dr. Gregg Satow, and the unconditional support of her second husband for the fortunate lifestyle she enjoys today, creating old

offer herself that same green light.

"We often don't give ourselves permission to follow through on a dream," she said. "I've worn many hats in my life, worked hard and made things happen, but when you do that, you don't become a master at anything."

"Joe was my cheerleader, but it was several years before I gave myself permission to think of myself as an artist — not just someone who had studied art."

In recent years, she has become a member of Oil Painters of America, Monterey Bay Plein Air Painters Association, and is the president of the Central Coast Art Association, where she has been a board member since 2015.

Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

masters-style still lifes, landscapes, and seascapes as a brand-new member of the Carmel Valley Art Association.

"I was dropping things. I was having a difficult time holding the steering wheel when I drove. And eventually I was diagnosed with bilateral radial neuropathy," said Brainerd of an affliction in which nerves in the hands and wrists become compressed by the muscles, which can result in pain, burning, itching, numbness, loss of mobility, and even paralysis of the hands and fingers.

A husband's gift

When surgery to both elbows relieved the strangulation of her nerves and restored feeling in her hands, her husband, Joe Wedlake, recognized a reprieve for the woman he had married in 2007. He encouraged his wife to leave the workforce behind and focus on creating fine art.

"Joe was the one who saw it as an opportunity for me to pursue my childhood dream," she said.

But Brainerd's next challenge was to

has been a board member since 2015. Brainerd was born into a military family on a U.S. Navy base on the day her mother graduated from the University of Pennsylvania. (Bobbie's uncle walked in her mother's place at the ceremony.)

Her father died when she was 4, leaving Bobbie and two younger brothers to be raised by her mom.

"My mother really encouraged us in the arts," she said. "We had a family that was very talented, musically. Both of my brothers were incredible tenors and musicians, and I always had ballet and art lessons."

After graduating from high school in the Philadelphia suburb of Abington, Brainerd was accepted at Penn State, but, with her mother's encouragement, decided instead to enroll at Temple University's prestigious Tyler School of Fine Art.

Choosing graphic arts

"I had incredible art teachers all through high school, and actually learned more at Abington High than I did at Tyler School of Fine Art," she said. "I really didn't receive any instruction on the basics, the fundamental building blocks for artists, so I ended up going into graphic arts."

She embarked on a working life as a freelance graphic artist, a mural artist and a buyer for a Fortune 500 company, among other jobs, became a wife and the mother of three, and, in 1981, endured major reconstructive surgery to treat Crohn's disease.

"In 2000, we moved to Danville, Calif., where my husband and sons bought me an easel and water-based oil paints," said Brainerd, who began dabbling in fine art for the first time since college.

Her 25-year marriage ended in 2005, and two years later, while visiting a friend in Carmel, she was introduced to Monterey native Joe Wedlake on a



PHOTO/JOE WEDLAKE

Monterey artist Bobbie Brainerd, who paints in an old masters style, is a new member of the Carmel Valley Art Association.

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‘GENTLE BEN’ RETIRED AFTER 66 YEARS OF KIND, COMPASSIONATE CARE

IT WAS dinnertime at Dr. Benjamin Richards’ home near the Golden Bough Playhouse, but when he received a call from sheriff’s deputy Pat DuVal, he abandoned his meal, grabbed his medical bag, and headed down the coast. Another deputy, endeavoring to rescue a fisherman who’d been swept out to sea, had slipped down a cliff, falling backward and breaking his back.

“I was lowered down the cliff on a rope, through the poison oak, until I reached the deputy. I administered morphine while we waited for a helicopter to lower a gurney.” Doctor and patient were successfully evacuated. Richards stayed with the deputy in the ambulance and cared for him at the hospital.

During the ensuing years, Richards said he never received a traffic ticket.

At 92, Richards has a level of mental and physical agility that could be envied by folks half his age. He remembers the names of his patients, the circumstances around their health and the details of the care he provided.

A handful of boys

“Ben used to spend an hour on each patient visit to talk, listen and explain, so they could feel comfortable with his surgical plan and what they could anticipate and expect,” said Maureen Richards, his wife of nearly 50 years.

Shortly after retiring in 2007 — after more than 66 years in medicine — the general surgeon took up golf. This past Nov. 2, he hit his first hole-in-one while playing the course at Monterey Pines near the fairgrounds. He’s confident he could do it again.

But first, he and Maureen sat down to recall stories of a remarkable life driven by

curiosity, compassion and a deep desire to cure.

Richards was born in Long Beach on May 31, 1929, a few months before the stock market crash. He was delivered by his great-uncle, a physician who had to untangle the umbilical cord wrapped three times around his nephew’s neck.

Great Lives

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

Richards was 7 years old when his mother developed an ear infection which spread to her brain. She died from meningitis one year before a drug was developed that would have saved her life.

“I was raised by older people, mainly my grandmother, my father’s mother, who suddenly had five boys to handle,” he recalled. “They managed that by sending us to boarding school, straight through high school.” Richards became a multi-sport athlete and editor of the school newspaper while devoting himself to his studies, which didn’t come easily to him.

“School was hard for me,” he said. “I never told my dad I had an element of dyslexia. I got up at 4 a.m. to read my texts and worked extra hard to keep up.”

Although his father — a USC alum — took him to see the Trojans play and tried to encourage him to follow in his footsteps, Richards set his sights on Stanford, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in biology. Inspired by doctors he’d met — and his best friend, who’d gone to medical school a year ahead of him — Richards went on to Stanford Medical School.

“Many people thought I’d become an internist, a diagnostician, but I’d loved being in surgery as an intern.” He applied

to a four-year surgical training program, but there was a hitch.

Richards explained, “The military needed doctors, so they were drafting them even though it was peacetime. They said, ‘Get your military time in first, and then we’ll take you back in to the surgical training program.’”

Richards enlisted in the Air Force and was stationed in Glendale, Ariz., where he completed surgical training. He finished his service as a captain and went into a surgical residency.

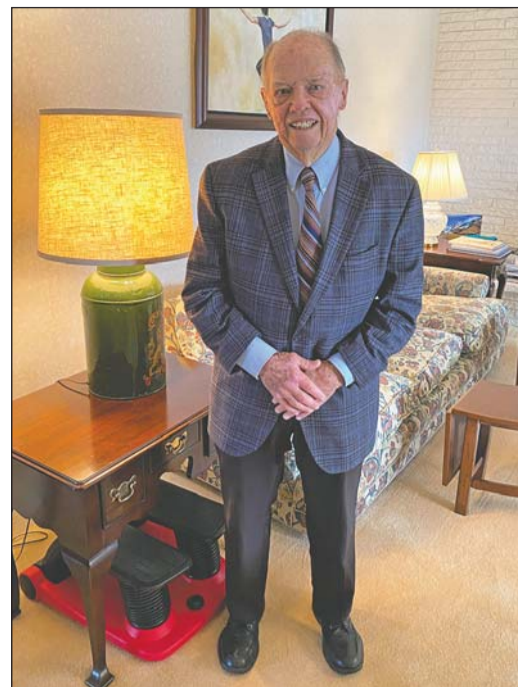
‘Great mentor’

He got married in 1953, and two years later — while he was still in training — the first of his three children was born. He bought a house for \$17,500, taking on three extra jobs to make ends meet. But the family wouldn’t stay there long.

“My father-in-law was an avid golfer,” Richards said. “In 1957, he brought me to the Peninsula, and we played through all the courses. In 1961, I went to Carmel Realty on a rainy day and bought a little house at the corner of 13th and San Carlos, just blocks from where Community Hospital was in those days.”

Richards specialized in breast and colorectal surgery, and credits much of his expertise to Dr. Clyn Smith. He finished Stanford 10 years before Richards, who called him a “good friend and a great mentor.”

“At one point, when I went on a three-month humanitarian trip to perform surgery in North Borneo, Dr. Smith covered my practice. He was careful and kind, and spent a great deal of time with each patient.”



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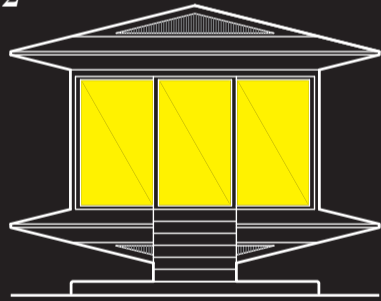
Dr. Benjamin Richards, who retired in 2007, was an excellent surgeon — and he’s a pretty good golfer, too.

The same has been said of Richards, whose patients valued his soft voice and gentle hands — not to mention the subtlety of the scars he left. In tribute, his office staff wanted to put “Gentle Ben” on his license plate. That was taken, so they settled on GTL BTR (Benjamin Tucker Richards). The plate can be spotted around town on the back of his Volvo.

Richards said his first marriage didn’t work out, possibly because his wife had once made a vow never to marry a doctor. Maureen, his second wife, is a registered nurse.

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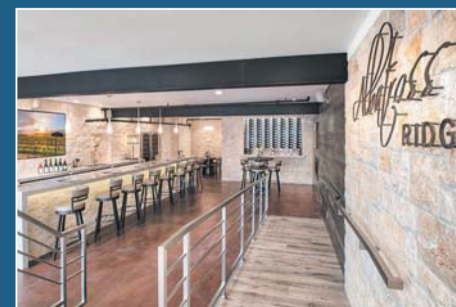
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OAK

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“Eucalyptus is not a desirable tree to be planted so close to the sensitive North Dunes habitat restoration area. As we have previously experienced, seeds from eucalyptus spread out onto the North Dunes, causing disruption to revegetation efforts,” she said. “The Carters were asked if they would be open to removing the eucalyptus instead of the more desirable native Monterey cypress.”

But they declined and decided to take their case to the commission. Davis recommended denying the request.

Kyle Lambdin, a designer with well-known landscape architect Bernard Trainor’s Ground Studio firm, said the eucalyptus provides a better buffer between the house and San Antonio than the cypress, which he described as “leaning into the structure.” He said his clients “would be happy to replant a cypress in a better location onsite somewhere where it could really flourish, as opposed to 18

inches from the eucalyptus.” Davis said the lot doesn’t have space to accommodate any new trees.

“It seems like it goes against our usual thinking that we would recommend or allow cutting down a tree that’s one of our favorite trees for a eucalyptus,” commissioner Sarah Berling said. “I think it goes against our normal thinking of what our special trees in Carmel are.”

Need more cypress

Caddell mentioned how problematic eucalyptus can be and moved on to the broader topic of needing more cypress trees in town, not fewer.

“Many of our cypress around town were all planted with in the same relative window of 10, 15, 20 years,” he said. “They’re all magnificent, or many of them are, and they’re all nearing the end of their natural lifespan. If we don’t do something soon, we’re going to end up with a very changed landscape.”

“I don’t think we need to be taking out a cypress that’s healthy,” he concluded.

The rest of the commission agreed and denied Carter’s application.

GAVEL

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ble time periods, he was not eligible to receive benefits that EDD processed. Heather Rosbach, who was not incarcerated, submitted EDD benefits applications for her brother.

A criminal grand jury indicted the defendants. Following a court trial, they were convicted of multiple felonies, including conspiracy and multiple counts of making fraudulent statements in unemployment insurance applications.

The court also found true an allegation that Daniel Lee Rosbach suffered a prior serious or violent strike conviction. The fraud involved in this case exceeded \$17,000.

Emergency federal and state unemployment insurance benefits were made available through the EDD to assist people through the pandemic. Due to the emergent aspects of this crisis, the EDD dispensed benefits without many standard vetting practices. The consequence of that decision is that many people took advantage of the emergency to apply for benefits for which they were not entitled. In July 2020, the Monterey County

Sheriff’s Department and Salinas Police Department became aware of widespread fraud involving inmates at the Monterey County Jail applying for and receiving unemployment benefits for periods during which they were incarcerated.

Persons in jail or prison are not “available to work,” and are therefore ineligible for unemployment assistance.

Delays expected along Highway 1

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

MOTORISTS PASSING through Carmel along Highway 1 Saturday can expect some delays because traffic will be rerouted while electrical work is being done, and a signal light pole is replaced.

The detour will take drivers down Carmel Valley and Rio roads. The CHP will be on hand regulating traffic. Message and directional signs will alert travelers, and delays of up to five minutes are anticipated.



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MODERN

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“The plans should be scrapped, in my opinion, and a totally new design proposed that is in keeping with the charm and ambiance of our village,” she said.

Realtor Mary Bell lives across the street and said she’ll lose a significant part of her view, and resident Victor de Melo said the design doesn’t fit in the neighborhood.

“I just think it’s really out of character,” he said.

No one spoke in favor of the project, and several others sent letters condemning it.

ASSESSOR

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“Most importantly, I will continue to work with Guitars Not Guns and other nonprofits, and I will also continue to promote music on the Central Coast,” Vagnini, a longtime music promoter, said. “I also love to travel and am an amateur photographer, and I hope to get back to writing and philosophy studies.”

Meanwhile, Vagnini has endorsed assistant assessor Marina Camacho to succeed him.

Camacho is “dedicated, hard-working, professional and knows more about the office than anyone,” Vagnini said. “She is also a good manager and has mentored many employees.”

Camacho has filed preliminary paperwork to be a candidate in the June 7 election.

“I am so saddened by the proliferation of ‘anywhere USA’ houses that take up all the space possible on their lots,” wrote Pamela Crabtree.

Planning commissioners were more tempered in their responses, though they also didn’t favor the design as presented.

Commissioner Stephanie Locke said it needs a complete redesign, including reducing the number of different roofing materials and types of deck railings, and not painting it white, instead opting for more subdued colors. She also noted the floating stairs require a railing.

“You’re in an area that was developed in the early 1920s, and whatever project goes on this property really needs to keep in mind the surroundings,” she said. “I just think this design is too progressive.”

‘Crazy half-drunk bohemians’

Commissioner Gail Lehman sympathized with the architect and pointed to the town’s history of creativity.

“This city was founded by a bunch of crazy half-drunk bohemians, and they were artists and writers, and they were creative, and they were fabulous,” she said.

“We weren’t founded by a lot of people who were stuck in their ways — we were founded by people who were forward thinking.”

If the founders had objected to contemporary architecture, she noted, the Frank Lloyd Wright house on Scenic would never have been built, and probably not Tor House and its crazy tower, either.

ARTIST

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blind date.

“The next day — my birthday — I received flowers, so I kept inviting him back,” she said with a laugh.

She would discover that Wedlake, a longtime employee of the Carmel Unified School District, is also well known on the Peninsula as a jazz and rock drummer, performing with other local luminaries, such as Mike Marotta, Mike Beck, Tom Ayres and a rock band, Octane.

Brainerd married Wedlake in 2005, but continued to live in Danville — her children’s family home — spending “honeymoon weekends” with her husband on the Peninsula until 2011. When all three sons were grown and gone, she moved into the Monterey home Wedlake had inherited from his mother. She created an art studio in the house, and he and a musician friend converted a shed on the property into a music studio.

Set designer

Brainerd was hired to design sets to match the weekly sermons on the large stage at Monterey’s Shoreline Church, and also supervised the volunteers who constructed the sets.

“But in 2013, I was only painting part time, I was facing the loss of the use of my hands, and I was working 50-hour weeks,” said Brainerd, who simultaneously was serving as a caregiver for her own mother and Joe’s father, both of whom were suffering from dementia. “And I began to

“I think you’ve got amazing talents,” she told Goodwin. “I don’t like to see any artist ripped apart by the townspeople. It’s not gracious, it’s not kind, it’s really outrageous, and it makes me ashamed to be a citizen here.”

She agreed the design isn’t right for the area and described the garage as “off-putting,” but applauded Goodwin for his efforts to draw plans for a new home on a difficult lot.

Lehman suggested some changes to soften it and encouraged him to redesign the home and return with a project that will work.

Chair Michael LePage thanked Lehman for her comments and said the proposal “has created the opportunity for a lot of discussion,” including some comments “that were condescending.”

He encouraged Goodwin to develop plans that would fit better with the neighborhood and the community.

“You have a lot of work ahead of you, but I think it can be done,” he said.

Goodwin thanked the commissioners for their comments, especially Lehman, and said the criticism didn’t hurt him.

“I love criticism, and I accept it, and I take it, because it only makes things stronger,” he said. “So I appreciate that.”

“I think those comments speak to your character,” LePage replied.

The commission unanimously voted to continue the application while Goodwin works on the design.

accept that I was never going to realize the dream I’d had since I was a little girl, which was to paint as a full-time artist.”

The successful elbow surgery and her husband’s support changed everything, and art became her obsession.

Exploring, dreaming, doing

“Painting became my refuge — a place where I lost myself, lost all sense of time as I was exploring, dreaming, doing,” she said. “Painting became a drive — I just had to do it.”

Shelter-in-place mandates during the pandemic only intensified her focus.

“I’ve actually loved living the hermit life for the past couple of years, being in my sanctuary, feeling fulfilled, and peaceful, and content ... seeing beauty and sharing that beauty,” she said.

Brainerd’s confidence was boosted when she began to sell her art through Venture Gallery, a co-op in Monterey’s Portola Plaza, and after she began taking classes from Colorado-based artist Kelli Folsom.

“I had learned fundamentals of composition, light and dark, and other things through graphic design, but Kelli taught me so much about the basics,” whose art began to morph into an old masters and Dutch masters style. “I took her online classes, studied with her at the Scottsdale Art School and spent a week in her studio in Colorado, along with a couple of other students, which was amazing ... a huge dream.”

Brainerd, who calls herself “a recovering perfectionist,” also is learning to loosen her technique from Folsom, whose mantra is, “Done is more important than perfect.”

Her paintings will be on display beginning Feb. 1 at the new location of the Carmel Valley Art Association, 9 Del Fino Place, in the Village.

Images of Brainerd’s art can also be found at bobbie-brainerd.com and cvartassoc.org.

GREAT LIVES

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“I met Maureen in 1969, at Monterey Hospital on Hartnell, where she worked,” Richards said. “We decided to go to the hospital Christmas party and she asked me to dance. I proposed to her nearly five years later and we honeymooned in her beloved Greece.”

Maureen assisted her husband until she was expecting the first of their two sons. She returned to his office in 1990 and they worked together until his retirement at 78.

“No one thought he would ever retire. It’s truly phenomenal what he’s achieved and contributed to this community and beyond, all in his own quiet way,” she said.

In 2018, Richards published “A Soldier’s Diary,” a book based on records carefully kept by a young corporal, Robert Main, who served as courier to Maj. Gen. George Custer during 1874 and 1875, a year before the Battle of Little Big Horn.

“What you hold in your hands,” wrote Richards in his prologue, “is a compilation of handwritten journal entries, a window into a world that no longer exists: the frontier, the untamed wilderness, nowadays referred to as the Wild West.”

Today, the father of five, grandfather of seven, and great-grandfather of two focuses on family, as well as his charitable concerns, among them the Orton Dyslexia Society and the Hellenic Institute of Cultural Diplomacy. Richards also remains active as a longstanding member of the Pacheco Club, the Old Capital Club and the International Club of Carmel.

Andrew Hain

Andrew Hain, age 74, died suddenly and peacefully on December 30, 2021, in his Rio Road apartment, where he had resided since 2006.



A contractual coin appraiser since 1989 for Carmel Stamp & Coin, where he frequently could be found since moving to Carmel from PA, Andy also was an avid movie viewer and financial analyst who enjoyed sharing his knowledge and appreciation of cinema and wise investing with friends and family.

Being one who valued his privacy and limited his social connections, Andy is best honored by those close to him by recollecting and emulating his kind and considerate nature, and his willingness to serve others.



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residential lots at Pebble Beach, similar to Carmel and Pacific Grove. Morse scrapped that plan in favor of large, minimum 2-acre lots. Additionally, in 1916, he began planning Pebble Beach Golf Links. Just before the February 1919 opening of the new course and adjoining lodge, Morse formed Del Monte Properties Co. and bought his employer's holdings in Monterey County.

About 1919, Morse sold a large lot at the southwest corner of Pebble Beach to San Francisco attorney and Northern California Golf Association president, James A. Mackenzie. This lot was on the Carmel side of Pescadero Canyon, just beyond the 10th Green of Pebble Beach Golf Links. It abutted Power's Murphy Ranch. In 1920, Powers sold Mackenzie the former Murphy property west of San Antonio, which, in addition to some of the beach, included the cabin that Jane Powers had used as an art studio. The Mackenzies used it while they built a large stone house near the golf course.

Parks, yes — city hall, no

Concerned citizens began discussing the future of the beach. They learned that the San Francisco Glass Works retained an easement on much of the beach. City trustees wanted to avoid any possible litigation over what could be done with that land, but Carmel Development Co. could only provide clear title to the 10 acres of beach and dunes west of San Antonio and north from Ocean Avenue to the Mackenzie property. The commercial value in 1921 was \$40,000, but the company offered to sell it to the city for \$15,000. As negotiations continued, city trustees got Devendorf to include an undeveloped parcel on Ocean between Mission and Junipero. Some hoped to build a city hall there, but after years of wrangling, it eventually became Devendorf Park.

With the terms negotiated, the campaign began for Carmel's first bond issue. A two-thirds approval for the \$15,000 parks and playgrounds bond was required. It came to a vote on Nov. 22, 1921. By a vote of 187-41, the bond measure passed. By comparison, on April 10, 1922, just five months later, the city put two other bond measures on the ballot. A \$6,000 bond for fire equipment did not get a two-thirds approval, failing 180-122, and a \$14,000

bond to build a city hall failed 117-179. Clearly the citizenry was only willing to go into debt for something it truly valued.

Freeman, Smith and Camp Co. of San Francisco issued the bonds and delivered \$15,000 to the city in mid-January. With that, the city — 100 years ago this month — purchased the northern section of beach and paid for it over the next 15 years at 6 percent interest.

Glorious real estate

What happened with the the rest of the beach (south of Santa Lucia) is less clear. In April 1922, Edward McMurtry of Pasadena acquired the land between Ocean and Eighth avenues, west of San Antonio extending to the shoreline. The sale carved out a right-of-way for Scenic Road.

Also that year, Elizabeth McClung White came to Carmel from Alabama. In 1923, she established a real estate office on Ocean Avenue. She became very successful and, by 1928, decided to look into the problem of the beach easement. White met with the glass works company and bought the easement. She then bought from Carmel Development Co., what seems to have been the rest of the beach and dunes land between Eighth and Santa Lucia avenues, extending west from San Antonio to the shore.

At the March 5, 1928, council meeting, angered that the city failed to directly do what White had done on her own, artist George Seideneck presented a petition calling

for the beach south of Ocean to be "condemned and added to the city's water front land" with a fair payment not to exceed \$10,000. White valued her property at \$40,000. The March 9 Pine Cone reported the meeting became very heated.

At the same meeting, McMurtry indicated he was willing to sell his beach frontage to the city for a more reasonable \$1,500. Both matters were referred to the planning commission. White responded by suing the city and the county in April, claiming the government had no rights to the land. Oddly, even with the help of the library, I can find no reports that show a resolution of the White matter.

However, the May 11, 1928, Pine Cone reported that at the May 7 council meeting, "the deed of Edward and Doris McMurtry to property recently acquired to complete the city's beach holdings was accepted." From that, the conclusion is that between April and early May, White made some accommodation that did not require an exorbitant payment. White remained an active part of the community. While she seems to have given up the beach in 1928, she still held much of the dunes land above the beach at the time of her death in 1949.

The story of how Carmel Beach came to be city-owned may be complicated, but you don't need to be a real estate attorney to understand that it's one of the most glorious pieces of coastal real estate in the state — and something we're all very lucky to have.



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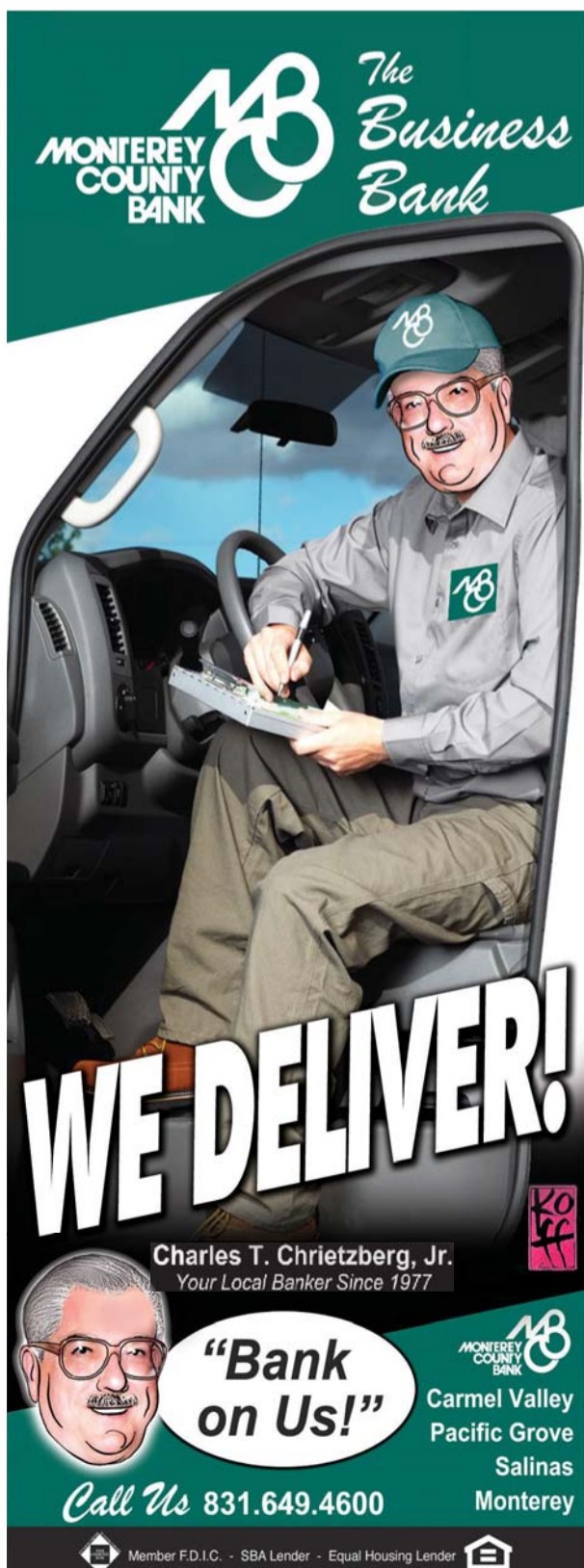
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HEALTHY

Lifestyles

Get off the resolution roller coaster — make changes that last

By SALLY BAHO

IT'S THE time of year when most people think about how they can get healthier, but can we set goals that stick and make changes that become habits?

Considering it takes about two months — 66 days, to be exact, according to researchers at University College of London — for a new behavior to become a habit, “New Year, New You” is not going to happen overnight. The best approach is to focus on small, achievable goals: Find something you like, and check in with yourself and your progress regularly.



Megan Canning

Megan Canning, fitness director at Carmel Valley Athletic Club and a certified personal trainer with the American College of Sports Medicine and the National Academy of Sports Medicine, works with people every day to achieve their

health and fitness goals. Her first piece of advice is to start slow. “You can’t just go all in, because that’s how people burn out,” she said. She tells her clients to start with just two days a week of exercise. Once they’ve committed to that for a few weeks, she suggests increasing to three days a week and then more if they wish.

“Small changes are better than big changes,” she said. Try changing one bad habit at a time. For example, swap a glass of water for one soda or sugary drink every day, rather than vowing to give up sugar cold turkey. Or walk around the block a couple days a week, then increase the

frequency, the distance, and eventually both. Canning emphasized that any exercise is better than none.

She also suggested you find something you really enjoy doing, and, of course, don’t choose something you hate. If running is a chore, try tennis or swimming. If you’re just getting started with a fitness routine, experiment with different types of exercise and find something you like.

“There’s not one way to be fit,” Canning said. Think of cross-country skiers versus gymnasts — both are fit, but they have very different workouts.

It might help to join a club or a gym that has group fitness classes, if that motivates you, or you can just hit the rec trail on your own. Also, try out different instructors or trainers. Maybe you had a bad experience with yoga or kickboxing, but it could be that the teacher just wasn’t for you. Enjoying what you are doing, and the people you are doing it with, will really play a role in developing persistence.

More than numbers

Checking in with your goals is essential to achieving them. A 12-month goal set on the first of the year will likely fall to the wayside if you don’t monitor your progress. Using a fitness tracker or making notes on your phone will help you recognize your achievements. If your long-term goal is to lose 20 pounds, maybe start with 5, then 5 more.

But Canning, who is also a lifestyle and weight management coach with the American Council on Exercise, warned about weight-loss goals in general, especially for older people, “the scale doesn’t necessarily tell the whole story,” Canning said. As we age, we lose bone density, but



CVAC fitness director Megan Canning says to start small and build on your successes.

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HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

If you have a case of fitness fatigue, yoga offers a different perspective

By ELAINE HESSER

BLAH, BLAH January, blah blah new year, blah blah exercise. You hear it every time the Earth makes a lap around the sun. If you're a regular at a gym, it might even be the time when you're waiting for all the dilettantes who made resolutions to give up and get out of your way.

Or maybe you've thought about exercising more, but the idea of getting all sweaty leaves you cold. If any of that sounds familiar, you might want to consider the 5,000-year-old practice of yoga.

"Yoga is for everybody," said Krystle Truncale-Konikowski, co-owner of Yoga Shala by the Sea at Sunset Center. Shala is Sanskrit for home, a gathering place for people who want to practice.

Laura McKinnon, who owns Seaside Yoga Sanctuary on the third floor of Carmel Plaza, agreed with Konikowski's sentiment. "If you can mindfully breathe, you can practice yoga," she said. We'll come back to the idea of breathing mindfully, but first, McKinnon said that one of the most common concerns she hears from newcomers is, "I'm not flexible enough."

Neither was McKinnon. She was in her early 20s, running marathons and working out "very aggressively," when she had an injury that led her to physical therapy. The therapist kept urging McKinnon to try yoga. "I went to a class to make her stop," she remembered with a laugh.

"I thought it was for someone who could fold herself up into a pretzel," and, she said, "I was not at all interested in sitting still, but I was shocked at how rigid and tight my body had become with things I thought were serving me" — her strenuous workouts.

Konikowski came to yoga while learning dance as a high school student on the East Coast. Like McKinnon, it was foreign to her energetic daily routine — in this case, dancing to hip-hop, funk and jazz. She saw the practice as a balancing influence and said that people who spend five days a week working in the gym can find yoga to be a calming, nourishing counterpoint.

There are many ways to practice, all made up of series of asanas, or poses, like the famous downward-facing dog. There's no need to commit to any one style, and no matter which you choose, the key is to listen to your instructor and your body, paying attention to the details of what you're doing and asking for or making modifications



(Left) Laura McKinnon of Seaside Yoga Studio and (right) Krystle Truncale-Konikowski and Jenice Schultheis, co-owners of Yoga Shala by the Sea, demonstrate yoga asanas, or poses.

when necessary.

Hatha yoga is probably what most people imagine a class to be, holding poses, emphasizing posture and focusing on the breath. In vinyasa — sometimes called yoga flow — there is more movement from pose to pose, and some versions can leave you as out-of-breath as a brisk walk.

Restorative yoga moves slowly, encouraging restfulness. And there are many other approaches — there's even chair yoga. With so many varieties, McKinnon said that people who think they can't do yoga, "just haven't found the right yoga." Konikowski described one class she teaches in which students lie on the floor, feet up on a chair, and gradually relax every muscle in their bodies.

One thing at a time

In addition to increasing flexibility, proponents say that yoga helps with bone strength, muscle tone, mood and balance. Since it doesn't emphasize any one muscle

group, it's a good all-over workout, and if you listen to your body, the risk of injury is minimal. Aficionados also talk about how the practice helps them to be "present" and "mindful."

McKinnon translated, explaining that many people find it difficult to focus on now.

"When we're ruminating about the past or worrying about the future, it feels like the walls are closing in," she said. "But when you're in the present, the walls go away."

Sometimes people describe it by saying things like, "If you're washing your hands, just wash your hands." "Mindful breathing" means being aware of inhaling and exhaling without engaging in a lot of other mental activity. It's the opposite of being on a treadmill while listening to music and mentally going through your to-do list — simple, but not easy.

Yoga is like that. Most poses aren't complicated — it's

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HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

You're out of breath and your heart feels like a kettle drum — but is that good?

By ELAINE HESSER

TACKLING A nice uphill climb on a hike, like getting to Inspiration Point in Palo Corona Regional Park, or taking the Waterfall Trail in Garland Ranch Regional Park, can be invigorating and satisfying. As the paths unfold before you, your heart pounds and the view isn't the only thing taking your breath away.

In fact, if you haven't exerted yourself in a while, you might wonder if you're pushing too hard. Conversely, after a bike ride along the nearly flat length of Scenic Road or the gentle slopes of Ocean View Boulevard in Pacific Grove, you may be left with the nagging feeling you haven't done enough. Is there an objective way to gauge your efforts? Well, yes — and no.

Avery Ortiz is a clinical exercise physiologist who works in the Tyler Heart Institute Cardiopulmonary Wellness department at the Montage Wellness Center in Marina. He's part of the clinical team that works with cardiac rehabilitation patients. He told Healthy Lifestyles that there are "generalized blueprints" for people who want to improve their heart health, but that "everything is very individual."



Avery Ortiz

Dr. Nicholas Chee, a cardiologist with Natividad Medical Center in Salinas, offered two ways to measure how strenuous a workout is. "I believe approaches which include measuring the heart rate intermittently during exercise or relying on 'perceived exertion' are both reasonable."

Exercise geeks (and the CDC) define perceived exertion as "how hard you feel like your body is working," and most people aim for "moderate" to "strenuous" or "vigorous" levels. Moderate exertion is often described as "walking briskly," while a run on the beach or an energetic walk around Spanish Bay while carrying a bag full of golf clubs would likely be strenuous.

Ortiz suggested the "talk test." If you're working moderately, you can talk, but not sing. If you're doing something "vigorous," you can only get a few words out with-

out pausing for breath.

Math nerds who want to know what their heart rates should be can gleefully grab their calculators. One well known equation has been enshrined in aerobics classrooms and on charts in gyms since the early 1970s. You take 220, subtract your age, then take a portion of that number — usually between 65 and 85 percent, depending on whether you want a "moderate" or "strenuous" workout — to get your target heart rate in beats per minute.

For a 70-year-old, it works out to 98 to 128 beats per minute, and for a 60-year-old, it's 104 to 136. The formula was developed in the late 1960s and early 1970s by Dr. Sam Fox, a cardiologist, and Dr. William Haskell, an exercise physiologist. They were trying to determine how strenuously heart disease patients could exercise.

Haskell, a professor emeritus at Stanford University, told the New York Times in 2001 that the group he and Fox used to arrive at the formula, "was never meant to be a representative sample of the population." It comprised 10 studies of men, all younger than 65, many of whom smoked or had heart disease.

Ortiz and Chee cited a more recent equation, based on research that involved a broader range of subjects. It calculates maximum heart rate by subtracting 70 percent of your age from 208. You then take 65 to 85 percent of that number to get a target heart rate. It's not as easy to do in your head, but for a 70-year-old, it changes the range to 103 to 135 beats per minute, and for a 60-year-old, it becomes 108 to 141, both a little higher than Haskell and Fox's formula.

Getting FITT

For another way to evaluate your workout, Ortiz suggested using the FITT principle, considering the frequency, intensity, type (cardio, strength, flexibility or balance) and time (duration) you exercise. Someone who's working at a lower intensity might do so for a longer duration, or exercise more frequently, and reap the same rewards as someone who does shorter or less frequent, but intense workouts.

And, Chee said, "I believe the most important factor is consistency. Working out once a week — even strenuously — will not improve one's cardiovascular fitness. I rec-

ommend exercising at least three days a week in order to improve cardiovascular fitness/aerobic capacity."

Neither professional was keen on built-in heart rate monitors in fitness equipment like treadmills. "In my experience, the monitors are either reasonably accurate or woefully inaccurate and underestimate or undercount the heart rate," Chee said, pointing out that you could easily figure out if the machine's monitor was correct by checking your own pulse a few times and comparing the results. Or you could just rely on a FitBit or Apple Watch (if it agrees with your treadmill, the number is probably right).

Ortiz noted that other factors, like a person's medical history and medication use, can affect heart rate during exercise. For example, beta blockers, frequently prescribed to control high blood pressure, keep heart rates artificially low. And atrial fibrillation, a relatively common heart condition, "could be dangerous if not managed properly," Ortiz cautioned.

Those individual differences are the reason for the ubiquitous warnings to consult your physician before starting an exercise program. "Patients and their providers should have a discussion about defining mild, moderate and high intensity exercise as it relates to heart rate or perceived exertion if there is any uncertainty. As one's exercise routine progresses, the specific guidelines regarding intensity of exercise would likely be a moving target, depending on the fitness attained over time," Chee said.

Ortiz said that as an exercise physiologist, "A lot of the questions we get asked, we feel the people should ask their doctors, and leave it in their doctors' hands." Your physician might order a stress test to help you determine how hard you should be working.

And remember, intensity is only one factor to consider. As many physicians and fitness professionals have told Healthy Lifestyles, "The best exercise is the one you'll do regularly."



Dr. Nicholas Chee

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THE KITCHEN

GRILLED SABLEFISH WITH FARMERS MARKET SALAD

Elsah Payne, Wild Fish

IF YOU have never tried sablefish, you're missing out on a delicious bit of seafood fresh from Monterey Bay. Rated a "best choice" by Monterey Bay Aquarium's Seafood Watch, it's also sold as Alaska cod, black cod or butterfish. According to the owners and chef at Wild Fish restaurant (545 Lighthouse Ave. in Pacific Grove) — who provided this month's recipe — you can find it at Sea Harvest or the Monterey Fish Company, and we've seen it in seafood cases at grocery stores, as well.

It's a rich white fish and, as one of its names implies, it's buttery, with a melt-in-your-mouth texture. Make sure the pan or grill is hot before you start cooking, so the

skin gets nice and crisp. The recipe also calls for Fresno peppers, which are sweet and have a little kick — or, if you can find them, Chef Elsah Payne recommends a variety called Sugar Rush. Ruby Streak is a brand name for tender mustard greens with a deep maroon hue that looks beautiful on the plate. You'll see them at farmers markets and sometimes on grocery shelves, but don't substitute regular mustard greens in this recipe — they're too tough and spicy for a salad. Curly endive or frisee could work, however.

The slight bite of the mustard greens, combined with the sweet-tart vinaigrette, complement the fish beautifully.

Serves 4

Ingredients:

4 6-to-7-ounce skin-on sablefish fillets

1 fuyu persimmon

4-6 heirloom tomatoes

1 blood orange

1 Fresno or other sweet, slightly hot pepper

6-8 strawberries

Ruby Streak mustard greens (see notes)

Small handful fresh basil, roughly chopped

Small handful fresh mint, roughly chopped

2 tablespoons olive oil, plus more for rubbing the fish

Salt and pepper to taste

Cut the persimmon, tomatoes and strawberries into bite-sized wedges. Peel

and segment the blood orange. Save and set aside the juice that runs off. Slice the pepper very thin, removing the seeds — unless you like your salad a little spicier.

If the mustard greens have any tough stems, remove them, then tear or cut the leaves into bite-sized pieces.

Toss the fruit and pepper with the saved blood orange juice and olive oil. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and set aside.

Heat a grill or non-stick pan to medium high. Rub the fish on each side with a little olive oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Sear the skin side for 3-4 minutes, then flip and cook another 2-3 minutes or so until cooked through.

Just before serving, toss the greens and herbs with the fruit.

Place a portion of sablefish on each plate, top with the salad and spoon some of the juices over. Sprinkle with flake salt.

Chef Bio

CHEF ELSAH Payne grew up in Wisconsin, where her parents made their own maple syrup, raised chickens and had "a huge vegetable patch." What the fancy foodies dubbed "farm-to-table" was just their way of life. Payne attended culinary school, where she met her husband, Roger (also a chef), then went to work styling food for television and working with celebrity chefs. Still, something kept calling her back to the fresh style of food she enjoyed back

home. She and Roger worked in Wisconsin, where they owned a catering company — but they did some serious California dreaming.

Then, they met Liz and Kelvin Jacobs. Liz had had a catering business, and Kelvin was chef-owner of small hotel with an award-winning dining room. They came to Pacific Grove, where they opened Wild Fish in 2018. Everyone hit it off, and Payne and Roger now live in P.G., where she prepares fresh fish daily, sometimes "frantically texting at 5 a.m." to find out what the local fishermen are bringing to the docks.



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less a game of Twister than a round of Simon Says, listening and following directions. Instructors almost always explain ways to modify poses to accommodate students' limitations.

It's not competitive, and new students quickly learn that others are too busy working on their own form to watch or judge anyone else. "Everyone's journey and timelines are different," McKinnon said. "Sometimes, we feel like we're on a plateau, but something is always shifting, always changing." Occasionally, she said, she has struggled with getting into a particular pose, given up for a few months, and then tried again, successfully.

Easy to start

If you want to try yoga, the financial investment is minimal. Any comfortable, stretchy clothing is fine, although there's plenty of specially designed garb available. It helps if it's a little form-fitting so that your instructor can see how your body is aligned. You can practice barefoot or in yoga socks with sticky plastic spots on the bottom to prevent slipping.

Most studios provide mats, although with Covid, you should ask in advance. Otherwise, they are readily available for less than \$50. Other useful props include

foam blocks and a blanket or towel.

Seaside Yoga Sanctuary offers an introductory package that allows newcomers to try a variety of classes for \$40 over 10 days, and most studios let people pay for single sessions. If you're new, talk with someone at a studio about your needs and limitations to get a good recommendation for a first class.

Still leery of Covid? Seaside Yoga and Yoga Shala offer outdoor classes, and Seaside livestreams some sessions and offers monthly pass holders unlimited access to its video library, so they can participate from home.

But for McKinnon, a live class is best. Even if you practice on your own or with videos, "You might think you're doing one thing, but you're doing something different," and an instructor can help you ease yourself into a stretch you thought was impossible.

Konikowski said she also enjoys the sense of community — and her studio, which has been used for yoga for 35 years, reinforces that. "There are students who come in and say, 'This used to be my second-grade music room,' or 'I went to Boy Scouts here,'" back when it was Sunset School. And in a sense, yoga is about paying attention to your only permanent home — your body — and becoming comfortable there.



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as we exercise, we build muscle, which weighs more than fat. She encourages people who are trying to trim down to use another measure, such as the circumference of the belly, arms, and thighs. “Or maybe a familiar pair of pants

— are they feeling loose?” she said.

You’ve got this

The three factors that lead to success are your ability to endure discomfort (within reason), holding yourself accountable, and seeking — and following — professional

advice, Canning said. You cannot expect to achieve fitness goals if you shy away at the first sign of discomfort.

Counter the feeling with an internal motivator —for example, are you enjoying seeing your progress? Do you have more energy, or find yourself happier after an exercise session? Focus on those positive feelings and be consistent.

Finally, Canning stressed the importance of finding good information. There is plenty of misinformation on social media — especially in the comments sections — so find a reliable source for your health and fitness information. Contact a certified trainer or coach, or use reputable online resources such as the Mayo Clinic, WebMD or the Harvard Health Blog, to name a few.

You can absolutely achieve a “new you” in 2022, but remember that the year is long, and every day is the best day to get started or keep up with your goals. After all, as the Chinese philosopher Lao-Tzu said, the journey of 1,000 miles begins with a single step.

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Bon Bon Vivant visits Sly's, offers cure to the Covid blues, New Orleans-style

AFTER CUTTING short their last two tours to California due to Covid, a New Orleans-based band, **Bon Bon Vivant**, is hoping that three's a charm.

The band, which serves up a danceable mix of jazz and

their tour. They returned to California this past July, when they performed an outside show at Moe's Alley in Santa Cruz. But a rise in Covid sidelined the tour once more.

With nowhere to play in spring 2020, the group turned to the internet to connect with fans.

"Let's start a live weekly Facebook show," lead singer **Abigail Cosio** suggested.

They recorded the performances in her living room.

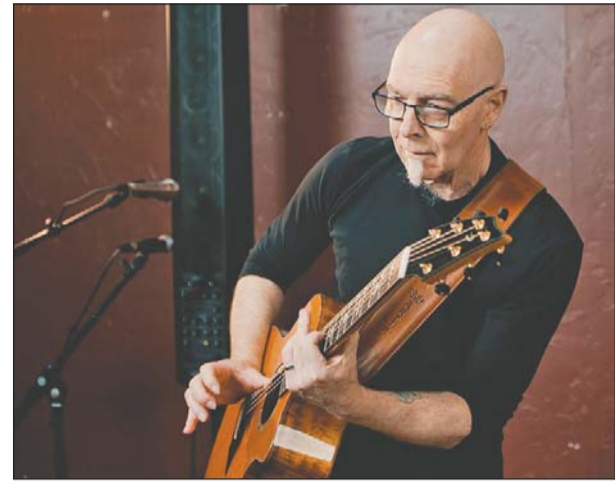
"We all bought recording equipment so we could do a livestream every Sunday," explained saxophonist **Jeremy Kelley**, who is married to Cosio.

'Why not go out singing'

The show became more than just a weekly concert — in response to all the bad news, the group incorporated a "broadcast" of good news stories into it.

Curiously, despite the depressing global mood, the band's music also became more upbeat during Covid. One of their newest songs rebels against feeling down. "If the ship is sinking, why not go out singing," goes one line.

"Music is supposed to be a healer," Cosio told *The Pine Cone*. "Our music has been leaning toward being more hopeful. It's such a hard time, and our response has been to play with more life and energy. Our music is



One of the Monterey Peninsula's busiest musicians, solo guitar instrumentalist John Sherry plays three shows this week in Monterey, and another in Carmel Valley.

brighter and happier than it's ever been. Art loves a challenge — if you put a wall in front of it, it will find a way around it."

The music starts at 9 p.m. Sly's is located at 700 Cannery Row. There's no cover. Call (831) 649-8050.

Live music Jan. 21-27

Bernardus Lodge & Spa in Carmel Valley — pianist **Mathias Morris** (classical, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Scott Slaughter** (Saturday at noon), pianist **Michael Culver** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (folk, rock and blues, Sunday at noon) and multi-instrumentalist **Gary Regina** (classical, jazz and

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On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

Americana, kicks off a brief West Coast tour Friday at Sly McFly's. The music starts at 9 p.m.

The group had just played a show at Art Boutiki in San Jose in March 2020 when the pandemic struck, ending



Bob Bon Vivant takes the stage Friday at Sly McFly's in Monterey, kicking off a west coast tour. The New Orleans-based group plays a danceable mix of jazz and Americana.

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A new place and new faces, Woody's wine list, and a dumpling demo

THE LONG-VACANT storefront next to Sea Harvest at the Crossroads is being transformed into a restaurant that will have three distinct identities: bakery in the morning, deli at lunchtime, and steakhouse and bar at night, according to owner Hans Hess, who's launching the business with his wife, April.

"I've been baking since I was 8 or 10 years old," said Hess, who grew up here and attended Carmel public

Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

schools before going to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in physics in 1994. "I would enter the Monterey County Fair, and I won second place for my bread one year. It's a serious hobby. So, I decided I wanted to open a bakery — but also a steakhouse."

He's branding them separately. The bakery is called BreadSong — "when you take loaves out of the oven, they start crackling and that's called the 'song of the bread,'" he explained. At night, it's SteakCraft, with a lot of emphasis on high-quality steaks.

Not their first rodeo

The Hesses are not new to culinary ventures. In 2005 in Arlington, Va., the couple started a chain called Elevation Burger, which focused on grass-fed beef, fries made in olive oil, and the like, and sold the franchise to FAT Brands (owner of Fatburger, Johnny Rockets and others) in June 2019. They also established an all-hybrid taxi company in 2007 that they sold in 2013.

The couple returned to the Monterey Peninsula after deciding they'd rather raise their kids here than on the East Coast, and in March 2019 bought the Cottage of Sweets on Ocean Avenue from longtime owners Lanny and Linda Rose. They're now focusing on getting their new place ready to open in the next month or two.

"It's going to sound like a mouthful, because it is a mouthful," Hess said. BreadSong will offer pastries and other baked goods, as well as espresso and other coffee drinks brewed from beans they roast themselves.

Lunch will include sandwiches made on BreadSong bread and salads, along with beer and wine. "And we'll have a butcher case where we'll sell charcuterie and cheese and meats," he said. "And then at night, we'll have a steakhouse and bar."

The steakhouse will focus on wagyu beef from different parts of the world and will even offer tasting flights, according to Hess.

"The price points will be pretty good, from the \$20s all the way to very high," he said. "We'll create an inclusive place where locals and tourists want to come."

Hess said the menu will be straightforward but will also include "some fun stuff, like liquid nitrogen ice cream" — and chocolates from the Cottage of Sweets, of course.

"We're working on our craft cocktail list," he added. "My wife is a sommelier, so she's running the beverage program." She's also the accountant.

"We've done all our businesses together," he said.

■ New talent at Wild Fish

Sometimes it takes a coincidence to solve a problem. And so it was for Elsie Payne and her husband, Roger, the new executive chef and sous chef at Wild Fish in Pacific Grove. After Covid put their Wisconsin-based catering company out of business, Elsie Payne said, "we decided we wanted to do something different and interesting, and we decided it should be in a different and interesting place."

At that same time, Wild Fish owners Kelvin and Liz Jacobs were searching for a new chef, "and that's how we met."

The four hit it off immediately, discovering they held similar farm-to-table values and a desire to creatively and heavily emphasize local produce and products.

"Our values connected," Payne said.

On a hobby farm

Payne's culinary career has followed a varied path from her childhood years growing up on her parents' Wisconsin hobby farm, where they harvested and made their own maple syrup, raised chickens, baked bread, cultivated an expansive garden and otherwise lived off the land.

"I didn't realize until I was older that that wasn't normal," she said.



Hans and April Hess are looking forward to the opening of their BreadSong bakery and SteakCraft steakhouse at the Crossroads.

While most kids might venture into cooking with something simple, she recalled, "I think the first thing I made was when I was 7 — and it was baklava."

Her love of cooking suffused the rest of her life. Whether she was depressed, nervous, excited — or feeling any other emotion — "throughout my childhood and teen years, anytime anything happened, I was cooking," she said.

Payne worked off and on in restaurants, mostly in the front of the house. But once she realized she wanted to be involved in the world of cooking every day, she enrolled at Le Cordon Bleu culinary school in France to get classical training.

She met Roger there, and they "fell in love instantly." Many of their conversations focused on food, of course. "It was really a true kinship and a mingling of two souls when we got to talk about food and our passions," she said.

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While he went to work in restaurants, she took a different path and, on a lark, applied for a TV job doing food styling and other related work for the Home Shopping Network. She got it and found herself working alongside Wolfgang Puck and other celebrities. “It was a huge challenge and a great experience,” she said. “I learned so much.”

But she missed cooking, so the couple and their young kids eventually moved back to Wisconsin and helped start a farm-to-table restaurant that took the concept to new heights.

“We got to pick out the cow that we would eat later, and I had a flour mill that

knew where the wheat was coming from and would grind it to my specifications,” she said. “It was sort of heart-melting,” and again, she learned a lot from creating menus based entirely on what was available and planning for the next season’s anticipated bounties.

“It was amazing and wonderful and a hugely valuable experience for a chef,” she said.

They handed the restaurant over to the owners who had hired them to help get it going, and started their catering business. Then Covid hit.

Now, they’ve found a place to live in Pacific Grove, their belongings have arrived from Wisconsin, and the new chef and sous chef at Wild Fish are getting to know the farmers and fishermen here.

“The produce and the products that are available are gob smacking,” she said. “I just can’t believe it.”

Payne said she’s also enjoying getting to know her new town of Pacific Grove.

“It’s overwhelming in every sense in the best way,” she said of this new life chapter. “We couldn’t have picked a better spot.”

To see what they’re up to, book a table at Wild Fish by visiting wild-fish.com or calling (831) 373-8523. It’s located at 545 Lighthouse Ave. in Pacific Grove.

Woody’s

Chris Caul, who owned Christopher’s on Lincoln in downtown Carmel for more than a decade and is now partners with chef Tim Wood at Woody’s in the Monterey Airport, said this week he’s brought in a ton of new highly regarded

wines — and wants to pour them for people.

What goes better with fish tacos than Kistler chardonnay, right?

The cellar now contains bottles of Hanzell, Opus One, Insignia, Dariosh, Flowers single-vineyard pinot noir and other notable labels.

Behind the bar, Caul brought in Warfield Distillery’s pot-stilled whiskey and barrel-aged gin, made with spring water from the Rocky Mountains. In a nod to Del Monte Aviation founder Bob Buck, he’s using the gin in a classic London Buck-inspired cocktail with Luxardo liqueur and house-made sweet and sour mix that he’s calling Buck’s Perfect Landing.

After next month’s AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am concludes, Caul said he plans to start hosting wine dinners featuring local producers, and he also encouraged locals to stop by for brunch on the weekends.

“People are loving it,” he said.

New additions to the menu, which is now different for lunch and dinner, include fish and chips and a New York steak sandwich, and the ever-popular prime rib is now available Friday and Saturday nights — another draw for residents.

“People who are flying can’t believe all the locals we have,” he said.

To find out more about Woody’s, go to woodysmontereyairport.com or call (831) 373-1232.

Half-price wine

The Rio Grill at the Crossroads and Tarpy’s on Highway 68 at Canyon del Rey are offering many of the wines on their lists for half price Sunday through Thursday until the end of the month.

Tarpy’s and the Rio are both open



Want just the right drink to pair with your tacos at Woody’s at the airport? Co-owner Chris Caul has added a lot of great wines and cocktails, so he’s got you covered.

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Twisted Roots helps kids, hearts

The Twisted Roots tasting room in Carmel Valley Village will raise funds next month for the American Heart Association and Partnership for Children in two separate campaigns.

From Feb. 11 to 14, a portion of the proceeds from sales in the tasting room and online will go to the organization that helps fight heart disease.

And Feb. 11-13, 20 percent of Twisted Roots sales will go to the nonprofit Partnership for Children as part of the Share the Love Campaign. The group provides much needed transportation to medical services for children with life-threatening conditions and their families.

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Emily Lippe has made a splash teaching people how to make dumplings. She’ll next host a demo at the Holman Ranch tasting room.



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Japanese American center unveils fish flag mural, reopens after two years

BESIDES CALLING attention to both a landmark and the history of Japanese-Americans, an event from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday in Monterey showcases a painter

showed the curator of the center, Tim Thomas, a photo of a mural of Japanese fish flags his daughter had done on her sister's barn in Colorado. Thomas was more than just impressed.

"I said, 'I want that,'" Thomas told The Pine Cone. "It was colorful and vibrant and it really reflected the Japanese culture."

Along with three Japanese fish flags, Seavey placed two fishing boats in the background, including one that was built in the traditional style of a Japanese fishing boat as seen in a local photograph that was taken in 1938.

The mural is located on the back of Monterey County Youth Museum, and just steps away from the entrance of the center.

Born in Salinas and raised in Pacific Grove, Seavey studied art at Van Der Kelen

Logelain in Brussels, Belgium. She now lives in Mexico City.

Taiko drumming

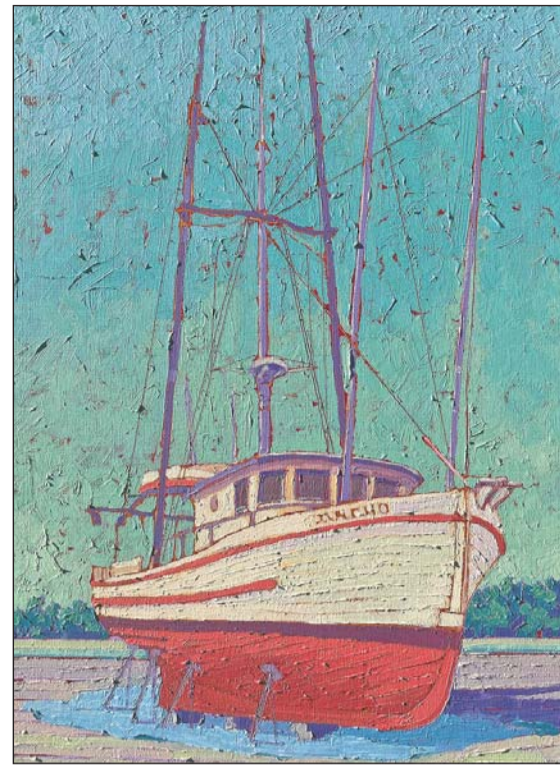
Also Saturday at the center, a new garden will be dedicated, Thomas will lead tours, and Taiko drummers from the group, Shinsho-Mugen Daiko, will perform.

Saturday marks the first time the center has opened its doors in quite a while. Thomas called the gathering "a soft opening," and he said the center plans to expand the hours when it's open in the coming months. "We've been closed for two years," noted the curator, who once held the same post for the former Monterey History and Maritime Museum.

While the center has kept a pretty low profile, Thomas said it's a local treasure.

"It's really the only museum in Monterey County that tells the history of the Japanese on

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Painter Jeffrey Becom's "Pancho in Dry Dock, Moss Landing" is included in a group show that's on display through the end of the month at the Carmel Art Association.

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

who grew up in Pacific Grove, but now lives abroad.

'I want that'

The daughter of noted historian Kent Seavey, Heather Seavey will unveil a large mural she recently created for the Japanese American Heritage Center, which is located at 425 Adams St. in Monterey.

The mural got its start when Seavey

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■ Dumplings and wine

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Big Sur River Inn — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (folk, Saturday at 1 p.m.). On Highway 1 24 miles south of Carmel, (831) 667-2700.

Cowgirl Winery in Carmel Valley — singer **Haley Jane** (rock, Saturday at 1 p.m.). 4 Pilot Road, (831) 298-7030.



Mandolinist Dave Holodiloff, who music pushes the limits of his instrument, has shows this week in Monterey and Pacific Grove.

Cypress Inn — singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Friday at 7 p.m.), pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Saturday at 7 p.m.), **The Andrea Carter Trio** (jazz and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.), guitarist **Richard Devinck** (classical, Sunday at 6 p.m.) and singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, (831) 624-3871.

Cibo restaurant in Monterey — **The Dave Holodiloff Duo** (jazz and bluegrass, Sunday at 7 p.m.), singers **Lee Durley** and **Scotty Wright** (jazz and r&b, Tuesday at 7 p.m.) and **The Ben Herod Trio** (jazz and swing, Wednesday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St., (831) 649-8151.

Folktales Winery in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Lindsay Wall** (Saturday at 2 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch** (Sunday at 11:30 a.m.), singer and guitarist **Bobcat Rob** (Monday at 2 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Talmon Owens** (Thursday at 2 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road, (831) 293-7500.

Gusto Pasta and Pizza in Seaside — singer **Janice Perl** and pianist **Gary Meek** (jazz, Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.). 1901 Fremont Blvd., (831) 899-5825.

Hyatt Carmel Highlands — singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Saturday and Thursday at 7 p.m.). 120 Highlands Drive, (831) 620-1234.

The Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach — **The Andy Weis Band** with pianist **Bill Spencer** and bassist **Peter Lips** (jazz, Friday at 8:30 p.m.), **The Andy Weis Band** with pianist **Gary Meek** and bassist **Dan Robbins** (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.) and **The Andy Weis Band** with pianist **Gary Meek** and bassist **Steve Uccello** (jazz, Thursday at 7

p.m.). 2700 17 Mile Drive, (831) 647-7500.

Intercontinental Hotel in Monterey — guitarist **John Sherry** (folk, rock and blues, Friday, Saturday and Thursday at 6 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Sunday at 6 p.m.). 750 Cannery Row, (831) 375-4500.

Juice and Java in Pacific Grove — Open Mic Night (Friday at 6 p.m.). 599 Lighthouse Ave., (831) 373-8652.

Julia's Vegetarian Restaurant in Pacific Grove — mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (bluegrass, Friday at 7 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave., Suite F, (831) 656-9533.

La Playa Hotel — **The David Morwood Band** (jazz, Sunday at 4 p.m.). Camino Real, (800) 582-8900.

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — singer **Haley Jane** (rock, Friday and Thursday at 6 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (rock and blues, Saturday at 6 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Johan Sotelo** (Sunday at 6 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive, (831) 624-3811.

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Obscene remarks were written on the dusty window.

An Acquaintance was contacted and admitted he wrote the comment.

Both parties were counseled.

ART

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the Monterey Peninsula," he added. "It's a really important story."

Freshly minted, on display

On display at the Carmel Art Association through Jan. 31 is a group show, "Impressions." "Everything is freshly minted at Carmel Art Association for the new year," reported gallery manager Sally Aberg. "For our first show, we have installed a rare gallery-wide, all-artist-members'



Heather Seavey, who grew up in Pacific Grove, recently created a large mural for the Japanese American Heritage Center.

big group exhibition. Everyone who accepted this invitation has new works on display. For viewers, this makes for a very wide-ranging experience of diverse styles, medi-

ums, and subjects from artists between age 28 and 95."

The gallery, which is open Thursday to Monday, is on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth. Carmelart.org

LIVE

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(jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), pianist **Michael Culver** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist **Gary Regina** (jazz, Monday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist Kevin Pfeffer (Tuesday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Steven Shook** (Wednesday at 6 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Fred McCarty** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row, (831) 646-1700.

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Sly McFly's in Monterey — **Bon Vivant** (jazz and Americana, Friday at 9 p.m.), **The Joint Chiefs** (funk and r&b, Saturday at 9 p.m.), **The Stingrays** (rock, Sunday at 8:30 p.m.), **The Long Distance Flyers** (classic rock, Monday at 8:30 p.m.), **Victory Lane** (Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.) and **The John Michael Band** (rock, Thursday at 8:30 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row, (831) 649-8050.

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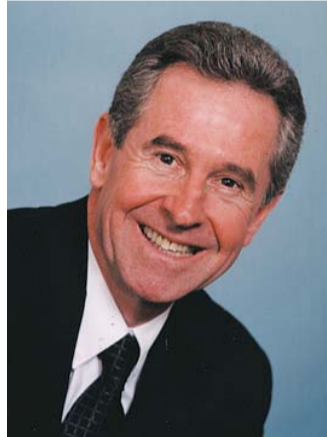
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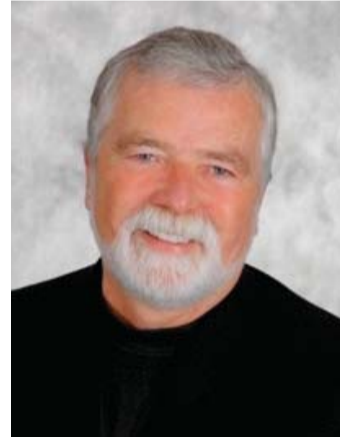
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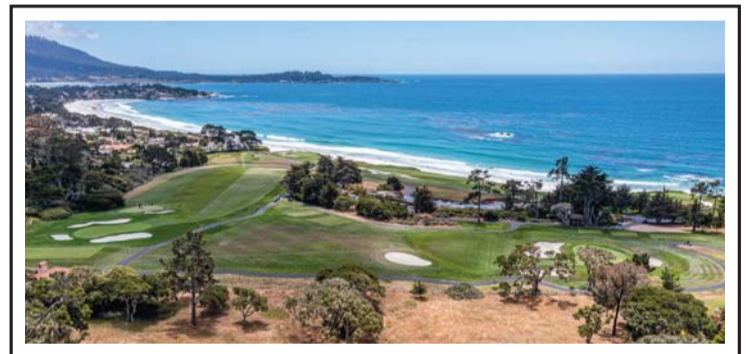
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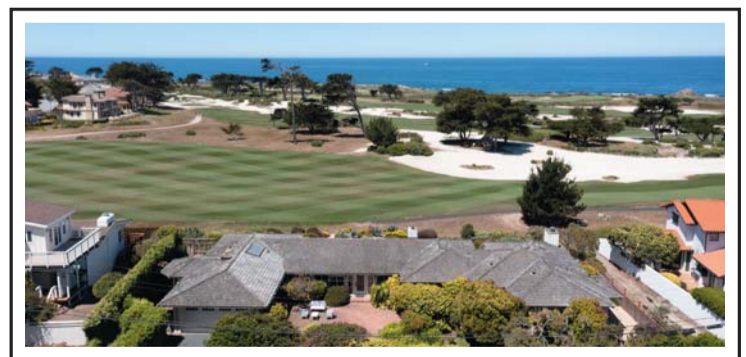
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Where have all the workers gone? Gone for stimulus checks, every one.

ACCORDING TO the Chinese Zodiac, 2022 is the Year of the Tiger. That's a relief. The past two years have been dominated by a bat virus.

An article in last week's Pine Cone reported there are 20 positions open at Carmel City Hall. What's strange about that? Well, there are usually about six recruitments

per year. I thought it would be a good idea to actively recruit senior citizens to fill some of the openings. So I took a close look at the jobs that were available to see if I qualified. Surprisingly, there's a couple I could slide into nicely.

Associate planner is not one of them. I am among the

world's worst planners. People ask me how many columns I have in the hopper for down the road. The answer is none. Zip. Zero. Zilch. I work better under pressure. Give me a deadline and I can knock out a sequel to GWTW, all 418,053 words of it, in a week. I won't be sending in a resume for associate planner.

Library assistant. A position I might consider. Here's what I found on the city's website: "From helping readers find the next best book, to teaching a class/workshop, to

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

sharing library resources with people of all ages. No two days are the same at the Harrison Memorial Library." Boy! That is me. At 17, I was a whiz-bang library page. I had those books checked in, back in the card catalog (no computers back then), and re-shelved before you could say, "Shakespeare." By the way, did you know the Bard was against libraries? "Neither a borrower or a lender be." And I love books. I sold them for more than 20 years.

Anybody type?

City clerk. When my Army reserve unit went to summer camp on the shores of New York's Lake Ontario, we were asked if anyone could type. I raised my hand and immediately became company clerk. I was a regular Radar O'Reilly, churning out morning reports, updating duty rosters and typing up letters for officers. There must be some crossover between company clerk and city clerk. From the city website: "The ideal candidate is a dynamic, proactive leader committed to public engagement and thrives in a fast-paced environment. In collaboration with other executive positions, the city clerk will work closely with the assistant city administrator in carrying out the policies set forth by the city council." I was a proactive leader as a regional manager for a multi-hundred dollar medical instrument company. The pay scale is a problem. City clerk pays \$131,221 to \$159,500. I absolutely cannot handle a pay cut right now.

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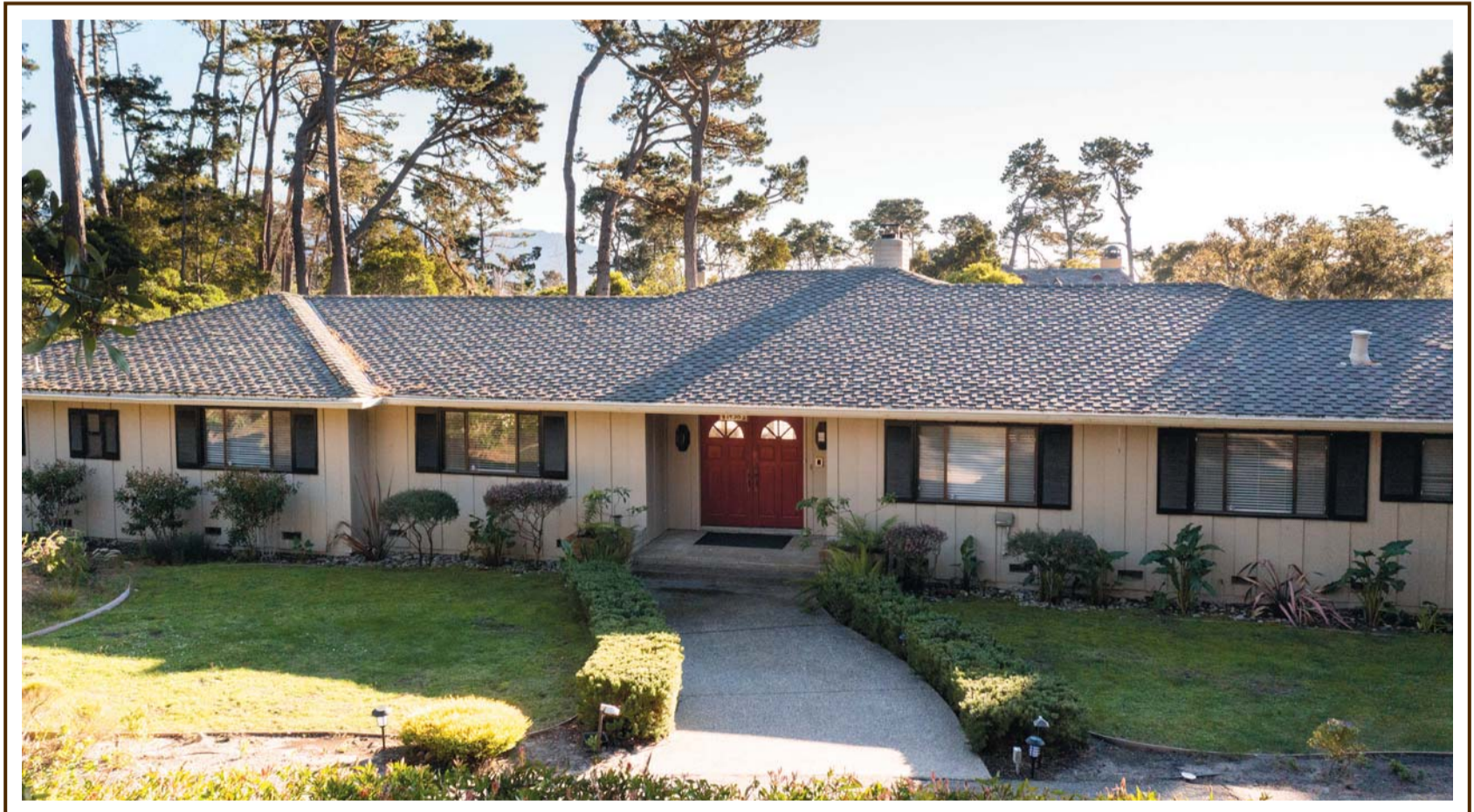
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POLICE LOG

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MONDAY, JANUARY 3

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject on Torres was reported making past-tense suicidal statements.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of possible transient camping at Rio and Ladera. Property found in the area. Taken for safekeeping, pending owner pick-up.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Bracelet found on Ocean.
Pacific Grove: Possible elder abuse at a David Avenue residence.
Pacific Grove: An ID was found on Forest. Owner contacted, and the item will be held for safekeeping for pickup.
Pacific Grove: Non-injury collision on Locust.
Pacific Grove: Report of suspicious circumstances on Lighthouse.
Pacific Grove: A 16-year-old juvenile was observed on Forest Lodge Road riding a bicycle in darkness without a headlight. The subject was searched, and contraband was lo-

cated. The subject was cited for possessing the contraband.
Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a reported burglary on Encina Drive. Five victims were identified.
Carmel Valley: A wallet was found on Center Street and returned to the owner.
Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a suicide attempt on Robinson Canyon Road.
Carmel Valley: Custody disagreement on East Garzas Road.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Cell phone found at the beach, unable to charge. Major damage.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Loose dog reported on Lorca. Officer responded, and the dog was eventually captured and brought to Carmel police station for safekeeping. Dog turned over to Monterey County Animal Shelter for transport. Later, the owner contacted the department and was advised of the dog's status.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of hit-and-run vehicle collision on San Carlos. Vehicle drivable.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: A female at Dolores and 10th report-

ed her purse lost and then called later in the day to say that she left it at a restaurant.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a lost cell phone at Ribera Beach.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Cell phone found on the stairway to the beach at Scenic and 10th. The phone is damaged and cannot be charged.
Pacific Grove: Officer conducted a traffic stop on Jewell, and the passenger had an outstanding warrant. The 22-year-old female passenger was cited for her warrant.
Pacific Grove: Officers observed a vehicle drive through a stop sign on Jewell without stopping. The vehicle was stopped, and the 28-year-old male driver was arrested on an unrelated matter. He was booked into Monterey County Jail on charges of possession of burglary tools, driving without a license, felony violation of probation, felony vehicle theft and false registration.
Pacific Grove: Subject found deceased in a Patterson Lane residence.

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GERVASE

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on a regular basis. Seniors have escaped the tyranny of the time clock.

January 14 was one of the wackiest days of the month. I thought it was the end of the world. Starbucks on Rio Road was closed. (Beware the Ides of January!) The building looked so forlorn, lacking only tumbleweed rolling across the parking lot. If Steinbeck were still alive, he might write about the Joads moving from one dustbowl to another. Luckily, the store reopened the following day and life went on.

Steinbeck's characters from "The Grapes of Wrath" found an oversupply of workers when they arrived in California. That situation has flipped. Staffing problems were the reason Starbucks temporarily closed.

Unusual snack

I nearly had a panic attack when I strolled down the cereal/cracker aisle at Safeway. My favorite snack for the last 100 years has been buttered Nabisco saltines and milk. Slather butter on the saltine, take a bite, sip some milk at the same time, and swallow. I could go through a whole sleeve of crackers that way. Tragedy: the store was out of saltines. Why? After all, "Crackers cannot fill the thickened lung with breath, nor clean the blood, nor set the fractured bone." (See "Love is Not All," by Edna St. Vincent Millay.) Back in August of 2021, there was a strike at the plant in Portland, Ore., that makes Nabisco Premium Saltines. I could imagine some tough labor negotiating executive sneering at me and saying, "Let him eat cake." Fortunately, this was a temporary regional problem, and I was able to sate my saltine habit a few days later.

There are no problems at Scenic Views. My staff shows up every day. You will not see a "Temporarily Closed" sign somewhere in The Pine Cone's real estate section. Still, I'm checking my mail. I heard the state of California is sending out more stimulus checks. When will they ever learn?

Contact Jerry at jerrygervase@yahoo.com.



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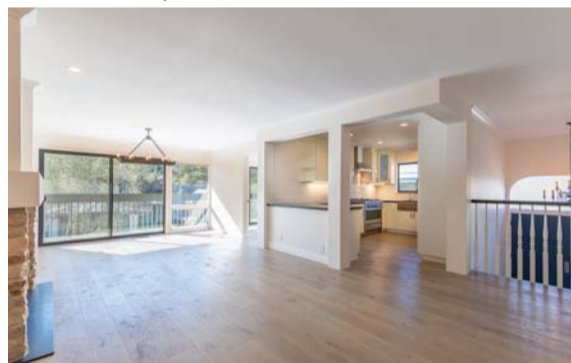
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Pacific Grove: Business burglary on Lighthouse. Security cameras stolen.

Pacific Grove: Vandalism to a public bus on Fountain.

Pacific Grove: Possible theft of a dog on Moreland. Possible civil dispute.

Pacific Grove: Theft of several items from an unlocked vehicle on Lighthouse, including debit and credit cards. The cards were used at a business in another jurisdiction. No suspect identified at this time.

Carmel Valley: Deceased person located at a residence on Village Drive.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost wallet reported at Junipero and Ocean.

Pacific Grove: BB gun turned in by a Lobos resident for destruction.

Pacific Grove: Theft of registration sticker from a vehicle reported on Forest Lodge Road.

Pacific Grove: Skateboard taken from an unlocked garage at a residence on Junipero Avenue.

Carmel area: Online report of stolen property from a residence on Atherton Drive residence.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle burglary on Monarch Lane.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded for a welfare check on Meadows Place.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

Pacific Grove: Ongoing civil dispute on Lighthouse over the ownership of a dog.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Monarch was placed on a mental health hold.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male on Junipero north of Eighth stated an ex-employee cut hydraulics to his tow truck. He was unable to provide sufficient evidence of vandalism to the truck or evidence of the ex-employee committing the vandalism.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 40-year-old male was cited at Ocean and Carpenter for driving on a suspended license.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed for blocking driveway on Lincoln.

Pacific Grove: Burglary on 17th Street.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Forest made suicidal threats in the presence of PGPD officers. Subject was placed on a 5150 hold and transported to CHOMP.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report on Ridge-wood of a forged check from an unknown subject.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found earring at Scenic and Eighth.

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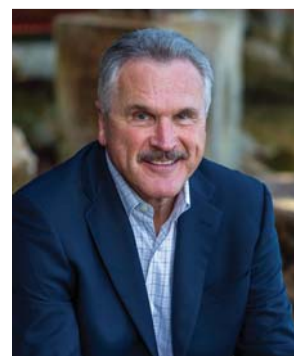
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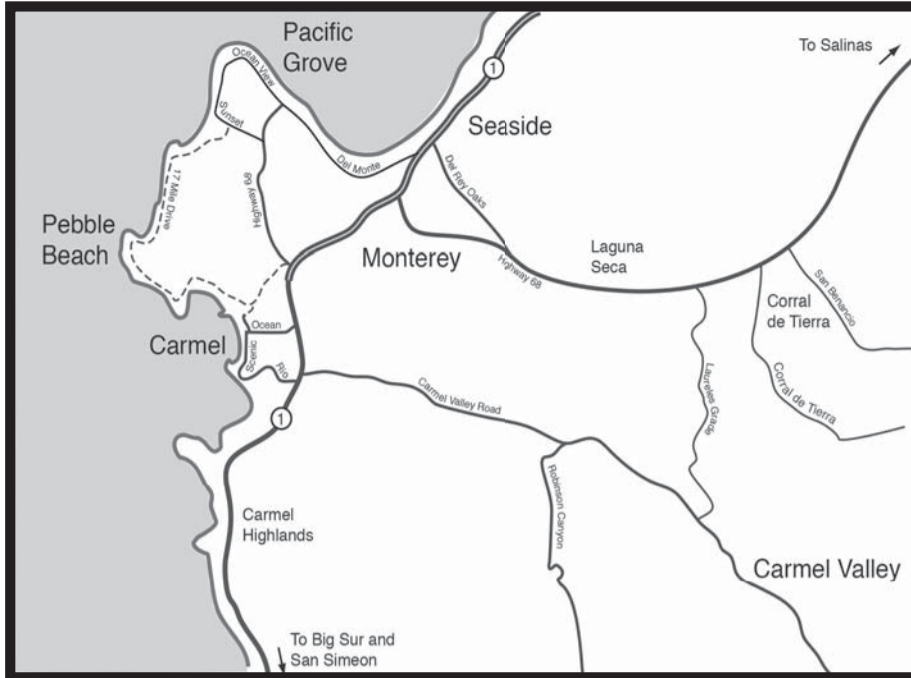
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Resident on Guadalupe south of Second reported a suspicious person seen through their Ring camera. The subject approached a downstairs door, appeared to try the handle and then walked away. Area check conducted with negative results. Close patrol requested.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop at Fourth and Guadalupe at 0015 hours for CVC violations resulted in the 28-year-old male Monterey resident being arrested for DUI.

Pacific Grove: Public works located a bicycle at Arnett Park on Piedmont. They brought it to the police department for safekeeping. No owner information known.

Pacific Grove: Trespassing admonishment on Sunset Drive.

Pacific Grove: Non-injury collision involving a parked vehicle on Jewell Avenue.

Carmel Valley: Encina Drive resident reported a theft of mail.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from San Carlos and Sixth per section 22651(d) VC, blocking a driveway.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Battery between friends at Ocean and Casanova. No prosecution desired; information only.

Pacific Grove: Coroner case on Pine.

Pacific Grove: A tree on David Avenue was removed without a permit.

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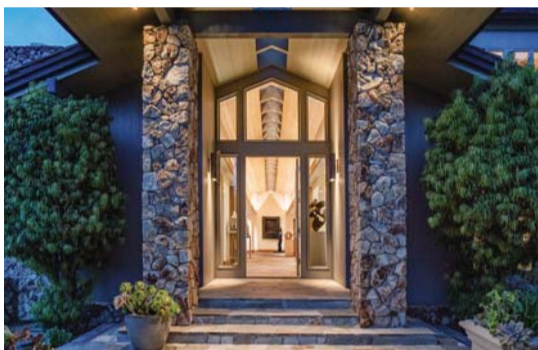
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