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Covid data all over the place, but hospital staffing shortages ease

By KELLY NIX

AFTER A decline in new Covid infections in Monterey County earlier in the week, the county reported a significant increase in cases and hospitalizations on Thursday, bumping the case rate back to 118 per 100,000 people per day. The state's case rate, meanwhile, has been steadily declining and reached 202 per 100,000 people per day, down from 265 a week ago, lending credence to the idea that the worst of the omicron surge has passed.

Also encouraging is the fact that staffing shortages at the county's hospitals have eased.

Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula reported Wednesday that 47 workers who tested positive were in isolation, compared to 58 on Jan. 20.

Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System reported an even more dramatic decline, with 43 employees sick with Covid Wednesday versus 64 last week.

"We're fortunate the mitigation measures and all of the safety protocols our staff are taking seem to be keeping absences at a manageable level," SVMHS spokeswoman Karina Rusk explained.

CHOMP reported Thursday it had 28 patients, including four in the intensive care unit. Last week, it was close to ICU capacity.

Salinas Valley Memorial reported it had 46 Covid patients, seven of them on ventilators.

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'Burn pile' sparks frightening winter wildfire

■ Yurt is only structure destroyed

By CHRIS COUNTS

A PILE of burned yard waste that was thought to be out suddenly sparked back to life Friday evening in Palo Colorado and, with winds gusting up to 50 mph, quickly spread to the surrounding terrain, torching 700 acres and causing quite a fright in a neighborhood where 57 homes burned just six years ago.

After five days of cool temperatures, high humidity and light winds, officials said Thursday the fire was 65 percent contained, with firefighters focused on beefing up control lines and mopping up hot spots. While property damage was minimal, one family lost the yurt they were living in, along with most of their belongings.

The wildfire kept a stretch of Highway 1 closed for five days before it was reopened Wednesday at noon. It caused hundreds of residents to evacuate and scared people for miles around.

Photos go around the world

From the frightening images that went viral Friday evening and Saturday morning, it appeared that a major wildfire had Big Sur in its crosshairs — and in January, no less. Nighttime photos showed bright orange flames bearing down on Highway 1 and creating a startling backdrop for the landmark Bixby Bridge. But the strong and warm inland winds that helped the fire grow soon died down, and firefighters gained control over it.

While initial estimates had the fire scorching 1,500 acres, it has now been reduced to about 700 acres.



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The Colorado Fire roared to life last Friday evening as flames surrounded Rocky Creek Bridge in Big Sur. But the high winds that drove it subsided Saturday, limiting the damage to about 700 acres, with one structure destroyed.

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BOOMING TICKETS SALES SHOW COVID ISN'T DETERRING AT&T PRO-AM FANS

By MARY SCHLEY

THE OMICRON variant might have scared some people into staying home, but not those who want to watch their favorite pros and celebrities duke it out at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am Jan. 31-Feb. 6. Monterey Peninsula Foundation CEO Steve John said this week that ticket sales are tracking 20 percent higher than ever. The non-profit foundation hosts the pro-am.

And that's before the final week, he said, when a lot of people make the last-minute decision to attend.

John attributed surging ticket sales to pent-up demand and the understanding that "golf courses are probably the safest place to be," since they're about 130 acres and all of the spectating is done outside, where there's plenty of room to spread out.

"People are wanting to get out and do something — they're tired of being cooped up," he continued. "They want to get back to normal activity, and we bring a heck of a circus to town with all the celebrities and pros."

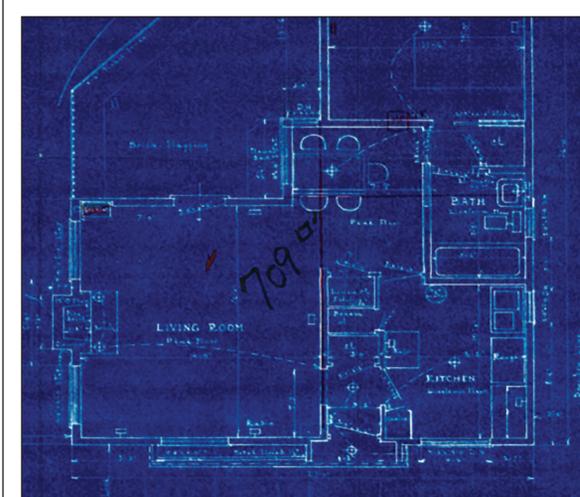
The tournament has 156 PGA Pros and 156 amateur partners — including celebrities — competing on all

three courses over the first three days, with the top pros and groups playing at Pebble Beach on Sunday. John speculated the strong pro field, which includes nearly a third of the Top 100, and a celebrity lineup that features a half-dozen new and notable players, are adding to the excitement.

Actor Scott Eastwood, son of Pebble Beach Co. co-owner and former Mayor Clint Eastwood, will be playing in his first AT&T, according to John. Among the

See **TICKETS** page 19A

Nerds, historians and the nosy rejoice ...



Want to know all about Barnet Segal's 1939 cottage and how he got busted for an illegal kitchen? A project to scan every piece of paper in 5,000 property files and make them available online is underway. See story page 3A.

Mom says teachers 'groomed' girl to become trans

By KELLY NIX

THE MOTHER of a former Spreckels elementary school student alleges that two teachers manipulated her daughter into believing she was transgender and bisexual and told her to keep her new identity and participation in a school lesbian, gay and transgender club secret.

In a claim for damages filed against the Spreckels school district, Salinas resident Jessica Konen alleges that two Buena Vista Middle School teachers, Kelly Baraki and Lori Caldeira, ran an "equality" club intended for students who were lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or questioning their sexuality or gender. Konen's daughter first attended a club meeting as an 11-year-old during the 2018-2019 school year on an invitation from a friend.

'Fit in perfectly'

"Initially, Konen's daughter was not interested in the LGBT+ discussion, and she decided not to come back to the club," according to a Jan. 19 legal claim Konen and her daughter filed against the school district with the help of attorney Harmeet Dhillon. "About two weeks later, Ms. Caldeira approached Konen's daughter and asked her to come back to the club. Ms. Caldeira told the girl that she 'fit in perfectly.'"

But Konen said Baraki and Caldeira and principal

Katelyn Paganan went far beyond merely hosting the school club, and she outlines a litany of allegations. Baraki and Caldeira, Konen said, "planted the seed" in her

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Ritzy neighborhood may get homeless housing

By KELLY NIX

A PLAN to convert a longstanding Pacific Grove hotel to permanent housing for more than 50 homeless people got full support last week from the city council. There was one problem: The owners of the hotel didn't know anything about it.

At the Jan. 19 Pacific Grove City Council meeting, city officials said the Monarch Resort at 1111 Lighthouse Avenue was "identified for sale and a potential match" for Project Homekey, a statewide program that helps developers acquire hotels and motels to provide long-term housing

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Devoted to Dave

THE 10-YEAR-OLD toy poodle's first "frou-frou" name may have suited the tiny fluff ball when he was born, but his adoptive person decided he needed something a little more dignified, like Dave.

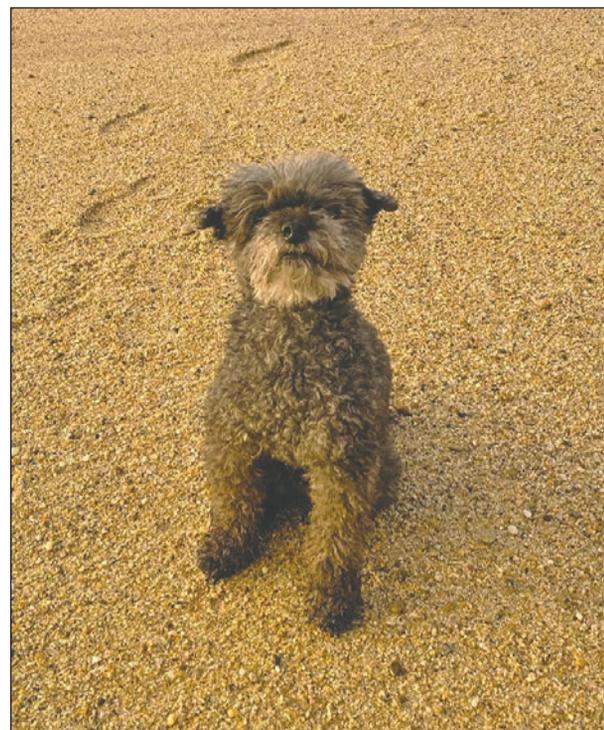
There really isn't a cooler name than Dave.

When Dave was about a year old, his person's parents took care of him while she traveled. Upon her return, they were reluctant to give him back. They never did.

Dave's people have a home in Crested Butte, Colo., but they've spent the last 15 months on a cross-country trek in their SUV. Dave rides shotgun in his little bed, resting on the console between the seats.

"Dave thinks he's a big macho guy, probably because of his name," his person said. "A seasoned traveler, he gets excited when he sees us packing. And he's super observant as we travel, paying attention to everything along the way."

Most recently, the trio came to Carmel, where they



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spent time hiking Garland Park and wandering the trails above Ribera Beach, strolling along the Rec Trail flanking Monterey Bay, the boardwalk in Asilomar, and down the stretch of sand framing Carmel Bay.

"Dave's been hiking with us since he was a baby," his person said. "He stays right with us on the trails. Even at 10, he's still pretty active, except when he's not. Then he lies in the sun and sleeps like a cat. He's a really smart dog. He is a poodle, after all."

The travelers have gone to several beaches during their stay here. Dave was a little unsure of the waves at first, but once he got his feet wet, he had the confidence of a Carmel canine.

"Our visit has been really fabulous," his person said. "We've been to a lot of places this past year, but I don't think anywhere can top the beauty of this area."



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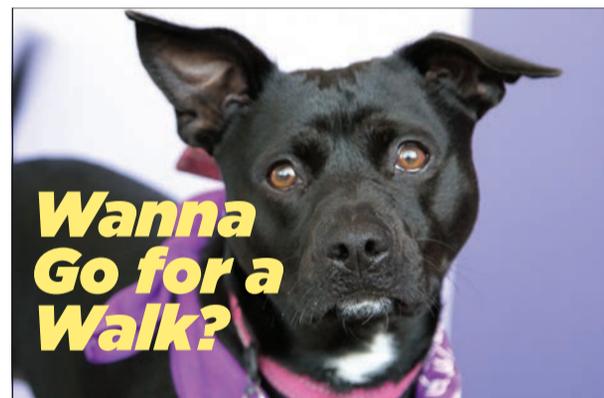
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FIRST PROPERTY FILES HIT THE WEB

By MARY SCHLEY

THE \$80,000 effort to digitize more than 5,000 property files saw its first test completed last week when planning director Brandon Swanson demonstrated the ease of clicking on a parcel on an online map of the City of Carmel to view hundreds of pages of documents and plans connected to a building on the southwest corner of Monte Verde and Ocean.

“This was the first batch of files we did as a test,” he said Friday. “Today, we’re sending out 25 boxes of files, which represents four or five massive filing cabinets.”

Last October, the city council approved a \$79,950 contract with a company called SyTech Solutions to scan property files dating back to the founding of the city in 1916, and even earlier.

“Every lot in the city has a physical file dating back to the founding of Carmel-by-the-Sea,” Swanson said. “They take up a lot of space and are hard to get to.”

Rabbit hole

He demonstrated how the new system works. As the documents are scanned and uploaded to the cloud, anyone interested in reviewing a file can go to the city’s online map, which breaks down the town by block, lot and parcel. The map shows zoning and provides APNs, and once a file is uploaded and attached, all the relevant documents are available in one click.

Journalists, prospective buyers, planners and the simply curious can access the entire property file by clicking on the

See FILES page 23A

Council to remain remote in February

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CITY council had planned to resume in-person meetings starting in February, but city administrator Chip Rerig announced Jan. 21 that move will be delayed at least a month due to the rise in cases resulting from the highly contagious omicron variant.

“We want to be back in person for a variety of reasons, not the least of which is we want to be able to serve our public better and take public comment in person,” Rerig said Friday. “But with omicron, it’s just not wise to be in this small room with a large group of people.”

The new target, he said, is the March 1 council meeting.

Proof of vax

Earlier this month, the council had decided to begin convening in city hall again for the first time since everything shut down as coronavirus infections took

hold in March 2020. For their first in-person meeting in council chambers, they planned to require proof of vaccination — and of booster shots for those who are eligible — and to demand that everyone wear an N95 mask while inside.

In addition, council members and city staff would have to take rapid tests beforehand to ensure they aren’t infected themselves.

The change was set to take effect with the Feb. 1 regular meeting, which would also be streamed via Zoom and other online platforms so those who didn’t want to attend in person could still observe or take part.

“We’re all disappointed,” Rerig said, regarding the decision to postpone in-person meetings for at least a month.

Other boards and commissions will decide on their own when to begin convening in person again, according to a resolution adopted by the council earlier this month.

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Police & Sheriff's Log

Lost dog knew where he belonged

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.

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Pacific Grove: Dispatched to a shoplifting that had just occurred on Forest Avenue. Suspect resisted arrest and was taken into custody. The 32-year-old male was booked into Monterey County Jail for obstruction, violation of probation, possession of stolen property and littering.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person on Fourth east of Monte Verde reported finding lost property. Recovered and booked into evidence for safekeeping.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person at Ocean and San Carlos reported losing their wallet containing their driver's license. This report is provided as a courtesy to assist the subject in boarding a flight.

Pacific Grove: Domestic violence at a Piedmont Avenue residence.

Pacific Grove: Theft from a vehicle on Ninth Street.

Pacific Grove: Civil issue on Grand Avenue child custody.

Pacific Grove: Domestic violence on 18th Street.

Pacific Grove: Report of items taken from locked and unlocked vehicles at the same residence on Pacific Grove Lane.

Pacific Grove: Theft of motor vehicle

Pacific Grove: A watch was found on Pacific Avenue. Owner could not be notified, so the item will be held at the department for safekeeping.

Pebble Beach: Female on Hermitage Road was placed on a 5150 hold [danger to self or others].

Carmel Valley: Deputies conducted a welfare check on Calle de Quien Sabe.

Carmel area: Male requested a standby to enter his apartment on Rio Road.

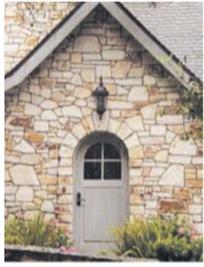
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Pacific Grove: Theft on Forest Avenue.

Pacific Grove: A single earring was reported as found at Lovers Point Park. No owner information is known.

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

Dec. 20 — The Honorable Pamela L. Butler sentenced Jose Roberto Fierro Jr., 33, a resident of Salinas, to eight years in state prison. Fierro previously entered a no contest plea to a felony charge of kidnapping and a misdemeanor charge of violation of a criminal protective order. Fierro admitted an enhancement that he committed the kidnapping while on bail for a prior felony. Fierro's plea constitutes one "strike" under the California Three Strikes Law. In a second case, Fierro entered a no contest plea to a felony charge of assault likely to produce great bodily injury.

On Oct. 6, 2021, Fierro was driving near Chualar Road and Lincoln Street in Chualar with his significant other, Jane Doe, and their children. After a verbal argument, Fierro's significant other and one of his children requested to exit the vehicle. Fierro also exited the vehicle. He then pushed Doe into a drainage ditch on the side of the road. Doe landed on her face, causing scrapes, swelling and bruising. Fierro then forcefully dragged Doe across the road and forced her back into the vehicle. He then dragged and forced his child into the vehicle as well. Both Doe and the child were screaming and trying to escape

during the interaction. Fierro then sped away. Multiple bystanders called 911 to report the incident. One bystander recorded the incident on a cell phone.

On the date of the kidnapping, Fierro was out on bail from a July 2021 incident where, during an argument, he forced Doe onto a bed and strangled Doe using both hands for several seconds until one of the couple's children intervened and stopped him.

Dec. 20 — The Monterey County District Attorney's office, the California Attorney General, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control and 11 other district attorneys have filed a statewide lawsuit against Walmart Inc. for the illegal disposal of hazardous waste. Over the past six years, Walmart is alleged to have violated California's environmental laws and regulations by disposing of hazardous waste products at local landfills that are not equipped or authorized to receive this type of waste. The waste includes alkaline and lithium batteries, insect killer sprays and other pesticides,

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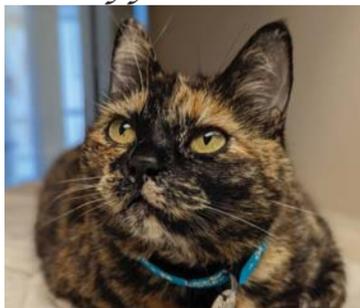
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Verizon sues city over cell tower

By MARY SCHLEY

VERIZON WIRELESS followed through on its threats this week when it sued the City of Carmel over the city council's denial of its application to install a cell tower at Carmelo and Eighth, city administrator Chip Rerig said late Thursday afternoon. Last month, the council unanimously voted to deny the wireless company's bid to get the tower approved and subsequently lawyered up.

The lawsuit is the latest in the battle between the city and the telecom giant, which wants to install a wireless antenna on top of a power pole near La Playa Hotel. The pole would be replaced and topped with a cell antenna for a finished height of 50 feet. The associated equipment, such as radios, backup batteries and other machinery, could be attached to the pole, split between the pole and the ground, or installed on the ground north of the pole.

The proposal galvanized dozens of residents who testified and sent hundreds of emails, letters and postcards opposing the plan.

Planning commissioners last September said it violated rules discouraging telecom

facilities in the public right of way in the multifamily-residential district, where La Playa is located, and that it also contravened restrictions on height, visual clutter, negative impacts on public and private views, and ground-mounted equipment in public view. The planning commission denied the company's application, and the city council refused to overturn that decision by a unanimous vote Dec. 7, 2021.

Verizon's attorney, Paul Albritton, has repeatedly argued that federal and state laws compel the city to approve the tower because doing otherwise would interfere with its ability to provide service. He also claimed the city can't dictate the technology the company uses.

"Verizon Wireless will enforce its rights," Albritton promised the council.

Ten days later, the council voted to hire a new law firm to help it prepare for a legal battle with Verizon. Telecom Law Firm was already on board, and council members approved an additional contract with Best, Best & Krieger for telecommunications legal services.

Rerig said he hopes to schedule a special closed session for the council to address the suit.



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\$1,000 FINES FOR ILLEGAL CAMPING?

By CHRIS COUNTS

IN RESPONSE to an increase in illegal camping in Big Sur — a practice that has previously sparked devastating wildfires — Monterey County may increase fines to as much as \$1,000 for illegal camping in that part of the county. Currently, a citation costs about \$100.

A county report suggests that the fines should be increased so they are consistent with those issued in Big Sur by the United States Forest Service and California State Parks. "The fine should be significantly greater than the cost of established, permitted camping areas within the Big Sur area and that the fine amount should be consistent with litter fines of \$1,000, known to be an effective deterrent," the reports reads.

At a Jan. 11 meeting in Salinas, Monterey County supervisors agreed to set a public hearing on the topic.

On busy weekends, turnouts along Highway 1 down the coast fill up with overnight campers, some of whom set up tents, while others take shelter in their vehicles. But existing county codes already outlaw

such camping. "No person shall camp in the right-of-way of Highway 1 between the Carmel River and the Monterey-San Luis Obispo County line at any time," the code reads.

On the fast track

The various law enforcement agencies that are active in Big Sur are issuing fines for illegal campers — and they've recommended raising the penalty for those who flout the law. "These agencies have provided input to the District 5 office that enforcement could be strengthened by increasing the amount of the citation under the existing code" the report indicates.

County officials have put the action on the fast-track. "Due to the public safety concerns, an urgency ordinance is recommended so that the timeframes are compressed and accelerated," the report added.

Besides the risk they pose of causing a wildfire, illegal campers leave behind a considerable amount of trash and waste.

The increased fines would not apply to people who illegally camp in other parts of the county.



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L'Auberge first commercial building to seek tax break for preservation

By MARY SCHLEY

THE OWNER of L'Auberge Carmel at the corner of Monte Verde and Seventh should get a tax break in exchange for committing to maintaining and rehabilitating the 92-year-old building, the historic resources board decided Monday. If the city council agrees, the hotel will be the first commercial property to receive the benefit.

Monaco businessman Patrice Pastor bought the building from hotelier David Fink and his partners in January 2020 for \$13.9 million, but Fink retained the business and asked the board at its Jan. 24 meeting to recommend the council approve a Mills Act contract.

The state program allows owners of commercial buildings to pay taxes based on net income rather than the usual 1 percent of assessed value as long as they commit to a contract outlining 10 years of maintenance and rehabilitation work.

Based on the most recent sale price, the owner pays \$139,000 per year in property taxes, plus assessments for the water district, regional park district, Carmel Area Wastewater District and others. Because revenues are privileged information, principal planner Marnie Waffle said she doesn't know how much the city stands to lose in property taxes if the council OKs the contract.

Pipes, windows, HVAC

Designed by architect Albert Farr and built by M.J. Murphy in the "Medieval Revival" style in 1930, the building was formerly the Sundial Lodge. It underwent several relatively minor interior and exterior modifications over the years, including repairs following a fire in the late 1950s, the addition of a restaurant in 1978, and interior remodels in the 1980s and again

two decades later, after Fink purchased it in 2002.

"The building is going to be 100 years old this decade, and it needs continuous work," Fink told the HRB. "The Mills Act is a way to incentivize owners to continue to reinvest in their properties to keep them in great condition."

To qualify, a property must be officially designated historic and substantially unchanged from its original form, and signing the agreement commits the owner to not making any significant changes. If a property is sold, the contract and lower tax rate remain in place. An owner who fails to comply can have the agreement revoked and be forced to pay penalties equivalent to 12.5 percent of the assessed value.

Monitoring the work

Fink's proposal, which was drafted by architect Christopher Barlow with help from preservation consultant Kent Seavey, includes fairly routine maintenance and upkeep like replacing pipes and the HVAC system, painting the exterior, fixing rotting rafter tails, conducting inspections, and replacing windows. The work would total an estimated \$850,000 over 10 years. Mills Act contracts last 10 years and can be renewed. The city is responsible for ensuring their provisions are met based on an annual report provided by the owner.

"We monitor these plans to make sure the work presented to us has been done," Waffle told the board.

She said the contract would represent "an equitable balance of public and private interests and will not result in a substantial adverse financial impact," and she recommended the board support it. The city has 283 historic buildings but only 10 Mills Act contracts, with just one approved in

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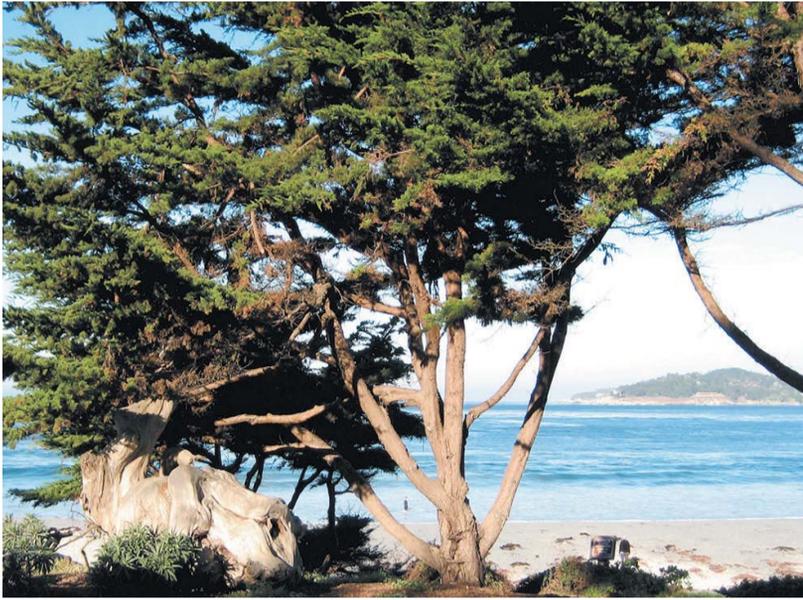
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Supervisor wants board to form committee to oversee sheriff

■ One candidate opposes plan

By MARY SCHLEY

MONTEREY COUNTY 4th District Supervisor Wendy Root Askew wants to create a committee of residents "to assist the board of supervisors to fulfill its duties related to supervising the official conduct of all county officers, including the sheriff," according to her Jan. 5 request.

"This referral requests the board of supervisors form such an oversight board and that staff return with a report that includes bylaws, formation resolution, and an outline of administrative capacity needed to support the oversight board," Askew said in her request, which was distributed to the full board Jan. 11 and demands a one-month turnaround for a report on the subject by assistant county administrative officer Nick Chiulos.

Askew's request stems from an Assembly bill signed into law by Gov. Gavin Newsom in fall 2020 that allows county boards of supervisors or voters to form a "sheriff oversight board." The board would be made up of appointed civilians who could call witnesses "upon any subject matter within the jurisdiction of the board," and subpoena "any officer of the county in relation to the discharge of their official duties on behalf of the sheriff's department," as well as all relevant books, papers or documents. Anyone who fails to respond could be ordered by a judge to comply, according to the law, AB 1185.

Alternatively, the board or voters can "establish an office of the inspector general" to handle the same tasks.

'Political interference'

Several speakers at the Jan. 11 meeting supported the idea, but Justin Patterson, one of five people to announce plans

to run for Monterey County Sheriff, said this week he objects to the proposal. A 21-year sheriff's office veteran, he issued a statement Monday opposing the formation of an oversight board because it would amount to "unnecessary political interference with law enforcement."

"AB 1185 is a mistake, another power grab intended to hobble law enforcement in the performance and execution of its legitimate responsibilities to protect the public from crime," he said in the announcement. "It operates under the assumption that the sheriff's office needs to be overseen by a committee appointed by politicians who really have no knowledge or appreciation of the day-to-day workings of the office or the needs of our officers on the streets."

Patterson condemned the law, saying it "can only lead to reducing morale among officers and will undoubtedly jeopardize public safety wherever it is implemented."

The statement is the latest in his outreach efforts as a candidate hoping to replace Monterey County Sheriff Steve Bernal, who is not running for reelection. During his career with the sheriff's office, Patterson has worked in a couple of different bureaus and has handled numerous special assignments, including K-9, correctional training officer and SWAT.

Patterson told The Pine Cone he's running for sheriff because he's watched the office "become far too political and promote based on political payback instead of what's best for the community and the department."

"The sheriff has lost sight of who he truly serves," he said. "The people of Monterey County deserve a sheriff who works for the people and is not self-serving."

He said accomplishing that requires working with the community and finding

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P.G. city council OK's replacement of building wrecked in fatal crash

By KELLY NIX

THE COST of demolishing and replacing a Pacific Grove public works warehouse and repairing another structure that sustained heavy fire and water damage when a driver crashed into the city yard last year will be more than a half million dollars, according to the city. The driver, Joseph Braig, 29, was killed in the crash.

The P.G. City Council last week voted unanimously to spend \$485,643 to replace the 3,240-square-foot metal warehouse, which housed the electrical panels, IT infrastructure, phone system and important documents for the public works yard. The building and others were heavily damaged in June 2021 when Braig plowed into the warehouse at Sunset Drive and Grove Acre.

The administrative office at the yard, which was attached to the warehouse, also sustained significant water and smoke damage and is "unsafe to occupy," according to the report that public works superintendent

Daniel Gho provided to the council. That building will be repaired.

Insurance to pay

"Following the incident, water and fire remediation activities were conducted to clear debris and damaged materials," Gho wrote. "A structural engineer was also consulted to assess the damage of the structures and provide recommendations for repair."

The review, Gho said, was used in the process of finding a contractor to do the work. The city selected Jacob Construction & Design, whose \$485,643 bid was far less than the \$885,000 provided by Diede Construction.

The work, though, does not include the cost of electrical repairs, and the city is seeking an electrical engineering firm to do that work. That contract will be separate than the one OK'd by the council this week.

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This burned out public works warehouse occurred after a Pacific Grove man last June inexplicably crashed into the structure. He died in the accident.

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CHS TEACHER DISCIPLINED FOR MASK VIOLATIONS

Students fight to keep him

By MARY SCHLEY

CARMEL HIGH School students are rallying around a calculus teacher who was put on administrative leave for allegedly not wearing a mask in class, and one of them started a change.org petition drive asking the Carmel Unified School District board of education to reinstate the teacher, Mike Deckelmann.

Student Oliver Whittaker said he believes the school district is thinking of firing Deckelmann, and "I started this petition to bring him back."

In the petition, which can be found at chng.it/VYZ-KHcs9Pq, Whittaker wrote that Deckelmann "is by far one of the best teachers at Carmel High School."

"His lessons are fun, captivating and information-filled," he continued.

"There is no better person who can prepare us for not only the AP calculus test, but real life. To fire Mr. Deckelmann for a reason which probably applies to half the teachers at this school is inconsiderate to all of the student lives which are being affected."

So far, the petition drive has netted 390 signatures and more than three dozen comments from students, former students and parents.

"Deckelmann does not wear his mask any less than other teachers," posted Ryan Fenwick. "As agreed with by many students, there is no other teacher that will give us the quality of education that he can offer as a teacher."

Jack Arnold said Deckelmann "has worked toward wearing his mask as much as he can," and if he fails to do so occasionally, it's "no reason to let go of a teacher who

is well liked by students and staff."

Further, he noted, calculus "isn't a subject most subs/teachers, or anyone for that matter, understands," and depriving kids of an adept teacher "is an overall unnecessary and insensitive move by the administration."

Mariam Rondeli said the only class her son enjoys is Deckelmann's. "He is a wonderful teacher who not only can teach the subject but also inspire kids to want to learn," she said. "I can't believe CHS can't get its priorities straight."

Teacher speaks out

Using his daughter's account, Deckelmann chimed in, too, thanking everyone for their support.

"It's become a struggle to stay positive while the district tries to turn me into a mask criminal who constantly puts his students in danger," he wrote a week ago. "But your kind words have been like being present at my own eulogy. I can't thank you enough. I have a lawyer and will fight until I can do no more. If this is the end, I want to thank all of you for having been a part of my life."

District superintendent Ted Knight said he can't talk about Deckelmann or his situation, because it's a personnel matter, but he sent an email to students and parents outlining the arrangements made for substitutes, including having other math teachers collaborate with the department chair to teach and assess kids in each class, hiring a retired math teacher on a short-term contract, opening tutoring sessions with the department chair via Zoom, and providing free tutoring.

"As I said previously, our priority is to focus on the continuation of instruction while ensuring the health and safety of our classrooms and campuses," Knight said.

Future of outdoor dining on agenda

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CITY council on Tuesday will have its first decisive discussion about the long-term future of outdoor dining downtown, rather than focusing on the temporary parklets set to be torn down in April.

Mayor Dave Potter and councilman Bobby Richards are part of a committee studying the topic and will discuss the results of an extensive survey conducted last spring revealing that most people support some sort of permanent outdoor dining. At its Feb. 1 meeting — which will be held virtually via Zoom — the council is set to "provide direction regarding when and how the planning commission should begin work on a potential permanent outdoor seating program," according to the agenda released this week.

Old hat for Monterey

Other Peninsula cities are in various stages of the same discussion. Last June, the Pacific Grove City Council voted to extend the temporary outdoor dining areas set up in downtown parking spaces for a year, but it has yet to make any decisions regarding a permanent program.

In Monterey, city manager Hans Uslar said outdoor seating on sidewalks is allowed through Labor Day. "There are no costs for businesses that are using this pandemic-related permit," he said.

Unlike other Peninsula cities, Monterey has had a permanent parklet program for a decade, and several businesses have taken advantage of it, including Cibo, Alvarado Street Brewery, SUR Burger, The Britannia Arms, Montrio, Lalla Grill on Cannery Row and a tasting room near the Portola Hotel.

"It has been very successful," Uslar said.

The City of Seaside earlier this month established its guidelines and permit process for permanent outdoor dining on public property, including requiring an application fee of \$500 and a \$2,000-per-parking-space annual fee. Its

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PG&E plans more battery storage

By CHRIS COUNTS

TO NEARLY double its output of clean electricity, PG&E is proposing to build or expand nine battery storage facilities in California — including an existing one in Moss Landing. But would the sites provide enough storage to even put a dent in state’s massive demand for electricity?

Last summer, Vistra Energy opened a lithium-ion battery storage facility at the Moss Landing power plant. The facility makes it possible to store 400 kilowatts of excess energy from the state’s alternative energy grid — mostly wind- and solar-powered — during peak production hours so it can be released after sunset or when the wind isn’t blowing.

As part of their plan, PG&E wants to expand the Moss Landing facility so it can supply 600 megawatts.

California’s battery storage system currently has a capacity of 1,700 megawatts. The new or expanded sites would increase that number to 3,300 megawatts — which would make a small, but nevertheless valuable — contribution to the state’s supply.

On Thursday, a mild winter day, California regulators said the state was using

26,000 megawatts of electricity. The most the state has ever needed at a time was 50,270 megawatts, which happened in July 2006.

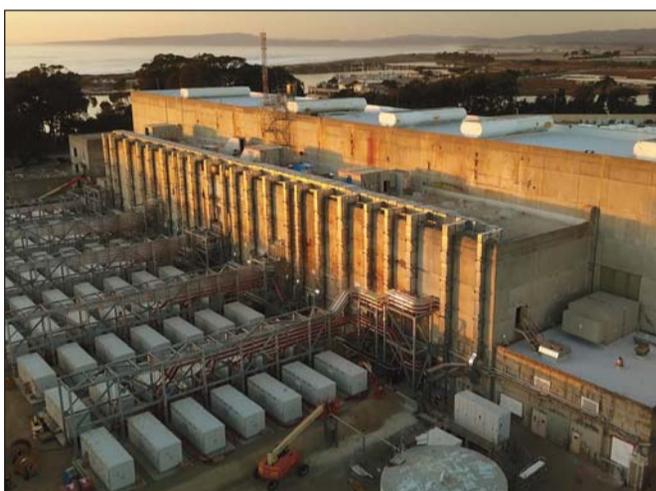
By supplying 3,300 megawatts of electricity, the nine battery storage sites would meet just under 14 percent of Thursday’s demand for power — and about 6.5 percent of California’s highest usage. The figures are lower when you factor in that the batteries are only good for a few hours before they need to be recharged.

Stronger, more resilient

Nevertheless, the utility company said the facilities would help create “a stronger, more resilient energy grid.” To build or expand them, it is seeking the approval of the California Public Utilities Commission.

“As we work year-round to strengthen our electric system, we are also planning, engineering and building the grid for a future that harnesses the power of solar plus storage on an unprecedented scale,” reported Joe Bentley of PG&E.

When asked how much the work would cost to build or expand the storage sites, Mayra Tostado of PG&E said the information is “contractually confidential.”



In an effort to increase the state’s ability to store electricity, PG&E is proposing to build or expand nine battery storage facilities in California — including expanding an existing one in Moss Landing.



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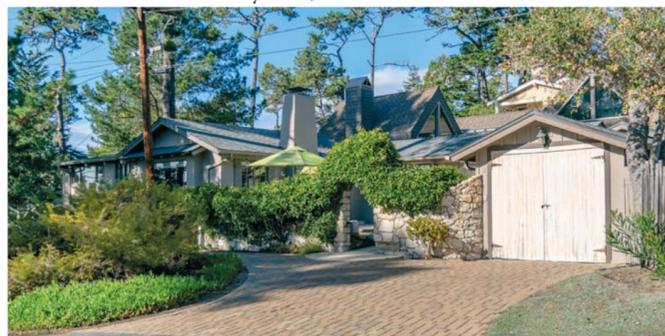
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Is co-ownership a timeshare?

By MARY SCHLEY

A 'BRIGHT and beautifully remodeled contemporary stucco home' on Dolores south of 13th is listed for \$5.75 million, but the four-bedroom, four-and-a-half-bath, 2,680-square-foot residence is being offered by its owner, Pacaso, in one-eighth shares for \$866,000 apiece.

It's not a timeshare — which the Carmel Municipal Code specifically bans — according to the group's marketing director.

Planning director Brandon Swanson isn't so sure, but he's waiting to confer with the city attorney before he renders an official opinion, he told The Pine Cone this week.

According to Martha Thomas, director of communications for Pacaso, the company "facilitates co-ownership."

"Traditionally, this could be several friends wanting to share a lake house or grandchildren who inherit a beach house from their grandparents," she said. "Like many of these traditional scenarios, Pacaso creates a property-specific LLC for each home to let people co-own it together."

Though in the case of the Dolores Street house, the owners might not even know each other, unlike friends or family members holding shares of a property.

Good neighbors

After the house is sold, Pacaso becomes the property manager. "Renting out a home we manage also is strictly prohibited, for any amount of time," Thomas said. "Pacaso serves owners only, and all co-owners sign Pacaso's code of conduct and agree to its good neighbor policy, which includes prohibitions on any sort of rental."

The company helps schedule owners' use of the house and manages upkeep and maintenance, among other tasks, she said.

"The home managers also serve as point of contact for neighbors and the community, so even if an owner is not staying at the home, there is someone neighbors can reach out to should anything need attention," she said.

The municipal code simply states that "Timeshare projects, programs and occupancies are prohibited uses within all of the zoning districts within the city," but it does not define what a timeshare is.

Driver hits power pole, is sued for \$700k

By KELLY NIX

PACIFIC GAS and Electric is suing a driver for allegedly crashing into one of its power poles in the Salinas Valley, doing what the utility says was \$700,000 worth of damage.

On June 15, 2020, someone driving a car owned by Riley Edward Small, according to a lawsuit filed by PG&E, crashed into an electrical transmission and distribution pole on Foletta Road in Chualar owned by the utility.

"The collision caused significant

damage to the pole, requiring an emergency response from PG&E's personnel to maintain continuity of service to customers and replacement of the pole," PG&E said in the Jan. 21 lawsuit filed in Monterey County Superior Court.

The cost of the repairs, according to the utility company, was \$701,812.83, "plus interest, litigation costs, and all additional costs," and the company is suing him for that amount.

The PG&E complaint alleges negligence, trespass and violation of a law that prohibits damaging equipment.

Chamber breakfast to be virtual

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE CARMEL Chamber of Commerce's State of the City & County Breakfast was set to be held at the Highlands Inn Feb. 11 but will now be a virtual event, instead. The talk will still run from 8 to 10:30 a.m.

Chamber officials will join guests Mayor Dave Potter, city administrator Chip

Rerig and Monterey County 5th District Supervisor Mary Adams for a presentation on issues affecting the city and beyond.

The link will be sent to those who register in advance through carmelchamber.org, and even though the event will no longer include breakfast, it costs \$15 for chamber members and \$30 for nonmembers to participate. For more information, call (831) 624-3877.

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Fire, repairs to slow traffic in Big Sur

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

LOCALS and visitors traveling south on Highway 1 to Big Sur in the coming week should anticipate delays due to mop-up work on the Colorado Fire, as well as an assortment of road work.

Through Monday, there will be delays of up to five minutes at Palo Colorado Road because "PG&E needs to carry equipment

by helicopter across the highway to effect repairs to utility infrastructure."

There will also be delays of up to 10 minutes at Granite Canyon Bridge, Garrapata Creek Bridge and the site where the Little Sur River passes beneath Highway 1. The two bridges are getting repairs, while a retaining wall is being built near the river.

Aside from the delays, Highway 1 is open between Carmel and Cambria.

More than \$1.4M in scholarships available for college-bound kids

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

COLLEGE-BOUND KIDS are being encouraged to apply for scholarships from the Community Foundation for Monterey County, which through donors has amassed more than \$1.4 million to help students get into and stay in school.

"These dollars represent a recognition by our community that equitable access to higher education is critical to ensuring students reach their potential," said CFMC President Dan Baldwin.

CFMC scholarship funds "are established by people who recognize the value of education and want to support students

in achieving their potential," according to the organization, which manages more than 65 named scholarship funds with a total value of more than \$8.2 million. Each year, more than \$1.5 million is distributed to about 375 students.

Through its website, the foundation provides a single application that allows students to tap into the different scholarships for which they might qualify, and the deadline is March 15.

They can sign up at cfmco.org/ScholarshipApp and find additional resources at cfmco.org/scholarships.

Winners will be announced at the end of April.

DAMAGED

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The city's insurance will cover the cost of the repairs, and Gho said Sedgwick, an independent insurance adjuster, would reimburse the city, which already paid for the \$10,000 deductible. The cause of the accident remains a mystery.

A U.S. Army staff sergeant who worked

at the Defense Language Institute, Braig was driving a Ford Ranger on Grove Acre Avenue on June 5, 2021 at about 1 a.m. when the vehicle slammed into a fence and then into the warehouse.

The fire that ensued destroyed the pickup and spread to the public works warehouse.

Braig's remains were discovered inside the vehicle. Any forensic evidence that might have revealed the reason for the apparent accident was lost in the fire.

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In Carmel, the city council has exhaustively discussed the temporary parklets, including issues surrounding their appearance and the habits of their owners and patrons. Earlier this month, council members voted to let them remain until April 20. Restaurant owners are paying monthly rent based on the number of parking spaces they're occupying.

If the council decides Tuesday to pursue a permanent program, the planning commission will establish policies and design standards to be approved by the council, and the California Coastal Commission may have to sign off on them, too.

Also on the Feb. 1 agenda, the council will receive a midyear budget report and approve amendments to the spending plan, and will consider another change to city administrator Chip Rerig's contract.

Items on the consent calendar set to be approved as a group without discussion include accepting a \$50,000 donation toward the purchase of a new ambulance and approving new contracts with Neill Engineers Corp. and Winter & Company, the latter of which will receive \$83,160 "to provide consultant support for the 'Design Traditions 2.0' project to update the city's design guidelines and zoning code."

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FIRE

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The fire started behind the Mid-Coast Fire protection station on a piece of private property. The site is located just off Palo Colorado Road, 2.5 miles inland from Highway 1. It was around 7:15 p.m. when Mid Coast Fire chief Cheryl Goetz saw flames for the first time.

"I looked up to see a very large fire across the canyon," the fire chief posted on social media. "Despite the strong winds, I couldn't believe my eyes — it's January, with beautiful green grass."

Goetz immediately called 911 and reported that the fire had consumed about 15-20 acres. She also noted it was moving fast, and threatening electrical and phone lines.

Pushed by winds coming from the east, it moved quickly toward the coast, where it ran into Highway 1, and even jumped the scenic route in several places.

On Saturday morning, firefighters were focused on keeping the fire from spreading into the Bixby Creek watershed to the south as planes dropped retardant.

Goetz reported that "great work" and "good old fashioned luck" kept the blaze from burning any more homes than the one yurt. Besides Mid-Coast Fire, agencies responding to the emergency included Cal Fire, the U.S. Forest Service, Big Sur Fire, the Monterey County Sheriff's Office, Monterey County Regional Fire District, the North Monterey County Fire District, the California Highway Patrol and California State Parks.

In the early days of the fire, nearly 500 firefighters were engaged — along with 53 fire engines, four bulldozers and three

helicopters.

Also helping in the fight against the fire was the weather, which became cooler as high winds died down.

About 400 evacuated

The Monterey County Sheriff's Office issued an evacuation order Friday at about 9:30 p.m. for a 500 people who live in the area. Seventy-five homes received evacuation orders. Fewer than 100 locals chose to remain despite the order, the sheriff's office said.

In response to the order, the Red Cross set up an evacuation center at Carmel Middle School. At least one person stayed there before it was closed Monday.

The fire also caused many homes in Big Sur to lose electricity. Farther south in Big Sur Valley, a dumpster has been placed alongside Highway 1 at Pfeiffer Ridge Road for spoiled food. The SPCA for Monterey County, meanwhile, reported it was housing four displaced dogs and six displaced cats.

And a GoFundMe campaign has been started for Moni de Groot and Chris Gourley, who were living in the yurt that was lost. As of Thursday, the effort had raised nearly \$33,000. "We lost everything besides each other and our vehicles," de Groot posted on social media.

Goetz reminded residents that burn piles require a permit, and those living in the Palo Colorado area can get one from Mid-Coast Fire. She said they also need to call the station to make sure the weather is suitable on the day when they plan to do the burn.

The fire chief also reminded locals that they'll likely see smoke emanating from the burned area for the next few weeks. She said it's only a concern if the smoke is dark and coming from the perimeter of what was burned.

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Karen Gray, Carmel

More to the story

Dear Editor,

Thank you for printing the wonderful front-page tribute to Dick Ferris. In the media published after Dick's death, there is mention of his Sacramento birthplace and his Army and Cornell experience, but no mention that he grew up in Berkeley. I was a classmate of Dick's at Garfield Junior High and Berkeley High School in the late 1940s and early 1950s. Dick graduated from Berkeley High in 1954 and

then went on to launch his career. Our remaining class is still quite active and we felt that others should know more about Dick's early years in Berkeley.

John Merchant, Berkeley

Pine Cone is terrible

Dear Editor,

It's pretty tasteless and tacky to use one man's life as an excuse for a knee-jerk rant on taxation and Democrats. I guess that's par for the course for the Pine Cone, however.

Patrick Furtado, Carmel

Who's being rude?

Dear Editor,

Regarding your article about the design for a new house on San Carlos: Most people who spoke had strong negative opinions about the suitability of the proposed house (in spite of the idealized watercolor provided by the architect), but I didn't hear anyone say anything rude. Critiquing the design is the point of these hearings. And I would like to point out that, according to Miss Manners, calling anyone "rude" makes the accuser guilty of being rude.

Marilyn Ross, Carmel

'Antiquated, inconvenient'

Dear Editor,

We are new to Carmel, so I fear this opinion is neither new nor popular, but the lack of street addresses for many homeowners — which was described to us as part of the town's "charm" — is a real pain in the back side. Deliveries have been (and continue to be) nightmare experiences. And while the team at the post office has helped us and given us multiple workarounds, none of them is a panacea for ongoing delivery challenges. Getting packages delivered in 2022 simply shouldn't be this much of a chore, especially with the pandemic and the resultant exponential increase in online shopping and when 'the fix' to this problem seems to be both straightforward and doable. Not that I have one, but if I had a vote, I'd vote to put house numbers up and end this antiquated, inconvenient system.

Chuck McKenzie, Carmel

VIRUS

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according to Rusk.

"We have opened a fourth Covid unit," she said Thursday. "We are holding steady with staffing. The team is amazing and working together."

There were some anomalies with the county's Covid-19 data reporting this week. For example, on Jan. 20, the county reported there were 106 new cases. On Thursday, the number for that date suddenly changed to 906, an increase of 800 cases. Health department spokeswoman Karen Smith attributed the inconsistencies to a possible lag in the processing of tests and other factors.

Since it doesn't appear that the virus is going away anytime soon, The Pine Cone asked county health officer Dr. Ed Moreno whether the county health department had developed a long-term plan to contend with the disease. Moreno didn't acknowledge any plan, and instead said face masks and vaccines are the solution. He also encouraged sick people to stay home.

"It's the most important and effective strategy we have," Moreno said about getting the Covid-19 jab. "So that's one of the strategies certainly we have planned for and continue to promote community-wide. Also wearing face coverings, that's another important strategy, especially if you're in indoor, public spaces."

Declined to say

About 80 percent of new Covid cases in Monterey County in December were attributed to the highly infectious omicron strain. Moreno did not know how many cases are omicron, but said he didn't think all of the county's cases were omicron-related. He also could not say if the county health department was facing a staffing shortage due to employee illnesses caused by the virus. And he declined to say whether he's been infected with Covid-19.

Meanwhile, the taxpayer-funded county hospital, Natividad Medical Center, was hit with a lawsuit this week over its vaccine mandate. Filed by the same law firm that sued CHOMP and SVMHS, the complaint says the hospital rejected exemption requests from 15 employees based on medical reasons and religious beliefs. The hospital, the plaintiffs contend, only offered employees unpaid leave.

"Further evidence of NMC's discrimination with these [exemption] denials is present in NMC turning a blind eye to the current state of the science, which clearly indicates that vaccinated individuals spread Covid-19 just as vaccinated individuals," the lawsuit said.

And the county board of supervisors Tuesday authorized spending \$1 million to purchase Covid-19 tests for residents.

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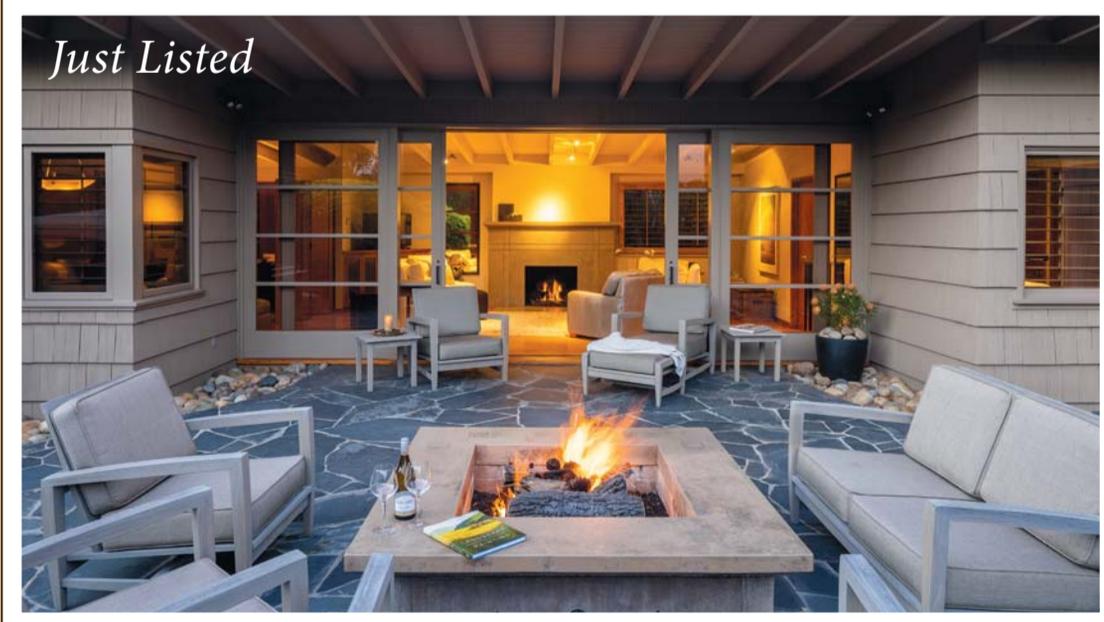
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Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 has allowed local legislative bodies to hold public meetings via teleconference and to make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the local legislative body. Also, see the Order by the Monterey County Public Health Officer issued March 17, 2020. The health and well-being of our residents is the top priority for the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea.

All interested persons are invited to attend via teleconference at the time and place specified above to give oral or written testimony concerning this matter. Written comments may be submitted to the Community Planning & Building Department at City Hall located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921 or P.O. Box CC, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921 or by email bswanson@ci.carmel.ca.us prior to the meeting. With respect to written comments, please submit them at least 2 hours before the meeting in order to ensure they are provided to the legislative body and made part of the record. Comments received after that time and up to the end of the public hearing will be saved as part of the record but may not be provided to the legislative body prior to or during the public hearing.

The staff report and relevant documents will be available at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting on the City's website at <http://www.ci.carmel.ca.us>, and found by clicking on "Government" and then "Meetings". The Planning Commission meeting will be broadcast live on the City's website at <http://carmel.novusagenda.com/agenda-public/meetingsresponsive.aspx> and the City's YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAuQeLwM1JCkzDZls86mA>, and archived there after the meeting. For more information regarding Planning Commission meetings, please contact the Community Planning & Building Department at (831) 620-2010.

APP 21-232 (Cress)
Alan Silbergh, Appellant
Lincoln Street 2 NW of 10th Block 113, Lot 17, APN: 010-181-009-000

APP 21-232 (Cress) - Appeal of a Track 1 Design Study for the removal and replacement of a 625 square foot patio, addition of seat wall, landscape lighting, and new fire pit located on Lincoln Street 2 NW of 10th Avenue. APN: 010-181-009-000

DS 21-356 (Foley)
Eric Wynkoop, Designer
Casanova Street 3 southwest of 13th Avenue Block BB, Lot 7, APN 010-282-003-000

DS 21-356 (Foley) - DS 21-356 (Foley) - Consideration of a Final Design Study and associated Coastal Development Permit for a 385 square-foot single-story addition to an existing 1,542 square-foot single-story residence located on Casanova Street 3 southwest of 13th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. (APN 010-282-003).

DS 21-224 / VA 21-225 (White-Cox)
Thomas Bateman Hood, Architect
Northwest Corner of Santa Fe Street and 6th Avenue Block 60, Lots 17 & 19, APN: 010-092-007-000

DS 21-224 / VA 21-225 (White-Cox) - Consideration of a Concept Design Study for additions to the historic 'Comstock Studio' totaling 247 square feet and a 267 square-foot detached accessory dwelling unit located at the northwest corner of Santa Fe Street and 6th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN: 010-092-007-000

DS 21-291 (Paboojian)
James Smith, Architect
Scenic Road 3 southwest of Ocean Avenue Block C2, Lot 2; APN: 010-312-004-000

DS 21-291 (Paboojian) - Consideration of a Concept Design Study (DS 21-291) for the demolition of a 1,324 square foot single story residence with attached carport and construction of a new 1,580 square foot two-story residence and 200 square foot detached garage located on Scenic Road 3 southwest of Ocean Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN: 010-312-004-000

DS 21-233 (Escobedo)
William Mefford, Architect
San Carlos Street 3 southwest of 9th Avenue Block: 111, Lot 7, APN: 010-156-003-000

DS 21-233 (Escobedo) - Consideration of a Final Design Study (DS 21-233) and associated Coastal Development Permit for a partial demolition and 855 square foot net addition to an existing 945 square foot one story residence inclusive of a 203 square foot attached garage including the construction of a new 445 square foot second story and new 240 square foot detached carport in the front setback located on San Carlos Street 3 southwest of 9th Avenue in Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District. APN: 010-156-003-000

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Brandon Swanson, Community Planning & Building Director

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TICKETS

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other newcomers are soccer star Mia Hamm, Dodgers player Mookie Betts, rapper ScHoolboy Q, boxer Canelo Alvarez, and Willie Nelson's son, actor and composer Lukas Nelson.

Top-shelf experiences

Before competition begins in earnest on the Pebble Beach Golf Links, the Monterey Peninsula Country Club Shore Course and Spyglass Hill Feb. 3, several charitable events featuring amateurs and pros take place Wednesday, Feb. 2, including the 3M Celebrity Challenge, Chevron Challenge Champions vs. Champions, and Million Dollar Hole-in-One for Charity.

They're free to attend, but registration for tickets is required so organizers can limit the audience, and "Community Day" is already sold out.

Clint's Saloon, one of the premium tournament experiences, is full, too, though tickets remain for Palmer's Club 18 at \$1,000 apiece.

GROOMED

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daughter's mind that she was bisexual and transgender and told the girl that her mom did not "support" her with regard to her gender identity and expression, creating a rift between the two.

The school officials, Konen said, intentionally excluded Konen from discussion about her daughter's gender or sexual orientation and would refer "to her daughter by one name and pronouns in communications with her, while referring to her by a different name and pronouns outside Konen's presence."

According to Dhillon, attendance in the school club was also supposed to be secret, and Baraki and Caldeira told the girl to "hide information" from her mom.

"They invited kids, including Konen's daughter, to be in this club, and then they told these kids, 'Do not tell your parents. Do not tell them. They cannot be trusted,'" Dhillon said on Fox News last week.

Dhillon is the founder of the Center for American Liberty, a group that says it's "dedicated to defending the civil liberties of Americans left behind by civil rights legacy organizations."

'Pushed new identity'

Konen said the teachers gave her daughter several articles on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender-related topics, including a piece that told children how to "hide transgenderism from parents," even though her daughter told the teachers she did not want to read the material.

"Sometimes, Ms. Caldeira and Ms. Baraki would introduce and push LGBT+ identities on students that the students resisted," including on Konen's daughter, according to the claim.

The teachers, Konen said, encouraged her daughter to change her name to a boy's name, and she eventually

John is appreciating the bounty, especially after last year's tournament, which had players and staff, but no spectators.

"I learned that I don't want to be good at running a tournament without people," he said.

But title sponsor AT&T and nearly 60 other partners left their money on the table, as did all the amateur players who signed up, enabling the foundation to distribute significant funds to charities, according to John.

"We are going to eclipse \$200 million in giving," he said, adding that the AT&T will be the first pro-am on the PGA Tour to do so. "The more we say it, the more shocked we are. We gave \$100 million away in the first 65 years, and in the last nine to 10 years have raised another \$100 million. It's remarkable."

John said he's looking forward to a successful event this year and that spectators and other guests can expect to find all the appropriate mandates, like masks required indoors, required and followed, but nothing extra.

"We're not requiring negative tests for spectators," he said. "There are no shortcuts, but we're not adding layers, either."

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"assumed the new name and began wearing boys' clothing."

Pagaran and Caldeira then informed Konen that the school would be referring to her daughter by her new name and male pronouns, and they changed the information — without Konen's consent — on progress reports and report cards.

"They changed [the girl's name] in the school records, officially, and it was presented to the mom as a fait accompli," Dhillon said.

The legal claim against the school district by Konen and her daughter, who is identified only as A.G., could be the prelude to a lawsuit against the school district.

Meanwhile, Konen's daughter, who went back to identifying as a female, claimed that Baraki and Caldeira pressured her into "portraying a character they created." She's now a freshman in high school.

"Eventually her daughter began to change back into her original identity because she wasn't under the constant grooming influence of these weird teachers," Dhillon said.

Investigation underway

Eric Tarallo, superintendent of Spreckels Union School District, told The Pine Cone that an independent investigation into the allegations is underway and the teachers in question are on administrative leave.

"The claim submitted by Ms. Konen will be addressed in the appropriate manner within the judicial system," Tarallo said. "We are currently reviewing and updating our policies and procedures regarding student clubs and will bring those draft policies to the board of education as soon as feasible."

HISTORIC

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the past three years. L'Auberge would be the first commercial building to have a Mills Act contract if the city council approves it.

Board members said the council should.

"It's obviously an important resource in this town," board member Jordan Chroman said. "We've got the bandwidth to accept the Mills Act partnership, and I don't see anything that looks outlandish. It all seems to be in line."

HRB member Karyl Hall called it a "no-brainer," and chair Erik Dyar said Mills Act contracts are one of the few incentives the city can offer to encourage preservation. The board unanimously voted to recommend the council OK the contract.

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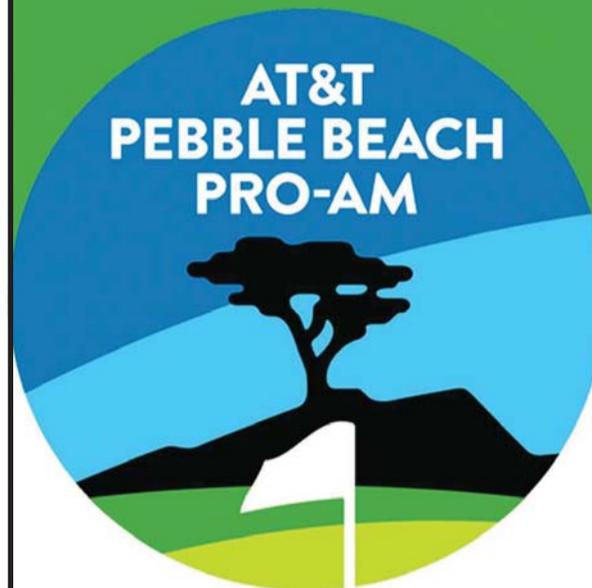
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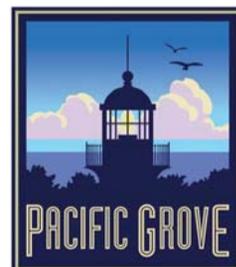
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Editorial

Nuclear, please

CALIFORNIA MAY have decided to go carbon-free by 2045, but it's far from clear that the state can get there — or that, even if it does, it will make any difference. While this state may be building solar panels, windmills and battery farms (see page 11A) as quickly as it can, the rest of the world isn't really cooperating. Despite all the headlines about energy summits and global declarations of virtuous intentions, the worldwide use of coal, oil and natural gas is steadily increasing, and so is the amount of carbon dioxide being emitted into the atmosphere.

Take a look at the accompanying chart from BP's 2019 Statistical Review of World Energy. The color-coded areas show the share of global energy consumption by source — the very top one being renewables, such as solar and wind. While these sources have been growing, they're still a small percentage of the global energy picture — less than 5 percent. Meanwhile, the use of coal, gas and oil (gray, red and green) continues to soar. Together, these fossil fuels account for more than 80 percent of the world's energy usage. And burning them continues to release huge amounts of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

According to the International Energy Agency, "Global energy-related carbon dioxide emissions were on course to surge by 1.5 billion tons in 2021 — the second-largest increase in history — reversing most of the 2020 decline caused by the Covid-19 pandemic."

"This is a dire warning that the economic recovery from the Covid crisis is currently anything but sustainable for our climate," according to Fatih Birol, the IEA executive director.

California may be in the forefront of switching to renewable sources, but no matter what 40 million Californians do, the 2.4 billion people who live in China and India have a much bigger say in the earth's climate future.

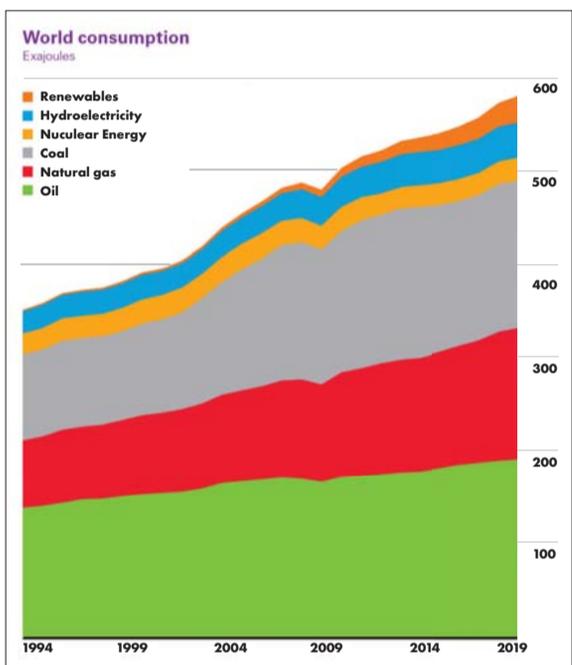
There is a solution, of course. Nuclear energy is cheaper, faster and much more reliable than either solar or wind power. And it could even be said to be more sustainable.

Many countries are starting to embrace modern nuclear power. According to a column by Robert Hargraves in the Jan. 26 Wall Street Journal, 57 nuclear power plants are under construction around the world, and "China promises 10 new plants a year."

But California's sole remaining nuclear power plant is about to be shut down. Why? Because of irrational fear.

"Analysts call this 'dread risk' — a risk that some people assign to a technology merely because it exists," UC San Diego professor David Victor told CNBC. "When people have a 'dread' mental model of risk, it doesn't really matter what kind of objective analysis shows safety level. People fear it."

If Gov. Gavin Newsom wants to give California a carbon-free energy future, we think he should forget the windmills and get started on five or 10 nuclear power plants. And if President Joe Biden wants to be a global leader, he could start leading this country in the same direction, and encouraging the whole world to follow.



BEST of BATES



"For some reason I feel like escargot tonight"

Letters to the Editor

The Pine Cone encourages submission of letters which address issues of public importance. Letters cannot exceed 350 words, and must include the author's name and home town. We reserve the right to determine which letters are suitable for publication and to edit for length and clarity.

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Trees not sacred cows

Dear Editor,

Carmel Beach is Carmel's most beautiful and significant feature, and views of this unique white sand beach and the ocean beyond should not be blocked by more trees.

I walk on the beach every day, and like many others, I also enjoy walking and riding along Scenic Road looking at the views. Many of us, not just Scenic Road residents, do not want to see more view-blocking trees planted along Scenic.

The Friends of Carmel Forest seem to think it should be a foregone conclusion that more trees be planted along Scenic, but a look back at Carmel's history shows there were never as many trees as in the recent past. As the older trees die and are removed, Scenic is returning to its more natural state. Over the last 40 years, there have been so many trees and shrubs planted along Scenic, it became nearly impossible

to see much of Carmel Beach and the bay.

By pruning trees, clearing overgrowth, and restoring the pathway, Carmel Cares has reopened the views of Carmel Beach which should not be blocked by more trees.

Nor do we need more shade in Carmel; we only get about 180 days of sun year-round, and the rest of the time it is foggy or overcast. There is also plenty of habitat for animals in the rest of the Carmel forest and the surrounding areas.

We all love trees, but they are not sacred cows, and the beautiful views of Carmel Beach and the ocean beyond are equally as important to us all.

Jim Winterbotham, Carmel

Beware the smoke

Dear Editor,

Wood smoke, not traffic, is by far the number one source of particulate matter in the air we are breathing. Wood smoke also contains pollutants like nitrogen oxides and carbon monoxide, and exposes us to dangerous carcinogens including polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons like benzene. Worst of all, it contains particulate matter, which has been linked to respiratory, heart, and neurological diseases like dementia.

Don't believe me? There is a wealth of reports and studies available and more coming out all the time.

I understand wood burning is nostalgic, but the fact is smoke is very bad to breathe, whether it comes from a cigarette, wildfire or chimney. To protect yourself, your family and your neighbors, convert to a gas or electric fireplace. Just as cozy

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Snow, wind and a jug of martinis

FOR MORE than 70 years, the Monterey Peninsula has welcomed the granddaddy of Pro-Am golf tournaments each winter. The event, known today as the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, has evolved over the years. When first played at Pebble Beach in January 1947 it was promoted as the "\$10,000 National Pro-Amateur Golf Championship, Sponsored by Bing Crosby." That long moniker was often shortened to "the Crosby Clambake,"

was the pro there, wrote the above in 1953 when Lloyd Mangrum won \$2,000 for his victory. That same year, Bing Crosby published his autobiography "Call Me Lucky." It included the following on U.S. Open champion Lawson Little, who then had a home in Monterey nicknamed "Gibson Gultch." "Lawson is widely known for his skillful mixing of palatable martinis ... For weeks before the tournament he fills his basement with gallon jugs of a six-to-one proportion. ... There is little doubt that he gets his associates in such physical condition that he could win the tournament himself if only he refrained from his own hospitality." Little finished 3rd in 1953, his best finish in the event.

Clearly the boys were still having fun in 1953. They and the galleries still do.

In his 1953 book, Crosby also wrote: "The dates we play are not particularly advantageous weatherwise, but in seven years we've only been forced to cancel one day's play because of mother nature's unfriendliness." He then discussed 1952, when they finished the first day's play despite a strong wind, but overnight rains canceled the second day's play.

A white Crosby

There was a greater tendency to consider weather part of the game in those days. For instance, Ken Venturi won the 1960 Crosby in a wet and windy final round. Venturi shot a final round 77, and still won by three strokes. On the then 450-yard, par-4 9th Hole, usually a driver and mid-iron would put the pros on the green in two. Venturi hit driver, 3-wood and 6-iron into the wind and was happy to finally reach the green.

Two years later, in 1962, weather stopped play for the second time. That was the year it snowed. On Friday, Jan. 19, the second day of play, golfers played through rain and gusts approaching 40 mph. Despite the weather, the scores weren't bad. After two rounds, Joe Campbell led with 67-74—138. He was closely followed by Jacky Cupit 68-71—139 and Venturi 72-69—141.

On Saturday it began to clear and Jim McKay, anchoring the ABC broadcast that year, commented on the 64-degree temperatures. Campbell shot 72 at Cypress Point to hold his lead. Cupit dropped back after taking an 8 on the par-4 7th at Cypress Point. Venturi held onto third with a 73 at Pebble Beach, while Doug Ford pulled into second with a 69 on Cypress Point; his only bogey coming on the challenging par-3 16th.

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Whether it's boats on a lake or seascapes, it's all about being there

PHOTOGRAPHS ARE to be seen, but not heard, for Sandra Schaezel Uecker, a Monterey Peninsula Art Foundation artist who estimates that she has taken more than 40,000 images with her iPhone, any of which might be potential paintings.

But photos don't speak to her. She can't feel them and she won't paint from them — not until she has personally communed with the location.

"I'll see something and then I'll go back and look at it again and again. Most of what I paint, I feel like I was called to

thoughts, and making decisions about the painting," she said.

"I get close and look at the strokes. I look at the paintings from the side to see the thickness of the application. What's most incredible for me is thinking about the light they had to deal with, using kerosene lamps or candlelight. No wonder the impressionists got so crazy."

Painters who have influenced her include Edward Hopper, Edouard Vuillard, Georgia O'Keefe and the French post-impressionists.

Uecker is a Wisconsin native, born and reared in Fond du Lac, at the south end of Lake Winnebago. She braved frigid winters (record low: minus 41), but embracing the beauty of

Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

paint it. It tells me to paint it," said Uecker, who taught high school art (and sometimes English) in Salinas for 27 years — five at Alisal, 22 at North Salinas.

"I actually have a commission right now to do a painting for a client in Wisconsin, but I've told him he'll have to wait until I get out there in March and see it for myself," she said of the barn and cows. "I've got to feel it before I paint it — a photo is just my guide."

Many painters are that way, believes Uecker, who has made three trips to Europe since 2013, spending much of her time in museums, admiring the masters' works.

Through the artist's eyes

"It felt as if I was standing exactly where the artist stood, seeing those paintings through the artists' eyes, thinking their

snow.

She has lived in Monterey County for four decades, but returns to her home state every year.

"I love to go out and walk in the fresh snow," she said. "I paint a lot of snow, which surprises people in California, but I've received a couple of nice awards for that."

A peaceful painting called "Winter Shadow," depicting a barn — white, weather-worn, behind a leafless tree — is her favorite, and it won a Wisconsin regional artist award last year.

But her portfolio also is adorned with summertime images — placid, soft-palette renderings from Wisconsin and the Monterey Peninsula. There are colorful rowboats docked on a lake, a red-roofed barn at Cooper Molera Park; a colorful, lakeside bandstand, and the sun setting over a lighthouse, to name a few.

She also paints still lifes of fruit, vegetables, flowers, pottery — and the occasional portrait.

A creative family

Uecker's father was an entrepreneur in insurance, creating a company that went public. Her mother was a homemaker, very creative, often working with her children on art projects.

Still, Uecker said, "I didn't do anything with art until I got into college, except I worked for an architect as a high school student, doing his renderings, which taught me about perspective."

She wanted to be a teacher when she arrived at the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, in 1967, and earned a bachelor's degree in English education. She later got a second degree in art education.

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a term first used for the tournament he sponsored in southern California before World War II. Others simply called it "The Crosby."

One of my favorite descriptions of the evolution came from golf professional-turned-sportswriter Jack Morris, who wrote: "Why it is called a clambake I do not know. Not this type of tournament. The old Bing Crosby tournament was a clambake...At that tourney everyone got drunk and went around looking at pretty girls and singing and not giving much of a damn about anything except having fun... Everyone had a helluva time. This is a good tournament that we have here. Make no mistake about that. But it seems to me the boys bear down a little bit more than they used to."

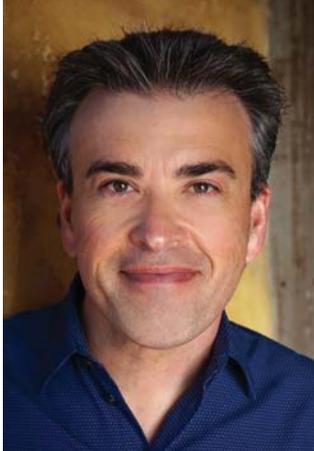
The reason I like this quote is its age. Morris, who recorded the first-ever ace on Cypress Point in November 1930, when he



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On Sunday of the 1962 Pro-Am, Arnold Palmer (top) traded his golf balls for snowballs and had some fun off the course with his wife, Winnie. A golf marshal writes postponed (above) on the snow-covered 18th Green at Pebble Beach on what was scheduled to be the final round of the 1962 Pro-Am.

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Reading, writing, arithmetic — and some pretty odiferous fungi

AT AGE 85 1/2, Mary Alice Osborne says she sleeps “like a log,” fending off any threat of insomnia by playing memory games, reviewing the names of all 100 U.S. senators, all 50 governors and every president, from George Washington to Joe

“It’s a great old house,” she said. “The upstairs is basically one big room — all redwood, with open-beam ceilings, a fake fireplace, some chairs, twin beds and my TV. Downstairs is the bathroom and two bedrooms — mine and the master bedroom.”

Not long ago, a neighbor noticed that Mary Alice’s upstairs lights were still on at 11:30 p.m.

What in the world was she doing so late at night?

“Wallpapering,” answered the octogenarian, who stripped off several layers of old wallpaper before hanging the new.

There’s a phone jack upstairs, where Mary Alice spends most of her time, but she doesn’t use it. “I decided when I retired that I had heard enough bells to last me a lifetime, so I pulled that phone out,” she explained.

Her phone is at the bottom of a staircase with no banister. She descends with great care, especially since she’s missing part of one foot.

‘Stumpy’

“Six years ago, my podiatrist (former student Dr. Scott Smith) discovered I had melanoma, so they amputated half of my foot, which really affects my balance. I have to be very careful I don’t fall,” she said.

Mary Alice’s beloved younger brother, 79-year-old Pete Osborne of Carmel Valley, supported her through surgery and rehab, then gave her a new nickname. “He started calling me Stumpy,” she said.

Callers know to let the phone ring at least 10 times to give her time to get downstairs. There’s no answering machine. You can’t text (no cellphone) or email her (no computer). She writes letters longhand.

The three Osborne kids — big brother Rob, born in

1932, Mary Alice (’36) and Peter (’40) — were the children of Robert and Alice (Sartori) Osborne, who met in New York City.

In January 1942, Robert was called to military duty and assigned to Fort Ord before being shipped overseas, so the family moved to Carmel.

“In those days, we could roller skate down Ocean Avenue,” said Osborne. “Can you imagine that?”

The family lived on Bayview Avenue, then Casanova. In 1945, Robert returned from the war and bought the Carmel Woods house from Daisy Bostick, a high school teacher, prolific writer and Pine Cone reporter, and one of the original managers of the Pine Inn.

Osborne remembers being a hot-tempered little girl with a mind of her own. “My mother was always saying, ‘Street angel and house devil,’ meaning if we were going to act up, act up at home.”

As a member of the Army Air Corps, her father was stationed in Colorado Springs, brought the family with him to San Antonio, and moved them again to Biloxi, Miss., before returning to Carmel.

Four high schools

After attending four high schools — two in San Antonio, and one in Biloxi — Osborne graduated from Carmel High in 1954. She studied at Monterey Peninsula College, went to UC Santa Barbara for a semester, finished at San Jose State, and was hired at River School.

She enjoyed teaching more than she ever imagined she might.

“I had nine principals during my 35 years. Three were really wonderful, but I’ll only name one,” she said, crediting the man who hired her, Dick O’Connell, with mentoring her for her first six years.

“I admired his style of leadership, how he kept morale high, and the pride he expressed in his teachers,” she said. “We never felt any competition between any of us, which is unusual.”

Memorable moments included,

■ Teaching a hearing-impaired student, communicating through a microphone into a special hearing device worn by the girl;



PHOTO/DENNIS TAYLOR

Mary Alice Osborne, January 2022, age 85.

■ Being selected to visit a Palo Alto school to observe teachers experimenting with “New Math,” designed to help children understand fractions, multiplication and division;

■ Teaching a fourth-grader who was dying of cancer. “I knew, but my students didn’t,” she said. “Her classmates would walk her to the cafeteria every day, supporting her on either side, so she wouldn’t fall.”

Osborne also wasn’t afraid to expand beyond the three R’s when opportunity arose.

One day, a little boy brought a mushroom to class and asked what kind it was.

“I said, ‘I don’t know, but let’s see if we can find out.’ All of a sudden, everybody was bringing mushrooms into the room. Somebody would walk in and say, ‘What is that smell?’ It was odiferous, to say the least!” she recalled.

Like many new teachers, she learned

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Great Lives

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Biden, and their wives, until she nods off.

She also remembers the names of countless children she taught for 35 years at River School, their brothers, sisters and parents, and can share stories about a lot of them.

“Miss Osborne” taught second, third and fourth graders at various times, beginning in the 1959-1960 school year. She was just 23, straight out of San Jose State University, and taught until she retired in 1995. Most of the third-graders who were in her first class will turn 70 this year.

“That’s one of the really fun things about living in Carmel — I always seem to be running into my former students,” said Osborne, who lives in her childhood home in Carmel Woods, not far from where the statue of Junipero Serra used to be.



PHOTO/COURTESY MARY ALICE OSBORNE

‘Miss Osborne,’ age 23, with her her third graders at the River School in 1960-61, her second year of teaching.

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HOUSING

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for homeless people.

Under the plan, according to the city, developer Shangri-La Industries would purchase the 49-room Monarch Resort for \$15 million (\$300,000 per unit) and arrange for a nonprofit homeless service provider called Step Up to manage the complex, presumably at a profit for Shangri-La, a privately held commercial real estate firm in Los Angeles. The council was provided several documents for the housing proposal, and members voted 6-0 to send an application for the program.

"This is a pretty dramatic and significant project for Pacific Grove," Mayor Bill Peake said last week.

Say what?

But Dianne Mahroom, whose parents opened the Monarch Resort more than three decades ago, said this week that her family was unaware of the proposal to convert the hotel — which offers rooms in a pricey residential area near the city's golf course, lighthouse and Asilomar beach tract — into housing for the homeless. The hotel is not even for sale.

"We were surprised when it was brought to our attention by our neighbors and others that it was on the city council agenda," Mahroom told The Pine Cone.

"We were further dismayed to read the minutes from the meeting that appeared to represent that a deal or agreement had been made with us."

While Mahroom said Shangri-La Industries chief financial officer Cody Holmes contacted her family to "express interest in purchasing" the hotel, they rejected the offer.

"We have no desire to sell it to be used

for homeless housing," Mahroom said.

She said her parents bought the property when it was named The Four Seasons Lodge. They demolished the hotel and "their dream of building The Monarch Resort was realized when it opened in 1986," she explained.

The inn's website describes its idyllic setting:

"Our serene and natural location often attracts black-tailed deer who graze our grounds. You'll find our location to be top-notch. We're within walking distance of restaurants and several points of interest, including the Pacific Grove Monarch Butterfly Sanctuary, Pacific Grove Municipal Golf Links, and Point Pinos Lighthouse. In addition, world-class golf courses, event venues, dazzling beaches, area attractions, and the Asilomar Conference Center are all a short drive away."

While only a few citizens offered comments about the plan, it's likely that many of that the hotel's neighbors were unaware it was even being considered.

It's unclear why Shangri-La and the city believed that the owners of the Monarch Resort had agreed to sell the property, but city senior housing program manager, Anastacia Wyatt said that Shangri-La, not the city, was negotiating for the sale of the hotel.

"The city was anticipating the sale to move forward," Wyatt told The Pine Cone Thursday morning.

Councilman Luke Coletti said he was unaware that Monarch Resort's owners were not on board with the proposal.

"It looks like some massive miscommunication between the city, developer and property owner," Coletti said.

Expensive housing

Shangri-La, the report said, would use Project Homekey funds, which mostly come from taxpayers, to acquire the

Monarch Resort, "and secure bank financing to fill in any costs related to the acquisition and rehabilitation/reconfiguration not covered" by the Homekey grant.

Pacific Grove would work with local nonprofit Coalition of Homeless Services Providers, the state and "other partners to determine eligible funds" to help pay rent for the indigent residents. Emergency housing vouchers and other vouchers, also funded by taxpayers, "could fill this gap to fund the very low income units," according to the city.

"Additionally, the city will need to work with the state and funding partners to provide funding for supportive services at \$5,500 per unit per year," the report to council said. Per the state's requirements, "the application must demonstrate sufficient funding for at least the first five years of operations."

Wyatt told council members that a total of the costs would not become clear until after the state had accepted the city's application. However, any deal to convert a hotel to homeless housing would cost Pacific Grove the amount in transient occupancy tax it collects every year, not to mention about \$50,000 in property taxes.

In December 2020, Shangri-La and Step Up converted a Salinas Good Nite Inn

to housing for dozens of homeless people. Wyatt, who had been the housing manager for the City of Salinas, helped steer that project.

"Shangri-La Industries partners with Step Up, a nonprofit organization that manages the units and ensures clients who are housed receive vital services," Wyatt explained. "This is an unusual arrangement, as most affordable housing relies on tax credit for subsidies and takes years to develop. Converting a hotel into housing is much less expensive, and having a private developer utilize their own funding to make this housing happen is remarkable."

'Chronically homeless'

If the arrangement went forward, the city said the hotel would provide housing for those in the "very low income" bracket, including "chronically homeless" individuals and "youth" 18 to 24 who earn anywhere from zero to less than 30 percent of the area's median income. Project Homekey offers highly discounted rent for some tenants and charges nothing for others.

Step Up President Tod Lipka told the council last week that two full-time case managers would live on site to "ensure that the previously homeless tenants reintegrate and become part of the community."

COMMITTEE

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common ground with the goal of creating a safer environment.

"The sheriff's office has a \$100 million jail that was to be opened in 2018 and has yet to be completed based on lack of leadership and willingness to complete the task," he added.

So far, Patterson has filed forms with

Monterey County Elections stating his intention to run and forming a committee to receive campaign contributions on his behalf.

He is joined by Del Rey Oaks Police Chief Jeffrey Hoyne, who has already raised \$8,047 from supporters, as well as Jose Mendoza, 27-year sheriff's office veteran Cmdr. Joe Moses and Marina Police Chief Tina Nieto.

The election will take place in June, with a tie-breaker, if necessary, held in November.

LIVES

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on the fly how to maintain discipline. Curt Hays, a third-grader in 1961, remembered the day the teacher washed his mouth out with powdered soap.

"It was Boraxo, and don't remember what I said to deserve that, but I suspect it was probably more than just one word," he said with a laugh.

"I don't remember that at all, but Chris Smith (Hays' classmate), said the same thing. That was cruelty," she conceded. "Nobody taught us how to discipline kids then. I was brand new, so, whatever works. What works?"

She has fond memories of special events — Halloween parades, spring dances, honoring every child's birthday with a lighted candle in a marshmallow, and Christmas celebrations.

"Every grade, starting with sixth graders, would walk down the hall to the cafeteria singing Christmas carols," she recalled. "In the cafeteria, we'd all sing together, then parade back to our rooms,

still caroling, for our class parties.

"I never regretted becoming a teacher — thank you, Mom," she said. She also has no regrets about never marrying. "Better single and happy than married and miserable," she once counseled an unmarried niece.

Life is good

As she approaches her 86th birthday in July, Osborne hears and sees well, drives her 1983 Honda (147,000 miles), thinks deeply and speaks with seamless eloquence.

She prefers reading over TV — "I've always been very political but can't bring myself to watch the news in the current climate," she said.

She adores being recognized decades later, too.

"I always seem to be running into my former students, which makes Carmel a very fun place to be," she said. "I wanted to impart knowledge and make it a pleasant experience for the children. That was always my goal."

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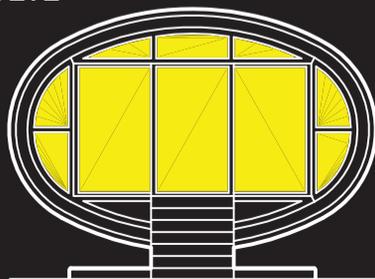
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APN, which takes them to a site with viewable documents, including original drawings and other historical pieces. Text files can be searched for keywords, too.

"The scanning is super high quality, and the great part is you can search for different words in all these documents," Swanson said. "We feel this is going to be a wonderful enhancement for our community, for

development teams, for anyone who wants to find property files — it's going to be an easy way for them to do it."

And they can do it late at night while sitting on the couch in pajamas and eating ice cream, if they want to.

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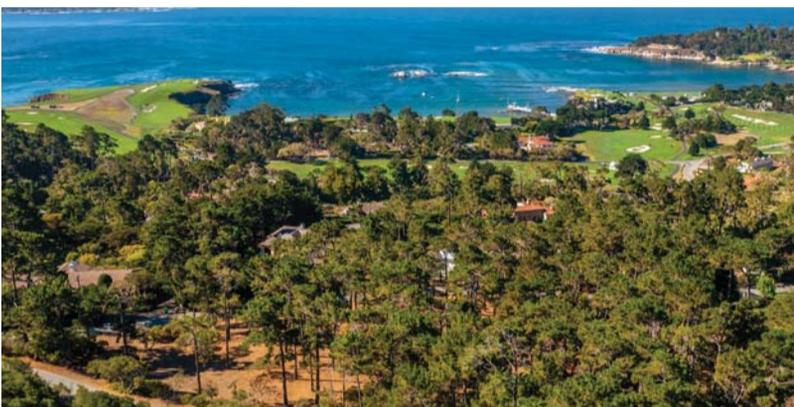
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Section 2

Everyone knows Pirates are dangerous — you should see them play soccer

“THE PROCESS,” as he calls it, happens day by day, one drill, one game, one lesson at a time.

Coach Phillip Koshi greeted almost 60 girls — a massive turnout — on the first day of soccer practice this winter at Stevenson School. But only four players had varsity experience, and none of the Pirates had played a soccer game in two years.

Koshi had never coached his four returning letter-winners — he was hired as Stevenson’s new head coach after the 2019-20 season, and last season was wiped out by the pandemic.

What he has since discovered is that those four seniors have leadership qualities, his players are excited, coachable and motivated, and his 22-girl roster is loaded with aggressive and talented athletes.

‘Finding our identity’

“We’re just starting to find our identity, figuring out

what works for us,” said Koshi, whose team was 8-3-1 overall, 3-1-1 in the Pacific Coast Athletic League’s Santa Lucia Division, after Monday’s 2-2 tie with Gonzales. (The result of Wednesday’s division game against St. Francis SCP was not available at press time.)

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

“The kids are learning each other’s tendencies, discovering their own strengths and weaknesses, but we’re already a dangerous team,” he said.

Koshi played two seasons of professional soccer (2006-07 in the United Soccer League, with the Cincinnati Kings, and in the USL Premier Development League with

the Colorado Rapids), and recognizes talent when he sees it.

The centerpiece is co-captain Romi Markx, a senior who is also the only Pirate with extensive club-level experience.

Markx, a center midfielder, grabbed a share of the team lead in goals (10) after accounting for both Stevenson tallies in Monday’s game. She also leads in assists with six.

“Romi has the highest soccer IQ on our team — a lot of experience — and she’s a really good leader,” Koshi said. “She’s technically very sound, she sees the field well, she can find the goal, and she’s played almost every position on the field.”

The other senior co-captain, Natalie Murray, plays center midfield on the defensive side of the pitch, where she has a knack for stealing and controlling the ball.

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Ciara O’Sullivan (left), a sophomore forward, is relentlessly energetic, with speed to get behind the defense, traits that make her a top scoring threat for the Pirates. Aisling O’Sullivan (middle), a sophomore, is an aggressive center midfielder who attacks the goal and moves well away from the ball. Senior co-captain Natalie Murray (right), a center midfielder, ‘does a lot of the dirty work,’ says her coach, with good field vision to find teammates who are open for the pass.

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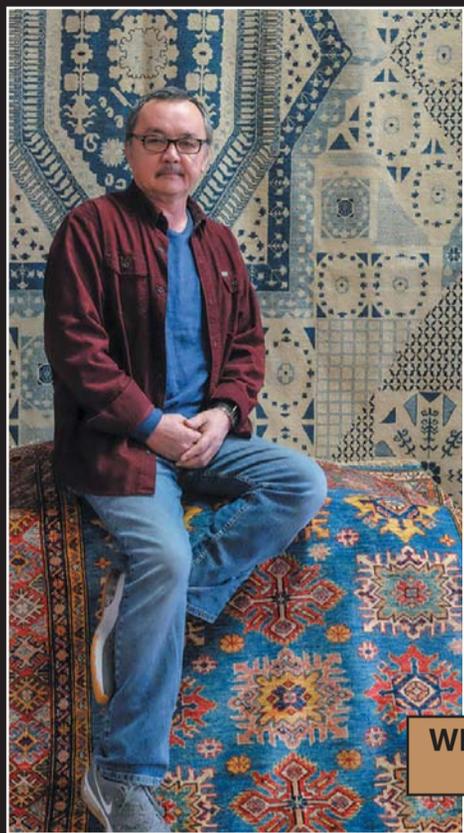


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“She wins a lot of balls for us, then also has an ability to pick her head up and find a teammate who’s open for a pass,” the coach said. “Natalie is a very critical piece for us in the middle of the park.”

Learning a new position

Kira Seggerty, another veteran senior, was a starting center back for the Pirates two years ago but switched this year to goalkeeper after needing surgery to repair an ankle injury.

“Her father was a goalkeeper, so she’s been a really good fit in her new position,” Koshi said. “She sees the field very well, having played a defensive position previously. She’s been able to bring that experience and knowledge to her new role on the team.”

The fourth returning letter-winner, senior Olive Bersamina, is a super-sub who can run the field, providing good minutes from a wide position, Koshi said.

Another important senior, Georgiana Maisto, is a varsity field hockey and lacrosse player who has earned a starting spot on the defensive line in her first year of high school soccer.

A key junior, Harmony Jones, is the team’s only natural left-footed player, and her speed and strong leg makes her a scoring threat.

“Harmony is a great kid with a good attitude,” the coach said. “She likes to go forward, she has a good pace, and we put her on the right side of the field, which allows her to cut in and use that left foot to go at the goal.”

Molly Bufkin, another junior, is a first-year soccer player, but, like Maisto, she has varsity experience in

both field hockey and lacrosse — sports with field tactics similar to soccer.

“She’s extremely fast, and shows a natural talent for this sport,” Koshi said of Bufkin, a defender who has started every game.

One other talented junior, defender Amber Valuntad, recently suffered a season-ending knee injury.

An exceptional sophomore class is led by a pair of high-scoring sisters, Ciara and Aisling O’Sullivan, boarding students from Mexico.

Ciara, a center forward, shares the team scoring lead with Markx with 10 goals, and is second on the squad with four assists. Aisling, an attacking center midfielder, is next in the statistics with 8 goals and 2 assists.

“They’re quick and they’re really busy — constant energy, constant movement off the ball,” Koshi said. “Both can get behind the defense, and they know each other so well that they work well together.”

The O’Sullivans also set an example for the others as positive teammates and hard workers, he said.

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Head coach Phillip Koshi played two seasons of professional soccer with the Colorado Rapids under-23 team in the USL Premier Development League, and part of the ‘06 season with the USL’s Cincinnati Kings.

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Pianist who took Bach to the top of the charts plays Saturday at Sunset

A PIANIST whose self-financed 2007 debut album took the classical music world by surprise, Grammy Award nominee **Simone Dinnerstein** performs Saturday at Sunset Center.

Within a week of its release 15 years ago, Dinnerstein's

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

recording of Johann Sebastian Bach's *Goldberg Variations* topped Billboard's classical charts.

"I was introduced to her by a friend who gave me her recording of *The Goldberg Variations*," **Amy Anderson** of Chamber Music Monterey Bay told The Pine Cone. "I've loved the piece for a long time. Her personal expression of it touched me deeply — I'm looking forward to that happening again."

At Sunset Center, Dinnerstein's program includes Bach's *Goldberg Variations*.

Dinnerstein hasn't let the pandemic stymie her creative juices. Just last week, she released her latest album, "Undersong," the third one she has recorded during the coronavirus epidemic.

Presented by Chamber Music Monterey Bay, the Jan. 29 concert starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets starts are \$61. Due to Covid, masks and proof of vaccination are required. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. For tickets, call (831) 625-2212 or visit chambermusicmontereybay.com.

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A CHEF with classic training and stints in kitchens of some of the most highly regarded restaurants in the country is leading the reopening of the revered Montrio Bistro with a new menu and culinary team. Sascha Lyon and his crew are set to welcome diners back to the down-

town Monterey establishment Feb. 17 after a nearly year-long closure. Like other newly arrived talented chefs, Lyon — along with artist wife Margarita and two children — was brought here in part thanks to Covid. While they had long hoped to move to the coast, the pandemic shutting down his most recent endeavor as executive chef at an Oregon estate winery put him on the search for a new job, and a recruiter hooked him up with Montrio owners Ken Donkersloot and Mona Calis.

14, followed by a stint at Citrus under late renowned chef Michel Richard. He lived and cooked in Paris and London, too, and graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in 1992. In New York City, Lyon worked for superstar chef Daniel Boulud at the age of 20, one of a dozen young chefs selected from around the world to help open Restaurant Daniel. Other notable workplaces included Balthazar brasserie and Pastis, after which he opened his own place, Sascha Restaurant and Bakery in NYC.

Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

“The timing worked out, and my wife and I were hoping to live somewhere on the Central Coast,” he said this week. “That’s been a dream of ours for a long, long time.”

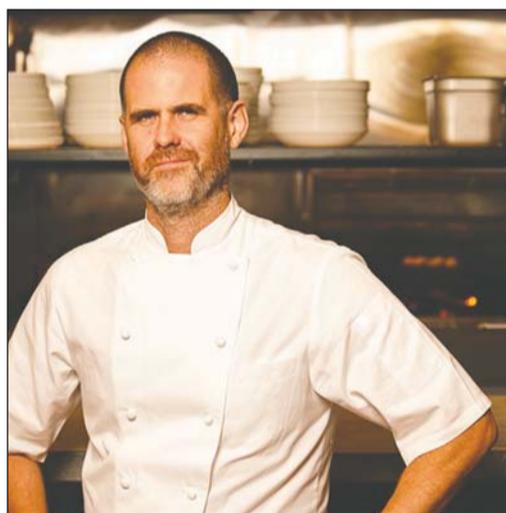
An impressive roster

A longtime resident of Los Angeles, Lyon began his culinary career in the kitchen at L’Ermitage when he was just

On return to Los Angeles — to which he commuted from the couple’s home in Ojai some 80 miles each way — Lyon served as executive chef at W Hollywood Hotel & Residences and developed the culinary program at Soletto Trattoria and Pizza Bar, where he was able to exercise his “personal commitment to high-integrity cooking using fresh, local and sustainable ingredients.”

“As a chef, I’ve always been connected to the source, the fisher, the farmer, the markets — knowing them and their stories,” he said. “I’m a firm believer in sustainability. When something is well cared for its entire life — from seed to harvest, the husbandry of an animal — we have an obligation to maintain this level of integrity all the way through to the plate.”

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Montrio's new executive chef, Sascha Lyon, plans to include seared sea scallops on his debut menu when the restaurant re-opens Feb. 17.

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FOOD & WINE

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Lyon and his family left Southern California for Oregon, and after Covid shut down the winery restaurant he was running, he started job hunting. He was about to give up and go back to L.A. when he learned about the national search for Montrio's new chef. He visited, and two weeks later, the whole family moved here, eventually finding a place to live just east of Carmel Valley Village.

"I've been able to be involved with and establish iconic restaurants," he said. "It's an honor and a tremendous amount of responsibility. There are big shoes to fill here. The goal is to retain everything that was amazing about Montrio."

Lyon's cooking heavily leans toward vegan, vegetarian and pescatarian dishes, though he plans to have a few other options for Montrio's devoted meat eaters. Generally, he prefers a light hand.

His debut menu includes beautiful salads, local duck, fried calamari, oysters and clams, steak tartare made table-side, and seared scallops with crispy artichokes, arugula and watermelon radish with a black truffle vinaigrette. All pasta will be made in-house, as will breads and pastries.

A good chef, he learned during his many years of culinary experience, gets out of the way of friends and family getting together and lets the food add to their experience.

"I just want to create a memorable experience that everyone wants to come back for," he said. "All the places I've been fortunate to work for, all those chefs and restaurateurs just wanted people to have a good time. Daniel just wanted people to have the best meal of their life."

And that, he said, isn't too much to strive for.

The refreshed and revamped Montrio on Calle Principal in Monterey is expected to reopen Feb. 17. For more information, call (831) 648-8880 or visit montrio.com.

Seaside's outdoor dining rules

While Carmel officials have yet to delve into what outdoor dining in town should look like after the temporary parklets are removed in April, the City of Seaside has already released its guidelines for business owners.

"In Seaside, restaurants are responsible for nearly 10 percent of the city's sales tax revenues," assistant city manager Trevin Barber said in the announcement. "Increasing outdoor dining options means increasing municipal sales tax revenues, which are crucial for maintaining essential services such as police and fire, as well as other county and

state emergency and health services."

Barber also noted that each restaurant has different circumstances, and therefore the guidelines are broad, "and some of the specific elements may not be required in all cases."

The 14-page guidelines, which are available on the city's website at ci.seaside.ca.us, cover all aspects of building permanent parklets. For one, they can only front on the restaurant and cannot block adjacent businesses. Their design should "match the brand, design and architectural style of the sponsoring business and business's adjacent storefront," and "colors, materials and design should be complementary to that of the business."

Rules for railings, building materials, umbrellas, heaters, utilities and other aspects of outdoor dining on public property are outlined, too.

"The City of Seaside will review the outdoor dining permit applications and will only approve outdoor dining areas that are able to meet the design requirements and are determined by staff to meet traffic safety standards," according to the guidelines.

Outdoor dining areas will be subject to a one-time permit application fee of \$500 and an annual fee of \$2,000 per occupied parking space.

Another new chef!

Pacific's Edge, the restaurant in the Highlands Inn on the coast just south of Carmel, was set to reopen this week, serving dinner Wednesday through Sunday from 5:30 to 9 p.m., with just the lounge open Mondays and Tuesdays.

Chef Joshua Kinzer has been hired to lead the culinary program and "is tasked with blending California casual with refined dining at a property that has hosted a bevy of legendary culinary events throughout its decorated history," according to management.



Joshua Kinzer is the new executive chef at Pacific's Edge restaurant in the Highlands Inn, but he's not new to cooking for high-end resorts, having worked alongside Cal Stamenov, Tim Wood and other notable local chefs.

Kinzer is no stranger to high-end resort cooking or the expectations of visitors to the Monterey Peninsula, having spent the past 15 years working alongside several talented chefs, including Cal Stamenov, who ran the kitchen at Bernardus Lodge for decades. Kinzer also cooked with former Carmel Valley Ranch executive chef Tim Wood and was

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From comic book heroes to golf's great events, artist masters poster art

BESIDES PAIRING top golfers with celebrities to raise money for good causes, the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am shines a spotlight on some of the world's finest golf artists, including Lee Wybranski, who designed commemorative posters for the 2019 and 2020 contests.

A Philadelphia native who lives in Flagstaff, Ariz.,

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

Wybranski discovered art as a youngster through his love of graphic arts. As he grew older, his art reflected his emerging passion for music and sports.

"I lived in comic books as a kid," the artist recalled. "As I grew older, my subjects shifted with my interests and I began to draw sports stars and musicians. I'm not sure how many pictures I did of the Beatles, but eventually I could draw John Lennon from memory."

After graduating with an art degree from Syracuse University, Wybranski began looking for opportunities as an artist and found one in Philadelphia.

"All I knew is that I wanted to be an artist," he said. "My first year as a professional artist consisted mainly of architectural drawings of private homes and institutions."

Painter gets big break

Next, Wybranski showed his portfolio of drawings to golf and country clubs in the Northeast. After one gig led to others, the artist was soon busy making drawings and

paintings of the best courses and clubs in the region. "That opened the floodgates," he explained.

It was around this time when the young painter decided to start playing golf. "I was getting invitations to play, but I was embarrassed to accept because I didn't want to dig ditches in their beautiful fairways," he said.

Soon the artist was fixated on the sport.

"Within a year, I had started to play," he said. "I read all I could about the game and became hooked."

Wybranski made his first event poster in 2001, which called attention to the Senior PGA championship. He also started working for the USGA, designing the official logos for the U.S. Open.

Next stop, Pebble Beach

After making posters for numerous golf gatherings, the artist made his first for a Pebble Beach event in 2010 when he did one for the U.S. Open, highlighting the famous 8th Hole at Pebble Beach Golf Links.

Nine years later, when the U.S. Open returned to the same course, Wybranski made another poster for it, celebrating its 18th Hole. In 2020, he created his first poster for the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, which captured Ray Romano and his caddie fending off a hailstorm at the 6th Hole — which actually happened the year before.

In 2021, Wybranski received another chance to make the AT&T poster, and he decided to have some fun with it. The event — which started as the Crosby Clambake — was celebrating its 75th year.

"As an artist working in golf, what could be cooler than



Artist Lee Wybranski (pictured at the right in Pebble Beach) has created posters for four big local golf events, including the 2020 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

seeking to creatively capture 75 years of history at the most colorful event on tour?" the artist asked. "My first thought was to feature Bing Crosby as the original host, and after working with the Monterey Peninsula Foundation, we came up with the idea to showcase a few more of the celebrities from different decades that are forever linked to this great event at Pebble Beach."

Besides Crosby, the poster includes Clint Eastwood, Jack Lemmon and Bill Murray. "This is as fun as my job gets," he declared.

Wybranski's Pebble Beach pieces represent just a small slice of his golf event poster portfolio — at leewybranski.com, you can see dozens of others.



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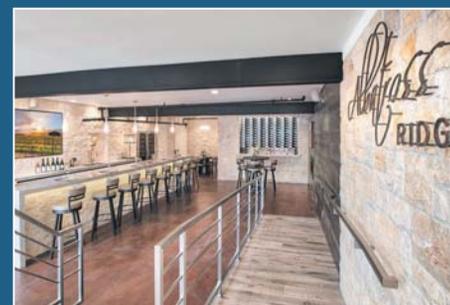


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ARTIST

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She began substitute teaching in 1971, when there weren't many jobs available, she said.

"I proved I could manage a classroom — which is a big deal at the high school level when you're 22 — and got hired as an art teacher."

As the economy continued to struggle and school art programs were cut, Uecker

also was recruited to teach high school English.

But her life changed in 1976, when she came to Carmel Valley to visit her sister, a special education teacher, and became enamored with the coast.

"I just fell in love with the area," she said. In 1983, divorced and starting over, she moved here.

She taught art and English at Alisal High from 1983-1989, then moved to North Salinas from 1989-2011, where she was an art instructor and also created an occupational program she called "Fashion and Merchan-

dising," teaching students the principles of the retail fashion industry, which led to her own home-based business.

"I loved teaching and I loved teaching art," said Uecker, who retired in 2011. "I still miss it all the time, especially those kids who I hope really appreciated what they were learning."

Retirement also presented the opportunity to fulfill a longtime dream and become a full-time artist, a chance she embraced.

Multiple affiliations

Uecker is primarily a studio painter, working with acrylics, but she joined the Monterey Bay Plein Air Painters Association and Central Coast Plein Air Painters. She also became an exhibiting member of the Monterey Peninsula Art Foundation, a board member of the Central Coast Artist Association, and an associate member of the Carmel Art Association, Pacific Grove Art Center, and Monterey Museum of Art.

She has donated her work to support the Arts Council for Monterey County, the Carmel Bach Festival art show, the Monte-

rey Museum of Art, the Pacific Grove Art Center, Gathering for Women, and Church of the Good Shepherd's Pastures of Heaven auction and art show.

She also has become acquainted with some of the Peninsula's best known artists.

"I've taken classes from Erin Gafill and worked with her sometimes. I've painted a few times with Mark Farina. Marie Massey has taught about painting in layers. I painted with a group that used to meet at the Carmel Adult School with Melissa Bispo," she said. "The art community here is very welcoming and helpful, and I love the camaraderie of being with other painters."

The joy of creating art is far more important than selling her work, she said.

Her art can be seen at the Monterey Peninsula Art Foundation gallery (425 Cannery Row, Monterey), and images of her work can be found online at sandeyedesign.com.

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

HISTORY

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The front-page headline of Saturday's Monterey Peninsula Herald declared: "Sunday Golf Forecast: Dry Skies." The next morning, wisecracking golf pro Jimmy Demaret looked out his window at The Lodge and seeing the snow, quipped, "I know I got loaded last night, but how did I wind up at Squaw Valley?" During an early morning break in the weather, PGA officials actually sent out foursomes, but when the snow resumed, they canceled the day's play — though not the tournament.

Jim McKay began his live broadcast on Sunday telling his television audience that there would be no tournament that day as the camera panned back to show snow falling from the sky. McKay's first guest of the broadcast was Bing's brother, Bob Crosby, joking, "Bing couldn't come, so he sent the weather." Bing had kidney stones surgically removed earlier in the month and had just been released from the hospital on Tuesday. It was the first time he had missed his tournament. Another of Bob's one-liners was, "We'd be playing today, but the PGA doesn't have any rules for playing casual hard water."

The ABC crew had to be inventive to help McKay fill 30 fun-filled minutes of airtime. Comic-entertainer Phil Harris received a golf lesson in an effort to cure

his slice. Another golf pro showed how impossible it is to putt on a snow-covered 18th Green, and Arnold Palmer demonstrated how he kept his shots low and below the wind to win the British Open the previous summer. A rebroadcast of that Open took the rest of the Sunday airtime that had been slated for The Crosby.

Statisticians had to go back nearly 30 years — December 11, 1932 — to find the last snowstorm to hit the Monterey Peninsula. While that one provided for a few snowball fights, the old-timers said it was nothing like the 1962 storm.

Coincidentally, the 3rd annual Monterey Peninsula Golf Championship was being played at Del Monte Golf Course when the 1932 storm began and the golfers played through. Based on the Herald's 1932 report, snow may have cost H.D. Davis his final round match with Ray Zanetta. "On the first hole Davis had a long putt and his ball grew larger and larger as it neared the cup, stopping an inch short of the brim." The pair was tied after 18 holes and Zanetta won on the 20th hole.

The snow-delayed Crosby finished on a still chilly Monday with wind gusts that hampered scores. Only two golfers shot par or better. Ford's 74 was enough for a tie with Campbell, who shot 76. Ford won with a sand-save par on the first hole of the playoff.

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Born and raised in Arizona, Becky escaped the desert after finishing her undergraduate studies at Arizona State University. Her first stop was Crested Butte, Colorado where she quickly realized she had gone from the extreme heat of the desert to the freezing cold of the mountains and continued her search for the perfect place. That perfect place was, and still is, the Monterey Peninsula. It was here that she built her adult life, started a family, developed her career, and established the most valuable friendships one could ever ask for. Becky's career started as a counselor and migrated into the high-tech world of software, and ultimately into Real Estate. It was real estate that was her real passion which ironically benefits from her past career experiences. Having worked in major corporations such as Sony, Cisco, McGraw-Hill Companies, and the US Government, she has had the opportunity to work all over the world in an international capacity with plans to return to many of the countries for pleasure in the future. Over 20 years later of representing buyers and sellers in real estate transactions on the Monterey Peninsula, Becky became the Vice President/Brokerage Manager for Sotheby's International Realty-Monterey Peninsula with two offices in Carmel, as well as offices in Pacific Grove, Carmel Valley, Monterey, and Santa Cruz. She is a Governing board member for the Big Sur Marathon Foundation, a member of the board for the multiple listing service (MLS LISTINGS), an ethics advocate for the California Association of Realtors, and past board member for the Junior League of Monterey County. As a daughter of an educator and coach, Becky continued her education obtaining an MBA in Marketing and a Masters in Education Curriculum and Design and has taught at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS), MIIS, Chapman College and Monterey Peninsula College (MPC), where she is a real estate instructor and program coordinator.



Join the Chamber and our special guests, Monterey County District 5 Supervisor, Mary Adams, Mayor of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Dave Potter, and Carmel-by-the-Sea City Administrator, Chip Rerig, for a "State of the City & County" presentation as well as updates from the Carmel Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

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The Carmel Chamber events policy is to follow all state covid-related guidelines for gatherings. Masks are currently required indoors.

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MORE SPORTS

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Other 10th-graders who have had an immediate impact as varsity newcomers include Mac Bellomo (3 goals, 2 assists), Chloe Vogel (2 goals, 2 assists), and Nini Stewart (1 goal, 3 assists).

The Pirates fired early shots over the bow of their competition early this season with impressive non-league victories over a pair of Cypress Division schools, Monterey and Seaside (both by 2-1 scores).

Must win the division

But the road to a Central Coast Section postseason berth requires Stevenson to win the Santa Lucia Division crown, then beat the Mission Division runner-up in a play-in game to get into the main playoff bracket.

The team to beat in a well-balanced division, at this point, appears to be Santa Catalina (7-1-1 overall, 4-1 division), which defeated Stevenson 1-0 on Jan. 18 in the first of their two scheduled meetings.

“That was a tough one for us. I think our energy was OK that day, but a couple of bounces didn’t go our way, and we also missed a couple of chances that we normally don’t miss,” Koshi said. “I think our girls are really looking forward to playing them again.”

“This is a team that’s built from scratch in a lot of ways, and I keep emphasizing to them that it’s a process,” he said. “If we stay the course, keep working hard for each other, good things are going to happen.”

The Pirates travel today (Friday, Jan. 28) to play Rancho San Juan, followed by home games on Tuesday against Notre Dame and Friday (Feb. 7), the crucial rematch with Santa Catalina. All have 3:30 p.m. starting times.

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

FOOD

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part of the opening team under chef David Baron at Salt Wood Kitchen & Oysterette in Marina, his hometown. Kinzer lives in Monterey with his fiancée, Alyson, and their 3-year-old daughter, Brooklyn.

The Highlands Inn is located at 120 Highlands Drive off Highway 1 south of Carmel. For more information, visit hyatt.com

Coastal Roots charitable partners

The owners of Coastal Roots Hospitality and its three restaurants announced their “Pick It Up Pay It Forward” partners for this year.

Part of the proceeds from takeout orders at Rio Grill in the Crossroads, Tarp’s at Highway 68 and Canyon del Rey, and Monrio (once it’s open) benefit each of six charities for two months.

Beneficiaries for 2022 are Gateway Center of Monterey, Kinship Center, the Monterey County Film Commission, Habitat Monterey Bay, the Read To Me Project and Community Partnership for Youth.

Information for the two restaurants open now can be found at riogrill.com and tarpys.com.

MUSIC

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624-3871.

Cibo restaurant in Monterey — **The Dave Holodiloff Duo** (jazz and bluegrass, Sunday at 7 p.m.), singer **Lee Durley** (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** (Friday at 2 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Daniel Cortes** (Saturday at 11:30 a.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** (Sunday at 11:30 a.m.) and **The Rough Jazz Combo** with guitarist **Jesse DeCarlo**, saxophonist **Ben Herod**, bassist **Zack Westfall** and drummer **Mike Shannon** (Thursday at 2 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road, (831) 293-7500.

Gusto Pasta and Pizza in Seaside — singer **Lauri Hofer-Romero** and guitarist **Bruce Forman** (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 **Johan Sotelo** (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.

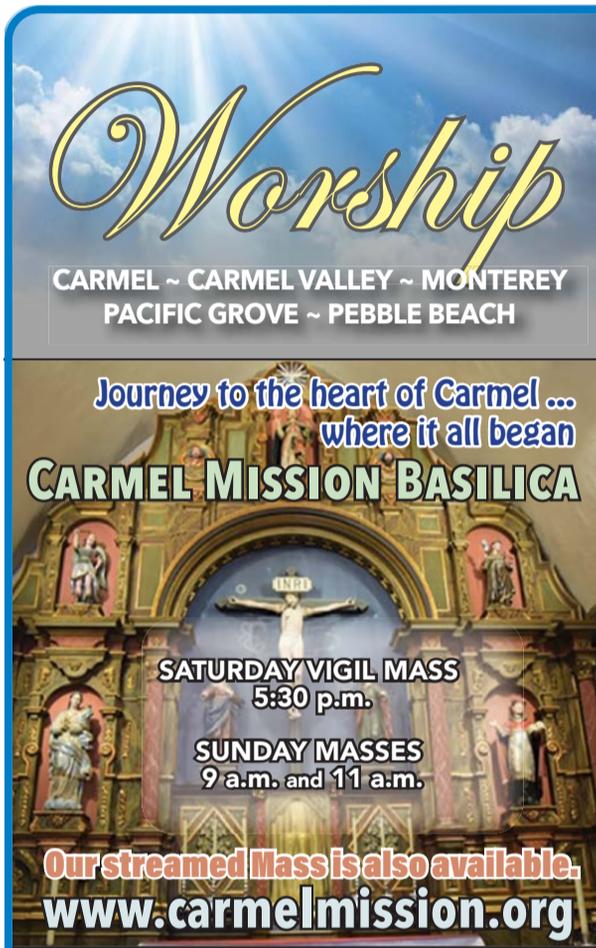
Julia’s Vegetarian Restaurant in Pacific Grove — mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (bluegrass, Friday at 7 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave, Suite F, (831) 656-9533.

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

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

Midici Pizza in Monterey — singer **Miranda Perl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.) and singer **Janice Perl** and pianist **Jon Dryden** (jazz, Thursday at 5

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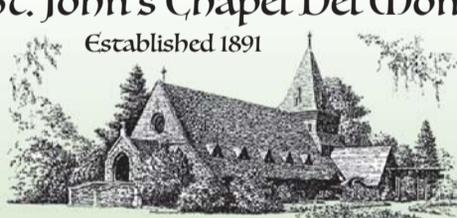
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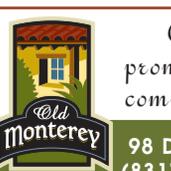
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p.m.). 467 Alvarado St., (831) 264-7013.

Mission Ranch — singer and pianist **Maddaline Edstrom** (jazz and pop, Friday through Sunday at 5 p.m.) and pianist **Gennady Loktionov** (jazz, Monday through Thursday at 5 p.m.). 26270 Dolores St., (831) 625-9040.

Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa — singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (pop and jazz, Friday and Sunday at 6 p.m.), pianist **Steve Mann** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.) and multi-instrumentalist **Gary Regina** (jazz, Monday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row, (831) 646-1700.

Puma Road at Portola Plaza in Monterey — singer and pianist **Sej Miles** (Saturday at 5 p.m.) and saxophonist **Ben Herod** and bassist **Zach Westfall** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St., (831) 747-1911.

The Salty Seal Pub in Monterey — **The New Wave** (80s pop and rock, Friday at 8 p.m.), **The Anthony Arya Band** (rock, Saturday at 8 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row, (831) 920-2327.

The Sardine Factory in Monterey — singer and multi-instrumentalist **David Conley** (pop and rock, Friday

and Saturday, Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m.). 701 Wave St., (831) 375-3775.

Savvy Bar in Monterey — **The Chuck Brewer Band** (rock and blues, Friday at 8 p.m.). 420 Tyler St., (831) 920-2518.

Sly McFly's in Monterey — **The Hackjammers** (funk and pop, Friday at 9 p.m.), **The Joint Chiefs** (funk and r&b, Saturday at 9 p.m.), **Brad Wilson & Rolling Thunder** (rock and blues, Sunday at 8:30 p.m.) and **The Long Distance Flyers** (classic rock, Monday at 8:30 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row, (831) 649-8050.

Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Tom Faia** and singer **Kate Miller** (Americana, Friday at 6 p.m.) and **Shilstone & Wilson** (classic rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place, (831) 298-7453.

Wild Fish restaurant in Pacific Grove — **The Lighthouse Jazz Trio** with pianist **Bob Phillips**, bassist **Zach Westfall** and drummer **Mike Shannon** (Friday, Saturday and Wednesday at 6 p.m.). 545 Lighthouse Ave., (831) 373-8523.

Singer and multi-instrumentalist Alison Sharino performs Friday in the Terrace Lounge, which is located at the Lodge at Pebble Beach.



PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
1. Rural Dispos-all Service 2. Carmel Valley Disposal Service 3. UWS of California, 11240 Commercial Parkway, Castroville, CA 95012, County of Monterey. Mailing Address: 800 Capitol Street, Suite 3000, Houston, TX 77002
 Registered Owner(s):
 USA Waste of California Inc., 800 Capitol Street, Suite 3000, Houston, TX 77002
 This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 2/15/2022.
 S/ Courtney A. Tippy, Vice President and Secretary
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 01/10/2022 CNS-3544889#
 Publication dates: Jan. 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 2022. (PC122)

no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
 NOTICE OF HEARING:
 DATE: Feb. 25, 2022
 TIME: 8:30 a.m.
 DEPT: 13
 The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.
 (s) Thomas W. Willis, CCP 635
 Judge of the Superior Court
 Date filed: Jan. 19, 2022
 Publication Dates: Jan. 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 2022. (PC 123)

62475 Highway 1, Big Sur, California 93920.
 State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
 This business is conducted by a corporation.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 6, 1975.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).
 S/Cyprian Consiglio (Phillip), President
 Date: _____
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 13, 2022.
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence

address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
 Publication dates: Jan. 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 2022. (PC125)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(PROBATE CODE §§ 19003, 19040(b), 19052)
In re the Estate of ADELINE F. ROSS, Deceased Case Number 22PR000013
 Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court at 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, California 93940, and deliver a copy to GAIL TAEKO HAYASHI and LORI GREEN, as Co-Trustees of the ADELINE F. ROSS 2001 TRUST dated January 18, 2001, and as amended and restated in its entirety by that First Amendment on January 17, 2013, of which the decedent was the settlor, at 26335 Carmel Rancho Blvd., Suite 2, Carmel, California 93923, as provided in Probate Code § 1215 within the later of four (4) months after JANUARY 28, 2022 (the date of the first publication of notice to creditors) or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, sixty (60) days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, or you must petition to file a late claim as provided in Probate Code § 19103. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested. Dated: Jan. 12, 2022
 UTE M. ISBILL-WILLIAMS, Attorney for Co-Trustees
 26335 Carmel Rancho Blvd., Suite 2
 Carmel, California 93923
 Publication dates: Jan. 28; Feb. 4, 11, 2022. (PC126)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20220094
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **NEW CAMALDOLO HERMITAGE, 62475 Highway 1, Big Sur, California 93920.**
 Mailing address: P.O. Box 4158, San Luis Obispo, CA 93403-4158.
 County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.
 Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: CAMALDOLESE HERMITS OF AMERICA,

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 22CV000182
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, TRACY SANBORN, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name: TRACY SANBORN
Proposed name: GEORGIA MILES SANBORN
 THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Historic Context Statement Update

NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS
HISTORIC CONTEXT STATEMENT UPDATE

The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea seeks proposals from qualified vendors to assist with updating the City's Historic Context Statement

The Request for Proposal Solicitation is available at:
<https://ci.carmel.ca.us/pod/requests-bids-and-rfps>

Or by visiting the City's homepage and clicking on the "Bids and RFPs" button under the Helpful Resources section of the page.

For additional information, please contact Marnie Waffle, Community Planning and Building Principal Planner at 831.620.2057 or by email at mwaffle@ci.carmel.ca.us

Sealed proposals shall be labeled "**RFP #2022-004, HISTORIC CONTEXT STATEMENT UPDATE**" and must either be mailed or delivered to City Hall by the deadline listed below

Mailing Address: City of Carmel-by-the-Sea Office of the City Clerk City Hall P.O. Box CC Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921	Hand Delivery Location: City Hall - City of Carmel-by-the-Sea Office of the City Clerk East side of Monte Verde between Ocean and Seventh Avenues Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921
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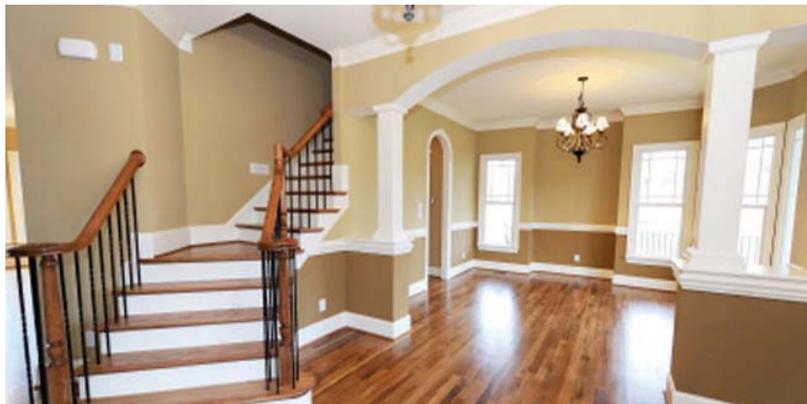
Proposals must be received at City Hall by 5:00 PM PST on Monday, February 7th, 2022.

Publication dates: Jan. 28, 2022 (PC124)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20212666
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **THE OAK YARD SERVICE, 1547 Cottonwood Dr., Salinas, CA 93905.**

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
 Registered Owner(s): JOSE LUIS DOMINGUEZ, 1547 Cottonwood Dr., Salinas, CA 93905. This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 1, 2021.

BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
 S/Luis Dominguez
 Date signed: Dec. 7, 2021
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 7, 2021.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
 Publication Dates: Dec. 31, 2021; Jan. 7, 14, 21, 2022. (PC 1234)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20212774
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **GRAVITY WINE HOUSE, 214 Alta Street, Gonzales, CA 93926.**

Mailing address: P.O. Box 908, Gonzales, CA 93926.
 County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.
 Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: SLH FARMS, INC, 28275 Alta Street, Gonzales, CA 93926.
 SONS OF BACCHUS LLC, 28275 Alta Street, Gonzales, CA 93926.
 State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
 This business is conducted by a joint venture.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 1, 2015.

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 I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).
 S/Mark Pisoni, President
 Date: Dec. 30, 2021
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 30, 2021.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
 Publication Dates: Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2022. (PC101)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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 Date: Dec. 30, 2021
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 Publication Dates: Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2022. (PC101)

SUMMONS – FAMILY LAW

CASE NUMBER: 21FO001186

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: **JOSE PALENCIA PERREIRA**
 You are being sued.
 PETITIONER'S NAME IS: **LINDA WILLIAMS**

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call, or court appearance will not protect you.
 If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs.
 For legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services website (www.lawhelpca.org), or by contacting your local county bar association.

NOTICE – THE RESTRAINING ORDERS ON PAGE 2:

These restraining orders are effective against both spouses or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgment is entered, or the court makes further orders. They are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them.
FEE WAIVER: If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. The court may order you to pay back all or part of the fees and costs that the court waived for you or the other party.
 The name and address of the court is: **SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF MONTEREY, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940**
 The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, is: **MATTHEW R. RANKIN, ESQ., 318 Cayuga Street, Salinas, CA 93901 (831) 754-2444**

This summons was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 4, 2021.
 Publication Dates: Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2022. (PC 102)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20212763
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **Parrington Farms, 1491 Harrah Pl., Willits, CA 05490,** County of Mendocino

Registered Owner(s): T. REX HOLDING LLC, 1491 Harrah Pl., Willits, CA 95490; CA
 This business is conducted by a limited liability company
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on, Not Applicable
 S/ Torre Stromberger, Managing Member
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on

12/23/2021
 1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4/22
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 Publication Dates: Jan. 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 2022. (PC 104)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20212758
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **WINDMILL MARKET, 115 Monterey-Salinas Highway, Salinas, CA 93908.**

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
 Registered Owner(s): JOSEPH MURILLO RENAATA MURILLO
 This business is conducted by a married couple.
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 28, 2021.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
 S/Renata Murrillo
 Date signed: Dec. 30, 2021
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 30, 2021.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
 Publication Dates: Dec. 31, 2021; Jan. 7, 14, 21, 2022. (PC 1234)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
 Case No. 22CV000040
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, TERESA LEE WAGNER, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name: TERESA LEE WAGNER
Proposed name: TERESA CATARINA WHALEN

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING:
 DATE: March 4, 2022
 TIME: 8:30 a.m.
 DEPT: 14

The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.
 (s) Thomas W. Willis
 Judge of the Superior Court
 Date filed: Jan. 5, 2022
 Publication Dates: Jan. 14, 21, 28; Feb. 4, 2022. (PC 110)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20220033
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MARK'S MOBILE LOCKSMITH, 1206 La Salle Ave, SPC 50, Seaside, CA 93955.**

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
 Registered Owner(s): MICHAEL EDWARD LEPAGE, 4920 Monterey St., Carmel, CA 93923.
 This business is conducted by an individual.
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 5, 2022.
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 S/Michael Edward LePage
 Date signed: Jan. 5, 2022
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 S/Johathan Paul White
 Date signed: Jan. 5, 2022
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 5, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20212714
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **GRAVITY WINE HOUSE, 214 Alta Street, Gonzales, CA 93926.**

Mailing address: P.O. Box 908, Gonzales, CA 93926.
 County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.
 Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: SLH FARMS, INC, 28275 Alta Street, Gonzales, CA 93926.
 SONS OF BACCHUS LLC, 28275 Alta Street, Gonzales, CA 93926.
 State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
 This business is conducted by a joint venture.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 1, 2015.

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 I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).
 S/Mark Pisoni, President
 Date: Dec. 30, 2021
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 30, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20220084
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **THE BRASS TAP, 434 Barcroft Way, Marina, CA 93933.**

Mailing address: 3100 De Forest Road, #762, Marina, CA 93933.
 County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.
 Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: BLUE DUNES, LLC, 434 Barcroft Way, Marina, CA 93933.
 State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
 This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 6, 2022.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20220083
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **EVERS LAW GROUP, 2100 Garden Road, Suite F, Monterey, CA 93940.**

Mailing address: P.O. Box 1749, Monterey, CA 93942.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
 Registered Owner(s): SHARYN F. EVERS, 2100 Garden Road, Suite F, Monterey, CA 93940.
 This business is conducted by an individual.
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 12, 2022.
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 Publication Dates: Jan. 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 2022. (PC 114)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
 Case No. 22CV000040
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, TERESA LEE WAGNER, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
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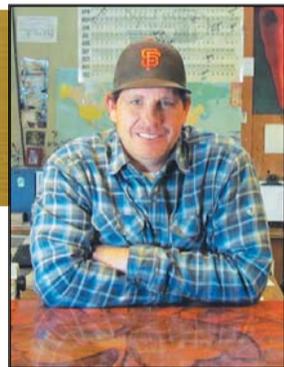


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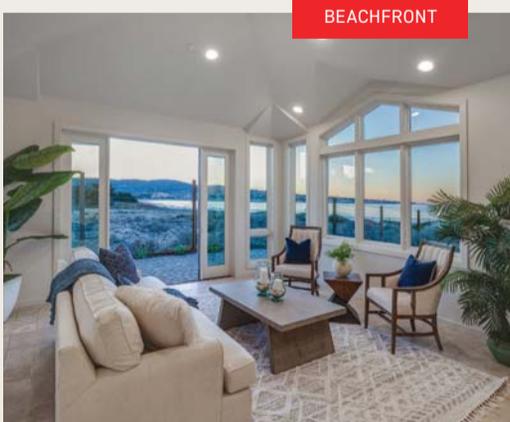
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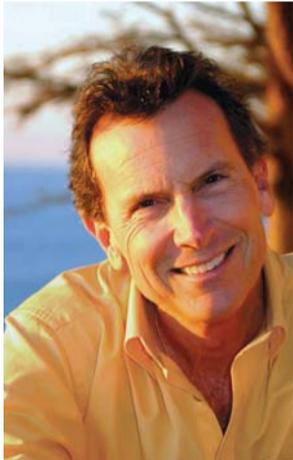
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I AM not a language expert. I try to use words every day. Sometimes I speak them, sometimes I write them, and there are times I speak and write them at the same time — like when I swear at my fingers for typing gibberish. To better myself, I always try to be interested when experts make pronouncements on how to improve language.

Enter the “inclusive language guide” from the IT department at the University of Washington, which points out what it considers problematic language, while suggesting alternatives to words that may be offensive. It focuses on words that are racist, sexist, ageist or homophobic — or just about anything Archie Bunker and his pals talked

about down at Kelsey’s Bar.

“Virgin” is a sexist problematic word because of the negative and emotionally charged stereotypes associated with it. It suggests substituting “first run” or “first launch.” Of course, the guide is referring to something used for the first time such as “virgin lumber,” But hey, a problem is a problem. There’s a group of islands east of Puerto Rico that need renaming according to the guide.

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

Saint John, Saint Croix, Saint Thomas and about 50 others would become the First Run Islands. Actually, that’s kind of catchy. And then there’s Richard Branson’s Virgin Group, which controls more than 400 companies in various fields. I don’t think rebranding by Branson would fly.

Housekeeping is problematic, too. It can feel gendered. It carries a fraught history and connotation of women’s traditional domestic role as housekeepers. I lived alone in a small apartment for 10 years and did a lot of housekeeping. I was never fraught about anything except dust mites that stubbornly avoided my Swiffer and grout that resisted all my efforts to get it clean. The list doesn’t mention housewarming. That might offend some igloo dwellers. And the IT (Idiots Throughout) people would probably go all pearl-clutching over “house arrest.”

Grandfather me in

There is one problematic word that affected me personally, “jerry-rigged.” According to the guide, “Jerry” is a derogatory term used for Germans in World War II by soldiers and civilians of the Allied nations. I took my share of lumps over that one. Wow! Talk about being victimized. I wonder if there are reparations for that?

I’m sure you didn’t know that “grandfather” is racist. Why? It’s exclusionary. “Grandfather clause” originated in the American South in the 1890s as a way to defy the 15th Amendment and prevent Black Americans from voting. Hey, University of Washington, I think “university” is exclusionary. Shouldn’t it be “multiversity?” Don’t you dare mess with grandfather. It is an honorific only earned through years of collecting and storing memories

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POLICE LOG

From page 4A

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Information report regarding a suspicious person on Ocean east of Guadalupe.
Pacific Grove: Medical emergency. Fire department had

to force entry to check on a patient at an Ocean View Boulevard residence.

Pacific Grove: Report of a stolen license plate on Piedmont.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle repossessed from a location on Sunset Drive.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Del Monte Boulevard was placed on a mental health hold.

Pacific Grove: Personal documents were found and turned over to the police department.

Pacific Grove: Juvenile issue on Fountain.

Pacific Grove: A 47-year-old male on Lighthouse was arrested for public intoxication, violation of probation and vandalism. He was booked into Monterey County Jail.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle stopped on Ocean View Boulevard for a traffic violation. The 20-year-old male driver was cited for a warrant.

Pebble Beach: Online report of stolen property on Forest Lake Road.

Carmel Valley: Neighbor on East Carmel Valley Road was upset at another neighbor over smoking smells.

Carmel Valley: Mail was stolen from a residence on Country Club Drive. No suspect info.

Carmel Valley: Burglary on Cachagua Road.

Carmel Valley: Trespassing reported at a property on Story Road.

Carmel Valley: Deputies performed a welfare check on a male at a residence on Middle Canyon Road.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female reported a possible break-in

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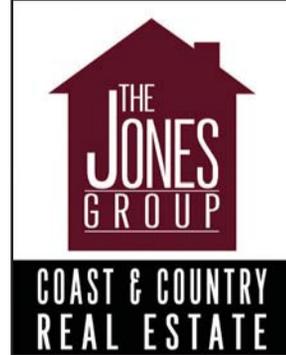
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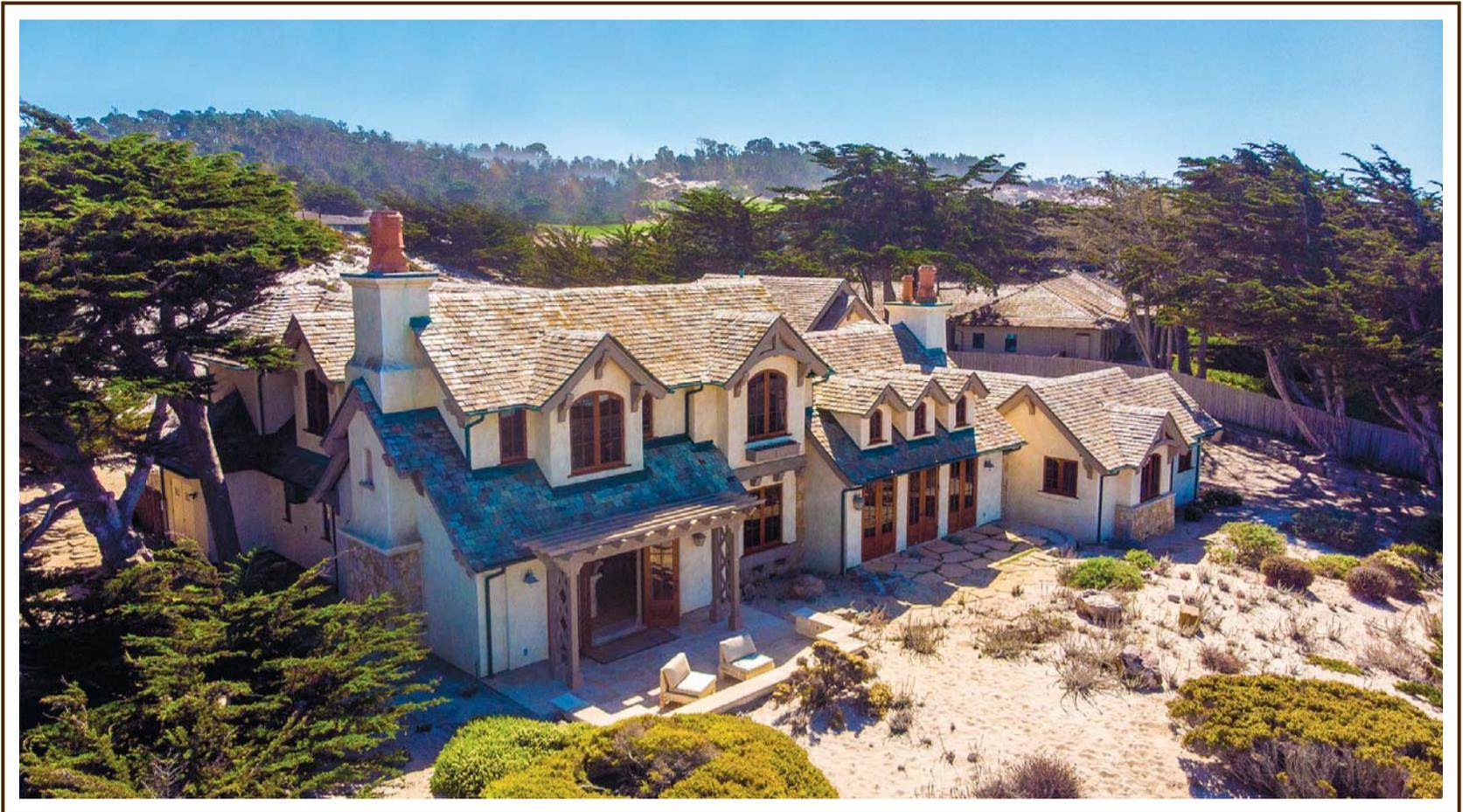
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SHERIFF

From page 8RE

of her vehicle on Santa Rita south of Third.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost cell phone at Carmel Beach.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost wallet at Scenic and 13th.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost necklace at 13th and Casanova.
Pacific Grove: Fraud reported on 19th Street.
Pacific Grove: Subject on Peninsula Point Drive was a victim of a scam by phone.
Pacific Grove: A found camcorder on Ocean View Boulevard was turned in to the police station. Property owner remains outstanding.
Pacific Grove: Subject surrendered firearms to officers per a court order.
Pebble Beach: Pebble Beach Security reported persons trespassing on Cypress Drive.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male at Casanova and 12th reported he was threatened with a knife and receiving harassing phone calls from a former roommate.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen on Scenic reported lost binoculars.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Resident on Forest south of Ocean reported that an exterior security camera mounted in the neighbor's yard was pointed into his bathroom. Contact was

made with the neighbor, who provided access to the camera view. Camera field of view showed the side yard but had the neighbor's property blacked out. No violation. Ongoing issue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person reported a woman lying in the roadway at Junipero and Second at 1715 hours. Subject was found to be intoxicated. Officer assisted the subject with a courtesy ride back home and released her to a sober family member.

Pacific Grove: Suspicious circumstances at Country Club Gate.

Pacific Grove: A wallet was turned in to the police station. Owner was notified and awaiting contact.

Pacific Grove: Suspicious circumstances on Sunset.

Pacific Grove: Neighbor problem on Jewell.

Pacific Grove: A medical ID card was turned in.

Carmel Valley: Deceased person at a residence at Hacienda Carmel.

Carmel Valley: Online report of fraud on Paseo Robles.

Big Sur: Online report of fraud on Coastland Road.

Carmel Valley: Theft reported on Carmel Valley Road.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

Carmel-by-the-Sea: While conducting routine patrol, an officer observed a medi-

See CALLS page 12RE

GAVEL

From page 4A

aerosol cans, toxic cleaning supplies, electronic waste, latex paints, and LED lightbulbs, as well as confidential customer information. According to results from Walmart's own inspections, the California Department of Justice estimates the company unlawfully disposes of approximately 159,600 pounds — or more than one million items — of hazardous waste in California each year.

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CALLS

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um-sized white dog walking along the east side of Junipero street just north of Ridgewood. The dog stayed and wandered in front of one residence. It appeared the animal belonged to the resident and had escaped through an opening in the fence. The owner was contacted, and the dog was returned.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject called stating a vehicle was driving recklessly within city limits. Officer found a vehicle matching the description at Junipero and 13th but did not observe any reckless driving. The vehicle did, however, have CVC equipment violations. The driver was contacted, and a field interview card was completed.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A resident found a loose dog sitting at their gate on Junipero north of Third. The dog was secured in the yard until a patrol unit arrived. The dog was transported to the station, and the owner was contacted. The dog was returned to the owner.

Pacific Grove: A 34-year-old female was stopped on Ocean View Boulevard at 0114 hours for a municipal code violation. Subject was found to have a local misdemeanor warrant. Subject was cited and released for the warrant.

Pacific Grove: Non-injury vehicle collision on 17th Street involving a city vehicle.

Pacific Grove: Juvenile issue on Sunset involving a 17-year-old subject.

Pacific Grove: Two subjects on Grand Avenue were having a dispute over child custody issues. No crime occurred. Report is informational only.

Carmel area: Deceased person at a residence on Valley Place.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost wallet reported at Scenic and Eighth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Resident on Forest south of Ocean was served with a criminal protective order issued the same day. Resident was handed the order and advised to follow the terms and restrictions.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Towed vehicle from San Carlos north of Fifth for blocking a driveway.

Pacific Grove: Vandalism to a vehicle on Kenet Place.

Pacific Grove: Juvenile issue on Sunset. Informational report.

Pacific Grove: Subject was contacted on Ocean View Boulevard for vehicle code violations. Cited and released.

Carmel area: A mother reported her daughter kicked her.

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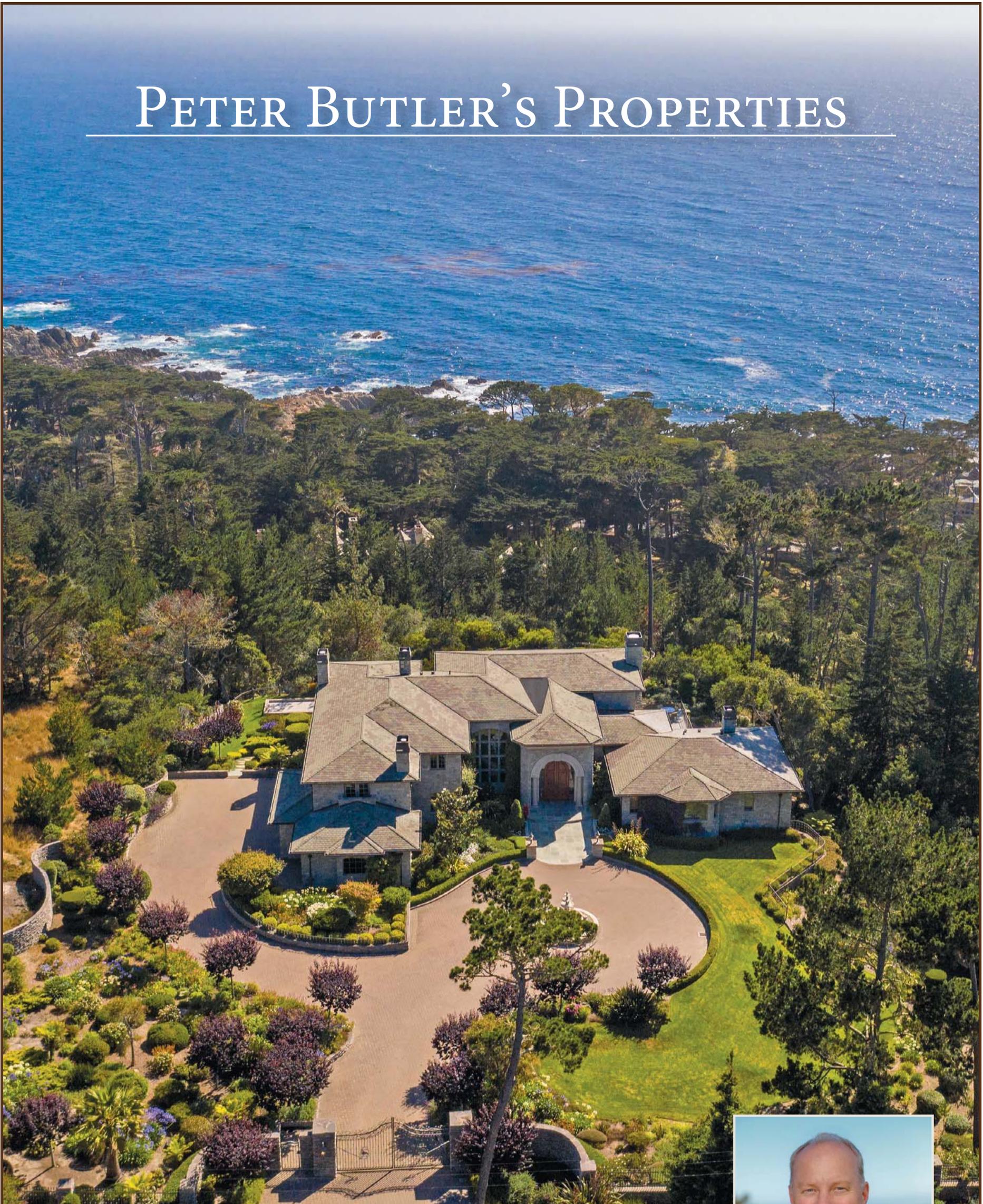


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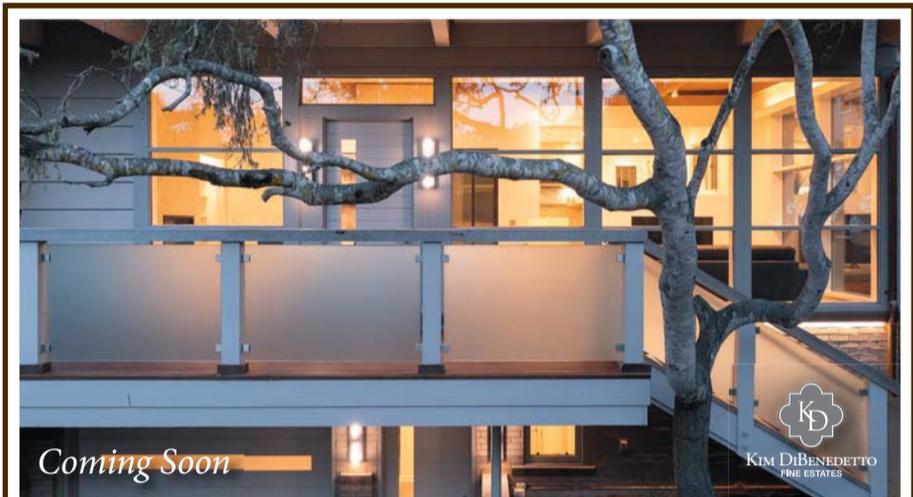
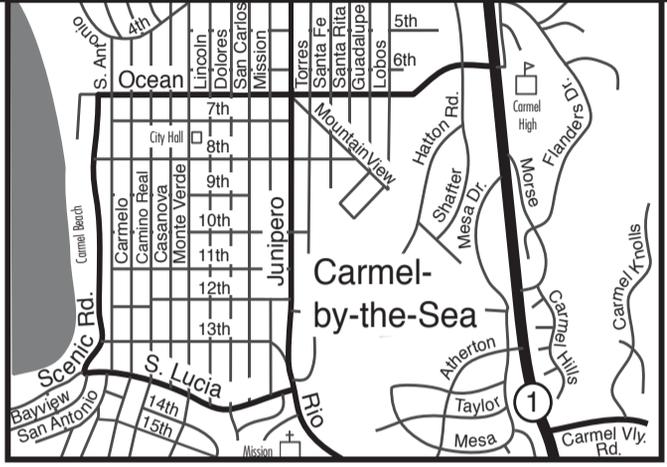
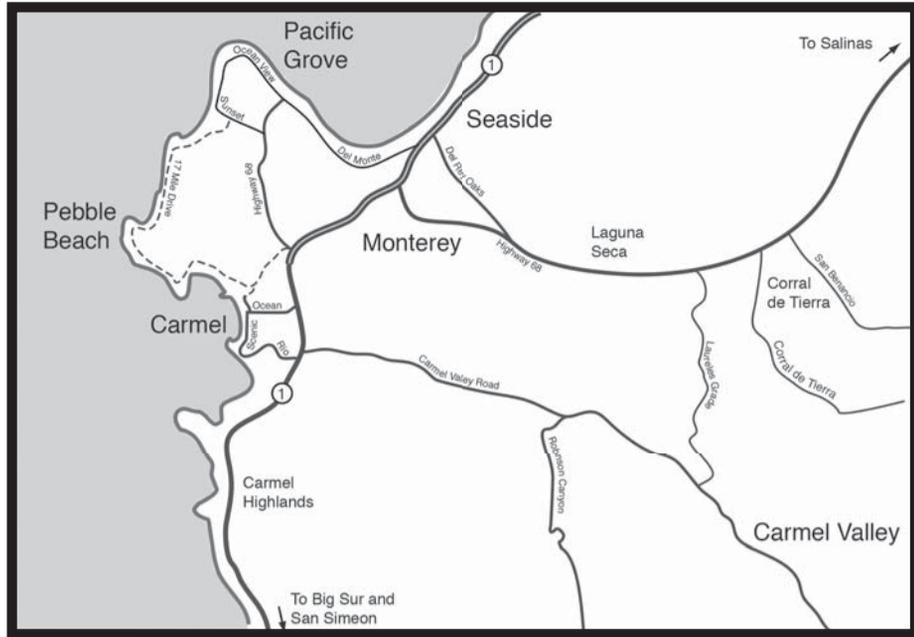
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Year-end report: Bull market rages on in record-breaking year

(Authors' note: With this column, we wrap up 32 years of offering our quarterly real estate analysis to our readers. The column made its debut in 1989 in The Carmel Sun, owned at the time by two terrific journalism pros, Stan and Isabelle Hall. The Sun closed in 1994 and the column moved temporarily to the Monterey Herald.



House Talk

By Paul Brocchini and Mark Ryan

Soon thereafter, we were invited to publish our column in The Carmel Pine Cone, where it has appeared ever since. We thank our readers for their comments and questions over the years, the Halls for getting us started and Paul Miller for his long-time support.

WHAT CAN one say about Monterey Peninsula real estate in 2021? Choose your favorite superlative, and it will be apt. We will go for the hackneyed, worn-out “unbelievable,” and leave it at that.

Covid has impacted society in so many ways, and one of those, close to home for all of us who live here, has been real estate activity and prices. This industry literally shut down in March 2020 and remained closed until late June when, phoenix-like, it arose with a force never seen before.

Put these numbers in your pipe:

- Record-breaking **\$2.59 billion** in sales for the year, up **16 percent** over the fabulous 2020.
- Out-of-sight gains in **median sales prices**: 22 percent in Carmel-by-the-Sea, 22 percent in Carmel Highlands, 16

percent in Carmel Area, 12 percent in Carmel Valley, 23 percent in Monterey Area, 32 percent in Pacific Grove, **32 percent in Pebble Beach** and 19 percent in Seaside. And those were on top of the all-time highs set in 2020.

These seem to be crazy and unsustainable gains. But some folks do not see a near-term correction. Here is what Jenny Schuetz, a housing researcher at the Brookings Institution, recently told The New York Times:

“It’s not a bubble. It really is about supply and demand — not enough houses, and huge numbers of people wanting homes.”

Hers, of course, is a national view. Narrowing that view to the Monterey Peninsula, what may take some of the steam out of the huge surge is when the remote worker boom, caused by Covid, eases.

Here is another set of numbers worth looking at. Of the 341 sales logged in the 4th quarter, 233 were over \$1 million, 68 percent of the total, and 118 were over \$2 million, 34.6 percent. Think of that: **More than one-third of the sales on the Peninsula were over \$2 million.**

In Carmel-by-the-Sea, Carmel Highlands and Pebble Beach, 100 percent of the 4th quarter sales were over \$1

million.

Finally, our Market Barometer, the percentage of listings under contract, is also at record highs. In the calmer past, a reading of over 20 percent indicated a relatively strong market. Twenty percent today would be abysmal. The lowest reading in the 4th quarter was 36 percent in Pebble Beach, and the highest was **72 percent in Carmel-by-the-Sea.**

Part of the explanation is that so many properties have sold, often in record time, that the inventory is low. Nevertheless, the barometer readings are breathtaking.

We leave it up to you to find in the accompanying charts other nuggets of interest.

It has been fun for us to write this column, and we are happy to exit on such a high note. Although our column is now history, we are still hard at work and would be happy to hear from you and, of course, to assist you with your real estate needs as buyers or sellers.

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Median sales prices (dollars)

	2021 (full year)	2020 (Q4)	2021 (Q4)
Carmel-by-the-Sea	2,700,000	2,306,500	3,294,444
Carmel Highlands	3,510,000	3,100,000	3,200,000
Carmel Area	2,159,813	2,010,000	2,250,000
Carmel Valley	1,506,250	1,511,500	1,735,000
Monterey Area	1,160,375	1,030,000	1,125,000
Pacific Grove	1,329,000	1,108,000	1,367,500
Pebble Beach	2,995,000	2,225,000	3,025,000
Seaside	713,750	631,000	768,500

Monterey Peninsula Home Sales Market Barometer

in escrow		
Date	/listed	%
Carmel-by-the-Sea		
1/1/22	8/11	73%
10/1/21	10/17	59%
7/1/21	8/21	38%
4/1/21	9/20	45%
1/1/21	11/27	41%
Carmel Highlands		
1/1/22	7/14	50%
10/1/21	4/14	29%
7/1/21	8/16	50%
4/1/21	4/14	29%
Carmel Area		
1/1/22	20/29	69%
10/1/21	15/37	41%
7/1/21	25/51	49%
4/1/21	34/69	49%
Carmel Valley		
1/1/22	9/22	41%
10/1/21	19/42	45%
7/1/21	10/33	30%
4/1/21	20/43	47%
Monterey Area		
1/1/22	36/59	61%
10/1/21	34/79	43%
7/1/21	13/67	55%
Pacific Grove		
1/1/22	7/13	54%
10/1/21	13/30	43%
7/1/21	20/42	48%
4/1/21	16/32	50%
Pebble Beach		
1/1/22	10/28	36%
10/1/21	18/47	38%
7/1/21	10/38	26%
4/1/21	13/43	30%
Seaside		
1/1/22	15/26	58%
10/1/21	29/53	58%
7/1/21	16/39	41%

Distribution of home sales — 4th quarter 2021

	up to \$399K	\$400K- \$699K	\$700K- \$999K	\$1M- \$1.49M	\$1.5M- \$1.99M	\$2M- \$2.99M	\$3M and up
Carmel-by-the-Sea	0	0	0	3	1	7	19
Carmel Highlands	0	0	0	0	1	1	4
Carmel Area	0	0	1	11	4	10	19
Carmel Valley	0	0	7	8	11	8	6
Monterey Area	0	4	23	23	13	7	6
Pacific Grove	0	1	13	14	8	4	4
Pebble Beach	0	0	0	3	10	8	15
Seaside	2	27	30	5	0	0	0
Total	2	32	74	67	48	45	73

Average days to sell

	2020 (Q4)	2021 (Q4)
Carmel-by-the-Sea	33	33
Carmel Highlands	79	36
Carmel Area	73	41
Carmel Valley	30	48
Monterey Area	29	36
Pacific Grove	28	29
Pebble Beach	52	45
Seaside	29	21

Gross dollar volume

	2020 (Q4)	2021 (Q4)
Carmel-by-the-Sea	104,244,500	63,547,018
Carmel Highlands	47,915,000	22,315,500
Carmel Area	188,600,410	139,376,605
Carmel Valley	48,200,600	78,211,500
Monterey Area	91,250,051	117,735,904
Pacific Grove	75,808,958	70,515,900
Pebble Beach	180,212,437	151,840,943
Seaside	26,239,238	47,481,200
Total	762,471,194	691,024,570

These charts are based on data supplied by the Monterey County Association of Realtors Multiple Listing Service. Neither the association nor the MLS guarantees or is responsible for their accuracy. The data may also not reflect all real estate activity in the market. For more information, go to www.carmelabodes.com.

Number of real estate sales (by quarter)

	2020 (Q2)	2020 (Q3)	2020 (Q4)	2021 (Q1)	2021 (Q2)	2021 (Q3)	2021 (Q4)
Carmel-by-the-Sea	14	53	34	22	35	27	30
Carmel Highlands	4	18	13	4	7	8	6
Carmel Area	23	83	69	60	65	49	45
Carmel Valley	15	46	30	24	37	21	40
Monterey Area	34	77	69	56	66	80	76
Pacific Grove	29	69	60	48	53	56	44
Pebble Beach	18	54	53	42	35	22	36
Seaside	24	41	41	30	49	60	64
Total	161	441	369	286	347	323	341

Ten-year median sales prices (dollars)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	1-year chng	10-year chng
Carmel-by-the-Sea	1,287,500	1,200,000	1,325,000	1,652,000	1,416,000	1,595,000	1,691,750	2,195,000	1,912,000	2,214,000	2,700,000	22.0%	109.7%
Carmel Highlands	1,137,000	1,150,000	1,550,000	2,743,602	2,525,000	1,900,000	2,700,000	4,080,000	1,945,000	2,887,500	3,510,000	21.6%	208.7%
Carmel Area	1,082,500	1,020,000	1,205,000	1,300,000	1,100,000	1,350,000	1,300,000	1,597,000	1,600,000	1,855,000	2,159,813	16.4%	99.5%
Carmel Valley	700,000	800,000	842,250	730,000	795,000	997,500	950,000	1,000,000	1,005,000	1,347,000	1,506,250	11.8%	115.2%
Monterey Area	522,079	490,000	590,224	685,000	626,750	755,000	800,000	850,000	820,000	945,500	1,160,375	22.7%	122.3%
Pacific Grove	537,500	558,000	682,500	739,000	780,000	832,000	915,000	925,000	965,000	1,007,500	1,329,000	31.9%	147.3%
Pebble Beach	1,104,000	1,130,000	1,147,500	1,440,000	1,400,000	1,550,000	1,640,000	1,585,000	1,773,975	2,262,500	2,995,000	32.4%	171.3%
Seaside	299,249	296,000	327,400	358,000	399,500	445,000	495,000	525,000	540,000	599,000	713,750	19.2%	138.5%

Ten-year gross dollar volume

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	1-year chng	10-year chng
Carmel-by-the-Sea	139,401,100	133,720,013	127,322,777	183,227,419	215,137,364	219,545,482	219,081,696	178,327,965	212,600,542	316,016,593	381,567,644	20.7%	173.7%
Carmel Highlands	21,739,500	47,993,000	68,557,000	24,319,990	52,087,500	16,257,200	29,966,500	84,894,100	32,682,500	132,583,374	369,288,924	178.5%	1598.7%
Carmel Area	276,650,490	303,606,360	353,095,307	350,787,894	321,678,040	328,456,729	342,395,021	379,788,213	318,366,450	537,512,016	130,960,478	-75.6%	-52.7%
Carmel Valley	111,961,760	131,614,015	145,647,985	70,670,168	85,550,999	99,636,029	95,355,169	105,538,230	95,609,741	173,436,375	220,919,958	27.4%	97.3%
Monterey Area	78,311,945	93,167,009	119,638,782	167,057,326	205,646,718	184,464,093	232,439,516	235,355,750	222,256,706	288,761,329	393,925,107	36.4%	403.0%
Pacific Grove	90,818,100	120,959,800	126,936,130	138,110,121	149,925,985	138,224,560	167,277,937	156,973,478	171,349,655	219,717,236	303,309,682	38.0%	234.0%
Pebble Beach	151,834,099	203,278,900	201,540,943	291,206,413	246,937,861	306,453,687	270,218,623	359,796,069	390,863,988	485,993,791	639,048,186	31.5%	320.9%
Seaside	71,819,802	57,077,970	63,168,288	70,626,332	74,609,715	88,967,284	101,628,245	102,661,542	100,346,956	85,724,531	151,690,499	77.0%	111.2%
Total	803,135,696	957,697,054	1,078,584,435	1,112,778,244	1,351,574,182	1,382,005,064	1,458,362,707	1,603,335,347	1,544,076,538	2,239,745,245	2,590,710,478	15.7%	222.6%

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- 24936 Valley Way Carmel - \$2,700,000 - 4 bed, 2.5 bath 2426 sq.ft.
- 2924 Congress Rd Pebble Beach - \$1,545,000 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 1833 sq.ft.
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- 24490 S. San Luis Ave \$1,850,000 - 5 bed, 5 baths, 2451 sq.ft.
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- 27991 Mercurio Rd Carmel - \$2,000,000 4 beds, 3.5 baths, 3527 sq.ft.
- 718 2nd St Pacific Grove - \$1,275,000 Duplex 1 bed/1 bath - 800 sq.ft. both units

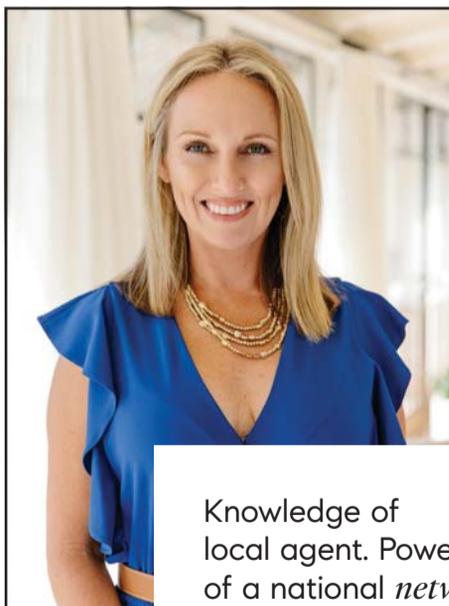
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- 51 Shepherds Knoll Pebble Beach - \$800,000 - 2 beds, 2 baths 1495 sq.ft.
- 1109 Buena Vista Pacific Grove - \$1,030,000 - 3 beds, 2 baths 1584 sq.ft.
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GERVASE

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so you can sit in a recliner and stretch the truth about how things were so much better in the old days. Besides, I always thought Grandfather Clause was Santa's father. He wouldn't prevent anyone from voting.

Attention, all you sexist electricians and plumbers. Referring to male and female connectors causes gender and sexual orientation problems. The guide says, "Use of male or female anatomy to describe electrical connectors and fasteners and sexualize how they fit together is inherently problematic." You should substitute "plug and socket" or "connector and receptacle." Surprisingly, it didn't have anything to say about aggressive screwdrivers.

Ministry of truth

"No can do" — which might seem like a folksy, abbreviated version of "I can't do it" — is actually an imitation of Chinese pidgin English. Ha! The guide doesn't mention "pidgin-toed," completely ignoring the feelings of squabs with inward-pointing feet.

The creators of UW's language guide are academics with too much time on their hands. Their political correctness borders

on silliness. Yet there is also a dark side to their shenanigans. It is more than a guide to language usage for university students, faculty, and employees. The university purchases millions of dollars worth of merchandise from vendors every year. This is an attempt to control the language used by these vendors in their businesses with all customers, not just in their dealings with the university. The webpage gives a sample script for employees to use when sending emails to vendors about this issue. It reads, "Unfortunately in working with your product/service we have identified language that could be considered offensive due to racist, ableist (discrimination or prejudice against individuals with disabilities) and/or sexist origins. Can you let us know what efforts you are undertaking to move away from this language so as to create a more inclusive product/service?"

This is outright intimidation. It's a warning to vendors that says if you want to get some of the tax dollars the university has received, you must follow its language guidelines, even when dealing with other customers. In other words, agree with our guidelines or we will drive you out of the market.

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No injury. No prosecution desired.

Pacific Grove: Suspect urinated in public on Forest Avenue and then ran away.

Pacific Grove: Subject's failure to obey a court order reported on David.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

Pacific Grove: Suspicious circumstances on Lincoln regarding the unauthorized change of a mailing address.

Pacific Grove: An officer located a driver's license on Sunset. Item booked for safekeeping.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle was stopped on Central at 2300 hours for moving violations. Driver's license was suspended. The 21-year-old female driver was cited and released. Person with a valid license moved the vehicle from the scene.

Pacific Grove: Consensual contact with a subject on Congress at 2347 hours. A probation search revealed narcotic paraphernalia. The 43-year-old male was cited and released.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Public intoxication arrest of a 25-year-old male at San Carlos and Sixth at 0112 hours. The Prunedale resident was released to another agency.

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

Pacific Grove: Attempted theft of a catalytic converter on Pine. Catalytic converter shield was taken.

Pacific Grove: A driver's license was found on Ocean View. Owner has been contacted. Property returned to the owner via mail.

Pacific Grove: Citizen handed officer a drone found in Lovers Point Park. Owner soon after came into the lobby and was returned his property.

Pacific Grove: A 47-year-old male on Congress was cited for possession of a controlled substance and having an outstanding warrant.

Pacific Grove: A 57-year-old male was arrested on David for outstanding warrants for two counts of driving without a license and failure to stop for a pedestrian in a crosswalk and was booked into Monterey County Jail.

Big Sur: Deputies responded to an address on Highway 1 after a reported verbal dispute between family members. During the investigation, a 37-year-old female was found to be in violation of her probation terms because she consumed alcohol.

Carmel Valley: Deputies took a report for a burglary and vandalism to a vehicle on Carmel Valley Road.

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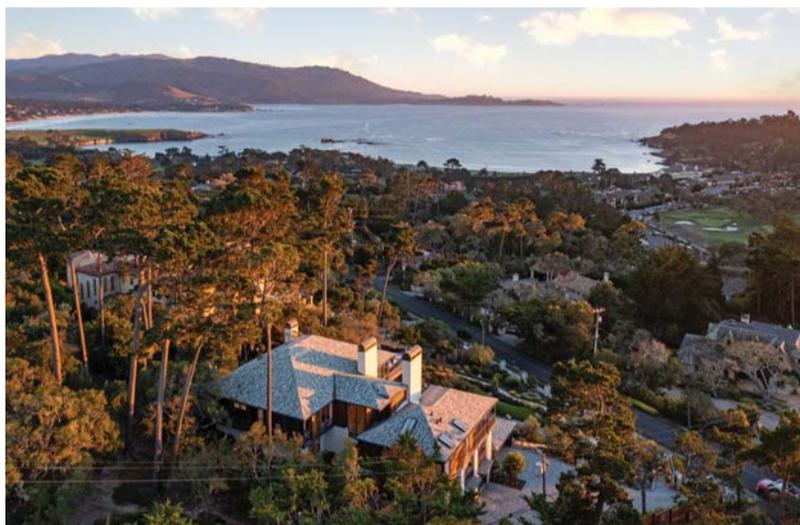
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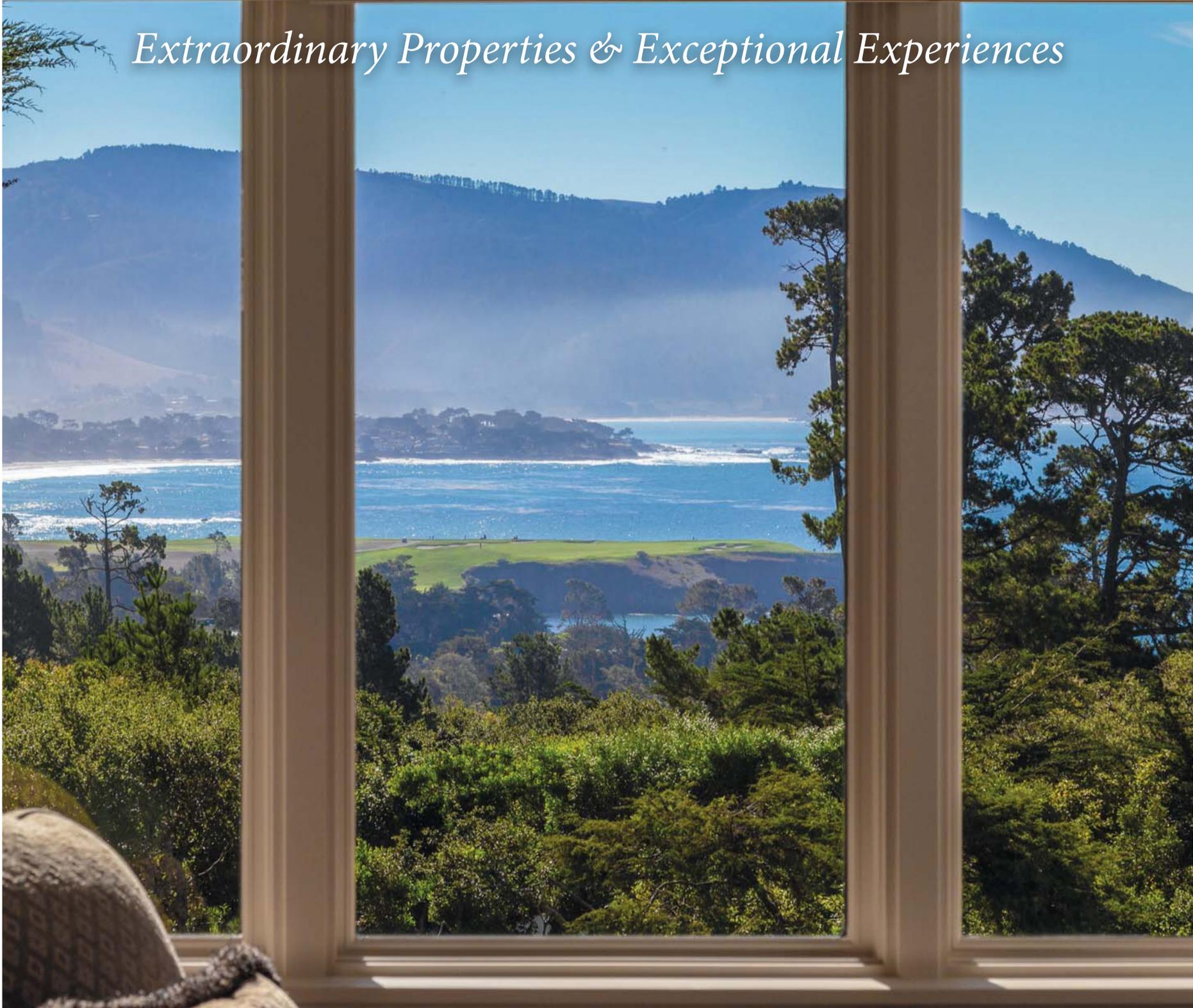


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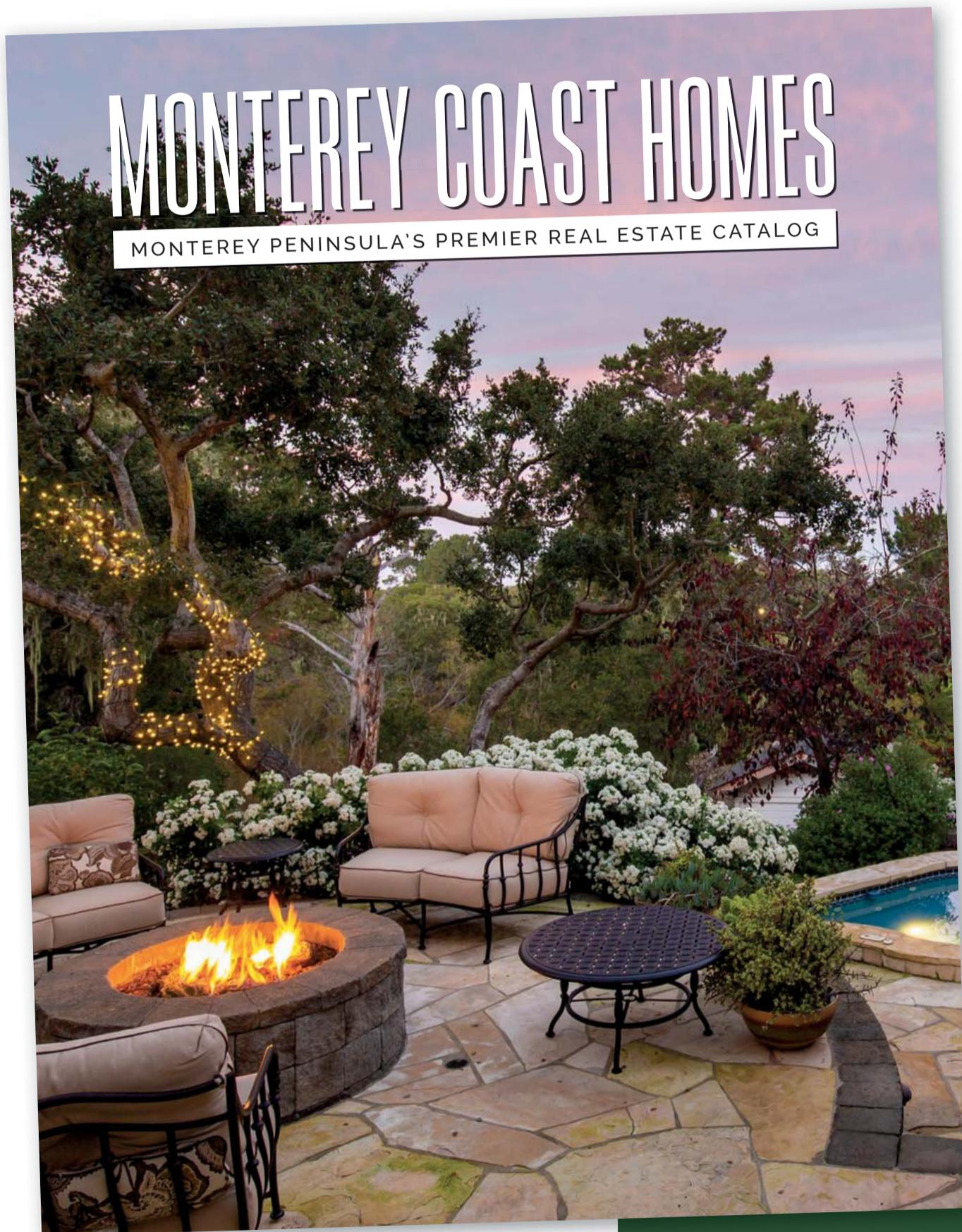
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■ **MPCC Shore Course**
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■ **2021 Champion: Daniel Berger**

Monday, January 31

7 a.m. • Practice rounds — all three courses (closed to public)

Tuesday, February 1

7 a.m. • Practice rounds — all three courses (closed to public)

Wednesday, February 2

7 a.m. • Practice rounds — all three courses (MPCC and Spyglass closed to public)

10:30 a.m. • 3M Celebrity Challenge — The Hay, Holes 7, 8, 9, 1, 2

12:30 p.m. • Chevron Challenge Champions vs. Champions — The Hay, Putting Green

2:30 p.m. • Million Dollar Hole-in-One for Charity Presented by Cisco — Pebble Beach Golf Links, 17th Hole

Thursday, February 3

8:30 a.m. • First round — Pebble Beach, Spyglass and MPCC Shore Course

TV coverage: The Golf Channel (Comcast channels



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Bill Murray shoots out of a bunker during a charity warm-up to the 2021 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, which was played without spectators.

82 and 722), **noon to 3 p.m.**

and 705), **noon to 4 p.m.**

Friday, February 4

8:30 a.m. • Second round — all three courses

TV coverage: The Golf Channel (Comcast channels 82 and 722), **noon to 3 p.m.**

Saturday, February 5

8:30 a.m. • Third round — all three courses

TV coverage: The Golf Channel (Comcast channels 82 and 722), **10 a.m. to noon**, CBS (Comcast channels 5

Sunday, February 6

8:00 a.m. • Final round — Pebble Beach Golf Links (60 low pros and 25 low teams)

TV coverage: The Golf Channel (Comcast channels 82 and 722), **10 a.m. to noon**, CBS (Comcast channels 5 and 705), **noon to 3:30 p.m.**

Details about parking, tickets, facilities and spectator rules can be found at attpbgolf.com.

You'd never heard of him, but he won anyway

By MICHAEL JAMES

UNTIL HIS victory in last year's AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, Daniel Berger may have been the least heralded professional golfer in the world.

Not that he didn't deserve better. The former Florida State University standout turned pro at age 20 after his sophomore season, had three PGA Tour titles and was 14th in the world golf rankings. But none of that seemed to matter.

With Jordan Spieth trying to end a 45-month winless streak and Maverick McNealy, the former Stanford star and once the world's top amateur, playing toward what looked to be a dramatic finish, Berger wasn't exactly the talk of the town during last year's final round. But his anonymity may have been beneficial, and Berger ended up with a two-stroke victory and a \$1,404,000 check.

When play begins Thursday, Berger will begin the defense of last season's AT&T title with a goal of becoming the tournament's first repeat winner since Dustin Johnson claimed his second straight title in 2010.

"I do feel like I'm underrated, but that's OK with me," said Berger, who trailed Spieth by two shots entering the final round. "I just think it puts a little chip on my shoulder, which is totally

fine. I think a lot of the guys that they give credit to deserve the credit. But I've been pretty consistent and I've accomplished a lot for the short amount of time that I've played on tour."

Berger, 29, will compete in a 156-player field in the tournament's 76th edition. After the event was reduced to two courses and played without spectators in 2021 because of Covid, fans and a three-course

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Daniel Berger with the 2021 AT&T Pro-Am championship trophy.

THE UPS AND DOWNS OF A PHENOM'S CAREER

By MICHAEL JAMES

A FLEDGLING professional, Jordan Spieth arrived at the Pebble Beach Golf Links a decade ago as a sponsor's invitee.

Just 19 years old, he was competing in his third pro event — and he finished in 22nd place.

A lot has happened in 10 years. Spieth, who turned professional in his sophomore year at the University of Texas, is

approaching his fourth year of marriage to his high school girlfriend, Annie Verret, and his fourth month as father to son Samuel.

Spieth, 28, will be back at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am this year, having gone through a rough patch in his professional career. He won the Valero Texas Open in April 2021 after 82 events and 1,351 days since his previous victory, the 2017 British Open.

"I never really doubted myself to be able to get back to where I wanted to go, but when you lose confidence, a lot of times it's hard to see the positive going forward," said Spieth, the world's former No. 1 player who had dropped out of the Top 100.

Spieth now has 12 career PGA Tour titles, 11 in his first five years, including five in 2015. He's had one since. He'll play in the AT&T's 76th edition as part of a corps of former winners and yearly returnees.

"There are peaks and valleys in this sport, but I never expected the winless streak to go this long," said Spieth. "Back then, in between wins, maybe I took things more for granted than I should have. It's very difficult to win."

Since tournament director Steve John orchestrated Spieth's debut in 2013, he's played every year. He won in 2017 and has five



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Jordan Spieth in last year's Pro-Am, which he was leading going into the final round.

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THE SPECTATORS

An outpost built because, ‘That’s no way to treat the military’

By ELAINE HESSER

THE AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am is welcoming spectators back to the links this year, including active duty military service members and veterans. As it has for the last 10 years, the tournament is offering those who have served their country several special enticements.

The Patriots Outpost, located on the 15th Fairway at Pebble Beach, is a nearly 4,000-square-foot structure with bleachers, a patio and an indoor area where the action is not only right out the window, it’s on big screen TVs. Anyone on active duty or who is retired from military service (and who has a ticket — more details below)

can stop by to watch tournament play — and bring their family members, too.

Tournament CEO Steve John, whose father served in the Army, said that until the 2013 tournament, there was a similar effort, but it was a tent that he thought was too far from the action. “I told them, ‘That’s no way to treat the military,’” he recalled. Now they’re close enough to see the pros and their celebrated amateur partners up close.

‘The right thing’

Although the tournament doesn’t track how many people use the Patriots Outpost, John said that in the past, “every time I went by, it was well utilized.”

All that spectating can work up quite an appetite. Fortunately, thanks to the Pebble Beach Company’s concession stand at the 15th Green, a larger group of folks, including not just active duty service members and retirees, but members of the National Guard, Reservists, and any military veterans, can get 50 percent off food purchases.

Of course, those benefits are only available to ticketholders, but for service members and vets who can’t — or don’t want to — pony up the \$70 to \$80 for daily passes, John said the tournament donated 2,000 tickets that are available through Vet Tix (vettix.org). “It’s the right thing to do,” he noted. Those interested in getting tickets through Vet Tix will need to register and verify their service, as well as pay a “nominal processing fee,” according to the tournament’s website.

John noted that many service members seem to enjoy coming out for Wednesday’s activities, too. On Feb. 2, the Monterey Peninsula Foundation — the charitable arm of the tournament — offers everyone complimentary admission to professional and celebrity practice rounds at Pebble Beach, the 3M Celebrity Challenge and other events. Registration at attpbgolf.com is required.

Remembering Bing

“The people from NPS and the Presidio of Monterey are regulars for the 3M Celebrity Challenge,” John said. This year, the competition to win \$125,000 for celebrities’ favorite charities will be held at The Hay, starting at 10:30 a.m.

Representatives from the Defense Language Institute and the Naval Postgraduate School said that attendees (and sometimes volunteers) are most likely students who are either waiting for classes to begin or whose class schedules permit them to come to the tournament.

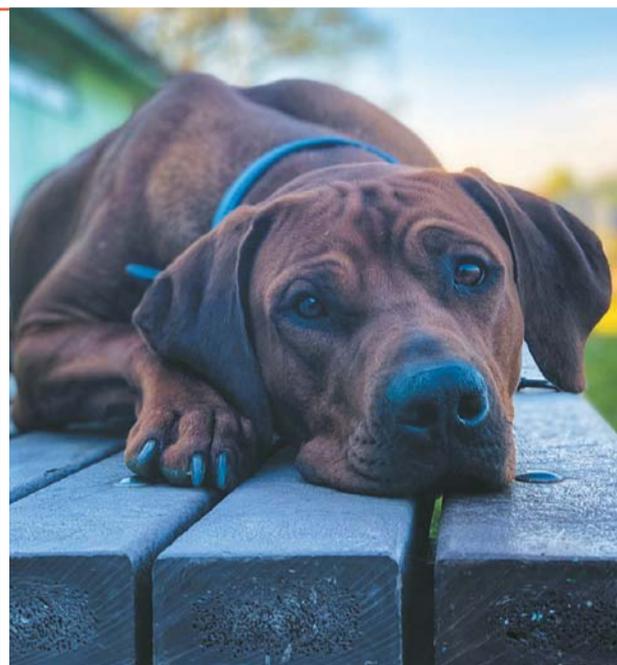
Bing Crosby, who brought the tournament here in

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The Patriots Outpost on the 15th Fairway at Pebble Beach provides a comfortable spot and an excellent vantage point for active duty and retired military members to enjoy the tournament.

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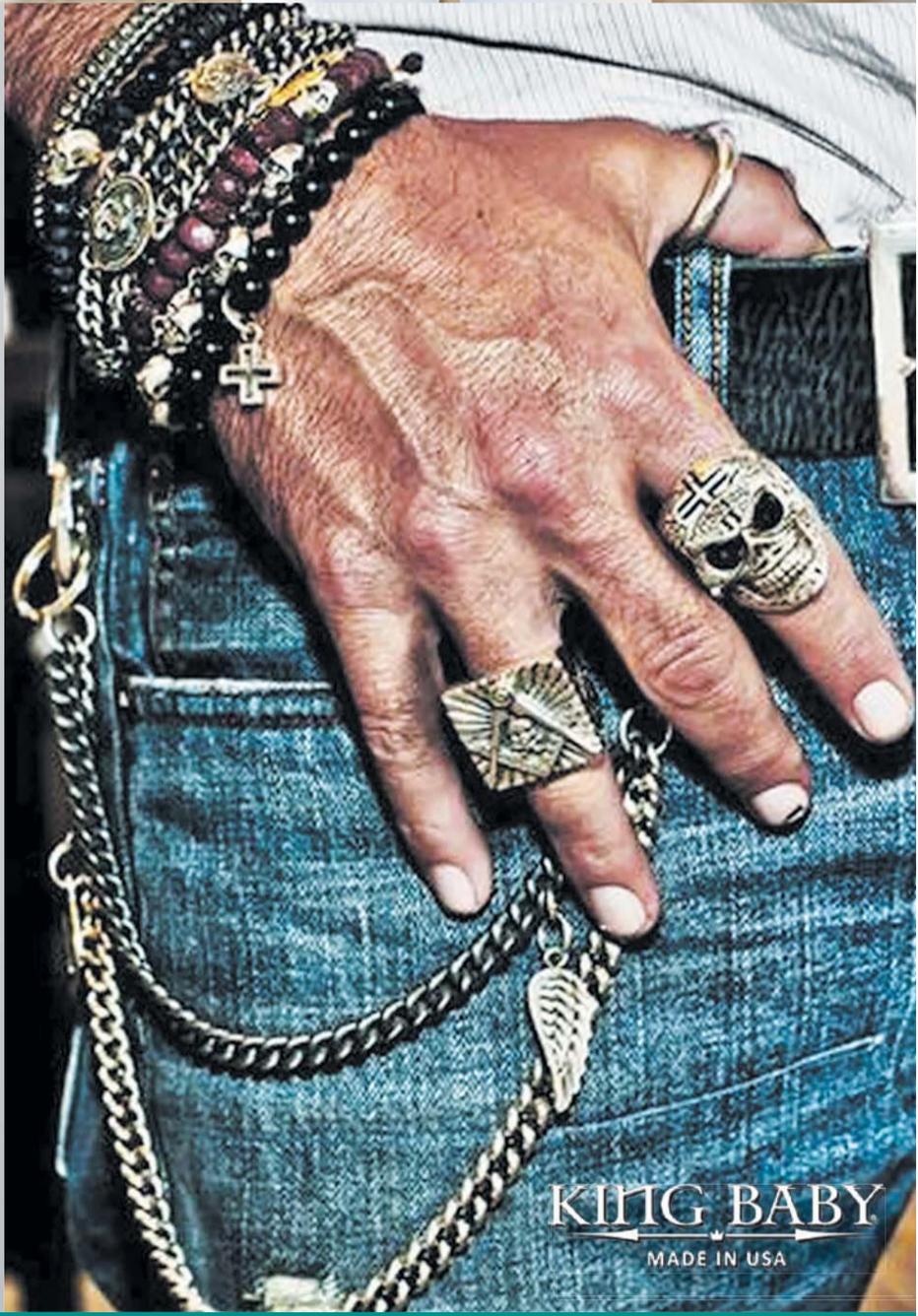
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THE COMMUNITY

Plenty of wonderful things to do — and not all of them are golf

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

THE AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am promises some of the most exciting play on some of the most beautiful golf courses in the world. Of course, not everyone who comes to the Peninsula during the tournament will watch golf. The Carmel area also presents excellent opportunities for fine dining, shopping and sightseeing, sunbathing and beachcombing.

From the north end of Carmel Beach, you'll still be able to see the tournament tents and grandstands framing the Pebble Beach golf course — not to mention the blimp overhead — and wonder who's winning. But it might be more relaxing to walk on the arc of white sand and watch

the cerulean waves roll in.

Your dog — you did bring your dog, right? — can romp right next to you and make the acquaintance of pooches from around the world. Once you've been chilled by the coastal air and the cool sand beneath your bare feet, you'll want to towel off, slip on some shoes and head up Ocean Avenue to warm up with a cup of coffee and a croissant from Carmel Bakery, Carmel Café, Carmel Belle or il Fornaio's bakery café.

Most places will offer your canine companion a treat, too. Still, you should take him to Brad's Barkery for a cookie or to Diggidy Dog for a toy. He's secretly hoping you'll end your afternoon at the incredibly dog-friendly Cypress Inn, for tea and another treat. Until her death in

2019, Doris Day — beloved actress and pet lover — was part owner of the iconic Carmel landmark, and music and memorabilia from her movies fill the halls.

While golf is in full swing, why not take the opportunity to do a little shopping throughout the walkable labyrinth of specialty shops in town. The Club on Ocean is always on-trend, and you know you'll find shoes to complete your look at Lloyd's, just a minute or two away.

Stunning sightseeing

By that time, your pup might be a little impatient with all the stops, which, if you're smart, will include one at Laub's Country Store for a Carmel sweatshirt in case the fog rolls in. Then you can walk or drive along Scenic Road, where you'll pass the Frank Lloyd Wright house, which resembles the bow of a boat facing the southern end of Carmel Bay.

Around the bend is the Butterfly House, named for its winged roofline. Although it was built in the same era as the Wright house — and is sometimes mistaken for it — the architecture was the work of the late Frank Wynkoop. Look inland and a little uphill to see Tor House, the imposing stone edifice built by Robinson Jeffers, who wanted to write from an inspirational spot overlooking the sea.

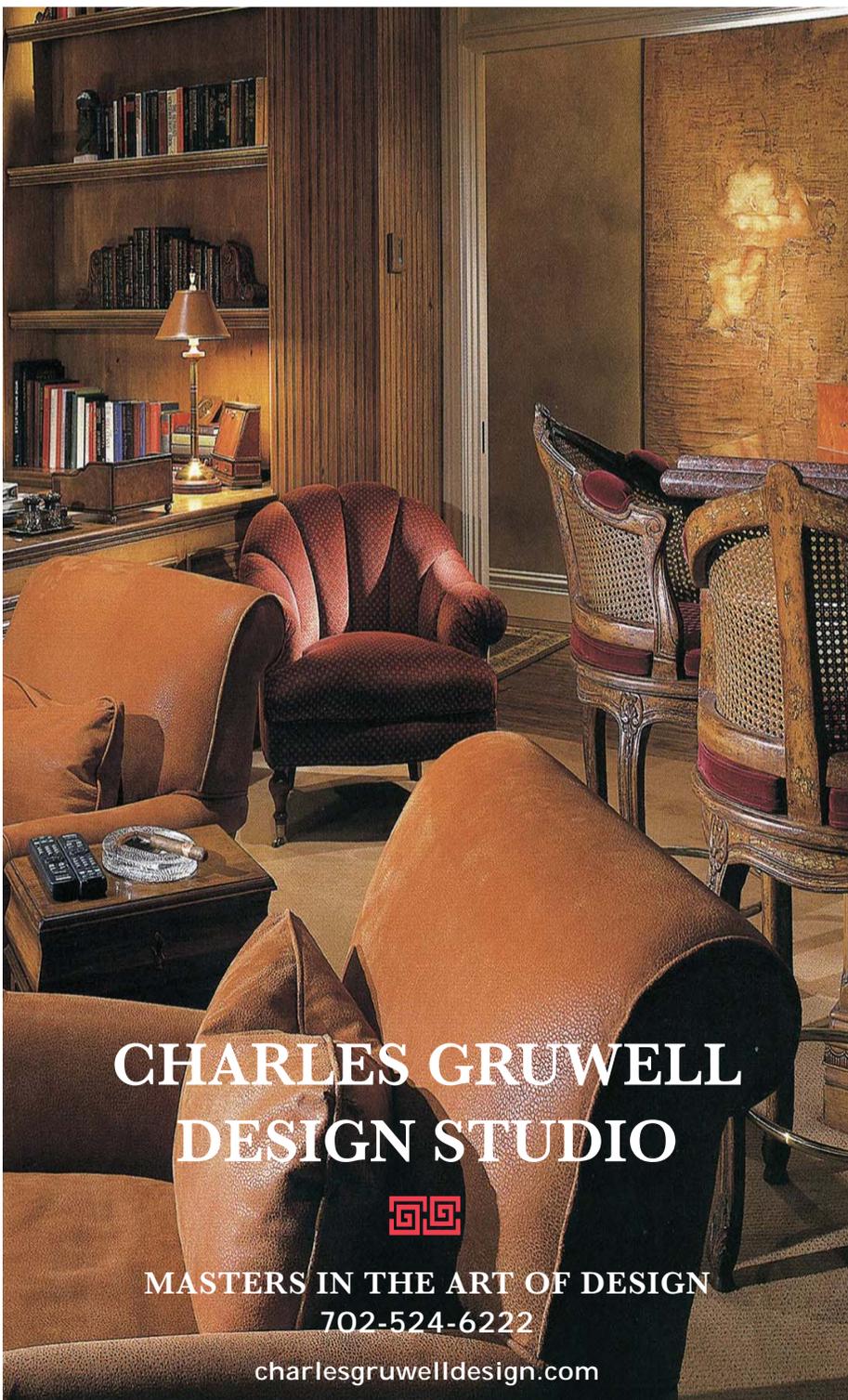
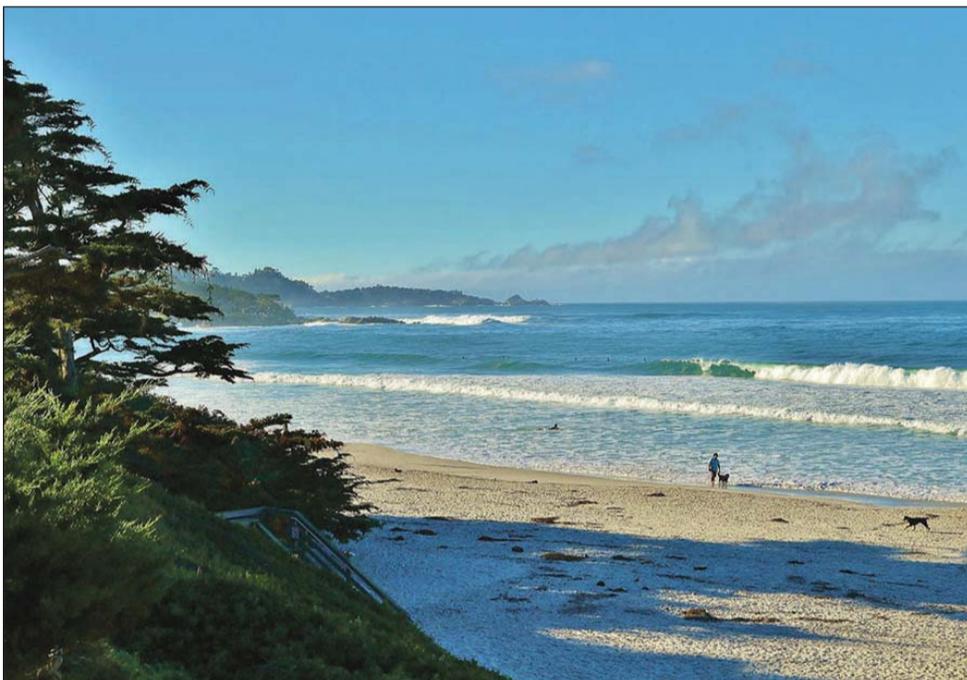
The hairpin bend in the road brings you to Carmel River State Beach, where the river flows into the ocean every winter. Across the stretch of sand is Mission Ranch, where sheep congregate in the meadow and guests gather on the deck or inside for a cocktail, a meal and perhaps a glimpse of its owner, legendary actor and director Clint Eastwood.

At Carmel Mission, just past the Ranch, you can tour the historic grounds and see the final resting place of St. Junipero Serra, then make your way back into town through the residential streets lined with quaint cottag-

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On world-famous Carmel Beach you can soak up the sun, walk your dog, enjoy the scenery or center your life force, but it's not really suitable for playing golf.

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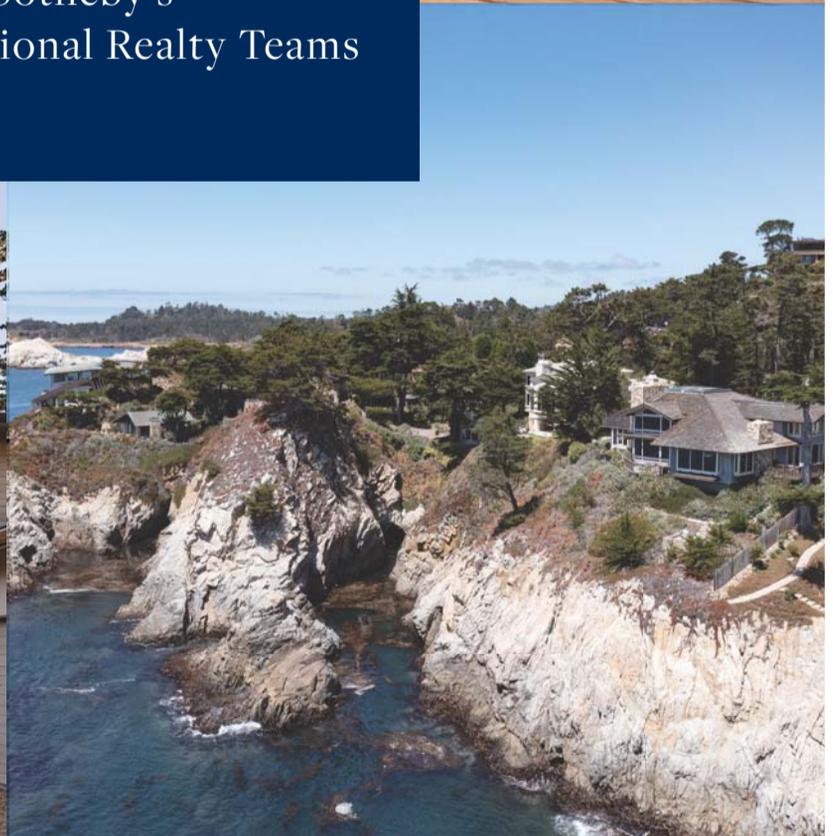
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THE CHARITIES

Pro-Am's donations fund groups with very different missions

By KELLY NIX

A FEW weeks before this year's AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, the Monterey Peninsula Foundation, which sponsors the tournament, made an astounding prediction.

"I'm excited to say that we'll achieve a charitable milestone by reaching \$200 million in donations later this year — the first for any PGA Tour event," foundation spokeswoman Lesley Varney told *The Pine Cone*.

From helping children get through school, to food assistance for the needy, to finding loving homes for stray dogs and cats, there are hundreds of nonprofits in Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito counties that benefit from the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am. Last year, the organization raised nearly \$11 million in philanthropic funds for charities.

Here are two very worthy recipients of the annual golf tournament.

■ Atypical health clinic

For more than four decades, the Big Sur Health Center has offered healthcare services for those who live in the Big Sur area. Unlike some other healthcare facilities, it charges very reasonable prices, if it charges at all.

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Donations to the health center from the Monterey Peninsula Foundation, which amounted to \$60,000 last year, are especially important considering the pandemic

cost the health center so much. Numerous businesses that had provided monthly contributions to the center closed for good, and events that had donated portions of their proceeds were canceled. During 2020, the clinic had lost \$128,000 and expected similar losses in 2021.

The only medical facility between the Monterey Peninsula and Cambria, the Big Sur Health Center said it plays a "vital role in the local community" by serving the needs of residents with "local, culturally and linguistically appropriate, affordable, quality medical care."

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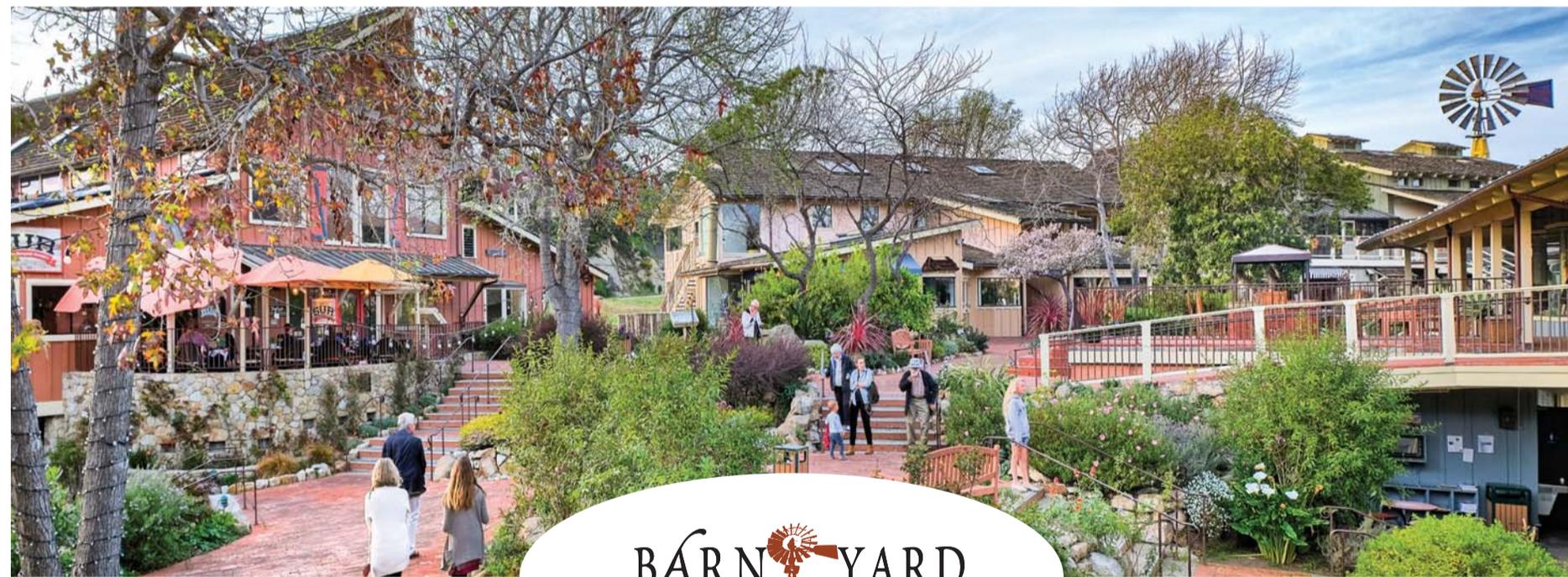
The center treats about 1,200 patients every year. One of them talked to *The Pine Cone*.

"I was introduced to the Big Sur Health Center when

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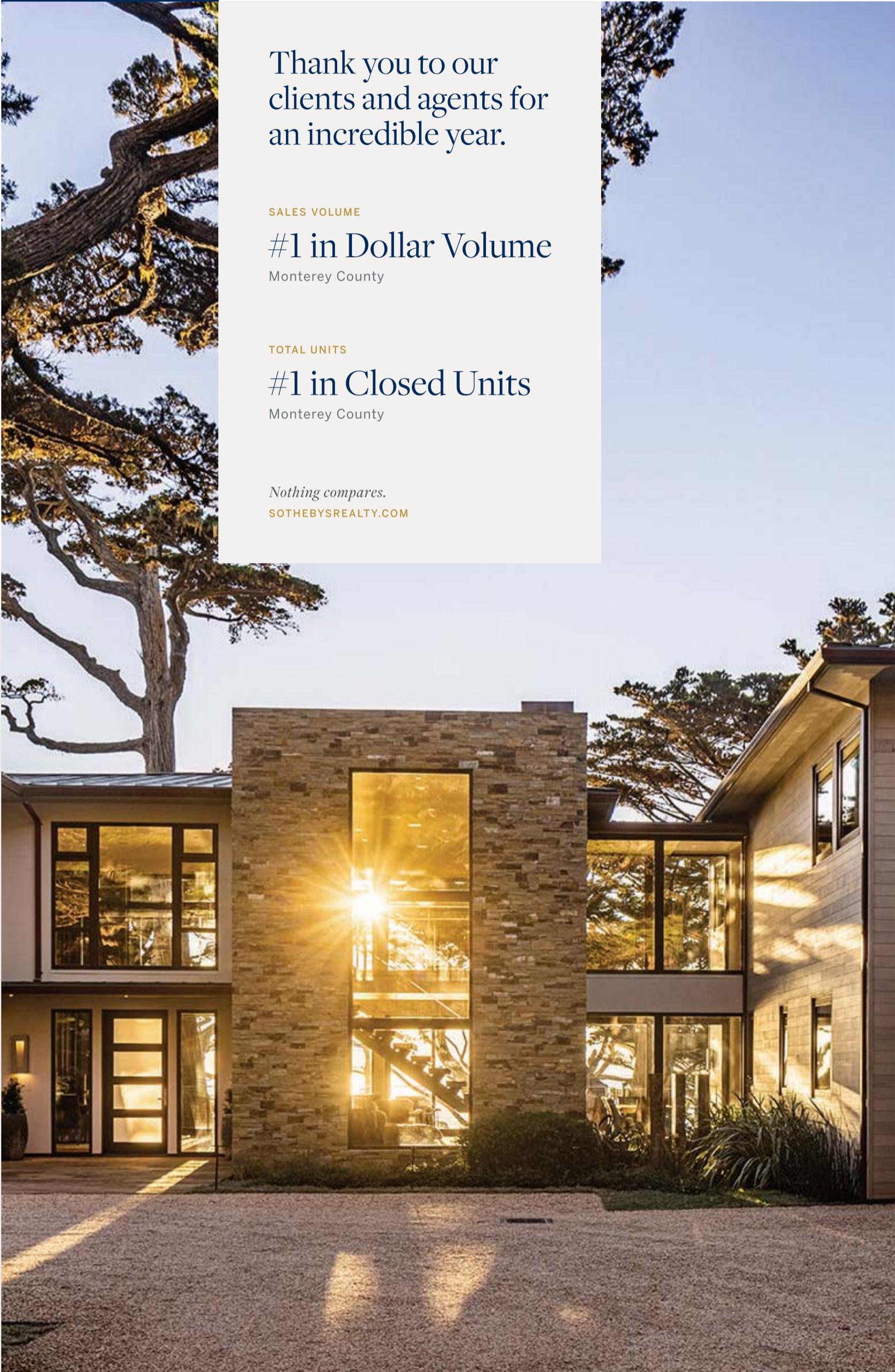
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rotation will return this year.

McNealy, who graduated from Stanford in 1918, recorded his best PGA Tour finish during the 2021 pro-am.

"It was fun," said McNealy, who will return to the AT&T. "I had the adrenaline pumping coming down the stretch there and feelings that I hadn't really felt on the golf course in a little while, trying to close this out and give myself a chance."

Besides Berger, nine other former AT&T winners — including Peter Jacobsen, Davis Love III, D.A. Points, Ted Potter Jr., Brandt Snedeker, Nick Taylor, Vaughn Taylor, Jimmy Walker and Spieth — will participate this year, playing one round each at at Pebble Beach Golf Links, Spyglass Hill Golf Course and Monterey Peninsula Country Club's Shore Course on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The top 65 pros will advance to the final round of the \$8.7 million event Sunday at Pebble Beach. The winner will earn \$1,566,000.

'Anybody can win'

A modified tournament protocol will be implemented. Practice rounds Monday and Tuesday are closed to the public. Wednesday's final practice, open to the spectators but only at Pebble Beach, has been offered as a free Community Day, though tickets were snapped up in short order. Tickets are available for all championship rounds.

Despite winning the AT&T and compiling four more top-10 finishes last year,

Berger remained unsung. He was named to his first Ryder Cup team last fall and helped the U.S. squad win its title with a 2-1 record. But the golfer's last name was also misspelled on the international television broadcast.

Berger's lack of recognition aside, he remains confident in what he believes is an ever-increasing PGA Tour talent pool.

"I think anybody can win. That's the beauty of the game of golf," Berger said. "I definitely feel confident that if I play my game I'll have a chance to win."

The AT&T will be held simultaneously with the Saudi International. Five-time AT&T winner Phil Mickelson and two-time former titlist Dustin Johnson are playing in the Asia Tour event where substantial appearance money is offered. The PGA Tour does not allow appearance fees.

Johnson withdrew from the AT&T last year just after winning the Saudi event for the second straight year.

Top pros Paul Casey, Bryson DeChambeau, Jason Dufner, Tony Finau, Tommy Fleetwood, Sergio Garcia, Marc Leishman, Shane Lowry, Graeme McDowell, Kevin Na, Louis Oosthuizen, Ian Poulter, Patrick Reed and Xander Schauffele have all committed to play in Saudi Arabia.

The AT&T field will now include a varied mixture of older players, rising stars and PGA Tour rookies.

Jacobsen, 67, who won the event in 1995, will become its oldest pro entrant. Love III, 57, a 21-time PGA Tour winner, claimed the AT&T in 2001 and 2003, and has played in the event more than 30 times dating back to 1986.

Justin Rose, who made his AT&T debut in 2016 when he tied for sixth, recent-

ly confirmed his return to the Monterey Peninsula.

The 2013 U.S. Open winner has 24 pro wins, including 10 on the PGA Tour. Rose tied for second last year with Finau at the

Saudi International.

Top PGA Tour rookies Hayden Buckley, Taylor Pendrith, Aaron Rai, Chad Ramey, Sahith Theegala and Cameron Young are also in the field.

SPIETH

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top-10s including a tie for third in 2021. He finished a career-low 45th in 2019.

Last year, he was tied for the lead after 54 holes at the Waste Management Open in Phoenix the week before the AT&T. It was the first time he made the cut last season, but he finished fourth.

The next week, Spieth held a 2-shot lead over five players, with four others trailing by 3 strokes entering the last round of the AT&T.

But three bogeys in the first 14 holes ended his title chances.

"I got some really good breaks the first few days, but it started to even out over the first five holes [in the final round] for me," said Spieth who had rounds of 65, 67, 71 and 70. "Once I knew I had lost the lead, I was playing a different game."

Spieth's long-term success was due to the accuracy of his drives and his outstanding short game. He was once golf's best player from within 100 yards of the hole and best putter from within 20 feet.

With his AT&T win five years ago, Spieth joined Tiger Woods as the only two PGA Tour players to win nine tournaments before age 24.

Despite his latest win, Spieth's 2021 season had dramatic breaks. Following his

third-place tie at the Masters in April, the three-time Major winner spent a month off the PGA Tour recovering from Covid-19. Spieth ended his season in September 2021 and became a father two months later. He finished the season sixth on the money list.

Yearly ritual

Spieth spent some time late last year changing his swing, a ritual for many PGA Tour players.

"It's really being able to get through the ball, and get to where your body's hitting it and you're not relying as much on your hands," he said. "It's really hard to play on the PGA Tour, and it's very hard to stay consistent for four rounds."

"Last year I saw myself play a lot of tournaments where I was very consistent for four rounds, and that just continued to build my confidence," Spieth added.

Spieth returned in January, 11 tournaments into the season. He played in the Sentry Tournament of Champions in Hawaii for the first time since 2018, and finished tied for 21st in the limited-field event.

"My game feels like it's actually in a better shape than it was last year," said Spieth, currently No. 15 in the world rankings. "It's always nice to know you're playing better. You know the scores will follow."

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es tucked in among more contemporary homes. If you're interested in delving deeper into the buildings' backgrounds, the Carmel Heritage Society at Sixth and Lincoln offers directions for a self-guided historic walking tour. Many of the structures, including the one housing the historic society, were built by Michael J. Murphy. Hugh Comstock's fairytale-style buildings, like the Tuck Box, are hard to miss. Neither man had formal training, which makes their accomplishments even more impressive.

Stop in at Carmel Belle for a light lunch — perhaps a fontina-prosciutto-pear panini and a cup of house-made soup, and maybe a couple of ginger cookies for later.

Sip, savor & socialize

Head over to the Cypress Inn (especially if you promised your dog you would) to meet friends coming off the golf course for cocktails and some story-swapping. Pepper the conversation with mentions of Kocek Jewelers, Fourtané Jeweler and the Cayen Collection in case someone special is inspired to buy you a memento of your visit. Or, just treat yourself.

You can continue the evening with a Mediterranean dinner at Dametra Café on Ocean Avenue, or make reservations at the Treehouse Café, where friends and family will enjoy a diverse menu, saving room to splurge on a slice of outstanding chocolate cake.

For a second day off-course, try immersing yourself in art, beginning with the

renowned Winfield Gallery on Dolores, and Dawson Cole, home of dramatic sculptures by Richard MacDonald, whose larger-than-life golfer at Pebble Beach commemorates the 100th U.S. Open, held here in 2000.

By all means, visit the gallery at the Carmel Art Association, which has been promoting and presenting the fine art of its juried members since 1927.

Across the street, you'll find Ami Carmel, a gift and home goods shop with items bound to make you smile.

Designed with inspiration and comfort at heart, it offers dishes and candles, books and cards, soft scarves and shirts and, as a courtesy, coffee and a homemade cookie, just to make you feel at home.

And who knows? Maybe tomorrow you'll be able to tear yourself away and watch a little golf.

PATRIOTS

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1947, spent part of World War II touring with the USO, which reported that he was voted 'the person who did the most for their morale overseas' in a Yank magazine poll at the end of the war."

And in a 1944 Christmas radio broadcast, Crosby said, "My own thoughts are a lot humbler than they were last year. I've talked and lived and chowed with these boys, boys whose courage and faith beggar description."

No doubt he'd be right there at the outpost, buying a round and drinking a toast to the men — and women — who serve their country.

CHARITIES

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I lived in Big Sur," said the man, who wanted to remain anonymous. "I was so impressed by the quality and affordability of their medical and dental services that I still go there — even though I now live an hour away on the Monterey Peninsula."

Led by health director Dr. Brita Brummer, the clinic also offers dental care, and Dr. Lura Orsino is the dentist at Big Sur Dental who provides digital x-rays, cleanings, root canals, fillings, crowns and bridges, extractions and other dental services. When a procedure goes beyond the scope of Big Sur Dental, Orsino refers patients to specialists.

"Big Sur Dental offers discounted fees of up to 50 percent for some procedures when patients with no insurance qualify for the sliding-fee scale," according to the center.

The Big Sur Health Center and Big Sur Dental welcome donations. Go to big-surhealthcenter.org.

■ Removing ink

Seaside-based Catholic Charities Diocese of Monterey has been helping county residents pay rent during the pandemic, and it wouldn't have been able to do so without the help of the Monterey Peninsula Foundation, which gave the group \$160,000 last year for the effort.

The diocese also has a host of programs, including a short-term financial stability program that offers resources and education and community program referrals.

"Supportive Services assists families and individuals onto the path of financial stability and self-sufficiency by providing direct assistance and focused collaboration with other community-based organizations," the diocese explained. "For many families facing economic crisis, Catholic Charities Supportive Services provides the first step toward stabilization."

The group also provides low-income residents an array of other services, such as helping to apply for food benefits and "nutrition education sessions," and a separate diocese division provides immigration services, including helping people become United States citizens.

"We provide assistance and guidance for those who struggle in achieving lawful permanent residency and those who wish to become citizens of our nation," the diocese said. "The Legal Immigration and Citizenship Program staff is a significant resource in our communities known for their experience and expertise in the processes of becoming legal residents and/or citizens."

First appearances are everything, including for those who are trying to get a job. For ex-gang members and others who no longer want the tattoos they got years ago, the Catholic Charities Diocese of Monterey offers tattoo removal services.

"Our program helps remove barriers to viable employment and broaden economic and social opportunities for individuals committed to changing the direction of their lives," the diocese explained.

The charity helped 30,000 people last year. To contact the organization, call (831) 393-3110. To donate, go to catholiccharitiesdom.org/donate-now.

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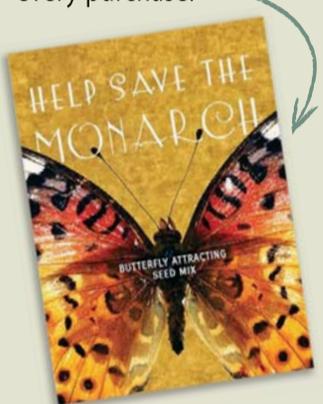
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GETTING THERE

For more flexibility and fun, consider hopping on a city shuttle

By MARY SCHLEY

WHY LEAVE your car in Marina and take a bus to the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am when you can just as easily park in Carmel or Pacific Grove — both of which are much closer to the action and have great shops and restaurants to visit before, after, and even during a day of spectating at the tournament — and ride a shuttle from there, instead? To entice fans to stay, dine, shop and explore their

towns, business organizations are offering easy shuttle rides to and from the pro-am, starting on the Wednesday of tournament week. In general, the passes offer unlimited rides each day, so spectators can easily take a ride back into town for lunch or a shopping break and return to Pebble Beach for the afternoon. Play begins at 8:30 a.m. each day — except the final round at the Pebble Beach Golf Links on Sunday, when competition starts at 8 a.m. Once at the tournament, spectators can take advantage of the free shuttles running between the three courses: the Pebble Beach Golf Links, Monterey Peninsula Country Club and Spyglass Hill.

Downtown Carmel

The Carmel Chamber of Commerce and the Carmel Innkeepers Association operate a shuttle between the Carmel Plaza shopping center at Ocean and Junipero and the Equestrian Center near the pro-am in Pebble Beach Wednesday through Sunday of tournament week.

They leave the stop in front of the Plaza on Ocean Avenue between Junipero and Mission streets about every 15 or 20 minutes, running between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, and from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, Feb. 3-6. Tickets are \$25 per person per day, or \$100 for a five-day pass, and allow unlimited rides.

They can be purchased in advance at the Carmel Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center in Carmel Plaza or at the shuttle stop during the tournament. Free park-

ing is available at the Sunset Center lot on Eighth at Mission and in the Vista Lobos lot on Third between Junipero and Torres, and paid parking can be found in the Carmel Plaza garage at Mission and Seventh. Free all-day parking is also generally available outside the central commercial district on the streets north of Fourth Avenue and south of Eighth Avenue, and east of Junipero and west of Monte Verde.

For more information, call the chamber at (831) 624-2522 or visit carmelchamber.org.

Pacific Grove

Golf fans staying in Pacific Grove can jump on the P.G. Chamber's shuttle to Pebble Beach Wednesday through Sunday, Feb. 2-6. The shuttles depart from in front of the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History at the corner of Central and Forest, across the street from Jewell Park, Wednesday between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Thursday through Saturday between 6:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., and Sunday between 6:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The cost is \$20 per day or \$60 for a five-day pass. (Active-duty military can ride on Wednesday for \$10 with a valid ID.) Only cash is accepted, and the passes must be purchased at the chamber office at 584 Central Ave. They are not available at the shuttle stop or on the bus.

Free unlimited parking is available a block away on Ocean View Boulevard. The shuttles are sponsored by several downtown restaurants, and many businesses in P.G. stay open later than usual

on Friday and Saturday to accommodate golf fans. For more information, contact the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce at (831) 373-3304 or go to pacificgrove.com.

What not to take

Spectators cannot take distracting or noise-making devices, cameras, large bags or backpacks, opaque bags larger than 6-by-6-by-6 inches, food containers, coolers, signs, banners, posters, televisions and radios, walkie-talkies, alcohol, non-service pets, bicycles, ladders, laptops, lawn chairs, seat cushions, food or beverages, cups or containers, cans, fireworks, poles or rods, laser pointers and metal spiked golf shoes — as well as weapons and any other item deemed potentially injurious, unlawful or dangerous by law enforcement or the PGA Tour. Food and drink are available for purchase at the tournament.

Cell phones are allowed, as long as they are kept on silent and are not used to stream live video. But spectators can use them take photos, video and audio recordings — a significant departure from the past, when phones were banned entirely — as long as they aren't for commercial purposes.

Calls must be conducted away from playing areas, and texting and emailing can't be done when the marshals have their arms raised to call for silence and stillness during a play.

For more detailed information about the tournament, its rules and an extensive spectator FAQ, visit attpbgolf.com.



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Kathryn Newton tees off during the 2021 AT&T shoot-out.



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By MARY SCHLEY

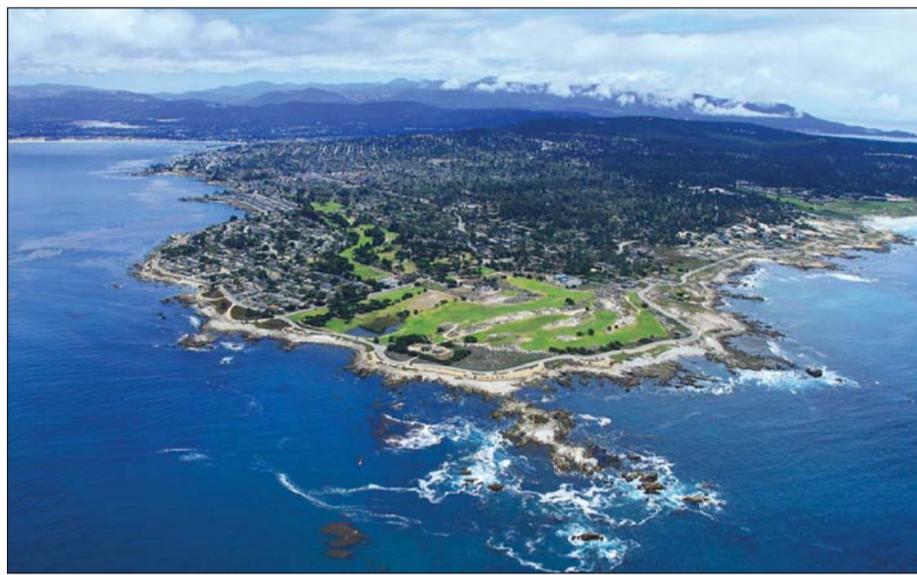
FEW RECREATIONAL activities have social distancing built in better than golf, where players generally give each other space — except, perhaps, for the occasional high-five after an exceptional shot — and the Monterey Peninsula is home to more golf courses per square mile than anywhere else.

With one of the oldest courses in the country here, as well as a handful that regularly appear in Golf Digest's Top 100

in America, the Peninsula has a venue for every level of skill and budget, and all are unique and special.

So, while the Pebble Beach Golf Links, Spyglass Hill and Monterey Peninsula Country Club are off-limits to players as they host the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am Jan. 31-Feb. 6, plenty of options remain for fans dreaming of getting out on the grass to hit a few instead of watching the pros and stars have all the fun.

See **FAIRWAYS** next page



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No place is more scenic — or has more golf courses — than the amazing Monterey Peninsula. Pictured: Pt. Pinos and the Pacific Grove golf course.

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■ Bayonet and Black Horse, Seaside

Constructed when Fort Ord was an active military base, these two courses first set out to provide some well-deserved recreation for the thousands of military men and women who lived and worked here.

Their story is colorful: Gen. Robert McClure, original designer of Bayonet in 1954, was known as “a left-handed golfer with an all-too-common fade,” and drew the



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Some of the most inspiring views in the area are at Quail Lodge (left), while at Monterey Peninsula Country Club, stunning ocean vistas are often embellished with sun-dappled deer.

holes accordingly, with severe doglegs running to the left through what’s affectionately known as “Combat Corner,” holes 11 to 15. The 7,104-yard par-72 course was named for the 7th Infantry Light Fighter Division, also known as the Bayonet Division.

With its “narrow playing corridors and steep, penal bunkering,” the course “has long been considered the most difficult test of golf on the Monterey Peninsula.” The first course was so popular that the Army decided to add another. Gen. Edwin Carns designed Black Horse, which is 7,024 yards and also has a par of 72, and bears the nickname of the 11th Calvary Regiment that had been stationed at the Presidio of Monterey from 1919 to 1940. The course opened in 1964.

After the base closed, the Army sold the courses to the city of Seaside, and they are now managed by Seaside Resort Development LLC. In 2008, they underwent a \$13 million renovation and comprehensive redesign by Gene Bates. Black Horse “features sweeping vistas of the Pacific and is highlighted by fescue-framed fairways, bunkers with distinctive, serrated edges and slickly-contoured greens.”

Its coast-facing par-3 15th is among the more scenic holes on the Peninsula. “The best 36 holes on Monterey Bay” have hosted the PGA’s Qualifying School and the PURE Insurance Championship, then known as The First Tee Open. They are located at 1 McClure Way in Seaside and include a full-service clubhouse, restaurant that’s open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily, pro shop, custom club fitting and driving range. Club rentals and professional instruction are also available.

Green fees vary greatly, with different rates for daytime, twilight and late-afternoon rounds, seniors, kids, NCGA members and the military. Playing all 36 holes starts at \$240 for the general public, and stay-and-play packages are available, too. Call (831) 899-PAR1 (7271) or visit bayonetblackhorse.com.

■ Carmel Valley Ranch, Carmel Valley

Closed in 2007 while undergoing a multimillion-dollar makeover to be “restored to Pete Dye’s original design, T1 bent grass, enlarged greens and improved tee boxes,” the 6,117-yard, par-70 golf course that was built in 1981 subsequently reopened to great fanfare and much anticipation by its members and guests. The stunning 500-acre Carmel Valley Ranch sits just east of mid-valley, with the course running along the Carmel River and up into nearby hills. C.V. Ranch offers the quintessential country

club experience to players, and the course, the only one in Northern California designed by Dye, is “a visceral joy-ride no matter how you slice it (see what we did there?), with tactical shots, dramatic elevation changes, and just enough rewards to keep your head in the game,” the folks at the Ranch say. Signature holes 11 and 13 offer breathtaking drops into the valley, while others wind through vineyards, lavender fields and ponds. Rates are \$195 for 18 holes and \$100 for nine, with only resort guests able to book tee times before 1 p.m., when the rate drops to \$150 for everyone. Discounts are offered for NCGA members, twilight play, and kids under 16, who pay \$30 for 18 holes.

you want to be part of what they’re doing,” he said. “We really want people to enjoy the golf course — that’s the whole point.” And they do.

“We’re a tight-knit group of friends and fellow golfers who celebrate a truly special experience based on excellent play and a stunning natural environment,” the club’s management and members say. “Pasadera’s easy-going culture welcomes men and women of all levels to the region’s most inclusive private golf club.” Located at 100 Pasadera Drive off Highway 68, Pasadera lies just east of Laguna Seca Golf Ranch and west of the world-famous racetrack by the same name. The pro shop can be reached by calling (831) 647-2421. See theclubatpasadera.com for more information.

■ Corral de Tierra Country Club, Salinas

This private, member-owned equity club features a 6,683-yard par-72 course that’s, “a signature tribute to renowned golf course designer, Bob E. Baldock,” who created it in 1960. J. Michael Poellot reworked some of the holes in 1999 and 2000 to create the added challenges of a multitude of bunkers at the course, which is situated off the Monterey-Salinas Highway and graced with some of the best weather on the Peninsula. Its gentle elevation changes and tree-lined fairways also make it

a great walking course.

Corral de Tierra has served as a site for U.S. Open qualifying rounds and hosted the 2010 sectional qualifier for the Women’s U.S. Open Championship. “The course attracts the attention of the best players; however, multiple tee boxes on every hole ensure an enjoyable experience for all golfers,” and it boasts a strong youth golf program, according to management. Corral de Tierra is located a few miles east of Los Laureles Grade on Highway 68 and is open only to members and guests. Various levels of membership are described on the website. Inquire about reciprocal agreements with other private clubs. Instruction and practice facilities are available, and the course can be reserved for golf events for groups. For information, call (831) 484-1112 or visit corraldetierracc.com.

■ Cypress Point Club, Pebble Beach

“I do not expect anyone will ever have the opportunity of constructing another course like Cypress Point, as I do not suppose anywhere in the world is there such a glorious combination of rocky coast, sand dunes, pine woods and cypress trees,” renowned course architect Alister MacKenzie said of the course he designed in 1928. MacKenzie relished using optical illusions to toy with players, and he was adept at using the land’s natural contours.

The 6,509-yard, par-72 Cypress Point course is known the world over, in part for the breathtaking par-3 16th Hole that entices the brave (and sometimes foolhardy) to fire their tee-shots over the roiling sea. Golfer Marion Hollins first conceived of the idea in 1924 and pursued the development of a first-class golf course, along with a clubhouse designed by George Washington Smith containing a handful of sleeping rooms.

Membership would be very exclusive, limited to 200 people who would pay about \$2,500 (in 1924 dollars) to subscribe. Cypress nearly folded during the Great Depression, when membership dropped to just 14, but Pebble Beach Co. founder Sam Morse forgave Hollins’ debt for the land and took over maintenance of the course. The club, which in the past hosted the Walker Cup — and is set to do so again Sept. 6-7, 2025, for the first time since 1981 — is open only to its 250 members and their guests. Many dream of playing here, but comparatively few get the privilege.

Cypress Point Club is located at 3150 17 Mile Drive

Non-twilight play includes a cart and use of the driving range. Club and shoe rentals, spike changes and shoeshines are available, too. While there, don’t miss the opportunity to have a meal in the hotel’s restaurant, Valley Kitchen, roast marshmallows by the fire pits next to the pool or indulge in a spa treatment. Carmel Valley Ranch is located at One Old Ranch Road off of Carmel Valley Road about 7 miles from Highway 1.

For more information, call (831) 620-6406 or visit carmelvalleyranch.com.

■ The Club at Pasadera

First opened in 2000 as Pasadera Country Club, and then purchased by a Chinese company that renamed it Nicklaus Club — Monterey in 2014, the course designed by Jack Nicklaus and its surrounding facilities were sold again in November 2018 to a group of prominent local investors, including Inns by the Sea LLC principal Ted Balestreri, Dr. Craig Geiler, attorney Bob Rosenthal, and several others.

The group has reinvigorated the club, significantly boosting membership, particularly among younger people and families, and is investing in making the golf course top shelf. “The original landscape ... provided a unique opportunity to create a dramatic layout that incorporates selected design features reminiscent of the world’s most revered layouts.

The course evokes similarities to The Old Course at Saint Andrews, Augusta National, Pine Valley and Pebble Beach, which are arguably four of my favorite courses in the world,” Nicklaus said of the 6,807-yard course, which is open only to members and their guests — and is the only signature Nicklaus course on the Peninsula. Capitalizing on the existing hills, canyons and old oak groves, he incorporated natural-style bunkering and took advantage of splendid hazards, such as the awe-inspiring 14th Hole, a par 3 over a deep chasm.

“A captivating journey through ancient oaks, dramatic hills and scenic valleys, the course is a blend of intrinsic Nicklaus shot value and strategy within its secluded, natural surroundings,” the owners say. “Native grasses and free-flowing bunkers accent the par-71 course, which subtly adapts to distinctive elevation changes for a thoroughly entertaining golfing experience time and again.” During a visit to the course for the 2019 U.S. Open, Nicklaus told a group of members and the new owners he remains invested. “I love Pasadera — it’s one of my children, and you always take care of your children and

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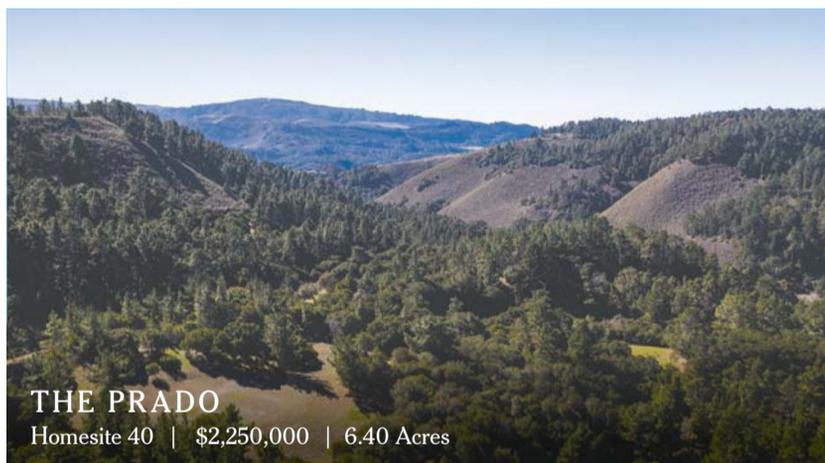
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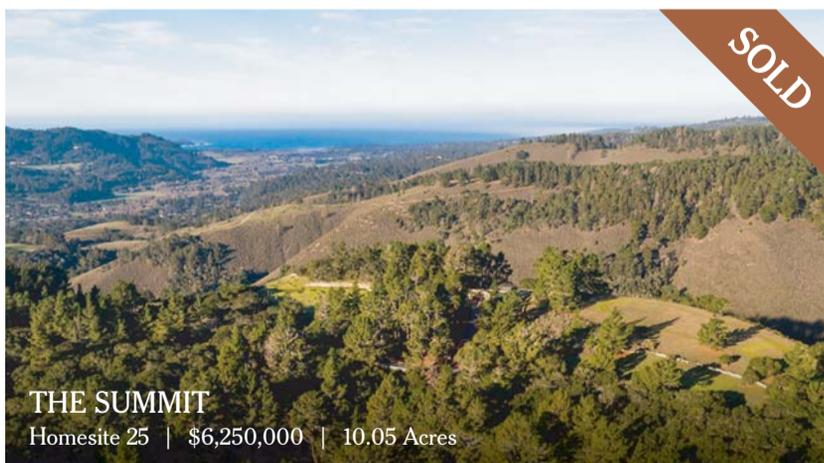
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in Pebble Beach. For information, contact the pro shop at (831) 624-2223.

■ Del Monte Golf Course, Monterey

Nicknamed “Old Del Monte,” and affectionately referred to as “Old D,” the course was designed by golf and polo enthusiast Charles Maud as a nine-hole layout and built in 1897, making it the oldest continuously operated course west of the Mississippi River. (The Presidio in San Francisco includes a course that was built a year earlier but was temporarily converted to a drill field during the Spanish-American War.) Del Monte was expanded to 18 holes in 1902 and is considered “a landmark course that has played an instrumental role in popularizing golf out West.”

Owned and operated by the Pebble Beach Company, Del Monte — 6,365 yards from the blue tees, par 72 — is open to the public and home to the Monterey Bay Golf Club, founded in 1932. Del Monte was the original site of the California State Amateur and hosts the amateur Monterey City Championship every year. “Del Monte Golf Course features wide fairways lined with oak, pine and cypress trees and the back nine includes a treacherous par-5, 512-yard 13th hole,” according to the resort. Greens fees remain unchanged: \$110 (\$45 for twilight play). Carts, pull carts, caddies, forecaddies and rental clubs are available. The Del Monte Bar & Grill is closed. The course is located at 1300 Sylvan Road adjacent to the Hyatt Regency Monterey. For more information, call (800) 877-0597 or visit pebblebeach.com and follow the links.

■ Laguna Seca Golf Ranch, Monterey

Robert Trent Jones Sr. and Robert Trent Jones Jr. de-

signed this public course together in 1970 in their first joint venture, which yielded “18 beautiful holes that follow the natural terrain of the oak-studded coastal hills along the Monterey-Salinas corridor.”

The 6,157-yard, par-71 course is located off of Highway 68 east of the Monterey Airport and can be reached by turning onto York Road and following it to the end. Green fees are \$54 Monday through Thursday and \$72 Friday through Sunday, with discounts for twilight, super twilight, seniors and juniors. Playing nine holes costs \$35 Monday through Thursday and \$45 Friday through Sunday.

“You get a lot of great golf for your green fee at Laguna Seca Golf Ranch!” according to the owners. “With typical Jones artistry, this spectacular venue features many elevated tees and a bevy of strategically placed bunkers that guard almost every green. Yes, you will have to play every club in your bag in order to conquer this challenging course that earns its championship slope rating of 129!” A 13-acre natural grass practice facility is available, and golfers can walk or rent a cart.

The restaurant and bar are closed due to Covid, but the snack bar is open daily, and the beverage cart runs Friday through Sunday. For information, call (831) 373-3701 or visit lagunasecagolf.com.

The course and clubhouse are located at 10520 York Road in Monterey.

■ The Links at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach

“Spanish Bay recalls the original Scottish concept of the game of golf established over 500 years ago ... Here, the golf course provides you with the choice of using your regular shot or a low, running shot to play the firm turf while keeping the ball under the steady ocean breezes,” according to P.B. Resorts.

Open for public play, the 6,821-yard par-72 Spanish Bay links were jointly designed by Robert Trent Jones, Jr., former USGA president Sandy Tatum and Tom Wat-

son, who once remarked, “Spanish Bay is so much like Scotland, you can almost hear the bagpipes.” Links-style courses reflect the old Scottish style of sandy seaside wasteland with bristly grasses and stiff prevailing winds, and the Monterey coastline is reminiscent of the rugged beauty of that country, golf’s spiritual home. Spanish Bay overlies land once occupied by a sand mine and required extensive rehabilitation of the dunes and native plants in the area.

“The Links at Spanish Bay is very much a sensory overload, with the smell of the beach carried in by a cooling ocean breeze, the sight of the spectacular jagged coastline, and the sound of the famed bagpiper leading you home at the end of a twilight round,” the resort says. “The Links at Spanish Bay requires precision and patience while negotiating sand dunes, pot bunkers, challenging greens and an ocean breeze.”

After the day comes to an end, head inside for some food and libation at Roy’s, Pèppoli or Sticks, grab a cocktail at Traps, or taste wine at the impressive Stave wine bar. The rate is \$295 (which includes a cart for resort guests) until April 1, when it increases to \$315. Carts, caddies, forecaddies and club rentals are available. The course is located at 2700 17 Mile Drive in Pebble Beach. For reservations, call (800) 877-0597 or visit pebblebeach.com.

■ Monterey Peninsula Country Club, Pebble Beach

MPCC covers more than 400 acres of gorgeous forest, dunes and coastal landscape, “a perfect setting for not one but two top-rated golf courses, The Dunes Course and Shore Course, with a combined 15 oceanfront holes along nearly 2 miles of coastline,” according to those in charge of the private club. Monterey Peninsula Country Club was founded in January 1925 when Sam Morse — founder of the Pebble Beach Company more than a century ago

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— James Habbord and Thorwell Mullally decided to combine a golf club with housing, and Morse served as the first president of its board of directors. Morse sold the lots surrounding the course to military retirees for \$1,500 apiece, and the buyers became club members.

Two courses make up MPCC — The Dunes Course designed in 1924 and The Shore Course designed in 1960. The Dunes Course was designed by Seth Raynor but finished by designers Robert Hunter and Alister MacKenzie following Raynor’s untimely death, then redesigned by Rees Jones, and most recently overhauled by the Fazio Design Group, reopening in April 2016.

The Shore Course, which was originally designed by Bob Baldock and Pebble Beach Golf Links architect Jack Neville, was remodeled in 2003 by architect Michael Strantz. Open only to members and their guests, the Dunes course runs a 7,090-yard par 72, while the Shore Course boasts a par-72 yardage of 6,873.

The Dunes Course first hosted what was then called the Crosby Pro-Am after the star brought his clambake to Pebble Beach in 1947 and remained its for 18 years before being replaced by Spyglass Hill. The Shore Course was selected to take the place of Poppy Hills several years ago in what is now called the AT&T Peb-

ble Beach Pro-Am. MPCC is located at 3000 Club Road in Pebble Beach.

For more information, call (831) 373-1556 or visit mpccpb.org.

■ Monterey Pines Golf Course, Monterey

The official U.S. Navy course, operated by the Naval Postgraduate School, offers one of the best deals in town. The course “puts a premium on accuracy without overwhelming the golfer with length,” according to the Navy. “Undulating greens and lakes that come into play on several holes challenge the best of golfers and offers a great recreational experience for the rest of us. Area golfers recognize The Pines as the best value for golf on the Monterey Peninsula.”

The course offers servicemen and women an outstanding venue for golf at affordable rates, and all carts are equipped with GPS units to provide exact yardages from any location. Golfers who get a rush from being directly under the flight path of a regional airport should definitely put in a round at the Navy course, which is also open to the public for very low rates.

But the Monterey Pines is not without its more exciting stories, including the crash-landing of a Cessna on the 6th Fairway in Sep-

tember 2003 (no golfers were involved), and the crash of a Carmel Valley attorney’s small plane in the driveway years ago. Robert Muir Graves designed the original nine-hole course in 1963, and the back nine were added in 1972.

It was redesigned by Marc Messier, and the remodel work that had the course closed in 2009 also included renovating the Monterey Pines Grill & Bar, which offers a private banquet room for meetings and special events, a bar and multiple televisions. The 5,409-yard, par-69 course is

located at 1250 Garden Road in Monterey. Hours are 7 a.m. to sundown. A pro shop, demo clubs and professional instruction are available, as well, and golfers and non-golfers alike enjoy the grill for breakfast, lunch or an early dinner. For more information, call (831) 656-2167 or visit monterey.navylifesw.com and find the “golf” tab under “recreation.”

The Pine Cone’s tour of Monterey Peninsula golf courses will continue next week.



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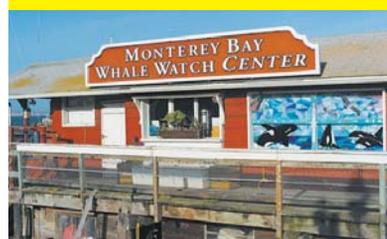
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