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## Neighbors want flat-roofed house to stay that way

By MARY SCHLEY

PLANS TO demolish a small home with a flat roof on Scenic and replace it with a Mediterranean-inspired house with a peaked roof that's still several feet lower than the residences on either side received cursory approval from the planning commission Wednesday night. But to appease neighbors across the street and on San Antonio, commissioners asked architect James Newhall Smith to tweak the design to give it an even lower profile.

Warren and Lesa Paboojian bought the property on the west side of Scenic south of Ocean in February 2021 for \$5.2 million, according to Monterey County property records, and want to replace the 1,324-square-foot single-story house, which was built in 1952 and expanded in 1969. Since the lot slopes downhill, the new 1,580-square-foot home and detached garage would also appear to be one story when viewed from the street but would have a separate 899-square-foot apartment downstairs.

### View fight

Principal planner Marnie Waffle said city codes require residential designs to "provide reasonable privacy for adjacent homeowners," and to "maintain view opportunities to natural features that lie outside

the property," as well as through properties to natural resources, like the ocean. Buildings should be designed and oriented "so they will not substantially block views enjoyed by others."

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A rendering of architect James Newhall Smith's plans for a house on Scenic (above) shows a slightly higher profile than the flat-roofed residence (right) it will replace. Neighbors across the street say the new house will ruin their views.



## School district redoing EIR on stadium lights to avoid court fight

■ Doubles cost to \$312K

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER SEVERAL people promised to sue the Carmel Unified School District if it decides to install four light poles between 70 and 80 feet tall around the athletic field at Carmel High so kids can practice and play sports after dark, superintendent Ted Knight and the district's lawyers decided to redo the environmental review of the project.

The additional work is doubling the cost of the stadium lights EIR to \$312,335, according to Knight. "The revision is adding \$153,633 to the cost," he said.

A draft environmental impact report was circulated in the fall, with the final version set to be released last December. But some living near the school have repeatedly said the analysis is inadequate, particularly regarding traffic and safety impacts resulting from holding night games, which the new lights would enable after more than 80 years of having games played only in the daytime.

Knight held town meetings with community members to gather input on the project and hear their concerns, which also included light pollution, noise and view impacts.

One of those meetings "was the first time I was explicitly told, 'We are going to sue you. Let's be clear: There's going to be a lawsuit,'" he said.

See **LIGHTS** page 12A

## Mask order to end next week as cases decline

By KELLY NIX

COVID-19 CASE rates continued to drop in Monterey County and throughout the state, leading Gov. Gavin Newsom to announce Monday that masks can come off in most public places the middle of next week, a move the county health officer said he would not oppose.

The Covid surge due to the highly transmissible omicron variant seems to be coming to a close, with case and test positivity rates plummeting. After reaching a high of 150 cases per day per 100,000 residents on Jan. 25, the county's case rate rapidly declined to 110 on Feb. 1, and has since fallen to about 45, according to Monterey County Health Department data.

"Hospitalizations, a lagging indicator of disease, have begun to drop and never exceeded the county's capacity during this latest surge," according to the health department, which reported 83 people hospitalized with the

See **OMICRON** page 17A

## Plovers to get 'guardians'



PHOTO/YVONNE WRIGHT

This adorable photo of a 4-inch-tall snowy plover won a national contest last year. The bird itself, however, faces threats — though help is on the way. See page 8A.

## COASTAL COMMISSION PUTS BRAKES ON ATC HOTEL

By KELLY NIX

A HOTEL proposed for the American Tin Cannery property is far too large, doesn't offer enough public access and raises concerns about water supply and room prices, according to two members of the California Coastal Commission, who appealed the city council's January approval of the project.

On Jan. 12, the Pacific Grove City Council voted 6-1 to OK an environmental review for the proposed 225-room hotel on Ocean View Boulevard. On Jan. 29, however, coastal commissioners Linda Escalante and Caryl Hart said the proposal seems to run afoul of the city's Local Coastal Program, and they want the powerful coastal panel to scrutinize the development.

"The city's approval raises significant questions regarding Local Coastal Program compliance with respect to water supply, lower cost visitor accommodations, public access and amenities, and public views and community character," according to the appeal.

Pacific Grove's Local Coastal Program — essentially the city's blueprint for development in neighborhoods along its picturesque shoreline — allows the city to approve permits without coastal commission review, but in some cases, the commission can step in.

### 'Dwarf everything'

Opponents of the hotel have knocked the proposal for its size, a point that commissioners brought up in their appeal.

"In terms of compatibility with its surroundings, the project would dwarf everything nearby by a large measure," Escalante and Hart said, "and would appear to oversubscribe the site with development that does not

See **HOTEL** page 16A

## Graffiti guy facing drug charges in Napa

By MARY SCHLEY

MORE THAN three months after he was arrested for an extensive vandalism spree here, 27-year-old Napa resident Gabriel Walker has yet to appear in Monterey County Superior Court for a preliminary hearing on the case. Meanwhile, he remains out of jail on zero bail but faces a half-dozen felony charges in his hometown for drug trafficking, possession and sales.

Last fall, Walker came to Carmel for a wedding, got drunk and went on a graffiti rampage in the early hours of Oct. 23, 2021. He spray-painted the letters "KRMA" in roughly 15 places, including private and public buildings, garbage cans, railings, a car and a bar bathroom, according to police. While most of the vandalism is long gone, small

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# Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

## Best buddies

At 6 months, Luke was considered unadoptable. While that may have been true for some would-be owners, it definitely wasn't on the night his couple arrived to foster the terrified little German shepherd.

"Luke seemed to have been taken from the streets," his person said. "The sound of metal gates at the shelter freaked him out. He wanted to crawl under the nearest leaf."

After fostering Luke for two years, his people adopted him on Christmas Day, having guided him from "quite a handful" to a whole and hearty dog.

Luke's greatest love is Barney, a 12-year-old Chihuahua, who is another of the family's "failed fosters," that become a permanent member of the household.

"My wife found Barney hiding in a field during one of her walks," his person said. "She doesn't give up on a stray. She'll crawl under a car at midnight to rescue an animal."

When the couple first went to the Salinas shelter to meet Luke, they brought Barney with them. As soon as he saw Luke coming down the hall, Barney, watching from 50 feet away, started whining.

"We knew then that Barney and Luke needed to be together," their person said. "Barney is a great judge of



character."

Although Barney and Luke live in South County, they come regularly to Carmel River State Beach, which seems to be Luke's favorite place in the world, his person says. Before Luke ever set foot in the sand, his people put him through swim lessons in Salinas to help him trust the water and understand how to get out of the surf. He's become a real beach boy.

"Luke's a good boy. Even if he runs off to see another dog," his person said, "he runs right back to us. Barney loves the fresh air at the shore, but he's 12, so he hangs back and takes it easy."

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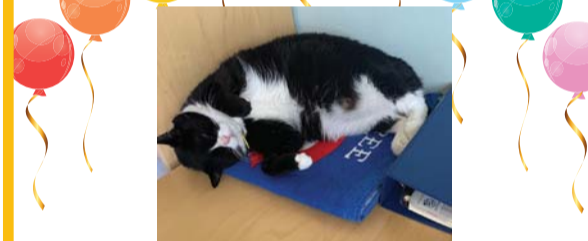
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# ‘Racism’ response to noise concerns

By KELLY NIX

A PROPOSAL this week to adopt a more restrictive noise ordinance in the unincorporated areas of Monterey County was met with allegations of racial bias.

The Monterey County Board of Supervisors Tuesday was tasked with discussing an increase in the time when “unreasonable noise” isn’t permitted. Currently, the county’s quiet hours run from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m., but the start time could be moved earlier, to 7 p.m.

The proposal to amend the ordinance also calls for an increase in fines for violators, including \$1,000 (from \$250) for a first violation or “by imprisonment in the county jail or both.” A second violation of the law would cost \$2,500, (from \$1,000), and a third violation would cost noisy law-breakers a whopping \$5,000.

“This significant increase should provide a deterrent,” according to a staff report given to supervisors Tuesday.

But some residents told the supervisors they not only believed that the fines would be too steep and the cutoff time of 7 p.m. would be too early, but that racism is behind the effort to crack down on noise, which the sheriff’s office said usually emanates from live bands and DJs.

A resident of North Monterey County told the supervisors that the proposed amended ordinance is “yet another micro-aggression targeting our Hispanic community who continue practicing and embracing our culture through the use of live music.”

“What are the motives behind this amendment?” the woman said, asking if “racism” was one of them.

Another resident, Denise, said a restrictive noise law would mostly impact the Hispanic population.

“It’s not a coincidence that this has become a race and cultural issue,” she claimed.

Others, though, pushed back on the

suggestion that racial bias is driving the county to amend the law, and one resident said excessive noise in her neighborhood has led her to consider moving. She did not say where she lives.

“I’m sad to see this being presented as a cultural issue, because it really isn’t,” said the woman. “I don’t think it would matter which flavor of music it was, it’s the volume that is the basic problem.”

While she said she supports her neighbors celebrating with friends and family, she asked, “Why don’t we also get to have our own tradition of having a peaceful Sunday afternoon?”

Along the same lines, someone else rejected the idea that bigotry has anything to do with limiting excessive volume.

“To use culture to allow bad behavior is a cop-out and not OK,” the woman said.

One man said the ordinance is not about preventing people from gathering but is “about respecting one’s neighbors. It’s about being a good neighbor.”

### Needs work

Monterey County Sheriff’s Office Chief Deputy John Thornburg told the supervisors “we do get a lot of loud party calls,” but he said deputies also give a “fair” number of warnings before citing violators since “every call is different.”

Fourth District Supervisor Wendy Root Askew had some concerns about the proposal, including the possibility that people could be jailed for a first violation, since it would be considered a misdemeanor. She made a motion that consideration of the ordinance be delayed.

The panel OK’d the motion 4-1, with District 2 Supervisor John Phillips, who proposed the new ordinance, dissenting.

“I can’t support it, only because we’ve been working on this for eight or nine months and my constituents feel that we keep dragging our feet and haven’t moved it forward,” Phillips explained. “I can’t support moving it farther down the road.”



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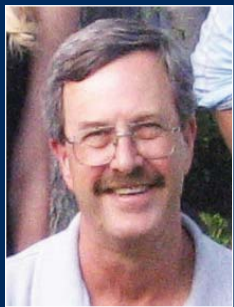
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# Police & Sheriff's Log

## Burglary tools, paraphernalia R us

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.

Beauford Place.

**Pacific Grove:** DUI arrest of a 23-year-old male on Ocean View Boulevard. He was booked into Monterey County Jail on \$10,000 bail.

**Carmel Valley:** Deputies responded to a residence on Old Ranch Road for a welfare check.

**Carmel Valley:** Deputies responded to a report of fraud on Pradera Road.

**Carmel area:** Verbal disagreement between a couple on Rio Road.

**Carmel Valley:** Deputies responded after a report of robbery on Village Drive involving a knife.

**Pacific Grove:** Juvenile issue reported on Prescott Lane.

**Pacific Grove:** A subject was put on a 5150 hold [danger to self or others] on Beauford Place.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Dog-vs.-person bite at the Del Mar Lot.

**Pacific Grove:** Municipal code violation on David Avenue regarding a tree being removed without permit.

**Pacific Grove:** Battery in the 200 block of Forest Avenue.

**Pacific Grove:** Found bicycle on 13th Street stored at the city yard.

**Pacific Grove:** A 55-year-old male was arrested on Laurel for DUI.

**Carmel Valley:** Battery reported on Valley Greens Drive.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

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

**Pacific Grove:** Assault reported on Arkwright Court.

**Pacific Grove:** Runaway juvenile on

### MONDAY, JANUARY 24

**Carmel area:** Male on Highway 68 was referred to the hospital for a psychiatric evaluation.

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## The gavel falls

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

**Jan. 5** — Teofilo Velasco, 34, of San Lucas, was sentenced to two years in state prison after pleading no contest to felony driving under the influence with a BAC of .08 or higher and admitting a prior conviction for driving under the influence as a felony. The current case is Velasco's fifth conviction for driving under the influence since 2014.

On Sept. 26, 2021, at 5:20 p.m., a California Highway Patrol Officer observed Velasco outside King City eastbound on Wildhorse Road weaving left of center on the roadway around a blind curve. Velasco was stopped and officers found an open can of Coors Light spilling at his feet. Field sobriety tests were conducted and Velasco was found to be under the influence of alcohol. His BAC was measured to be .10.

This case was prosecuted by the Monterey County District Attorney's Office specialized DUI Vertical Prosecution Unit.

**Jan. 10** — A Monterey County jury found Anthony Castillo, 38, a resident of Monterey, guilty of three counts of lewd or lascivious acts on a child under 14, four counts of lewd or lascivious acts on a child 14 or 15, and five counts of sexual battery. Three of the charges are violent felonies and are consid-

ered "strikes" under California's three strikes law. The Honorable Stephanie E. Hulseby presided over the trial.

Jane Doe reported that Anthony Castillo, a close family friend, had molested her many times over a five-year period. Doe was under 14 years old at the time the molestation began. Doe said she waited to report the molestation because she loved Castillo and was embarrassed.

At trial, Doe bravely testified about the repeated instances of molestation that occurred throughout her childhood.

An expert in the psychological effects of child sexual abuse also testified that delayed disclosures of molestation are incredibly common due to numerous factors including: the power imbalance between the perpetrator and victim, threats to not say anything, fear, and even affection for a perpetrator if he/she is a close family member, friend or authority figure.

The victim in this case was assisted by District Attorney Victim Witness Assistance Program Coordinator Alma Sanchez.

Castillo faces a maximum of 14 years eight months in prison and will be required to register as a sex offender for life.

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BY LARRY MESLER

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# Search on for men who chased, robbed Pacific Grove teen

## PGPD failed to warn residents of assailants

By KELLY NIX

IN A shocking crime that would terrify any parent, police are searching for a group of men who chased a teenage boy down a Pacific Grove street Saturday night before robbing him of his backpack and jacket.

On Feb. 5 at about 9:15 p.m., the 16-year-old was walking home on Gibson Avenue from a friend's house and noticed that an unmarked white van was following him when he reached Eardley Avenue. At least one of the four males in the van then made a comment to him about his backpack.

The teenager initially ignored the people, hoping they would leave him alone. They didn't. "One man jumped out and started chasing him, screaming about his backpack," the boy's mother said.

Fearful for his life, he ran down Eardley and tossed his backpack and jacket into some bushes — in hopes the assailants would stop pursuing him — before reaching the front door of his home.

"I could hear him screaming, 'Help, someone is chasing me!'" the teen's mother, who was inside the house, told The Pine Cone this week. "I let him in and we locked the door and called the police."

Pacific Grove police officers canvassed the neighborhood looking for the van and robbers, but came up empty. The robbers snatched the teen's backpack and jacket from the bushes.

"He had a \$180 Bluetooth speaker he just bought for himself" in the backpack, his mother said. "Thankfully he didn't have his phone in there."

The boy and his parents requested anonymity. And while the teenager said it appeared that there were four men in the

van, all of whom were wearing beanies, he was not able to describe them.

To alert Pacific Grove citizens of the crime, something the police department did not do, the teen's mother detailed the event on social media, which elicited dozens of responses from concerned residents. She later deleted the post for fear the robbers would identify her family.

"What the heck?" one citizen responded. "I thought P.G. was safe. We should be able to walk down the street at 9 p.m."

Pacific Grove police spokeswoman Jocelyn Francis said the crime is "under active investigation." She declined to say whether the police department had identified any of the perpetrators, who the police said used "fear" to commit the robbery.

### Not enough details?

Asked why the police department didn't notify the public or the news media about the crime — considering the assailants' danger to citizens — Francis said "officers did not have enough details to issue accurate information to the public." A day before the crime, the P.G. Police Department did issue an alert about a stray cat. The department also has an extensive history of concealing details about serious public safety incidents in town.

The frightening Feb. 5 incident left the teen and his parents shaken.

"We are not allowing him to walk home, at least for now," his mother said.

The family is asking anyone who lives on David, Gibson, Sinex or Eardley avenues and has a surveillance camera to review the footage for a white van between 9 to 9:30 p.m. and notify the Pacific Grove Police Department at (831) 648-3143.

The attack came less than three months after a man randomly stabbed a person on the rec trail near the American Tin Cannery. Police caught the suspect, Daniel Hardin, who has pleaded not guilty.

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City receives \$\$\$ for ambulance  
after foundation trustee gets good ride

By MARY SCHLEY

WHEN HE fell down the stairs at the Lodge at Pebble Beach several years ago and broke his leg, a man who (it turned out) represents a Minnesota nonprofit felt so well cared for by the Carmel ambulance crew that he decided to donate \$50,000 toward the purchase of a new ambulance.

The city council voted to accept the gift from the Manitou Fund last week. The fund can only donate to nonprofits, so Carmel Cares is serving as the facilitator that will pass the money on to the city, finance manager Robin Scattini explained in her report for the council Feb. 1.

According to a federal tax return, the Manitou Fund had nearly \$1 billion in assets at the end of 2019 and distributed more than \$25.4 million in grants and donations to 233 nonprofits in the arts, education, animal welfare, conservation, environmental preservation and other issues. It also had \$15 million invested in the Lone Cypress Company, which is the corporate name for the Pebble Beach Co.

Among the Manitou Fund's beneficiaries in 2019 were Stevenson School (\$100,000), the Point Lobos Fund (\$50,000), the Carmelite Monastery (\$25,000), something called the Center for Partnership Studies on Shafter Way in Carmel (\$100,000) and Big Sur Fire (\$10,000). The gift to the city through Carmel Cares

will be listed on the 2021 tax form.

After last week's council meeting, city administrator Chip Rerig shared the story of learning about the gift.

"This is a lesson in why we return people's phone calls," he told The Pine Cone.

Back in December on a Thursday night around 5 p.m., Rerig was on the phone with planning director Brandon Swanson when another call came through and went to voicemail. When he later listened to the message, a gruff-sounding man demanded a call back at Rerig's earliest convenience.

## Pleasant surprise

Expecting to be dressed down for something, Rerig decided not to put the call off and dialed him back.

The caller — who, it turns out, was Greg McNeely, one of the trustees of the fund his family founded in 1966 — told Rerig about his accident at Pebble Beach.

"I thought to myself, 'Oh good, that's outside the city,'" he recalled.

The man then told him he'd been taken to the hospital by the city's ambulance.

"So then I thought, 'Oh no, what did we do wrong?'" Rerig continued.

But it was what they did right — which apparently was everything — and the man told Rerig he'd received such good service, he wanted to make a contribution from his

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## Bird dies from Covid mask entanglement

By KELLY NIX

A DISCARDED Covid-19 face mask was responsible for fatal injuries to a seabird found at a Pacific Grove beach last month.

On Jan. 29, a man named Kevin called SPCA for Monterey County to report the injured bird at Lovers Point Beach. SPCA staff caught and rescued the common murre seabird and discovered a disposable Covid-19 mask wrapped around and embedded deeply into its wing.

"Sadly, the wound was immediately recognized as life-ending and impossible to repair" and the bird had to be euthanized, SPCA spokeswoman Beth Brookhouser told The Pine Cone

The mask's ear loop had tightened so severely around the bird's wing that it

caused a severe constriction wound and cut off the blood supply.

"Because of this, the murre would have lost his wing even with medical intervention," Brookhouser explained.

She thanked the man who called the SPCA so its staff could humanely euthanize the animal instead of letting it suffer.

The SPCA urges people to cut ear loops of masks before discarding them.

"We see wildlife injuries not only with masks, but also yogurt cups, plastic netting and wrapping, fish hooks, fishing line, and other trash that isn't disposed of properly," Brookhouser said. "We ask our community and our visitors to please do all we can to keep our wildlife safe and our beaches and oceans clean."

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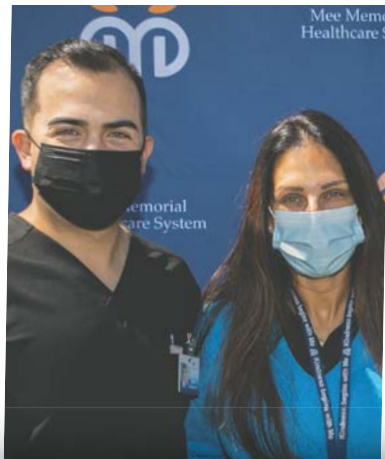
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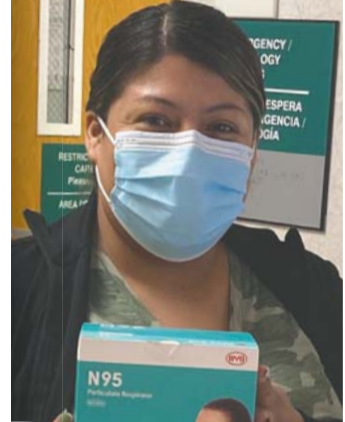
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# Volunteer ‘guardians’ sought for local snowy plovers, which face many threats

By CHRIS COUNTS

A SMALL population of snowy plovers that lives part-time at busy Carmel River State Beach could have a hard time surviving amid the people and their pets — but help is on the way for the tiny seabirds.

Amy Palkovic, an environmental scientist for California State Parks, told The Pine Cone that her agency has created a volunteer program that will put the boots of volunteers on the ground — or in this case, in the sand.

The volunteer program is aimed at increasing public awareness about snowy plovers and letting visitors know

how vulnerable they are, particularly to dogs. The volunteers are being called “guardians.”

“We’re looking for volunteers to help with reaching out to the public and reminding people about beach rules,” Palkovic said.

At Carmel River Beach, dogs are required to be on leashes, but enough pet owners ignore the signs for it to be a problem.

Palkovic said the volunteer program could be extended to other local beaches where plovers live and/or nest, including Monterey State Beach, Fort Ord Dunes State Park, Marina State Beach, Salinas River State Beach, Moss Landing State Beach and Zmudowski State Beach.

The West Coast population of snowy plovers is listed as threatened by the federal government.

## Dogs, shorebirds ‘don’t mix’

While snowy plovers don’t nest at Carmel River Beach, it’s an important site for them to spend the fall and winter, according to Nicole Arcilla, a Carmel native who is president of the International Bird Conservation Partnership, which promotes bird conservation efforts around the world.

Arcilla, who called snowy plovers “rare and in danger of extinction,” said they can often be found on Carmel River Beach just north of the channel between the lagoon and the ocean — but they’re hard to see. As a result, they constantly face the threat of being trampled or chased off their territory.

“During my lifetime, snowy plovers have been driven off of around half the beaches where they used to nest in California, and there is a real risk this could happen in Carmel,” Arcilla said. “Dogs and shorebirds don’t mix, and even if birds can fly to escape being crushed or bitten, their having to do this repeatedly throughout the day can be exhausting and unsustainable. I’ve watched the plovers on busy days where every five to 10 minutes, the flock gets disturbed by people, most of whom don’t even see them and their dogs. I’m very concerned that if this continues, Carmel could lose its only flock of these rare and special birds.”

Arcilla urged people to take their dogs to Carmel’s main beach, where dogs can go unleashed.

Besides the threats they face from people and their pets, the local snowy plovers also have to contend with ravens, which raid their nests for eggs with deadly efficiency.

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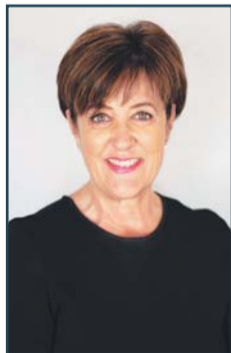


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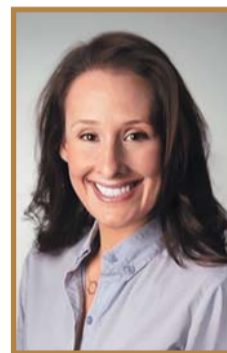
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# Bidding hits \$1.8M for NOAA building, local group calls out feds

By CHRIS COUNTS

**BIDDING IS** underway for the NOAA building, with the latest bid at \$1.8 million — even though the land is zoned for open space, which could seriously limit what a developer could do with it.

Federal officials want to sell the building, which is located on 4 acres at 1352 Lighthouse Ave. in Pacific Grove. An online auction began Jan. 31.

The first bid was made two days later for \$1,000,000, while another bidder raised the price to \$1.2 million later the same day.

The first bidder came back the next day to raise the ante to \$1.4 million, but a third bidder joined in Feb. 5 and raised the price to \$1.6 million. In response, the first bidder pushed the auction to \$1.8 million.

While the feds want to sell the land, a local group, which calls itself COAST (Center for Ocean Art, Science and Technology), wants the feds to donate the property so it can be put to public use as an environmental science and education center. Congressman Jimmy Panetta is backing their plan, and he's pushing to have the building taken off the auction block.

While a series of U.S. Supreme Court decisions have recognized the right for all privately owned property to be put to an economically beneficial use, Pacific Grove community development director Alyson Hunter told The Pine Cone the NOAA property could only be used as a recreation area, a wildlife preserve, a forest preserve or something "pertinent or compatible with open land uses."

Further limiting development, the

property is in a "very highly sensitive biological and archaeological area," she said.

One of the co-founders of COAST, Charles Greene told The Pine Cone that the building doesn't meet the federal guidelines required for it to be auctioned off as a "high value asset."

Greene noted that the land is particularly sensitive. "There are all sorts of archaeological and cultural issues with land," he said.

### Issues with land

A former director of the Ocean Resources and Ecosystems program at Cornell University, Greene said he's also concerned the feds aren't being transparent enough about the property's limitations.

"In my opinion, they've done a terrible job of making it clear what the restrictions are," he said. "The restrictions on the development of the property are pretty severe — it's pretty clear it's not for commercial use."

Greene is hopeful his group will be successful in its efforts — in part because he believes the process for selling it is so flawed. "I've been getting more optimistic the deeper we dig into the process," he added.

Greene, along with fellow COAST member Ken Parker and artist Ray Troll, present a Zoom talk Tuesday. They will talk about their vision for repurposing the NOAA building. Troll is the artist who created the marine-themed mural on the building.

To join the discussion, which starts at 7 p.m., visit: <https://ibit.ly/7WPI>.

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# Field for top cop job narrowed to six, interviews set for next week

## Public asked to weigh in on ideal traits

By MARY SCHLEY

THE NATIONWIDE effort to find the city's next police chief netted more than two dozen applications before the Jan. 24 deadline, and interviews with finalists are set to take place Feb. 15. Last November, the city hired Bob Murray & Associates to conduct the search, and on Jan. 27, former Salinas Police Chief Adele Frese — now an executive recruiter — hosted an online town hall to ask residents and others what they'd like to see in a new leader.

"There is no more important position than police chief," city administrator Chip Rerig said at the start of the session. "The relationship between the police chief and the city administrator is very, very tight."

Frese explained that she and her company held a kick-off meeting with the city shortly after former Police Chief Paul Tomasi left to run security for the Monterey Aquarium and the \$51,000 headhunting contract was signed. (The agreement included recruitment for a police commander and a library/community services director, too, but Jeff Watkins was subsequently promoted to the commander position, and library and community services director Ashlee Wright decided to keep her job instead of shifting to reference librarian as she had previously planned, so it's now expected to cost about half that, according to Rerig.)

Frese said she then developed a brochure and profile, the job was posted across the country, and potential

candidates were recruited. Twenty-seven people submitted applications by the deadline.

"I will do everything I can to deliver the absolutely best candidates to your city administrator," Frese told the group of a dozen or so who attended the Zoom meeting. "Ultimately, he makes the selection. My job is to screen them thoroughly to bring you the best candidates and support you all in the process."

### Feedback

While gathering information and input on what to look for in the next chief, Frese met with Carmel P.D. staff and said she was "utterly impressed with the thoughtfulness that your police members put into their comments."

"There was not one single negative comment that I collected during the exchange, and that is a rarity for me," she said. "I was very impressed with how meaningful their contributions were."

The Jan. 27 session provided the first opportunity for members of the public to share their thoughts, and resident Nancy Twomey remarked that the next chief should be able to handle the conflicting and strongly stated opinions that tend to be prolific in Carmel.

"We obviously as citizens have a lot of diversity in opinions and backgrounds, which is a great thing but can make it difficult to engage with the community," she said. The next chief should have excellent communication skills and the ability to resolve conflicts, and "would need that 'I own it' thing," she said.

Scot Smythe, who captains the Community Emergency Response Team alongside Wanda Vollmer, said the volunteer group works closely with Carmel P.D. "from the chief on down."

"We hope to get continuity for that kind of support," he said. "There are a number of good volunteers out there to help with resources."

Resident Shirley Moon worried that smaller criminal issues like graffiti and stickers on signs are "kind of a prelude to bigger problems," and said she'd like a chief who would also prioritize the details.

Prior chief Tomasi "was a great guy, and the characteristics he brought to the job were successful," resident Betty Maurutto said, and she'd like to see his successor display a similar positive attitude and "willingness to be part of our community."

When asked, Cmdr. Jeff Watkins also talked about ideal traits to look for in the next chief.

"We have a great department, so I'm not looking for someone to come in and shake things up. We have a great core," he said. For one, Carmel P.D. is not plagued with personnel issues "because the leadership we had is so strong."

"I'm looking for someone who will bolster what we've already got," who will truly have an open-door policy, and who will be involved in the community and be approachable, Watkins said, and finding a candidate who has worked for another small agency "would be a positive."

Frese acknowledged everyone's comments and noted the position was not pushed as a desk job.

"We have communicated that this is not the type of position in which you work from the office — that you will be out and about and working side by side with officers and at times with the community," she said. "It is truly a working police chief position. We have communicated that repeatedly. This person wouldn't come in and expect to spend most their time in the walls of the P.D."


### Hiring spree continues

This week, Rerig told The Pine Cone a half-dozen contenders for the chief job will be interviewed Feb. 15.


"You want to make sure that the candidate is going to have an understanding of the village's organizational values and character values, and has had the same level of respect in their past position," he said. "It takes a significant amount of screening to get to the interview."


The city has been on a recruitment and hiring spree for the past few months, and Rerig reported a new maintenance worker and a new tree care specialist started their jobs this week. Two more candidates are undergoing background checks after accepting offers for the positions of building inspector and maintenance worker, and interviews for finance specialist are underway.

A half-dozen job listings remain active for police services officer, librarian, planner, analyst and technician and building inspector, and the city also needs a new budgets and contracts director, since Sharon Friedrichsen abruptly left several weeks ago to take a job in Berkeley.



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# Jo Mora Trust sells artist's paintings and papers to Monterey history group

By CHRIS COUNTS

ONE OF the Monterey Peninsula's most revered artists of yesteryear, Jo Mora left behind an impressive archive of art in a variety of mediums — including a collection which was just sold by his family's trust to the Monterey History and Art Association for an undisclosed sum.

The sale keeps the collection, which includes hundreds of pieces, intact and local, with the intention of making it more accessible.

The collection includes paintings, drawings and bronze sculptures, along with molds and printing plates for reproducing pieces. It also contains an assortment of "papers, journals, letters, books and documents."

The president of the local history group, Gary Spradlin, called Mora, who died in 1947, an "important but under-appreciated artist."

While the history group didn't divulge how much they paid for the collection, it did thank Susan and Dennis Mar for their "generous gifts," and also thanked Maxine Reneker for her support of the collection's "archive development."

#### Just the right fit

The deal happened after Peter Hiller, the curator of the Jo Mora Trust Collection, approached the history group and asked if it was interested in acquiring the archive. He was seeking an institution that was willing to receive the art and the papers — something that had become a challenge.

But the museum wanted both, so it proved to be just the right fit.

Spradlin said Hiller will stay on as curator of the collection. Besides his role in overseeing the collection, he is the author of "The Life and Times of Jo Mora: Iconic Artist of the American West."

The history and art association is already displaying work by Mora at two sites in Monterey, the Casa Serrano Adobe and the Mayo Hayes O'Donnell Library. The library and a historic building, the Doud House, have been mentioned as possible venues to display at least some of the collection.

"As time permits, this will open the collection to the public for research and future exhibits," Hiller said.

#### 'Renaissance man'

A native of Uruguay, Mora moved here in 1920 to work on the Father Serra

Cenotaph at Carmel Mission, and lived on the Monterey Peninsula until his death at the age of 80.

The artist was commissioned by S.F.B. Morse to carve the Father Serra statue which used to be on display on Camino Del Monte in Carmel Woods, and designed a commemorative half dollar for the California Diamond Jubilee.

A member of the Carmel Art Association in the late 1920s and early 1930s, he exhibited his work there. Called the "Renaissance Man of the West" by some, Mora is also known today for his colorful and humorous maps of Carmel, the Monterey Peninsula and California, which are now collectors' items.



Jo Mora

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# LIGHTS

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That prompted Knight, the consultants and the lawyers to reexamine the environmental review they'd undertaken. He said they feared it would not hold up in court and that a judge could temporarily stop the project and have it tied up in litigation for years.

"The thought was to go back and redo the draft EIR, have another 45-day comment period and then the release the final," he said. "We're doing the review process all over again so that when we are sued, we have a high probability of not having a temporary restraining order or an injunction granted."

### 'Haven't done enough'

But the additional expense and time — since the project will now be delayed well into next year — are worth it if the students and the community members who support them eventually get what they want. "Our kids have made it clear this is what they need, and as long as I feel I've done everything I can do to mitigate the concerns of the community, I'll bring it forward," he said. "And right now, I feel like we haven't done enough."

The group opposing the lights established a website

called [savecarmel.org](http://savecarmel.org) and implore visitors to sign a change.org petition. "Save Carmel from stadium lights!" it says. "Don't let stadium lights ruin the world renowned natural beauty of Carmel."

They ask signers to "Let CUSD know that there is strong community opposition to their rushed and flawed proposal to install stadium lighting around the CHS football field," which "will have far-reaching effects across our community and natural environment." The group has raised concerns about traffic, light pollution, view impacts, noise, safety and other issues.

When they initiated the project last spring, district officials explained it was because of a new state law mandating later start times for students in middle and high school, starting with the 2022-2023 academic year. Classes would begin at 8:30 a.m. instead of 7:45.

Opponents suggest the district can implement the later start time and still accommodate athletic practices without installing lights if it switches to a shorter academic day.

But moving from a seven-period day to six or making the last period an elective when students could choose athletic practice over scholastic study would mean losing one class per year, according to Knight.

"And our students and parents just aren't willing to make that sacrifice," he said, "which is why I think they want the lights. They want our students to start late, have a full day of school and go out and practice the way all the

teams do."

The alternatives are putting off implementing the later start time — which Knight said he can do because the state classifies CUSD as "rural" — or drastically cutting practice times in the winter when darkness falls early. During the shorter days, that could mean well under an hour of practice for some CHS and CMS kids when student athletes in other districts get at least two.

"No kid's getting a sports scholarship if they're practicing half as much as everybody else," he said.

Students have also said having Friday night football games instead of the Saturday day games they've hosted for years will help increase school spirit and participation, but the Save Carmel group argues that night games "do little to improve the quality of the actual athletic programs and the educational experience of most students."

"There should be considerable debate about this ill-conceived expenditure of precious public funds running into the hundreds of thousands of dollars that could instead be directed across academic, arts and athletic programs to better enhance the educational experience for all students," the petition concludes.

Revising the EIR will include more outreach and surveys, which Knight said will be organized by students.

Ultimately, he hopes residents' and others' worries will be assuaged and the project will be able to move forward, whether the courts are involved or not.

"We'll slow down, make sure the EIR is bulletproof, mitigate every concern, and then I believe a judge will look at this and say, 'They've done everything we expect them to do,'" he said. "It's a difficult situation to be in. You have people who don't want this small little sleepy community to change, and I understand that, but on the other side, you have student needs. And as the superintendent, I have to do what I think is best for students."

Knight said he plans to provide an update on the EIR and the project at the board's next regular meeting Feb. 16. The meeting will be held outside at the MEarth habitat project next to the middle school on Carmel Valley Road, and an agenda and other information will be available at [carmelunified.org](http://carmelunified.org).



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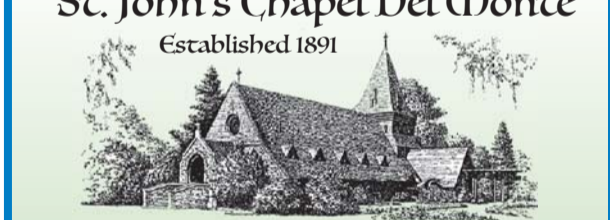
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# HOUSE

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The owners of two houses across the street and another on the west side of San Antonio a block up complained the new home would wreck their ocean views, but after visiting their properties, Waffle said she “could not find that the loss of view was significant.”

Therefore, she said, “staff does not have any recommended changes to the design,” but she requested feedback from commissioners on whether they agreed.

“We have read through various criticisms to our extremely modest and sensitive design which demonstrates fully the concept of view sharing,” Smith told planning commissioners Feb. 9, adding that the Paboojians are legally entitled to have a second story but chose not to “in deference to our neighbors.”

“Unfortunately, these folks now seem to be acting with some level of hostility toward this design, which was a compromise from the beginning,” he continued. Furthermore, just because the neighbors have enjoyed their views over a flat-roofed house for decades doesn’t mean that roofline “is in any way a benchmark height to which we are restricted.”

“We disagree strongly with that assumption,” Smith said.

What would be fair, he said, is allowing the Paboojians to improve and enjoy their property in a way that’s courteous to others living nearby, which he said his design accomplishes.

## ‘Doesn’t make sense’

Sally Edsall told commissioners she has lived across street for 22 years and said the new roofline “is significantly higher than the current roof.”

“We would like to see the roof height at the front remain the same as it is today,” she said. “Our views of the ocean are incredibly important to us, and any obstruction of this view due to increased roof height will ultimately adversely impact our view and our property value.”

She also complained the garage is too small for the owner’s car, which would therefore end up parked on an already busy and narrow street, and she opposed the requirement that the owners plant a cypress tree, since that would grow and block her view, too.

Bill Heil said he and his wife bought their house on San Antonio 25 years ago for its character and “wonderful views” of the ocean and breaking waves, and that their grandkids and guests are always impressed by them.

“The proposed project takes those views away from us,” he said, asking the planning commission to require the new homeowners to design a house with a flat roof.

“It just doesn’t make sense to me that they have to go that height,” for the roof, commented Joanne Gerheard, who has lived next to Edsall’s home on Scenic for 28 years.

Commissioner Chris Bolton said he

wouldn’t require the Paboojians to change their roofline, and Commissioner Stephanie Locke commented that the neighbors are fortunate to have such beautiful homes, all of which are uphill from the Paboojians’ property and are two stories, with expansive views.

“But I don’t think this has any kind of a significant impact on their views,” she said. “They’ve been extremely sensitive to the neighbors in terms of not taking it higher.”

Locke suggested moving the garage a bit to the west to provide space for more parking and said the walkway down to the second unit is too narrow at 3 feet. She also said the house could not have a wood-burning fireplace. (However, there is no law prohibiting them.)

## Make neighbors happy

Commissioner Robert Delves disagreed with his colleagues, because to the neighbors who are objecting, the impacts are significant.

“If you’ve enjoyed views for decades, this project does substantially impact that,” he said, encouraging Smith to redesign the house with a flat roof in order to make the neighbors happy.

They all have expansive views to the south, commissioner Gail Lehman countered. “I’m really kind of shocked that you would make so much of a fuss over the roofline of this very small house,” she said. “They are entitled to have a two-story house, and they are surrounded by two-story houses, and all the houses we went to today are two-story houses, so I don’t think we should single this house out.”

Chairman Michael LePage said he was “somewhere in the middle” regarding view impacts, and he asked Smith to try to better accommodate the neighbors.

“I think it can be done without destroying the design,” he said. “We request this all the time of designers and applicants, and they use their skill and they come back with a better design.”

Commissioners voted 4-1, with Delves dissenting, to OK the preliminary plans with a request that Smith reconsider the roofline. The motion also included eliminating the wood-burning fireplace, but the Paboojians could argue for keeping it, since it doesn’t violate the code. Their project will return to the commission for final approval.

## Carmel Point stop signs coming

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# County gets to work on greenhouse gases

By CHRIS COUNTS

IN AN effort to meet California's tough standards on reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, Monterey County is creating what officials are calling the Community Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. The county just released a report that they say is critical in formulating the plan: an inventory of the various causes of greenhouse gas emissions locally.

According to the county — which is working on the plan with a consulting firm, Ascent Environmental of San Diego — it faces “serious potential impacts” from climate change. And the plan suggests that local impacts would be felt elsewhere because so many people eat our produce. “What impacts the Monterey Bay region will impact the country,” the plan says.

So how does the county plan to lower greenhouse gas emissions? Through science, public hearings and social justice, apparently.

“Through evidence-based research and expertise, deep stakeholder engagement, and a focus on inclusion and diversity, the plan will incorporate meaningful and customized solutions and inspire strategic programmatic action,” the plan reads.

The goal is to help Monterey County “reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 40 percent by 2030, in line with the targets set by the state.”

The plan is a work in progress and far from complete.

“All we have done so far is really gather datasets and do some math,” explained Ashley Paulsworth, the county's sustainability program manager. “The plan is really about the ‘how’ — the strategies we as a community want to deploy.”

### Ag, vehicles lead emissions

According to the new Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Report, 33 percent of the county's greenhouse gas emissions come from the agriculture industry.

“Emissions in this sector are generated by livestock management, fertilizer application, the operation of agricultural equipment and open burning,” the report reads. “Emissions from livestock ... accounted for 50 percent of the emissions from the agriculture sector.”

Paulsworth said it's worth noting that emissions produced by the agriculture industry “are generally lower impact” than cattle in other counties “where they are concentrated in feedlots or used to produce dairy.”

She also pointed out that the plan will only apply to unincorporated parts of the county, and as a result, it makes ag emissions “look disproportionately large because most if not all agriculture is occurring in the unincorporated county, and most developed land is in the cities. Developed land tends to have a much higher emissions per acre compared to undeveloped land.”

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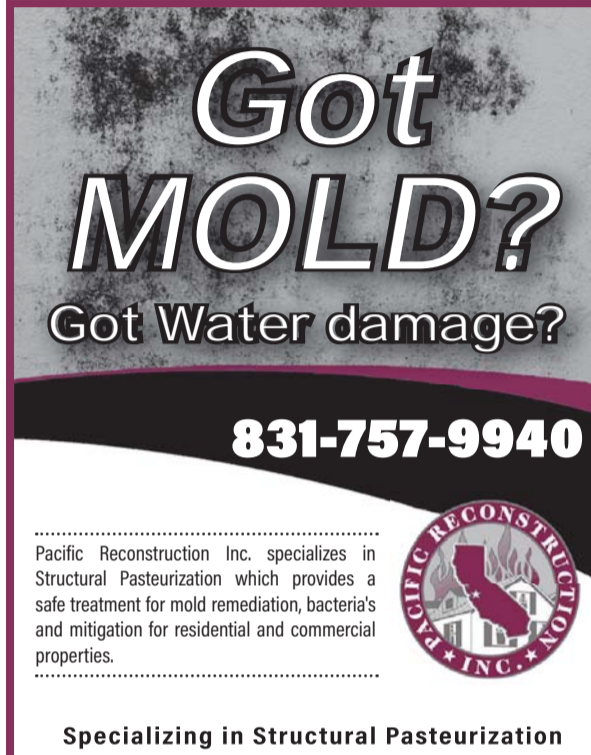
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# HOTEL

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appear to maintain community character and compatibility.”

Compared to other nearby structures — including the Monterey Bay Aquarium, which occupies about 2.5 acres and is 30 feet high, the 1-acre, 46-foot-high InterContinental hotel, and the Monterey Plaza, which is on 2 acres and is 47 feet tall, the proposed hotel “would be about the size of all three combined,” according to the appeal.

Water supply for the hotel was also called into question, and Escalante and Hart pointed to a State Water Resources Control Board cutback order that prohibits development in the Monterey Peninsula. The hotel would consume more than 17 acre-feet of water — about 5.5 million gallons — annually.

Pacific Grove’s water supply analysis, they alleged, “did not appear to be sufficient” to demonstrate that the hotel would be consistent with the city’s LCP.

“Sustainable potable water sources are increasingly precious and limited resources in the state, and it is no different in Pacific Grove,” they noted.

The city’s evaluation of the water supply for the hotel, according to the coastal commissioners, was based on an analysis “of estimated water allocations/credits from over 30 years ago.”

## Affordable enough?

Pacific Grove requires that new hotels, including the proposed 225-room hotel, offer one-quarter of its accommodations at “lower cost.” For the ATC hotel, that works out to 56.25 rooms. To comply with the mandate, the city wants 56 of the lower-cost rooms to be set aside for people in certain professions, such as healthcare workers and firefighters, “while the remaining .25 lower cost unit requirement would be paid via an in lieu fee to the city.”

While the commissioners called the scheme an “interesting approach,” they questioned why it was not detailed in the development permit. The hotel rooms, the commissioners said, are also not “targeted to the general public, which is the actual objective” in the city’s LCP, and they had questions about the in lieu fees.

“In short, it is not clear from the city’s analysis that the project can be found consistent with the LCP’s lower-cost visitor accommodation requirements,” they wrote.

Escalante and Hart said that while the hotel includes some public amenities, including access to a roof garden and restroom, they appear to be geared more toward hotel guests than the general public.

“In addition, the project includes elements that will actually reduce public access and amenities,” including converting portions of Sloat Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard, which are public property, to private use.

The proposal, they said, “includes no discernible mitigation for this loss of public access.”

The city council OK’d the environmental review after builder Comstock Development appealed the city planning commission’s 4-2 denial of the proposal on Nov. 18, 2021.

Comstock has made numerous changes to the project to make it more appealing, including reducing its size, setting back one of the hotel wings, scaling back meeting and retail spaces and increasing the number of replacement trees from 125 to 136. Nearly 80 trees will have to be removed for the hotel.

## Stefan Grancharov

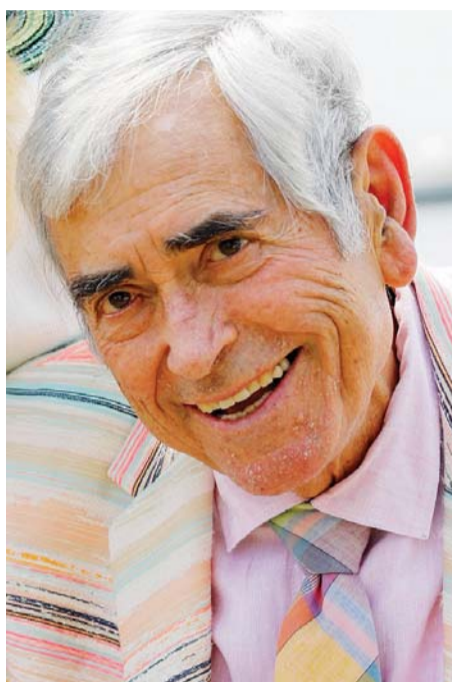
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Stefan ascended from this earth on February 3, 2022, at the age of 77. Stefan is survived by his wife, Frances; daughters, Stephanie and Natalie; sons-in-law Donald and Andres; and grandchildren, Eleanor and Donald.

A native of Bulgaria, Stefan escaped the communist regime in the 1960s and immigrated to the U.S. A longtime resident of California, he had a successful career in Silicon Valley and found the perfect place to fulfill his passion for the outdoors and many hobbies like boating, gardening, swimming, and spending time by the ocean. He was a generous and dedicated family man, with many talents as a true engineer who could build, tinker with, and fix anything. His love and knowledge of history was also apparent for all who knew him, and he could entertain for hours with various stories and advice. Most of all he will be remembered for his big heart and unwavering support for those he cared about. He lived life on his own terms and was one-of-a-kind.

While we mourn the loss of his physical presence, we celebrate his life and he will be with us always in our thoughts and memories; his spirit lives on! They broke the mold when he was born and we will continue to embody his values and desire to make a positive impact.

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## Erika Henriette Lockridge

June 9, 1939 – January 31, 2022

Born in Bremerhaven, Germany, to Erich and Anna Bahr – Erika came out of the second world war with a resounding resilience, determination and most of all, hope. Her father taught her the importance of creativity and good humor when there was little else to count on in those early years after the war. Her mother’s good common sense and a subtle grace left a strong impression on Erika.

At the tender age of 17, Erika met Jerry Small, a young American GI, fell in love and fulfilled her father’s lifelong dream to travel to America, where she and her husband raised their three children in Los Angeles. After moving to Reno in the early 1980s, and with her children in high school, Erika became a businesswoman and opened the first European skin care salon in Reno, followed by a move back



to Los Angeles to manage the world renowned Aida Thibiant Skin Care in Beverly Hills. All of this prepared her for a move to Coeur d’Alene, Idaho to design and establish a world class spa at the Coeur d’Alene Resort. It was here that she remarried and moved to Pebble Beach, California with her husband John Lockridge, a petroleum engineer.

Together they created a beautiful home and life, one that included a new career when Erika embraced her love of movies and began a new chapter as a film producer. Her production company, Bahr Productions, was named after her parents. Her first film was distributed by MGM studios and featured the roaring lion she’d adored as a child growing up in Germany. Erika would go on to produce five films, an off-Broadway play, and earn an Emmy Award for one of her films.

Through the years, raising her family and supporting their dreams was her most urgent priority. She was never without words of encouragement — to not worry so much and get busy doing what you had a passion for. And whatever you do, go after it with all you’ve got. To be resourceful and creative when faced with obstacles, because there’s always a solution.

These were the lessons of her youth. And when her children were grown and married and having children of their own, she embraced her grandchildren with the same optimistic enthusiasm. And many years later, with a long road behind her, she met a new challenge in her old age: A body that no longer allowed her to run after her grandchildren or the strength to travel the world. Her home in Pebble Beach became her haven. Visits from her family were her precious treasures. Calling dear friends and family to exchange ideas and news. And a final project helping create a book honoring the life’s work of her close friend, the American artist, George Carlson. And after 82 years of living, she like so many before her, felt time pulling at her. And as January came to a close, her family gathered around her at her home, where she made her peace and said her goodbyes and joined the heavenly stars above where she shines every night for all the days to come and for all to remember.

Erika is survived by her daughter, Monica (children Erika and Anika); son, Nick (husband George); son, Eric (wife Kim, children Nicholas, Liam and Isabella); niece, Elke Zimmerman (husband Gunter); and many dear friends and extended family.



## Else Towle

September 25, 1933 – January 23, 2022

Else Muller Towle passed away on January 23, 2022, in Monterey, California. Else was born in San Mateo, California, to Paul and Asta Muller. She attended San Mateo Junior College and received an Associate of Arts Degree in 1953. It is here when she met the love of her life, Herb Towle, who was a cadet in the Air Force. Else continued her education at San Jose State in which she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority. Herb and Else married in 1954 in Greenville, South Carolina, where Herb was stationed.

Herb and Else moved to Portola Valley, California, where they raised their three children. Else and Herb were very active in the tennis community at Alpine Hills and Ladera Oaks Tennis and Swim Clubs.

Else volunteered in her children’s classroom in the Portola Valley School District. She enjoyed her weekly bridge games with friends and summers in Lake Tahoe with her family.

In 1978, the family moved to the Monterey Peninsula where she and Herb belonged to the Beach and Tennis Club in Pebble Beach. She remained in Monterey until her death. Else is survived by her children Kathy Kopf (Jamie), Brad Towle (Leanna), and Karen Rynewicz (Steve), as well as 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. She is predeceased by her husband, Herb, and her sister, Lillian. Private services will be held.



# OMICRON

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disease Thursday.

Per Newsom's order, fully vaccinated residents in Monterey County starting Feb. 16 will not need masks in stores, restaurants and other businesses, but will still be required to wear them in healthcare settings, public transit, airport and other areas. Businesses could still impose their own masking requirements, however.

Monterey County health officer Dr. Ed Moreno said Tuesday he would "most likely" allow the state's mask mandate here to end and wouldn't impose an alternative order as long as cases continue to drop.

On Wednesday, though, he said he would let the state masking order expire Feb. 16 and would not impose additional restrictions, but he noted that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors could override the state and impose a mask mandate.

The state's end to the mask order, however, does not apply to schools, so children will still have to wear face coverings in class. Other states, including New Jersey, Oregon and Connecticut, this week announced timelines to end mask requirements for students.

Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System spokeswoman Karina Rusk reported Wednesday that the hospital had 36 Covid patients and 33 employees out sick with the virus, which she said are "encouraging signs."

Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula saw a slight increase in the number of staff out sick with the

disease, from 33 last week to 39 Tuesday. On Wednesday, the hospital had 21 total Covid patients, including two in ICU, compared to 19 last week.

On Thursday, Newsom announced a \$1.9 billion plan to boost Covid-19 testing capacity and vaccinations, support healthcare workers and "battle dangerous misinformation" through a public education campaign that will "provide reliable information and build vaccine confidence." The effort, he said, will be in "partnership with 250 ethnic media outlets."

## Dismal Black vax rates

On Tuesday, Moreno provided an overview of Covid-19 metrics to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, including the proportion, by age, of those who have gotten at least one jab.

Ninety-four percent of those from 55 years old to 75-plus have had at least one dose, while those 45 to 54 are just under that at 92 percent. The 12 to 17 bracket is 84 percent vaccinated while those age 5 to 11 — the most recent group eligible to get the vaccine — trails at 35 percent. The least vaccinated are those 25 to 34, 80 percent of whom have had at least one shot.

By region, Salinas, at 95 percent, leads other county areas with the highest vaccination rate among citizens 5 and older. Eighty-seven percent of residents in the Monterey Peninsula and Big Sur are vaccinated, and 84 percent in North County and 76 percent in South County have had at least one dose.

Moreno also presented data on the proportion of county residents by race and ethnicity who have received at least one dose of the Covid vaccine.

Of 439,035 people in Monterey County, Black people account for 3.4 percent, or 14,927, according to 2021 U.S. Census population estimates. However, the rate of Black

county residents who have received at least one vaccine jab is 47 percent, which lags far behind most other groups. The Native American vaccination rate in the county is a tad higher at 50 percent.

During a press briefing Wednesday — the same day the health department claimed in a press release it was prioritizing "efforts to reduce the impacts of Covid-19 on vulnerable people and communities" — The Pine Cone asked Moreno why the vaccination rate was so low for Black residents. Moreno offered a long-winded, confusing response.

"There are discrepancies or differences between different groups, there are differences between regions, differences between race/ethnicity and differences between age groups," he said. "So we expect to see some differences. When we see some differences, we do what we can to determine why there are some differences, and if there is something we can do to improve those differences, we do."

Moreno went on to say, "So with regard to vaccinations, again, our African American community tends to reside in healthy places index 1 and 2 communities, and so that's why we have in the past, and we currently do, and most likely will continue to allocate our public health vaccine clinic resources to those communities where African Americans tend to reside."

Moreno also said in Wednesday's press briefing that the county recognizes that "communities of color continue to be highly impacted by Covid-19 and will need additional support," but he did not say specifically what his department is doing to improve the bleak vaccination numbers for Black residents and other people of color.

Asians and Whites are the most vaccinated in the county at 77 percent, with Latinos just behind at 76 percent, according to health department data.

# GRAFFITI

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examples can still be found around town.

Police officers Greg Johnson and Brian Liddy used surveillance video provided by numerous businesses to identify Walker, whom they traced via his driver's license and a February 2021 conviction for DUI and possession of an illegal handgun for which he was on probation. (Additional charges in that case for possession of a high-capacity magazine and carrying a concealed handgun without a permit were dismissed by the district attorney's office as part of his plea deal, according to court records.)

When Carmel P.D. officers went to Walker's house on Wilkins Avenue in Napa on Nov. 1, 2021, to arrest him, they found the clothing he had been wearing in Carmel, notebooks with the same KRMA letters, spray paint and paint pens.

## Drug task force

They also discovered more than 8 pounds of marijuana and 4 pounds of psilocybin mushrooms, which led to an investigation by a drug task force there and Walker's arrest for six felonies, including possessing controlled substances for sale, drug trafficking and transporting marijuana for sale, and a misdemeanor charge of possessing marijuana for sale. He is also charged with committing those offenses while on bail.

Walker is set to be in Napa County Superior Court next week for a preliminary hearing, when the judge will determine whether there's enough evidence to proceed with the case against him.

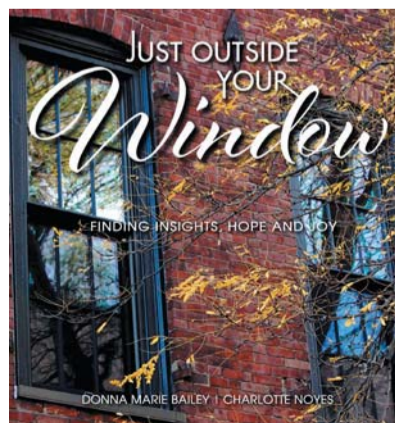
A date has yet to be set for the same sort of hearing on his felony vandalism charges here, but his next Salinas court appearance is scheduled for March 8.

Last month, Johnson and Liddy received the Meritorious Service Award from the Monterey County Peace Officers Association for their work on the graffiti case.

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## BILL WENNER

Bill Wenner passed peacefully in his home on January 23rd, 2022. His loving wife, Catherine, was by his side.

Born 1949 in Michigan, when he was 7 years old Bill and his family moved to the Monterey Peninsula where he spent most of his life.



From a young age and throughout his life, he was a gifted master of woodworking on every level, ranging from hand carved creations, to musical instruments, and all the way up the ladder to building homes, and everything imaginable in between. His brilliance and creativity were vast and it showed in everything he created.

His interests and hobbies covered a wide range, and spending time with his loved ones, especially in Nature, was always an integral part of his life. He loved climbing up and down the hills and canyons of Big Sur, in search of music, joy of all kinds, materials to scavenge for building his wood shops, and so much more.

Bill was a very quiet, kind, gentle, spiritual person and was always willing to be of service to those who needed help. The memories of his thoughtful presence and unique perspective on life, always accompanied with great humor, will fill us all for ever.

Bill is survived by his wife, Catherine; his son, Christopher in Arizona; and sister, Julie in Montana.

A celebration of Bill's life will be held 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 26<sup>th</sup> at the Carmel Valley Community Center. Bring a dish to share.

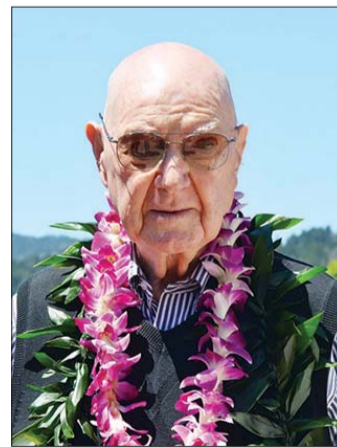
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## JOHN POLOSKY

(Composed by Bernice Polosky 2009)

John was born July 4, 1922, in Pierce, Colorado. He peacefully passed away at Forest Hill in Pacific Grove, California, on February 7, 2022.



He was the loving husband of Bernice (who passed away in 2016). They were high school sweethearts and celebrated 74 years of marriage. He was the devoted father of 3 wonderful sons, Michael and his wife, Peggy; Dennis and Jean, and Patrick and his wife, Beth.

He was the adored "Papa" and "Gramps" to 10 grandchildren, Christy, Jon, Jill, Kevin, Renee, Michelle, Liane, Erin, Kelly, and Ryan, and 16 great-grandchildren (including 3 sets of twins), Gregory, Kawehi, Kailana, Puaala, Jack, Maggie & Ben, Jake, Tyler, Hannah, Jonah & Cole, Olivia, Sam & Gabby (our twin angels in heaven), and Palmer.

Also left to cherish his memory is his sister, Ann Seilbach, of Greeley, CO., as well as many nieces and nephews.

John was born and raised in Colorado, attending Pierce High School, Colorado School of Mines, Golden CO, and University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA.

John served with the 1<sup>st</sup> Division U.S. Marines during WWII and was recalled during the Korean Conflict. He worked for Western Electric for 42 years, retiring in 1984 from AT&T as General Manager of the Pacific Division.

John was a devout Catholic and watched daily Mass until his last day. He was an avid golfer. He loved to sing and was a star attraction at Forest Hill. He loved being with his family. He had a wonderful attitude about life and death.

His family is heartbroken but know that he is in a better place. He is once again with his sweetheart, Bernice. We now have 2 angels to watch over us!

The family would like to thank the Forest Hill staff (especially Isaac Ruiz), Hospice of the Central Coast, and Dr. Richard King, MD, for their support, care, and compassion.

His internment will take place at the San Carlos Cemetery in Monterey, CA.

Gifts in remembrance of John may be made to Hospice of the Central Coast.

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# Pirates' formula for happiness: winning season plus lots of perspective

THE STEVENSON Pirates have learned about basketball and life this winter, but not in that order.

The basketball lessons happen for 90 minutes a day, either at practice or during a game. The life education has been relentless and exhausting.

they undoubtedly appreciate a bit more when it is contextualized against other realities of 2022.

"Honestly, we're just happy to be playing. We're all lucky to be here, given the circumstances," said Clymo, whose team didn't get to play basketball a year ago because of Covid concerns. "Is there a challenge to stay focused? You bet. We're just trying to get through each day, let alone worry about basketball games."

They're breathing through masks in their classrooms, and during practices, and even while they're playing the games (in front of bleachers full of masked spectators). They don't know which teammate, classmate, coach or teacher might be stricken from one day to the next. But all are improvements from a year ago, when they spent the winter months at home, sheltering in place, learning online, missing their classmates, and lamenting the cancellation of their sports seasons.

15-5 overall, with the most balanced offense in the Pacific Coast Athletic League: Trent Toole (15.3 points), Audon Forgus (12.7), and Evan Johnson (12.1) were all double-digit scorers, and Darnell Adler (9.4) was close.

Toole ranked second in the PCAL in assists (73 in 18 games) and Johnson was third (62 in 17). Adler was the league's second-leading rebounder (195 in 18 games), and ranked ninth in blocked shots (12). Toole and Adler were fifth and sixth in steals (49 and 46, respectively).

"I knew we'd be balanced in certain areas, but I've been surprised by contributions we've gotten in others," Clymo said. "We have a lot of interchangeable parts, and that's the way we play. We've got multiple dudes who can blow up and have a big game on any given day — each of our top four guys has been our leading scorer multiple times."

The coach attributes the success to the fact that all 14 of his players are multi-sport athletes, and 10 play three sports.

"What makes this group unique is that they know each other personally on a much deeper level, across different

### 'Interchangeable parts'

Despite it all, this season on the court has been exciting and memorable. Going into Thursday's road game against last place Monte Vista Christian, the Pirates were

## Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

In normal times, this kind of season would be a cause for celebration. The Pirates went 10-3 in preseason games, a record that guaranteed a spot in the Central Coast Section playoffs even before they played their Mission Division opener.

On the evening of that opener — Jan. 18, a Tuesday night — they were loading up their vans for a game at Hollister against San Benito High when a teammate suffered a frightening 30-minute seizure in Coach Justin Clymo's driveway. The team looked on in horror.

Their teammate was hospitalized, the game was postponed and the Pirates and their coaches ruminated throughout the following school day over things that matter, and things that matter less.

On Thursday, knowing their friend was stable, they traveled without him to Castroville and routed North County 62-39, but perspectives had morphed. Yet again.

### End of innocence

Each generation endures its own fears and anxieties — life can be cruel — and that medical emergency, coupled with the day-to-day threat of an ongoing pandemic, undoubtedly will leave emotional scars.

Innocence rarely lasts as long as we think it should. When they were teenagers, some of our fathers and grandfathers crawled through sand at Iwo Jima or traipsed through rice paddies in Vietnam. These kids are playing high school basketball, making memories they'll cherish for the rest of their lives — a blessing



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Evan Johnson (with ball at right) is all-division in basketball, but will play football next year at BYU on a full-ride scholarship. Audon Forgus (left) is Stevenson's No. 2 scorer, and one of the PCAL leaders in 3-pointers.

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# ART AND ACTIVISM TEAM UP TO SHINE A LIGHT ON HOMELESS WOMEN

**I**N A new show at the Monterey Museum of Art that dives into a timely topic, four artists — Dora Lisa Rosenbaum, Denese Sanders, Amanda Salm and

creative energy into the subject of housing, in part because there is no easy answer to providing housing to the homelessness.

“It became apparent to me while working on the project that there are many regional, state and national obstacles to providing reasonable shelter for homeless and vulnerable populations,” Salm said.

A painter, Sanders created portraits of homeless women, which she said wasn’t an easy experience for those who posed for her.

“By nature, we all need to be seen and heard,” Sanders explained. “Yet for women living with homelessness, identity exposure is too great a risk to their safety and pride, while chronic invisibility crushes their emotional well-being.”

The four artists gather bi-monthly to critique and support the development of one another’s art. Each Thursday through March 31, one of the four will be on hand at the museum to talk about the topic and their work.

The show will continue through April 23. The museum is located at 559 Pacific St. [montereyart.org](http://montereyart.org)

## ■ ‘For the Love of Art’ opens

Honoring the creative talents of local high school juniors and seniors, the Carmel Art Association welcomes its annual “For the Love of Art” juried show with an online reception Saturday at 5 p.m.

Fifty-six student-artists participated in the contest, and the winners took home gift certificates for art supplies. The jurors

included Corey Madden, along with art teacher Amy Díaz-Infante and former Hartnell College gallery director Gary Smith. People can vote for a People’s Choice winner, which will be announced in early March.

“As a past participant in the “For the Love of Art” program back in 2013, I gained insight into what it’s like to be an artist from a young age,” said Grace Wodecki of the CAA. “I distinctly remember feeling immensely encouraged through

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## Art Roundup

By **CHRIS COUNTS**

Melissa Smedley — focus on homeless women in Monterey County.

Executive director Corey Madden said the goal of the show, “Courage Within: Women Without Shelter,” is to “help make visible the lives of women who courageously face unspeakable challenges every day.”

The museum is committed to “being a place of belonging for our entire community,” she continued, “so we are especially honored to be part of this important artistic collaboration and proud to present this powerful and remarkable work.”

A mixed-media artist, Salm poured her

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disciplines, having watched each other play different roles in different sports,” Clymo said. “I think that has helped them develop an innate trust in each other.

“This team is super close, and those relationships survived over almost two years when we didn’t get to play basketball together,” he said.

Reschedulings, mostly due to Covid, created a grueling stretch for Stevenson that included nine games in the final 14 days of the regular season. The final three — all home games — are still ahead.

The Pirates host first-place Everett Alvarez at 7 p.m. Saturday, wrap up Mission Division play Monday with a 5:30 p.m. contest against second-place San Benito, and tune up for the playoffs with a non-league game against Pacific Grove at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

The seeding meeting for the playoffs is Wednesday and the 12-team Division 5 tournament will begin Friday, Feb. 18, at a time and location to be determined.

## ■ Full ride to BYU

Evan Johnson, a three-sport athlete at

Stevenson, has accepted a full-ride football scholarship to Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

Johnson, 6-foot-1, 175 pounds, is the reigning Central Coast Section champion in the 100- and 200-meter dashes as a track athlete, and a standout on Stevenson’s playoff-bound basketball team, but his best game is football, a sport in which he caught 35 passes for 746 yards as a senior, scoring 13 touchdowns, and averaging 149.8 yards per game in a seven-game season. All of those statistics led the Pacific Coast Athletic League. He amassed 1,276 receiving yards during his career at Stevenson.

He also played cornerback and was recruited for that position by BYU. Johnson also was recruited by Arizona State, Boston College, Colorado, Vanderbilt, Fresno State and San Jose State.

He earned PCAL All-Santa Lucia Division honors as a junior and senior, and was all-county as a senior.

Johnson’s father, Ron Johnson, was an NFL wide receiver with the Philadelphia Eagles.

The Cougars were 10-3 this fall, including a 31-28 loss to Alabama-Birmingham in the Independence Bowl. BYU will join the Big 12 Conference in the fall of 2023.

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## CELTIC MUSIC IS BACK AT DOWNTOWN PG CHURCH AFTER TWO-YEAR HIATUS

Nearly two years after hosting its last concert, St. Mary's by-the-Sea in the Pacific Grove presents a live show Saturday by fiddler **Alasdair Fraser** and cellist **Natalie Haas**.

A member of the Scottish Traditional Music Hall of

### On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

Fame, Fraser has been called “the Michael Jordan of fiddling,” and you can hear his instrument in a number of popular films, including “Titanic” and “Last of the Mohicans.” Haas, meanwhile, is a gifted young cellist from California. The two have been busy during the pandemic recording a new album, “Syzygy.”

“Over the last 16 years of creating a buzz at festivals and concert halls across the world, they have set the standard for fiddle and cello in traditional music,” **Jackie Pierce** of St. Mary's told *The Pine Cone*. “They continue to thrill audiences internationally with their virtuosic playing, their near-telepathic understanding, and the joyful spontaneity and sheer physical presence of their music.”

The music starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$20 for kids. The church is located at 146 12th St. Those attending the show must provide proof of vaccination. Masks are required. Call (831) 224-3819 for details.

### Music of passion and love

On the eve of Valentine's Day, a trio plays music of passion and love Sunday at the Sand Box in Sand City. The musicians include pianist **Allegra Chapman**, violinist **Mélanie Clapiès** and cellist **Michelle Djoki**, who said the program delves into “what we do for love.”

Included are Beethoven's *Seven Variations on a theme*



Singer and guitarist Taylor Rae (left) plays Sunday at Folkale Winery in Carmel Valley. A Celtic music duo, fiddler Alasdair Fraser and cellist Natalie Haas, perform Saturday at St. Mary's By-the-Sea in Pacific Grove.

from Mozart's *Magic Flute*, Robert Schumann's *Three Romances Opus 94*, Clara Schumann's *Piano Trio in G minor Opus 17* and more.

Besides simply playing their instruments, the musicians will reveal details about the compositions and their composers. “We have all these juicy stories,” Djoki said. “It's a wonderful way to experience the music.”

The concert begins at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$35. The Sand Box is located at 440 Ortiz Ave. For tickets, visit [sandbox-sandcity.com](http://sandbox-sandcity.com).

### Kenny G plays Golden State

Famous for his smooth jazz sound, saxophonist **Kenny**

G plays Thursday at Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

Besides selling more than 75 million records — along with winning a Grammy Award in 1994 for Best Instrumental Composition — the saxman is also an avid golf fan who has played at the AT&T Pebble Pro-Am seven times, and teamed with golf legend Phil Mickelson to win a share of the 2001 title.

The instrumentalist just came out with his first album in six years, “New Standards,” which features all new music inspired by the jazz ballads of the 1950s and 1960s.

The music starts at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$55. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit [goldenstatetheatre.com](http://goldenstatetheatre.com).

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WHETHER VIEWED with joy and excitement or disdain and dread, Valentine's Day has grown over the last 1,500 years from a holiday with murky origins

on the day — without the need for the animal sacrifices demanded by the mid-February pagan celebration that preceded it.

Some restaurants have simply announced they'll be open for that night when they're usually closed, while others have released special menus catering to various levels of splurging.

Pacific's Edge at the Highlands Inn south of Carmel typically serves dinner Wednesday through Sunday, but on Monday, Feb. 14, the restaurant will offer its regular menu for those who want

to linger at tables capitalizing on some of the most spectacular views around, especially at sunset. Service will be available from 5:30 to 9 p.m., and reservations can be made at [opentable.com/r/pacifics-edge-carmel](http://opentable.com/r/pacifics-edge-carmel).

Quail Lodge in Carmel Valley is wooing couples ahead of the holiday with a special \$80-per-person dinner Saturday and Sunday nights, Feb. 12-13, that includes first-course choices of turnip soup, roasted beets, spinach and arugula salad or grilled abalone, and entrée options of rabbit pappardelle, butternut squash risotto, seared white sea bass or charred avocado, with a \$25 upgrade to a prime steak for two available. Dessert selections include pomegranate hibiscus cake, buttermilk panna cotta or chocolate strawberry trifle.

Keeping with the theme, Quail's Cocktail of the Month is the Bésame ("kiss me" in Spanish) — a margarita made with reposado tequila, pomegranate and grapefruit juices, and lemon verbena simple syrup.

For information and reservations, go to [quailodge.com/coveygrill](http://quailodge.com/coveygrill).

### Italian, also

If you know the way to your sweetie's heart is Italian, Il Fornaio in the Pine Inn at Monte Verde and Ocean is offering a Valentine's special through Feb. 17 — so even latecomers can get lucky — for dine in and takeout. Dinner includes crab and vegetable saffron soup, bitter greens and goat cheese salad with strawberries and almonds, and heart-shaped chicken ravioli in pancetta brown butter sage sauce,



New Pacific's Edge executive sous chef Josh Kinzer will have the Highlands Inn restaurant open on Valentine's Day so guests can take in the spectacular views and good food.

roasted salmon with black truffles, and heart-shaped flourless chocolate cake with white chocolate and mixed-berry gelee hearts. Everything can also be had to go for \$85 per person, and wine pairings can be added for a bit more. Go to [ilfornaio.com/event/valentines-2022](http://ilfornaio.com/event/valentines-2022).

Tarpy's on Highway 68 at Canyon del Rey has a three-course menu for \$80 plus tax and tip, with first-course choices of New England clam chowder or compressed watermelon salad with feta and frisée, main-course options of New York steak with sauce Bordelaise or herb-en-

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By MARY SCHLEY

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crusted Alaskan halibut with macadamia nuts and cauliflower purée, and dessert of chocolate mousse cake or New York-style strawberry cheesecake. Guests can add a half-dozen oysters for \$20, too. Visit tarpys.com.

Sister restaurant Rio Grill at the Crossroads will have an \$80 prix fixe, as well, with starters of tomato fennel soup or salad with tequila-cured salmon and burrata, main courses of 12-ounce New York steak or lemon-pepper pappardelle with crawfish, and desserts of blood orange cheesecake or bittersweet smoked chocolate heart. A half-dozen oysters can be added for \$24. For reservations and information, go to riogrill.com.

### What else you can do

Celebrating need not be done at a restaurant, though, since exchanging gifts and enjoying wine are perfectly good options, too.

Stationery restaurant on San Carlos between Fifth and Sixth is offering two themed gift packs — “I Love You” and “I Love You More” — that can be ordered online and picked up Feb. 11-14.

The first option costs \$62 and includes a bottle of rosé champagne, a romantic candle and greeting card, while the second is more splurgy at \$475 and contains those goodies as well as a bottle of 2020 Colline Pescaresi pink wine, a tumbler, two sets of stationery and a Marie-Claire silk scarf. Go to thestationery.com to order.

The Holman Ranch tasting room in Carmel Valley Village has a special tasting in honor of the holiday that was first declared to be a romantic celebration by English poet Geoffrey Chaucer in 1375. For \$28 per person, each guest will enjoy tastes of wine paired with Pinini's cookies. The flight will start with 2016 Jarman sparkling brut rosé with a strawberry linzer cookie, followed by 2017 Heather's Hill pinot noir and strawberry shortbread. Finally, 2017 Three Brothers pinot noir will be complemented by a raspberry linzer cookie. For reservations, go to holmanranch.com.

Not too far down the road at Twisted Roots, owners Josh and Julie Ruiz are continuing their Share the Love Campaign by donating 20 percent of all sales Feb. 11-13 to the Partnership for Children. The organization provides transportation services for kids with life-threatening conditions and their families when they need to see a doctor or get to the hospital, and money raised at Twisted Roots

will go toward gas cards for those families in need. The tasting room at 12 Del Fino Place is open from noon to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. For more information or to order, call (831) 594-8282, email info@twistedroots-vineyard.com or visit twistedrootsvineyard.com.

### Pen me a poem

For other kinds of Valentine's inspired fun, Fisherman's Wharf is decorated with all sorts of hearts, and shops are handing out sweets Feb. 12-14. Written Valentines are common, now, but the oldest one still in existence was a poem sent by Charles, Duke of Orleans, to his wife in 1415, while he was imprisoned in the Tower of London. Inspired wharf visitors might want to try penning their own for the “Heart to Heart Valentine's Photo & Poem Contest,” which is free to enter and calls for a four-line poem and a photo of someone “holding anything with a red heart.” Submit entries to info@montereywharf.com before Feb. 28. Entries should also include a one-sentence photo caption as well as name, address, e-mail and phone number. Winners are eligible for wharf gift certificates and will be notified by March 10. The rules are available at montereywharf.com.

Princess Monterey is selling tickets on its “Love Boat” for a Valentine's Eve cruise around the bay Feb. 13 at 4:30 p.m. that includes sparkling wine and non-alcoholic drinks, hors d'oeuvres, roses and chocolates, and music and dancing. Tickets are \$97 for individuals and \$195 for couples. Find more information at montereywhalewatch-

ing.com.

If giving sweets to the love of your life is simply too good of a tradition to let go, head to Lula's Chocolates in Carmel Plaza or at the Crossroads — or visit the fac-

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## CALENDAR

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**Feb. 12 – “Aloha Nui Loa means I Love You” ~ Baum & Blume's Special Valentine Dinner.** Take your sweetheart on a trip to the islands with a delectable Hawaii-inspired four-course prix-fixe dinner. \$130 per couple. Seatings from 5:30 p.m. Reservations required! (831) 659-0400. Baum & Blume Café, 4 El Caminito, Carmel Valley.

**Feb. 16 – Community Night with the Library program, Local History Lecture Series: Architect M.J. Murphy, Carmel's first and foremost builder with architectural historian, Kent Seavey.** 6:30 p.m. at Harrison Memorial Library, Lincoln St. and Ocean Ave. & Online. Masks required. Register at the website: www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org. Hosted by the Carmel Public Library Foundation. Cost: Free; \$10 suggested Contribution. Questions? afallon@carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org or (831) 624-2811.

**Feb. 21 – A large serving of hilarity tops the menu for nationally acclaimed artist Will Bullas' presentation at the Carmel Woman's Club** at 2 p.m. Titled “Just Add Water, Part Two,” the famed illustrator's latest collection will feature running commentary along with his inimitable portrayals of animals in human roles. The Carmel Woman's Club is at Ninth and San Carlos in Carmel. Reservations not necessary but proof of vaccinations required. A coffee/tea reception in the outdoor patio immediately follows the program. (831) 624-2866 or (831) 594-6200

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shipped in time for the holiday, but the stores and factory are open for business. For hours, products and other details, go to [lulaschocolates.com](http://lulaschocolates.com).

### ■ Sugar Farms open house

Sugar Farms Marketplace, which opened in Carmel Plaza last year, is holding an open house to showcase some of the artisans who sell their work there. The first is set for Feb. 11 from 5 to 8 p.m., with bites provided by The Cheese Shop and wine poured by Hahn. A raffle for various prizes will benefit the Carmel Youth Center. For more information on this and other events, visit [carmelplaza.com/happenings](http://carmelplaza.com/happenings).

### ■ Clean air verified

A handful of restaurants now display signs and stickers showing they are "clean air verified," a program run by a company called Air by Design that installs sensors in key locations to gauge air quality and stream data to the company's headquarters. If any changes need to be made, the restaurant operator is notified, and a dedicated web page for each venue also includes the information in real time and can be accessed via a QR code posted at each location. Modifications to ensure the customers and employees are breathing clean air include the installation of HEPA filters, changes to HVAC systems and other measures, like open windows and doors.

Ideally, the quality of the air inside a restaurant should be the same as outside, according to Dale Byrne, who oversees the Carmel Gives nonprofit and spearheaded the



A pretty strawberry trifle is part of the Valentine's dinner lineup at Quail Lodge in Carmel Valley, where the special menu is available on the weekend.

program, in part by providing grant funds to help pay for it. The program is a subscription service with ongoing fees.

"We are finally putting up the stickers and table toppers for the Clean Air Verified program, which is now called Verified Clean Air," Byrne said this week. "So far, the restaurants are quite excited about it."

Stickers are up at Grasing's, Patisserie Boissiere, Basil, Mission Bistro and Flaherty's, Byrne said.

"I know that about 10 others have been analyzed and sensors installed, and are in the process of being certified with equipment, stickers and table toppers," he said.

### ■ Monterey team adds more partners

The new Monterey Bay Football Club already has Alvarado Street Brewery signed on to provide the new pro soccer league's signature beer and recently announced a partnership with Coastal Roots Hospitality, which owns Tarp's, the Rio Grill and Montrieo.

Coastal Roots will be identified as a "proud partner of the club" and will handle the catering for the soccer stadium's VIP area, the 1st Capital Bank Lounge.

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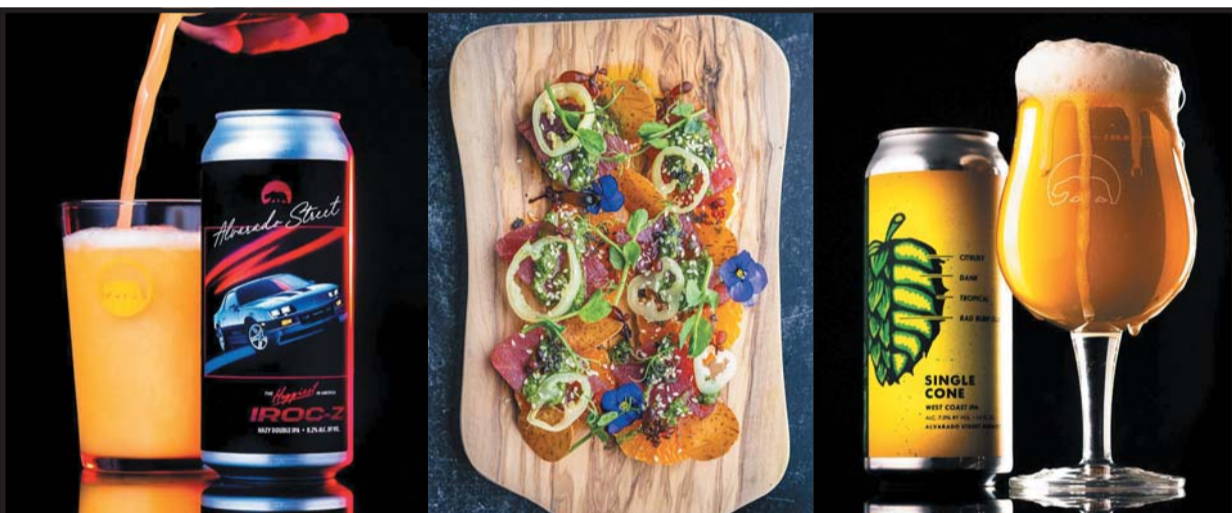
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# MUSIC

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**Bon Ton L'Roy's Lighthouse Smokehouse** in Monterey — **Alligator** (zydeco, Saturday at 7 p.m.) and mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (bluegrass and jazz, Monday at 7 p.m.). 794 Lighthouse Ave.

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

Lincoln and Seventh, (831) 624-3871.

**De Tierra Vineyards tasting room** — singer and guitarist **Alex Lucero** (Sunday at 3 p.m.). Mission and Fifth.

**Folktales Winery** in Carmel Valley — **Two Rivers** (Americana, Friday and Thursday at 2 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Alex Lucero** (Saturday at 2 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Taylor Rae** (Sunday at 11:30 a.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

**Gusto Pasta and Pizza** in Seaside — **Andrea's Fault Duo** with singer **Andrea Carter** and guitarist **Darrin Michell** (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** (jazz, Friday and Saturday at 8:30 p.m., and 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.

**La Playa Hotel** — **The David Morwood Band** with guitarist **Adam Astrup** and bassist **Kurt Fineburg** (jazz, Saturday, Sunday and Monday at 7 p.m.). In Bud's Bar, Camino Real, (800) 582-8900.

**The Links Club** — **Mix Tape** (pop and rock, Friday at 7:30 p.m.). On the first floor of Carmel Plaza at Mission and Ocean.

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

**Midici Pizza** in Monterey — saxophonist **Gary Regina** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St., (831) 264-7013.

**Mission Ranch** — singer and pianist **Maddalaine Edstrom** (jazz and pop, Friday through Sunday at 5 p.m.) and pianist **Gen-**

**nady Loktionov** (jazz, Monday through Thursday at 5 p.m.). 26270 Dolores St.

**Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa** — pianist **Michael Culver** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), pianist **Steve Mann** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist **Gary Meek** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Monday at 6 p.m.) and multi-instrumentalist **Gary Regina** (jazz, Tuesday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row, (831) 646-1700.

**Puma Road at Portola Plaza** in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Linda Arceo** (Friday at 5 p.m.), **Orchid Saloon** (country, jazz and soul, Saturday at 5 p.m.) and singer **Miranda Perl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St., (831) 747-1911.

**Rio Grill** — singer and guitarist **Kevin Pfeffer** (Friday at 5 p.m.) singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (rock and blues, Saturday at noon) and singer and guitarist **Johan Sotelo** (Sunday at noon). In the Crossroads.

**The Salty Seal Pub** in Monterey — **Jon Griffin & The Lightfighters** (rock,

Friday at 8 p.m.), **The Wharf Rats** (rock, Saturday at 8 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.

**The Sardine Factory** in Monterey — singer and multi-instrumentalist **David Conley** (pop and rock, Tuesday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m.). 701 Wave St., (831) 375-3775.

**Sly McFly's** in Monterey — **Johnny Tsunami & The Shoulder Hoppers** (rock, Friday at 9 p.m.), **The Bridget Marie Band** (r&b, rock and funk, Saturday at 9 p.m.), and **The Stingrays** (rock, Sunday at 8:30 p.m.) 700 Cannery Row.

**Tarpy's** in Monterey — singer **Hayley Jane** (rock, Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Scott Slaughter** (Saturday at noon) and singer and guitarist **Kevin Pfeffer** (Sunday at noon). 2999 Highway 68, (831) 647-1444.

**Trailside Cafe** in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Dave "Nomad" Miller** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

**Wild Fish** restaurant in Pacific Grove — **The Lighthouse Jazz Quartet** (Friday, Saturday and Wednesday at 6 p.m.). 545 Lighthouse Ave., (831) 373-8523.



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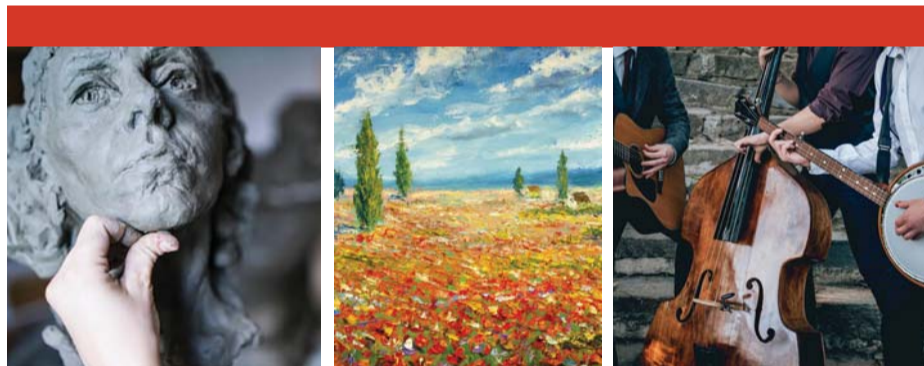
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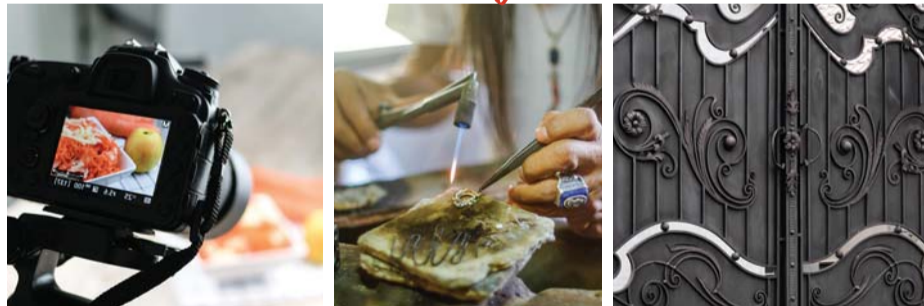
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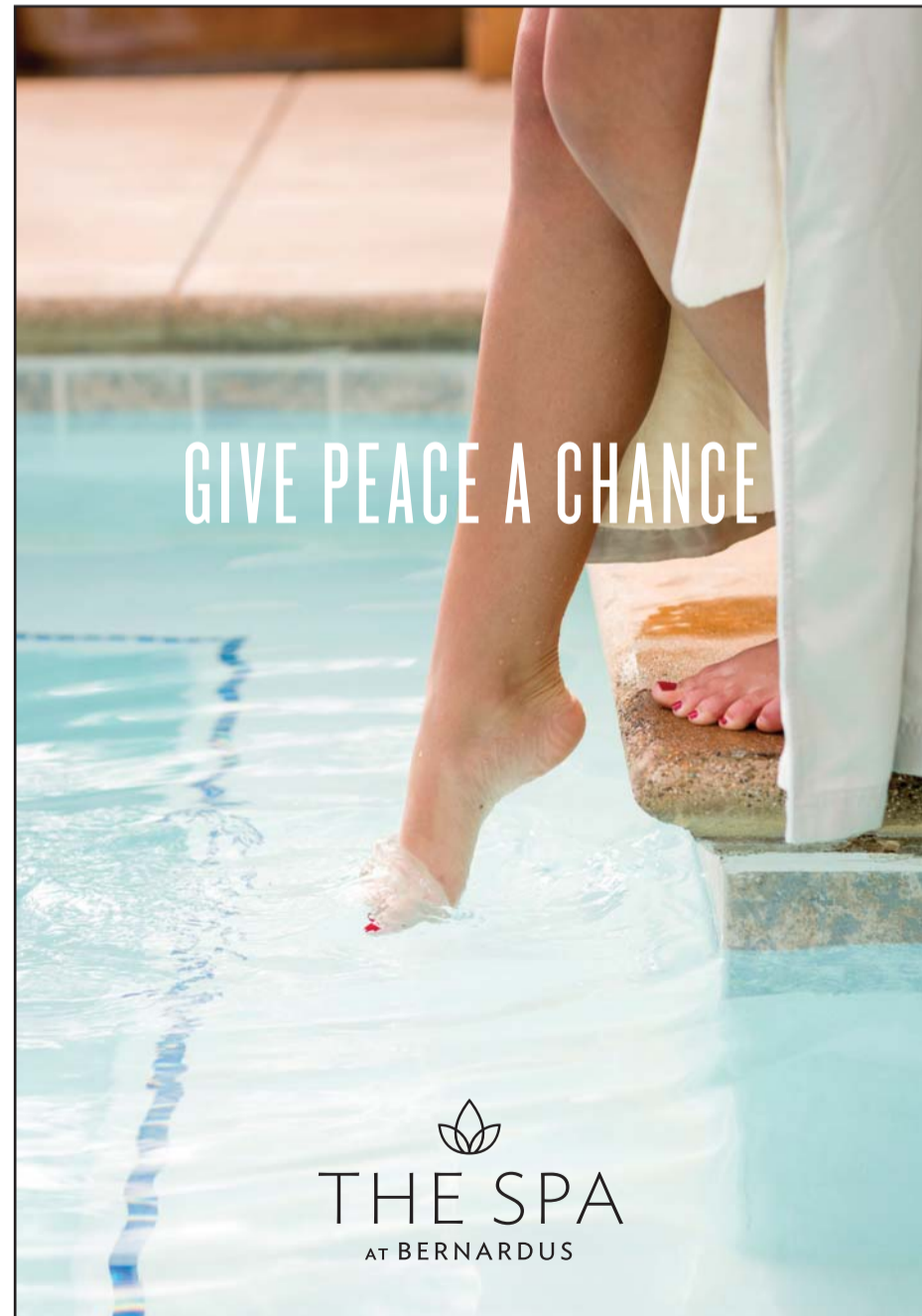
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## Pay attention to the zoning

PEOPLE WHO live near an obsolete, flat-roofed home on Scenic Road not far from Ocean Avenue are in the unfortunate position of trying to lock the barn door after the horse has already bolted.

If you drive by the home, you might not even notice it, so unassuming it is. But its location (just a frisbee toss from Carmel Beach) is so coveted, it sold last year for the lofty sum of \$5.2 million, and along with the land and the minimal development thereon, the sellers obviously also intended to convey to the buyers their right under the Carmel zoning code to build a new home of the standard size for a 4,000-square-foot lot, i.e., two stories which are 18 feet tall and enclose 1,800 square feet of interior floor area (including the garage).

To their credit, the new owners proposed a smaller home than they're entitled to, but one which is nevertheless quite a bit bigger than the shack it will replace. Despite the efforts of the new owners to be courteous and accommodating — the home they're proposing is quite lovely — some of the neighbors have gone crazy over it, including ones who live in large two-story houses.

We won't deal here with the utter hypocrisy — all too common in rule-crazy California — of people protesting when a neighbor tries to accomplish on his property what everybody else is already doing on theirs. Nor will we bring up the important principle that if a public resource (i.e., a view) is to be created or protected, the expense of doing so should be borne by everybody, not foisted on some poor landowner just because he tries to build after his neighbors, comfortable in their expensive homes, have decided they would like to have what rightfully belongs to him.

Instead, we will remind everybody that the time to start thinking about what might happen in your neighborhoods is long before somebody up the street files for a building permit.

Look around you. Is there an undeveloped or under-developed parcel next door? Might an important neighborhood resource — a view, trees, whatever — be diminished if somebody nearby gets ambitious about building on their land or adding on to their existing home?

Become familiar with the general plan designation and zoning rules for every piece of land you care about. Ask yourself how you might feel if ALL of that land is developed to the maximum allowed by zoning, because you have to assume that, sooner or later, it's going to be.

And if you don't like the potential consequences, get in touch with city hall to inquire about having the zoning changed. Don't wait until the permit application you're going to be upset about has already been filed.

Not only is it unfair to your neighbors for them to suddenly discover you care about their property long after they've gone to the expense of getting ready to wade through the permit process, it's also probably going to be an exercise in futility to fight them at the last minute.

For the people who live near Scenic and Ocean, this warning comes too late. But for some of you, it's probably coming just in time.

## BEST of BATES



**“For the party, let’s have live music and then invite the neighbors so they won’t complain.”**

## Letters to the Editor

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### ‘Support the children’

**Dear Editor,**

The Carmel Unified School District is entrusted with our children for 12 years of their lives. The goal is to enable them to develop healthy spirits, minds and bodies. The school is also the source of lifelong community spirit and pride. The district can best achieve its goal and community benefits by improving and expanding learning experiences.

A new state law that changes class start time to 8:30 a.m. and the early sunsets of the winter months make installation of lights vitally important for all outdoor activities. A few months ago, while driving by the middle school around 5 p.m., under an overcast winter sky, I had difficulty seeing the children on the field. It must have been difficult for them to see. Lights are also needed at the middle school.

Let's analyze what is involved. Activities that attract spectators, such as football,

will not increase in number. By way of example, football, on average has five home games a year. The time of the same number of games would probably change from Saturday afternoon to Friday evening. If that were so, the entire weekend would be available for other family activities. However, lights, in addition to enabling the district to better serve the children and the community, would allow flexibility. Activities could still be scheduled for Saturdays.

Support the children and the community. Install the lights.

**George Brehmer, Carmel Valley**

### Verizon tower needed

**Dear Editor,**

I would like to urge the City of Carmel and the community to reconsider the Verizon tower. We should all learn from the recent Big Sur fire, when a small fire met 50 mph winds. Emergency communications are essential to saving lives. Seconds mattered because emergencies don't discriminate.

One carrier cannot save lives! Ask those who lived through the Napa and Paradise fires and other disasters. We recently experienced our own tsunami warnings; many went to mobile devices.

In 2022, many households and families are 100 percent mobile. That is reality, and signals are very weak throughout Carmel. Everyone knows this, regardless of carrier.

Please stop this petty disagreement, wasting money on legal battles and put lives and safety first. It's that simple.

**Dawn Peters, Carmel**

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# Touring America, Peninsula with Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas

HAVE YOU ever considered who you would choose if you could meet with anyone in the world? Past or present? Or, narrow it down to the Monterey Peninsula. Let's say you time traveled back to 1935 and could meet with anyone here at the time. Who would you choose?

In 1935, Gertrude Stein didn't have to travel through time to answer the question. She simply had to travel halfway around the world, from Paris where she had made

1897. Toklas left San Francisco for Europe a few months after the 1906 earthquake. After meeting Stein, she remained in Paris, moving into the Stein home in 1910 and becoming her life partner. The relationship was immortalized in Stein's unforgettable, if misleadingly named, "The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas," published in 1933.

Despite her fame, Stein is not someone I ever read. I was culturally literate enough in high school to know the name, but didn't understand the 1969 recording by the band, Harper's Bizarre, "I Love you, Alice B. Toklas." Stein's persona came to life for me through Kathy Bates' portrayal of her in Woody Allen's "Midnight in Paris" (2011), a romanticized version of Stein's life at the center of the Paris literary and artistic culture of the era, not only among American expats, such as F. Scott Fitzgerald and Ernest Hemingway, but also among some of most influential European artists of interwar period, including Henri Matisse and Pablo Picasso. Picasso even painted her portrait.

## History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

her home since 1903, a few years before Carmel became renowned as a colony of artists and writers.

Gertrude Stein was born near Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1874, but grew up on 10 acres near Oakland, where her family settled when she was 4. Her mother died when she was 14 and, when she was only 17, her father, a successful stockbroker, also died. He left \$30,000 each to his four children.

Stein's oldest brother, Michael, sent her to live with a maternal aunt in Baltimore in 1892. The next year, she enrolled at Radcliffe College. After four years there, she attended Johns Hopkins to pursue a medical degree, a tenuous field for a woman in the 19th century. She left without completion but developed strong attitudes about women making their way in a male-dominated society.

### Parisian life

In 1902, Stein moved to London with her brother Leo. The next year, they moved to Paris, where they shared an apartment and built an impressive art collection. It was there, in 1907, that Stein met Alice B. Toklas.

Toklas was born in San Francisco in 1877, and lived there until her family moved to Seattle in 1890. She studied piano at the University of Washington before her family returned to San Francisco about

### 'Four Saints'

It was Hemingway who persuaded his publisher, Harcourt Brace, to publish her next book, "The Making of Americans." As it turns out, that may have been her first book. It was actually a 1,000-page manuscript she had written in 1917, which had a small Paris printing in 1925 of 500 copies. The stream-of-conscious style story of the fictional Hersland family was largely panned by literary critics. The critiques did little to diminish her cachet. A 416-page edition was released on Feb. 8, 1934, the same day her controversial opera, "Four Saints in 3 Acts," premiered in Hartford, Conn., with a nationwide broadcast over the CBS radio network. Virgil Thompson wrote the music, and Stein the libretto, which, by the way, was in four acts and included 30 saints. It successfully moved to a New York run, despite reviewers calling the lyrics "gibberish." The opera was so successful that Random House rushed out a publication of the libretto for Stein's admiring public.

It was against this backdrop that Stein agreed to a speaking tour of America. "I shall speak only before intelligent literary audiences interested in my serious work," she said. "I spent 40 years learning how to write, and I don't intend to waste time now with people who want me to show off like a queer animal." When Stein and Toklas arrived at the port of New York in October 1934, they were met with a throng of reporters.

Her first lecture was at the Museum of Modern Art. The opening paragraph of the United Press coverage the next morning read: "Gertrude Stein, talked about but least read of American authors, made her initial lecture to her

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Gertrude Stein visiting the Hotel Del Monte in April 1935, during her speaking tour across America. The hotel's public relations manager, Herb Cerwin, is back right.

# FROM A BARRICADE-BUSTING ESCAPE TO AN EASEL IN PEBBLE BEACH

JAN VALTR'S journey of almost 6,000 miles began not with a single step, but with a high-speed crash through two separate barriers dividing communist Czechoslovakia from Germany in 1948.

The Pebble Beach artist, now 83, was 9 years old at the time, staring wide-eyed

had been marked for execution by communist death squads.

"My father was a high-ranking police official," Valtr said. "He very fair, very popular, and when the political upheaval got serious, his friends told him, 'You have to get out now — you're on the death list.'"

Fortunately, part of Bohumil Valtr's job was supervising Czech border guards, which meant he was familiar with the timing of their shift changes. Most of the guards were warming themselves in a barracks when Bohumil blasted through the barriers — one on the Czech side, the other in Germany.

"I remember seeing Czech guards streaming out of the barracks and watching my father swerve around a German soldier holding a 'HALT!' sign," Valtr said.

Deeper into Germany, the Valtrs were stopped by a truckload of armed German police, and Bohumil delivered a terrifying ultimatum: "Take me to the Americans, or shoot me!" he shouted.

They were escorted to American headquarters, where Bohumil Valtr was debriefed. When the U.S. officials discovered he was fluent in Russian, German, Polish and Czech, they inducted him into the counterintelligence corps, the military equivalent of the CIA.

### Warm library

Valtr celebrated his 10th birthday in Germany, and was 11 in 1949, when he and his parents were placed on a military transport ship to America. Valtr, his father, and other male passengers were required to sleep below, in the ship's cargo hold, but after encountering two major storms — one on the English Channel, the other halfway between Ireland and Greenland — they shared the hold with large barrels filled with vomit.

"The stench was unbearable. I finally said, 'Dad, I'm not staying here — I'm going topside,'" Valtr recounted. "He told me to be sure I came back down at night, but I didn't. I snuck into the ship's library, which was warm and carpeted, and slept there."

After two nights in the library, Valtr was discovered by the ship's doctor. They argued. The feisty child

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## Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

from the back seat of the family car, defying frantic orders from his parents to keep out of sight.

"It was very dramatic. And I wasn't on the floorboards — I was looking around to see what was happening," remembered Valtr, who then would survive two ferocious storms crossing the Atlantic, and childhood fistfights with New Yorkers who didn't like immigrants, before migrating with his parents to a new life on the Monterey Peninsula.

How different his life could've been.

Valtr has vivid memories of his family's 3 a.m. race to freedom over ice and snow on a February morning, an exodus to save the life of his father, Bohumil Valtr, who



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Monterey Peninsula Art Foundation co-founder Jan Valtr, wearing a 74-year-old apron, paints in a variety of different styles at his Pebble Beach studio.

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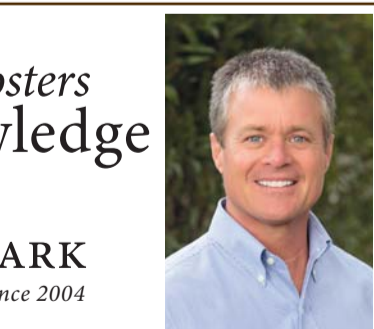
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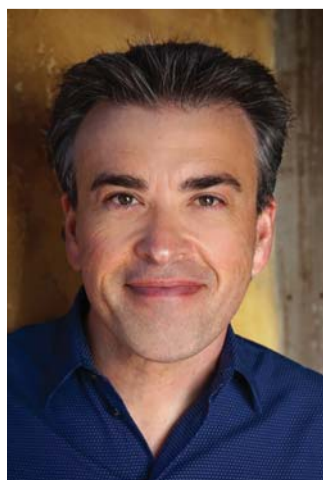
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## ARTIST

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won, and the doctor allowed him to sleep in a comfortable bed in the infirmary for the rest of the trip to New York. The family settled in Queens, and Valtr was enrolled in a public school, where people recognized and nurtured his talent for art.

“My favorite uncle was an academically trained painter who took me with him to the countryside when he painted his landscapes when I was 6 or 7 years old. He even made me a small-scale easel, and gave me a paint box and palette so I could paint with him,” said Valtr, who has a stunning floral still life, which he painted at age 6 (with his uncle’s help), framed on the wall of his Pebble Beach home almost eight decades later.

### Like paradise

During the year they spent in New York, Bohumil worked three jobs, including one as editor of Manhattan’s Czech-language newspaper, where he noticed a U.S. State Department ad seeking Slavic language instructors at the Presidio of Monterey. He sent an application before the ad was published, was hired, and the Valtrs headed west, through driving snowstorms, in a 1940 Chevy.

“We knew nothing about Monterey, but when we drove past Marina, and saw those pristine dunes and the blue ocean, it was the most paradise-like place we’d ever seen,” said Valtr, who attended Pine Avenue School (now Dowd), St. Angela’s School, then Junipero Memorial, before moving on to Monterey Peninsula College.

He enrolled at UC Berkeley to study engineering — his parents’

plan — but gravitated instead toward art, graduated from the California College of Arts and Crafts, earned a master’s from San Francisco State, and embarked upon a 35-year career in education. Valtr taught art, English, history, and other subjects at junior high schools and high schools in Berkeley, Richmond, Oakland, Albany and El Cerrito, and was a visiting lecturer at Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo. He also taught with the Carmel Adult School from 1999-2010.

### Tragedies and rebirth

Valtr and his first wife, Anne, had two children — Jan Jr. and Juliana (Cespedes). Anne worked as a school psychologist and a clinical psychologist, until she died of lung cancer in April of 1999.

His second wife, Evelyn, a teacher and longtime family friend, was widowed in 1996, and married Valtr in 2005. She is also a painter.

Valtr paints with oil, watercolor, and acrylic, creating water-scapes, landscapes, and still lifes (from abstract to realism) in a mostly glass studio at his home. He is a member and past president of the Central Coast Art Association, and his paintings have won several awards (including a Best in Show at the Old Monterey Plein Air Festival) in since 1997.

The Valtrs owned the Valtr Coast Art Studio/Gallery in Carmel, but sold the business after the economy worsened.

Valtr showed his work for several years at Venture Gallery, and became a founding member of the Monterey Peninsula Art Foundation Gallery (425 Cannery Row, Monterey), where he displays his art. See his work online at mpaf.org/jan-valtr.

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countrymen last night, mystifying an audience that thought it just grand anyway.”

As her tour proceeded west, Stein extended their stay in Chicago. For the first two weeks of March, she and Alice lived in the men’s dormitory at the University of Chicago so she could study the American male. In mid-March 1935, she flew from Chicago to Dallas and from Dallas, she landed at Los Angeles on March 29. She gave a lecture at the Pasadena Playhouse on March 31.

From there the pair traveled north by car — an excursion that included a stop in Bakersfield (April 2) where they enjoyed the wildflowers before going to Yosemite National Park (April 5). From Yosemite, they came to the Monterey Peninsula and stayed at Hotel Del Monte for a couple of nights before proceeding north to San Francisco on April 9, for a series of lectures in the San Francisco Bay area.

### Polynesian art

While the ladies had not known each other in their youth, each had visited Hotel Del Monte as a youngster and they wanted to go back. Herb Cerwin, the resort’s always-alert public relations man, invited to host them for lunch, which they accepted. He drove them along 17 Mile Drive, which was as beautiful as they remembered, before going to the dining room at The Lodge. In his memoir, Cerwin said he was surprised that Stein “seemed more impressed” by the colorful Polynesian paintings by Gene

McComas than the view of the 18th Hole and Carmel Bay. It was over lunch that Cerwin posed the question: Who would Stein like to meet while on the Peninsula? Cerwin suggested Robinson Jeffers, John Steinbeck and Lincoln Steffens.

“There’s only one person I want to meet,” replied Stein. “Do you know Harry Leon Wilson? I consider him the greatest exponent of American humor. I understand he lives here.”

### Brief, memorable

Little remembered today, Wilson had been the editor of Puck magazine in the 1890s before publishing his first successful novel, “The Spenders,” in 1902. Several of his popular novels, including “Ruggles of Red Gap” (1915) and “Merton of the Movies” (1922), which he wrote after he moved to Carmel in 1910, were even made into movies.

Wilson built his Ocean House in 1912 in the Carmel Highlands and was still living there in 1935. Cerwin arranged the visit, which stretched into a delightful afternoon.

The national news stories reported that Stein had snubbed the artist colony of Carmel on her brief visit. The Pine Cone assured the colony she hadn’t. Stein visited with Steffens, a man she had known in Paris, before joining him at a dinner party hosted by Noel Sullivan. Stein also visited the Carmelite Monastery — Carmel of Our Lady and Saint Therese. St. Therese, or Teresa of Avila, a 16th-century Carmelite nun, was one of the principal characters in Stein’s “Four Saints” opera. Adding to her interest was the modified Romanesque architecture that

took her heart.

Stein’s 1935 visit to the Monterey Peninsula was brief, but memorable. She and Toklas returned to Paris in May. Her choice of Harry Leon Wilson (1867-1939) as the person she wanted to meet likely comes as a surprise to readers of this column. Today, few are familiar with Wilson or his work, but in the 1920s, Wilson was being compared to Mark Twain as America’s great humorist. I’ll introduce you to him next week.

## C.V. fund gives \$30,000

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE COMMUNITY Fund for Carmel Valley distributed \$29,242 to local nonprofits last month, focusing on projects and programs benefitting those who live and work in the valley, according to the Community Foundation for Monterey County. Ten nonprofits received grants to support their efforts in education, safety, meals for families, youth camp scholarships and other community programs.

The Carmel Valley Angel Project received a \$3,000 grant to support their holiday gift program. Other recipients included the Breast Cancer Assistance Group, Cachagua Fire Protection District, Carmel Valley Art Association, Carmel Valley Community Center, Friends of Cachagua Children’s Center, Jamesburg School, Meals on Wheels, MEarth for camp scholarships, and Hastings Reserve for environmental education.

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# LETTERS

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## 'Shut down and dismissed'

Dear Editor,

It's disappointing that an opinion I expressed about home addresses and mail service in Carmel was met with a reply that, in essence, said, "You knew about this and the reasons behind it when you moved here, so pipe down and live with it."

It's disappointing on a number of levels: (a) it basically represents an "our way or the highway" mentality (the same non-challenging mentality that plagues both major political parties in 2022), (b) it assumes the rationale put forth by Carmel's founders made sense then and continues

# BIRD

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While there are a few dozen snowy plovers that can be found at Carmel River Beach — the number fluctuates — there are a few hundred between Carmel and Zmudowski State Beach to the north, according to ornithologist Carleton Eyster, who has banded and tracked them for decades, and knows as much about the local population as well as anyone.

"I've been studying them for 30 years," Eyster said. "I've banded thousands over the years."

The researcher said the local snowy plover population peaks at around 430 birds in the winter and falls to between 300 and 350 birds in summer. "In the summer, the population is a little bit less because some migrants have left," he explained.

To identify individual birds, researchers place colored bands in unique combinations on the legs of each one, which gives them a stylish look.

"All up and down the West Coast, plovers are being banded," Eyster added. "It's one tool scientists have to track the birds."

### Outreach is essential

Arcilla said she's excited about the volunteer program — and she even signed up herself. She pointed to the success of the docent program at Point Lobos Reserve, and suggested it could be used as a model for other public outreach efforts.

"Letting more people know about snowy plovers and the other amazing birds and wildlife at Carmel River Beach would make a huge difference and help encourage visitors to appreciate the incredible nature that has drawn so many people to Carmel in the first place," she added.

For those who are interested in becoming guardians, send an email to: [volunteer.monterey@parks.ca.gov](mailto:volunteer.monterey@parks.ca.gov).

# AMBULANCE

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family's foundation toward a new ambulance. Rerig was pleased and thought the generous gift might be as much as \$500.

"But I need to do it by the end of the year, and you have to be a nonprofit," Rerig said the man told him. "It's in the amount of \$50,000." And that, Rerig said, was when he almost fell out of his chair.

Rerig reached out to Dale Byrne at Carmel Cares, and Byrne agreed to serve as the nonprofit recipient to pass the funds through to the city.

"It's a wonderful testament to our paramedics, who also provide service outside the village," Rerig said.

And it's a good example of why Rerig expects everyone who works for the city to return phone calls within 24 hours.

# Interfaith group donates \$120K

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

INTERFAITH OUTREACH of Carmel, which raises funds through its Joining Hands Benefit Shop, distributed \$120,000 to 15 nonprofits last month. The fund has grown significantly since the group was founded in 2007, when members of various faith communities banded together to address homelessness on the Monterey Peninsula.

Grant recipients include The Bridge Restoration Ministry, The Carmel Foundation, Catholic Charities, Community Homeless Solutions, Community Human Services, Housing Resource Center of Monterey County, Interim, Inc., Monterey Sober Living for Women, Outreach Unlimited, Inc./I-Help, Pass the Word Ministry, Rancho Cielo, Sun Street Centers, Victory Mission, The Village Project and Salinas First United Methodist Church.

For more about the benefit shop, which is always seeking donations, visit [joininghandsbenefitshops.org](http://joininghandsbenefitshops.org).

to make sense in 2022, and it suggests that the "con" arguments ("citification" and a blight of mailboxes) are inherently more compelling than the "pro" arguments (e.g., police/fire/ambulance efficiency/safety and the delivery of packages in the age of online shopping), and therefore don't warrant debate, and (c) it makes little sense on its face.

The airport analogy was misplaced and ill-conceived, so how about this analogy? My wife and I absolutely love the house we bought in Carmel, but we don't love everything about it, so using the respondent's logic, we should just suck it up and live with the things we don't love about our house, instead of trying to improve those things to make our living experience even better than it already is.

Again, I'm not trying to pick a fight with a neighbor, as we love the whole Carmel experience. But I found the reply disappointing and would hope that a more welcoming attitude would exist so that people seemingly on opposite sides of an issue — who both seem to have Carmel's best interests at heart — could engage in discussion rather than just being shut down and dismissed.

Chuck McKenzie, Carmel

## Coal vs. nuclear danger?

Dear Editor,

Did you know that Americans living near coal-fired power plants are exposed to higher radiation doses than those living near nuclear power plants? This fact was published three decades ago (Oak Ridge National Laboratory Review Vol. 26, No. 3&4, 1993, pp. 24-33), but now is conveniently forgotten.

And what happens to all the non-radioactive stuff like mercury, lead and arsenic that is spewed 24/7 into the air along with tons of carbon dioxide and lung-damaging particulates during operation of a fossil-fueled plant? Those

forever toxic metals end up contaminating our planet's biosphere with no possibility for clean-up.

Nuclear plants are much cleaner, because their toxic stuff can be captured, held for decay or encased in impervious ceramic and stored far underground where it won't harm living things.

Tom Craig, Monterey

## Nuclear and earthquakes

Dear Editor,

Not until reading "Nuclear energy isn't sane" did I realize we have been living on so much borrowed time since the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant began producing electricity nearly 40 years ago.

How lucky we have been that a plant "mistakenly built on or close to six earthquake faults" has not been damaged by the three dozen notable earthquakes California has experienced in that time.

Jeff Kaiser, Pebble Beach

## Time for mandates to go

Dear Editor,

After hearing about Gov. Gavin Newsom's announcement on Monday, I'd like to know what's wrong with removing the mask "mandates" now? They are illegal, unconstitutional, amoral and have caused myriad "unintended" consequences that our children must endure for the rest of their lives, including decreased IQ, arrested development, learning problems and facial recognition difficulties, not to mention staph and strep infections, bronchitis, pneumonia, domestic violence, abuse, depression and suicide.

Newsom must be a weatherman because he knows which way the winds are blowing.

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# The Carmel Pine Cone

# Real Estate



■ This week's cover, located in Carmel,  
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# About the Cover

The Carmel Pine Cone

## Real Estate

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**Lincoln Street, 2 NW of 13th Avenue – \$1,500,000**

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**2704 15th Avenue – \$2,650,000**

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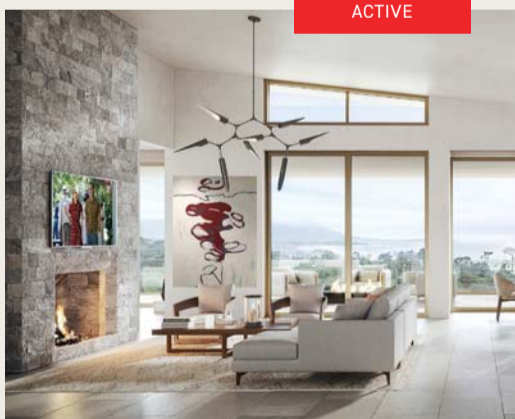
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## Carmel Valley

**54 Hacienda Carmel — \$649,000**  
 Guy and Joanne Boehmer to Molly Ryan  
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**243 Hacienda Carmel — \$890,000**



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**25246 Arriba del Mundo Drive — \$1,435,000**  
 Alessia Di Nemi to Michael and Tania Tkachuk

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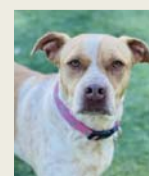
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# The l-o-o-o-n-g and winding road that leads me to your door

SOMETIMES FATE is not only unpredictable, it takes its own sweet time. With the most romantic day of the year just around the corner, ask yourself these questions: How did you find your Valentine? How long did it take? Did it happen quickly? Were you high school sweethearts? Met on a blind date? Introduced by a friend? Or

did you meet accidentally and knew immediately that it wasn't accidental?

There's a story I've heard several times, one I really love, about people who were together when they were young, drifted apart, then met up years later at a school reunion or some social event and reconnected as if none of

those years had gone by. The spark never died, as if some magical, mystical breeze kept the embers aglow, fanning them until the flames came to life again. Movie fodder for sure, but it happens in real life.

Research shows that back in the 1940s marriages between high school sweethearts were common. Not so much today. I knew seven high school girls who married boys two years ahead of them from the same school. All of the marriages lasted until death did them part.

So how do you find someone among 330 million people when you don't even know you're looking for her? The road to my Valentine had more twists and turns than a gerrymandered congressional district. It took decades to

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reach my destination. My journey began more than 2,500 miles from her door.

During my formative years, I never considered leaving my environs. Who would want to give up the humid summers and snow-packed winters of Buffalo, N.Y.? Me, that's who! I doubt she ever thought of leaving the temperate weather and quaint charm of America's last hometown. But some things are predetermined. Fate scheduled an appointment that neither of us knew about yet were destined to keep.

### Fate playing games?

Chairman Mao was right about one thing. Journeys of a thousand miles begin with a single step. My first step took me to Michigan. One of her steps took her to the same state. In 1971, I was selling medical books in Detroit. She was on a theatrical fellowship at Wayne State University's Hilberry Theater.

My job often took me to the university medical center, not far from the theater. Was fate playing games with us? Were we ever in an elevator at the same time? At a coffee shop? Did we attend presentations at the famous Fisher Theater, which had held the world premiers of "Hello Dolly," and "Fiddler on the Roof"? Probably not, but it is fun to speculate. It wasn't time for us to meet.

In 1974, she went to New York City to spend the next

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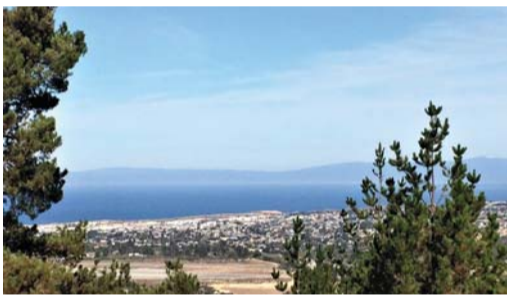
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# POLICE LOG

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## MONDAY, JANUARY 24

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A 40-year-old female was arrested at Ocean and Del Mar for possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia.

The female was cited and released.  
**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fall on city property at Junipero and Sixth.  
**Pacific Grove:** Subject requested a welfare check for her elderly friend on Arkwright Court.  
**Pacific Grove:** New department firearms received.  
**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Tennis bracelet found at Ocean and Junipero and brought to

police department for safekeeping.  
**Pacific Grove:** Subject on Lighthouse was placed on a mental health hold.  
**Pacific Grove:** Hit-and-run collision on Forest. Vehicle was drivable.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

**Carmel Valley:** Deputies responded to a report of subjects trespassing on private property on Cachagua. It was later determined to be a civil matter.  
**Big Sur:** Deputies contacted a property manager over an unlocked residence on Highway 1.  
**Pebble Beach:** Online report of lost jewelry on 17 Mile Drive.  
**Pebble Beach:** Coral Drive resident reported misplacing her valuable necklace.  
**Carmel Valley:** Online report of graffiti along a state highway.  
**Carmel area:** Online report of vandalism on Via Mar Monte.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Vehicle towed from Torres north of Sixth for having expired registration.  
**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Suspicious circumstances on Lincoln south of Seventh.  
**Pacific Grove:** Car stopped on Ocean View Boulevard at 0055 hours for having an altered license plate. The 38-year-old male driver displayed symptoms of intoxication and was subsequently arrested.  
**Pacific Grove:** Dog at large on Seventh Street.  
**Pacific Grove:** A 32-year-old male on Forest was cited for having an outstanding warrant.  
**Pacific Grove:** Restraining order served on Pine Avenue.  
**Carmel area:** Suspicious circumstances on Carmel Rancho Boulevard.  
**Carmel area:** Shoplifting reported at a store at the Crossroads shopping center.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Person reported losing a bicycle in front of his residence on Carmelo south of 10th.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Investigated a non-injury collision on Mission Street.  
**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Towed a vehicle from Junipero south of Sixth per section 22651(l) CVC, being parked in a temporary tow-away zone.  
**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Prowler reported at Mission and Eighth.  
**Pacific Grove:** Catalytic converter theft on Junipero.  
**Pacific Grove:** Battery occurred in the 1200 block of David Avenue. The suspect threw an object at the victim.  
**Pacific Grove:** Dog vs. dog on Quarterdeck Way.  
**Pacific Grove:** Hit-and-run occurred in the 1000 block of Funston Avenue.  
**Pacific Grove:** Fall on public property on Lighthouse.  
**Pacific Grove:** Subject admonished for trespassing on Fountain.  
**Pacific Grove:** A 28-year-old male was arrested on Ocean View Boulevard for a \$25,000 misdemeanor warrant out of San Jose for making terrorist threats.  
**Pacific Grove:** Injury collision on Coral Street.  
**Pacific Grove:** A medical document found on Asilomar Avenue was turned in.  
**Pacific Grove:** Domestic violence arrest on Arkwright Court. The 33-year-old female suspect was transported to county jail.  
**Pacific Grove:** Hostile landlord on 18th Street.  
**Pacific Grove:** Domestic incident in the parking lot by Laurel and Forest.  
**Carmel area:** A transient male was found deceased at the Crossroads.  
**Pebble Beach:** Female reported an unknown subject broke the window of her car and stole two purses containing credit cards and her driver's license.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Investigated a non-injury collision on Ocean Avenue.  
**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Suspicious circumstances on Ocean west of San Carlos.  
**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Traffic stop at Fifth and Junipero at 2317 hours resulted in the

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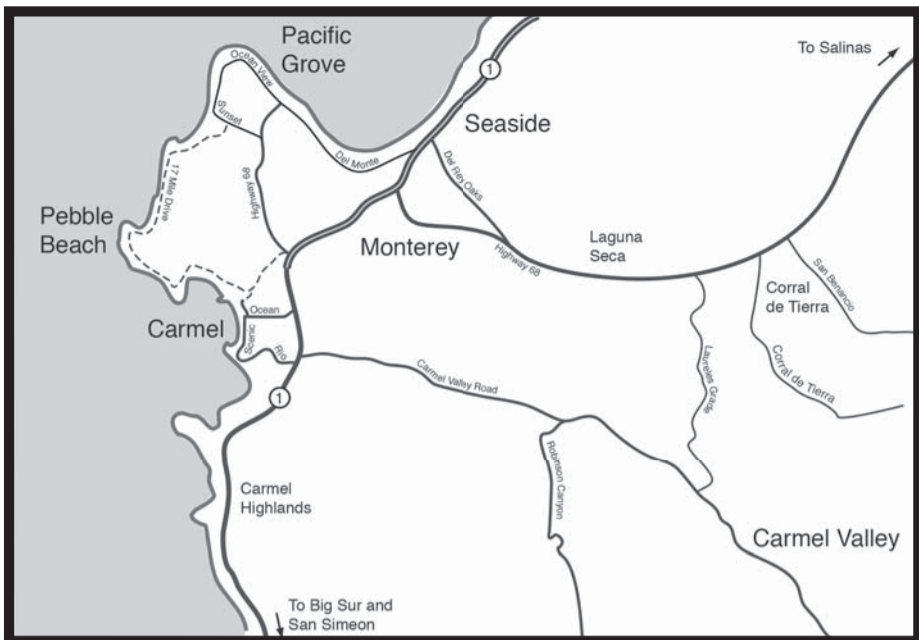
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# CALLS

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and Junipero at 2317 hours resulted in the 40-year-old male driver from Bakersfield being arrested for possession of burglary tools, driving on a suspended license and possession of a controlled substance and paraphernalia, and the passenger, a 52-year-old male from Carmel Valley, being arrested for narcotic sales, possession of burglary tools and carrying a switchblade. Both were transported to Monterey County Jail.

**Pacific Grove:** Driver cited on 14th Street for not obeying posted truck routes.

**Pacific Grove:** Ammunition turned in for destruction.

**Pacific Grove:** Stepfather cited for theft from stepdaughter's bedroom at a residence on 14th Street.

**Carmel area:** Subject wished to report suspicious activity involving drugs on Rancho Alto Drive.

**Carmel area:** Law enforcement responded to a verbal domestic dispute at the Barnyard.

daughter was really upset, and she was afraid for her welfare. Daughter contacted her father shortly after and said she would return home after she "cools down." Daughter advised her father she would not talk with her mother. Mother then requested no further involvement by police.

**Pacific Grove:** At 0312 hours, a 23-year-old female on Lighthouse Avenue was found intoxicated in public and therefore in violation of her probation terms.

**Pacific Grove:** Dead body found at a Gibson residence.

**Pacific Grove:** Subject on an e-bike fell on Sunset.

**Pacific Grove:** Information was given about a restraining order service.

**Pacific Grove:** Laurel Avenue resident reported a window broken with a BB.

**Pacific Grove:** Mutual battery between two subjects at Arkwright Court. Neither desired prosecution. Information report only.

**Pebble Beach:** Mailbox open and mail on the ground on El Bosque Drive.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Received numerous reports of a female screaming and running away from a male at Dolores and Seventh at 0851 hours. Officers responded to the area and contacted both subjects. The investiga-

See SHERIFF next page

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Mother reported her adult daughter left her residence on San Juan Road on foot after an argument. Mother said

# GERVASE

From page 6RE

20 years pursuing her theatrical career. During that time, while performing as a singer and actress, she managed to publish two novels. My job often took me to Manhattan during those years. Was that her in Schrafft's? I'll bet we were in Brentano's at the same time. We could have come face-to-face on the subway and not thought anything of it because it wasn't our time.

We were still miles and years apart when fate decided to speed things up. I moved to Los Angeles in 1988. She returned to Pacific Grove in 1994. My daughter moved from Florida to Monterey at about the same time.

I left LA for the East Bay in 1994. It took about two trips to the Peninsula to visit my daughter to make me realize this is where I wanted to live. That happened in 2001. Sadly, I lost my wife in 2003. Now we had both lost spouses.

I was immediately smitten when I saw her perform in 2005. She was brilliant but far out of reach. I saw myself as the class nerd foolishly enamored with the

prom queen. Four years later we attended the same literary event. I finally mustered enough courage to approach her. She agreed it would be fun to get to know each other. It was, and still is.

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# SHERIFF

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tion determined it was a father who was attempting to contact his daughter who was having a mental health episode. Both parties were counseled and later returned to their hotel room.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Report of a missing card holder with ID in the area of Dolores and Ocean.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Suspicious circumstances at a hotel at San Carlos and Fourth. Information only.

**Pacific Grove:** Officers responded to vehicle rollover collision on Central at 0124 hours. The 33-year-old male driver was arrested for DUI. Driver's car struck a parked vehicle. Both cars were towed from the scene.

**Pacific Grove:** Non-physical domestic incident on Spruce.

**Pacific Grove:** Dispatched after report of theft of motor vehicle parts on Junipero.

**Pacific Grove:** Vandalism on Arkwright.

**Pacific Grove:** Male reported losing his access card on Ocean View Boulevard.

**Pacific Grove:** Fall on public property on Forest.

**Pacific Grove:** Subject on Forest Avenue desired a report for suspicious phone calls. Report taken.

**Pebble Beach:** A resident reported receiving threats over a dog issue while walking on the beach off 17 Mile Drive.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 31

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Male reported losing his iPad somewhere in the area of Lincoln and Ninth. He called back to say he found the computer in his car and he wished to cancel the report.

**Pacific Grove:** Public works found a jacket in Lovers Point park and turned it in to the PGPD lobby. Owner information is unknown.

**Pacific Grove:** Subject admonished for trespassing on Buena Vista.

**Carmel Valley:** Deputies took a report of a missing passport on Rancho San Carlos Road.

**Pacific Grove:** Subject on Montecito placed on mental health hold.

**Pacific Grove:** Deceased person reported on Gibson.

**Pacific Grove:** Noise disturbance on First Street. Subject gone prior to police arrival.

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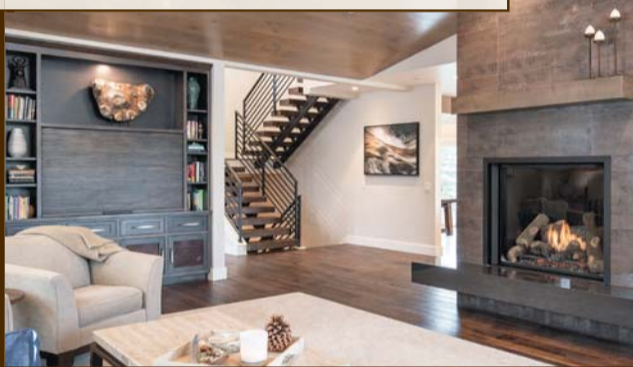


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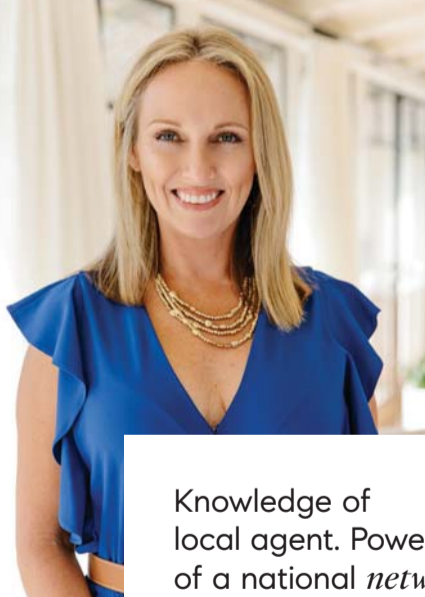
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