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Commission to Pastor: You can't design a building for Carmel unless you're local

By MARY SCHLEY

PATRICE PASTOR'S architects in Monaco and Monterey overhauled plans for The Pit at Dolores and Fifth after the planning commission panned the first design in April 2021, and at a meeting Wednesday night, commissioners sent them back to the drawing board again with requests to make it smaller and break up the buildings on the 16,000-square foot property.

"The designers thought, 'We're going to design a beach-town building,' and they thought of Southern California," commission chair Michael LePage speculated at the end of the two-plus-hour hearing. "Carmel is a unique beach town, and we're not a Southern California

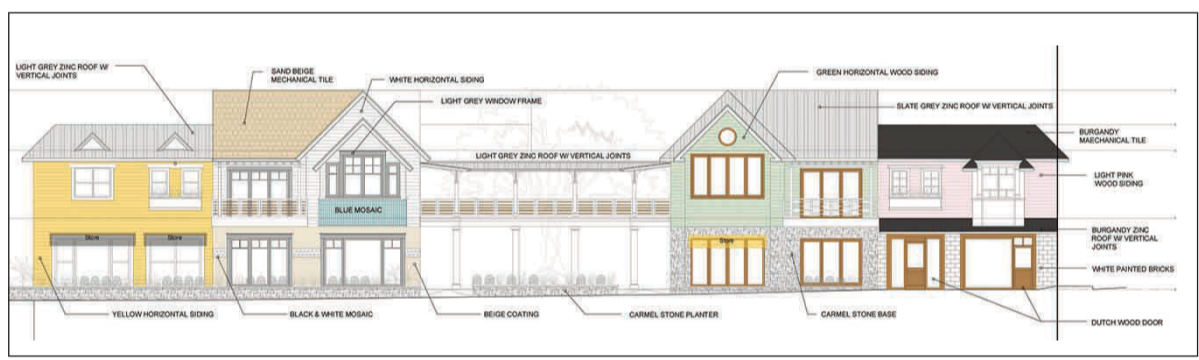
beach town."

The new plans for what Pastor has named Ulrika Plaza call for buildings in a half-dozen architectural styles, some with dormers and one with a mansard roof, incorporating retail space on the ground floor and living space upstairs.

Apartments and stores

The design drawn by architects Wald, Ruhnke & Dost with input from Pastor's Monaco-based design team includes 23,200 square feet of retail and living space spread through the first floor, mezzanine and second

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Drawings provided by architect Henry Ruhnke to the planning commission and the public show the latest iteration of Patrice Pastor's vision for a residential-commercial complex at Dolores and Fifth, but few people at a public hearing this week had anything nice to say about it.

Post office's sudden refusal to accept UPS, FedEx packages causes kerfuffle

By MARY SCHLEY

SEVERAL DAYS after the post office suddenly began refusing packages delivered by FedEx, UPS and other carriers — causing headaches for many residents whose parcels were returned — the postmaster was ordered to begin handling them again, according to a postal service spokesperson.

"We spoke to the postmaster, and she knows to accept all packages," USPS spokeswoman Meiko Patton said Tuesday night. "This mistake has been corrected. All packages will be accepted."

It didn't take long for the "misunderstanding," as Patton described it, to cause a lot of upheaval. Last week, after years of doing the opposite, the post office on Fifth Avenue abruptly began returning packages delivered by other carriers if they didn't have postage to cover the "last mile" efforts of sorting and then distributing them to customers.

Taken for granted

Since most of Carmel-by-the-Sea lacks house numbers, many residents and other PO box holders rely on using the post office for deliveries by other carriers, without making any additional payment to the post office. It's a practice that residents took for granted as they did their online shopping. That is, until workers at the downtown post office began rejecting their packages.

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Artist raising \$\$ to rescue family from Ukraine

By CHRIS COUNTS

A FUNDRAISING effort was launched Tuesday to bring the family of Pacific Grove resident Ruslana Berlinska here from Ukraine.

They, along with millions of their countrymen, find themselves in a desperate situation as Russian forces continue the invasion that began Feb. 24.

Berlinka's family includes her father, Vitaly, her mother, Lubov, and her brother, Seryozha, who suffers from epilepsy and is cared for by his parents. Her parents

recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

"The Berlinskas have tried to evacuate twice to Poland but have not been able to, due to the dangers of shelling," reported a friend, Marina Bleich, who started the crowd-funding campaign at GoFundMe.com. Bleich hopes to raise \$10,000, and after just two days, donations have reached nearly half the amount.

According to Bleich, the family is running out of drinking water, and "the supermarkets run scarce. Only fruit and bread are available, and only between the hours of 8 and 10 a.m."

Despite their frightening circumstances, Berlinska "trusts" her family "can make it out" of the war-torn country "with the help of volunteers, humanitarian aid and faith."

Bleich said the money raised will help Berlinska's family to overcome the hurdles they face in coming here.

"Every contribution will help with her family's travel expenses, visas, food, lodging, clothes, seizure medication, and other amenities," she added. "Remember that they left their home with only a few things that they could carry."

Trying to get to Poland

Berlinksa — who creates seashell art, paintings, sculptures and jewelry — said her family left Kyiv two days ago and is staying in her grandparents' old home in a small town about 100 miles to the south. She said they are seeking transportation west to Lviv, which is about 30 miles from Poland, where they can find temporary refuge.

But Berlinksa said her family faces extreme danger getting there. "The Russians are bombing hospitals, schools, the houses of civilians and any infrastructure" she reported.

Berlinksa is working with the United States Embassy in Poland to bring her family here.

"They're trying to get to Poland so they can get emergency visas," she said. "They have to wait for an

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MIIS professor says half of Russians don't support Putin

By CHRIS COUNTS

WHILE MANY Monterey Peninsula residents can offer compelling perspectives on Russia's horrific attack against Ukraine, few have the credentials of Anna Vassilieva, a professor who leads the Russian Studies Program at the Middlebury Institute for International Studies in downtown Monterey.

Interviewed by Magnus Toren for his Big Sur Podcast (bigsurpodcast.org), Vassilieva offered some insights that might surprise many of us, including how many Russians she believes back Vladimir Putin's military aggression in Ukraine.

"Not all of them support Putin," said Vassilieva, who began teaching at MIIS in 1989. "In fact, half of them do not."



Anna Vassilieva

'Horried' by war's images

The war, which started with Putin's invasion Feb. 24, has so far killed more than 13,000 people and displaced more than 2 million Ukrainians.

A Monterey resident, Vassilieva was born in what was then the Soviet Union to parents who survived the

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Honoring a fallen hero



POOL PHOTO PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF SALINAS

LAW ENFORCEMENT officers from at least 75 agencies paid their respects Thursday to a 30-year-old Salinas police officer who was gunned down Feb. 25. A procession with dozens of police cruisers, SUVs and motorcycles began Thursday morning in Salinas and ended at the rodeo grounds, where a memorial was held for Jorge Alvarado, who was set to be married. His alleged killer, Gustavo Morales, is in custody. Deputies with the Monterey County Sheriff's Office responded to emergency calls in the city so officers from the Salinas Police Department could attend the ceremony.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

A dog's life

THEY'VE NEVER had a winter as nice as this one. In their absence, their home in Buffalo, N.Y., has weathered a really rough season. Meanwhile, for the past 15 years, they've spent the "bleak midwinter" enjoying the clear light and mild climate in Carmel.

No one loved coming here more than Alessio, the couple's Havanese, who liked to dance on his hind legs while Debbie Davis sang "Dancing Queen" at the Cypress Inn. Except for last year, when they couldn't come, due to Covid constraints. Except for last year, after Alessio died.

This year, the couple came with Gracie, a 5-year-old Cavalier King Charles spaniel they adopted through "Furever Friends Dog Rescue of Western New York," which rescues purebred breeder dogs from puppy mills.

"We didn't know how much we were taking on," said Gracie's person. "She'd been in a cage for four years. She knew nothing at all about a dog's life."

It took several months for Gracie to be able to interact with her people, who had to teach her how to eat and drink out of a dish, how to trust, how to walk.

"Gracie walked by pulling herself with her front legs and dragging her back legs. So we massaged her legs," said her person, "and soon, she was walking on



a leash, a mile each way. She'd lost her teeth and much of her fur, but with loving care, she recovered."

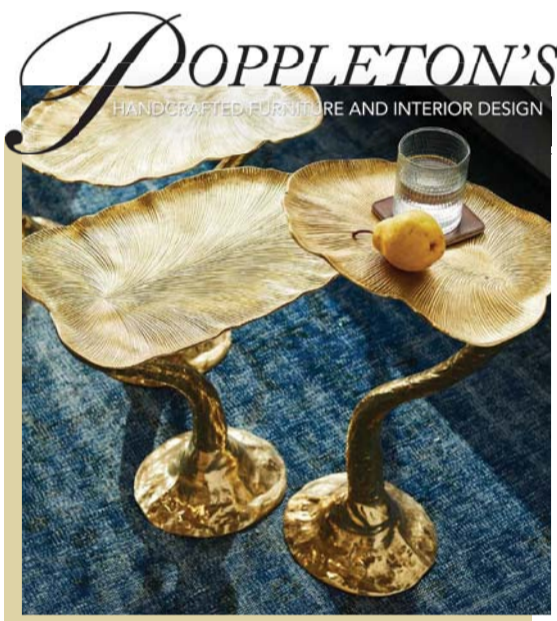
While strolling the streets of Carmel, when Gracie sees other dogs, she sits down in the middle of the road and waits for them to come to her. Then she trusts she can socialize.

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CHS SEEKS HELP WITH SOBER GRAD

Donations sought for fundraising rummage sale

By MARY SCHLEY

EXPERIENCE SHOWS that one of the best ways to make sure kids who are celebrating the end of high school don't kill themselves in a DUI car crash is to throw them a really good graduation party that's supervised, drug and alcohol free, and lasts all night.

Sober Grad Night has been organized and hosted by Carmel High School parents annually for years and relies on donations from the community to ensure no kid is left out. A key fundraiser is the rummage sale staged at Carmel High, and the Padre Parents group is seeking donations from the community for the sale.

Contributions are lagging behind past years, which probably has something to do with the pandemic, Sober Grad co-chair Angolee Bode speculated.

She urged people to search through their belongings for desirable items they might part with for a good cause to sell at the rummage sale (but no furniture, books or electronics). Donations are being accepted

at the performing arts center on the campus at Highway 1 and Ocean Avenue March 30 from 3 to 7 p.m. and March 31-April 1 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The sale takes place April 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bode said monetary donations would also be greatly appreciated and can be made by sending a check to Padre Parents/Sober Grad Night, PO Box 222780, Carmel, CA 93922 or through the PayPal link at carmelunified.org/Domain/296. The donations help ensure the event costs the kids nothing, so everyone can go.

What they get

Sober Grad Night used to take place in the gym, but now the kids — more than 200 from CHS and Carmel Valley High School — spend the night at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk.

"We ensure a drug-free alcohol-free night," Bode said, with not only the entire park and all its rides, but DJs, a hypnotist and other activities to keep the teens entertained.

Chartered buses pick up the graduates at around 9 p.m. at the high school to take them to the boardwalk.

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Adorned in their Padre red wearable blankets, Carmel High graduates last year spent their Sober Grad Night at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk. A fundraising effort is underway to do the same for this year's class.

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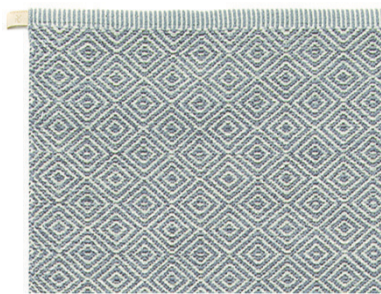
Alvar Aalto Tea/Bar Trolley By Artek Made in Finland

The tea trolley was inspired by British tea culture, which Aino and Alvar Aalto had become acquainted with through their many travels, as well as by the Japanese woodwork and architecture they admired. With a frame composed of two birch lamella loops, Tea Trolley 901 features two shelves and a solid birch handle.



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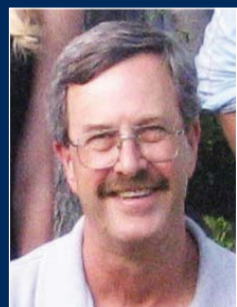
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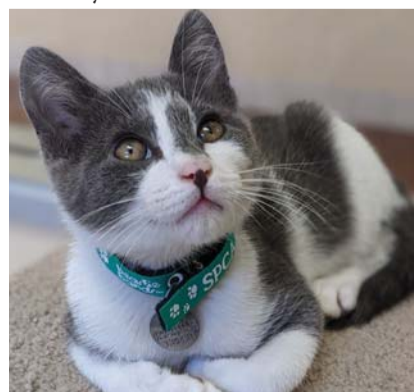
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Police & Sheriff's Log

There were hugs but no drugs

HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office last week. This week's log was compiled by Mary Schley.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Pacific Grove: A 31-year-old male was arrested on 13th Street for resisting arrest, violation of probation, possession of unlawful paraphernalia and obstructing a peace officer.

Pacific Grove: Person's vehicle on Ocean View Boulevard was damaged by another person. Report taken.

Pacific Grove: Fire department damaged a door at a Lighthouse Avenue building while investigating a gas leak.

Pacific Grove: Person on Asilomar reported vandalism.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a report of premeditated drugging at a wedding on Holman Road. The allegation was determined to be unfounded.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found currency on Lincoln Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Search warrant executed in San Jose.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A card holder was reported lost.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Graffiti found in Piccadilly Park bathroom by a Carmel Cares volunteer. Cleaned up.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop at Carpenter and Second for vehicle code violations led to a drug arrest involving an 18-year-old male.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury accident on Dolores Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report taken for a found cell phone on Lincoln Street.

Pacific Grove: Verbal disturbance on Spruce.

Pacific Grove: Report of harassment on Pine.

Pacific Grove: Non-injury accident on David Avenue.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost iPad reported at Del Mar.

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The gavel falls

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

Feb. 22 — Gonzalo and Jose Echevarria were arraigned for the murders of Jesus Villa and Karina Vargas which occurred on Feb. 5, 2022.

In 2019, a judge in Monterey County sentenced Gonzalo to five years and eight months in state prison for committing two separate felony crimes for the benefit of a criminal street gang. He also had a strike prior. However, under CDCR's application of Prop 57, CDCR decided to parole Gonzalo after he served only two years of this sentence, over the objection of the Monterey County District Attorney's Office.

According to District Attorney Jeannine Pacioni, "This tragic murder might have been avoided except for an unthinking, soft-on-crime attitude by our California executive branch and legislature. When a gang member goes to prison and gets out years early and kills two innocent people, unfortunately it is not only unsurprising and outrageous, but it also clearly demonstrates we are on the wrong path in California. This is not something our local police, courts, and prosecutors can fix. The people of this state must act."

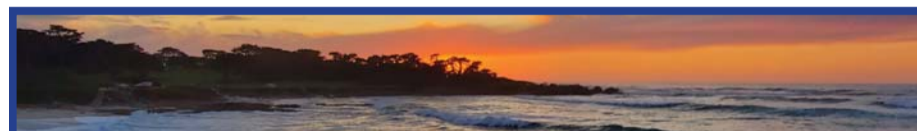
The next day, she added these comments:

"When I said yesterday that these tragic murders might have been avoided except for an unthinking, soft-on-crime attitude by our California executive branch and CDCR, I was correct. CDCR said yesterday that 'according to California law, Echeverria was eligible for day-for-day 50 percent credits.'

"What CDCR meant was they changed the law themselves, pursuant to direction from the governor in his 2020-21 budget summary, to give inmates with strike priors the same credits as inmates without them. Before the change, CDCR inmates with strike priors earned only 33 percent conduct credits. Therefore, CDCR unilaterally and without public input changed the sentences defendants serve under the three strikes law. They also created additional ways for inmates to obtain an early release.

"Why did they do this? According to CDCR, these changes would "benefit our criminal justice system and communities by continuing to create incentives and opportunities for inmates to positively program. In addition, these incentives will improve in-

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MAN ARRESTED FOR VANDALIZING CARS HE THOUGHT WERE FOLLOWING HIM

By MARY SCHLEY

A 29-YEAR-OLD man who appeared to be high on drugs vandalized three cars early Tuesday morning because “he got mad at his dad and thought these cars he vandalized were following him,” Carmel Police Cmdr. Jeff Watkins said this week, after officers arrested Jose Saldivar.

In an odd chain of events, Saldivar walked into the police station early the morning of March 8 in search of a way to charge his cell phone but was turned away, according to Watkins. A couple of hours later, a passerby reported seeing a small fire burning underneath a car parked in front of Dametra restaurant on Ocean Avenue.

“It also had a knife stuck in the tire, and the gas cap was off,” he said. Officers responded to that call at around 5:20 a.m., and the fire was extinguished, but they couldn’t locate the owner of the car.

Back for more

Several hours later, shortly before 10:45 a.m., two people reported their car windows had been smashed. Their vehicles had also been parked in the area of

Lincoln, Ocean and Sixth.

“And then that guy — the same guy — came back into the station,” Watkins said, and at that point, Saldivar appeared to be high on some kind of narcotic, likely methamphetamine.

While talking to police, he showed “a couple of pictures on his phone of some vehicles that have busted windows,” Watkins said. “So, we thought this was definitely our guy.”

Officers arrested Saldivar, and “as soon as we told him we wanted the pics, he tried to delete them,” he continued.

That amounted to destruction of evidence, and police confiscated Saldivar’s phone before taking him to Monterey County Jail on charges of felony vandalism and misdemeanor destruction of evidence, resisting arrest and using narcotics. His address is listed as being on Trinity Avenue in Seaside, but Watkins said he told police he’s been living in town.

“We’re still in the process of trying to get the paperwork to search the phone to get the evidence,” he added. “We haven’t charged him with the arson yet, because that’s still being investigated.”

P.G. boy dies from drug overdose

By KELLY NIX

A PACIFIC Grove teenager died last weekend from a possible overdose of fentanyl, the super potent drug that officials say is a growing problem in Monterey County.

The boy, who died March 6 at his home, was a student at Community High, Pacific Grove Unified School District’s alternative high school. Officers with the Pacific Grove Police Department tried to revive the teen, whose identity was not disclosed, but were unsuccessful.

“The time of death and how the juvenile ingested the narcotics are still under investigation by the coroner’s office,” police spokeswoman Jocelyn Francis told The Pine Cone.

Though it’s possible the teen died from an overdose of fentanyl, a synthetic opioid, toxicology tests will confirm the cause of death.

Dr. Casey Grover, with Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, said

hospitalizations due to fentanyl use are on the rise in Monterey County.

“Overdoses on fentanyl are increasing across all age groups,” Grover told The Pine Cone. “Deaths from fentanyl have increased 12 times since 2015.”

Grover said illicit drugs, including methamphetamine, cocaine, pills, cannabis and heroin, “may be contaminated with fentanyl.”

However, he said most young people ingest fentanyl by taking pills that contain the drug. Sold on the street, the bogus pills are made to resemble a variety of prescription medications, including Xanax, Percocet, Adderall and oxycodone. Kids swallow, snort or smoke them and may not even realize they contain fentanyl.

Grover said it’s important to understand the drug’s potency.

“The amount of fentanyl that would fit in a sugar packet [4 grams] is enough to provide 40,000 therapeutic doses of

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ENDLESS REMODEL AT SAN ANTONIO AND OCEAN HITS ANOTHER WALL

By MARY SCHLEY

A HOME remodel cursed by lawsuits, bad investments and other gremlins since it was approved in 2016 took another blow this week, when the planning commission unanimously voted against the owner's request to increase the height of part of the rebuild that's already underway. The decision means the owners will have to tear out the work or ask the city council to overturn the commission's decision.

The prominent property at the northeast corner of San Antonio and Ocean contained a large old stone house bought by a group of investors with plans to overhaul it. Because it was a foot taller than the current codes allow, they applied for a remodel that was approved in 2016 with the existing nonconforming height of 19 feet allowed to remain. Construction began, but financial problems and legal infighting among the investors led them to abandon the project, and the property languished for years until it was sold to an LLC called Le

Chiffre Holdings in 2020.

Architect Adam Jeselnick applied for reissuance of the expired permits, with some modifications, and the planning commission approved them in February 2021. Five months later, the city issued the building permit, and construction resumed.

Inches

And then the neighbor to the east, Hataitip Rangthong, sent a letter to the city saying the house was being built higher than what was shown in the approved plans. It turned out the construction drawings submitted to the city showed a greater height than what the commission had approved, but the planning department failed to notice the discrepancy and issued the building permit.

Rangthong first complained about the roofline, and the builders subsequently ordered a new beam and lowered it. She subsequently pointed out that the height at the northwest corner of the house also exceeded what was approved in the plans and was blocking her view.

An engineer for the city found it was 11 inches taller than it was supposed to be, while a representative of the owners at the March 9 meeting said the disparity was just over 7 inches.

At the planning commission hearing, due to vagaries in the code about how height is measured, principal planner Marnie Waffle suggested the commission could approve the increase because it would have only negligible impacts on the eastern neighbor's views.

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Work at this prominent house at Ocean and San Antonio stopped for years amid legal battles, and it was sold in this state in 2020.

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SUPES REJECT ZONING CHANGE, PREVENT HOUSE FROM BEING BUILT IN HIGHLANDS

By CHRIS COUNTS

A MAN who wants to build a home on his Carmel Highlands property asked the Monterey County Board of Supervisors to change the zoning on his land, but was denied by a 3-2 vote Tuesday.

James G. Collins has sued the county twice over its resistance to his plans, and after the vote, District 2 Supervisor John Phillips predicted that more legal action would follow. The next day, Collins' architect, Rob Carver, told The Pine Cone a lawsuit is coming.

The 21-acre property at 83 Mount Devon Road was once part of a larger property owned by the Monterey County

Foundation, which blanketed it with a scenic easement in 1967. The same year, a plaque was placed on the land honoring the late Maj. Charles F. De Amaral Jr., a one-time local who was killed in Vietnam in 1965 while piloting a helicopter. As a result, the property has come to be known as the De Amaral Preserve.

No more scenic easement

But according to a court ruling last year, a subsequent owner did away with the scenic easement. Collins bought the land in 1994, and 20 years later, started seeking permission to build a home. In 2017, the county planning commission denied a request to rezone the land, and the county

board of supervisors did the same the following year.

While Collins has the same property rights as any other owner, he wants the property rezoned to explicitly allow him to build a home. At this week's hearing, Carver urged supervisors to approve the change.

"Right now, the parcel is unbuildable," Carver said. "The easement was legally terminated. We'd like to be able to use the property."

Before the vote, Phillips — who along with Supervisor Chris Lopez supported rezoning the land — said it was a choice of approving the new zoning or buying the land.

"I don't think we've treated this man fairly," Phillips said. "If we deny this, all he can do [with the land] is raise butterflies. If you feel that strongly, buy the property from him and turn it into a preserve — all he wants to build is one house."

But 5th District Supervisor Mary Adams, along with supervisors Wendy Root Askew and Luis Alejo stood firm against making the zoning change. Adams said she believes the county "is on solid ground to reject" the rezoning application — which she suggested "is the right thing to do."

Is decision a taking?

On Thursday, Carver told The Pine Cone the supervisors' decision "clearly constitutes a taking" under the Fifth Amendment, and he confirmed Collins plans to sue. He said the zoning change is necessary because the existing zoning doesn't identify building housing as a use.

Also on Thursday, a group called the De Amaral Family & Citizens for Responsible Development in Carmel Highlands issued a statement saying "the grantor's intent" for the property was for it to be "open space" as a tribute to De Amaral.



A Carmel Highlands property that has long been the subject of a land use debate is also the site of a memorial to a fallen Vietnam War veteran, Maj. Charles F. De Amaral, Jr.

County healthcare, pension costs to cause big deficits, official says

By KELLY NIX

MONTEREY COUNTY will face a general fund deficit of more than \$26 million by 2025, thanks mostly to rising public employee wages and skyrocketing pension and healthcare costs, the county's budget director told elected officials Tuesday.

Ezequiel Vega presented to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors a financial forecast, which evaluates the fiscal condition of the county for the current fiscal year and three forecast years.

The good news, Vega said, is that the county's general fund is expected to have a positive fund balance of \$2.7 million by the end of the year. He said the positive balance resulted from "good financial policies" and "financial management of many departments."

Challenges

However, Vega also had some good news, pointing to increases in property tax and hotel tax revenues, as tourists flocked to coastal communities during the last year and real estate values rose sharply on the Monterey Peninsula.

"Property taxes have been surprisingly strong amid the pandemic pressures," he said.

However, Vega talked about "potential challenges" starting in fiscal year 2022-2023, when he predicts an \$18.2 million deficit, which is expected to increase to \$21.3 million in 2023-2024 and \$26.4 million by 2024-2025.

"The forecast reflects deficits primarily due to rising wages resulting from approved labor agreements, higher contributions going toward paying down CalPERS' large unfunded pension liabilities and increases in the general liability insurance program and workers compensation," Vega said in a report presented to the supervisors.

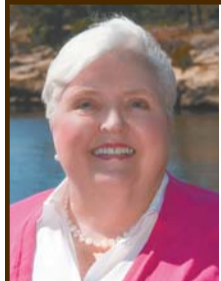
Vega called the costs "ongoing pressures" for the county, with the biggest budget gremlin being pension expenses, which continue to rise.

In the fiscal year ending in 2016, for instance, the county paid \$35.7 million in pension costs. At the end of this fiscal year, the county estimates it will pay \$68 million for the same thing.

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PACIFIC GROVE RESIDENTS OPPOSE COUNCIL PAY HIKE, HEALTHCARE

By KELLY NIX

PACIFIC GROVE City Council members last week again decided to postpone voting on giving themselves a raise and health benefits after receiving a very chilly reception from P.G. residents on the proposals.

On March 2, the council was expected to vote to increase their monthly stipend and offer themselves health benefits, which are expected to cost taxpayers \$178,000 the first year and increase annually. Raising just the stipend, which some council members refer to as a “salary,” would cost taxpayers about \$23,000 every year.

But after getting an earful from numerous Pacific Grove citizens — nearly all of whom were opposed to a council pay hike and healthcare benefits — the council voted 4-3 to postpone voting on the idea until after a April 12 special election asking voters to boost the city’s sales tax by a half cent.

Citizens who addressed the council at the March 2 meeting weren’t pleased with the idea of paying council members more money and offering health benefits.

How to justify?

Resident Andy Kubica said the city can’t afford to repair and upgrade its roads, sidewalks, crosswalks, city community center and Chautauqua Hall, and that a pay raise and health benefits for council members would chew into a good portion of any revenue generated by the tax measure, which is supposed to fund those things.

“If we are short of money, how could we afford taking 17.8 percent of the new sales tax revenue and giving it to the council, versus doing the repairs we need to do in the city?” Kubica said.

Ann Wheelus said she supports a pay hike but that offering healthcare benefits to

city council members when part-time city workers are not offered such benefits is a “slap in the face” to those city employees. She also reiterated Kubica’s point regarding the sales tax measure.

“If we are asking for more money in the form of a sales tax, I can’t see how we could justify loading up on health insurance and salaries at this time,” Wheelus said.

A citizen who opposed a raise and health benefits said that while he appreciates council members’ service to the community, the “city council should spend their time on making the city more efficient, not more expensive.”

Several other citizens spoke out against the proposed pay hike and health benefits for council members, citing, among other things, the city’s already high cost of pension obligation payments to CalPERS every year.

‘Not unreasonable’

Council members Nick Smith, Amy Tomlinson, Chaps Poduri and Jenny McAdams voted for revisiting the topic after the April election, while Mayor Bill Peake and councilmen Luke Coletti and Joe Amelio voted against it.

McAdams, who has led the charge for a stipend increase and health benefits, said she “understands” that council salaries or stipends are not intended to “support our households.” But, she said “it’s not unreasonable to offer a salary that will cover caregiving costs, fairly compensate for time and expertise needed, and also offers equitable access to health insurance.”

The topic of “caregiving” was a repeated theme in McAdams’ pitch to sell the stipend increase idea to her council colleagues.

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Lawsuit: Former police chief, wife pressured employee to swing

By KELLY NIX

SWINGERS PARTIES, drugs and sexting are the subjects of a sordid new lawsuit that alleges, among other things, that a former top cop in Monterey County and his wife tried to entice an employee to engage in a sexual relationship with them.

In a civil complaint filed in Monterey County Superior Court Feb. 25, Kevin Lawrence said he suffered sexual harassment while he worked for Edible Management, Lowell Farms and several other cannabis-related companies he says were interconnected.

Much of Lawrence's complaint focuses on alleged efforts by former Salinas Police Chief Kelly McMillin and his wife, who is only referred in the complaint as Mrs. McMillin, to lure him into a sexual relationship. McMillin, 58, is chief compliance officer for cannabis business Lowell Farms and was one of Lawrence's supervisors,

the suit alleges.

Lawrence "was subjected to severe and pervasive sexual harassment, both hostile work environment and quid pro quo as a result of unwanted sexual advances and other discriminatory conduct," according to the complaint filed for him by San Diego attorney Dan Gilleon. Lawrence also said he suffered severe sexual abuse as a child.

Sex, drugs and booze

About a month after his June 5, 2020, hiring, Lawrence alleges he attended a "raunchy work party" at McMillin's house in Salinas. It was there he claims McMillin's wife "made sexual advances toward him and his wife," "including fondling herself" while talking about her "breasts, genitalia and sexual desires."

At another soiree at the McMillins' house in May 2021, Lawrence said the couple "revealed to Lawrence that they were active swingers and urged Lawrence

to join them sometime soon, and to bring his wife, too."

After that, Lawrence and McMillin's wife traded dozens of messages, including many that "described the McMillins' collective swinging activities while underscoring" that Kelly McMillin "approved of his wife recruiting Lawrence [and Mrs. Lawrence] as sex partners," the suit says. One of the photos the McMillins sent him, he claims, depicted McMillin giving his wife oral sex.

But Lawrence said that McMillin was also very concerned about how Lawrence's wife felt about the idea of him having sex with Mrs. McMillin, saying if "she doesn't know and finds out," that she could get upset and "call us out," which McMillin said could be a "risk" to Lawrence's "job."

McMillin's wife proposed they have sex on a day in June 2021. Amid "growing concerns that Lawrence had been trapped in a situation" by McMillin, "who was now expressly threatening his employment," he agreed to meet them. He also sent Mrs. McMillin a photo of his genitals, at her request.

The next day, Lawrence alleges Mrs. McMillin sent Lawrence a "more aggressive" message from her husband telling Lawrence that he did not "want to have to discipline the guy" who was going to have sex with his wife.

"Stunned by McMillin's second, less thinly veiled threat, Lawrence hearkened back to the pedophiles of his past, authority figures who warned him not to tell — or else," according to Lawrence's lawsuit.

Lawrence said the McMillins also sent him videos depicting the couple having sex with different people in Las Vegas, with Mrs. McMillin describing one of the photos as, "My man getting after it with his little hottie and her hubs."

A representative with Lowell Farms gave The Pine Cone a statement in response to the complaint.

"Mr. Kevin Lawrence held a brief

position as Lowell Farms' chief revenue officer in 2021," Lowell Farms said. "The company is in receipt of his complaint; and although it will not comment on specifics, they strongly dispute his portrayal of events and look forward to defending the company with ample corroborating material and testimony."

Failed to warn

In the days following, Lawrence said he did not reply to Mrs. McMillin's messages, which prompted McMillin to "voice his displeasure" at him for "not paying better attention" to his wife.

"She's upset that you aren't responding to her," Lawrence said McMillin told him. "When she gets upset, I get upset."

Lawrence said he "lacked the capacity" to tell the McMillins he wasn't interested in having sex with them and that he agreed to the erotic texting "because he felt he had no choice," considering McMillin was his supervisor.

Nevertheless, he broke off the June sex date.

Pebble Beach Food & Wine cofounder Rob Weakley is also mentioned as a defendant. Weakley, a cofounder of cannabis company Indus Holdings, which became Lowell Farms in March 2021, was also Lawrence's supervisor, Lawrence says. Weakley hosted a party at his house on April 28, 2021, in which Lawrence said another male supervisor, Kevin McGrath, who was "nude and heavily impaired," climbed into bed with him.

Lawrence alleges Weakley is liable for hosting the party at his house because he "negligently failed to warn or protect Lawrence" from the sexual harassment.

Besides Lowell Farms and Edible Management, the other cannabis-related companies named as defendants are Indus Holdings, Cypress Manufacturing Company and Wellness Innovation Group. Mrs.

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Be nice

Rather than having a courtyard at the center of the complex with palm trees growing up through it, the revised plans include a plaza accessible from Dolores. While the square footage is the same as the previously approved plans, its profile is lower in several sections, according to drawings Henry Ruhnke presented at the March 9 meeting.

Associate planner Evan Kort asked

the commission for feedback on the overall concept, along with issues like colors, roofing materials, the courtyard and the architectural styles.

Before the public weighed in, planning director Brandon Swanson asked people to be constructive in their feedback, rather than just saying they hate the design.

"This is a really, really important project, it's really prominent, so I understand there's a lot of passion behind the comments," he said. "Keep the comments civil and constructive."

Ruhnke reiterated the site is challenging, since it was abandoned mid-construction, and said the design team "made a radical change to the site plan," in response to the feedback from last year's meeting.

"I know the owner of the project really loved the original design, but after a lot of thought and a lot of consideration, we really went back to the drawing board and started over," he said. "And as a result, I think we've got a better project that is responsive to many of the concerns and comments made by the planning commission and the public."

Ruhnke said the design team in Monaco "would like some feedback," since the architect there came up with the new exterior Pastor "feels comfortable with and likes very much."

"We did provide some other ideas, and this is where the project has landed," he continued, "which is another reason we felt it was important to get before the planning commission."

The city received some supportive letters. Chery McCarty said the current design mostly reflects "traditional Carmel style," though she suggested changes, including getting rid of the mansard roof and pink paint on the corner and adding more board and batten and Carmel stone, and Lindamarie Rosier said she preferred Pastor's first proposal and that the city should be grateful "he did not walk away from the project" after last year's meeting.

Conversely, Alissandra Dramov wrote that the new design "is too ordinary and is a stylistic mishmash reminiscent of an outlet shopping mall," and former planning commissioner Don Goodhue said it is "the antithesis" of Carmel charm and called it "a large, monolithic U-shaped complex."

'Illegal size'

Former councilwoman Victoria Beach sent a three-page letter outlining ways the project fails to meet the code and design guidelines, from the building sizes and forms to the interblock walkway connecting it to the Lincoln Lane complex to the west, and former city administrator Doug

Schmitz sent a five-page missive decrying many aspects of Pastor's proposal.

Former planning commissioner Ian Martin said it was "with a great deal of regret" that he had to list the ways the proposal still fails to comply. "I'll focus on the illegal size of the proposed building," he said, disagreeing with Kort's interpretation that the three buildings separated by solid walls satisfy the requirement that large sites be developed with independent buildings no larger than 10,000 square feet apiece. "It's clear this design is way too big," he said, and it fails to reflect the "small scale" of Carmel and the "human scale quality that is so critical to our community's character."

Might sue

Joe Motta, whose grandparents owned the Serra Building on San Carlos south of Fifth, said the new project would block views from the apartments there. Motta, an attorney who runs the family trust, insinuated he would sue if the project is approved. "To block the view completely that we had is going to force me to do things that I don't want to do," he said.

Several speakers complained the complex would be too large, and Susan Bjerre said it "looks like something that belongs in Orange County or Miami," while Cindy Lloyd worried about the impacts on the Carmel Art Association next door.

Representing the Carmel Residents Association, Francyne Laney commented that Dolores and Fifth is one of the busiest intersections in town and deserves "a better design."

Resident and historic resources board member Karyl Hall said she was representing nearly 600 residents and visitors who want new construction in Carmel to be "traditional in design," which Pastor had strived for with the Mediterranean and Tudor styles he proposed the first time around.

She suggested incorporating board and batten, Carmel stone and smaller, paned windows. She also allowed that both versions are better than architect Erik Dyar's modern design the commission unanimously approved for Leidig and Draper.

Hall said the city is fortunate Pastor didn't just give up after the planning commission panned his first proposal, "leaving us staring at a hole in the ground."

"Let's not encourage him to do just that in the future," she said.

Commissioner Robert Delves remarked that his objections a year ago focused not on the Tudor and Mediterranean appearance,

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but the size and scale.

He chastened Pastor and his team against assuming that just because the previous owners had a 23,200-square-foot development approved doesn't mean they'll get the same.

"This is too big," he said. "This is one building, in my opinion — it's not three and it's not six."

The Monaco filter

Delves also said the project couldn't be designed by someone who's unfamiliar with the "urban fabric" of Carmel. "It looks like something that someone in Monaco felt looks beachy," he said.

Commissioner Stephanie Locke said she'd prefer more natural materials and more variety along each street front. She also said the interblock walkway seems more like a back alley than something that's "intriguing or inviting."

"When I saw the picture of the current project on the front page of The Pine Cone, I thought, 'Aha! That's progress,'" Locke said. "But when I got into plans and details, I realized not all the things the planning commission had discussed last year were there."

Commissioner Christopher Bolton was dismissive. "I feel it's one large building, I'd like to see it broken up, and I'd like to see the scale reduced dramatically," he said. "We need somebody to actually understand Carmel prior to submitting a

design. This design is not appropriate for our town, it's too massive."

Listing numerous issues with the proposal was "not worth any of our time," he said before suggesting the architects ditch their plans for a U-shaped building surrounding an "awkward" courtyard "that leads to nowhere."

Commissioner Gail Lehman sympathized with Ruhnke for having to work with a team overseas. "When you get too many chefs in the kitchen stirring the same pot, you're going to have some bad results, and unfortunately this is what's happening," she said.

The complex's location in the service-commercial district means it should contain larger retail spaces to accommodate a hardware store, a coffee shop, a market and other businesses geared toward locals rather than tourists.

"The people who are inputting in Monaco don't seem to understand Carmel and what Carmel is about," she said.

Finally, LePage acknowledged Pastor and Ruhnke's "big effort here to bring something else back to us."

"There's an opportunity here for a really good project," he said, suggesting the architects work to better reflect the styles, colors and more diminutive scale of Carmel.

Swanson thanked everyone for participating in the discussion and for "keeping it cordial."

"I also want to thank the applicant's team," he said. "They clearly did put in a sincere effort from the last meeting, so I think that needs to be noticed and commended."



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When she saw this rendering on the front page of The Pine Cone, commissioner Stephanie Locke said her initial impression was that a lot of progress had been made on the design to replace The Pit. But she said Wednesday she found the details lacking.



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A parody of the Roaring '20s, 'The Drowsy Chaperone' opens March 17 at CHS

By CHRIS COUNTS

FOR ITS annual spring musical, which opens next Thursday, Carmel High School is turning the clock back a century to the Roaring '20s, when Americans famously celebrated a booming post-war economy with little thought for how long the prosperity might last.

A cast of 16 students, along with 14 student-musicians, presents "The Drowsy Chaperone," a parody of American musical comedies of the 1920s.

"It's a hilarious homage to the Jazz Age musicals of the 1920s and the fans who love them so much," director, choreographer and costume designer Gracie Balistreri told The Pine Cone. "With plenty of flappers, gangsters, tap dancing, tangoing and even roller skating, there's something for everyone to enjoy."

Everybody in the cast will have a chance to

step into the spotlight.

"The wonderful thing about show is that it's really an ensemble piece," she explained. "Nearly ever performer has their own solo."

The show will also feature a live orchestra led by conductor Brian Handley.

Based on a book by Bob Martin and Don McKellar, with music and lyrics by Lisa Lambert and Greg Morrison, "The Drowsy Chaperone" opened on Broadway in 2006. The musical won five Tony Awards, including one Beth Leavel earned for Best Performance by a Leading Actress in a Musical.

The musical opens March 17, and continues March 18-20 and March 24-26. All shows start at 7 p.m. except the matinee on May 20, which begins at 2 p.m.

Carmel High is located at 3600 Ocean Ave. For tickets, which are \$10 for students and children, and \$15 for adults, visit carmelunified.org.



A cast of 16 students perform in "The Drowsy Chaperone," which opens Thursday at Carmel High School. The musical continues through March 26.



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- 6. Lighting Design:** Layering task and ambient lighting is a trick of the trade, for a talented designer. This allows a home owner to highlight their most cherished items, focus visitors on what is amazing about their home and downplay utilitarian spaces. Remember that great lighting is not the presence of light, but the strategic absence



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Eric Wynkoop is a designer with a Master's degree in Architecture, and is the owner and Design Director of Wynkoop Design Company (Residential Architecture) and Wynkoop Architecture (Commercial Architecture.)

City seeks seven to help shape policy

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CITY council will soon need to appoint seven people to serve on four boards and commissions, and city administrator Chip Rerig is urging community members to apply. The job doesn't pay, but it's critical to the operations and progress of the city.

"I can't say enough about the importance of the boards and commissions," he said. "These are the hardworking volunteers who implement the council's policy vision, which is, of course, informed by the community."

On the planning commission, the most powerful city board, two people are seeing their terms come to an end: chair Michael LePage and commissioner Gail Lehman. Planning commissioners serve four-year terms and implement the general plan and other city codes pertaining to residential and commercial development, and weigh in on capital projects, home remodels, new construction, commercial projects and other issues. One of the big jobs on the commission's horizon is updating the zoning code and residential design guidelines with the help of a consulting firm.

While other boards allow people living outside the city limits but within the "sphere of influences" to serve, the planning commission, like the city council, must be made up entirely of residents.

The Harrison Memorial Library Board

of Trustees has two vacancies: John Krisher and Phillip Pardue. The library board makes decisions about the libraries' business, budgets, purchases, programs and property.

On the historic resources board, which reviews buildings for potential historical significance, weighs in on remodels and demolitions involving historic resources, and develops related policies, member Jordan Chroman and chair Erik Dyar are seeing their four-year terms expire.

And Michael Caddell's four-year term on the forest and beach commission is coming to an end. That commission makes policy decisions regarding the forest, parks and beach, reviews tree pruning and removals on private lands, levies penalties against those who damage or cut down public or private trees without permission, and publicizes issues affecting the city's trees and beach.

Monthly meetings

Those whose terms are ending can reapply if they want to — as can anyone else who lives in or near the city and is interested in the job. All the commissions and boards hold regular monthly meetings.

To apply for appointment to a board or commission, find more information at ci.carmel.ca.us. Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, with candidates interviewed by the mayor and vice mayor later in the month.

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RUSSIA

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siege of Stalingrad from 1941 to 1944, where as many as 1.5 million people died. Vassilieva told Toren she is “horrificed” by the images she has seen of the ongoing crisis in Ukraine.

“The fear of war and the resentment of war are in my genetic memory,” Vassilieva said. “I’m also a mother of two adult sons, and when I got the New York Times last Saturday, I saw a snowy field and the body of a Russian soldier on the front page — maybe an 18-year-old conscript — covered by snow next to his tank.”

‘Worried about family, friends

While Vassilieva has family in Russia and she is “very concerned about their well-being,” she is particularly worried about “my liberal colleagues who are not supporting the war, who are losing their jobs, and who are being hunted by the state for not supporting Putin’s war.”

Vassilieva said the war has put many of Russia’s people in an impossible situation. She described “talented,

brilliant, well-educated” Russians “who have dedicated their lives to a better understanding” and are now stuck in the country and thinking, “What are our Western friends thinking of us?” and “How can we maintain our integrity and values in this chaos?”

Like many, Vassilieva believes Putin is serious when he makes threats, including using nuclear weapons.

“I’ve taught several courses on Putin, and students analyzed his speeches,” she said. “I always said Putin is easy to predict because he does what he says. He’s been saying NATO and Ukraine is the red line. He acted in 2008 when he showed what was happening in Georgia was unacceptable — he’s been saying ‘red line, red line, red line,’ and we have not been listening.”

Yet Vassilieva conceded she didn’t believe he would launch a military invasion. “I was the one who said he would never invade Ukraine,” she said.

Vassilieva suggested Putin is desperate, and she said her “gut reaction” is that he’s acting “irrationally.”

“We are dealing with an isolated man who sits on the largest number of nuclear weapons on earth,” she warned. “We may provoke him.”

But she believes peace is possible. She suggested something like the Marshall Plan might be implemented, with “Russia paying reparations for all its destruction,” and the European Union “investing in rebuilding” the country. But she suggested Ukraine wouldn’t be part of NATO in such a compromise.

“The issue is the neutral status of Ukraine — I think

that would be acceptable to Putin,” she said. “But [peace] has to come soon before more people are killed and before Putin is desperate enough to do something that is difficult to express in words,” she said.

‘We need to remain human’

When confronting what’s happening in Ukraine, Vassilieva urged people to “uphold the spirit of humanity.”

“We need to remain human,” she added. “If we lose that, we become victims of mass media and whatever is on TV screens.”

She also encouraged people to keep an open mind because human nature is so complex. “Politicians don’t like that so much because it’s more convenient for us to live in a black-and-white world,” she said. “We can remain scholars and human beings, and not allow ourselves to be the camp of ‘you are with us or against us.’”

Vassilieva urged those in the media to play a constructive role in bringing about peace. “I just hope the media takes a sober and somber approach, and not a gleeful one that celebrates suffering, violence and more weapons,” she said.

The objective of those who are trying to stop the war should be to push for at least a pause in the fighting so talks can happen, Vassilieva suggested.

“I’m appalled that so much energy goes into condemning,” said Vassilieva, who urged leaders to “take all that energy and put it into negotiating a cease-fire.” “How do we resolve this ... so it never happens again?”

Top P.G. official resigns, cites ‘privileged’ city

By KELLY NIX

PACIFIC GROVE’S community development director announced this week she will be resigning the position she’s held for less than a year at the end of next month.

In a March 9 letter to Pacific Grove city manager Ben Harvey, Alyson Hunter, who was hired by the city in July 2018 as a planner before being named development director in May 2021, said her last day would be April 22 “to allow for a smooth transition within the department.”

“I’d like to express my sincere gratitude to you for your confidence in me and your support while I was in this position and throughout my time with the city,” Hunter told Harvey. “You’ve been a great manager and mentor.”

However, Hunter also knocked what she claimed was the “current practice of frequent and aggressive questioning of our professional credibility,” which was “extremely detrimental to workplace morale.”

‘New, diverse citizenry’


She did not say who was responsible for the alleged behavior or respond to a message from The Pine Cone Thursday asking her to elaborate.

Hunter also took a swipe at Pacific Grove and its residents, saying she hopes that “elected and appointed” officials can help “make it a wonderful, vibrant town not only for the privileged, but also to a new, diverse and energetic citizenry.”


Hunter — who lives in Pacific Grove and earns \$142,663 in pay and benefits — also did not say whether she planned to relocate from P.G. to the City of Marina, where she’s accepted a job as a senior planner.


“I’m looking forward to working in a community that has desire to grow,” she said of her new gig.

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Joy Phillips O'Rourke

Joy Phillips O'Rourke passed away on January 24, 2022, surrounded by family at home. She is survived by her loving husband of 56 years, Larry O'Rourke, Carmel Valley, CA; son Ryan O'Rourke and Darlene, Seattle, WA; daughter Paula O'Rourke and Matt Calderone, Bethesda, MD; daughter Alina O'Rourke, Carmel Valley, CA; and son Sambath Chung and Rachel, Germantown, MD; seven wonderful grandchildren; and her brother Roland S. Phillips and Pamela, Reisterstown, MD.

Joy was born in Baltimore, MD and spent many years living in Washington, DC. She and Larry moved to California in 1997 and found their "forever home" in Carmel Valley in 2009. Joy loved traveling the world, learning new languages, and hosting foreign students. She had a soft spot for animals and was always caring for her beloved cats and dogs. Joy's passions included Democratic politics, attending symphonies, shopping for a deal and spending time with her family.

A Celebration of Life will be held 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 26 in Carmel Valley. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Peace of Mind Dog Rescue: www.peaceofminddogrescue.org



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Clayton Alan Hilbert

Clayton Alan Hilbert, 76, passed away peacefully at home in Carmel, Ca. on February 23, 2022, with his wife Janet near his side. He was a lifetime resident of the Monterey Peninsula, born April 22, 1945. He attended Carmel elementary schools as well as Carmel High School, where he graduated in 1963.

Clay's parents were Dorothy (Benson) Hilbert and Harry Clayton Hilbert. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Janet; son, David (Denise); grandson Hayden (Samantha); granddaughter Aubry; and an older brother, Harrison Hilbert, of Pocatello, Idaho.

During his high school years, Clay was taught by his father how to make the delicious ice cream that his father's creamery on Ocean Avenue in Carmel was known for serving. Clay became known for his love of ice cream. Entering the Navy in 1966, Clay served two years aboard the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk, in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War, and was awarded two Bronze Stars. He returned to the Peninsula to work at a variety of jobs, ranging from carpentry to industrial welding. He could repair almost anything.

Clay enjoyed meeting and conversing with people. He had a wonderful sense of humor, often making people laugh under stressful circumstances. He enjoyed gardening and once had a south-facing fence of his residence covered in well-manicured roses, a joyful welcoming each spring. (They are probably just starting to bloom now.)

Clay will be remembered as a kind person who was always available to lend a helping hand to friends and neighbors.

May Clay rest in peace, freed from failing health that hindered him in the final years of his life.

In lieu of flowers, donations to honor Clay may be made to:

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Carmel Gate to be closed Monday-Wednesday

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE GATE leading into Del Monte Forest via San Antonio Avenue will be closed to inbound traffic March 14-16 for construction, though cars leaving Pebble Beach will not be affected, according to executive vice president Aaron Flink.

The closure will start at 6 a.m. Monday and run through 8 p.m. Wednesday, and is necessary while work crews make improvements to the gatehouse that include new cabinetry, paint, floors and infrastructure.

"In conjunction with the City of Carmel, we will install signage indicating the closure and redirecting traffic to the Highway 1 gate," he added.



Kami Kathleen Huston 2/26/66 - 3/1/22

Kami died gently, yet unexpectedly, at home on March 1st, 2022, with her life-partner Derek at her side.

Kami was born in Walnut Creek, CA to Keith and Kathryn Huston (Rayne) but by the age of 3 her family relocated to Carmel-by-the-Sea, where she was raised. Growing up in Carmel provided many outdoor adventures at the beach and special family day trips down the coast, one of Kami's favorite events, even into adulthood. A lover of animals, Kami was a member of 4-H, raising sheep and keeping a horse.

Attending Carmel River, Carmel Middle and Carmel High Schools, Kami's further studies led her to become an accomplished professional hair stylist, with many faithful clients who would claim "Kami is the best!" She worked at Totally You and Bellagio salons in Carmel before moving to Cobb Mountain, CA where she owned her own salon, Bella Luna, for a time. Moving to Cobb allowed Kami to continue her childhood love of horsemanship and she was able to keep horses on their large family property. With the voice of an angel, she was often called upon to sing at celebrations, including the opening Star Spangled Banner at Carmel Valley Rancher's Days. Kami's zest for life was evident; she loved riding, singing, dancing, swimming, boating, animals, cooking, travel and any outdoor time in the sunshine! Her family and friends will miss her wonderful sense of humor, caring heart, sparkling blue eyes and quick smile.

Kami's greatest pride in life came from her two sons, Sterling (wife, Chloe) and Carson Deshong, whom she is survived by; along with Derek Vogel; her mother Kate Rayne; siblings Kevin (Marilyn), Kit (Claire), and Krissy Huston, many nieces and nephews and a granddaughter Iris Rae Deshong. She is preceded in death by her loving father Keith Huston, and ever-caring stepfather Clive Rayne.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled for 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 12th at Rancho De La Fuente, 2290 Soda Bay Road, Lakeport, CA

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Panetta says Ukrainian citizens should find refuge in U.S.

By KELLY NIX

DEMOCRATIC REP. Jimmy Panetta, who has long been an advocate for immigrants crossing the southern border, said he also supports taking in Ukrainian refugees whose lives have been uprooted by Russia's invasion.

Panetta told The Pine Cone Thursday that, like most Americans, he wants to help the people of Ukraine as they "endure this horrific attack" by Russian President Vladimir Putin. He also said he supports "any opportunity for them to seek refuge in the United States under our existing laws."

Panetta, who lives in Carmel Valley, explained that Ukrainian refugees can apply to get temporary status to stay here.

"Under the existing laws of our nation, people from war-torn countries are allowed the opportunity to apply to temporarily stay in the United States," Panetta said.

"Ukrainian citizens in America are able to apply for and receive temporary protected status due to the ongoing armed conflict in their country."

On Wednesday, Panetta said he advocated and voted to pass bills authorizing \$13.6 billion humanitarian and defense aid to Ukraine and a ban on all Russian fossil fuel imports to the United States.

The Ukraine Supplemental Aid package, included in the 2022 appropriations bill, provides \$4 billion to address the "dire humanitarian needs of refugees fleeing or displaced in Ukraine, and \$6.5 billion for intelligence support and equipment transfers to Ukraine."

The Suspending Energy Imports from Russia Act, which also passed Wednesday in Congress, prohibits fossil fuel imports from Russia and takes steps to suspend Russia's World Trade Organization participation.

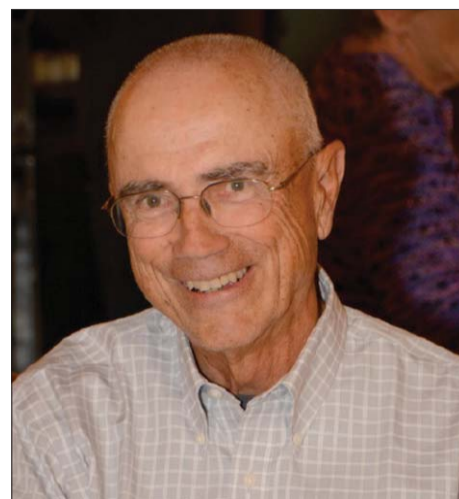
DAVID HAAN GROLL

2/5/41 to 2/24/22

Pacific Grove

After a long and full life, David passed away on 2/24/22 at age 81 from lymphoma.

David was born to Nellie Haan Groll and Otto Carley Groll in Norwood, Massachusetts and raised in South Walpole. He graduated from Walpole High School and Clark University in Worcester, MA. Fiat Lux (Let There Be Light), the Clark University motto, was a guiding principle for David. He seemed to take his studies in finance at Clark seriously, second only to mastering ping pong, darts and pool!



Accepting his first job offer in California, David arrived from New England via Route 66 in his silver and black Corvette. Reporting home to his mother, he wrote, "I'm living on Easy Street" which, in fact, was true since his new Mountain View apartment was on Easy Street. But it took some time for him to adapt to being on Easy Street, still preferring to use a pair of socks for driving gloves!

David's financial responsibilities increased as he rose through the ranks during the growth years of tech giants Raytheon, Varian Associates and United Technologies. Along the way to ultimately becoming Controller at the Chemical Systems Division at United Technologies, he earned an MBA at Santa Clara University.

After retiring at age 55, David and Betty lived in Geneva, Switzerland (1998-2000) and Nuka'alofa, Kingdom of Tonga (2003-2006) for Betty's work. David really loved these years of being retired while Betty was still working!

Home has been Pacific Grove since 2007, where David's idea of fun was preparing taxes for seniors through the Alliance on Aging. He reveled in the numbers, but he mostly enjoyed the extraordinary life stories of the people he was helping.

He loved being active, particularly hiking and golfing, until very recently. And though David was anything but boastful, he was very proud of his hole-in-one!

David was a good friend to many and he had wonderful friends at home and around the world. He truly never met a stranger in his life and thrived on getting to know people from all walks of life. He kept in touch with everyone and could be counted on to pull a tattered piece of paper out of his ancient wallet with a smudged address and telephone number of someone he knew in an area they were visiting. Of course, David preferred the surprise visit!

Wherever David was, or whatever he was doing, from golfing to initiating his favorite hand-slap game with Botswanan children, his genuine kindness, curiosity about the world, and infectious laugh shone through, along with the twinkle in his eyes.

Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches have taken David around the world. He was a stickler for meal time and Betty somehow managed to produce a PB&J out of their day pack precisely at noon whether they were on the back of a donkey cart bumping through a Mongolian stream or atop a skyscraper in Basel. David would even share his sandwich if he thought you were hungry too.

He and Betty almost met their goal of visiting 100 countries. David was equally comfortable in the presence of the King of Tonga or sitting in a corrugated tin building that was a make-shift Bhutanese "movie house."

David is survived by his wife and travel companion of 41 years, Betty Leach Crowder; his brother, Donald "Jake" Groll of Middlebury, Vermont; and sisters-in-law Nancy Leach Majors of Oklahoma (Bill) and Helen Leach Sauer of Tennessee (Chuck Heffner) and brother-in-law Jerry Leach of Virginia (Marianne), and their daughters' families.

He is also survived by his 'adopted' Tongan family: Sione and Vai Tuanisila and their 4 kids (one of whom is named David Groll, Jr.!) and his 'adopted' Ugandan family, Deo and Scovia Nalusafu and their children.

The family sends a huge thank you to Dr. Ranjana Advani at Stanford Cancer Center and to her compassionate and responsive team. She was more than David's doctor; she was his cheerleader. Since 2008, she pulled miracles out of her hat time and again for David, ensuring that he could continue to enjoy a rich and rewarding life for many years. Sincere thanks also go to Dr. Michael Wang at MD Anderson in Houston and to everyone at the Pacific Cancer Care and Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula and Forest Hills Manor.

David will be sorely missed by all who loved and admired his gentle compassion for everyone. He will be remembered as one of the good guys!

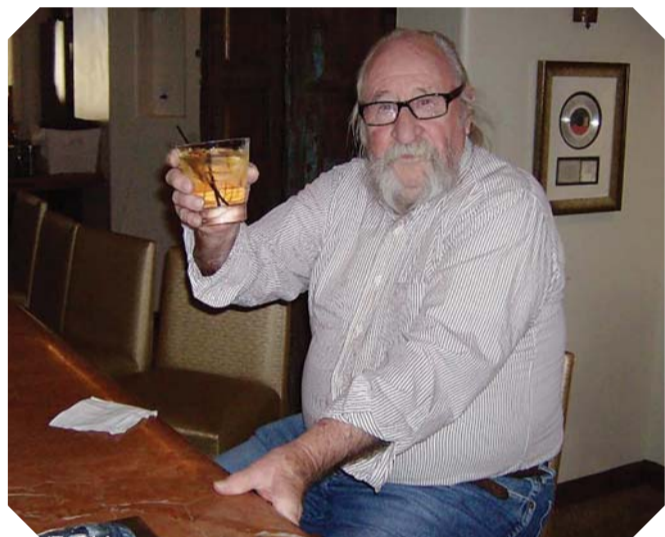
If desired, donations can be made in his honor to your favorite charity or to:

The lymphoma research of Dr. Ranjana Advani (Stanford University, 326 Galvez Street, Stanford, CA 94305) or to First Tee (FirstTee.org) to support his love of golf and kids.

A celebration of David's life will be scheduled at a later date.

Going, going, going on beyond.....

Cheers!



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UKRAINE

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appointment and an interview. When they get their visas, they can fly to the United States.”

Berlinksa is hopeful for her family, and expressed thanks to all who are contributing to the cause. “I am so grateful

to everybody who made a donation,” she said.

The Pine Cone was introduced to Berlinksa by Carmel Valley resident Frank Koucky, who met her family on a trip to Kyiv.

“They took me to the Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra, a famous monastery where the bones of more than 70 saints are buried, Koucky explained. “They are some of the finest people I’ve ever met.

An undated photo of Luboy and Vitaly Berlinka, who are trying to escape the Russian invasion of Ukraine by making their way to Poland and, eventually, to Pacific Grove.

PHOTO/COURTESY
RUSLANA BERLINSKA



SWINGERS

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McMillin is not a defendant.

“The terms of Lawrence’s employment, job benefits and favorable working conditions were made contingent his acceptance of his supervisors’ sexual advances,” and a “reasonable man in Lawrence’s position would have considered the conduct of the McMillins and McGrath to be hostile,

sexually harassing and abusive, as did Lawrence,” the suit says.

Lawrence also alleges retaliatory termination and said he was fired in September 2021 for “reporting, opposing and witnessing” the defendants’ “violations of law,” including the “purchase and possession” of “schedule 1 drugs,” which the DEA said includes marijuana, heroin and LSD.

Gilleon told The Pine Cone that Lawrence has photographs and text messages to support many of the claims outlined in his complaint.

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Disaster and financial preparedness talk

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

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The women plan to share information and tips on how to prepare for emergencies and disasters physically, logistically and financially, and how to develop plans for reacting when necessary.

Vollmer's company specializes in helping people craft their plans, communicate it to their loved ones and those they're responsible for, build disaster kits, and follow up to ensure they're prepared.

"You, your family, and your employees can't afford not to be prepared for the next disaster," she warns.

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Editorial

The vulnerable West

ONE OF the weaknesses of the American left is its tendency toward moral relativism, i.e., the belief that there are no universal standards of right and wrong. “To each his own,” is one way to put it, or, as we used to say in the 1960s, “If it feels good, do it.”

As traditional religions have lost influence and the comforts of civilizations have spread, this principle has gained acceptance, and many people (especially in the West) seem to start each day wondering what they can do to achieve immediate self-gratification instead of hitting the books or going to work. Whole political systems, too, have devolved to the point that nobody’s supposed to have to make a sacrifice or endure a hardship, even for the most worthy long-term goal or benefit.

Recent history shows that one thing that can put the drift toward moral relativism on hold is war, as we are seeing now with the Russian invasion of Ukraine — an event so appalling, almost everybody agrees that it’s wrong. Even among people who, before the invasion, would have preferred to canoodle with Vladimir Putin than criticize him, it’s hard to find anybody who has the slightest agreement with the Russian dictator’s stated aims for the war.

As Putin explained during an online economic forum last November, the possibility of Ukraine becoming a member of NATO was a “red line” that Russia could not allow to be crossed, because it “threatened Russia’s core security interests,” forcing him to “develop new weapons to target those who threaten us.”

Little did the world suspect that he intended to start using those weapons on Ukraine’s civilians just a few months later.

Even now, some people are still buying Putin’s “red line” argument. “Vladimir Putin acted wickedly, but also rationally,” when he invaded Ukraine, argued David Goldman in the March 4 Asia Times. “Russia has an existential interest in keeping NATO away from its border.”

In the New York Times, Thomas Friedman also sympathized with Putin’s worries about NATO expansion, which he called “the most ill-conceived project of the post-Cold War era.”

Even former Clinton administration defense secretary Bill Perry, speaking in 2016, agreed that the West was at fault inviting former East Bloc nations to join NATO.

“I have to say that the United States deserves much of the blame,” he told a conference sponsored by the Guardian newspaper. “Our first action that really set us off in a bad direction was when NATO started to expand, bringing in Eastern European nations, some of them bordering Russia.”

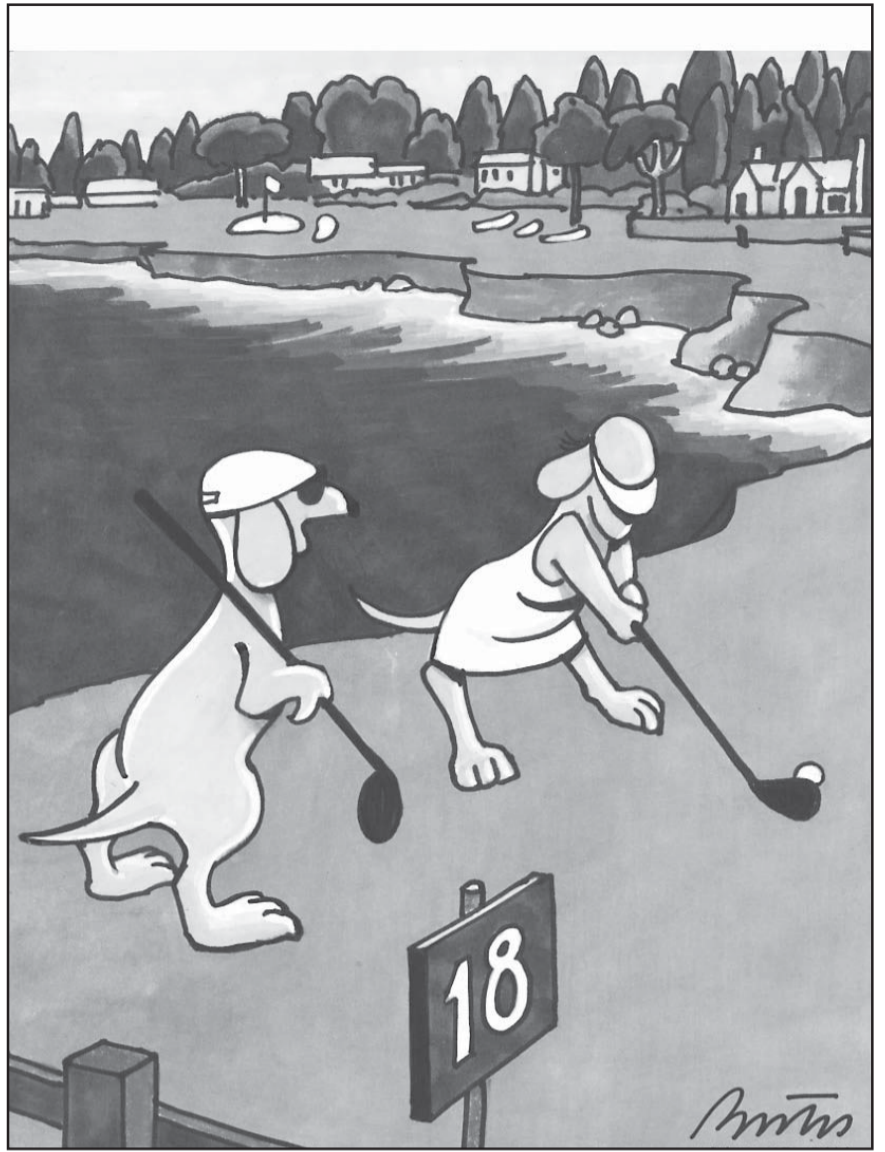
But how, exactly, has the expansion of NATO threatened Russia or Putin? Are France, Germany and Belgium thinking of a Napoleon-like march on Moscow? Is Great Britain dreaming of making St. Petersburg a colony? Are the warmongers at the Pentagon chomping at the bit for the chance to reduce Volgograd to nuclear cinders?

None of that is even remotely true. If Ukraine were to join NATO, as has been the case with all the other nations in the alliance, it would strictly be for defensive purposes. Neither Putin nor Russia has anything to fear from NATO — unless their fear is that it will stand in the way of their plans for military adventurism, not to mention bombing, shelling and starving innocent civilians. The “red line” and “existential threat” arguments were nonsense, and Putin’s invasion happened without a scintilla of legitimacy.

So cruel and stupid is it, we wonder if he’s lost his mind. By destroying cities and killing helpless people, he’s not only ruining the lives of millions of Ukrainians, he’s doing incalculable damage to the Russian economy, let alone its standing as a civilized country — damage that will take decades to repair.

Instead of invading Ukraine, it would have been far better to let the nation cozy up to the West as much as possible. Sure, at first that would have made it far too costly for the Russians to invade. But all they had to do was wait. Eventually, Ukraine would have become another passively self-indulgent nation where everybody thinks they’re too good for military service, patriotism is passé, the highest achievement in life is to be able to get a new smartphone, and if it feels good, you do it. Then the Russians could have just walked across the border.

BEST of BATES



“Remember, it humanlegs to the left.”

Letters to the Editor

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The world is flat

Dear Editor,

We have reached a point where if you don’t agree with the woke police you can get yourself fired for having a different opinion. What used to be right is now wrong. And what used to be wrong is right. Where have we gone as a society when there cannot be discussion on a topic in which two people don’t have the same view? Isn’t that what used to make the world go ’round? Maybe now the world is flat and we just shouldn’t rock the boat

Rich Pepe, Freehold, N.J.

‘Dysfunctional practices’

Dear Editor,

Many thanks to you for having the courage to speak out on the conditions that have led to Pacific Grove Police officer Michael Gonzalez’s dismissal. Political correctness and, in particular, the inability to have an honest and candid public conversation

about race in our country, have elevated the issue to taboo status. There is this narrative that Black people are victims, white people are oppressors and that this situation has led to the wide disparity in socio-economic achievements between the two groups.

This is primarily false. I live in Pleasanton, where an increasingly high percentage of the population is Asian. They mirror many of the practices that many in the White community do: Completing school, raising children in two-parent homes and respecting the law. I have observed that much of the failure where it occurs in the Black community can be laid at the feet of their own citizens. There are clear cultural dysfunctional practices within the Black community that, if improved, would lead to higher levels of success.

The paradox, of course, is that we have widely accepted and socially reinforced groupthink. Many people see what others see but can’t say it. The consequences are too severe. Officer Gonzalez found out the hard way.

Tom Coleman, Pleasanton

You can do it

Dear Editor,

An increase in the price of gasoline is a small price to pay for the sacrifice of helping the Ukrainians. I don’t know one Ukrainian, but I see their pain and sacrifice. They are losing their lives, their homes, their families and their freedom. I am more than happy to give up my freedom of driving any distance at a gas cost that I can afford to help a country which is

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Keeping up with the MacGowan sisters was not an easy task

SISTERS ALICE and Grace MacGowan arrived in Carmel in 1908 and were often described as heading the eminently respected group in town. They were more reserved than the San Francisco bohemians who followed poet George Sterling a few years earlier. The sisters were well known nationally. In addition to publishing books, they had been syndicated in

August 1865. MacGowan mustered out in March of 1866 as a colonel. The family stayed in Chattanooga, where their father resumed practice as an attorney. Later, he became editor of the Chattanooga Times.

The children, including older brother Frank, attended public school supplemented by instruction by their father. As they neared adulthood, the sisters became teachers and Frank established a printing company. His junior partner, William Cooke, was a handsome young Virginian. Alice married briefly in 1874 but soon divorced and moved

back home. Grace married her brother's partner on Feb. 17, 1887, and settled into a comfortable life. Both ladies had continued teaching until then. After marriage, Grace became bookkeeper for the family business.

In 1890, Alice took a teaching job in the Texas panhandle. Her father suggested she send stories from Texas as a correspondent to his paper. Her talent for writing was quickly apparent. Within months, she was writing stories that were published in multiple papers across the country, and by September 1890, even England's Newcastle Weekly Chronicle was running her stories. In 1891, she moved to New York, and her new column, "A Texas Girl in New York," grew even more popular.

Grace also began submitting stories to publications. Her "Christmas in a Sheep Camp," published in the 1891 Christmas issue of Frank Leslie's Weekly, was particularly well received. Both women also had poetry published in newspapers and magazines.

Society hub

In 1892, Alice returned to Texas to gain more experiences for her syndicated columns. While her stories were humorous, she wrote a more somber piece, "Sleep," for the November 1892 issue of Short Stories magazine. The Fort Worth Daily Gazette declared it "an exhibit of the versatility of her genius." Alice continued to travel extensively to gain new experiences.

Then, in 1894, as Grace was pregnant with her first child, Alice returned to Chattanooga. That is when the sisters first wrote collaboratively. Together they produced an extensive treatise on the value of creating the Chickamauga and Chattanooga Memorial as the first national military park. The park was officially dedicated in September 1895.

Grace's daughter Helen was born in December 1894. Alice returned to

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History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

newspapers and carried by leading literary magazines for nearly 20 years. Nevertheless, they adapted well to the rustic life of early Carmel and their more bohemian neighbors. Grace had been married from 1887 to 1908, and arrived in the Monterey Peninsula with her two daughters, Helen, 15, and Katherine, 8.

A Texas girl in New York

The lives of the MacGowan sisters were so intertwined, it would be nearly impossible to separate their stories. Alice was born in Petersburg, Ohio, on Dec. 10, 1858, and her sister Grace was born on Sept. 11, 1861, near Toledo, 200 miles west. Their father, who had been a schoolteacher in his early adulthood and later became an attorney, enlisted in the Civil War as a second lieutenant with the Ohio volunteers on April 23, 1861, perhaps unaware that Grace was in the womb.

John E. MacGowan served for the duration of the war and moved up in command. After becoming a major in the 1st U.S. Colored Heavy Artillery in March 1864, he was field promoted to brigadier general in that unit on March 13, 1865. While he later served as provost marshal, his family joined him in Chattanooga, Tenn., in



This portrait of the sisters was published in the Minneapolis Journal on May 21, 1904.

Her standing date with a darkroom

WHAT LANGUAGES do trees speak ... and why do they talk to Jane Olin?

The Carmel Valley fine art photographer hears them while talking meditative walks near her home, or through the forests of Big Sur, in search of inspiration.

"I have a long history with trees," said

"I need to be in touch with my intuition and work from the deepest place inside of me," said Olin, who has been practicing yoga for more than 40 years. "I need to take it all in and react to what I see."

Her influences include two protégés of fabled photographer Ansel Adams — Henry Gilpin, who taught classes she took at Monterey Peninsula College, and John Sexton, from whom she took two workshops. But Olin's style and process are entirely her own.

Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Olin, who grew up daydreaming in Steilacoom, Wash., a village of 2,250 on Puget Sound, where trees and clouds and other wonders of nature felt like confidants.

All these years later, the friendship continues. In 2021, her mysterious and misty image — very black and very white — of a large branch yawning over a cluster of smaller trees, was judged Best of Show at the International Photography Awards in New York City, regarded as one of the most prestigious competitions in the world.

That image, entitled "Intimate Conversation," is part of a 30-photo exhibition from the awards touring Europe, while other Olin photos are on display at the New Museum of Los Gatos through June 5 in a show called "In the Company of Trees."

"I wait for the subject to call to me. I photograph whatever draws me intuitively," she said. "I call it contemplative awareness, and it's grounded in my Zen practice, my meditation practice ... staying present, and in the moment."

Old school, with a twist

While the vast majority of fine art photographers have forayed into the world of digital cameras and computerized photo editing, Olin shoots photos on film and remains romantically involved with the old-fashioned darkroom she maintains at her Laureles Grade home.

That's where she transforms her negatives and images, experimenting with chemicals and bleach, painting, dripping and spraying and playing until something very different emerges. The process often takes four or five hours, until Olin decides the art is done and applies fixative to prevent any further chemically induced metamorphosis.

"I make a judgment based on a visceral feeling. I make work that satisfies me. I want it to call to me," she said. "You can't worry about the other person, the viewer. They're either going to see it, or they're not."

Olin and her husband, John, met in Los Angeles in 1962, when she was an administrative secretary at Hughes Aircraft and he arrived as a scholarship intern from Stanford University, where he was pursuing his Ph.D. in mechanical engineering.

They got engaged a year later, visited Carmel in 1964 to be married at the old chapel at the Highlands Inn, moved to Boston, where John got his first professional job, then to Minnesota, where, in 1971, he and a colleague founded their own high-tech company, Sierra Instruments.

"In 1974, we were tired of the cold weather and decided to move west," said Olin, who worked several years in the marketing department of Sierra Instruments, which relocated to Monterey at Ryan Ranch.

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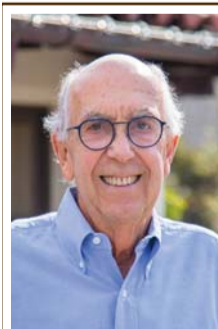
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Carmel Valley photographer Jane Olin says she has "a long history with trees" and other wonders of nature.

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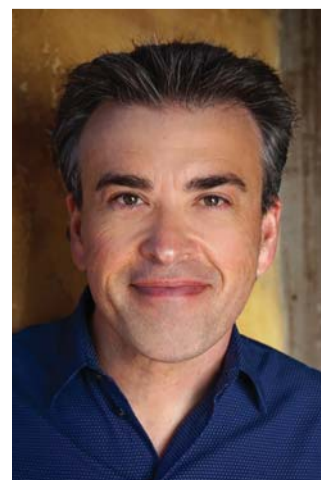


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“When we’re thinking just about caregiving costs at about \$100 to \$125 a meeting, that eats up our salary right there,” McAdams said.

Tomlinson said she believed a hike is in order and going from \$420 per month to \$624 for the council and from \$700 to \$1,337 for the mayor isn’t an “egregious” increase.

However, Tomlinson also said voters — not the council itself — should decide on healthcare benefits.

McAdams initially proposed doubling the stipend amounts.

Coletti called the proposals a “bad idea,” and said the electorate should decide whether the council gets stipend increases

and health benefits.

“The stipend we receive now is more than adequate,” Coletti said. “I haven’t heard anyone say it, but thank you, taxpayers, for even giving us that. Because there are many cities that don’t even provide a stipend.”

The council in December 2021 declared a “fiscal emergency” in Pacific Grove, something Poduri and Amelio brought up. Amelio said spending \$178,000 on the pay hike and health benefits does not reflect the council’s goal of “financial stability.”

Poduri said that while he believes the council should be able to decide on a raise for itself, the idea of healthcare benefits should go before voters.

Smith said the stipend hasn’t been adjusted for inflation and that council members don’t get annual cost of living increases, and he advocated for a salary increase.

Maybe someday they will figure out how to mine lithium and mercury and not tear up the environment, but not now.

Take a look at the largest lithium mines and ask yourself if you would want to live near one. Also, the small matter of disposing of used car and truck batteries is not all that easy or sustainable. Smelting seems to be the chosen method for now.

As an owner of heavy equipment and large trucks, I would love nothing more than to not hear them run. Unfortunately, that technology is not here yet on a large enough scale. Meanwhile, our own government is using a lot of lame excuses why oil is so costly these days. Mostly, though, it is because of an agenda to go green and put lots of dollars into a lot of elites’ pockets. No one in our government seems to really care about people trying to earn a living. If you have been to the grocery store lately, you know what I mean.

If politicians concerned themselves more with the people of this country and not just on “how do I get re-elected,” we would all be better off.

Tom Nassetta, Carmel

PACKAGES

From page 1A

“Friday afternoon, I received a call from FedEx informing me the Carmel-by-the-Sea post office said that they would no longer be receiving packages from FedEx,” cultural commissioner Judy Refuerzo said in an email to city administrator Chip Rerig, Mayor Dave Potter and the city council Tuesday, describing her experience and those of her husband. “Saturday, David went to the post office to pick up another package, and the postal clerk told David that they did not get paid for handling packages delivered from FedEx and UPS, and they would no longer be taking them.”

A handwritten notice at the pickup window where customers collect packages between noon and 2 p.m. on Saturdays advised, “All parcels without USPS tracking are being returned for postage.”

‘Bizarre’

Sarah Osborne, who owns a small framing business, said she had three packages returned to FedEx and ended up spending nearly an hour on the phone trying to sort out the deliveries. She received one when a FedEx driver who is familiar with her neighborhood near the Forest Theater brought it — even though he initially thought it was for a neighbor.

“The FedEx guy delivered the package to the post office, and the post office rejected it and said, ‘We’re not taking packages anymore,’” she said. But the postal worker evidently provided Osborne’s physical address — “which is bizarre,” she noted, since many people have P.O. boxes

specifically to avoid letting people know where they live.

A second package was diverted after FedEx reported the post office was refusing to accept deliveries, and a third was sent back to the retailer on Tuesday.

‘Systemic problem’

Refuerzo said the delivery problem is part of the city’s home mail delivery issue.

“All longtime residents know how hard it can be to get your mail,” she said. “It was the No. 1 complaint I heard from residents when I was running for mayor — everyone wanted addresses and mail delivery.”

While she’s “not a big fan of mail delivery or addresses,” she said, residents should be able to rely on the post office to deliver their mail and packages.

“Maybe this is a systemic problem with USPS. I have received mail sent from Carmel-by-the-Sea to Carmel-by-the-Sea that took over four months,” she said. “One check I mailed over a year ago still has not been received. The local Chase bank issued me a new debit card that was shipped two-day priority mail, and I didn’t receive it for four weeks. Something is seriously wrong.”

Regardless of those issues, box holders can continue using the address of the post office — 56B 5th St. — when ordering from companies that aren’t usually allowed to ship to post office boxes, according to Patton.

“We apologize. The note at the post office was put up in error. The current addressing processes are acceptable,” she told The Pine Cone Tuesday. “All mail will be delivered. We sincerely apologize once again to our customers for this misunderstanding. Thank you for bringing this to our attention.”

LETTERS

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struggling to survive.

The Ukrainians are bravely showing their courage; we can show our courage by standing up to these higher gas prices and accept them as the sacrifice we are willing to make for the Ukrainians courage and freedom.

Joan Brophy Thomas, Carmel

The price of gas

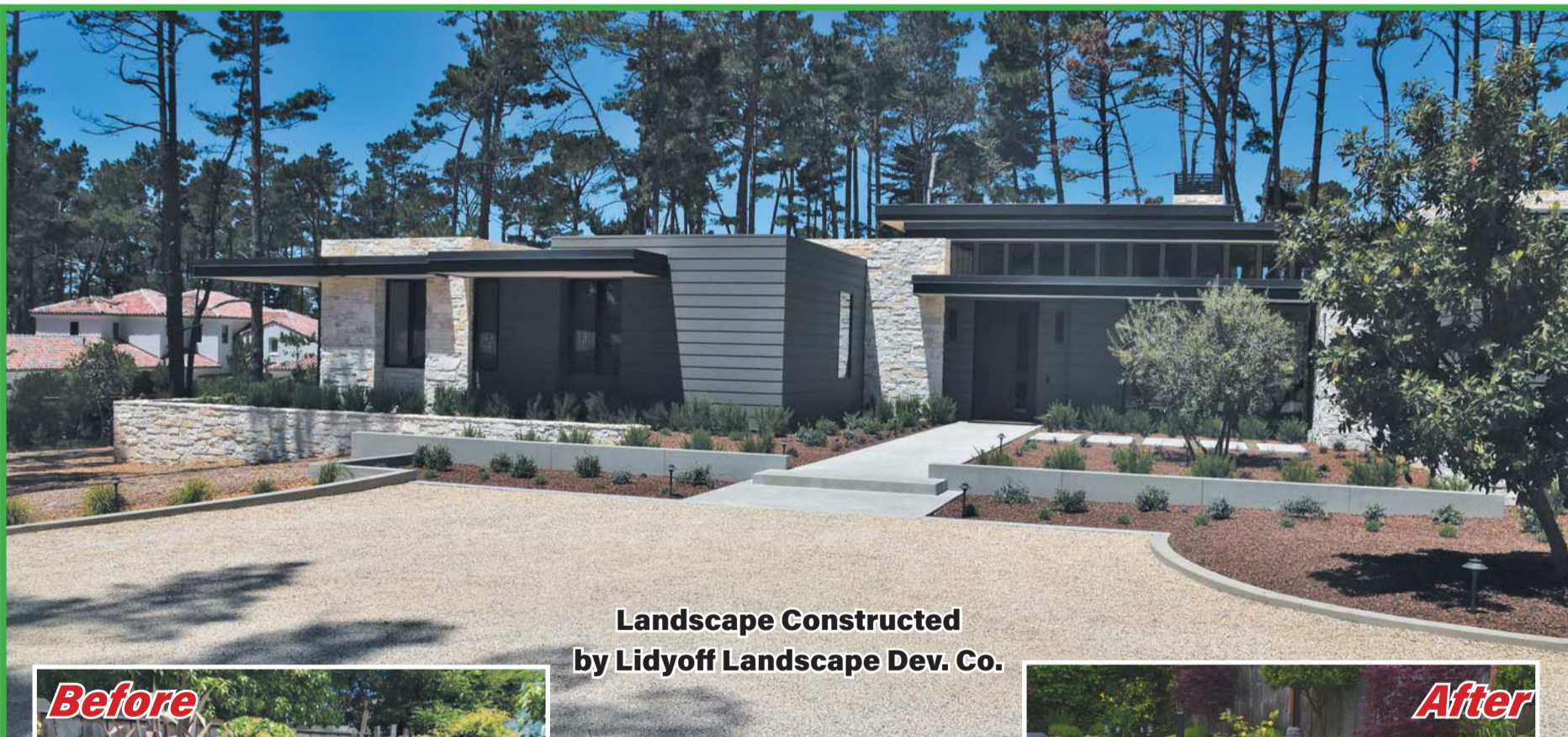
Dear Editor,

Alrighty then. Fuel has broken the \$6 dollar-a-gallon mark locally, and I think we need to take a look at why. Other than the fact that our president all but shut down oil production in the United States, it seems that Democrats are pushing an agenda to force us all into electric everything.

I agree that electric is wonderful in concept, and we should all look forward to the day when we can move away from oil. I do not agree that the time is now, however.

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ARTIST

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When the Olins retired in 2004, their adult children, Matt (a Stevenson High graduate) and Erica (Santa Catalina), ran Sierra Instruments until the business was sold in 2019.

“When the children went off to college, I decided to take a look at my life. I had been giving to my children, the family and the business, and felt like I had lost a part of myself in the process,” Jane Olin recalled. She continued, “I had a gnawing feeling that I was supposed to do something else, and started asking myself, ‘What is my

GAVEL

From page 4A

addition, these incentives will improve inmate behavior and reduce violence in prisons, making conditions safer for inmates and department staff.”

“District attorneys, including myself, are suing CDCR because these changes were illegal and unwise.

“Because of CDCR’s changes, they released Echeverria eight months early, four months, due to changed credits for strikers and because they awarded him another four months according to their statement yesterday. But Echeverria’s release didn’t benefit our criminal justice system and community as CDCR claimed. Had he served his sentence without these enhanced credits, he would have been in prison until about Jan. 30, 2022. Once released, he was deported, presumably to El Salvador. I think it highly unlikely he could have made it back to the United States to commit these murders on Feb. 5, if not for policy decisions by CDCR and the executive branch in Sacramento.”

DONATE

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“Everything is open all night long for us,” she said. “We reserve the boardwalk so we can have it all to ourselves.”

The night draws to an end around 3:30 or 4 a.m., when the kids are bused back to school.

“It’s important to reward them, considering everything they’ve been through,” during the past couple of years, she said. “And it’s free for all the students, as opposed to things going on in the community that not everyone can afford.”

Bode is chairing the rummage sale and the June 3 Sober Grad Night alongside Gwyn McColl and Linnea Terranova. She can be reached at angolee.bode@compass.com.

passion?”

That’s when she began taking photography classes from Gilpin at MPC, and workshops from fine art photography luminaries like Sexton, Joyce Tenneson, Brian Taylor, Martha Casanave, Holly Roberts and Christopher James.

Validation

Artistic breakthroughs came in 1994, when an Olin photograph won Best of Show at the International Women’s Photography Festival in Smolensk, Russia, and in 2000, 2001 and 2003, when her work was accepted into Salon d’Automne, an international juried exhibition in Paris.

In 2002, she won an Award of Excellence in Forum Magazine’s annual “Best of Photography” edition, and the following year she got a second-place award in the Camera Club of New York’s National Juried Photo Competition.

Over the past two decades, Olin’s photographs have been celebrated three times as Best of Show, along with two awards for first place, three for second place, 11 honorable mentions, a Gold Award in the Fine Art category at the Tokyo International Photo Awards, and multiple other plaudits.

“But creating art is very solitary. It can be lonely and isolating, and that’s how I was feeling, even though I belong to various groups, like Iamemakers and Independent

Photographers,” she said.

In 2014, Olin reached out to five other women — acquaintances whose groundbreaking photography she admired — and formed Salon Jane, a collaborative group.

“My idea was to bring together these women who were pushing against the traditional rules of photography,” she said. “We all kind of have the same way of looking at what we’re doing. I wanted to create a group that could support and inspire each other and feed off one another.”

Eight years later, Salon Jane is still composed of its original six members — Olin, Casanave, Susan Hyde Greene, Anna Rheim, Robin V. Robinson and Robin Ward.

The group’s first collaborative exhibition, in 2018, was at the Monterey Museum of Art. In 2020, all six were showcased at Middlebury Institute of International Studies in a show called “Celebrating Women Artists with Salon Jane.” And in 2021, they were celebrated in Carmel at the Center for Photographic Art in an event called “Salon Jane: Present Tense.”

In addition to the International Photography Awards traveling exhibition in Europe and her showcase at the New Museum of Los Gatos (106 E. Main St., numulosgatos.org), Olin’s work is on exhibit through July at a show called “Trees Stir in Their Leaves” at the Center for Creative Photography in Tucson.

More information and images of her work can be seen online at janeolin.com.



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HISTORY

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Texas for the last half of 1895, before returning to Chattanooga and writing more solo pieces about her Texas adventures. Grace's versatility was also displayed. In addition to stories for The Atlantic, the young mother began writing nursery stories for Babyland magazine.

While Alice traveled, Grace became a fixture of Chattanooga society. In 1899, she was elected president of the newly formed Tennessee Woman's Press Club, and began collaborating with Annie Booth McKinney of Knoxville and Natchez on a large historical novel. Alice, meanwhile, returned to New York and at the beginning of 1900 published a collection of her columns in a book titled, "A Texas Girl in New York."

While Alice celebrated her first book,

Grace celebrated the birth of her second daughter, Katherine, in January 1900.

Life-shifting event

The birth did not interrupt her collaboration much. Grace had found that dictation was her preferred method of composition. McKinney once reported, "I have seen Mrs. Cooke walk the floor with an ailing baby in her arms dictating some of the most dramatic scenes in 'Mistress Joy' with no more apparent self-consciousness than a little child at play."

In May 1900, Grace and McKinney joined Alice in New York to celebrate the completion of their manuscript and its submission to publishers. Following a bidding war, "Mistress Joy" was published in the fall of 1901. Both sisters were published authors in addition to their numerous periodical appearances.

In the fall of 1902, Alice added novelist to her resume, with the publication of

"The Last Word." With two children at home, Grace began writing for the younger set and in 1902 launched a series of "What Happened Then" stories, along with children's books.

A life-shifting event occurred with the death of their father in April 1903. He had been a strong anchor and the source of the family's security.

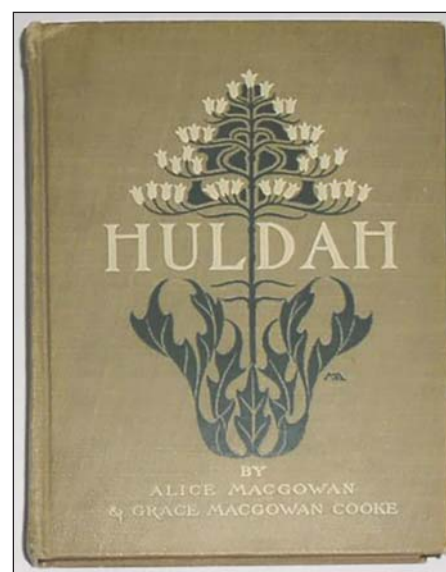
Their brother was the designated executor but had predeceased their father, as had their mother. With a petition to the court, Grace's husband became executor. Once the estate was settled, the ladies began rethinking their lives as writers.

Grace had a clear preference for collaboration and convinced Alice to try it with her. Their first joint book, "Huldah," was published in spring 1904. Alice liked to writers' colony travel to absorb new worlds of which to write.

The sisters spent the summer of 1904 together in New Mexico. While they continued to write individual stories, in the spring of 1905 they published a second collaborative novel, "Return: A Story of the Sea Islands in 1739." It was a historical love story with a South Carolinian heroine.

Writers' colony

The women agreed to more travel and in May 1906, Alice and Grace and her children, left Chattanooga for Chicago with plans to travel on from there indefinitely. William Cooke, meanwhile, remained in Chattanooga. From the Midwest, the group journeyed to New York. In the fall, they began making plans to spend a year in Japan. Those plans changed when that



The MacGowan sisters had each published books, and then published their first collaborative book, "Huldah," in the spring of 1904.

October, Upton Sinclair announced that with proceeds from his novel, "The Jungle," he had purchased a former private school near Englewood, N.J., and was establishing a writers' colony. The sisters moved into Helicon Hall in November 1906.

Next week, we'll cover the sisters' transition from that Eastern colony to the colony in Carmel.

Neal Hotelling has been researching and writing about Monterey County history for more than three decades. His email is nbhotelling@msn.com.

DEFICIT

From page 8A

"That's almost double," Vega told the supervisors. "And for the next fiscal year, it's anticipated to go up to \$71 million."

By 2027-2028, employee pensions in Monterey County will cost taxpayers a whopping \$82.2 million.

"The big picture, in addition to the ongoing pension costs, is that the county still has to contend with unfunded liability for pensions that continue to grow," Vega said.

Health insurance costs are also expected to skyrocket, going from \$52.9 million last year to \$60.9 million this year — an increase of \$8 million, or 15 percent.

"This increase is significant and unprecedented and is a direct result of the terms of the latest negotiated labor contracts, which include higher county contributions for premiums and higher costs of flex cash credits provided to more bargaining

groups," Vega's report said.

To get a sense of how significant the \$8 million health insurance increase is, healthcare costs for Monterey County employees only rose a total of \$6 million between 2015 and 2021.

Property taxes good

Overall, Vega said, 13 county departments estimate ending the year being within their budgets for a \$3.8 million surplus.

However, nine departments will likely end the year exceeding their budgets, resulting in a deficit of \$8.9 million.

"Significant deficits are estimated for the health department (\$3.3 million), the sheriff (\$2.2 million), the district attorney (\$1.7 million), and social services (\$0.8 million)," according to Vega.

The results, he said, amount to "early warning" for "fiscal challenges the county will have to face as it prepares for next year's budget process."

The county is scheduled to hold budget hearings in June.

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REMODEL

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“The building permit drawings were submitted with the higher ridge and plate height, and that’s why the contractor built to those heights,” said Carson Davis with EYRC Architects. “It wasn’t like they tried to skirt the requirements.”

He offered no explanation for why the drawings were submitted with the wrong heights in the first place.

Requiring the builder to lower the height would necessitate not just ripping out work that’s been done, but ordering new windows and doors to fit the new dimensions, and many of those items are already en route, Davis said.

Representing Rangthong, lawyers Christine Kemp and Heidi Quinn argued that the owners should not be allowed to get away with unilaterally making the house taller.

“Our client had to watch this building continue to be built while saying it’s not right and asking for certifications,” Kemp said, adding that the height increase cost the neighbor her “whitewater view,” even though her views of the ocean and trees remain unobscured.

“We’re asking the commission to not allow the applicant to skirt the law by building whatever they wanted to build,” Kemp said, and Quinn pointed out that the commission cannot legally allow a nonconformity to increase, according to the city’s own code.

Paul Martin and his wife own a house a block away and urged commissioners to follow the rules.

“We’re here to support fair and equal application of the rules,” he said. “We see a pattern of asking for forgiveness rather than permission,” which the city should not condone.

‘I hate this’

A couple of commissioners said they wished the city attorney were there to advise them, but he wasn’t, so they stuck with the municipal code, which states that “a lawful nonconforming structure may be maintained, repaired, or altered as long as such maintenance, repair, or alteration does not increase the nonconformity and all work performed conforms to all of the requirements of this chapter.”

It also dictates that “alterations, repairs or remodeling that enlarge, extend or increase a nonconforming feature of a building shall be prohibited.”

Despite Waffle’s recommendation to OK the change, “I haven’t heard anything that convinces me we have the authority to grant the exception you’re asking us to,” said commissioner Robert Delves. “We can’t increase the nonconformity.”

“I hate doing this. I don’t like anything about it. It seems like a bad situation all around,” said commissioner Chris Bolton. “I don’t see any way to increase the nonconformity, so I think it needs to be denied.”

The rest of the commission reluctantly agreed.

“Obviously, there are going to be more legal considerations of this,” chair Michael LePage predicted, before the commission unanimously voted to deny the height increase, leaving the owners to ask the council to overturn that decision and to eventually take up the matter in court, if necessary. Alternatively, they could rip out the work they’ve already done and rebuild according to the drawings approved by the commission.

DRUG

From page 5A

fentanyl and 2,000 fatal doses,” he explained. “So, as you can imagine, each tiny error in the amount of fentanyl that is in a counterfeit pill or laced drug can be the difference between life and death.”

In the past 12 months, Pacific Grove police responded to three juvenile overdoses and an overdose by an adult teenager, including the teenager who died March 6, Francis said.

“All but one — the most recent response — were revived,” Francis said. “All of our police officers have been trained and are issued to administer Narcan [which

reverses the effects of opioid overdoses]. This resource has been instrumental in providing immediate medical aid.”

The most effective way to prevent overdoses, Grover said, is treatment for addiction. Doctors can prescribe medications for opiate addiction that can reduce the risk of overdose deaths by more than 80 percent.

“Fentanyl is very scary,” he said. “It is so potent, that we are seeing some users who have an overdose the first time they try it.”

In 2021, 11 people under the age of 25 in Monterey County died from fentanyl or other drug overdoses, according to Dr. Reb Close from Community Hospital. Close, along with Grover, works with Monterey County Prescribe Safe Initiative, a program that brings “together providers, government and law enforcement to promote safe use of opioids in our region.”

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A five-time Grammy Award nominee, singer and guitarist **Kenny Wayne Shepherd** plays Wednesday at the historic downtown Monterey theater. Over the past three decades, Shepard has sold millions of records and established himself as one of the acclaimed live performers on the contemporary blues scene. He's also toured as an opening act for some of the biggest names in rock, including the Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan, Aerosmith and Van Halen.

Showtime is 7 p.m. Tickets for Shimabukuro's concert start at \$35, while those for Shepherd's begin at \$36. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit goldenstatetheatre.showare.com.



One of the world's most respected classical guitarists, Manuel Barrueco performs Sunday at Sunset Center. A native of Cuba, he teaches at the Peabody Institute in Baltimore.

at 3 p.m. Tickets start at \$45. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 620-2048 or visit sunsetcenter.org.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

A native of Hawaii who continues to push the limits of his instrument, ukulele virtuoso **Jake Shimabukuro** takes the stage at Golden State Friday. Called "the Jimi Hendrix of the ukulele," Shimabukuro enjoyed regional success in Japan and Hawaii before a clip of him playing George Harrison's "While My Guitar Gently Weeps" went viral on YouTube in 2006. Since then, he's shared the stage

Latin composers showcased

One of the world's premier classical guitarists — who just last month received a Latin Grammy Award nomination for Best Classical Album — **Manuel Barrueco** performs Sunday at Sunset Center.

Barrueco, who previously played at Sunset Center in May 2019, immigrated with his family from Cuba to the United States in 1967. He later studied at the Peabody Institute in Baltimore, where he teaches today.

Besides playing in many of the world's most famous concert halls, Barrueco has collaborated with guitarists outside the realm of classical music, including jazz great **Al DiMeola**, **Steve Morse** of Deep Purple and **Andy Summers** of the Police.

At Sunset Center, Barrueco will perform music by Cuban composer Ignacio Cervantes, Mexican composer Manuel M. Ponce, Spanish composer Joaquín Malats and others. Presented by the Carmel Music Society, the concert starts

Live music March 11-17

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FOOD & WINE

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Anthony and Alissa Carnazzo, the owners of Stationaery restaurant on San Carlos between Fourth and Fifth,

Soup to Nuts

By **MARY SCHLEY**

are celebrating the arrival of spring with a special dinner created by executive chef Amalia Scatena Tuesday, March 15.

The set menu will feature four courses with optional wine pairings, starting with lobster, avocado, nasturtium and Persian lime, followed by a second course of salt-roasted beets with tortellini and pea tendrils. For the third and main course, guests will have a choice between black cod with turnip, green garlic and ham broth or New York

strip, potato purée, wild mushrooms and chimichurri. And for dessert, they can have either ricotta fritters with lemon curd or chocolate cake.

Tables will be available between 5 and 9 p.m., and the dinner costs \$110 per person, with wine pairings offered at an additional cost. Of course, anyone who wants to order off the regular wine list can do so, as well.

Reservations can be made at thestationaery.com/springdinner, with a \$50 deposit charged at booking and refundable before March 13. For groups of five or more, email reservations@thestationaery.com to check on availability.

More St. Pat's fun

Baum & Blume in Carmel Valley Village becomes O'Baum & O'Blume in honor of St. Patrick's Day each year. Deborah Wenzler, co-owner of the little El Caminito Road spot with her siblings, said this week they're bringing back in-person dining "on this special day honoring our dear mother Jane Morgan's Irish roots."

"And we'll be delivering our consistently delicious slow-braised corned beef round — never brisket — with housemade red wine mustard," she continued. "We offer 'The Works,' which includes creamy cauliflower soup from the famed Ballymaloe Cooking School in Ireland, our buttermilk whole wheat soda bread, corned beef, braised cabbage and 'champ' — baked mashed potatoes with scallions and butter — and a slice of key lime pie. Because it's green."

Additional a la carte options include baked Mussels Filey Bay, beer cheese, Devil May Kerry Eggs with smoked salmon and scallion, asparagus tart, mustard-braised chicken, and several desserts.

The feast will be available March 17 from noon to 8 p.m. for dine in or takeout. Find the whole menu at baumandblume.com and call (831) 659-0400 to order or for reservations. O'Baum & O'Blume is located at 4 El Caminito.

Why walk when you can crawl?

Also in Carmel Valley, a handful of tasting



Chris Devers recently became the CEO of the nonprofit Rancho Cielo Youth Campus, while Nicole Irigoyen stepped in as deputy director.



rooms and restaurants are collaborating on the St. Paddy's Village Crawl, which starts at 11 a.m. and carries on well into the night.

The late-morning rendezvous that kicks off the crawl will be at the Trailside Café for "Kegs & Eggs" in the beer garden, followed by "Ciders & Cellars" at the Twisted Roots tasting room just across the parking lot at noon.

From 1 to 4 p.m., head over to The Wine House for "Leprechaun Games," followed by a "Glass of Gold" at the Village Wine & Tap Room a short hop away.

By then, no doubt, more food will be necessary, so Plaza Linda will go outside its usual culinary sphere to offer corned beef and cabbage at 5 p.m.

The fun will wrap up at the Running Iron, of course, with 60 East performing live from 8 p.m. onward.

■ Casino Night for RC

Rancho Cielo Youth Campus will hold its annual Casino Night fundraiser at the Salinas Valley Fairgrounds in King City Friday, April 1, from 6 to 10 p.m. Each \$75 ticket includes a reverse draw entry — "a South County

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Twisted Roots in Carmel Valley is among the several tasting rooms and restaurants hosting revelers during the March 17 St. Paddy's Village Crawl. Don't forget to wear green!

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tradition” — and sponsorships are available, too.

The event might also offer a chance to meet the newest members of the nonprofit’s leadership team, CEO Chris Devers and deputy director Nicole Irigoyen.

Devers was most recently the senior director of alternative programs for the Monterey County Office of Education and has a longtime connection to Rancho Cielo. Raised on a walnut farm in the Central Valley, he’s also well acquainted with farming communities and the challenges and opportunities they bring. “He is deeply invested in the Monterey/Salinas area and is passionate about contributing to the well-being of this diverse community,” grants and communications manager Elizabeth Jimenez said.

Irigoyen joined the staff after serving as prevention education director for the Monterey County Rape Crisis Center, and she has established connections with schools and support services organizations throughout the Salinas Valley. “She has been on campus at Rancho Cielo numerous times and is passionate about the mission and incredible work of the entire team and faculty,” Jimenez said.

Both are “very aligned with and committed to our mission,” which “is to invest in all young people facing challenges for

success through diploma education, vocational training, counseling and life skills development in a safe and affirming environment. Through our programs, graduates gain the skills, fortitude, and resilience to achieve health, happiness, and economic freedom to thrive in a rapidly changing, culturally diverse society.”

Find out more, including how to buy Casino Night tickets, by calling (831) 444-3530 or visiting ranchocieloyc.org.



Jacks Monterey is celebrating its 5th anniversary next month — a perfect occasion for grabbing a drink or two by the firepit.

Jacks turns 5

Jacks Monterey, the restaurant and bar inside the Portola Hotel at the foot of Alvarado Street, is celebrating its 5th anniversary Thursday, April 7, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. with live music and complimentary beer, wine and appetizers “while supplies last.” To keep things lively, the International Trio will play until 8 p.m. that evening.

Reservations are not required, but anyone who wants to stick around for dinner afterward should save a table by calling (831) 649-7830.

Scheid in seltzer business

Scheid Family Wines has expanded its empire by acquiring a 50 percent stake in Hoxie wine spritzers. On March 2, the winery announced it’s now producing and

operating Hoxie Spritzer, “an artisanal dry wine spritzer” with relatively low alcohol content at 5 percent.

Founder Josh Rosenstein came up with

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the concept for Hoxie while working as a line cook in New York City restaurants, combining wine with herbs, botanicals, fruit, ice and seltzer. He went on to launch Hoxie in Southern California, and now, by partnering with Scheid, he'll be able to expand his reach nationally and globally in the rapidly growing low-alcohol ready-to-drink sector dominated by the likes of White Claw and Truly. The deal also had Rosenstein join Scheid as director of alternative beverages.

Heidi Scheid, executive vice president, described hard seltzers as "the hottest sector" of alcoholic beverages and said her family's company aims to find "areas of growth with quality products." Hoxie, she said, "is a perfect fit for our growing portfolio of luxury national brands."

Hoxie flavors include lemon ginger rosé, grapefruit elderflower and a range of seasonal selections, like strawberry rosé. Four-packs of 250ml cans retail for \$14.99.

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■ Help your neighbors

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The program's success and reach rely on volunteer drivers, and help is especially needed in Carmel March 21, 25 and 28-31. Anyone who has a little time and a reliable car and who wants to chip in on any of those days — or on other days or in a different part of the Peninsula — should contact development manager Esther Hobbs at (831) 375-4454 ext. 118. Visit mowmp.org to learn more.

■ For the animals

Sunday, April 3, would have been Doris Day's 100th birthday, and since she's no longer around, her animal-loving spirit will be celebrated by those who are. Among them is Kristan Neubecker, who works for De Tierra Vineyards and also rescues collies.

"I have to do something to honor and celebrate her as a wonderful person and a huge animal advocate, and for everything she has done for our beloved Carmel," she said.

So she's planning a party and fundraiser at De Tierra, located on Mission just south of Fifth, that day from 2 to 5 p.m. Through her collie rescue group, she connected with Jon Provost, who played "Timmy" on the "Lassie" TV show. "I reached out to Jon, and he will be here helping us celebrate a very special angel as we have a benefit for her Doris Day Animal Foundation," she said, by signing autographs and taking photos with collies, shelties, and other four-legged and two-legged creatures.

"So far, I know of families coming from all over California, Nevada, one from Michigan, one from Illinois and a family joining us all the way from Ireland," Neubecker

told The Pine Cone.

The event will take place outside the tasting room, and no reservations are necessary. Find additional information at detierra.com.

■ Salinas chamber honors Stemler

Each year, the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce honors and recognizes critical figures in the business community, and this year, the group's Ag Leadership Award is being given to Monterey County Vintners & Growers Association executive director Kim Stemler.

A longtime advocate for winemakers and grape grow-

ers, Stemler became a major force in helping agricultural and hospitality workers get Covid tests and vaccinations — a mission to which she continues to devote time and energy. She has also worked dilligently to find financial resources for businesses hit hard by the pandemic.

"Kim has also been instrumental in bringing other issues to the forefront of our community, including development of the Salinas Valley Wine Trail, highlighting the additional daycare needs of residents, and working in Big Sur to bring preservation to a treasured residence of a local artist," chamber officials said.

Stemler is also a member of the Monterey County Convention & Visitors Bureau's board of directors.



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Big Sur Vineyards tasting room in Carmel Valley — **The Chuck Brewer Band** (rock and blues, Sunday at 3 p.m.). 1 Del Fino Place, (831) 652-3020.

Bon Ton LeRoy's Lighthouse Smokehouse in Monterey — **The Dave Holodiloff Trio** celebrates St. Patrick's Day (Celtic, Saturday at 7 p.m.) and Open Mic Night (Thursday at 7 p.m.). 794 Lighthouse Ave., (831) 375-6958.

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

Cuz's Sportsman's Club in Seaside

— **The Meez** (rock, Friday at 8 p.m.) and **The John Michael Band** (rock, Saturday at 8:30 p.m.). 594 Broadway Ave., (831) 394-2666.

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.

Folktales Winery in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Lindsey Wall** (Friday at 3 p.m.), singer and guitarist **John Vicino** (Saturday at 3 p.m.) singer and guitarist **Asher Stern** (Sunday at noon), **The Get-away Dogs** ("cushy bedroom psychedelic Bossanova & Dreamsurf," Monday at 3 p.m.), and singer and multi-instrumentalist

Meredith McHenry (Thursday at 3 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road, (831) 293-7500.

Gusto Pasta and Pizza in Seaside — **Riviere & Simon** (Brazilian jazz, Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.). 1901 Fremont Blvd., (831) 899-5825.

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

The Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach — **The Andy Weis Band** with pianist **Bill Spencer** and bassist **Pete Lips** (jazz, Friday at 8:30 p.m.) **The Andy Weis Band** with pianist **Gary Meek** and bassist **Dan Robbins** (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.) and **The Andy Weis Band** with pianist **Gary Meek** and bassist **Steve Uccello** (jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.). 2700 17 Mile Drive, (831) 647-7500.

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

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

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

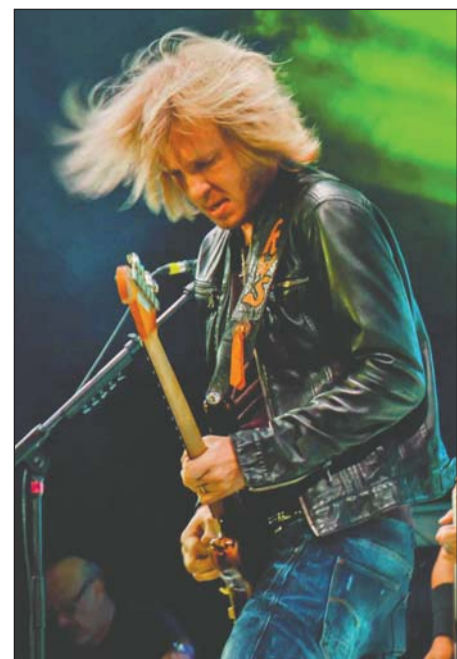
La Playa Hotel — **The David Morwood Band** (jazz, Saturday and Sunday). In Bud's Bar, Camino Real, (800) 582-8900.

The Links Club — **Johnny Tsunami & The Shoulder Hoppers** (rock, Friday at 7:30 p.m.). On the first floor of Carmel Plaza at Mission and Ocean, (831) 250-7816.

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

Midici Pizza in Monterey — singer **Jaqui Hope** and keyboardist **Bill Spencer** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.) and **Heartstrings** ("Celtic music for St. Paddy's Day," Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St., (831) 264-7013.

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



Blues singer and guitarist Kenny Wayne Shepherd takes the stage Wednesday at the Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

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

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

Rio Grill — singer and guitarist **Johan Sotelo** (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (rock and blues, Saturday at noon) and singer **Hayley Jane** (rock, Sunday at noon). Crossroads shopping center, (831) 625-5436.

The Salty Seal Pub in Monterey — **Mixtape** (pop and rock, Friday at 8 p.m.), **The Sugar Beats** (rock, Saturday at 8 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row, (831) 920-2327.

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

Sly McFly's in Monterey — **The Money Band** (pop and rock, Friday at 9 p.m.), **The Joint Chiefs** (funk and r&b,

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Lighting up the town after dark, the Carmel Art Walk returns Saturday

OFFERING RESIDENTS and visitors a good reason to explore the downtown streets after sunset, the monthly Carmel Art Walk is back this Saturday.

“There is nothing like seeing the galleries lit up at night,” said painter Jennifer Perlmutter, who owns a gallery at Dolores between Fifth and Sixth that is part of the walk. “Strolling through town is like looking into open

jewel boxes — I look forward to it every month.”

Fourteen galleries participate in the monthly art walk. Besides Perlmutter’s, they include the Kevin Milligan Gallery, the Aaron Chang Gallery, Gallery North, Lisa’s Studio, Patricia Qualls Gallery, Delia, Gallery Sur, Galerie Plein Aire, Bennett Sculpture Carmel, the Joaquin Turner Gallery, the Kathy Sharpe Gallery and Scott Jacobs Fine Art — each of which will stay open Saturday until 7 p.m. Look for green lanterns in the windows of participating galleries. For more details, visit carmelartwalk.com.

and Jake Thomas.

“We realized there a lot businesses on Broadway Avenue that have been here for a long time, and we’d really like to know their story,” Weston told The Pine Cone. “The culture of a town is created by its businesses.”

So far, Weston and Thomas have focused their efforts on a handful of businesses, but they’d like to add more. They were gifted \$2,500 by the Arts Council of Monterey County, and

they’re trying to raise an addition \$2,500 to expand the project. For more information about how to donate, visit thewestoncollective.org.

The Weston Collective is located at 1713 Broadway Ave. thewestoncollective.org

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

■ ‘Facing Seaside’ looks at locals

People are invited to take a peek inside the Weston Collective in Seaside Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m., where the group is hosting a display of images from its ongoing “Facing Seaside” Exhibition.

As its name implies, the display — which kicked off last Saturday with a reception at the Weston Collective — includes images of Seaside businesses and shines a light on the people that make the town and its economy work. The photographers are executive director Zach Weston

■ Creativity, solo or together?

While some artists thrive in solitude, others do their best work in a community of artists — a topic that five arts professionals will discuss Sunday at the Pacific Grove Art Center.

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Zach Weston’s “Side Affects” is included in a display at the Weston Collective of images that capture people at work in Seaside.

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Stevenson golfers learn that playing and winning together is fun

STEVENSON SCHOOL has won the Central Coast Section boys golf championship 14 times since 1986 — most recently in 2019 — establishing a daunting legacy. For context, the school that ranks second in the section over that same stretch, San Jose-based Bellarmine, has seven titles.

So this year's Pirates started picking the lock on the

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

school trophy case very early.

On Feb. 28, their first regular-season competition of the spring, the Pirates romped to a 19-stroke victory over their nearest competition — Bellarmine — in a five-school tournament at Corral de Tierra Country Club.

With a six-man lineup that included two freshmen, a sophomore, a junior, and two seniors, Stevenson won that nine-hole competition with a team score of 185 — an alarming shot across the bow of the tradition-rich Bells (204) and three of the Pirates' strongest Pacific Coast Athletic League rivals, Palma (208), Salinas (211 on its home course), and defending PCAL champ Carmel (217).

Expectations

Then, on Monday at Diablo Country Club, the Pirates battled a howling wind to place third at the 22-school De La Salle Invitational, eight strokes behind champion Amador Valley and two behind second-place Clovis North.

Now, the tasks for Coach Justin Bates are to keep the team improving, while also staying confi-

dent and focused.

"I try to temper expectations, but we always circle CCS on our schedule," Bates said. "Winning that CCS championship means a lot to our school, and it's something we feel like we can build toward and strive for."

Pepperdine-bound?

The goal is both lofty and realistic for Stevenson, whose top golfer, Curtis Da Silva — still just a junior — already has a mailbox full of recruiting letters from NCAA Division I golf schools, and recently gave his verbal commitment to Pepperdine University, home of the No. 1-ranked college golf team in the U.S.

Da Silva began competing in junior golf at age 8, and really began turning the heads of NCAA coaches when, as a ninth-grader at Stevenson, he won medalist honors at 2020 De La Salle Invitational, where his competition included many of the top high school golfers in Northern California. (He shot one over par in the high winds in the 2022 tournament on Monday.)

"First of all, Curtis comes from a long line of really

good athletes. His dad, Matt Da Silva, was a great basketball player who set scoring records at Pacific Grove High School," Bates said.

Curtis, who stands nearly 6-foot-4, combines exceptionally long drives with "amazing touch around the greens," his coach said. But his superpower, according to Bates, is his remarkable temperament during a competition.

"His body language never changes, which is a sign of a very mature player. He has an incredible ability to stay in the moment, play the shot that's in front of him, and ignore whatever score he happens to be shooting," said the coach.

But a single player can't carry a golf team to a team championship, which leads to the question: How can a co-ed school with just 520 kids aspire to dominate a section stretching from South San Francisco to King City, loaded with golf-crazy high schools?

Stevenson, a private school, attracts boarding students who live on the Pebble Beach campus and play on a team whose home course is Spyglass Hill, currently ranked by

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Luca Cimoroni, a boarding student from the Bay Area, (left) is a big hitter with the potential to shoot under par when his putter gets hot. Curtis Da Silva, still just a junior, (right) has already verbally committed to play for Pepperdine University, the NCAA's No. 1-ranked golf team.

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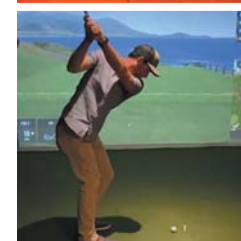


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Golf Digest as the 11th-best public golf course in America. “I tell our guys that Spyglass is one of our teammates,” Bates said. “Spyglass can very hard on teams that don’t know the course well. They can be overwhelmed by its challenges. The course, itself, can sometimes be our No. 1 golfer”

For incoming students shopping for a nice place to play high school golf, Spyglass also can be a recruiter — which might explain why six of Stevenson’s top seven players this season are boarding students.

Diverse membership

While Da Silva, a Monterey kid, is clearly the team’s alpha dog, the Pirates’ No. 2 player, Luke Brandler, is a freshman from Hong Kong with mad athleticism that enabled him to step into the starting goalie position on Stevenson’s varsity soccer team this season.

“Luke’s drives are really long — he’s right there with Curtis — and he’s also really good with his irons,” Bates said. “Right now, he’s very focused on improving his short game, especially his putting.”

Currently No. 3 on the ladder is Steven Lai, another freshman, a native of China who grew up in Orlando, and has a game that is very different from Da Silva or Brandler.

“We joke that we’ve never seen Steven miss a fairway. He doesn’t hit it far, but his shots are unbelievably straight, his short game is very good, and he’s an excellent putter,” said Bates, who believes confidence is the only obstacle between Lai and a scorecard in the 60s.”

The team’s No. 4 golfer, senior Luca Cimatori, came from Toronto with a huge sense of humor that keeps his teammates loose, but an all-business golf game, honed by substantial experience in junior tournaments.

“He’s very strong as a ball-striker, another long hitter, and he can get very hot around the green and sink a lot of putts,” Bates said. “Luca is another guy who could shoot under par, like Da Silva, Brandler and possibly Lai.”

Sophomore Drew Doll, from the San Francisco Bay area, is the team’s No. 5 golfer, and the Pirates’ most unusual player.

“His swing doesn’t look like any other swing you’re

ever going to see on a golf course. Drew jokes that he never plays a round without somebody — usually somebody he’s never met — trying to give him swing tips,” the coach said with a laugh. “He just brushes it off and does his thing.”

Doll’s secret, said Bates, is an unbridled passion that pushes him out of bed at 6 a.m. daily to practice his game.

“He walks down to the Spyglass putting green and works on his putting and chipping, even in the dark, until it’s time for him to get to his 8:30 class,” said the coach, who ranks Doll’s short game among the best on the team.

“If he has any free time in the middle of the school day, he goes back down there. And he’s constantly arranging tee times and recruiting teammates to go play or practice. As a coach, it’s fantastic to have a kid like that on the squad.” Sixth in the lineup is another Hong Kong native, Jonathan Sze, a senior who played JV golf at Stevenson two years ago, when he had a 15-18 handicap, but shot 1-over par at Spyglass two weeks ago to tie for medalist honors in a scrimmage.

“The fact that he’s now shooting 1- or 2-over in tournaments is a testament to his sheer desire, and how hard he’s worked on his game,” Bates said.

Candidates to crack the top six sometime this year are senior Kyle McTamane and sophomore Max McCormick, both multisport athletes.

McTamane, a boarding student from the San Francisco area, started at quarterback for the football team, and at forward for Stevenson’s Nor Cal-qualifying basketball team. He was a varsity golfer two years ago during the Covid-interrupted season, showing his potential by shoot-



PHOTOS/KERRY BELSER

Steven Lai, a native of China (left) raised in Orlando, rarely misses a fairway on the golf course, and also putts exceptionally well. Luke Brandler (right) is Stevenson’s No. 2 golfer this year as a freshman.

ing 4-over par at the De La Salle Invitational, his first high school tournament. He’ll split the spring season between the golf team and the varsity baseball squad, for which he’s a starting pitcher.

A four-sport jock

McCormick, who played varsity soccer this winter, is a borderline JV player this year, and a candidate to become a varsity regular next year if his game keeps improving.

“The common theme in this group is that these guys have been practicing and playing together since August, even while they’ve been playing other sports,” Bates said. “Golf is an individual sport, but it’s also a team sport that requires them to be supportive of each other and have common goals. Winning as a team is a lot more fun than winning as an individual. I think that’s something they’re beginning to understand.”

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The talk, titled “Artist Collectives,” delves into the question, “What role do artist collectives and collaboratives play in helping individual artists thrive and in fostering support for the arts in communities?”

The panel includes Corey Madden, the executive director of the Monterey Museum of Art, Denese Sanders, the founder of Open Ground Studios, author Joanna Fitzpatrick — who wrote a book, “The Artist Colony,” about Carmel — and artists Natalia Corazza and Paul Richmond.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **K&A HAULING JUNK REMOVAL, LLC, 740 Cottonwood Ct., Salinas, CA 93905**.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: **K&A HAULING JUNK REMOVAL, LLC, 740 Cottonwood Ct., Salinas, CA 93905**.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).
S/Mayra Alejandra Zamora, Member
Date: Feb. 9, 2022
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 9, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20220305
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **R1 GARAGE DOORS, 935 Sage Ct., Salinas, CA 93905**.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): **MARTIN VASQUEZ RAMIREZ JR, 935 Sage Ct., Salinas, CA 93905**.
This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
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S/Martin Vasquez Ramirez Jr.
Date signed: Feb. 10, 2022
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 10, 2022.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20220371
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SUNSHINE PAINTING AND WALLPAPER CO., 1421 Plumas Ave, Seaside, CA 93955**.
Mailing address: **P.O. Box 482, Pacific Grove, CA 93950**.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): **DUANE G. HILLIARD, 1421 Plumas Ave., Seaside, CA 93955**.
This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 23, 1976.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Duane G. Hilliard
Date signed: Feb. 22, 2022
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 22, 2022.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20220352
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **THE ENTERPRISE, 316 Mid Valley Cir. #106, Carmel, CA 93923**.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): **ORI KALUSKI, 316 Mid Valley Cir. #106, Carmel, CA 93923**.
This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 17, 2022.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Ori Kaluski
Date signed: Feb. 17, 2022
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 17, 2022.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: Feb. 25; March 4, 11, 18, 2022. (PC 228)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20220385
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **RTR WOODWORK, 316 Shires Way, Salinas, CA 93906**.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): **ROBERTO MARTINEZ TLALACALCO, 316 Shires Way, Salinas, CA 93906**.
This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 23, 2022.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Roberto Martinez Tlalacalco
Date signed: Feb. 23, 2022
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 23, 2022.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2022. (PC 301)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20220427
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **GOUGIN, 233 Vista Verde, Carmel Valley, California 93924**.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): **SANTANA ELISSA RODRIGUEZ, 233 Vista Verde, Carmel Valley, California, CA 93924**.
This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 18, 2021.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Santana Elissa Rodriguez
Date signed: Feb. 2, 2022
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 2, 2022.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: Feb. 25; March 4, 11, 18, 2022. (PC 231)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20220344
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **Cornejo Quintero, 542 Towt St., Salinas, CA 93905**, County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s): **Dorian Sarahi Cornejo Quintero, 542 Towt St., Salinas, CA 93905**
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Not Applicable
S/ Dorian Sarahi Cornejo Quintero
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 02/16/2022
3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25/22
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Publication Dates: March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2022. (PC 302)

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Notice is hereby given that Pursuant to the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act, (B&P Code 21700 et. Seq.), the undersigned will sell at public auction; personal property including but not limited to furniture, clothing, tools, and /or other misc. items.
Auction to be held at **1pm on March 25, 2022** at: www.selfstorageauction.com
The property is stored at:
Leonard's Lockers Self Storage, 816 Elvee Drive, Salinas, CA 93901

NAME OF TENANTS
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Daniel Agüero
Cedric Johnson
Miriam Smith
Joseph Jr Subia
Margarita Cuevas Mares
Daniel Agüero
Casildo Zamudio Hernandez
Andrea Rae Johnson
Publication date: March 11 & 18, 2022 (PC307)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20220333
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **BRETT'S PLUMBING, 409 Grand Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950**.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): **BRETT ANTHONY PASSINEAU, 409 Grand Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950**.
This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2021.
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S/Brett Passineau
Date signed: Feb. 14, 2022
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 14, 2022.
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Publication Dates: March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2022. (PC 304)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20220435
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **REAL BROS AUTO PROS, 765 Elm Ave., Seaside, CA 93955**.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): **BRIAYAN SAUL REAL POZOS, 765 Elm Ave., Seaside, CA 93955. YAHIR ALEJANDRO REAL POZOS, 765 Elm Ave., Seaside, CA 93955**.
This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 13, 2021.
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S/Briaya Saul Pozos
Date signed: Feb. 28, 2022
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 28, 2022.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20220436
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **RIVER OF THE HEART, 3686 Dormody Rd. #80, Carmel, CA 93923**.
Mailing address: **P.O. Box 51012, Pacific Grove, CA 93950**.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): **JAMIE ELIZABETH LEE, 1014 Sunset Drive, Pacific Grove, CA 93950**.
This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 26, 2021.
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S/Jamie Lee
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Publication Dates: March 11, 18, 25; April 1, 2022. (PC 308)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 22CV000506
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, KATHERINE GRACE DEAN, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 22CV000552
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, MARTHA ESTHER WATSON RENARD, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A Present name: MARTHA ESTHER WATSON RENARD
Proposed name: MARTHA ESTHER RENARD
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: April 22, 2022
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
DEPT: 14
The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.
(s) Thomas W. Wills
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Feb. 22, 2022
Publication Dates: March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2022. (PC 303)

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CYPRESS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
SETTING THE RATE OF THE FIRE MITIGATION FEE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday March 24, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. the Cypress Fire Protection District, Board of Directors will meet at 3775 Rio Road, Carmel to make the required findings and to set the rate of the fire mitigation fee to be requested to the Board of Supervisors of Monterey County by the District as specified by Section 10.80.160 of the Monterey County Code; Monterey County Ordinance Number 3602.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the time and place above designated for the meeting to set the rate of fire mitigation fees, any taxpayer may appear and be heard regarding this issue.
Theresa Volland, Secretary of the Board
DATED: February 25, 2022
Publication dates: March 11 & 18, 2021 (PC305)

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■ This week's cover property, located in Pebble Beach, is presented by Shelly Mitchell Lynch of Carmel Realty Company (See Page 2RE)



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Real Estate

March 11-17, 2022



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 APN: 420-211-005

Carmel

Mission Street, 2 NE of Fourth — \$1,200,000
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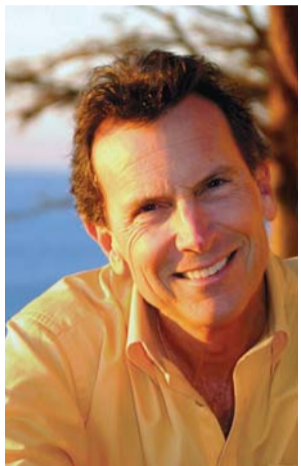
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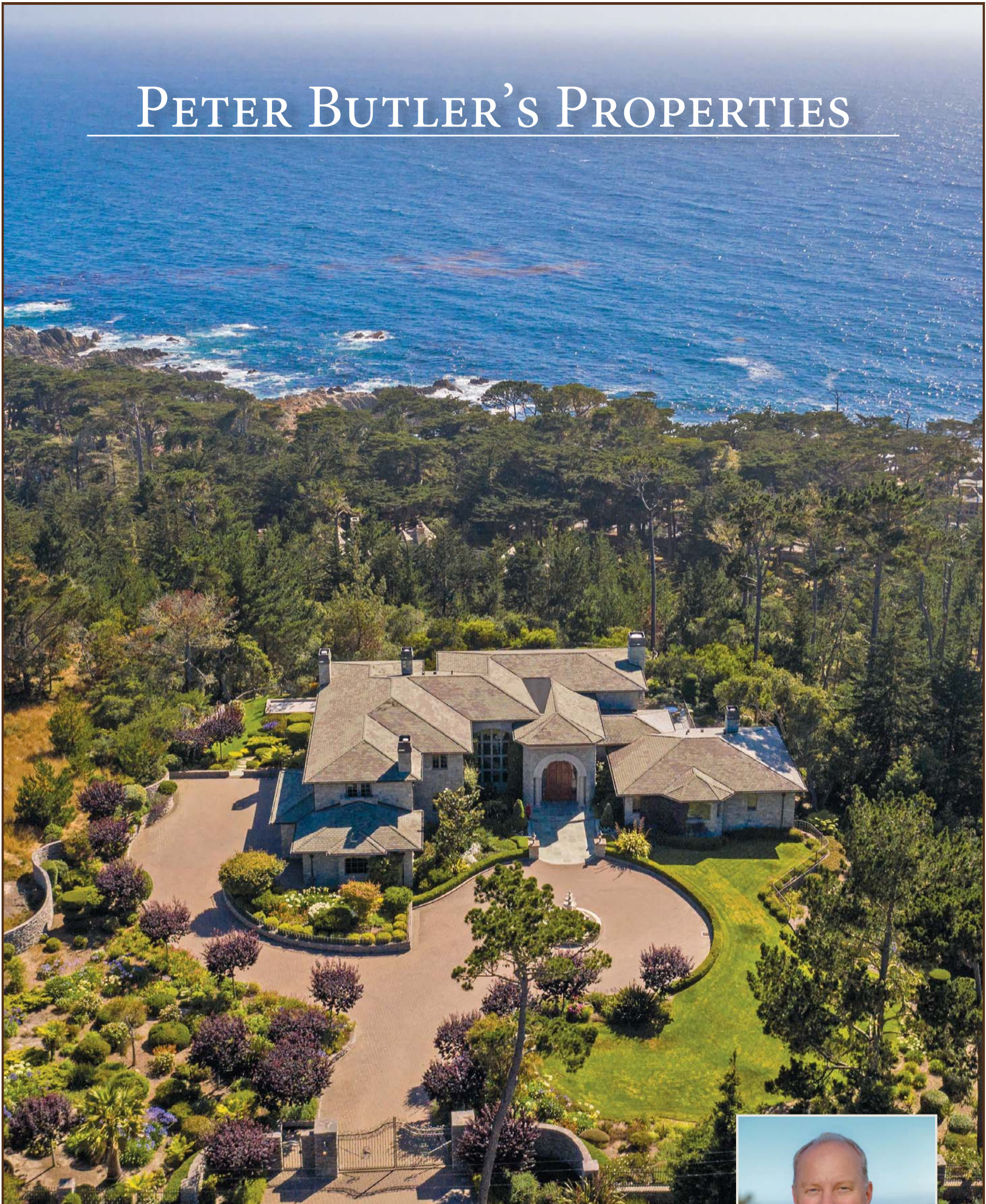


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SPECIAL SECTION

CARMEL VALLEY COMSTOCK WAS ALSO HOME TO 'DENNIS THE MENACE'

By ELAINE HESSER

AS HE walks around his 83-year-old home, Jeff Webster appears to be not so much proud as simply delighted with the outcome of a deftly executed restoration project. You might say Webster's a native who took the long way home. He was born at Community Hospital (when it was located in Carmel) in 1962, but a year later, his family moved abroad for business. Webster returned to the States for college and worked in the biotech industry until his recent retirement.

The Hugh Comstock ranch-style adobe that he and his wife, Kimberly Clemenson, chose for this chapter in their lives is near the top of a hill just south of Carmel Valley Village. Officially known as Rancho El Robledo, it was recently added to the Monterey County Register of Historic Places.

It was built for Fred Wolferman, a grocer from Kansas City, Mo., who inherited his business from his father, a German immigrant. By 1939, Wolferman was successful enough to have a summer home built in Carmel Valley and hired Hugh Comstock for the job. Demand for the self-taught architect's work had grown since his first effort — the storybook cottage named Hansel on Torres, between Fifth and Sixth — in 1924.

Going old school

Local architectural historian Kent Seavey said that on the eve of World War II, Comstock became concerned about a possible shortage of building materials. He turned to old-fashioned adobe and eventually became

well known for designs using the mud bricks.

Seavey also said that Rancho El Robledo is one of the earliest examples of the now-ubiquitous California ranch homes, distinguished by designs that were low to the ground. He called them "rambling" structures that blended indoor and outdoor living, and often took advantage of far-reaching views.

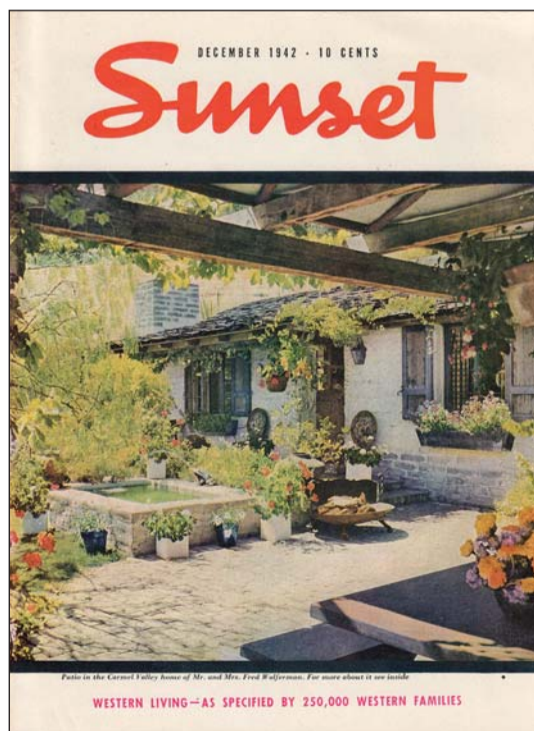
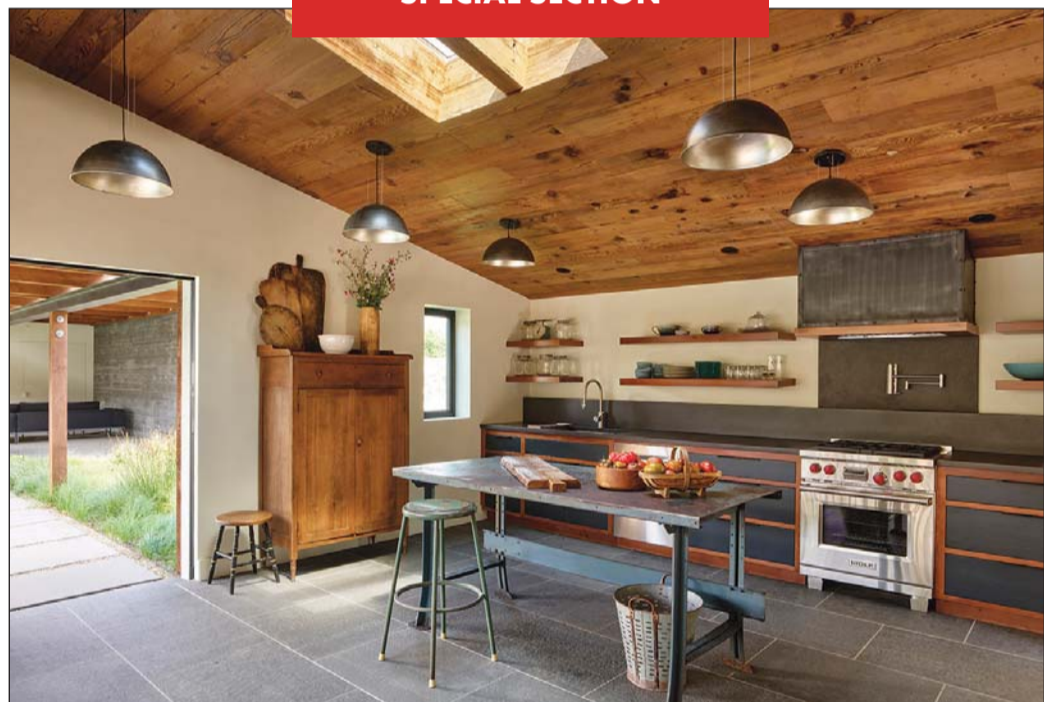
A long history

The Rancho appeared on the cover of *Sunset* magazine in December 1942, and on page 8, under a photo of the home's patio and an editorial about finding new building materials — the very thing Comstock anticipated — the caption read in part, "Our homes are America's flags of Peace. And in our vision of future homes must be the design of Peace to come." Seems like a lot to ask of a house, but it was Christmas in wartime, and the yearning for the restoration of order and safety must have found some satisfaction in such lofty hopes.

In the 1950s, cartoonist Hank Ketcham and his family — including his young son, who became famous as the inspiration for "Dennis the Menace" — purchased the place and moved in.

By the time Webster bought the property in 2015, it was habitable, but not pretty. The pool house where Ketcham and a small crew of artists drew "Dennis the Menace," was in particularly bad shape. However, Webster said that when he and Cle-

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PHOTOS/ELAINE HESSER (TOP), PAUL DYER (MIDDLE), SHERMAN CHU (ABOVE)

Rancho El Robledo (top), a Hugh Comstock-designed home in Carmel Valley, was recently placed on the Monterey County Register of Historic Places. A prototypical California Ranch house, it blurs the lines between indoor and outdoor living, including an open kitchen (middle) in the pool house. The home was on the cover of *Sunset* in 1942, and its restoration was lovingly completed by Kimberly Clemenson and Jeff Webster (above), with help from local architects and contractors.

I N Y O U R D R E A M S

IF YOU GET TIRED OF THE VIEWS, YOU CAN ALWAYS GO TO THE MOVIES

BY ELAINE HESSER

INSIDE MACOMBER Estates — its own enclave-within-an-enclave in Del Monte Forest — is a 25-year-old home that realtor Tim Allen of Coldwell Banker has listed for \$13.5 million. What does that get you in this market? Glad you asked.

The five-bedroom, four-bathroom mansion comprises nearly 8,500 square feet on a 2.74-acre lot with meandering paths and a beautiful custom fountain to welcome guests. Given its size, it could easily feel overwhelming, but award-winning architect Charlie Rose created a design on three levels that somehow manages to feel warm and eminently livable.

Rose designed many homes scattered around the Peninsula and is nationally renowned for taking full advantage

of his works' locations and surroundings. The house at 3230 Macomber Drive is a fine example. Although it feels substantial — as if it's always been there and always will be — the architect's generous use of windows and skylights keep it light and airy.

Gourmet kitchen

Almost every room takes in some of the views. From various vantage points, you can see Stillwater Cove and the 6th and 8th holes at Pebble Beach, as well as Carmel Beach and Point Lobos. A wraparound deck on the main floor and a large patio with a fire pit allow al fresco enjoyment of the scenery, too.

Entry to the main floor is through a tall doorway under a sharply peaked ceiling, with two rows of small skylights that span the length of the house, leading the eye indoors.

The large living room subtly frames the many windows overlooking the golf course, the cove and the ocean beyond.

Opposite the living room are a large kitchen and a dining area with a fireplace.

Two islands, double ovens, a six-burner cooktop and plenty of counter space provide everything necessary for a caterer or home chef to create truly special dinners — in case you feel like entertaining during Concours or the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

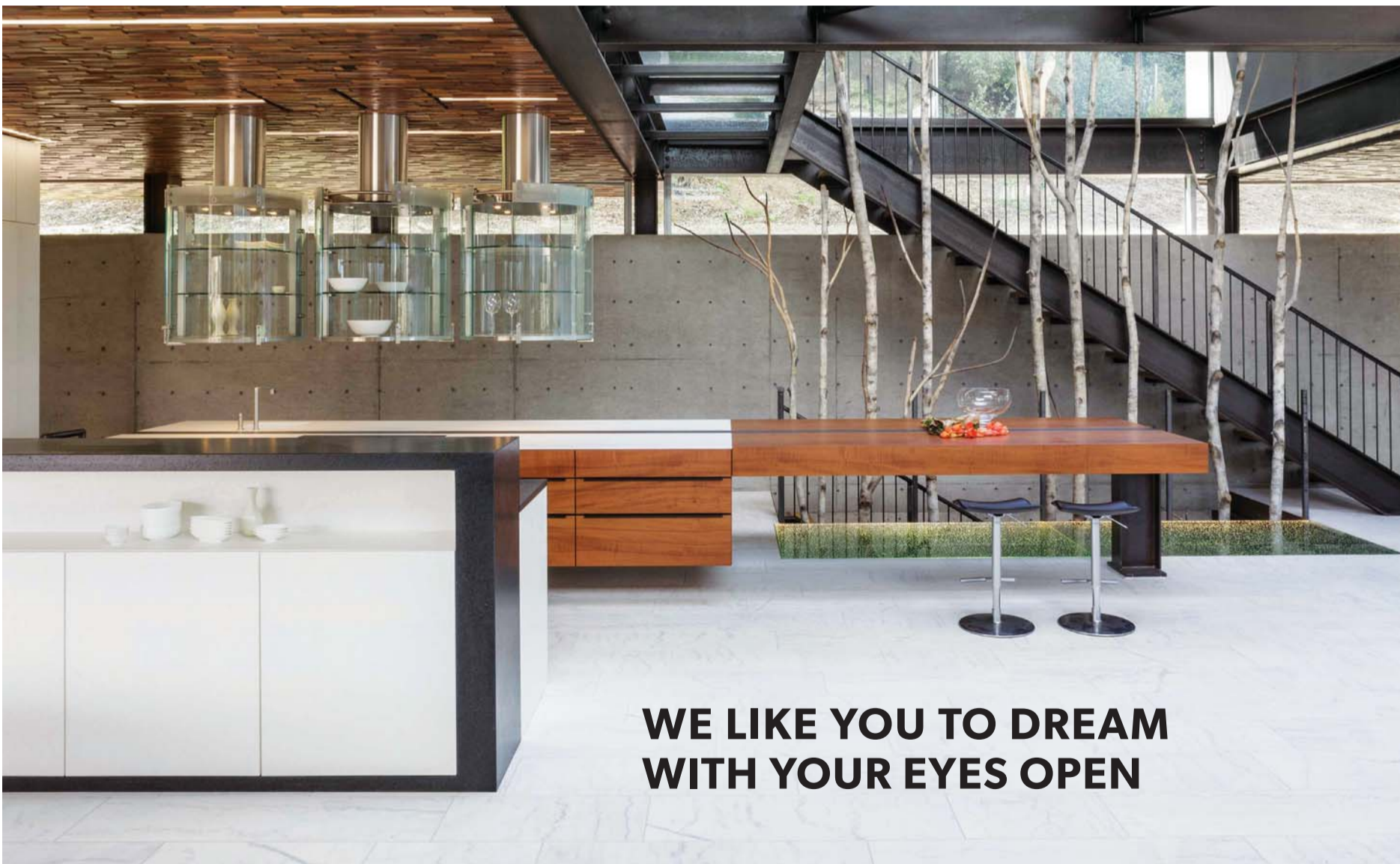
Outdoors, the stone-paved deck extends from the living room to the master suite. The bedroom is a generous 420 square feet, with a walk-in closet a little more than half that size.

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The Pebble Beach estate at 3230 Macomber Drive was designed by celebrated architect Charlie Rose, who is known for taking full advantage of a home's site. Here, he had plenty to work with, including views of Point Lobos and Stillwater Cove.



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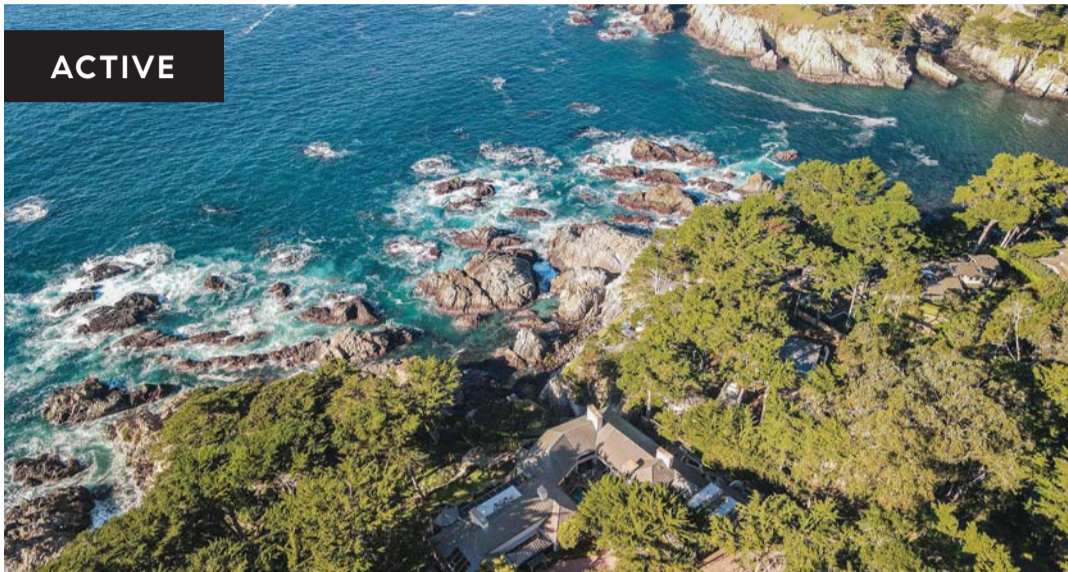
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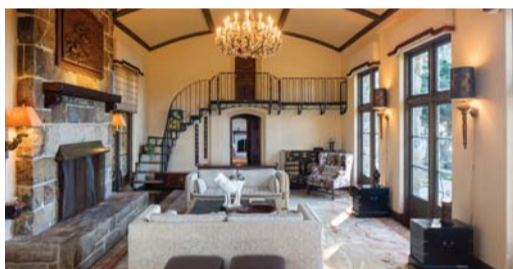


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From 'bah humbug' to 'life is just a bowl of cherries' in one week

MY COLUMN last week about things that annoy me prompted a friend to suggest I follow it up with a column about things that make me happy. This was after he asked where I get my ideas. This week, I get them from you, my friend.

I'm a foodie. Pizza lights my fire. Not the tomato-stained Frisbees you get everywhere in this country, but real stuffed pizza with a filling made from ricotta, mozzarella, eggs, Parmesan, wine, and Margherita brand pepperoni which is made with pork and beef and seasoned liberally with red and black pepper. The filling is forked onto thinly rolled dough, which is folded over the filling, then baked in the oven. We call it three-cheese pizza.

I'm a sucker for kindness, especially from anonymous strangers. Those serendipitous surprises — like the time on the Bay Bridge when the person in the car ahead of me paid my toll — got me involved in *pay it forward*.

A hill of beans

I'm a baseball junky. "Pitchers and catchers report" has always chased away the winter blahs. It meant a new season was a short hop away. It meant pitchers landscaping the mound with their crunching spikes, the *thwock* of balls popping into gloves, stanza after stanza of pure poetic baseball jargon, and the kick of every team being in first place on opening day. Spring officially began. Alas, not this year, as greed springs eternal between players and management. But I have high hopes that there is a "Play ball!" in my future.

I am not a car guy, but the memory of my 1966 maroon two-door Mustang sets my heart a-fluttering. Sweet ride. Little Lido Iacocca got it right, baby.

My mother took me to movies every Friday night from the time I was 5. I've seen Casablanca eleventy-seven times. Of all the gin joints in all the towns in all the world, she walks into his, filling the screen with her timeless face that launched a thousand sheets of Kleenex. When their eyes lock you know that the problems of three

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

little people *do amount to a hill of beans* in this crazy world. The man who sticks his neck out for nobody puts his on the line to get her the letters of transit. While Louie rounds up the usual suspects, Ilsa boards the plane to Lisbon with Victor Laszlo, and so begins a beautiful friendship between me and a masterpiece in black and white.

Coffee with the guys on Monday mornings is a special geezer time. The remnants of the original "Toonsday" group meet at Café Luna in Carmel Plaza. This weekly tradition goes back to the mid 1990s.

Attrition may have reduced our numbers, but it has not dampened our enthusiasm to take arms against a sea of troubles, even if our opposition doesn't accomplish much.

Crime and punishment

Books are instant happiness. There is nothing better than a well told tale. Retirement means more time to cozy up with author Donna Leon (figuratively speaking of course). Commissario Guido Brunetti is the most charming police detective in beautiful Venice. Sometimes he even solves crimes in a city where car chases are

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CARMEL VALLEY HOME FOR SUNNY MORNINGS, COLORFUL SUNSETS

BY ELAINE HESSER

EL NIDO is Spanish for The Nest, an apt name for the cozy house on the little street off Country Club Road in sunny Carmel Valley. The tidy two-bedroom house on a cul-de-sac on Nido Way is lovely, but it's more of a frame for extensive views of the Valley.

Extensively remodeled in 2013, the two-bedroom, two-bathroom home comprises 1,640 square feet on just over an acre of sloping land, which has been creatively designed with areas for contemplation, relaxation, gardening and outdoor entertaining.

Catch those rays

The property recently sold for more than the \$1.8 million asking price, according to David Kent, who had the

listing with Carmel Realty. And no wonder.

The home's design takes full advantage of its eastern exposure on the street side and the often gorgeous sunsets on the opposite side. A sheltered patio is bathed in morning light, the perfect place to sip a cup of coffee while reading *The Pine Cone*. Next to the patio are raised garden beds and a perfect spot for a barbecue grill — not far from the sleek, contemporary kitchen.

Any cook would be happy with the excellent use of the relatively compact space and stainless steel appliances give an air of modern sophistication. The rest of the floor plan is fairly open, and the living room, dining area and master bedroom look westward, with a wrap-around deck to soak in the afternoon warmth and of course, ooh and ahh over sunsets.

And while the views are wonderful, the house is the

epitome of “just right” — not too big, not too small, and making great use of space.

Thoughtful design

Light-colored hardwood floors and large windows make the interior feel airy and expansive, but a gas fireplace that is open to both the living room and the master bedroom hints at cozy winter evenings, too. The sleeping quarters feature a sage green accent wall that adds interest without being intrusive.

The master bathroom doubles as a dressing room, with ample closet space for clothing and shoes, and a skylight to help you figure out whether that jacket you're considering is navy blue or basic black. A separate laundry room

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PHOTOS/SHERMAN CHU

This hillside “nest” — El Nido in Spanish — was designed to take advantage of its expansive views of Carmel Valley (left). In addition to a patio that's perfect for barbecues, the home features a generous deck (above) that goes from the living room to the master bedroom.



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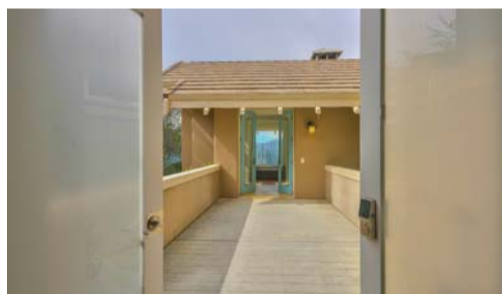
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A TALE OF TWO BUILDERS WHO COLLABORATED 100 YEARS APART

BY LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

BACK IN the 1930s, when Carmel was still young, untamed and full of people talented in the arts, some of the residents who envisioned what the city should be became builders. Bach Fest founders Dene Denny and Hazel Watrous built bungalows. Hugh Comstock designed and built an oversized dollhouse for his wife, and then made larger storybook cottages for others. Michael J. Murphy who, at 19, had become the chief builder for the Carmel Development Company, ultimately had more than 300 homes and community buildings to his credit.

Although Murphy's early work did not adhere to a particular design style, his Victorian-meets-Craftsman bungalow became known as the Carmel Cottage. To this day,

there is cachet to owning a Murphy-built cottage, particularly one in which the early aesthetic has been honored and preserved while the home has been updated to support the tastes and lifestyle of contemporary living.

One particularly good example is a 90-year-old Murphy bungalow on Dolores Street that's been tastefully and lovingly updated by contractor John Lewis. The result is what you might call the ultimate collaboration between two Carmel designer-builders.

Crafting a legacy

San Francisco Bay area couple Eric and Laura Lamison have been coming to Carmel for more than 25 years. On most trips, they brought kids and a dog and cozied up in the Cypress Inn or The Vagabond House. Ultimately, they decided to purchase a home to keep their Carmel tradi-

tion for generations to come.

What they loved about the property was the canopy of trees through which they could view the sea, and the fact that downtown and the beach were an easy walk away. The house itself, however, wasn't a selling point.

"It was old but not historic, remodeled but not contemporary," said Eric. "In its day, it was surprisingly smart in its use of space, but the layout was kind of a labyrinth. The finishes were dated, the roof was shot, and there were moisture issues. Still, we had a sense of what it could be."

So did John Lewis, owner of Lewis Builders, who has an uncanny ability to walk into a space and visualize what it could be and how it would work. His expertise was the reason the Lamisons were willing to buy the property.

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PHOTOS/COURTESY LEWIS BUILDERS

Lewis Builders took the M.J. Murphy home that owner Eric Lamison originally described as "old but not historic" and "remodeled but not contemporary," and created an updated look that still embraces the home's roots and Murphy's smart use of space.



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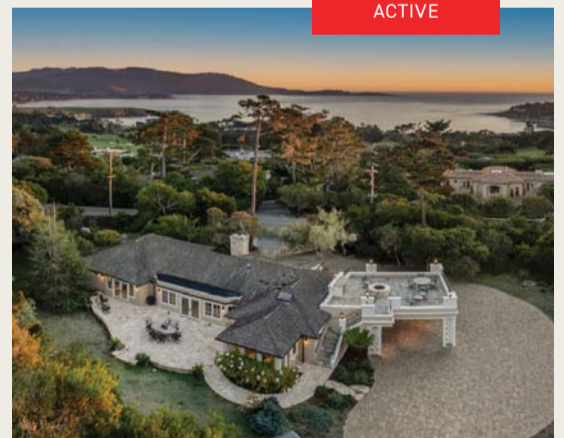


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MENACE

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menson visited the property, which includes 8 acres of land, “We could see what it could be. Everything was there for the restoration. All the hardware was OK.”

Webster’s aspirations for the property came to life with the help of an assortment of local contractors and architects. The expansive, rehabilitated pool house includes a steam room and changing rooms, as well as guest quarters and a sheltered outdoor lounge complete with a television, mini-fridge and freezer. There’s a small fitness room and of course, the pool, which is 50 feet long and 9 feet deep at one end (the water comes from a well on the property).

Continuing the theme of indoor/outdoor living, the pool house is also where you’ll find what Webster calls “the farm kitchen,” equipped for cleaning, freezing or canning the harvest from raised-bed gardens (built using old fence posts) and an orchard.

“I’m an avid jam and jelly maker,” said Webster, pointing out full containers that lined a large pantry and freezer. There’s also a walnut table, made of wood from a tree stump he had removed, and cabinets made from reclaimed redwood.

Storybook charm

He planted a small vineyard with pinot noir, and has a few olive trees and a couple of beehives. Clemenson, still employed in biotech, has a business called Comstock Finca — Spanish for estate — using some of the homemade canned goods and other local artisanal foods to make gift boxes that are sold to benefit Rancho Cielo in

Salinas.

An adorable two-bedroom adobe guest cottage is adjacent to the main house and has its original jade green sink, tub and toilet. A little stone fireplace in the corner of one bedroom gives it some storybook charm.

Attention to detail

In the main house, the maid’s quarters have been converted into a housekeeping room, with everything you’d ever need for cleaning and doing laundry, including an original ironing board that folds down from the wall. The trunk room, where the Wolfermans stored their luggage each summer, is now a mudroom.

The living and dining room feature original redwood floors. “Look at those enormous planks,” Webster said, pointing out one that is about a foot wide and runs the (considerable) length of the room. The ceiling reuses redwood that was once used for siding, and the large copper hood over the stove in the kitchen is original, as is the stone fireplace in the living room.

There’s a nicely appointed master bedroom with a huge bathroom and large walk-in closets. Outside, there’s a brick walkway that Webster said was built on sand.

The bricks were numbered and removed, a cement slab was poured, and then the bricks were carefully replaced (you can still see the numbers).

The finished project was impressive enough to be the subject of a cover story in last year’s March/April issue of California Homes magazine. Seavey commented that Webster and Clemenson have been “extremely good stewards” of “a wonderful example” of original California ranch homes.

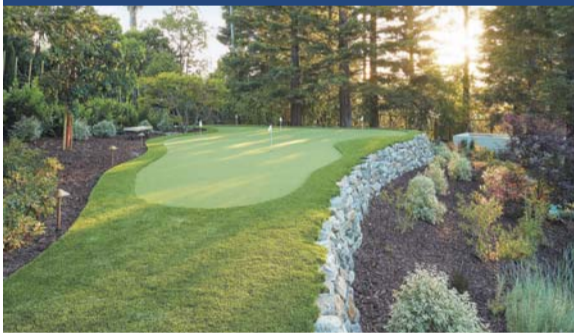


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The swimming pool and pool house in the background (top) date at least to Hank Ketcham’s time and were the setting for lots of work on “Dennis the Menace.” (Above) The restored living room includes the original fireplace.

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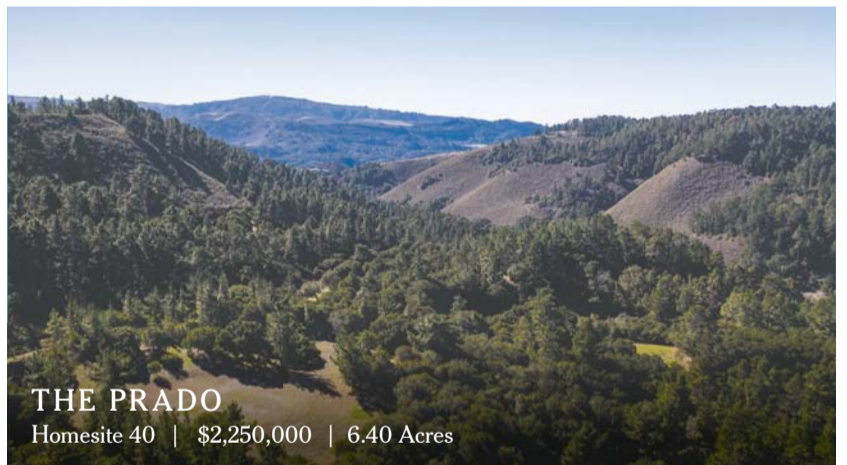
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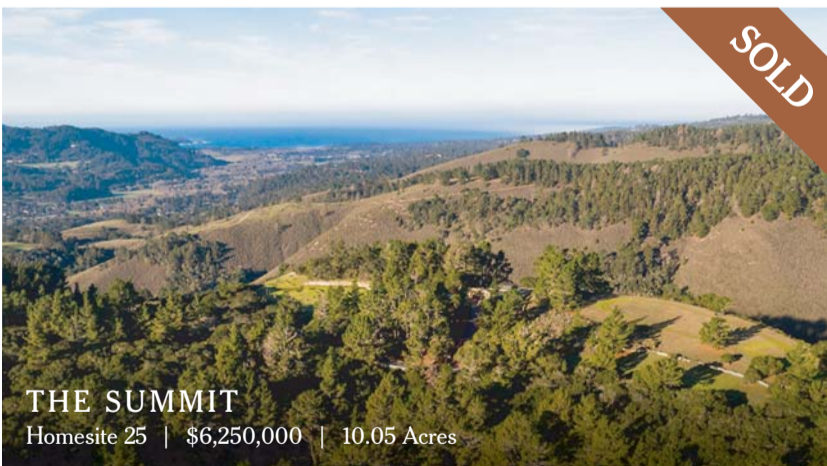
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POLICE LOG

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 40-year-old male and a 44-year-old female were arrested in San Jose on felony charges of burglary, grand theft, possession of stolen property and conspiracy, and misdemeanor charges of vehicle tampering and theft [all related to the Feb. 19 burglary of a jewelry store on Dolores Street].

Pacific Grove: A phone was found on Ocean View Boulevard. Owner information is not known and item will be held for safekeeping.

Pacific Grove: At 1110 hours, placed a 72-hour notice tag on property on Grand Avenue belonging to a homeless subject. Subject located at approximately 1600 hours, and belonging were returned to him. He was also provided transportation to the Victory Mission shelter in Salinas.

Pacific Grove: Theft on Lighthouse Avenue.

Carmel Valley: Report of a deceased male at a Pacific Meadows residence.

Carmel area: Subject on Dolores Street reported a theft.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Grey Toyota Highlander towed and stored for blocking a driveway on San Carlos Street.

Pacific Grove: Reported fire at a business on Grand Avenue at 0023 hours. Monterey police made entry through window and found no fire.

Pacific Grove: A 53-year-old female was arrested on Walcott Way at 0609 hours for DUI and released with a citation.

Pacific Grove: A 32-year-old male was found driving on Central Avenue with suspended license.

Pacific Grove: Juvenile on Grove Acre was placed on a 5150 W&I hold due to suicidal statements.

Carmel area: San Mateo Avenue resident reported suspicious circumstances.

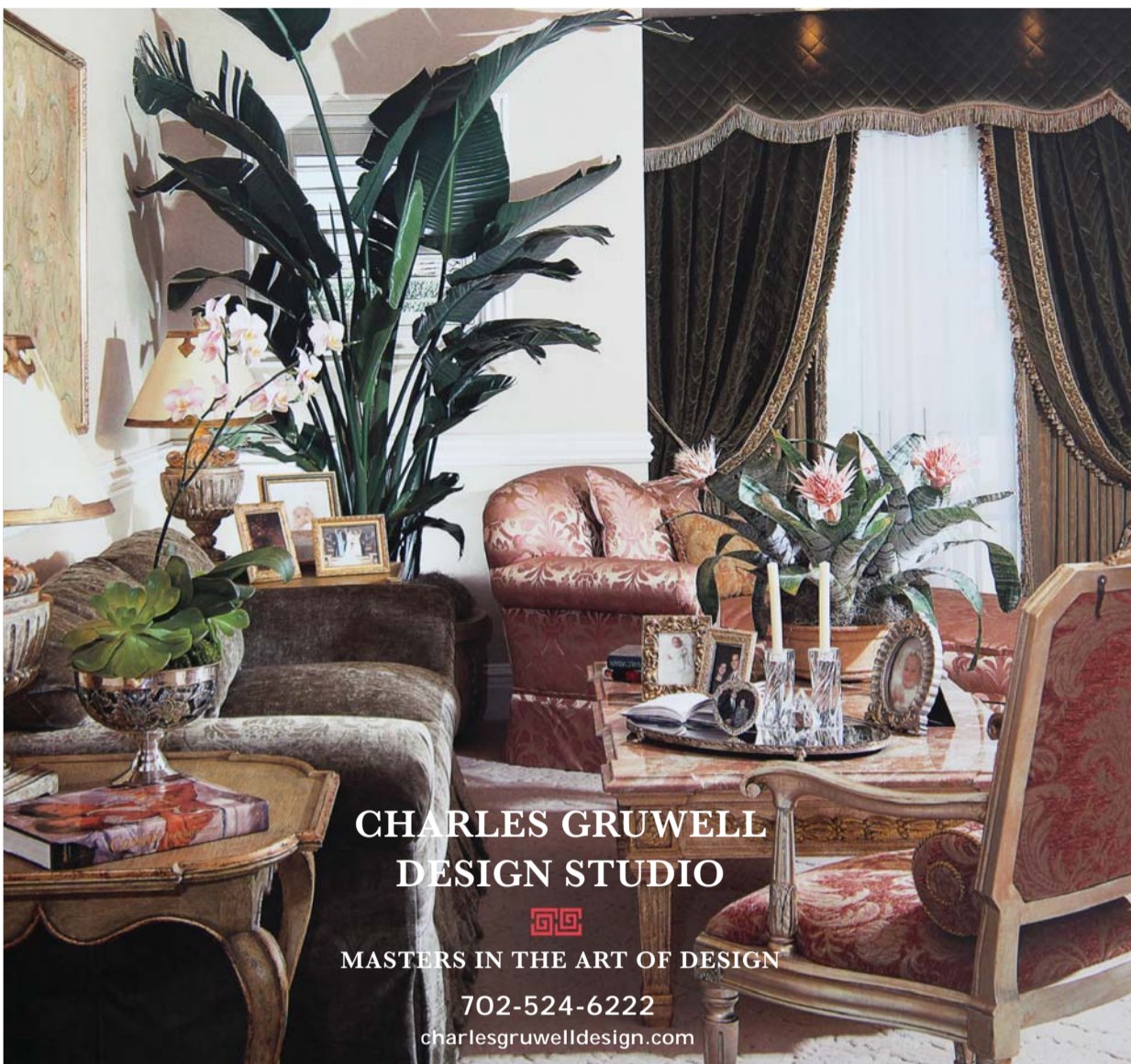
Carmel area: Husband and wife, both age 66, were involved in a physical domestic dispute on Rio Road. The husband was arrested for domestic violence.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Investigated trespassing on San Antonio Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person reported a missing ring last seen on at Carmel Plaza or Devendorf Park. The person called

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MURPHY

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“I have a lot of respect and admiration for the people who lived in this house before us,” said Eric Lamison. “And I could see, in its prime, it was nice. But it needed an intervention. John Lewis met us at the property and I realized that if we could renovate the house with his firm, the place would become our masterpiece.”

The Lewis Builders team did not expand the square footage or alter the footprint of the three-bedroom, 2.5-bath bungalow. Instead, the redesign of the 2,050-square-foot house maximized space, extended sightlines and introduced an open floor plan with custom finishes and wide access to an outdoor lifestyle.

In 1933, a Murphy-built kitchen was tucked into a corner, and the meal was presented in the dining room.

The new kitchen, the heart of the home, is open to the living area. It is spacious and

bright, with an island that invites everyone to participate.

A feature wall is faced in a split-face silver travertine stacked stone, complementing a refaced stone fireplace which provides a balance of weight and texture across the space.

Out with the funk

Dark, timeworn flooring was replaced with a durable Avalon Bay blond luxury vinyl plank throughout, creating continuity and light. Windows throughout the home

frame the outdoors like artwork.

Bathrooms are sleek, spacious and crafted with offset tiles, creating a sculptural effect in the shower and backsplash, adding to their understated elegance, and what was once a narrow spiral staircase, is now straight and framed in glass.

Lewis said, “Our goal was to maintain the Carmel character of the house but get rid of the funk and turn it into a more fluid floorplan, with seamless transitions throughout the space. This was our vision, our challenge, and our outcome.”

MACOMBER

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One of the home's five gas fireplaces is a focal point indoors, while outside, Point Lobos beckons. Even a soaking tub in the

master bath sits in a windowed niche.

Two more bedrooms with en suite baths are located on the lower floor, along with a lounge and wine cellar. And whether you want to watch the Giants take on the Dodgers, or just screen Clint's latest film, you can do so in the private movie theater. It's fully equipped with the com-

fiest chairs, and high-tech gizmos to let you watch in style. All you need to add is popcorn.

The stairs from the main floor to the smaller top floor lead to a beautiful library with a dramatic black-and-green marble fireplace accented by a stunning metal grate. There's also an office with built-in

shelves and desktop.

Although it occupies three floors, the stairs are unusually shallow and easy to navigate, and there's a spot where an elevator could be installed, if the new owners would like. Either way, they're sure to enjoy the luxury home — and its surroundings — for many years to come.



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(Left) Architect Charlie Rose used long rows of skylights to bring light and a feeling of movement to the kitchen in this Pebble Beach home, while a theater downstairs can transport you from the Pacific coast to anywhere.

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Camino Real, 4 NE of Eighth Avenue — \$4,550,000

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Le Chiffre Holdings LLC to Roberta Hunter and Donna Meyers
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John and Diane Rettig to William and Jodi Berg
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Carmel Valley

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Robert and Yukiko Sanford to Michael and Maria Henderson
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34 Wawona Street — \$700,000

Lisa and Frank Linnenbrink to Justin and Laura Smith
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4000 Rio Road unit 27 — \$849,000

Mary and Vishwa Kapur to John and Diane Korellis
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10 Woodside Place — \$1,100,000

Lynn Patricio to Cary Neiman
APN: 187-421-019

4 E. Carmel Valley Road — \$2,500,000

The Talbott Family Foundation to Great Valley Holdings LLC
APN: 187-441-024

7075 Fairway Place — \$4,250,000

Janet Tague to Gerald and Diana Kitchen
APN: 157-093-005

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22328 Capote Drive — \$820,000

Ruth Pederson to Laura and Gage Banks
APN: 161-352-030

22469 Ferdinand Drive — \$1,105,000

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I N Y O U R D R E A M S

SUNNY

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also houses a sink and enough space to sort and fold clothing. The second bedroom has a bath with a jetted tub, surrounded by tile in warm earth tones.

Every bit of space is put to good use, and folks used to working from home would appreciate the small office with its large, specially made desk.

The two-car garage is outfitted as a gym, and has addition-

al storage space.

The house has solar panels which significantly lower the monthly electric bills, including charging the previous owners' electric cars.

Outside, there's a hot tub where you can easily imagine relaxing under the stars with a glass of chardonnay, and the fenced yard is landscaped with drought-tolerant plants.

A quiet meditation area a little farther downhill is perfect for contemplating one's good fortune in landing such a special piece of bucolic Carmel Valley.



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The home at 265 Nido Way makes excellent use of its space, combining the living and dining areas (left), while the small kitchen was designed with efficiency and convenience in mind.



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1257 Josselyn Canyon Road — \$1,325,000

Ave Maria Convalescent Hospital Inc. to Matthew Grebing
and Nicole Bormann
APN: 101-201-005

13435 Cuesta Verde — \$1,575,000

Robin Rudisill to BEH NO2 LLC
APN: 161-461-012

31 Seca Place — \$1,625,000



1257 Josselyn Canyon Road, Highway 68 — \$1,325,000

Kenneth Slama to Chris Depner and Thanh Ly
APN: 173-031-003

23675 Determine Lane — \$1,995,000



139 San Remo Road, Carmel Highlands — \$4,100,000

John and Eileen Dugan to Caroline Butler
APN: 173-101-037

403 Via del Milagro — \$2,600,000

Kenneth and Brittany Juenger to Mehrdad and
Homa Mojjani
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Timothy Bennett to Dhaval Patel
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Marlene Jung to Daniel Kirstein
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1105 Golden Oaks Lane — \$750,000

Phillip Nguyen to Carl Goodson
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301 Virgin Avenue — \$810,000

KDM Investors LP to Salvador Pelayo
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426 Casanova Avenue — \$945,000

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15849 Pleasant Valley Lane, Highway 68 — \$1,299,000



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SHERIFF

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back and reported the ring was located.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost black men's wallet.

Pacific Grove: Deceased subject found inside of home on Redwood Lane. Natural causes.

Pacific Grove: Juvenile was contacted who became separated (lost) from his father and father's girlfriend. Juvenile was reunited with father's girlfriend on Shafter. Info report.

Big Sur: Online report of stolen property

on Highway 1.

Pebble Beach: An elderly male on Cormorant Road was transported for a 5150 W&I hold [danger to self or others].

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Theft of rings at Del Mar.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Camino Real resident reported ongoing harassment from her landlord. She stated the landlord's attitude and demeanor are continually threatening and argumentative. She also felt his foul language is inappropriate.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Wallet reported lost. Wallet was turned in by a business, and the

owner will arrange for it to be mailed back to her.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 20-year-old male was found to be on probation and driving while suspended. Driver was released on a promise to appear. Vehicle impounded.

Pacific Grove: A 49-year-old female was arrested on Congress for obstructing a sidewalk and begging.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Lighthouse reported vandalism to his parked vehicle.

Pacific Grove: Missing person was located and returned to her family on Spazier.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A dog was captured in the roadway on Scenic. The dog was turned over to animal services and later returned to the owner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dog found on Rio and brought to the station. Later, the owner called the department, and the dog was returned to the owner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Officers were dispatched to report of a woman in distress trying to enter a residence on Lincoln. Officers responded and assisted the woman to a hotel where her family was staying. Neighbor contacted the homeowner and stated the front door handle was possibly broken. Two days later, officers spoke to the homeowner, who wanted documentation for the broken door-knob.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Possible prowler on Casanova Street.

Pacific Grove: Theft of a catalytic converter on Monterey Avenue.

Pacific Grove: A traffic stop was conducted on Pine, and the driver had a no-bail warrant. The 41-year-old female driver was arrested for violation of probation and driving on a license suspended for DUI. Transported to county jail.

Pacific Grove: Fall on public property on Ocean View Boulevard.

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GERVASE

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gondola rides, and the best clues to follow are the ones that make up the ingredients in his wife's recipes.

Our Peninsula's calendar is filled with events that draw aficionados from around the globe.

The Friends of the Harrison Memorial Library annual book sale tops my list of favorites. This year the sale is a month early, July 7 to 9, once again at the Carmel Youth Center.

Book donations continue at the collection site behind Sunset Center every Tuesday between 10 a.m. and noon.

Anything revolving around family is a joyful occasion. During the mandated lockdown, family gatherings were verboten. Seeing grandchildren again is a hoot. I have a rocking chair full of memories of

my own brood when they were small. First words, first steps, first days of school, first dates, first romances, the responsibility of teaching them to fly on their own, with the heartache of letting them go softened by pride in their accomplishments. As adults, they are friends now, fun to be with, caring and compassionate.

If any of them decide to come back home to live they are welcome because family is a lifetime gift. Come home, little chickadees, the nest remains feathered.

Life is good. So much to do! Those 1,440 minutes in a day fly by. W. Somerset Maugham said: "The secret to life is meaningless unless you discover it yourself."

And what a blast the voyage of discovery continues to be. Sharing it makes the voyage even more meaningful, and her lovely face, the first thing I see in the morning, makes my bowl of cherries run-neth over.

Contact Jerry at jerrygervase@yahoo.com.

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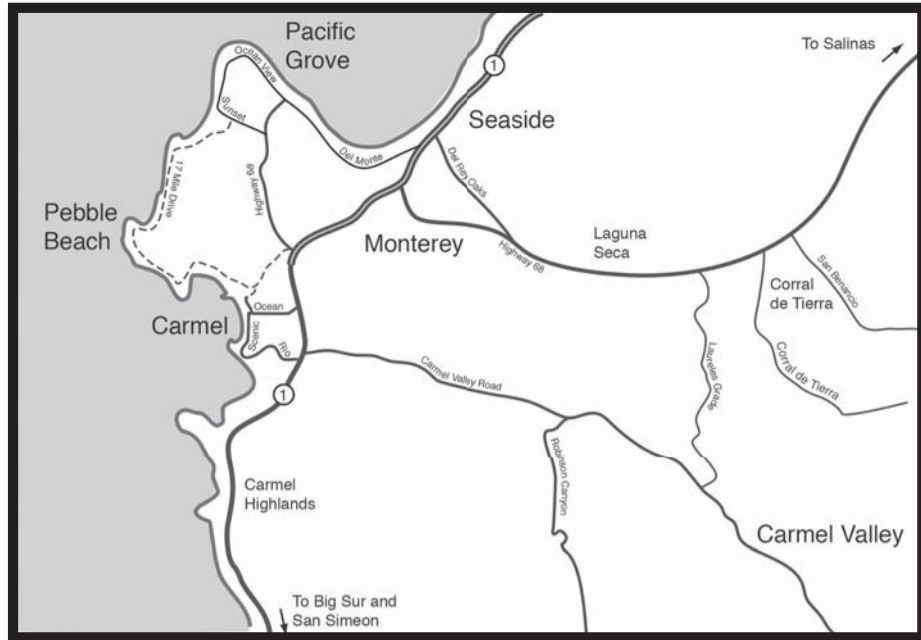
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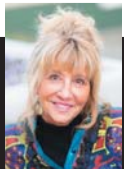
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SHERIFF

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Pacific Grove: Dispatched to a possible prowler on 17 Mile Drive wearing a ski mask. Unable to locate a suspect or any crime. Black beanie located in the area and booked for safekeeping.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fall on city property on Ocean. Victim transported to hospital

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Trespassing and vandalism issue on Valley Way.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report taken for a found earring placed for safekeeping pending owner notification.

Pacific Grove: Report of a lost wedding ring on Central.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle towed from Pine for expired registration.

Pacific Grove: Subject came to the department to voluntarily surrender two firearms. A report was taken.

Pacific Grove: Conducted a vehicle stop on Presidio Boulevard for a vehicle code violation. The driver was unlicensed and lied about her name. The passenger lied about his name, possessed a stolen bike, had burglary tools, and had two felony warrants for burglary. These crimes were in violation of both of their probation terms. The 33-year-old female driver was cited, and the 27-year-old male passenger was booked into Monterey County Jail.

Carmel area: Domestic battery occurred at the Crossroads and was investigated.

Carmel Valley: Dog at large on Toyon Way.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Bayview reported losing his passport.

Carmel Valley: Nason Road resident reported theft by credit card.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

Pacific Grove: Non-injury collision on Central. Vehicle towed.

Pacific Grove: Person reported a male having a mental health crisis in Washington

Park. The male was contacted and transported to the hospital for a mental health hold.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Monarch Lane reported being a victim of identity theft. Report taken.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Figueroa cited for outstanding warrants.

Pacific Grove: Domestic disturbance on Glen Lake Drive.

Carmel Valley: Citizen reported someone spit on a vehicle at Mid Valley Center.

Carmel area: Male on Rio Road reported his information was found on a dark website.

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Pacific Grove

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