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Consultant: Rising sea levels will threaten homes

By MARY SCHLEY

WHILE COASTAL erosion is a perennial problem along the California coast, consultants told the Carmel Forest and Beach Commission last Thursday that ocean levels increasing by 2 to 4 feet during the next 55 to 75 years could make the problem much worse, undermining 45 homes along Scenic Road, along with water mains, parking areas, public bathrooms, sewers and other infrastructure.

Hired by the city to study the potential impacts of sea level rise and how to prepare for them, the consultants used information from city reports and documents dating back to the 1970s to get an idea of the rate of erosion in the past, coupled with state guidance and science estimating that sea levels will rise by 4 feet by 2100. (In 2018, the state guidance estimated ocean levels would be 7 feet higher by then, but the science and guidance are being updated this year, according to the consultants.)

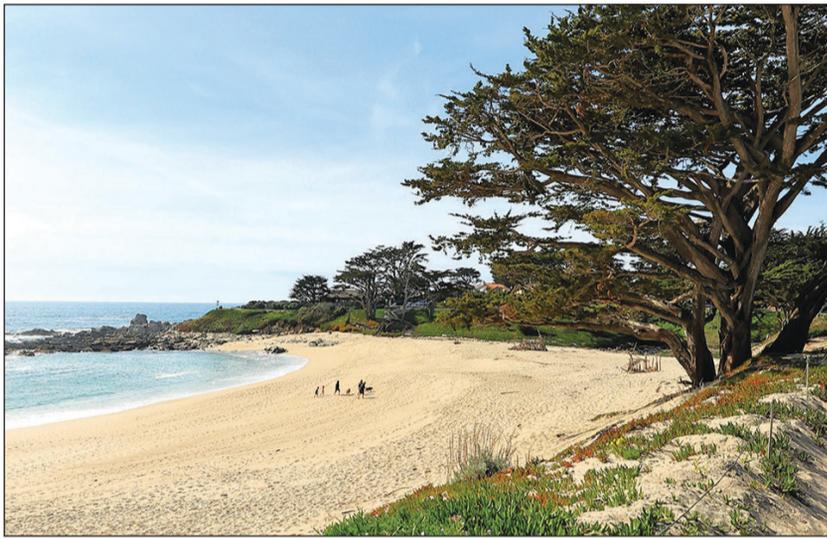
What it means

David Revell, the principal of Integral Corp, told commissioners erosion is driven by tides, waves breaking against the sea walls and bluffs and washing back out, and surf topping the bluffs to hit Scenic

Road, the pathways and the parking lot. While wave over-topping only occurs occasionally along Carmel Point, it will become increasingly common as sea levels rise. The report estimated erosion rates ranging from .2 foot per year to .7 foot per year and stated the width of the beach will narrow between 50 and 60 feet per foot of sea level rise.

According to the study, based on an estimated 3 feet of sea level rise occurring as early as 2070 — and assuming

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PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Rising sea levels may threaten Scenic Road, but some residents are concerned a majestic Monterey cypress (at right in photo) will be sacrificed so the road can be protected. See page 17A.

Nielsen Bros. market welcomes new owners

By MARY SCHLEY

A COUPLE who owned a market in the Twitter building in San Francisco before the pandemic and held key positions in the Whole Foods and Andronico's empires, Susan and Michael Cohen, have purchased Nielsen Bros. Market. The sellers, Azniv and Tigran Amirkhanian, bought the store from longtime owners Merv and Nancie Sutton in 2009 and are planning to retire.

"My husband and I just love that place," Azniv said Tuesday, adding that they also adore the customers and employees, and have no intention of moving away, but after 15 years of seven-days-a-week work, it's time to let someone else take over.

"We just want to enjoy the fruits of our labor before we need walkers or anything," said Azniv, who has also been on the boards of the Carmel Chamber of Commerce and the nonprofit Carmel Foundation, which serves members aged 55 and older.

The Amirkhanians have been married for 51 years and have owned and run several businesses as a team.

The sale came about after the Amirkhanians' son, who is a business broker in Los Angeles, convinced them

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CHS grad gets MBFC contract



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

At age 22, Carmel High alum Pierce Gallaway (Class of 2019) has taken a big step toward achieving his dreams — and you can watch him play this weekend. See page 12A.

You, too, can save motherless opossums

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE LIFE of a baby opossum is a very fragile thing, especially if it's no longer cared for by its mother. Yet against all odds, the SPCA Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Center last year rescued nearly 100 baby opossums after their mothers were hit by cars or killed by dogs or cats.

With nine rescued baby opossums under its care, the SPCA is asking the public for help to save as many of the tiny marsupials as possible.

If you're driving and accidentally hit an adult opossum, it could be a mother carrying babies. And even if she's been killed by the collision, there's hope that at least some of her babies will survive — but only if you lend a hand.

"You can help," the SPCA suggests. "If you hit an opossum with your car, or see one lying on the side of the road, please check on the opossum."

Small as honeybees

If the opossum is alive but injured, call the SPCA at (831) 264-5427. If the animal is deceased, and if you're safe from traffic, check its gender.

"Their anatomy is easily apparent," the SPCA explained. "If the opossum is female, use gloves and a towel, rag or washcloth to gently open the pouch and check for babies. They can be as small as honeybees, but they will be pink and squirming."

If you see live baby opossums, call the SPCA as soon as possible. They can survive for several hours on their own after their mother has died.

"Please don't attempt to remove the babies yourself as you could seriously injure their tiny mouths," the SPCA recommends. "Be sure to always wash your hands afterward."

Cute and funny-looking, opossums play an important

WATER DISTRICT SAYS RECLAMATION CAN PROVIDE ENOUGH WATER FOR NPS CENTER

■ 20 acre-feet for 290,000sf building

By KELLY NIX

THE MONTEREY Peninsula Water Management District has promised more than 6 million gallons of water per year for a massive innovation center that the U.S. Navy wants to build at the Naval Postgraduate School. But if that falls through, the military will explore other options, including purifying water from Lake Del Monte.

The Navy has proposed a 289,916-square-foot, three-level Naval Innovation Center at the Naval Postgraduate School that Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro has explained would serve as a "premier military education facility tailored to innovation and experimentation, serving as a technology resource for Navy and Marine Corps war-fighting development commands — as well as a go-to partner of the defense industrial base, the technology sector and academia."

'Assurance' of H₂O

But like local homeowners who want to add sinks or toilets to their houses, or someone who would like to build on a single-family lot that's been vacant for decades, the Navy needs a water allocation from the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District for the proposed innovation center. The requirement is spelled out in a lengthy draft environmental review for the project.

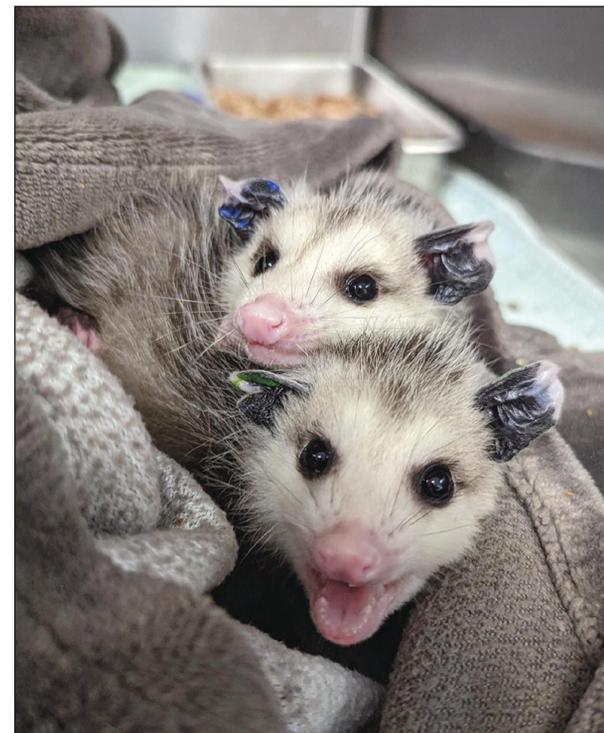
"Because the new building would be an intensification of use of drinking water, a permit from the water district would be required before the start of construction," the Navy document says.

The facility would require about 20 acre-feet of water (1 acre-foot amounts to about 326,000 gallons) per year. Based on use estimates for office projects, planners multiplied the square footage of the proposed center by 0.00007 to figure how much water it would need.

Fortunately for the U.S. Navy, however, the water

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role in the ecosystem, according to the SPCA. "They are beneficial to our local environment, as they eat pests like cockroaches, mice, rats, snails and slugs, and just one opossum can consume as many as 5,000 ticks in a single season," the group added.



PHOTO/SPCA MONTEREY COUNTY

These adorable baby opossums were rescued by the SPCA Monterey County, which is asking people for help in its efforts to save more of them.

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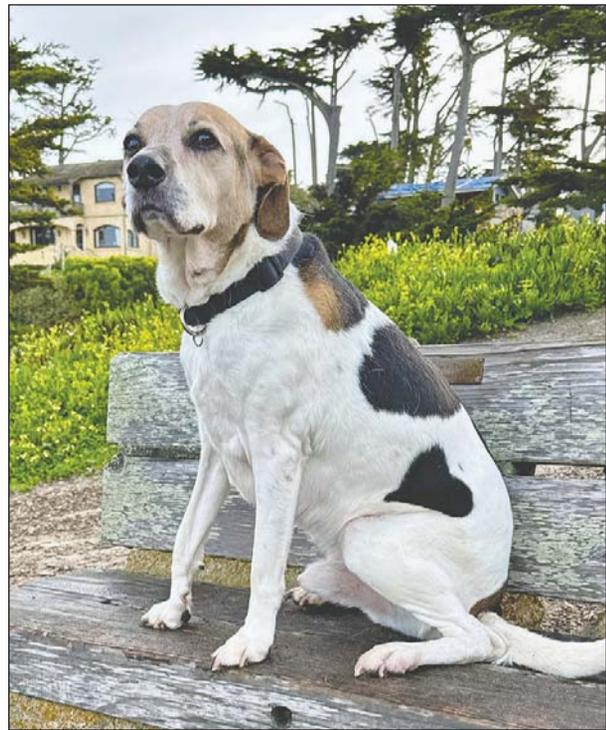
Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Encroaching on the cat

Dogs seem to show up in our lives right when we need them most. Soon after this couple had said goodbye to their beloved black Lab in December 2022, Buddy arrived, a little beagle mix they inherited from family following the passing of an uncle.

"Buddy had been to our house on a number of occasions," his person said. "We were doing a remodel on our house in Monterey, and he would come by with my



father-in-law and hang out with us. Eventually, he just stayed. We feel lucky to have him."

Buddy is now 11 years old, maybe 12. His people can't be sure since, possessed of exuberant energy, he doesn't act his age. He's very social and is always excited to greet other dogs and their people when out on a walk. He also loves to go to the beach, his person said, but once he gets close to the water, he becomes intimidated by the waves rushing the shore.

"Buddy's a lover," his person said. "He will do his best to climb into your lap, particularly if you don't know the rules and let him. But he's typically well behaved. If we tell him to get on his bed, he'll get on it without hesitation. If we gave him the chance, he'd probably get on our bed, as well. But we're not having that."

While Buddy's people also have a cat, with whom Buddy gets along, they've been thinking about getting him his own dog.

"Buddy gets a lot of attention, but lately he seems to be looking for a new friend. We imagine Buddy will teach him or her the ropes, how to behave in the household. And, considering his relationship with our cat, we imagine he will do well with a newcomer."

The bigger concern is the cat.

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Pictured: Edi Matsumoto's Heart sponsored by The Arnold Team.

The 2021 Carmel Chamber's Leadership Carmel "Heart of Carmel" Art Installation, raising funds for local youth scholarships.

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City clerk gives quick election preview

By MARY SCHLEY

ANYONE WHO wants to run for Carmel mayor or city council in the Nov. 5 election must live within the city limits, be at least 18 years old and be registered to vote. And no, city administrator Chip Rerig reminded viewers of his Friday video, you can't be a dog, though he couldn't blame the high school kid who a few years ago wanted to nominate his pup, for trying.

A guest on the weekly video typically hosted by Rerig and assistant city administrator Brandon Swanson, city clerk Nova Romero said one of the most enjoyable and exciting aspects of her job is overseeing the city's election held every other November in even-numbered years. The mayor serves a two-year term, while council members keep their posts for four years, with voters electing two at a time.

"As the city clerk, I am the election official for the City of Carmel," she said. "I am the main point of contact for anyone interested in running for office."

Get signatures

Election season officially kicks off in mid-July with the opening of the nomination period, when would-be candidates gather signatures of local registered voters to nominate them for office.

Anyone who wants to run must first make an appointment to meet with Romero to obtain all the necessary paperwork and information — a conversation that takes about an hour, she said.

At least 20 but no more than 30 signatures are required, and Romero advises potential candidates to get the maximum

to ensure at least 20 of them are valid. Nomination papers are due Aug. 9, though that deadline will be extended if any of the incumbents — Mayor Dave Potter and council members Bobby Richards and Karen Ferlito — chooses not to run for reelection.

"I send the nomination signatures to the county, they check and make sure you have at least 20 qualified signatures, and then they let me know," Romero explained. "And then I have the pleasure of contacting that person and letting them know they've officially become a candidate."

Financial reports

Candidates also have to file the Form 700 listing financial holdings that could create a conflict of interest, as well as several financial statements during the course of their campaigns detailing who contributed money to them and how much, and how much they've spent and on what.

"It's an exciting time. I think it's the most fun part of my job, and I love doing it, so don't hesitate to call with any questions," Romero said.

"I plan to keep everybody as informed and updated about when things are starting as much as I can."

Rerig also noted that candidates are entitled to ask questions about issues for the purposes of campaigning, and their inquiries and the answers provided by city officials are posted for the public to read.

"That's what we're all about, obviously: transparency and access to information," he said.

The latest information can be found at ci.carmel.ca.us/elections.

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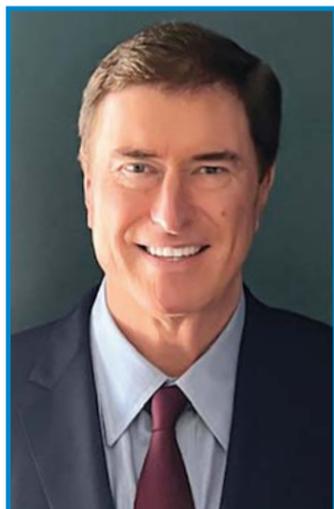
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Police & Sheriff's Log

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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.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

Carmel Valley: Deputies took an informational report for harassing text messages received by a Laurel Springs Road resident.

Pacific Grove: Suspicious circumstances on 17th Street.

Big Sur: Report of child pornography. Unknown perpetrator.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to the report of a welfare check on East Carmel Valley Road.

Carmel area: Arroyo Trail resident reported the theft and fraudulent passing of the checks.

Pacific Grove: The driver of a suspect vehicle failed to yield during a traffic stop and fled from officers. The suspect later crashed, and the occupants fled the scene. One of the suspects was located and found to be in possession of burglary tools. The 19-year-old male was booked into Monterey County Jail for possession of burglary tools and felony

evasion of a peace officer.

MONDAY, MARCH 4

Pacific Grove: Subject on Eardley placed on a 72-hour mental health evaluation. Transported to the hospital via ambulance.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Ocean View Boulevard was placed on a 72-hour mental health evaluation.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Lighthouse was marked for 72-hour parking.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Lighthouse Avenue requested a report for possible identity theft.

Pacific Grove: APS report for a subject on Lighthouse Avenue.

Pacific Grove: APS report involving a Briggs Avenue resident.

Pacific Grove: Report of an e-bike stolen from private property on David Avenue.

Pebble Beach: A theft reported on 17 Mile Drive is under investigation.

Carmel area: Person on Clock Tower Place reported a case of indecent exposure.

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



The gavel falls

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

Feb. 27 — Judge Rafael Vazquez sentenced Greenfield resident Juan Pablo Aragon-Herrera, 38, to a total term of 17 years in state prison. On Nov. 17, 2023, a Monterey County jury convicted Aragon-Herrera of committing lewd and lascivious acts upon a child under the age of 14, as well as assault with the intent to commit lewd and lascivious acts upon the same child, and child endangerment. These constitute the first criminal convictions for Juan Pablo Aragon-Herrera, and three of the four charges are strikes pursuant to California's three strikes law. Aragon-Herrera was also ordered to register as a sexual offender.

On July 2, 2023, Aragon-Herrera was visiting the residence where Jane Doe and John Doe, both under 14 years of age, were hanging LED lights in a bedroom. Aragon-Herrera walked into the room and used a ruse to be able to remove Jane's pants and place her on a bed where he attempted to continue touching her. John Doe was present and was able to get away and find help.

This case was investigated by deputy Brian Baugh and Detective Jesus Reyes of the Monterey County Sheriff's Department. Dis-

trict attorney investigators Alicia Cox and Pablo Andrade also assisted. The child victims and witness in this case were assisted by victim witness advocates Sonia Buenrostro, Estella Sanchez and Alma Sanchez. They were also accompanied during testimony by Norma Jeane, a victims' services dog with the district attorney's office.

March 1 — A jury convicted Leonard Jerreth Dunlap, 52 and a resident of Monterey, of false imprisonment by violence, as well as assault, and possession of methamphetamine. Dunlap was also found to have suffered two prior strike convictions. Judge Pamela L. Butler presided over the jury trial. Dunlap faces a maximum sentence of six years in state prison. He will be sentenced on March 27, 2024.

On Oct. 21, 2023, Dunlap was wandering the grounds of the Monterey Tides Inn when he came across Jane Doe, who was working to clean a guest room. Initially, Dunlap requested that Doe allow him access to the pool, but moments later, he began to ask Doe to have sex with him while he made

See **GAVEL** page 26A

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School aide accused of texting minor

By KELLY NIX

A THEATER teacher at a private school in Seaside was arrested last week on suspicion of making sexual advances to a teenage girl.

On March 14, a parent of a 16-year-old Chartwell School student reported to police that school employee Aaron Kanak, 29, sent inappropriate text messages to the girl.

“Chartwell School staff was immediately notified, and they promptly placed the teacher on leave,” Seaside Police said Monday. “We quickly gathered evidence and contacted Kanak at his Monterey home.”

An online database indicates that he lives in a 4,400-square-foot house on Via Mirada in Monterey.

Kanak “admitted to his inappropriate acts” and was arrested, according to Seaside Police.

“He was charged with annoying/molesting a minor, dissuading a witness/victim and attempting to destroy evidence,” police said. “He was taken to the Monterey County Jail as he awaits his court proceedings.”

‘Respected, safe’

By Monday afternoon, though, Kanak was no longer in jail and likely posted bail. He also no longer works as a teaching assistant who supported Chartwell School’s theater program, school officials said.

“We care deeply about cultivating a learning environment in which our students know they are respected, valued and safe,” school spokeswoman Elena Mueller told The Pine Cone. “We are cooperating

fully with the Seaside Police Department in its efforts, and Mr. Kanak is no longer employed by Chartwell School. Because this is now a legal matter, and out of respect for our student and their family, it would not be appropriate to provide additional details.”

As of Wednesday morning, the Monterey County District Attorney’s office had not charged Kanak with any crime, according to court records.

Kanak also worked as a teacher’s aide at Monterey Bay Charter School in Pacific Grove from November 2019 to February 2020 but was not accused of any wrongdoing related to students, the school’s executive director, Jessica Guzzi, told The Pine Cone.

Seaside Police are asking the public to contact the department at (831) 899-6748 if anyone has “information regarding this incident, or any other activity related to Kanak.”



Aaron Kanak

Special council meeting

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE CARMEL City Council will hold a special meeting March 26 at 4:30 p.m. to hear a presentation on sea level rise and the results of a coastal engineering study, followed by a second look at the list of capital improvement projects proposed for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, which begins July 1. The list ranges from \$15,000 for a secure access system in the Norton Court garage to \$2.81 million for repaving various streets.

Find information on attending or participating via Zoom, along with detailed reports, at ci.carmel.ca.us.

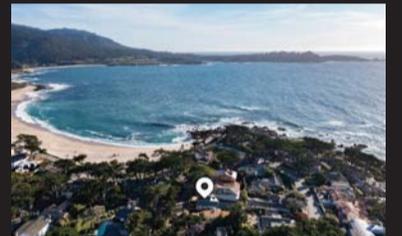
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Car drives onto middle school track

Kids nearby having P.E.

By KELLY NIX

PACIFIC GROVE Unified School District officials said this week that they will beef up security measures after a man suspected of being under the influence of alcohol drove an SUV onto the middle school track last week while children were attending a physical education class nearby.

Pacific Grove Police and PGUSD officials said that on March 14 just before 1 p.m., Monterey resident Michael Wood, 36, used his Ford Expedition to drive halfway around the track at the middle school before exiting. Nobody was injured, though kids were on the field at the time.

Superintendent Linda Adamson explained that students “were isolated to a far corner of the field area, not on the actual track. Students were under the supervision of teaching staff the entire time and were at no time left unattended.”

Quick response

School officials immediately called Pacific Grove Police and provided a vehicle description, and officers pulled Wood over on nearby Hillcrest Avenue. Photos provided to The Pine Cone show PGPD school resource officer Andrea Hill and Cpl. Fitzgerald Brown talking to Wood, who is seated on a curb, his vehicle next to him.

Police Cmdr. Brian Anderson told The Pine Cone Wood was taken to the hospital for a “medical emergency” and that police suspect he was under the influence of alcohol. Anderson said the department will submit its case to county prosecutors for possible criminal charges against Wood.

Surveillance cameras mounted on the school’s gym caught Wood driving on the track, but not entering and exiting. Police

don’t know why he drove onto the track, Anderson said.

PGUSD requested that PGPD issue Wood with a trespass notice, which means he could be arrested if he tries to go onto the campus again.

Adamson added that Wood was traveling slowly and “did not drive past students



Pacific Grove Police officers interview Michael Wood, a Monterey man they say drove onto the P.G. Middle School track last week while kids were on the field.

or advance intentionally toward them. In fact, it appeared from the camera footage that the driver was deliberately trying to avoid the students. The moment he came around the far side of the track where he had sufficient space to turn around, he made a U-turn and proceeded to exit the track, once again driving away from the students.”

One of the three bollards on the north side of Fountain Avenue which are

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Sisters seeking \$\$\$ from man they say attacked over Gaza message

By KELLY NIX

A FORMER Democratic congressional candidate charged with assaulting a teenager who helped decorate the sand dunes with a “Free Gaza” sign late last year is now facing a civil lawsuit related to the confrontation.

Prosecutors on Nov. 30, 2023, charged Max Steiner with battery and vandalism after they say he “did willfully and unlawfully use force and violence upon the person of Jane Doe” and “willfully, unlawfully and maliciously” vandalized her iPhone by grabbing it and throwing it during the Oct. 12, 2023, altercation in Sand City. The case is still going through the judicial process. Both charges are misdemeanors.

Meanwhile, the Jane Doe prosecutors allege Steiner assaulted, Maryam Khalil, then 13 years old, has filed a civil lawsuit against him, alleging assault, battery and various civil rights violations. The complaint contends that Steiner got off his bicycle after seeing the Gaza message crafted from sticks, shrubs and ice plant, and confronted Khalil and her sister Sara Khalil, 27, accusing them of being members of or supporters of the Palestinian terrorist group, Hamas.

‘Terrorists’

“He approached the plaintiffs and called them terrorists,” according to the lawsuit filed in Monterey County Superior Court. The complaint also lists Pearl Warrick and Khalil’s guardian, Magdi Khalil, as plaintiffs. “He accused them of killing babies and beheading children. He told them they were fortunate to be in America driving a BMW as Palestinians.”

Steiner, the suit says, “violently” dismantled the sign and “charged directly

at the girls while continuing to threaten them.” When the two started using their phones to record the dustup, Steiner “accosted 13-year-old Maryam Khalil, grabbed her around the neck and waist, and threw her cell phone on the bike path, shattering it in the process,” the complaint alleges.

The Khalils also say that Steiner “engaged in threats, intimidation or coercion” that day.

Steiner “acted violently against plaintiffs and their property to prevent them from exercising their right to free speech and free expression, and violently retaliated against them for having exercised those rights,” the complaint, filed for them by attorneys Khaldoun A. Baghdadi and Kelly L. Ganci, alleges.

The plaintiffs also claim that a “substantial reason” for Steiner’s conduct was his “perception of the plaintiffs’ national origin, race, citizenship and political affiliation.”

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While Steiner has denied physically attacking Khalil, the Council on American Islamic Relations, a Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, has claimed that Steiner instigated the argument with the two Palestinian-American Muslim siblings and a Native American relative.

The sisters’ Free Gaza message and Steiner’s alleged response occurred five days after several thousand members of terrorist group Hamas carried out a brutal attack inside Israel. Hamas massacred about 1,200 Israelis on Oct. 7, 2023, and its members raped and tortured women and children, according to the United Nations.

The Pine Cone reached out to Steiner’s attorney in hopes of interviewing him for the article, but Steiner could not be

reached. In November 2022, the Democrat unsuccessfully ran against Republican Doug LaMalfa for the seat in the 1st Congressional District, which encompasses most of 10 counties in the northeastern part of the state.

The plaintiffs are seeking an unspecified amount in monetary damages, including punitive damages, exceeding \$35,000.

The Khalils are the daughters of Dodi’s Auto Sales owner Dodi Khalil, who has used car lots in Monterey.

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LADIES REJOICE: GOLDEN BOUGH'S NEW RESTROOMS WILL MEAN SHORTER LINES

Commission OKs changes to remodel

By MARY SCHLEY

WHILE PUBLIC hearings about changes at the Golden Bough theater in the past prompted outcries from neighbors, since it sits smack dab in the middle of a residential district, last week's Carmel Planning Commission meeting was peaceable, with the public urging commissioners to approve Pacific Repertory Theatre executive director Stephen Moorer's requests — including a small expansion to accommodate more bathroom stalls.

The Golden Bough fronts on Monte Verde between Eighth and Ninth and includes a smaller venue, the Circle Theatre, that faces Casanova. Owned by PacRep, the building has been undergoing a renovation and remodel based on plans approved in 2021. Last week, Moorer requested changes to the exit ramps on the north and south sides to meet ADA rules and other needs, different soundproofing

for the mechanical enclosure, taller fences to screen the theater from the neighbors, rebuilt stairs on the south side, and a new ramp at the Golden Bough's main entrance, as well as a wrought-iron fence to prevent people from falling off of it.

'Rather ambiguous'

The plans also call for adding 34 square feet of floor area on the east side to expand the restrooms, but associate planner Evan Kort said he couldn't recommend approval because the footprint of the theater building cannot be enlarged.

Moorer argued that the addition wouldn't, in fact, expand the footprint, because that measurement includes the area covered by the eaves and allowed the prior addition of the box office.

"This small addition to the north side would match the previous work, and like the previous work, it is located completely within the building footprint," he said. Moorer

told commissioners he hoped they would agree that adding more stalls, making them ADA accessible and including the required baby-changing stations warrant the additional square footage.

Other issues he took exception to included Kort's recommendation to use pavers instead of asphalt in the driveway and instead of impermeable concrete on the exit ramp, to add more landscaping in specific areas, and to install a wood fence instead of the proposed wrought-iron one.

"While we understand the general preference for wood, we feel a craftsman wrought-iron design will provide a better view of the building" and would fit better with a "theatrical playhouse," Moorer said. "It would not be a 'gaudy, ornate, Victorian, iron fence.'"

Chair Michael LePage asked for clarification on the bathroom expansion, which Moorer said would ensure there's adequate space for people with disabilities to navigate their way around the required baby-changing stations.

"As well as, when you open the men's room door, you have a view of men at the urinals under the current design, and that's just not right," he said. "Nobody wants to see that."

Let it open

Resident David O'Neil urged the commission to approve the proposal, since the theater is such an important asset and needs to reopen sooner than later.

"For the women's restroom, I need you to put more stalls, so I don't feel guilty," he added.

"I think the addition of stalls will be joy for the ladies," commented former Mayor Ken White after remarking that he "never thought I'd be talking about this."

PacRep board chairman Lee Rosen observed that the theater's nearly \$10 million remodel will enable it to accommodate everyone and will have beautiful results, including plenty of landscaping. He promised the neighbors PacRep will do "everything we can do to make our property beautiful and ensure that we have the appropriate ambiance for a theater in the residential district."

Resident and historic resources board member Karyl Hall, who also serves on the PacRep board, pleaded with the commission to let the theater company move ahead with its plans.

"We really need to get back to making money," she said.

Other speakers were generally supportive, as well, and Neal Kruse, who rarely argues for flexibility, suggested commissioners use their discretionary powers.

"We realize that you have rules and guidelines and do want to follow those, and staff can't really go outside of those boundaries, but you can and have the discretionary

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Four beach stairways reopen

By MARY SCHLEY

TAKING ADVANTAGE of the emergency coastal development permit issued by planning director Brandon Swanson, public works crews spent last week and part of this week repairing four beach stairways that were damaged by storms and waves. The city announced Wednesday afternoon that the stairs at Eighth, south of 10th, 11th and 13th avenues are now open, while the concrete stairs at Santa Lucia Avenue will also reopen soon.

Workers removed and replaced loose stones and pavers, patched broken concrete and repaired handrails, according to public works director Bob Harary. They also installed new signs warning users that while the steps have been repaired, they're still risky to use.

"At the bottom of some of these stairs, you still have slippery rock," Harary said at last week's forest and beach commission meeting.

Fed \$\$\$

Also at the March 14 meeting, Police Chief Paul Tomasi explained that the stairways were closed for so long because they were dangerous. He also said the city was successful in its efforts to secure federal taxpayer funds through FEMA and the California Office of Emergency Services to help pay for some of the repairs.

"We got close to \$50,000 specifically for beach stairwell repairs, including railings, as part of that grant funding," he said, with another \$67,000 for other repair work necessitated by the 2023 storms. "So, we're in the process of working with the state to get that money. We should get that in the next month or two."

Also at that meeting, Harary provided details on the work yet to be done. Repairing the wooden stairs at Martin Way will require its own

emergency coastal development permit, but the stairway should reopen in another few weeks.

"It's going to be a lot of work," he said. "It's probably going to take a week, but we think we can do it in-house."

Engineer needed

The wooden stairs at the north side of 10th and 12th avenues, however, will necessitate hiring a contractor to prepare engineering and construction drawings.

"We need a structural engineer," he said. "There's some structural damage — I'm not going to open those anytime soon."

In addition to engineering and structural design work, those repairs will require approval by the California Coastal Commission and could need signoffs from the

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A hardworking public works employee who wishes to remain anonymous repairs a stairway to the beach.

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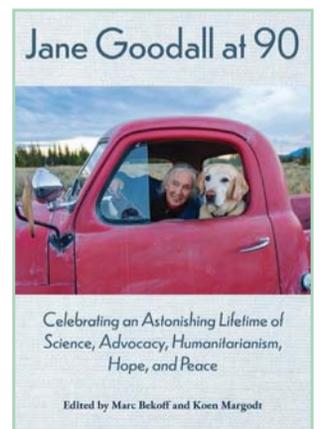
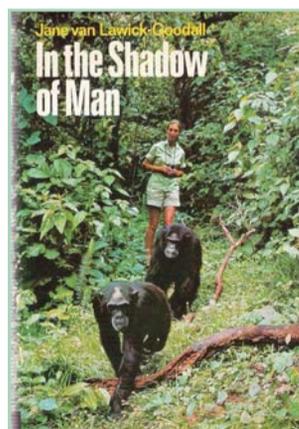
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Big Sur road still needs \$\$ for repairs

By CHRIS COUNTS

SEVEN YEARS after the upper half of Palo Colorado Road was badly damaged by mudslides that followed the Soberanes Fire, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors took several administrative steps Tuesday toward fixing the road. But the county still needs to come up with \$15 million to pay for the construction, making it uncertain when the work will begin.

But there's a glimmer of encouraging news — 5th District Supervisor Mary Adams told The Pine Cone Wednesday that federal taxpayer money is available for repairs if they benefit a Native American tribe, and because the Esselen Tribe has land that's accessed by the road, county officials are pursuing it.

No access for now

Besides providing access to the Esselen Tribe's land and several homes, the road offers the only way for motorists to reach Mill Creek Redwoods Preserve, Bottchers Gap Campground and Camp Pico Blanco — all of which are closed.

In 2017, FEMA inspected the damage and reported that 14 culverts are clogged with debris and silt.

The work, which will be done along 4.8 miles of the road, includes replacing damaged asphalt, replacing or making improvements to existing culverts, installing steel guardrails and retaining walls, and temporarily relocating utility lines. "The 63 potential work areas include 13 storm-damaged retaining wall sites and

44 drainage improvement sites, as well as 20 potential construction storage areas," a county report indicates.

Timeline still a mystery

The county is working on completing the design, engineering and environmental phase of the work, which will cost about \$2 million, and is funded. "We expect this phase to take about another year to complete," reported Enrique Saavedra, the county's chief of public works.

It's unclear when the project will break ground — or who is going to pay for the rest of the work.

"We only have funding allocated for the design, engineering and environmental phase," Saavedra said. "The other \$15 million has not been secured."

According to Saavedra, the project is eligible to receive about \$5.28 million in cost reimbursements once it's done — as long as federal money is available.

"Given this funding uncertainty for the construction phase, it's difficult to say with certainty when the project construction will begin and end," Saavedra said.

Adams said she's regretful that the county hasn't made more progress on fixing the road.

"It saddens me terribly that one of the first things that happened during my tenure as supervisor is something I've been unable to complete as I work toward the end of my term," she said. "The residents who live there haven't been forgotten — I'm forever thankful for their perseverance and their patience."



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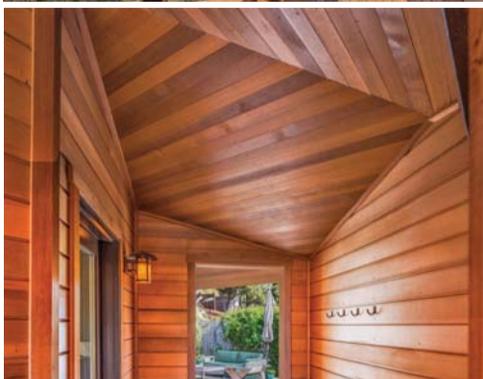
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Carmel High grad scores pro soccer contract, takes field for Monterey

By DENNIS TAYLOR

THE HIGHER an elite athlete ascends, the better the view, the more rarified the air — and the more important it becomes to remain grounded.

Carmel High alum Pierce Gallaway has taken the biggest leap yet toward achieving his sports dream, earning a contract to play professional soccer this year for the Monterey Bay Football Club in the USL Championship Division of the United Soccer League.

“Signing that contract was a pretty big moment. I went out to dinner and celebrated with my family (parents Kay and Wally, and younger brother Grant, a soccer player at Loyola-Marymount), because they’ve been on this whole journey with me,” he said. “I’m a pretty even-keeled guy. I don’t get too excited, and I don’t get too down, when things happen. But I’m looking at this as the first step in what hopefully will be a longer professional career.”

For the 22-year-old, this is the latest lofty achievement in the incremental rise of a small-town kid who never took his eyes off the prize he began envisioning in grade school.

Gallaway played his first home game at Seaside’s Cardinale Stadium March 16 and will be in action again March 24 when the team hosts the Rhode Island Football Club. Tickets for that 3 p.m. contest can be purchased at montereybayfc.com and will be available at the stadium box office on game day.

Open tryout

“I guess I’ve been dreaming about this since I first started playing soccer — really as long as I can remember,” said Gallaway, who was offered a one-year pro contract, with an option for 2025, on Feb. 22, after impressing the coaching staff last summer as a member of MBFC’s developmental team and then excelling during the pro team’s three-week-long open tryout, which began in January.

“When he joined our tryout, he really rekindled our thoughts on him,” said MBFC head coach Frank Yallop. “Pierce has trained really well and deserves this contract. He’s young and versatile, a good all-around player. He has great character and is going to fit in really well with us.”

Gallaway’s somewhat improbable journey began after

he fell in love with the game as a 10-year-old, intensified his passion as a beach soccer player and then played as a teen with the highly respected Santa Cruz Breakers Soccer Club. He never played at Carmel High, from which he graduated in 2019 with a grade point average of 4.2 and multiple academic scholarships in hand.

When his emails to NCAA Division I soccer coaches went unrequited, he opted to play at Willamette University in Salem, Ore., a Division III school with a low profile in the sport.

“To be honest, I’ve never considered myself to be a very athletic person. I was always a skinny kid. I was never really faster than anybody else. And I always had these super-long legs that made me a bit awkward out there,” said Gallaway, who arrived on campus as a 5-foot-10, 160-pound freshman, then hit a long-awaited growth spurt, blooming to 6-foot-2 and 185 after working out with Willamette’s strength coach.

“I started running faster, my fitness level was better,

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and suddenly my torso kind of equaled my lower body, which gave me better balance," he said. "When I got on the field, I found that I was strong enough to move guys off the ball — something I hadn't been able to do before." Gallaway started 63 of his 64 games during his 3 1/2 seasons at Willamette, leading the Bearcats in goals (12) and assists (10) as a senior midfielder and helping the team to a conference crown and a 14-3-3 overall record, including a victory at the national tournament.

First-team All-America

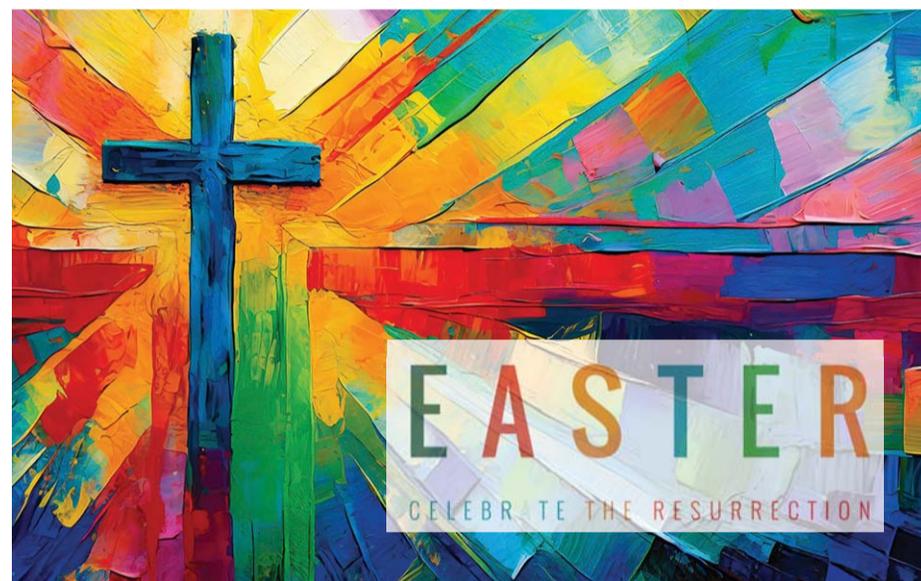
He was named Offensive Player of the Year in the Northwest Conference, first-team all-region, and was honored with first-team All-America status at the Division III level — the first in the 180-year history of Willamette. "Pierce is a special player," said Jared Rust, who was head coach when he recruited Gallaway to Willamette. "His vision, understanding of the game, and incessant drive and hard work are paying off. Monterey Bay Football Club is getting a quality player, but also a local player whose character and professionalism will be an excellent

representation of the club and the community." And because his 2020-2021 season was truncated by the pandemic, Gallaway was granted an additional year of eligibility by the NCAA, which enabled him to realize his teenage dream: He was invited to play one more college season at Old Dominion University, a Division I school in Norfolk, Va., where he spent the fall of 2023 as a graduate student. His summertime experience with the MBFC developmental team was enjoyable, said Gallaway, who gained experience as a center defender while helping the squad to the NorCal Division championship and a playoff spot in its first season. "The level of play was pretty different from Willamette. Division I soccer involves a lot more physicality, because you're playing against big, strong, fast players, like you'll find in this league," he said. "The higher the level, the quicker the game gets, and it's really fast here," Gallaway said last week after a team practice at Cardinale Stadium. "The less time you have on the ball, the quicker your decisions need to be. It's noticeable, for sure, and I just need to adjust to it. It's also more tactical at this level, but Frank has a pretty free-flowing system. He wants his players to follow their instincts and have the freedom to

express themselves out there." Despite playing a center-back position with the developmental team during the summer, Gallaway is listed as one of six midfielders on MBFC's roster. He expects to see action in both roles during his 34-game rookie season, particularly with fewer than two dozen teammates. "This is a really nice group of guys. Some of them have been playing pro soccer for 10 years or more, and it's great to have an opportunity to learn from them," he said.

MBFC's only local attraction

And Gallaway is warmly embracing his opportunity as the only homegrown product on the team. "That part is really fun, and I'm sure it's going to get more fun as the season goes on, when I start seeing people I know in the stands and realize they actually paid to watch me play," he said. "That's a really cool feeling." Gallaway did not see action during the team's 1-1 tie at El Paso, the season opener, but played 30 minutes in a 1-0 shutout victory over Phoenix Rising — the defending league champs — in MBFC's home opener. *Dennis Taylor is a freelance writer in Monterey County. Contact him at scribelaureate@gmail.com.*



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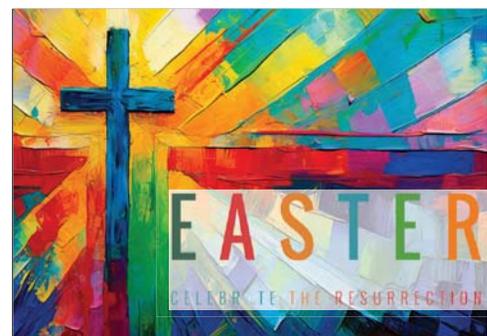
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Rancho Cielo gets \$1M for new kitchen

By ELAINE HESSER

RANCHO CIELO, the vocational high school founded by retired Monterey County Superior Court Judge John Phillips 20 years ago to keep youth who'd run afoul of the law out of prison, is planning a sweet addition to its Drummond Culinary Academy — with some help from taxpayers.

U.S. Rep. Zoe Lofgren is a Democrat representing the 18th District, which comprises parts of Santa Cruz and Santa Clara counties and all of San Benito County, as well as inland Monterey County, including Salinas and the Salinas Valley. Within the more than \$50 million in funding for community projects Lofgren secured in the appropriations bill signed into law by President Joe Biden on March 9 was \$1 million for the Drummond Academy, located

in northern Salinas. Rancho Cielo plans to use the money to add a pastry kitchen to its cooking school.

Chris Devers, CEO of Rancho Cielo, said that the pastry kitchen is being planned in response to input from the school's advisory board, with local employers saying they need more employees trained in pastry-making skills, which means academy graduates will have more job opportunities.

Longtime supporter

The preliminary design for the new facility was created by Peter Kasavan and includes 1,200 square feet of space with state-of-the-art equipment.

In addition to talking with local employers, the school consulted with Tom Vaccaro, one of the top pastry chefs in the country, whom Devers said he met through

Bert Cutino (chef and co-owner of Monterey's Sardine Factory restaurant), a longtime supporter of Rancho Cielo.

Devers anticipates that the student body will grow from its current enrollment of 42 students to more than 70 over a two-year period, once the kitchen is finished and an additional instructor is hired. He said he'd like to see the project completed by the end of 2025, but thinks May 2026 might be more realistic.

Said Lofgren, "I love seeing smart workforce training opportunities that help members of our community, specifically those in underserved populations, secure

good-paying jobs in stable and growing industries."

She continued, "Rancho Cielo's programs set students and families on paths to success, and when I learned federal funding could support plans to expand their culinary offerings, I was eager and excited to back the project."

Devers said the pastry kitchen is part of a two-phase project that includes a new barbecue pavilion for outdoor catering. As he hires contractors, he said they will be asked to include students in Rancho Cielo's schools of construction and welding in building both facilities.

Hiker disappears Monday near Tassajara

By CHRIS COUNTS

POLICE HAVE launched a massive search for a woman who left Tassajara Zen Mountain Center Monday morning to go for a hike and hasn't been heard from since.

The Monterey County Sheriff's Office received a report late March 18 that Caroline Meister never returned from her day hike.

Police described Meister as a 30-year-old white female who is about 5 feet, 6 inches tall and weighs about 150 pounds. A media report said she has lived and worked at Tassajara for more than a year.

"She has long brown wavy hair that is likely pulled up," police reported. "She was last seen wearing teal-colored boots and carrying a blue bag."

According to the sheriff's office, Meister left Tassajara Monday around 10 a.m.

"She stated she was going to hike a trail that loops back around to the Zen Center," the report indicated.

"There was also mention of hiking the Wind Cave Trail. She was only carrying snacks for the day and was not dressed or equipped for an overnight stay," according to the sheriff's office.

The wind caves are a landmark near

Tassajara. The area is steep and rugged, with dense brush and no cell reception

Meister's father described her as "an avid hiker" who is "very familiar" with the area. As many as 12 county and state agencies are reportedly involved in the effort to find her.

Asking for help

"The Monterey County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team, the drone team and a California Highway Patrol Helicopter have been working collaboratively throughout the day to attempt to locate Caroline," the sheriff's office said. "Additional resources are being requested to assist in continued search efforts."

Police are asking locals or others who were — or are — hiking in the area to share any information that might aid in the search.

"The sheriff's office is asking persons who may have been hiking in the Tassajara Zen Mountain Center Area on Monday who may have seen Caroline to please contact our office at (831) 755-5111 with information that could help us in locating her," the report added. "Additionally, we are asking any hikers who are planning on being in the area to please be on the lookout for her."



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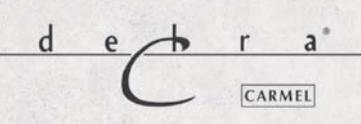
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Coastal commission OKs camping ban at once pristine beach

By CHRIS COUNTS

IN RESPONSE to concerns that a steep rise in visitation is trashing once pristine San Carpoforo Creek Beach at the south end of the Big Sur coast, the California Coastal Commission voted 9-0 March 14 to ban camping and campfires on the beach for at least two years and enforce a leash law for dogs. The prohibition will go into effect in mid-April, the United States Forest Service reported.

Located about 14 miles north of Hearst Castle and about 3 miles south of the Monterey County line, the state-owned beach has become a sought-after destination in recent years by those camping on a budget — and because slides have cut off easy access to Big Sur north of San Carpoforo.

But visitors leave behind garbage and human feces, allow their dogs to run off-leash — which threatens snowy plovers that nest on the beach — and make unsafe campfires, increasing the threat of wildfire.

Previously, campers could stay overnight on the beach for free, making it the only place in California where that was

possible.

Kicking off the hearing, coastal commission environmental scientist Tom Luster told the commission how the beach has become so crowded.

“Until recently, San Carpoforo was little known and had few visitors,” Luster explained. “There were usually only a handful of beachgoers. Then, during the Covid-related shutdowns of the past few years, more people started using it for longer-term camping. Recently, the beach has become well known on social media, with visitors touting its gorgeous setting, the availability of free camping and the relative lack of regulatory or management presence.”

Juggling resources and access

As a condition of the ban, a goal has been set to create “no net loss of coastal camping opportunities,” suggesting that additional campsites could be created somewhere else in Big Sur as a mitigation measure.

Coastal commissioner Linda Escalante made a motion to pass the ban, and coastal commissioner Ann Notthoff seconded it, despite some reservations. He also suggested that some infrastructure development is needed at the site.

“I am concerned about the loss of low-cost visitor-serving accommodations,” Notthoff conceded.

“Clearly there is lots of demand now that folks can’t drive all the way north. I hope that the forest service is going to look specifically at figuring out how to resource this area of the coast.”

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the city doesn't make any improvements to its seawalls, revetments and other coastal armoring — the beach south of Eighth Avenue will be “a series of pocket beaches rather than one continuous stretch of dry sand beach,” with a bit of dry sand south of 12th only under certain conditions.

With the sea 4 feet higher than the 2020 baseline by 2080, Revell said, the only remaining stretch of dry beach would run from the North Dunes to Pescadero Canyon, with just two small pockets of sand near Eighth and 11th avenues.

And with 5 feet of sea level rise, estimated to occur between 2090 and the turn of the next century, “only one pocket of dry sand beach around the North Dunes and the Fourth Avenue stairs is likely to remain,” according to the report.

Help in the near term

While erosion that's already occurring, in part evidenced by the damage to the beach from storms last year and this year, is “dampened significantly in the near term” by the coastal armoring the city has done over the past decades, all of the infrastructure at the beach is already at risk, according to project scientist Matt Jamieson, including the restrooms built near Santa Lucia Avenue a decade ago at a cost of nearly \$800,000.

“That should be no surprise it's in an area where waves could reach that structure,” he said. “It has survived quite well, but with sea level rise, this structure will be under a lot of threat from erosion and waves.”

And once ocean levels increase by a foot, the higher surf and larger waves will significantly undermine the existing protections along the shore.

Between 2045 and 2060, the resulting erosion could impact private oceanfront property near Pescadero Canyon, the dune-backed shoreline between Fourth and

Eighth avenues, the lower cliffs between Eighth and 11th, and the unarmored bluffs near 12th, according to the study. Jamieson said it could also damage several sewer mains.

With another foot of sea level rise, erosion could extend 20 to 40 feet beyond the seawalls, exposing nearly the entire length of Scenic Road and most of the underground water and sewer infrastructure, he said, while waves would overtop the bluffs between 10th and 11th.

And with between 2 and 4 feet of sea level rise, expected to occur between 2060 and the turn of the next century, 45 homes along Scenic Road and at Pescadero Canyon could be falling into the sea, along with another water main under the road south of 13th, the sewer main near Eighth, the Del Mar parking lot and the underground water tanks beneath it.

Their models indicated the most erosion is expected to occur near 12th, “where a combination of factors related to local geology, wave heights, and lack of armoring yield projections of retreat up to 150 feet,” while as much as 90 feet of beach and land could be lost near the north dunes and Del Mar, including the public bathrooms and the volleyball courts.

‘Scary’

The city's environmental programs manager, Mary Bilsle, noted those dire predictions are “based on making no further investments in armoring or adaptation.”

“Clearly, inaction or delayed action may result in costly damages and emergency repairs due to the cumulative effect of sea level rise, wave action, flooding, storms and coastal erosion,” she said, adding that the next phase of the coastal engineering study will include developing strategies to contend with the impacts of rising sea levels.

At the end of their presentation, Revell acknowledged the findings are “scary,” but that he “wanted to leave you not without hope.”

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Will cypress be cut to save Scenic Road?

■ Petition to protect majestic tree

By CHRIS COUNTS

A PETITION signed by 200 locals and visitors is bringing awareness to the possibility that a landmark cypress tree along Scenic Road might have to be cut down to protect the road from coastal erosion.

Resident John Kelly told The Pine Cone he collected 200 signatures and hand-delivered them to Monterey County supervisors. Kelly, who lives near Carmel Point, said he was surprised to see that an alternative listed in the erosion control project's EIR suggested that the tree might have to be cut down to make way for the work.

"We were alarmed to see it," he said. "It's a particularly beloved tree that's the nicest one on the coast."

Kelly said he's hopeful the tree will be protected. But if it is threatened with a chainsaw, he said he's willing to climb it in protest, "although I can't imagine that happening because of the significance of the tree and the public support we have," he added.

Also speaking out in defense of the tree was Paul Bellingham, who lives about a mile away and helped with the petition drive.

"I walk by that tree every day," Bellingham said. "It would be a real shame for it to go. Everyone I talked to wanted to sign the petition — I don't know anyone who wants that tree to come down."

The petition urges supervisors to support preserving and protecting the cypress.

"The undersigned respectfully request the county supervisors insist that the recirculated EIR for the proposed mid-slope Scenic Road Protection Structure be extended around the large iconic cypress tree roots so the root structure is protected, and the tree receives sufficient water and nutrients," the petition reads.

County responds

The petition also encourages supervisors to insist that the protective structure "be made to look like the shape and color of the natural rock formations, and not rip-rap boulders."

According to the EIR, a licensed arborist or forester

will be consulted "and best management practices will be implemented to avoid and minimize impacts to tree." If any trees are taken down, others will be planted in their place. "If tree removal cannot be avoided, removal will be limited to the minimum amount necessary for the project and new Monterey cypress trees will be planted as replacement for trees removed where space permits," the EIR indicates.

The county's acting chief of planning, Melanie Beretti conceded it's possible that the tree might need to be removed, but she insisted efforts will be made to avoid such a scenario.

"Impacts to Monterey cypress trees located west of Scenic Road will be minimized and avoided to the extent feasible," Beretti said. "If unavoidable, any removal of trees, including the cypress on Scenic Road between Valley View and Carmelo Streets, will need to be mitigated prior to construction. At this time, the EIR is proposing several options for a project. The next step is to bring these options forward in a public hearing before the board of supervisors to select a project that will both protect the Scenic Road infrastructure and the natural environment."

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"There are natural ways to provide additional protection," he said, and he and his colleagues will outline different strategies based on their likely success, costs, secondary impacts and benefits, and other factors during the next phase of their work for the city.

Commission chair JC Myers said he was surprised to learn the state dialed back its prediction for sea-level rise in the next century from 7 feet to 4 feet and worried it could be wrong. "It's astounding. I continue to question how this science will evolve," he said. "And I certainly want to make sure we're taking the right precautions to protect this resource."

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The water district "has assured Naval Support Activity Monterey that there will be sufficient water credits or a new water supply available to permit construction of the proposed Naval Innovation Center, despite the regulatory constraints existing in 2024, at the time of this report," the review said.

The Navy validated the number of water credits it needs with the district, and the figure "has been agreed to by all parties," the review says.

The water district has said that an expansion of wastewater treatment facility Pure Water Monterey, when it is completed in about 10 months, would provide plenty of water for the Monterey Peninsula.

'Highly controversial'

The Navy calls the potable water situation in the Peninsula "complex," and says a solution to its needs may require a combination of approaches. But, if the water district's "representations do not prove out," it suggests taking other avenues to secure water for the center.

Among them is installing a reverse-osmosis system to treat captured stormwater from Lake Del Monte — the lake on Naval Postgraduate School property — "for either non-potable or all" the innovation center's water needs.

The Navy is also exploring the idea of diverting excess winter flows from the lake to sewer agency Monterey One Water for treatment and injection into the Seaside Basin, which would increase the Navy's water allocation for the facility.

Other possible sources of water include increasing efficiency at the postgraduate school by decreasing laundry water use, and through desalination, a possibility the Navy concedes has a timeline that "would be too far out," and is also "highly controversial, making implementation doubtful."

The Navy doesn't mention Peninsula utility California American Water's proposed desalination plant, which got approval from the California Coastal Commission in November 2022 and which the company has said will provide all the water the Peninsula needs when it's finished in 2028. Cal Am said it will request that the State Water Resources Control Board lift the crippling cutback order the agency imposed on the Monterey Peninsula in 2009 once the new desalination plant starts producing water.

Requesting comment

Renderings for the Naval Innovation Center depict a modern, three-story building shaped like a "C" with a footprint of 96,000 square feet.

There's no word from the Navy on when construction on the center could start, and a location hasn't been finalized, though six sites have been narrowed down to two, with the leading candidate on property near Del Monte and Sloat avenues at the southwest corner of the campus.

An alternate site near Root Hall is also being considered but would require the demolition of at least part of the hall and "all the cottages associated with the Hotel Del Monte," the Navy said.

Meanwhile, the Navy is accepting public comment on the proposal until Monday, March 25.

The project's environmental assessment can be viewed at nicmontereyea.com. More details are available at nps.edu/web/naval-innovation-center/welcome. Comments can be made online.

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MARKET

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the time was right. An advertisement for the business drew attention from 70 potential buyers, including the group of Frank Sillman, Mark Lerman, and the Cohens.

"We obviously knew Carmel and loved Carmel," said Sillman, who is based in Southern California. "Michael and Susan said they'd like to partner with us, and it was a great opportunity. We flew up there and looked at the store."

Sillman said his deals have mostly focused on businesses involving jewelry and watches in the Los Angeles area, while Michael Cohen has "kind of grown up in the grocery business," since his family was involved in large stores in Ohio.

"He came to us about two years ago and said he'd love to get back in the grocery business," Sillman said, so they started looking for opportunities and discovered Nielsen Bros. was among them.

Closing the deal, the Cohens have moved to Carmel and are looking for a home to buy after they get the market in order, according to Sillman.

What's next

In a statement, the Cohens said they're planning to "quickly transition the product offering toward a more natural, organic, gourmet grocery and prepared foods, while expanding on the existing fine wine and spirits offering," with a focus on local and small producers from the United States and beyond."

Since the sale closed a little more than a week ago, the new owners said they have "made tremendous progress in restocking the store with great new products while cleaning and reconfiguring the store to improve the customer experience," and they advised customers to "expect to continue to see new and exciting improvements to the store and our offerings each and every week."

They also said they've enjoyed meeting longtime local shoppers since they took



PHOTO/COURTESY MICHAEL COHEN

Michael and Susan Cohen, flanked by longtime employees Chris Hannah (left) and Patrick Schradly (right) are the new owners of Nielsen's.

charge of the market, which was founded by the late Nancie Sutton's family more than 85 years ago.

"I think they are excited to have it," said Azniv Amirkhanian, adding that the transaction included each side donating \$10,000 to The Carmel Foundation, where she has served on the board.

She recalled their own journey to Carmel and their subsequent purchase of Nielsen Bros. in 2009. Based in Virginia, the couple bought their first joint venture, a laundromat, just six months after they were married. They expanded to own an auto repair shop and a gas station, and after

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selling those, they bought a convenience store.

The Amirkhanians sold that and retired, only to discover they were too young for lives of leisure and soon became bored.

Nielsen Bros. was their fifth endeavor, and they chanced upon it during a road trip down Highway 1 from San Francisco to Pasadena to visit family.

"We had no idea that Carmel and Big Sur existed," she said, but a woman at their hotel advised they take the coastal route, and they were soon smitten. The couple stumbled upon the Highlands Inn, explored Point Lobos as recommended, and made their way to Carmel.

After they returned home to Virginia, Tigran looked

for business opportunities in Carmel and saw a listing for Nielsen Bros., she said. They thought it was out of their league, but it ended up working out.

'Keep Nielsen's strong'

"We are so thankful for our lives," she said. "We've both worked seven days a week for 15 years," so it's time for some fun. She also observed that every time her husband has said it's time to sell, he's been right.

"We had quite a few buyers that we looked at, and we felt this group would take it, improve on it and continue the Nielsen's tradition," she explained.

"It's a good group that has enough funding and has the ability and experience to move on and keep Nielsen's strong."

Sillman said he and his partners hired a consultant with

expertise in the industry who concluded Nielsen Bros. offered a great opportunity.

"We wanted to make sure it would be a good investment for us and the community," he said. "We've been trying to get the word out that we're not closing — we're expanding and improving and remodeling as we go."

PAUL EUGENE JOHNSON

10.4.1946 - 2.21.2024

Paul Eugene Johnson, 77, of Carmel, CA died at home in Carmel with his loving partner, Marsha McMahan Zelus, by his side on February 21, 2024, after a long and courageous battle with COPD, cancer and COVID.



Although born in Hollister, Paul was a true son of Salinas. His parents, Robert and Margaret Johnson, moved to town shortly after his birth and Paul attended elementary, middle and high school in Salinas and was a proud graduate of the class of 1964. Through these years he forged life-long friendships. When asked how he kept his many friends over so many years Paul always said as an only child he was looking for friends who could become family.

Paul's father managed four farm supply stores in the region and Paul as a youngster often accompanied him on trips to visit the farmers. He also worked in the Salinas store. It was natural he would build a career around the agricultural industry in Monterey County where he specialized in designing drip irrigation systems. His designs were sought worldwide.

Paul attended Hartnell Junior College from 1964 to 1966, Los Angeles Valley College and Camino College. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve from 1966 until his honorable discharge in 1972. Most of his active service was in Monterey. One of his fondest memories of this time was attending the historic Monterey Pops Festival.

During his years in Carmel he and Marsha, his partner of 25 years, were active participants in the life of the community. They were long-time volunteers at Point Lobos and ushers for Pac Rep. They enjoyed their membership in the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club, the Pebble Beach Sports Car Club and the Monterey Ski and Social Club.

Paul loved talking to people and was always ready with a joke or a story about one of his many adventures from his time as an assistant harbor master in Alaska, to living in a teepee in Aromas, to showing off his Crossfire at car shows; he always said he had an interesting life. He certainly did. His family and friends will miss him greatly.

Paul is survived by daughters, Staci Alziebler-Perkins of Monterey and California Spencer of Oregon; and sons, Sky Johnson and Colt Johnson, also of Oregon; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. In addition he leaves his partner's brother and sister-in law, Mick and Nicki McMahan of Carmel.

A celebration of his life will be held in the fall close to his birthday on October 4.

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March 28 – The World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area (WACMB) will present a lecture / luncheon 11:15 a.m. at the Monterey Conference Center Steinbeck Ballroom, One Portola Plaza, Monterey. Topic is **"The Challenge of World Leadership in the 21st Century"**, presented by **The Honorable Leon E. Panetta, former United States Secretary of Defense.** www.wacmb.org

March 29 – Cool Cat Jazz Happy Hour – Enjoy a cool-cat, laid-back afternoon at Madonna Gardens as we host the Moon Glow Jazz Band! Sip on refreshments and make friends as we relax the afternoon away, 2:30 to 4 p.m. Call (831) 800-1673 today to RSVP!

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April 1 – "Soaring with the Dream Machine." Legendary aviator and power aerobatic performer, Sean D. Tucker, will entertain and reveal how he has been thrilling audiences at air shows since 1976. Carmel Woman's Club, San Carlos and Ninth, Carmel. 2 p.m. Open to the public. \$10 guest/members free.

April 13-14 – Don't miss the 14th Annual Whalefest Monterey, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at and around Old Fisherman's Wharf. This free, fun and educational event for all ages includes a fascinating one-day symposium, engaging activities, live entertainment and more than three dozen interactive displays by national marine organizations that help protect the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. www.whalefest.org

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He flew 76 combat missions as a member of the USS Oriskany's CVW-16 team in Vietnam before becoming Operations Officer at Miramar (Top Gun). During his land-based time, CDR. Aumack was involved in the design of the Lightweight Fighter which would become the F-16 and the F/A-18 we know today as well as Air Combat and Carrier Landing Simulators.

Bob is perhaps best known as the leader of The Blue Angels, the Navy's Flight Demonstration Squadron where he served a record 3½ years as Number One. During that period (1964-1966), "The Blues" performed a record number of demonstrations throughout the world. In his career, Bob was awarded three Distinguished Flying Crosses and seven Air Medals in addition to numerous other awards.

After his retirement, Bob settled in Pebble Beach, CA, having become familiar with the area during two stints at The Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey. He volunteered constantly, working with The Pebble Beach Company Foundation in funding scholarships and educational opportunities for the county's young people. An avid golfer, he worked with Calloway Golf and Pro-Am Golf, as well. Bob was a lifetime bachelor and a devout Catholic. He was preceded in death by his two brothers and his loving companion of 45 years, Elizabeth Coelho. He will be interred at Arlington Cemetery with full military honors on April 29, 2024.

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Editorial

Fix one thing

THESE LAST few weeks of sunny weather, the return of Daylight Savings Time and the arrival of the vernal equinox on Tuesday are all unmistakable signs that summer is just around the corner, which also means the rainy season is coming to an end here on the Monterey Peninsula. And this year, getting 30 inches of rain means we are in the third year out of the last six with substantially above-average rainfall — not only for us, but for the whole state of California.

That’s quite a switch from all that “drought is the new normal” blah-blah we heard from climate alarmists during a recent spate of dry years. As we have said before, a warmer planet will inevitably be a wetter, stormier planet. It could be that the current stretch of wet years is an indication of that. Or not. It’s impossible to tell the difference between “climate” and “weather” based on what you see during a short period of time over a small part of the earth. Will we have plenty of rain over the next five or six years? No one knows.

But one thing that isn’t uncertain is that we still have an officially declared water shortage on the Monterey Peninsula, with no water meters allowed for new construction, even for the most badly needed projects, and no additional allocations allowed for anyone who wants to add a water fixture, such as a toilet or sink, to their home. No matter how much it rains, our water “shortage” will be left in place until we stop taking much of our supply from the Carmel River. Doing that requires new infrastructure — and that means decades of delay, because in this state, before you build anything, you need permits. Way back in 1995, the State of California declared our water shortage, and since then, government at all levels has left the people of the Monterey Peninsula begging for a solution.

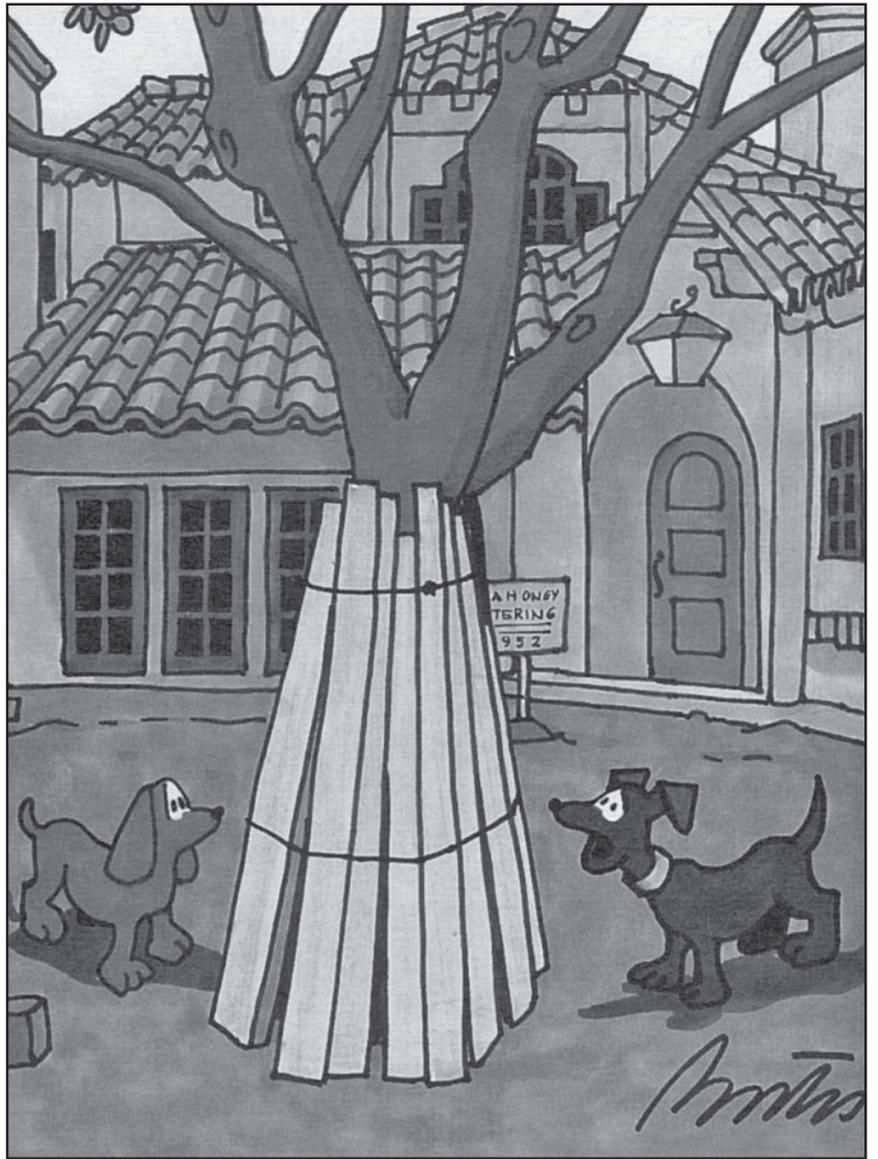
The result has been hundreds of lots left undeveloped, businesses unable to expand, many homeowners forced to live within their existing four walls, and even the most worthy civic projects left unbuilt.

A good illustration of this crazy situation is our front-page story about the proposed Naval Innovation Center in Monterey — a project that would have to be seen as a huge benefit not only to our national defense, but to the economy of the City of Monterey and the whole Peninsula, particularly when you contrast it with the Pentagon’s effort just a few years ago to close the Naval Postgraduate School and the Defense Language Institute. No matter how good an idea the innovation center is, it will need water, and lots of it.

The Navy’s proposal comes on top of the state’s new housing mandates, which are intended to alleviate California’s critical housing shortage. Housing requires a lot of water, too.

Meanwhile, the poor citizen, stuck trying to cope amid inflation, soaring energy bills, a stagnant economy, rising crime and the seemingly constant erosion of community values, couldn’t be blamed for asking why our representatives in Sacramento and Washington always seem to be causing more problems than they solve. At the national level, a great many things always seem to be getting worse. Locally, just fixing one thing — the water shortage — would be enough.

BEST of BATES



“Carmel’s not the same anymore.”

Letters to the Editor

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‘Just say no’

Dear Editor,

Carmel-by-the-Sea is a unique community that must continue to hold on to and cherish its identity. The audacity of the State of California to mandate 349 housing units without consideration of the distinctive and artistic nature of our coastal community is abhorrent.

Carmel has little “surplus” land to dedicate to housing, affordable or not, and ruining the character of one of the last remaining bohemian villages in California to satisfy the current administration’s wishes, without consideration for the community, is preposterous, to say the least. The thought of using our cherished Sunset Center’s parking areas to do so is utterly ridiculous.

Our city administrators constantly state that there is not enough parking in Carmel, and now they are considering removing a vast amount of what is left. Not only would

the reduction of parking seriously impact Sunset Center, it would also devastate local businesses and impact the residential community by having even more visitors park there. An underground parking structure would almost certainly not pass environmental review in our coastal area, and due to the enormous expense, would certainly not provide for low-cost housing. As a matter of fact, the entire infrastructure of Carmel could not sustain such development without tremendous expense.

The most glaring obstruction to such a plan is the total lack of water resources needed for such development. This seems to be totally overlooked by the city. To date, almost \$1 million has been spent on consultants to look at a multimillion-dollar police station for a 1.1-square-mile town, a completely speculative study to look at potential impacts to the beach in case of potential climate change 20 to 50 years from now (with no planned action), and a 349-unit housing project on surplus city land, of which there is almost none! Taxpayer money would have been much better spent on repairing our dilapidated sidewalks or perhaps adding an additional public restroom to reduce the hour-long line every weekend. Oh wait, there isn’t enough water to add one!

Our city council needs to stand up for what is right and just say no.

Jack Galante, Carmel

‘Irreversible albatross’

Dear Editor,

This commonsense letter is written

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A tender tale of muscle and bone

I SHOWED up at the meat counter at Grove Market in Pacific Grove within the window I had been given, Monday to Thursday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. I asked for Charlie but was told he had stepped out, I rocked from foot to foot, “hmm,” I said.

War, Higuera has called Pacific Grove his home his whole life. In 1969, Grove Market became available, so he bought the store and has run it ever since. “When we first moved here, there were five little grocery stores in downtown P.G. Now we’re the only ones,” he said. Higuera ran the business with his two daughters, one at the meat counter and the other managing the store, but they have both since retired.

“Back in 1969 there was hardly anyone around,” he said, noting that the town wasn’t built up like it is now.

“Over there” — he pointed to the empty parking lot between 17th and 16th streets — “just behind Fandango restaurant, that parking lot used to be fenced off, and it was full of chickens,” he said.

Golfing in Reno

The whole first year, Higuera didn’t take a single day off, making sure the business would succeed. His hard work was rewarded, and eventually he began to take one day a week off. “Now I work four days a week, Monday through Thursday, and I get to take the weekends off and play golf with my friends,” he said. “I like to rove around town; I like to go out of town. I’ve got a group of guys — we go to Reno once a year and play golf. I like to go to San Juan Bautista. That’s where my family is originally from, I like to go to church there, at the Mission.”

Grove Market serves the community as a local grocery, but it’s much more than that.

“We have quite a variety of cooked food. A lot of people who don’t cook like to come in and buy our hot food,” he said. Weekly specials like house-made

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Great Lives

By SALLY BAHO

“Can I know what this is about?” asked the young butcher.

“Yes, I’m here to interview him for The Pine Cone,” I said.

“Oh, yeah, he’s been expecting this, I’ll go get him,” the butcher said.

Feeling guilty for interrupting a break, I made small talk with another butcher with whom I had gone to high school. Charlie Higuera was tying his apron around his back as he walked in from the iconic store’s parking lot.

“Where shall we do this?” I asked.

Higuera led me out to the bench on Forest Avenue — the bench near the newspaper boxes, where I had sat dozens of times in my youth. We soaked in the morning sun and he got started telling me about his life.

Plenty of energy

Charles “Charlie” Thomas Higuera was born in New Monterey in 1933, on Laine Street.

“Wait,” I interrupted, quickly doing the math in my head. We stared at one another for a few seconds as I struggled with the propriety of asking someone’s age, even in an interview.

“I’m 90-and-a-half years old,” he said, anticipating my question.

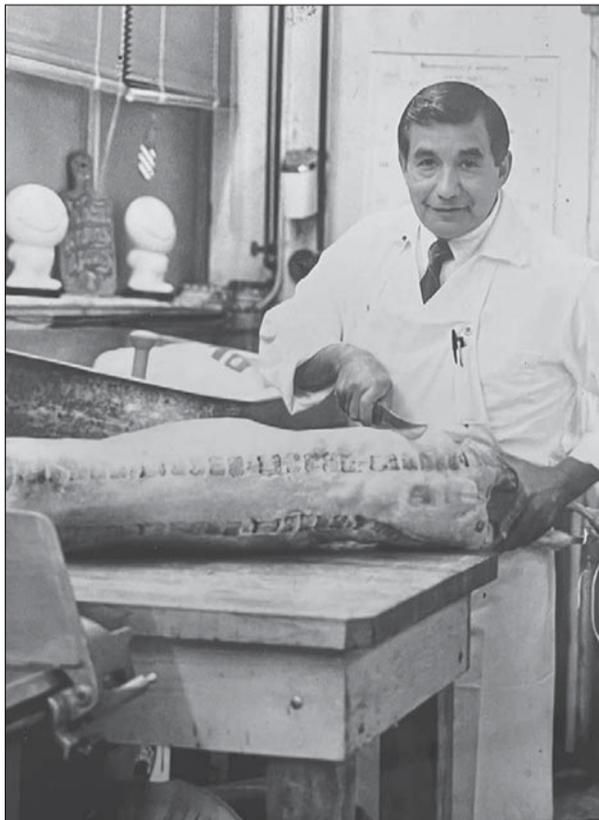
“That’s amazing,” I said, awestruck at his vivacity.

“It’s because I’m still working,” he said. “I come from a family of meat cutters. My father was a meat cutter, and I had three uncles who all retired out of the meat business.” One of his uncles had a store in New Monterey on Light-house Avenue, another in Los Gatos, and the third in Carmel Valley.

“In 1945, my parents moved to Pacific Grove. They bought their house for \$5,000. It’s on the corner of Pine and 17th, and my son now lives there with his wife,” he said.

Family trade

Higuera graduated P.G. High in 1953, but had been working in the family trade since 1951. “I worked at a store where Trader Joe’s is now,” he said. He was there for 14 years. Except for a two-year hiatus in 1954, when he served as an apprentice butcher with the Marine Corps in the Korean



PHOTO/COURTESY CHARLIE HIGUERA

Grove Market’s Charlie Higuera provided this photo of himself from the late 1970s. Now in his 90s, he’s still enjoying his work.

Don’t miss “Scenic Views” by Jerry Gervase — every week in the Real Estate Section.

BROKEN LIVES, BROKEN BODIES AND BROKEN RULES LED TO BEAUTY

SHE’S SAFE now, and she’s soaring. Natalia Aandewiel has found sunshine again on the Monterey Peninsula after breaking through a horrific storm in her native Ukraine, where a war with Russia continues to rage.

She spends her time nowadays painting the coast’s most breathtaking vistas, savoring every minute, applying those rigid fundamentals and disciplines she learned through 14 years of intense fine-

And the artist — also classically trained in piano and dance — sometimes moves rhythmically as she creates.

Dancing, playing, painting

“When I’m painting, I’m dancing. When I’m dancing, I’m painting. And when I’m doing either, I’m playing,” she said. “It’s such a natural experience for me to connect it all, because it connects so much with who I am.”

All those oddities sometimes attract the attention of passersby, who stop to talk — something she doesn’t mind. She’s fallen in love with the people of the Peninsula since she arrived here

two years ago with her mother and two younger siblings.

Aandewiel was born in the Ukrainian port city of Odessa, raised and educated in Kyiv. She was living with her family in the city of Ivano-Frankivsk, in a home her father had built, when Russian missiles began to rain down.

“My family moved to Ivano-Frankivsk in 2014, after the Russians had annexed Crimea, because we thought we’d be safer in the western part of the country if Russia attacked. We understood that the Russians would not stop with Crimea,” she said.

But that feeling of security abruptly evaporated at 5 a.m. Feb. 24, 2022 when her mother burst into the bedroom where Aandewiel and her siblings were sleeping.

‘My God, the war has started!’

“It was terrible,” she said. “My mom (Olha) ran into the room and said, ‘Oh, my God, the war has started!’”

When the Russians bombed Kyiv, they also fired missiles at military targets (airports and storage facilities) in Ivano-Frankivsk. Aandewiel’s father, Vasyl, not yet 60 years old, immediately was declared ineligible to leave the country and was drafted into the Ukrainian military.

Natalia, her mother, and her two siblings (sister Yeva, now 15 years old, and brother Sava, now 9) fled toward Poland, where family friends were waiting.

“A drive that usually takes us about three hours took three days and two nights,”

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Carmel’s Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

art education in Ukraine, Russia, Italy and Denmark.

From grade school through high school, she was a student at Schevchenko State Art School in Kyiv, then moved on to earn her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Kyiv’s National Academy of Art and Architecture. At 19, she studied for a year at the Florence Classical Arts Academy in Italy, paying her tuition by cleaning toilets and sorting trash. She won a drawing contest there, which allowed her to move on to Viborg, Denmark, for an animation workshop.

No more rigidity

From age 10, Aandewiel learned all the rules of painting from some of the world’s elite instructors, most of them Russian. Now, she seizes any opportunity to break free of rigidity.

“I went through all of that training, spent many, many hours painting very traditional, very realistic, very methodical work. Today, what I do is completely opposite. Now, it’s no rules,” she said. “The best artists want to know the rules, but then they break those rules in ways that nobody notices.”

A plein air specialist, Aandewiel frequently dons one of four paint-spattered coats on cool days, and either of two pairs of shoes, also speckled with splashes of color. She doesn’t carry an easel, choosing instead to put her canvas (48 by 60 inches is her favorite size) flat on the ground. She doesn’t use a palette but applies paints directly to the canvas, mixing it there.



PHOTO/COURTESY NATALIA AANDEWIEL

Peninsula artist Natalia Aandewiel fled Ukraine after the Russians bombed her city, survived cancer, and now finds endless joy painting the beauty of her adopted home.

Mixed media show explores nature in places where it's least expected

ONE OF five shows on display at the Pacific Grove Art Center through April 25, mixed media artist Katie Simpson celebrates the abundance of nature — even

“Something is always breaking down and also moving upward to begin the world again.”

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

where you don't expect to find it.

The artist sees beauty in many places, including sidewalks and parking lots. “Nature thrives in unexpected spaces and is everywhere around us,” Simpson said.

Bringing together painting, collage, drawing and relief printmaking, she encourages people to take a look at where they fit into the natural world. “This work invites viewers to examine their own relationships with nature,” added Simpson, who teaches art to kids in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties, and is arts education manager for the Arts Council of Santa Cruz.

Also featured at the art center is

“Perspectives: Reflections on/of Self” by printmaker Barbara Lee Furbush, who infuses her atmospheric works with meaning.

“My works encourage participation by setting up materials and instructions,” suggests Furbush, who teaches printmaking workshops and has a studio on Cannery Row. “The themes explore the truths we have learned, our feelings about intense topics, and how we see ourselves.”

Other shows at the art center include exhibits by painter Tazio Childress, sculptor Marilyn Kuksh and painter/sculptor Ralph Joachim (“Styles and Perspectives”), students from Big Sur Charter School (“Naturally We Love Art”) and painter Leslie Ann Spowart (“Creature Comforts”).

Open Wednesday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 4 p.m., the art center is located at 568 Lighthouse Ave.

■ Puppy Portrait Day

If you've ever been tempted to have your pooch painted by a professional, here's your chance — it's Puppy Portrait Day Saturday at the Carmel Valley Art Association.

“Calling all adults and kids,” the gallery announced. “Bring in your favorite photo of your precious pooch. Work with local



“Moonlight Waterfall” by sculptor Marilyn Kuksh is included in a show that's on display at the Pacific Grove Art Center through April 25.

Bach Festival seeks volunteers

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

ON SATURDAY, April 6, the Carmel Bach Festival will hold a Volunteer Job Faire at Sunset Center from 1 to 3 p.m. In addition to information about volunteering at the festival, which will take place from July 13-27. There will be refreshments, and a performance by a Young Artists'

Showcase musician.

The festival reported that 100 percent of the 2023 volunteers plan to return, and all of them would encourage their friends to sign up, too.

Visit signupgenius.com/go/2024_Volunteer_Job_Faire# for more info and to fill out forms electronically, and RSVP for the faire at bachfestival.org/volunteer.

■ Meet the master

Celebrating one of the world's most visually stunning places, photographer William Neill signs copies of his new book, “Yosemite: Sanctuary in Stone,” Friday, 6 p.m., at Bradley Print Services in Pacific Grove.

Neill will “kick off the event at 6 p.m. with a brief discussion, offering insights into his remarkable journey capturing the essence of Yosemite through his lens,” said Jason Bradley, the owner of the photo center, which is located at 566 Lighthouse Ave. “Following the discussion, there will be ample time for socializing, mingling with fellow photography enthusiasts, and, of course, getting your copy of ‘Sanctuary in Stone’ signed by the master himself.”

artists and teachers to depict your pets' unique personality and character.”

The artists include Linda Elling, Didier Guedj, Carla Willis and Beth Jauregui.

The paintings will be displayed at the Carmel Valley post office and library. For more details, call (831) 659-2441.

RESTROOMS

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power to do that,” he said.

Nancy Strom, who owns property on Monte Verde across from the theater, had no complaints. “I've read through the plans quite extensively, and I think the theater has really bent over backward to try to accommodate the requests of neighbors vis-a-vis the fencing and aesthetics,” she said. “I'm looking forward to seeing a revamped theater.”

Resident Shirley Moon, who is also often critical, said the addition “sounds very reasonable,” and that the improvements planned for the main entrance would make it more attractive.

Commissioners sympathized with the needs of PacRep and those who use the theater.

“It's very obvious what this theater means to the community and how it enriches it,” chair Michael LePage said. “I think it's going to pay forward for generations.”

The commission approved the plans unanimously.

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CAMPING

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Coastal commissioner Caryl Hart suggested the popularity of the once untrampled beach was caused by social media. "People find out about something and before you know it, the resource is really being impacted," she said.

The Community Association of Big Sur and the Ventana Wilderness Alliance urged the commission to OK the temporary ban on campers and campfires at San Carpoforo.

The executive director for the Big Sur community association, Patte Kronlund, observed that the beach is not only home to the snowy plover, the adjacent land provides habitat for the Smith's Blue Butterfly.

"Ever-growing visitation to the beach has severely impacted these fragile species," Kronlund wrote to the coastal commission. "In addition, the lack of infrastructure

and emergency response for campers poses a threat to public health and safety. By prohibiting overnight camping, campfires and unleashed dogs, we can mitigate further harm and preserve these vital ecosystems."

Ventana Wilderness Alliance executive director Mike Chamberlain said his group "strongly supports" the ban.

"Visitor use of this forest service beach is at unprecedented levels with no specific management plan," he warned. "Extreme unmanaged visitation is harming sensitive species in their native beach habitat."

Several neighbors also sent letters supporting the ban, including Marlou Brown, who described what she has seen at the beach.

"There are illegal open campfires and a complete disregard to threatened species," she wrote. "I can no longer take my family to the beach because of the unsafe and unsanitary conditions."

Brown also warned of the wildfire risk.

"We fear for the safety of the horses and cattle we keep at our ranch because of the illegal open campfires, some with flames over 4 feet high," she added. "Embers and sparks could easily set the hills on fire or threaten our home."

STAIRS

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Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, California Fish & Wildlife and even the Army Corps of Engineers, according to Harary.

"For those stairs that need work and the seawalls, there's a lot of environmental work and it will take a while," he explained, adding that the city is about to solicit bids from contractors interested in handling the design and engineering.

Harary also said the wood stairs at Ninth Avenue are "in pretty good shape," but that about 10 feet of sand is missing at the bottom, so they won't reopen until it's washed back in.

Meanwhile, the access ramp at Eighth Avenue used by public works and the police and fire departments during emergencies and patrols remains closed. Last year's storms and waves ate away at the ramp to create a 14-foot drop that has since grown to 22 feet, according to Harary.

"We'll have to be patient," he said.

TRACK

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supposed to prevent people from driving into the school courtyard and the track was missing, which may be how Wood was able to access the area with his SUV. The district's maintenance crew added a temporary steel post in its place, and Adamson said that the district is working with the city to add more bollards to narrow the 8-foot gap between them.

The district is also going to add a barrier to prevent the same thing from happening again.

"We immediately secured the entrance to the middle school field, installing a temporary barrier at the entry to the track, while we work to install a permanent gate that will serve to prevent vehicle access to the track," Adamson said.

The district, Adamson said, is considering installing "additional barriers" to further secure" both sides of Fountain Avenue and is talking to city officials about the idea. Parents have long used the U-shaped portions on both sides of Fountain Avenue at the middle school to pick up and drop off their kids.

"I am grateful for the fast-acting response from PGPD and to our staff, who reported the incident promptly, allowing us to act swiftly in ensuring the safety of our students was not in jeopardy," Adamson said in a message to parents.

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LETTERS

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to help delay approval of the current affordable housing proposal under consideration by the Carmel City Council. The vote is scheduled for April 2. Residents in two of the city's quadrants (Southwest, Northeast) will be disproportionately affected. The eclectic/storybook beauty of those neighborhoods will be diminished. Disclosure of any real estate transactions there would become mandatory. When did you become aware of the plan? I learned of it March 16, and it appears administration for the Sunset Center, where the building of apartment complexes on the two parking lots has been put forward, received notification less than 30 days ago.

This idea is not planters in the middle of an avenue or even a cellular phone tower but possibly an irreversible albatross. The community is chock-full of clever and thoughtful individuals who need an opportunity to participate in such a transformative decision.

Dr. M. Noakes, Carmel

Will defend house names

Dear Editor,

We recently bought a home near the beach inside city

limits, and therefore my house has no number, to my great delight. For years I have dreamed of a cottage in this beautiful village. Such a special, intimate place made more distinctive as one of the few places in the U.S. without house numbers. So I was shocked at the idea of implementing them, and puzzled by the reasons why, as we have had no problem at all communicating our location appropriately.

First, the 93921 post office carefully explained how to give an address that meets requirements for P.O. boxes. So easy. You put your P.O. box number preceded by a hash mark, followed by your street address. Example: #1234 San Antonio and 10th, SE corner, Carmel. Banks seem to be fine with this.

Also, I have been here less than a week and have had two successful UPS and Amazon deliveries (one with help from a neighbor). We look forward to creating our house name soon, which will help with delivery instructions for drivers.

We have been amazed at the friendly camaraderie of neighbors. I say "yes" to preserving the quaint customs of our village, and my plan is to do everything possible to defend them.

I will actively oppose the election of council members who don't respect these traditions.

Cheryl Ray Hickerson, Carmel

Why not choice?

Dear Editor,

At the risk of solidifying my status as a one-topic letter writer, I read with varying degrees of amusement and befuddlement the recent letter entitled, "Quirky and unique." A few opinions: (1) Isn't one very realistic house number outcome that those of us who might want to put up recognized house numbers can simply do so (i.e., not that it will be "forced")? Want a house number? Put it up. Don't want one? Don't. In either scenario, keep your "unique and delightful" house name if it makes you happy. (2) The verbiage in the aforementioned letter ("eliminate one more reason to smile," "ruin a perfectly quirky and unique tradition," "ad-hoc train wreck") feels exaggerated and dramatic. (3) Dismissive phraseology (like "spare me" and "seriously") shuts down dialogue, it doesn't encourage engagement and debate.

Viewing change as inherently bad and seemingly refusing to acknowledge any good from change is baffling to me. The writer acknowledged "every inconvenience" not having addresses creates, then "sells" delivery mishaps and the admitted inconvenience as a "great way to meet neighbors." I am grateful to have met and befriended many of our Carmel neighbors, but choose to meet and get to know them via things like walks, golf, meals and

social events. I don't need the post office to serve as a social facilitation institution. Heck, I don't even need them to deliver mail. I'd just like to be able to give a real address to delivery companies and get packages without it being a complicated, multi-step, time-consuming and sometimes expensive chore pretty much every time.

Freedom of choice that doesn't hurt others and policies that support that freedom serve all of us, both with respect to addresses and a host of much more important issues.

Thanks to The Pine Cone for providing this forum to residents.

Chuck McKenzie, Carmel

He gets it. It's quaint.

Dear Editor,

I know, I know. It's unfixable. Every Carmel resident has gone through the pains of trying to retrieve packages that end up in Neverland. We have all gone through the frustration from the "undeliverable," to searching the neighborhood to see where our package was dropped off. We add our P.O. box number to our physical address in numerous ways, but more often than we'd like ... no package. Has anyone proposed a fix? Is there some way to get the U.S. Postal Service to recognize our physical address?

I know. It's quaint.

George Rosete, Carmel

Shocking electricity prices

Dear Editor,

Our Democrat politicians in Sacramento have come up with a new utility tax to make our lives more difficult.

See MORE LETTERS next page

GAVEL

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graphic gestures. Doe retreated into the room, attempting to close and lock the door; however, Dunlap used his arm to prevent that from happening. Doe continued to retreat into the guest room, making a number of attempts to call for help. Dunlap followed Doe, trapping her in the bathroom. He then fled the scene as she began calling 911. Upon arrest and transportation to the Monterey Police Department, Dunlap was observed trying to kick a bundle of methamphetamine under the police vehicle. At the time of these offenses, Dunlap was out of custody on community supervised release from a prior grand theft offense.

This case was investigated by Officer Ethan Simpson with the assistance of Officer Steve Nottingham and Officer Alfredo Sabino, all of the Monterey Police Department. Jane Doe was assisted by victim witness advocate Ana Galvez.

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That's a lot, considering California's electricity rates are already among the highest in the nation. People living in California have been paying 45 cents per kilowatt-hour compared to the national average of 18 cents, in addition to expecting us to give up our gas stoves, hot water, heaters, and furnaces, they will make our electric bills even larger. The average California household has been paying \$273 per month on average for just electricity, or \$3,276 per year.

The new tax is creating havoc for Sacramento Democrats, especially along the coast. More than a dozen state

Democrats have been trying to duck and cover as a result of this new legislation which the Republicans opposed. Haven't we had enough of our local Democratic legislators?

Vince Tuminello,
Pacific Grove

How much water is enough?

Dear Editor,

The Monterey Peninsula's water supply and future demand were the issues being argued in last week's California Public Utilities Commission hearing. The outcome will affect everyone on the Peninsula, but few witnessed the hearing.

In question was Cal Am's 25-year demand forecast meant to justify its proposed \$400 million desal project. Cal Am claims we'll need 14,480 acre-feet per year by 2050. That's 5,397 acre-feet more than the 9,083 acre-feet the Peninsula used last year.

To put all this in context, look at the historic demand for additional water in the decade before the 2009 moratorium on new water hookups. From 1998 to 2008, only 160 acre-feet of new water was needed for growth. If that

historic demand (16 AFY average) holds true, by 2050 we would only need another 400 AFY, yet Cal Am claims we will need 5,397 AFY more.

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District argued that we'll need 10,599 AFY by 2050. That's about 1,500 AFY more for growth than we use now.

MPWMD was not alone in its testimony challenging Cal Am's estimate. Both the CPUC's Public Advocates Office and Peter Mayer, a national water forecasting expert, were within a few hundred acre-feet of MPWMD's 2050 estimate.

Cal Am inflated demand by double counting adding lots of record, tourism bounce back, RHNA housing and Pebble Beach entitlements to AMBAG's population and job growth forecast. But those are already included in AMBAG's forecast.

The Peninsula's water use over the last 10 years has dropped by 2,534 AFY. There's no demand for the massive amount of water Cal Am projects. It's far more than we could use but we would pay for it now with a 50 percent to 70 percent increase in water bills.

Melodie Chrislock, *Monterey*

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Notable among Going's projects is his involvement in the construction of Otter Cove, a prominent oceanfront estate in Pebble Beach. This endeavor, spanning five years, involved extensive immersion in 16th-century French design principles, including research trips to France. Additionally, Going contributed to the restoration of Crocker Castle and completed a remodel for Wilkes Bashford's Carmel residence.

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Curt has traveled around the world fly-fishing and currently resides in Carmel Highlands.

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The Carmel Pine Cone

Section 2

Varsity veterans returns to diamond, hope to polish off the competition

THE CARMEL Padres set the bar at a stratospheric height a year ago — almost to the highest notch — and did it with a baseball team composed almost entirely of underclassmen. That should tell us something about the lofty expectations they have for themselves as they embark upon the 2023-24 baseball season.

said Kelly, whose 2024 roster includes all but one starter, as well as five returning pitchers from the playoff run. “They haven’t rested on last year’s accomplishments, which tends to build confidence,” he said. “We’re seeing that confidence at the plate, on the field, on the mound ... everywhere.”

all-county after going 5-3 with 3 saves and a 2.64 ERA. Lunt struck out 58 and walked 25 in 50 1/3 innings. He also compiled a .933 fielding percentage as Carmel’s starting second baseman and batted .270 (fourth on the team), with 20 hits and 11 RBI.

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

The Padres won the Central Coast Section Division 3 crown last spring — the fifth in school history — then played in the California Interscholastic Federation Northern California Championship tournament, where they fell to Roseville-based Oakmont High (enrollment, 1,400) in the semifinal round. All of that came on the heels of a second-place finish in the Pacific Coast Athletic League’s toughest division, the Gabilan.

Battle-tested lineup

The fact that all but one starter would return this year was reason enough to excite Coach Mike Kelly, who became even more amped when he noticed that the vast majority of his returning players were part of Carmel’s championship football team (unbeaten in the Mission Division), and a half-dozen others were part of the Padres’ Gabilan Division co-champion basketball team — a NorCal semifinalist.

And everybody else?

“The rest of our guys have been focused on getting ready for the baseball season since Thanksgiving. They’ve been working out, getting stronger and improving their baseball skills the whole time,”

Talented, experienced rotation

The battle-tested pitching staff includes the three-man starting rotation from a year ago, beginning with senior lefthander J.J. Sanchez — a two-time all-county and two-time all-division player who shared MVP honors last year in the Gabilan Division.

Sanchez’s numbers on the mound included a 7-4 win-loss record with a 2.30 earned-run average, 87 strikeouts, and just 26 walks in 76 innings. He also played first base, batting .404, with 36 hits (both team highs), 17 runs, and 19 RBI (second-best on the squad in both categories).

Another senior, right-hander Zander Lunt, was named

The third starting pitcher, right-hander Matt Maxon, was a freshman in 2023 when he went 4-4 with a 2.55 ERA, fanning 66 batters in 57 2/3 innings. Maxon, who starts in centerfield this year, was a .265 hitter with 11 runs, 18 hits (seven for extra bases) and 11 RBI.

Lunt and Maxon were second-team All-Gabilan picks last spring.

Three solid relievers

“We’re actually six-deep on the mound, which is a really strong number for a high school pitching staff, and a real key to the season is that our other three pitchers

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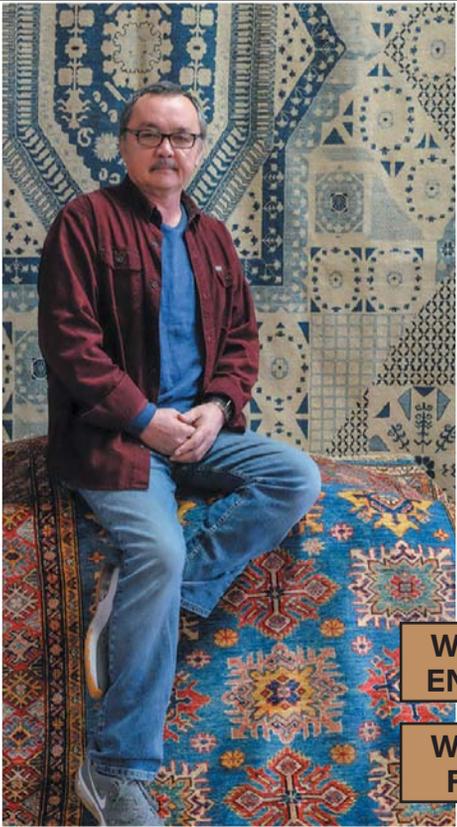
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The Carmel Padres (left) still have almost every key player from a team that won the CCS championship a year ago and reached the NorCal semifinals. Bobo Landoli, No. 9, (right) celebrates with Matt Maxon after hitting a home run against Salinas High on March 7. Landoli homered twice last year but already leads the PCAL with three this spring.



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also are solid and reliable, which can do a lot toward keeping our top three healthy during the season," Kelly said.

Jackson Lloyd, a 6-foot-6, 275-pound righthander, is an intimidating presence who went 1-1 with 1 save and had a 3.50 ERA in just 10 innings as a reliever, but figures to be busier this season, as a junior.

Lloyd was all-division and all-county in football and basketball and was named co-MVP of the Gabilan Division on Carmel's NorCal basketball team. He'll also play first base after batting .284 (fourth-best), leading the team with eight doubles, ranking second in home runs (two) and on-base percentage (.414), and third in slugging (.456).

Right-hander Hudson Rutherford, a junior who earned all-division honors in football (quarterback) and basketball (wing), can expect more mound time after appearing in four games as a 10th grader.

The newcomer to the pitching staff, senior Dom Borgomini, is a left-hander who also can play outfield.

Flashy middle-infielders

Carmel's defense is also laden with experience, particularly at the middle infield spots, where Lunt, senior Justin LeMaster, and junior Ty Arnold are accomplished veterans.

Arnold, a varsity basketball player, was late coming out for baseball due to Carmel's deep playoff run and figures to return to the starting shortstop position when his throwing arm is in shape. For now, he's playing second, with the versatile LeMaster ably handling shortstop duties. They are expected to switch positions at some point.

"We feel like we have three great middle infielders — I haven't come across a team that I thought had anybody better at those positions," Kelly said.

LeMaster, the leadoff hitter, batted .256, led the team with 26 runs and 13 stolen bases and was third with 5 doubles. Arnold hit .254 as a sophomore and ranked among

the team leaders in runs (13), hits (18) and RBI (12).

The third baseman, senior Bixby Moranda, batted .265 with four doubles and 8 RBI. He committed just one error at the position last year.

Sophomore in centerfield

Maxon, the speedy sophomore, is the centerpiece of an outfield that also includes senior Bobo Iandoli (22 hits, 15 runs, 13 RBI, six extra-base hits, including



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Ty Arnold, Carmel's starting shortstop as a junior, is one of three outstanding middle-infielders for the Padres this season.

two homers), Borgomini, Lunt, LeMaster (errorless in centerfield last year), and others. Iandoli already has homered three times this season.

Senior Ben Tucker backed up all-county

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catcher Ethan Jackson (now at West Valley College) last spring, but has been relegated to designated hitter duties as he rehabilitates an injury, clearing playing time for senior Harper Hohman, who has exceeded expectations, Kelly said. Both are likely to see action there this year.

The Padres expect to contend again in the strong Gabilan Division, where Palma, Salinas, Monterey, Pacific Grove, St. Francis, and Hollister should be formidable.

The Padres play Palma on Monday in Carmel and travel to take on the Chieftains again Wednesday in Salinas. Both games are scheduled for 4 p.m.

All-American to coach Padres

Carmel Valley resident Jerry Smith, a former first-team NCAA All-America water polo player at UC Berkeley, has been hired as head coach of the boys program at Carmel High this coming fall.

Smith played water polo for the Bears from 1996-2000, played the 2-meter center position, earning All-America recogni-

tion in his final three seasons. He was the team's MVP as a junior and senior.

"Jerry obviously has a great pedigree, and his visions as a coach are in lockstep with mine," said Golden Anderson, Carmel High's athletic director. "We believe in building from the bottom up, rather than from the top down — developing our lower-level players and coaches and building young men and women of character through athletics."

CHS helped pioneer the sport on the Peninsula, creating its program in 1960.

Previously at Piedmont

Smith coached high school varsity water polo at Piedmont High from 2016 to 2020. He relocated to the Peninsula 3 1/2 years ago as president of Citrine Advisors, a Carmel Valley-based commercial real estate brokerage.

"This, in many ways, was the perfect circumstance for me: My daughter will be a freshman at Carmel High next year, this is the community I live in, and Carmel High has a culture of aquatics," Smith said. "If you had asked me six months ago, I would have told you I wanted to be a volunteer and show up a couple of days a week. But

when the position was vacated, and there was an opportunity to leverage all the experience I have and put my own stamp on the program, it was too good to pass up."

Smith and his fellow coaches helped change the culture of the sport at Piedmont High, which previously had produced only one collegiate water polo recruit in its history.

"Since then, if you subtract a year or two for Covid, that program has averaged about one a year," he said. "A lot of it was just introducing the narrative: As the kids started to identify themselves as student-athletes, it changed the way they showed up to practice and the way they conducted themselves in the community, in general. It was a real joy to see."



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Justin LeMaster, who plays second base and shortstop, led Carmel in stolen bases last season and is a catalyst as the Padres' leadoff hitter.

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“Our meat market and produce are something special, we think,” he said. The busiest times are the holidays, when Higuera definitely puts in more than four days a week. “Around Christmas time, we have a lot of prime rib and all kinds of varieties of meat. But mostly we feature

our prime rib. We age them here. We serve USDA choice meat. When we first bought our store, they used to have a fountain where they served drinks and coffee, but we’ve turned it into a cooler, which has been real good to us,” he said.

Higuera loves to work. He loves the community of Pacific Grove and believes in supporting the local schools and sports teams by regularly sponsoring them and participating in fundraisers. Just earlier this year Higuera was given the John “Spud” Spadaro Hospitality Award in the Humanitarian category, recognizing his lifelong “community support in a selfless endeavor in making life better for those in need.”

“Now I’m 90 years old and I’m going to keep on working!” he said.



Charlie Higuera (center) is shown with fellow butchers Adrian Hernandez (left) and Robert Gagnon (right) at Grove Market, where Higuera has worked for most of his 90 years. His father and three uncles were all meat cutters, too.

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ARTIST

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she said. “It was a huge line to the border, and you had to stay in that line. Most of the time, the line moved about 1 foot every 15 minutes — no food, no water, no bathrooms — and if you fell asleep, somebody moved in front of you. And the entire time, you’re wondering if the line of cars would be attacked by the Russians.”

The most surreal moments, said Aandewiel, were passing through small towns in Poland, where life was completely normal.

‘It changed my perspective’

“People were sitting in cafes. There was music. There were celebrations. They were happy and living their lives, while people in Ukraine were terrified and getting killed,” she remembered. “It affected me. It changed my whole perspective on life and values and art — and everything else.”

During a month-long stay in Krakow, Natalia exchanged emails and phone calls with Santa Cruz residents she had befriended six years earlier in Germany.

“They wanted to know how they could help and offered to host us for a month if we didn’t have anywhere to go,” she said. That kindness enabled the family’s relocation to this area, where, since late 2022, they have moved seven times.

Seven months after their arrival on the Monterey Peninsula, Aandewiel and her family were rejoined by her father, who had been released from his military obligations because he was diagnosed with leukemia.

Ukrainian doctors were dedicated to the war effort and unable to help him, but he is now receiving treatment from local physicians.

At the beginning of 2023, Natalia endured a separate nightmare when she was diagnosed with Hodgkin’s disease (cancer of lymph tissue), but it’s now in remission.

From chaos comes beauty

Despite those traumas, Aandewiel’s personality and paintings exude joy.

“I never could have imagined that my life would become so crazy, but I very much relate it to my artistic process,” she said. “I start with chaos. I use whatever is available — boards, canvas, brushes, pens — and make a huge mess. From this mess, I start to unveil composition, color ... all of the elements. From the chaos comes a beautiful painting.”

“People always ask, ‘What’s your style?’” Aandewiel said. “I don’t know. I can’t say it’s impressionist or expres-

sionist — it’s just me. I like to call my style, ‘from chaos to beauty,’ which also is how I think of my life: Beauty has emerged from all of this chaos and drama.”

Aandewiel said she is considering several Carmel galleries that have expressed interest in showing her work. She is a member of multiple local art organizations, and is exhibiting her art through May 25 at a Monterey Bay

Plein Air Painters Association’s event at the Chesebro Wine Tasting Gallery in Carmel Valley. She also plans to exhibit at the Plein Air Association’s juried all-member “Harmony” show, scheduled May 3 through June 27 at Pacific Grove Art Center.

Additional information and images of her work can be found at nataliaaandewiel.com.

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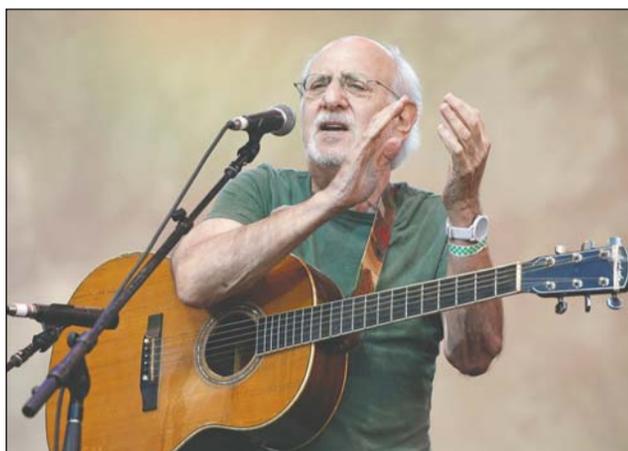
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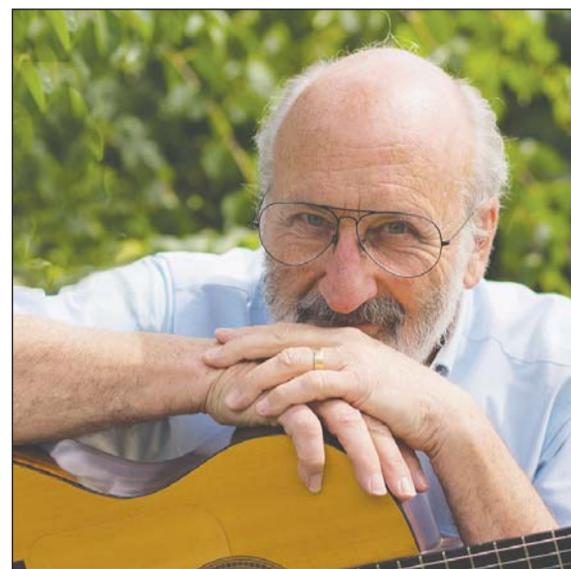
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Boats and a bunny

Enjoy the fresh air and the sights and sounds of the harbor during Easter weekend festivities at Old Fisherman's Wharf. Once again, the waterfront promenade is getting ready for a spring celebration meant to entice visitors and locals to come down and join the fun.

The wharf will be decked out with a variety of holiday-themed decorations, providing the perfect backdrop for selfies and group photographs. Businesses will have an assortment of Easter-inspired merchandise, ranging from brightly colored confections available at Candy World, Carousel Candies, and the Wharf Chocolate Factory, to an array of Easter-themed souvenirs in the gift shops.

The kids can meet the Easter Bunny, who will be greeting guests and posing for snapshots from 1 to 6 p.m. in front of

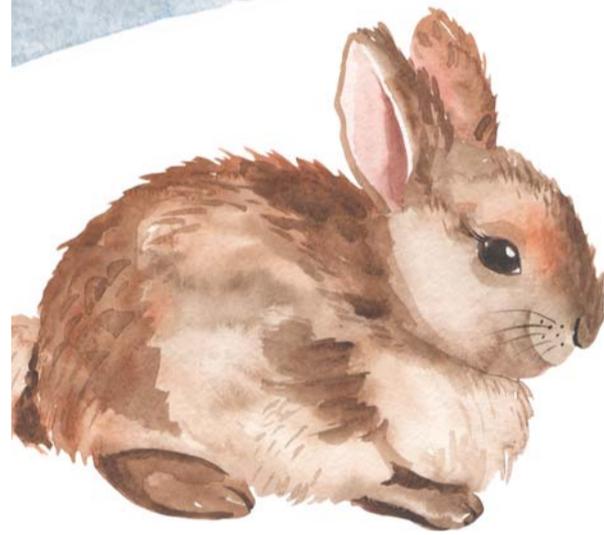
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The Easter Bunny will make an appearance on Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf, with opportunities to meet kids and snap a few photos.



Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt

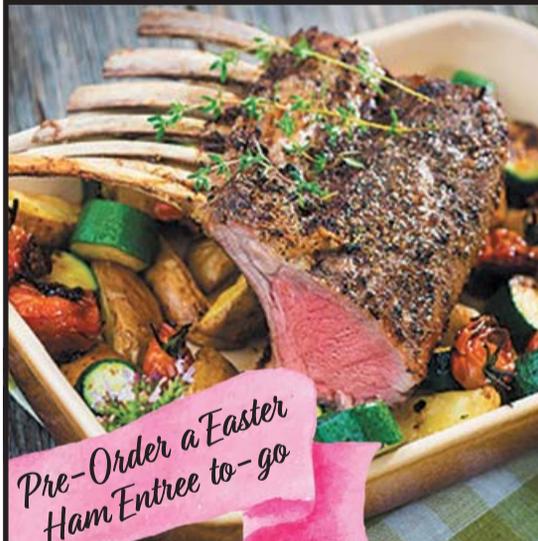


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FOOD & WINE

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Abalonetti's Bar and Grill. And of course, the Wharf's restaurants will feature an array of special dishes for the occasion.

Many merchants are also offering gift certificates for a variety of aquatic adventures. From whale-watching and fishing expeditions, to sailing and glass-bottom boat tours, these vouchers make great gifts to tuck into Easter baskets — or for Moms, Dads and grads, if you'd like to plan ahead.

■ **Sardine Factory gets the gold**

This isn't Paris, and sadly, there are no Restaurant Olympics (we'd definitely tune in for synchronized pancake flipping or the 50-meter cocktail carry). That hasn't stopped the Sardine Factory from winning some gold, though. The independent restaurant rating group, Distinguished Restaurants of North America, has given the

iconic Monterey restaurant one of 16 Gold Awards of Excellence in North America for 2024. It's in good company alongside the likes of New Orleans' famed Brennan's and the lauded Bedford Village Inn in New Hampshire.

Eateries in Canada and Mexico also won some of the awards, which recognize "years of dedication and unwavering commitment to culinary excellence," according to the organization's CEO, Scott Breard.

The group's visits are anonymous and unannounced, and restaurants are graded using a "75-point evaluation criteria developed by Cornell University," which "scrutinizes every aspect of the dining experience."

We're happy to congratulate the Sardine Factory — and its owners, Bert Cutino and Ted Balestreri, who have been active in many community and philanthropic endeavors — but we're just wondering: with all the awards you've won since 1968, where are you going to put this one?

Visit the Sardine Factory at 701 Wave St. to find out, or check out sardinefactory.com to see menus and specials or make reservations.

■ **Bubbles and oysters**

Holman Ranch is inviting folks to a "Happy Hour on the Half Shell" on Friday, March 29, in its Carmel Valley tasting room from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The crew from Paradise Catering will be shucking fresh oysters, which should pair nicely with the winery's latest release — the 2021 Jarman Sparkling Brut Rosé.



Holman Ranch is celebrating the release of its 2021 Jarman Sparkling Brut Rosé with a party at its Carmel Valley tasting room on March 29. The bubbly will be paired with fresh raw oysters.

The 2019 Reserve Jarman Sparkling Brut Rosé sold out, and just like that vintage, the 2021 Jarman bubbly will be available only in 1.5-liter magnums. Said Meghan Finney, the winery's marketing and public relations representative, "This wine will not be officially released to the public until later in the year. Attending this event is the best option to secure this sought-after sparkling wine." It's priced at \$135 per magnum, and Finney said that, going forward, it will be an allocated wine, meaning it will have limited availability.

She described it as having "crisp citrus and raspberry notes, layering hints of freshly baked brioche, reminiscent of a classically styled Champagne."

Each ticket — \$40 per person, or \$30 for wine club members — includes three oysters and two glasses of the new sparkler. If three oysters aren't enough, you can buy more. Tickets are available at tock.com.

The winery also has a new release of 2023 Susan's Saignée Rosé, a still sipper made from 100 percent pinot noir with notes of "candied peach, watermelon, passion fruit, and rose petal," priced at \$38 per bottle.

Questions? Email wines@holmanranch.com, or call (831) 659-2640, ext. 2. The tasting room is at 18 W. Carmel Valley Road.

■ **Bringing Portugal to Pebble Beach**

The Port Wine Fest series, an inaugural group of events created by the Port Wine Shippers Association to engage and educate American consumers about the wines of Portugal, has selected Pebble Beach Food & Wine as one of three U.S. events it will participate in this year. Its Tasting Pavilion appearance on April 6 and 7 will include a large selection of Portuguese wines and ports, offering guests a "journey through the senses as they experience the breathtaking combination of wine, the delicious cuisine prepared by acclaimed Portuguese chefs, and performances from talented Portuguese musicians," according

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to the organization.

Port is the nation's well-known fortified wine — meaning distilled alcohol such as brandy has been added — and it has always had fans in the United States. It's frequently found on restaurants' dessert menus. Grasing's (Sixth and Mission), for example, has an extensive list of ports to enjoy by the glass or bottle.

For PBF&W, the Shippers Association has partnered with chef Telmo Faria of Uma Casa, a highly regarded Portuguese

He'll prepare a variety of small bites to pair with products from more than 30 Portuguese wineries and port houses, giving PBF&W guests a taste of Portugal in one convenient location. Wines from that country have recently gained popularity with Americans — the quaffs tend to be smooth and more on the fruity side. They also offer good value for their price points.

As there will be such a large assortment to try, some suggestions might be helpful. Niepoort Quinta de Baixo, a producer not far from the coast in central Portugal, is a great option. Try ports from both large and small producers — perhaps one from the Symington Family, which includes brands like Graham's, Dow's, Cockburn's, and Warre's, as well as one from Churchill, a much smaller operation. If you can't visit Portugal this year, at least you can experience its food and wine right here in Pebble Beach. Tickets for all PBF&W events are available at pebblebeachfoodandwine.com/get-tickets.

■ Morgan's having a sale

You're probably doing some spring cleaning at home, and Taste Morgan needs to do the same, so it's trying to clear the shelves with a sale on Saturday, March 30, from noon to 2 p.m. in its Crossroads shopping center tasting room.

That's just in time for Easter dinner, and there's a nice synchronicity — you can clean, stock up on wine and then relax with a glass when you're finished.

What's up for grabs? "Interesting vintages from our odd lots of chardonnay and pinot noir (and a few other surprises too!)," says the winery's website. Pricing is \$20 to \$30 a bottle, with 10 percent off any purchase of 12 bottles or more. Wine club members will get a jump on the crowds, with access starting at 11 a.m.

Regular tastings won't be available, but tasting room staff will pour samples of a few of the cellar selections. No RSVP is required; just stop by.

Roxanne Langer and Elaine Hesser contributed to this week's column.



Telmo Faria, executive chef of Uma Casa in San Francisco, will collaborate with Portuguese winemakers at Pebble Beach Food & Wine.

restaurant in San Francisco. Although he was born in the San Francisco Bay area, Faria's Portuguese immigrant parents took him to Faial Island in the Azores when he was 1 year old. There, he fell in love with cooking and hospitality while working in his father's restaurant. Many years later, Faria returned to the States and worked in Montrieo's kitchen in Monterey before moving to San Francisco.



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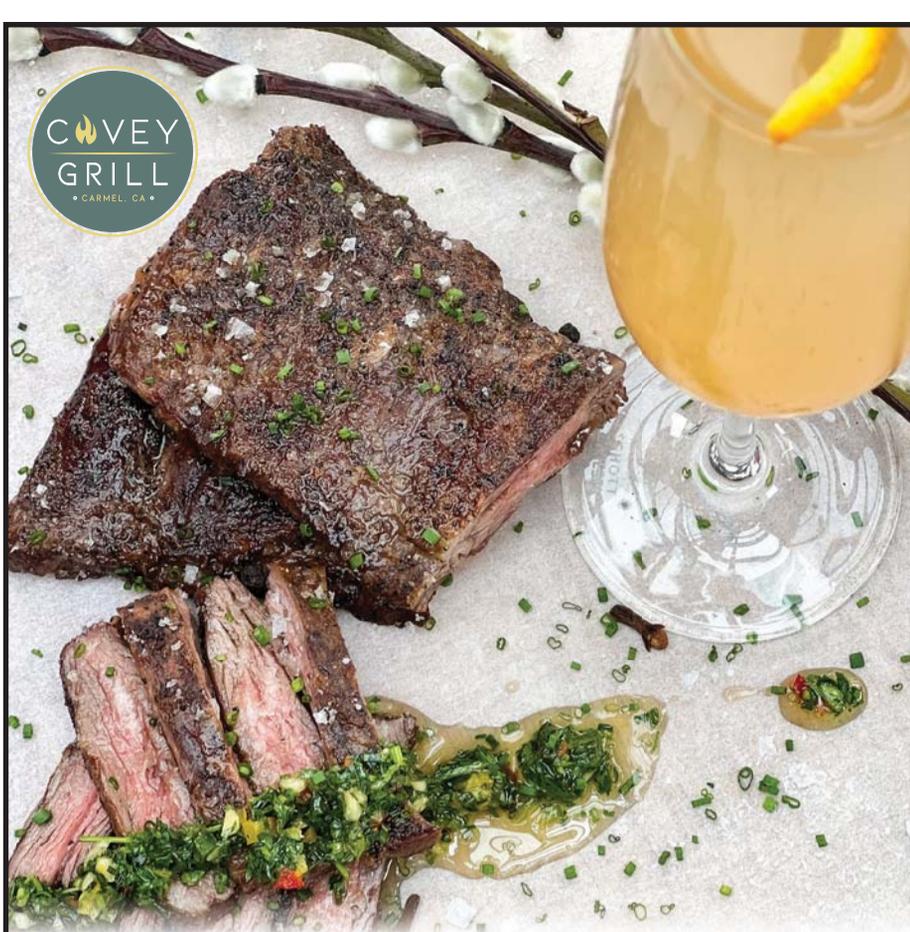
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MUSIC

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Barmel — singer and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Chris Jamez** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). In Carmel Square at San Carlos and Eighth.

Bernardus Lodge & Spa in Carmel Valley — singer and pianist **John Harris** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Paul Behan** (Saturday at noon), pianist **Michael Culver** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Richard DeVinck** (classical, Sunday at noon), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch** (Tuesday at 4 p.m.). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Big Sur River Inn — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Saturday at 12:30 p.m.). 46800 Highway 1.

Bon Ton LeRoy's Lighthouse Smokehouse in Monterey — Open Mic Night (Thursday at 7 p.m.). 794 Lighthouse Ave.

Bulldog Sports Pub in Monterey — **Tribe in the Sky** presents a weekly Community Jam (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.). 611 Lighthouse Ave.

Cibo restaurant in Monterey — **The Dave Holodiloff Duo** (bluegrass and jazz, Sunday at 7 p.m.), singer **Lee Durley** and singer and pianist **Bill Spencer** (jazz, Tuesday at 7 p.m.), singer **Miranda Perl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz and swing, Wednesday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St.

Cuz's Sportsman's Club in Seaside — **Octane** (rock, Friday at 8 p.m.). 594 Broadway.

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 6:30 p.m.), **The Andrea Carter Trio** (jazz and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.), guitarist **Richard Devinck** (classical, Sunday

at 6 p.m.), singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, Carmel.

Deja Blue in Seaside — singer and guitarist **Alvon Johnson**, bassist **David Daniel** and drummer **Leon Joyce Jr.** (blues and r&b, Sunday at 3 p.m.), **The Gary Meek Band** (jazz, Wednesday at 6 p.m.). 500 Broadway.

Estéban Restaurant in Monterey — guitarist **Catherine Broz** (Spanish music, Friday and Saturday at 5:30 p.m.). 700 Munras Ave.

Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch** (Friday at 4 p.m.), violinist **Chris Lynch** (Saturday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Alex Lucero** (Sunday at 2 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

Golden State Theater in Monterey — **The Dawes and Lucius** (rock, Friday at 8 p.m.). 417 Alvarado St.

Gusto Pasta and Pizza in Seaside — singer **Pamela Forman** and guitarist **Bruce Forman** (jazz, Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.). 1901 Fremont Blvd.

Hyatt Carmel Highlands — singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Saturday and Sunday at 8 p.m. and Thursday at 7 p.m.). 120 Highlands Drive.

Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel — singer and guitarist **Kip Allert** (Friday at 6 p.m.), flutist **Kenny Stahl** and guitarist **Bob Burnett** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **Reija Massey** (pop, rock and country, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road.

The Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach — **The Andy Weis Band** (jazz, Friday, Saturday and Thursday at 7 p.m.). 2700 17 Mile Drive.

Intercontinental Hotel in Monterey — guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Terrence Farrell** (Latin music, Sunday at 9 a.m.), singer and guitarist **Zack Freitas** (Monday at 6 p.m.). 750 Cannery Row.

Juice N Java in Pacific Grove — singer and guitarist **Frida Vossler** (Friday at 4:30 p.m.), Open Mic (Friday at 7 p.m., sign up by 5:30 p.m.), **The Zach Westfall Trio** (jazz, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 599 Lighthouse Ave.

Julia's Vegetarian Restaurant in Pacific Grove — singer and guitarist **Rags Rosenberg** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kevin Smith** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave.

La Playa Hotel — **The David Morwood Band** (jazz, Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m., Sunday at 4 p.m.), guitarist **Gil Cadilli** (jazz, Thursday at 5 p.m.). Bud's Bar, Camino Real and Eighth, Carmel.

The Links Club — **The Chuck Brewer Band** (rock and blues, Friday at 7 p.m.), **The Salty Dogs** (rock, Saturday at 7 p.m.), Singer-Songwriter Showcase (Tuesday at 7 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — pianist **T.J. Kuenster** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **John Har-**



Led by conductor Brent Wilson, the University of Santa Barbara's Chamber Choir presents a free concert Sunday, 2 p.m., at the Church of the Wayfarer at Lincoln and Seventh.

ris (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Scott Slaughter** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.

Massa Tasting Room in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Sunday at noon). 69 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Midici Pizza in Monterey — singer **Lee Durley** and keyboardist **Bill Spencer** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), **The David Morwood Trio** with guitarist **Adam Astrup** and bassist **Zach Westfall** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.) 467 Alvarado St.

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

Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa — pianist **Peter Cor** (jazz, Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 5 p.m.), pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), pianist **T.J. Kuenster** (jazz, Monday at 5 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** (originals, classics and "under-the-radar" gems in many styles, Tuesday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Dan Cortes** (Wednesday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Casey Frazier** (Thursday at 5 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

Old Capitol Books in Monterey — **The Rhumba Madre** presents a fundraising show for aid to Palestine (Latin fusion, Saturday at 8 p.m.). 482 Alvarado St.

Pearl Hour in Monterey — **The Zach Westfall Group** (jazz, Sunday at 8 p.m.), **The Ben Herod Trio** (jazz, Wednesday at 8 p.m.). 214 Lighthouse Ave.

Puma Road at Portola Plaza in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Blaise DiGirolamo** (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kristen Gradwohl** (Saturday at 5 p.m.), guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.) 281 Alvarado St.

Salty Seal Pub in Monterey — **Sixth Street Alternative** (alternative and indie rock, Friday at 8 p.m.), **Vinyl Revival** (rock, Saturday at 8 p.m.), **The Edge** (rock, Sunday at 4 p.m.), **Snake Oil Road Show** ("alt-acoustic," Thursday at 7 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.

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

Sly McFly's in Monterey — **The New Wave Band** (rock, Friday at 9 p.m.), **The Rockafellas Band** (rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.), **The Stingrays** (rock, Sunday at 8:30 p.m.), **The Pacific Jack Band** (classic rock, Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.), **Johnny Tsunami** (rock, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.), **5 Star** (rock and soul, Thursday at 8:30 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — saxophonist **Roger Eddy** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), **Might Maple** ("acoustic jams and cool grooves," Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

Wild Fish restaurant in Pacific Grove — **The Lighthouse Jazz Quartet** (Friday and Thursday at 6 p.m.). 545 Lighthouse Ave.

To update these listings, email chris@carmelpinecone.com.



Shown here playing Mary Poppins, actress and singer Malinda DeRouen will preview her upcoming role as Billie Holiday Saturday in Monterey.



Violinist Chris Lynch of Santa Cruz performs Sunday, 4 p.m., at Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley.

PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20240463
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Ivy Park at Carmel, 26245 Carmel Rancho Blvd Carmel, CA 93923, County of Monterey County Registered Owner(s): 26245 Carmel Rancho Blvd OpCo LLC, 4500 Dorr Steet Toledo, OH 43615; Delaware
This business is conducted by a limited liability company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Not Applicable
S/ Sharon Makowsky, Manager
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 03/04/2024
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MONTEREY.
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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/Scott R. Seeley, Member
Date: March 12, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 12, 2024.
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).
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS BID NO. 24-01 The Santa Lucia Preserve

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Santa Lucia Community Services District ("District") hereby calls for sealed bid proposals to be received by the Executive Assistant of the District, at the Gate House, One Rancho San Carlos Road, Carmel, California 93923 on or before **Thursday, April 4, 2024** at 4:00 pm U.S. Pacific Time Zone, verified at www.lime.gov.

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At 4:00 pm April 4, 2024, the Bid Proposals will be taken by the Executive Assistant of the District and opened and publicly read by her or her authorized representative. All bids received after this time will be returned unopened. The bids, together with a report of the bidders and the respective amounts of the bids, will be presented to the Board of Directors of the Santa Lucia Community Services District on Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

Please direct any questions to:
Executive Assistant Aimee Dahle
Santa Lucia Community Service District
One Rancho San Carlos Road
Carmel, CA 93923
831-620-6780
adahle@santaluciapreserve.com

Date of Publication: March 8th, 15th and 22nd, 2024

By order of the Board of Directors of the Santa Lucia Community Service District.
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(PC315)

CYPRESS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING SETTING THE RATE OF THE FIRE MITIGATION FEE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday March 28, 2024 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.

Leslie Baek, Secretary of the Board
Date: March 15, 2024

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Total value: \$65,982,500

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3196 Serra Avenue — \$1,750,000

Gerald and Karen Ewing to JPD Holdings LLC

APN: 009-083-015

San Antonio Avenue, 2 SE of Tenth Avenue — \$4,100,000

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Carmel Valley

3 Trampa Canyon Road — \$975,000
 Gino Avila to Brian Truong
 APN: 418-231-017

98 Ford Road — \$1,150,000
 Christopher Cayce to George Porter and
 Kaitlin Odom
 APN: 187-551-009



871 Del Monte Blvd., Pacific Grove — \$3,800,000

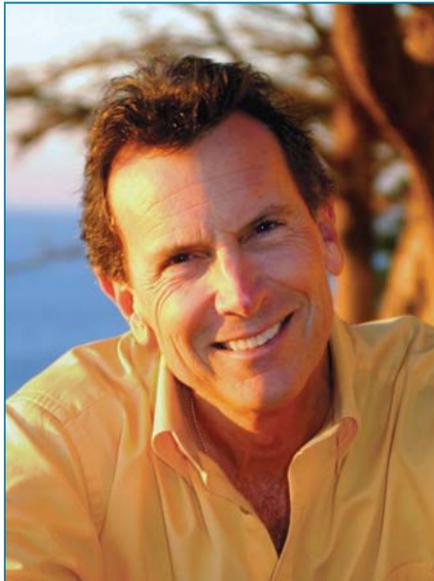


8006 River Place, Carmel Valley — \$3,200,000

67 Chamisal Pass — \$1,400,000
 Christopher Lytle and Rebecca Birdwell to Kyle and
 Laural Larkin
 APN: 239-041-011

15442 Via la Gitana — \$1,550,000
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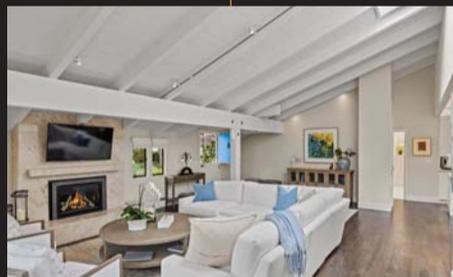
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 Represented Buyers



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Things I learned at my mother's knee, from the internet — or just made up

ONE OF my columnist heroes is the late L. M. Boyd, who wrote the delightful "Grab Bag," a collection of miscellaneous trivia and amusing facts such as, "Leonardo da Vinci knew how to make the camera, he just didn't know how to make the film." This column is an attempt to emulate him:

Here is a list of all the sexes: A. male, B. female. God was pleased when he made man. Then he made woman, which proves even God likes to show off.

Here is a list of personal pronouns: *I, you, he, she, we, they, me, her, him, us* and *them*. If you think there are more, you should probably stay in a safe place.

Journalistic Integrity: As a writer, I always write with the highest principles of journalistic integrity in mind. But buy me a box of Lula's Sea Salt Caramels and I'll cave like a sandcastle at high tide.

The best pizza is from Pizza My Way on Forest Avenue in Pacific Grove. Their "Chicken Masterpiece," is indeed a work of art.

Words to live by: Kneel in prayer. Stand for the anthem. Sit through sermons in church. Even a mediocre one will help you. Fly to her side when you see her across a crowded room. Do not go gently into that dark night. For-

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

give your enemies, but remember their names. There is no free lunch. Take the trash out as soon as the request to do so is made.

The best thing about memories: they remind us that there is no such thing as a long time ago.

A description of most men: He wasn't tall and he wasn't good-looking, but he wasn't short and ugly, either.

A steak is a steak, but in Texas, it's a patriotic duty.

People talk about starting over but you can't. All you can do is change direction.

Top banana

Advice to writers: Don't worry about writing what can be understood. Worry about writing what can be misunderstood. (Something I learned the hard way.)

A Chinese proverb answers the question of why we need to work: "A peasant must stand a long time on a hill-side with his mouth open before a roast duck flies in."

Fat chance and slim chance mean the same thing.

I am amazed that I can walk into Harrison Memorial Library and borrow any book for free. Another thing that amazes me: The first computer I ever saw took up a room almost as big as a football field, had tape drives bigger than refrigerators, needed air conditioning and didn't have the computing power of my iPhone.

We vehemently protest industries that pollute our air, yet willingly spend hours sitting in front of computer, television, and movie screens that pollute our minds.

Crossword clue: Five letters, paleontological instrument. Answer: flute.

Fifty percent of a banana's DNA is the same as ours. Perhaps the leader of any society is the top banana.

Happiness: The root word, "hap," means luck. We see this etymological root in other words relating to chance occurrence: for instance, happenstance, or perhaps.

Early societies weren't very happy. With famine, plague, and war they had a lot to be unhappy about. Happiness was by chance, lasted only briefly, and seemed to alight on only a select few in any given society.

The greatest thing since ...

Something you'll never understand until you experience it: The pride of being a parent. It is a complex sort of pride. You are proud of the child and proud of yourself for being that child's parent.

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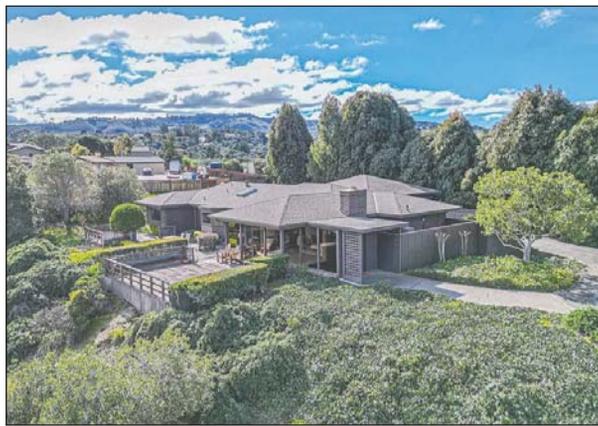
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Zamzam Abou and Alexia Galakatos to Jordan and Steven Tarantino
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8 Goodrich Trail — \$7,850,000
Judith and Scot Smythe to Eric and Karen Grenfell
APN: 239-102-021

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Old Stage Road — \$2,000,000
Michael and Alice Hitchcock and Brent Green to Ag Land Trust
APN: 145-181-009

Del Rey Oaks

120 Quail Run Court — \$535,000
Jeffrey Lelews to Dave and Judy Botelho
APN: 012-612-002

830 Avalon Place — \$935,000
David Spargo to Sean Aval and Maliheh Bkashhi
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Eric and Sally Smith to Brett and Morgan Thornsbury
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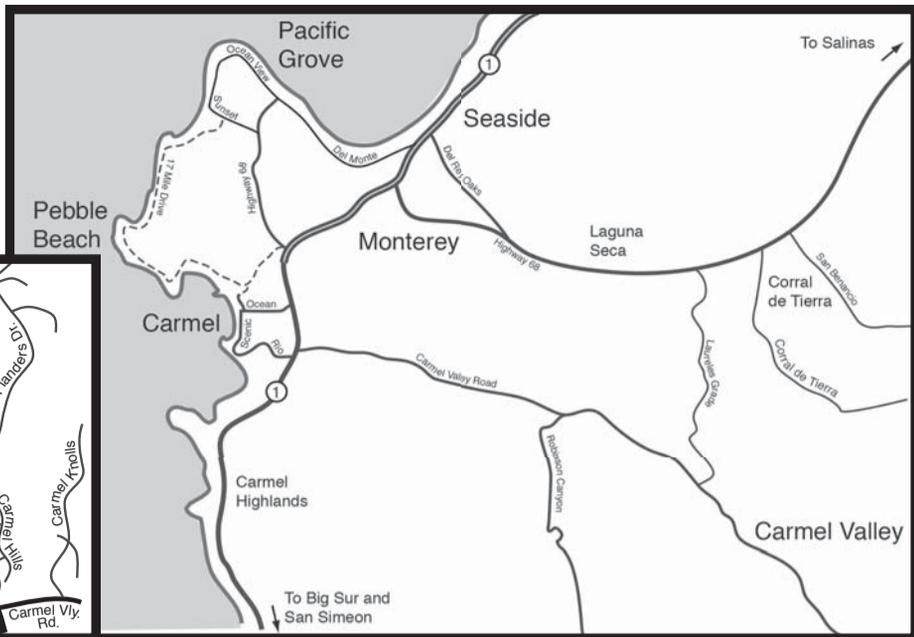
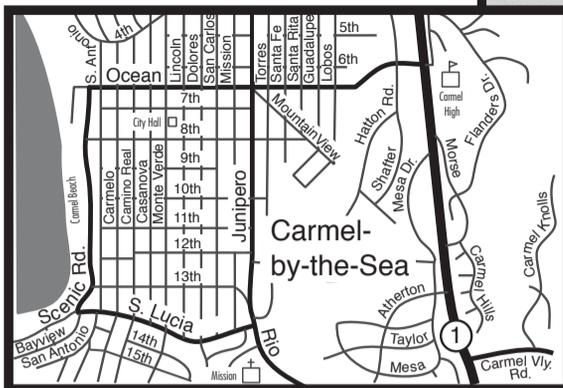
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From page 4A

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

Carmel-by-the-Sea: No calls to report.

Pacific Grove: Upon arrival in Pacific Grove, the driver of a Yellow Cab property turned in found property.

Pacific Grove: Two dogs running at large in the area of Presidio Boulevard and Miles Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Lighthouse Avenue was marked for 72-hour parking.

Pebble Beach: Domestic disturbance on Spanish Bay Road.

Carmel Valley: Report of neglect on East Carmel Valley Road.

Big Sur: Online lost property report on Dolan Ridge.

Pebble Beach: Sloat Road resident reported identity theft.

Carmel area: San Luis Avenue resident attempted to purchase gift cards for a scam, but store staff halted the purchase and prevented the 96-year-old male from suffering a monetary loss.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found remote control for a dog bark collar at Scenic and Eighth.

Pacific Grove: Vending machine located on Lighthouse Avenue was vandalized and

the money taken from inside. Suspects unknown at this time.

Pacific Grove: Trailer at Forest Lodge Road and Congress Avenue marked for 72-hour parking.

Carmel area: Person found to be deceased at a residence on Dolores Street.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Sign-off on a fix-it ticket from CHP.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on 19th Street was marked as abandoned.

Carmel Valley: A 29-year-old male was arrested on Carmel Valley Road for an outstanding warrant.

Carmel area: A 51-year-old female was given a no-trespassing order admonishment from a business establishment.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

Carmel-by-the-Sea: No calls to report.

Pacific Grove: Threats made to a school on Evans Avenue via social media. Information forwarded to the school resource officer.

Pacific Grove: Damaged package reported by a resident on Ransford Avenue.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Hit-and-run of an unoccupied parked vehicle at Dolores and

See **SHERIFF** page 13RE

GERVASE

From page 6RE

The tallest man ever recorded was American giant Robert Wadlow (1918–1940), who stood 8 feet 11 inches. He could barely out-jump an elephant.

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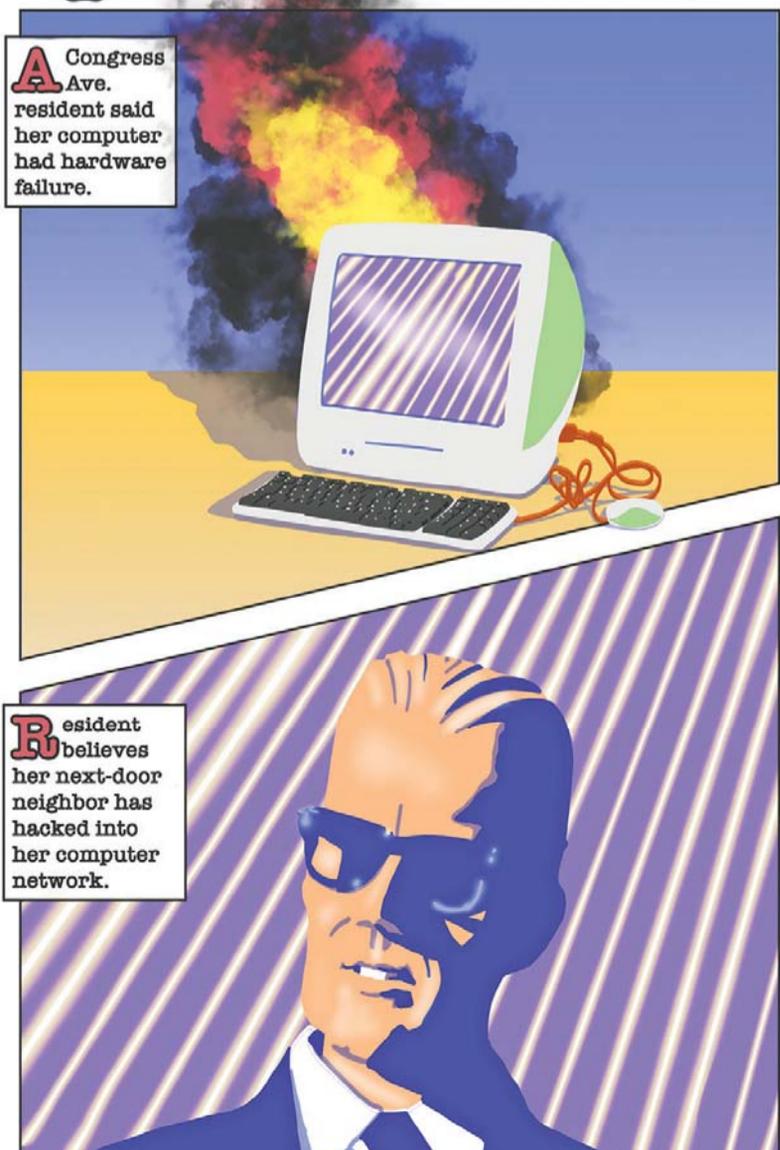
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A Congress Ave. resident said her computer had hardware failure.

Resident believes her next-door neighbor has hacked into her computer network.



TUESDAY, MARCH 12

SHERIFF

From page 11RE

Eighth.

Pacific Grove: Follow-up actions taken on a barking dog complaint at Torres and Ninth. The owner of the home was contacted. They provided information about the owner of the dog, and the dog will not be left alone again.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Lighthouse Avenue experienced a medical emergency and was pronounced deceased. Coroner responded to scene.

Carmel area: A found wallet at Mid-Valley Center was turned in. Return to owner arranged.

Carmel area: Theft by false pretenses on Yankee Point Drive.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Hit-and-run collision on Lincoln Street.
Pacific Grove: Report of a vehicle blocking a private driveway on Lawton Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle at Moreland and Piedmont was marked for 72-hour parking.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a report of battery at a Palo Colorado Road residence involving an 18-year-old male and a 44-year-old female victim.

MONDAY, MARCH 11

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury collision on Dolores Street. Vehicle vs. parked vehicle.

Pacific Grove: Theft of a bicycle with an AirTag attached on Lighthouse Avenue. Possible suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Truck and attached trailer on Gibson marked for 72-hour parking.

Pacific Grove: Officers were dispatched after report of sexual assault involving a child under 14 years of age. (The location was not disclosed.)

Pacific Grove: Vehicle towed from David Avenue for illegally parking in a roadwork zone.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Grove Acre Avenue marked as abandoned.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Spruce Avenue marked for 72-hour parking.

Carmel area: Mesa Court resident reported being contacted by the Publisher's Clearinghouse Sweepstakes advising that she won \$2 million but \$9,000 in taxes needed to be paid immediately. Resident did not send any money, realizing it was a scam.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Civil dispute at Ocean and Dolores.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Officers dispatched to a report of an unwanted person who had been locked out of a business after repeatedly tickling staff. The 60-year-old female was trespassing from multiple businesses and eventually arrested at Ocean and Lincoln for public intoxication before being transported to Monterey County Jail for booking.



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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.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20240387 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: AH ART & DESIGN STUDIO, 16 Yankee Point Drive, Carmel, CA 93923.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20240377 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Mission Memorial Park, 1915 Ord Grove Avenue, Seaside, CA 93955

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20240376 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Triple 777 Grading and Excavating, 3720 Watson Rd Spc 5 Carmel Valley, CA 93924

BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

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).

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.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20240468 Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DEXTER COLLISION REPAIR, 218 Boronda Rd. #D3, Salinas, CA 93907.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20240428 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Oak Beer Network Distribution, 73 Oak Rd Royal Oaks, CA 95076, County of Monterey

Publication Dates: March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024 (PC 316)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20240448 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SHESHEDQUEEN, 115 Paddon Rd., Royal Oaks, CA 95076.

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.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20240427 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Craft Beer Network Distribution, 73 Oak Rd Royal Oaks, CA 95076, County of Monterey

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20240368 Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE MILLENNIAL MATRIARCH, 8710 Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel Valley, CA 93923.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 24CV000785 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, ANE HAATOVA, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20240252 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1. GLOBALLY YOU LSP 2. PINK GLITTER UNICORN SMM 599 Irving Ave., Apt. 3, Monterey, CA 93940.

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