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Forest Service may require beach, camping reservations

■ Too much tourism is the problem

By CHRIS COUNTS

WHILE ITS busy state parks, private campgrounds and atmospheric hotels get lots of attention, Big Sur is mostly made up of land that's managed by the U.S. Forest Service. The federal agency has faced enormous challenges in recent years dealing with a spike in tourism at several popular sites in Big Sur. In response, the USFS has come up with an ambitious plan to rein things in, including requiring reservations to visit Pfeiffer Beach, camp in the backcountry and hike along the busy Pine Ridge Trail.

Created over a three-year process, the fed's Coastal Zone Visitor Use Management Plan makes it clear that it is only offering recommendations — not mandates.

"The document makes no decisions about the management of the Big Sur/South Coast, but rather provides a roadmap for potential future management actions," it says.

Free-for-all

One of the plan's ideas is establishing a reservation system for hikers on the Pine Ridge Trail. By far Big Sur's most popular hiking route, the trail leads to four primitive backcountry campgrounds that can easily be reached in a day. As a result, the sites have long been plagued by litter and overuse.

Reservations could also be required for those who camp along public dirt roads — most of which are located in the southern part of Big Sur. The plan takes the strategy a step further by suggesting that car campers be limited to staying in designated spaces, as opposed to the existing

free-for-all.

Locals have long complained about the fire risks unregulated car camping poses along those dirt roads.

A reservation system could also be implemented for those who visit Pfeiffer Beach, according to the plan, which acknowledges that tourist traffic "presents a safety

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Baron says he'll run for mayor

■ Race draws third strong candidate

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER SIX years on the Carmel City Council, Jeff Baron said this week he'll be running for mayor in November against incumbent Dave Potter and challenger Dale Byrne. During the last election two years ago, Potter ran unopposed.

Baron, who unseated an incumbent when he was first elected in 2018 after serving on the forest and beach commission, said the city needs new leadership in order to move forward on a number of efforts, including the police station project, which has been stuck in the discussion phase for more than seven years.

"I like the path we're on, but sometimes it just seems so slow and we lose ourselves in these discussions and seem to be unable to make decisions," he said Monday. "We stand around and the water rushes by us. It erodes what we are, and we just don't seem capable of protecting ourselves from that."

Rather than focus on his opponents, Baron said his campaign will emphasize his ability to lead.

"We need leaders who can find a balance between asking people what they think and then taking action," he said. "How do you draw that line? How many police station meetings do you have to have?"



Jeff Baron

Staying cool

Ensuring constituents are informed and involved is critical, he said, "but at some point, you have to move forward, because the police station's going to fall down in an earthquake or a suspect will escape out the back," he said. "We accept the status quo, but a lot of times, the status quo results in the eroding of the things that we need to stay Carmel."

During his years on the council, Baron, who turned 60 in April, said he's learned not to lose his cool, to listen to his colleagues and the public, and to "take things with a grain of salt."

"When people say things you don't understand, ask," he said. "When I don't understand, I ask."

Doing so allows others in the conversation to explain

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River Inn deploys welcoming sculpture



PHOTO/COURTESY RIVER INN

To help make sure everybody knows the area is once again accessible to visitors, Big Sur's River Inn is honoring its history with 15 tons of sand. See page 12A.

Surveillance camera debate over use, privacy

By MARY SCHLEY

ARE THE license-plate-reading cameras installed in Carmel over the last year a useful tool for catching criminals and finding missing people, or do they invade people's privacy and put their personal information at risk of being sold to the highest bidder? Councilwoman Alisandra Dramov and councilman Bobby Richards sought feedback from the public at their first ad hoc committee meeting on the subject Monday.

In April 2023, the Carmel City Council approved a contract with the Flock Safety company to put up two dozen wireless, solar-powered, license-plate-reading cameras throughout the city and replace the six installed by another provider along its perimeter several years earlier. The system captures time-stamped images of passing cars and

their license plates, including the number and state, along with the vehicle type and color. Unlike its predecessor, the Flock system alerts police within seconds when it identifies a stolen or wanted vehicle by automatically running the numbers through crime databases.

The collected data is stored in the cloud but only kept for 30 days, according to the city's agreement with the provider, and belongs to the city, not Flock.

No discussion

Because much discussion had taken place during consideration of the initial camera installation in 2018, city officials decided to place the Flock contract on the consent agenda, city administrator Chip Rerig told attendees

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Downtown breakfast spot gets 'Tonight Show' mention

By MARY SCHLEY

Q: WHERE does Jimmy Fallon like to get pancakes?
A: Katy's Place.

The "Tonight Show" host recently visited the Monterey Peninsula to shoot an ad at the Pebble Beach Golf Links for the launch of a line of apparel, accessories and golf equipment, and he took a detour to downtown Carmel for breakfast.

In his show that aired Friday night, Fallon, who broadcasts from New York City, remarked that he'd last visited the Monterey Peninsula about 30 years ago to do stand-up at the now defunct Planet Gemini club when it was located near Cannery Row, and he would sleep in an apartment above it.

"I thought it was the best thing — it was showbiz," he said on the air June 7.

After showing photos of himself at Fisherman's Wharf and the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Fallon shared a selfie he took in front of Katy's Place on Mission Street north of Sixth in downtown Carmel, followed by a pic of his pancake breakfast.

VIP alert

"I went to this awesome place, like a diner breakfast place, called Katy's Place," he said. "Best pancakes." He also had a Katy's Place mug on his desk.

Later in the show, he joked that he stole a mug, because "she doesn't need it — she has a whole restaurant full of them," and also mentioned he didn't pay for his meal.

Restaurant owner Randy Bennett said he received a call the morning of May 24 that a VIP was coming in and was

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PHOTO/THE TONIGHT SHOW STARRING JIMMY FALLON

"Tonight Show" host Jimmy Fallon talks up his Katy's Place pancakes during his June 7 broadcast and shows off the mug he "stole" from the Carmel restaurant.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Give a dog a bone

Walter Geoffrey has 1.3 million followers on Instagram — see @waltergeoffreythefrenchie — and reportedly another 3.5 million fans through other social media platforms. Some say this makes the 10-year-old French bulldog from Texas the most famous dog in the country, if not the world. He even has his own website at waltergeoffrey.com, which even sells namesake products.

Yet we must question the veracity of “worldwide fame” for a dog who had never been to Carmel, never even set foot on the sand. Until now.

Last week, the little influencer flew in from Texas to spend three nights in Carmel and receive a “bone” from city officials, a symbolic key to the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea. As far as we know, this is a first.

It makes sense that someone with a worldwide following would be recognized while strolling the streets of Carmel. Yet Hollywood celebrities have nothing on Walter. Passersby on Ocean Avenue stopped to pet, photograph, and greet the famous Frenchie by name. Similarly, when he set foot inside boutiques, he was greeted by more than the typical dog treat. Shoppers pulled out their phones like fangirls.

Yet the Carmel shopkeepers who know Walter best are the owners of Mad Dogs & Englishmen, a unique bike shop that sells electric bikes and heirloom-quality, made-to-order sidecars that affix to bicycles and electric bikes.

Not to be left behind, Walter set out in a sidecar, with



his little sister, Charlotte, also a Frenchie, for a coastal tour of his new city by the sea.

“Walter is probably the most famous dog who’s ever come to Carmel,” said the bike shop owner. “For seven of his 10 years, Walter has been a ‘viral dog.’ Apparently, he gets \$20K per post to promote dog products. If you are crazy into dogs and follow social media, this dog is on your feed.”

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CARMEL POLICE DEP'T. GETS TWO EVs

By MARY SCHLEY

IN KEEPING with the city's goal of electrifying its fleet, the Carmel Police Department last month received two new plug-in Fords — a sedan and a truck — and might add more if they test well, Police Chief Paul Tomasi said this week.

At a cost of just under \$160,000, the city purchased a Mustang Mach E and a Ford 150 Lightning pickup truck. The Mustang is replacing Tomasi's Dodge Charger, while the truck will be outfitted for use as a patrol vehicle and will take the place of one of the department's Dodge Durangos, which have been difficult to maintain.

"I don't understand what's happening — they can't seem to get the brake pads," Tomasi said of the Durangos, one of which has been in the shop for two-and-a-half months. "I've heard that for these pursuit-rated Durangos, it's really hard to get brake pads."

Put to the test

Electric vehicles generally require far less maintenance, since there are simply fewer parts that break and they don't require routine services like oil changes. But they also have limited range and must recharge every couple of days, since police officers use their cars 24 hours a day.

The move toward replacing some gas-powered police vehicles with electric ones was already in motion when Tomasi returned as police chief last December after retiring from the post two years earlier and

taking a job at the Monterey Bay Aquarium. In anticipation of the arrival of the new Fords, he reviewed a study from Oakdale Police Department, which recently added three patrol-rated vehicles to its fleet.

"They love them," he said. "They're finding they're a lot cheaper to maintain and are more reliable — they're good



PHOTO/COURTESY CITY OF CARMEL

This electric Mustang Mach E is replacing Carmel Police Chief Paul Tomasi's 11-year-old city-provided car.

vehicles."

While CPD's new Mustang is replacing Tomasi's 11-year-old Charger, he's having all of his officers drive it to see if they'd like the city to order more for use as full-fledged police cars.

"I asked patrol to go out and drive it, give us feedback and tell us what they think," he said. "They like it — they think it works well."

The Lightning will also be used for patrol but is likely to be the only one in the fleet. The pickup is a good addition for its

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Police & Sheriff's Log

Unattended hat found in a cafe

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.

TUESDAY, MAY 28

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Wallet found on Third Avenue was turned in for safekeeping.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found wallet located in Pacific Grove and brought to department for safekeeping.

Pacific Grove: A 27-year-old male was cited and released on Ocean View Boulevard for possession of methamphetamine and probation violation.

Pacific Grove: Vehicles parked on Grove Acre and on Jewell Avenue marked for 72-hour parking.

Pacific Grove: Welfare check for Gibson resident per report from Adult Protective Services.

Carmel area: Deputies conducted a welfare check at the Crossroads.

report of a suicidal subject on Paso Hondo. Upon evaluating the subject, he did not meet the criteria to be placed on a mental health hold.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Criminal threats on Ocean east of Monte Verde.

Pacific Grove: Theft of multiple bikes from a carport on Grove Acre Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Suspicious circumstances on Eighth Street.

Pacific Grove: Adult Protective Services report taken at a residence on Lighthouse Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Ammunition was taken at police station for destruction.

Pacific Grove: Neighbor issue on Eardley.

Big Sur: Outside assist for suspicious circumstances on Highway 1.

Carmel area: An unknown subject picked up prescribed medications at a Crossroads business for a deceased male.

Carmel area: An elderly woman with dementia was located on Cross Road. Deputies later located the woman's husband.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a

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The gavel falls

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

May 31 — Three law enforcement cases against Dr. Ayman Adeeb have been resolved. The allegations against Adeeb include billing insurance companies for procedures never performed on patients, contracting without a license, and failing to pay required workers' compensation insurance.

In resolving these cases, Adeeb has pled to two misdemeanors counts of California Penal Code 372 (public nuisance) and will additionally pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$200,000 for violating Business and Professions Code section 17200, as well as a \$10,000 penalty for violating the workers' compensation insurance mandate for employers.

Additionally, Adeeb will pay restitution to insurance companies in the amount of \$23,000 to Anthem and \$5,830 to Humana.

Improper billing raises costs for everyone, and improper charges for services not rendered filter down to the consumer in the form of higher premiums for all insurance customers and greater scrutiny of claimed charges, including legitimate ones. By resolving these

cases, the Monterey County District Attorney seeks to ensure confidence in the healthcare system. If you believe your medical care is being improperly billed to your insurance, you are encouraged to contact the Consumer Fraud unit at (831) 647-7710 or fill out a complaint found at: www.countyofmonterey.gov/government/departments-a-h/district-attorney/consumer-and-environmental-protection/consumer-complaint-form.

Additionally, under California criminal law, business owners need to be aware that California law requires all employers to secure workers' compensation insurance for their employees. Workers' compensation insurance ensures employees injured on the job have adequate medical coverage and other benefits. Persons with information about suspected workers' compensation fraud are encouraged to contact the district attorney's office at (831) 755-3224.

The case was initiated and worked by district attorney investigator Oliver Minnig and made possible by a grant from the State of California.



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Men convicted of grisly murder

By KELLY NIX

TWO MEN were convicted in a Monterey County courtroom last week of a particularly brutal prison attack six years ago that was discovered after guards noticed the victim's blood smeared on his cell window and seeping from under the steel door.

On June 3, a jury in Salinas found Alberto Cortez, 32, guilty of first-degree murder and Jaime Romero, 31, guilty of second-degree murder in the homicide of 19-year-old Jose Alcantar-Ortega while the three were inmates at Salinas Valley State Prison.

Cortez and Romero were also convicted of using a deadly or dangerous weapon to kill Alcantar-Ortega, who was found with more than 70 stab wounds, most of them to his back, head and neck areas.

When correctional officers saw the blood and reached the cell, they found Alcantar-Ortega motionless on the floor in a pool of blood and Cortez and Romero standing in the back of the cell.

The killers didn't have any injuries, but their hands and clothing were covered in the victim's blood, prosecutors said.

"Two inmate-manufactured weapons were discovered flushed down the cell's toilet," the Monterey County District Attorney's Office said.

Alcantar-Ortega was still alive when correctional officers removed him from the cell. Prison medical staff, paramedics and staff at Natividad Medical Center in Salinas treated his injuries, but he died three days later.

Lengthy case

Monterey County Chief Assistant District Attorney Berkley Brannon explained why it took six years to adjudicate the prison murder case.

"It's because the defense is in no hurry to try these prison cases because their clients are in no hurry," Brannon told The Pine Cone this week. "The clients are in no hurry because they are in custody on other matters."

Before the murder, Cortez was serving 50 years to life for the 2011 murder of Jose Calderon Cisneros in Castroville. Cisneros was walking home when he was shot by Cortez more than a dozen times.

60 years

Cortez was convicted of criminal gang activity in the slaying and was also found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer "based upon leading his fellow gang members in an assault on jail deputies while awaiting trial on the Castroville murder," prosecutors said.

Romero had been serving a sentence for a 2014 assault with a firearm in San Mateo County.

Cortez had been convicted of six strikes under California's Three Strikes Law, and he faces a life sentence behind bars without the possibility of parole.

Romero faces 60 years in prison — a lot longer than the sentence on his firearm conviction — for also having been convicted of three strikes, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Stephanie Hulsey found.

This case was investigated by Salinas Valley State Prison officials, Monterey County District Attorney investigator Erik Morris and retired DA's office investigator Jackie Meroney.

It's not clear whether Cortez and Romero will serve their sentences at Salinas Valley State Prison or somewhere else, but Brannon said inmates are generally housed in the area where they lived before their commitments to prison.

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Cal Am to install new water main

Dolores St. subject to closures

By MARY SCHLEY

A CONTRACTOR hired by California American Water Co., the Monterey Peninsula's main water provider, will soon begin tearing up Dolores Street to replace a deteriorating 4-inch water line with a new 8-inch main, according to Carmel's public works department.

Following last week's installation of tree protection and the addition of

screening to keep debris and runoff out of storm drains along both sides of the street between Eighth and Santa Lucia avenues, Monterey Peninsula Engineering was set to begin digging this week, a construction schedule provided by Cal Am spokesman Josh Stratton indicates.

The first step, locating all the underground utilities, is expected to take 12 days, after which the 3,000 feet of new pipeline will be installed starting from the Santa Lucia Avenue end and working north. That portion of the project is scheduled to begin July 1 and continue for three weeks. Construction will not be done on weekends.

Final touches

Once the new main is in, crews will connect hydrants and lateral pipes from homes, according to the schedule. Those tasks will be wrapped up by Aug. 9, with water pressure and bacteriological testing being done Aug. 12-16, which is Car Week.

The final tasks, including abandoning the existing lines, are scheduled for Aug. 19 to Sept. 3, with repaving starting Sept. 4 and ending with restriping Sept. 12.



PHOTO/MARY SCHLEY

The city is asking drivers to avoid Dolores Street while construction is underway for a new water main.

Golden Bough reopening delayed

By CHRIS COUNTS

WITH THE remodel of the Golden Bough Playhouse nearing completion, PacRep Theatre hoped the facility would be ready to host "9 to 5: The Musical" by mid-June. But there's still work to do on the theater, so the company has moved "9 to 5" to the Forest Theater, where it will open July 6. The show will run through July 21.

"The move will allow us to reopen the Golden Bough Playhouse in a finished state, with a grand reopening celebration being scheduled for August," PacRep announced this week.

Executive director Stephen Moorer told The Pine Cone a little more time was

needed to work on the utilities at the theater, and the new seats haven't shown up yet, but will soon.

Moorer estimated that it will take about a month-and-a-half to wrap up the remodel of the Golden Bough, and what's left is mostly finish work.

Cast expresses relief

The cast of "9 to 5: The Musical" has had to deal with a lot of uncertainty during the remodel, and moving back the opening of the production gives cast members some breathing room.

"We were all on pins and needles, and the stress level was rising," Moorer explained.

"We figured out how we could make a three-week run work at the Forest Theatre. Thankfully, we have a pathway now. The cast now is more than relieved."

He said the cast is thrilled to present the musical at the landmark outdoor theater.

"Everybody loves the Forest Theatre," he said. "It is our most popular venue."

Based on a 1980 hit film and a Broadway musical with the same name, "9 to 5: The Musical" is a musical comedy set in the 1970s and tells the story of a trio of co-workers who plot revenge against their sexist and scheming boss. The show includes music and lyrics by Dolly Parton.

According to PacRep, the \$10 million effort to give the Golden Bough a major makeover "aims to modernize the playhouse while maintaining its historic character, ensuring it remains a premier destination for performing arts enthusiasts for years to come."



PHOTO/PACREP

Workers building seat risers during remodel of the Golden Bough. To make sure there's plenty of time to complete the work, opening night has been delayed and "9 to 5" moved to the Forest Theater.

needed to work on the utilities at the theater, and the new seats haven't shown up yet, but will soon.

"We're eagerly anticipating the arrival of the seats, which are coming on Monday and will be installed next week," Moorer reported. "It's going to start to look like a



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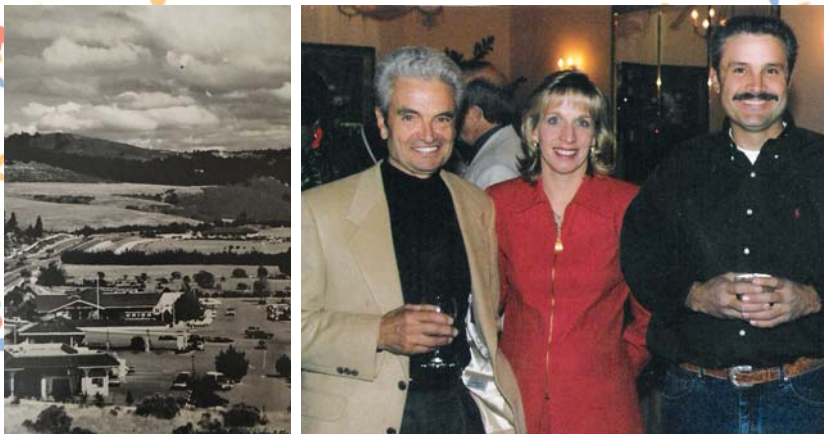


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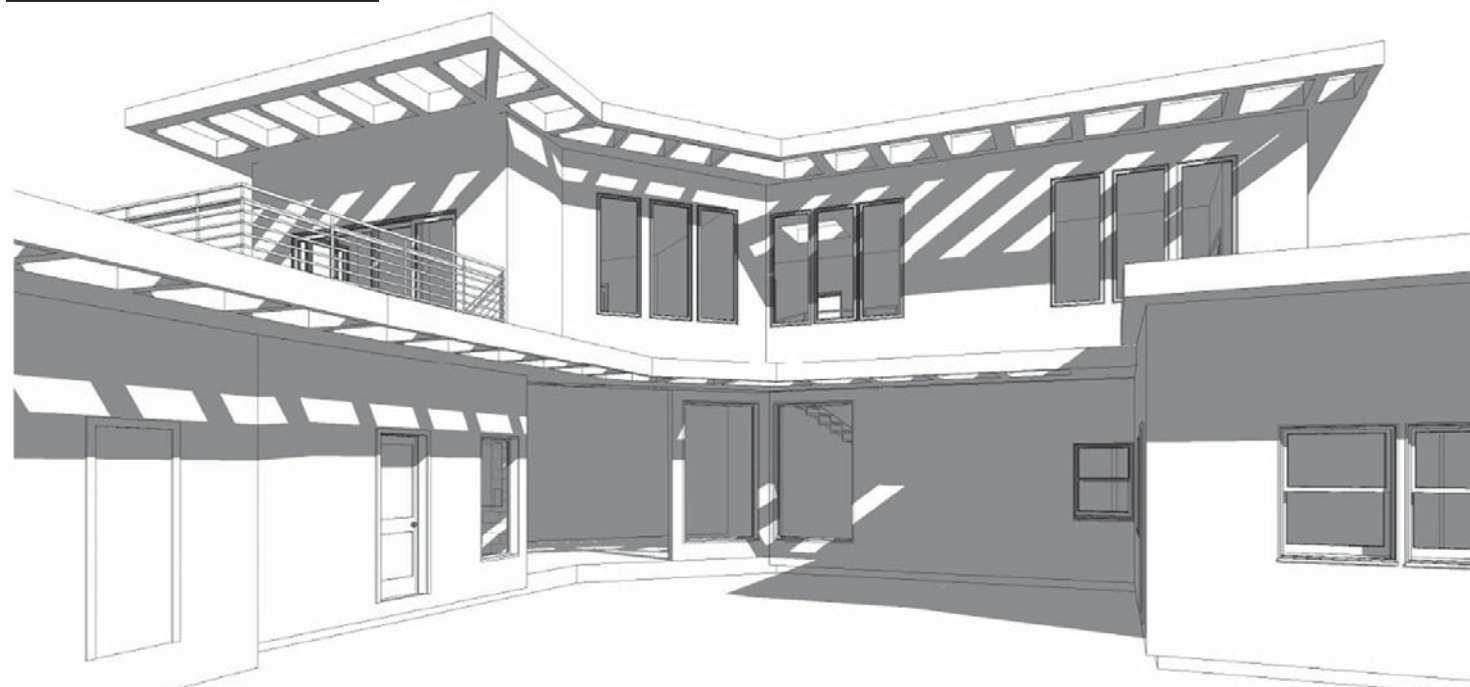
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Zero progress on post office repairs

By MARY SCHLEY

MORE THAN seven weeks after a woman smashed her car into the front of the downtown Carmel post office, the façade remains boarded up and off-limits, with services other than package and mail pickup unavailable — and it appears that won't change anytime soon. The building's property management company, Manco Abbott, has yet to even submit an application for the building permits required to

undertake the repairs, building official Jermel Laurie confirmed Thursday.

The Fifth Avenue side of the post office was declared unsafe to occupy and shut off to the public April 24 after the driver, a 75-year-old Pebble Beach resident, hit the accelerator of her Tesla while parked in a handicapped space in the lot across the street and drove straight into the building, missing a pedestrian by a foot.

See **POST OFFICE** page 28A

It's slow going at the downtown Carmel post office. In fact, it's not going at all. So far, the property manager has yet to apply for a building permit to repair the damage incurred as the result of a car crash in April.

PHOTO/MARY SCHLEY



Artist to sign book of nature paintings

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

BETH JAUREGUI, a longtime local artist and art instructor, will be signing copies of "Paintings from the Edge of the Santa Lucia Mountains" at River House Books in the Crossroads shopping center on June 23 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

The slim volume — available in hard

and softcover — combines dozens of Jauregui's nature paintings with brief, almost poetic, text. It describes how, in the local environment, "all parts interconnect to make the whole," from rainfall, to plants blooming and trees bearing fruit.

Jauregui's artistic skills and love of the local landscape make this read nearly meditative in its simplicity.



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Jim Stent worked for 18 years in Bangkok at Bank of Asia, a Thai Bank, serving as deputy president of the bank. He began his banking career with Citibank and, later, Crocker National Bank before joining the Bank of Asia. He has served on the Boards of Directors of banks in Thailand, China, Myanmar, and Mongolia. Mr. Stent received his B.A. degree from the University of California Berkeley and Master of Public Affairs from the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs where he focused on development economics. He speaks and reads Chinese and Thai. He now divides his time between residences in Thailand and California.

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Gibbs wants ‘false’ claim corrected

By KELLY NIX

A PACIFIC Grove economic development commissioner who was alleged to have improperly disclosed the “private” email addresses of two people is asking the city to correct the record after an effort last week by Mayor Bill Peake to remove him from the panel failed.

At the June 5 P.G. City Council meeting, Peake asked council members to unseat Mike Gibbs from the commission after Gibbs on May 18 disclosed the email addresses of Kim Bui, who is on the city’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Force, and Nadja Mark, a former DEI Task Force member.

But the effort fell flat, and Peake — who claimed the disclosure of the email addresses was grounds to oust Gibbs — did not get the required four votes to do so.

Are they private?

Gibbs argued during last week’s council meeting that Mark’s and Bui’s email addresses were not actually private, since they both used them to communicate with the public while on the DEI. In a letter Monday to Peake and the city council, he reiterated the point and asked for a “correction” over the failed removal effort.

“I submit that I did not disclose private personal information and I see no proof or verification that I did, in fact, disclose private email addresses,” Gibbs wrote, calling the allegation unverified and false. “I am asking the mayor and the city council to publish a correction in the Pacific Grove City Council minutes and in the weekly city manager’s report overturning the claim that I disclosed ‘private’ email addresses, which, in fact, were public.”

Gibbs also told Peake that when “council member Lori McDonnell asked during

last week’s meeting if the addresses were public or private, city attorney Brian Pierik said he did not know.”

While Gibbs had intended to send Bui’s and Mark’s email addresses only to resident Carol Marquart, he inadvertently forwarded the message to Mark.

Gibbs went on to tell Peake in the letter that Pierik had not determined whether Bui’s and Mark’s email addresses were private. He also accused Peake of “repeating an unsubstantiated accusation” by attorney Crystal Gaudette when she claimed in a May 28 letter to Peake and others that Gibbs inappropriately shared the information.

“How did Ms. Gaudette know that the two email addresses were personal and private?” Gibbs asked. “It appears that this claim was accepted by the mayor, and he made it the basis of his phone call to me on May 28 asking for my resignation.”

Gibbs refused the request.

Did the same thing

While Mark has indicated she was not happy that Gibbs shared her and Bui’s email addresses with Marquart, she did the same thing last weekend.

On June 9, Mark linked a screenshot of Gibbs’ misdirected message on a local news website but inexplicably failed to black out Bui’s and Marquart’s email addresses — revealing them to anyone who clicks on the internet link.

It’s not clear why she did not redact them, especially considering Marquart is a private citizen who has no official business with Pacific Grove.

Similarly, Gibbs told the mayor and council members that Gaudette revealed Marquart’s email address in her letter to city officials that criticized him for disclosing Bui’s and Mark’s email addresses.

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P.G. group honors strawberry fest but not Christmas

By KELLY NIX

A PACIFIC Grove “inclusion” panel that was criticized two years ago when its chair mocked Christians has decided not to include Christianity’s most celebrated events on a cultural calendar intended to “uplift underrepresented communities.”

When the P.G. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Force discussed the adoption of a cultural calendar last August, then-member Nadja Mark told the group it was meant to “celebrate and amplify the recognition of the cultural diversity of our communities” including Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism and Islam.

Pared down

But at the DEI Task Force meeting Monday night, members Katie Hoops and Bruce Doneux unveiled a pared-down draft of the calendar, which omitted what are likely the two most internationally celebrated cultural events of the year — Christmas and Easter.

While none of the four task force members mentioned the two Christian events during the meeting, Doneux said the panel is “certainly open to other people’s suggestions for additions” to the calendar.

Hoops said a cultural calendar for Pacific Grove aligns “with the mission of the DEI Task Force in uplifting underrepresented communities.”

The DEI Task Force’s draft calendar recognizes Hanukkah, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur for the Jewish

faith, but resident Inge Lorentzen Daumer questioned why it did not acknowledge other religions, too.

“What about Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Buddhist ... even Christianity?” Daumer asked.

She also said she was confused as to whether the list was meant to recognize cultures or events. Hoops conceded that the DEI Task Force needed to “have a message on the city’s webpage” outlining the “intent of the calendar.”

While Muslim events Ramadan and Eid al-Adha, and Diwali, which is recognized by Hindus and Sikhs, were overlooked, the calendar does list Mother’s and Father’s days, the Watsonville Strawberry Festival, Monterey Bonsai Show, International Non-Binary People’s Day, International Pronouns Day, five gay pride events and many others.

‘Don’t exclude’

Following the meeting, former P.G. City Councilman Dan Miller said that “the concept of diversity, equity and inclusion is that you invite everyone in” and don’t exclude people or groups.

“All I have to say is that the cultural calendar includes the Watsonville Strawberry Festival but not Christmas,” Miller told The Pine Cone.

There are about 2.5 billion Christians worldwide, including tens of millions of Latinos and Hispanics, Black people, members of the LGBT community, and other ethnicities and groups the P.G. DEI Task Force would likely

consider underrepresented.

Pacific Grove also has about a dozen Christian churches, making the omission of their important events curious.

The task force came under fire in 2022 after its then-chair, Tina Rau, made fun of Christians and Catholics in a post on social media. Rau later apologized to those who were offended or hurt.

The DEI task force, which meets once a month, voted Monday to continue discussion of the cultural calendar to a “date uncertain.”

Police chief not returning to work anytime soon

By KELLY NIX

PACIFIC GROVE’S top cop will remain on paid leave and won’t return to the job until at least Oct. 1, and a commander will continue to fill in during her mysterious absence, the city manager said this week.

Chief Cathy Madalone, 55, said last October that she was injured on the job and was given a special accommodation by the city to work at home. She did that until the first week of May, when city manager Matt Mogensen announced she was on leave until at least June 7. This week, though, Mogensen told The Pine Cone that the chief will be out for at least another four months.

“Chief Madalone’s leave has been extended until Oct. 1,” Mogensen said. “At this point, Cmdr. Brian Anderson is still acting chief. I am hopeful that Chief Madalone will be back on duty on Oct. 1.”

By October, the police chief, who was hired in mid-2019, will have been out of the office for more than a year and not working at all for about five months, while still receiving her full salary. According to Transparent California, Madalone earned \$338,270 in total pay and benefits, including pension contributions, in 2022.

‘Entitled to know’

Madalone, who called the working-from-home arrangement “temporary,” maintained in February that she had been available to police and city hall employees and the public as she progressed in her goal “of getting back to work at the department.”

Dan Miller, a former P.G. City Councilman who has publicly criticized Madalone’s lengthy absence, said this week that citizens are “entitled to an explanation as to what is going on” with her employment.

“Madalone costs the taxpayers more than \$200,000 per year,” Miller told The Pine Cone. “Where is the accountability? What is so egregious that the information can’t be released? Whatever reason she is out, it has gone beyond her refusal to release information about her health.”

Sources months ago told The Pine Cone that Madalone was injured during Car Week last August while driving a golf cart. She has not confirmed or refuted the claim.

Madalone spent 25 years working in New Jersey’s Bergenfield Police Department, including serving as chief, until her move to Pacific Grove.

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Sand sculpture marks Big Sur River Inn's 90th anniversary

By CHRIS COUNTS

NOT MUCH gets built along Highway 1 in Big Sur. But this week, Carmel Valley artist Rusty Croft created a massive sand sculpture in front of the Big Sur River Inn that's turning heads.

The piece celebrates the River Inn's 90th anniversary.

"This art project was scheduled for debut before the 2024 Big Sur International Marathon at the end of April, but with the extended road closure and rerouting of the race course, it was not feasible," the resort said.

The sculpture — which stands 10 feet tall and weighs many tons — was designed specifically for the River Inn and incorporates elements that celebrate its colorful history, which dates back to 1934. Croft had help making it from his longtime creative partner, Kirk Rademaker. "The sand sculpture features caricatures of members of the 'Abalone Stompers' playing music, our famous Homesteader apple pie, towering redwood trees, Adirondack chairs in the river and more," according to the hotel.

For those who are too young to remember the Abalone Stompers, they were a

Dixieland jazz group led by multi-instrumentalist Jake Stock that once played regularly at the hotel.

As the piece took shape earlier this week, locals and visitors stopped by to watch Croft work.

Croft told The Pine Cone that he met Lacey Sutton Mazurek of the River Inn two years ago, and she recently reached out to him and proposed making the piece to mark the hotel's anniversary. "She said 'We want to celebrate and show off something that highlights who we are,'" the sculptor said.

As of Thursday, Croft was busy putting the finishing touches on the piece. "We started pounding sand last Friday, and started carving on Saturday," he reported.

A sigh of relief

The River Inn's general partner, Ben Perlmutter, said he's thrilled to see the sculpture come to life. He said Mazurek spearheaded the project, which was inspired in part by a piece that Croft made for Hacienda of Carmel Valley.

The piece at Hacienda "was exactly the kind of thing we wanted on our property

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COUNCIL OKs \$43M BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER DECIDING during a workshop last month to pare down the \$43,887,044 in spending proposed for the 2024-2025 fiscal year by \$395,000 by removing four capital projects from its extensive list of planned work, the Carmel City Council last week voted to adopt the budget for the coming fiscal year, which starts July 1.

With total spending now expected to come in at \$43,492,044 but revenues estimated at \$31,431,249, the plan calls for using \$12,060,795 in savings accumulated during prior years to balance.

At the June 4 council meeting, assistant city administrator Brandon Swanson made his last of several presentations on the budget, which relies heavily on sales, hotel

and property taxes for income and anticipates \$28,286,593 in operating expenses — including a little more than \$16 million for payroll, which is \$1 million more than last year.

The city plans to hire a half-dozen people, including an additional principal planner to help implement the city's recently adopted housing plan, a project manager to oversee the numerous capital projects, another maintenance worker, an assistant forester, and more staff so the library can be open on weekends. But some existing positions will be reduced or eliminated — among them a couple that have gone unfilled and should have been taken off the list a year ago — so the net increase will be just over the equivalent of one full-time job.

Payroll will increase by \$1 million in 2024-2025

'Structurally balanced'

For the first time, the public works department's budget will exceed the police department's, with public works expected to cost \$6,538,001 (15 percent of total spending) and CPD estimated at \$5,377,455. Citywide non-departmental costs, which include insurance, utilities, pension liability and healthcare for retirees, are estimated to come in just under \$4.1 million, followed by the fire department at a little over \$3.4 million, administration at roughly \$3.4 million, and planning at a bit over \$2.2 million.

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Carmel Valley vet flies to France for 80th anniversary of D-Day

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE YOUNGEST in his group, 96-year-old Mike Robbins of Carmel Valley joined 68 of his fellow veterans on a trip to France last week to attend the 80th anniversary of an event that changed history — D-Day.

Robbins, who served in the United States Merchant Marine, wasn't part of the invasion force that landed on the beaches of Normandy, but he and his fellow merchant seamen played a key role in the build-up to the invasion.

Over the course of a military stint that spanned from 1943 to 1946, Robbins faced many dangers. Last year, Congressman Jimmy Panetta awarded him the Congressional Gold Medal for his bravery during the war.

Swapping stories

To get to France, Robbins took a flight from San Jose to Dallas, and another from there to Paris. Accompanied by his daughter, Joanne, he spent a day and night in Paris and had a chance to do a little sightseeing. From there, he traveled with his fellow vets to the Normandy coast, where on June 6, 1944, the most ambitious invasion force in history faced a deadly storm of artillery and machine gun fire.

In Normandy, Robbins had a chance to get to know some of his fellow vets.

"The average age was about 102," he said of the group. "The oldest, Reynolds Tomter, is 107. Some of the older guys were amazingly sharp — we had a lot of fun and laughs swapping stories. I met some wonderful people"

The trip was a bit of a whirlwind and went by quickly. "It was like a kaleidoscope in my head," he said.

Besides joining a ceremony at the Normandy American Cemetery — President Joe Biden was one of 25 heads of state to attend — he and the other veterans visited Omaha and Utah beaches, where thousands of Americans died trying to establish a foothold in France for the push to Berlin to end the war.

Unheralded seamen

Six merchant seamen were a part of the group of 60, including Tomter. They attended the unveiling of a monument at Utah Beach dedicated to the Merchant Marine. Although their efforts during World War II didn't garner headlines, the military branch played a critical role in the successful invasion. "They couldn't have made it without the stuff we brought over — tanks, artillery and personnel," Robbins said.

Because their support was so important to the allied effort, merchant seamen were often targeted by the enemy, which sought to disrupt supply lines. Robbins experienced such an attack. "Although we were one of the smallest branches of the military in the war, we had a casualty rate that was equaled only by the Marines," he added.

Robbins was only 15 when he joined the Merchant Marine ("to the dismay of my parents," he recalled). He served in the Atlantic and Pacific theaters as an able seaman with a deck crew.

Besides the Congressional Gold Medal Panetta awarded him, he received the Atlantic, Mediterranean-Middle East, and Pacific war zone medals, a World War II Victory medal, a combat bar, a Philippine liberation ribbon, and an Honorable Service button.



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Mike Robbins of Carmel Valley visited the beaches of Normandy last week.

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Montage CEO lauded by colleagues

By KELLY NIX

STEVE PACKER, the president and CEO of Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula's parent company, was praised as a visionary leader following his announcement this week that he'll retire next year after a quarter century at the helm.

Packer, a pulmonologist who heads Montage Health, was credited this week with the development of myriad programs and initiatives during his tenure that shaped the hospital and its parent company into what they are today.

Expanded access

Bill Tyler, a founder of Montage's Tyler Heart Institute and donor who has served on the hospital's two boards, credited Packer with transforming the institution into a comprehensive healthcare system. He said that Packer early on realized that the area needed more physicians, in part due to retirements.

"Doctors are not businessmen, by and large," Tyler explained. "They are not going to recruit other doctors to take their place, so we had a diminishing supply of doctors here. Steve wanted to control and make sure that our community had the volume of trained physicians that we need to serve people."

Packer did that by launching numerous initiatives to expand access to care, including opening Montage Medical Group offices in Carmel, Marina and Monterey, Community Hospital's Pavilions Project, which added 120 rooms, an outpatient campus in Ryan Ranch, and the Carol Hatton Breast Care Center.

Montage Health under his direction also opened wellness centers in Marina and Salinas, three MoGo Urgent Care clinics, the Montage

Health Foundation, and a campus called Ohana for youth mental health treatment.

The efforts have meant patients on the Peninsula don't necessarily have to seek care out of network.

"The challenge is not to bring you to our hospital, but to bring the hospital to you," Tyler said. "That is my take on Packer's approach to health care. We no longer have to head to Stanford for treatment."

He also said that Packer, 68, paved the way for the hospital to be a "center for advanced procedures in medicine, from robots in the hallways to leading-edge heart surgeons on staff."

In terms of what Tyler would like to see in Packer's successor, he said the Peninsula's "future is secure if we continue Steve's vision of embracing the community" as opposed to "leadership from a remote

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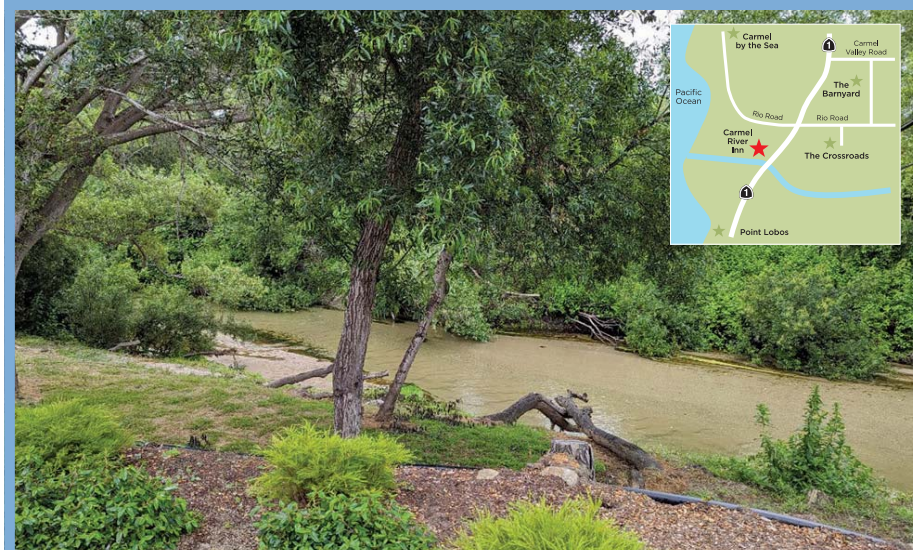
Steve Packer intends to resign next year but he will also be part of the process to interview his successor.



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FALLON

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asked to hold a table.

“We had no idea who or when,” he said, but when Fallon, wearing sunglasses, walked through the door, Bernett immediately recognized him.

“We don’t bother celebrities when they come in, and we try to keep others away,” said Bernett, who runs the restaurant with his wife, Katy. Fallon was with his producer, and they also ordered huevos rancheros.

As the duo prepared to leave, Bernett said he told Fallon how much he appreciates him.

“He’s a brilliant humorist, a brilliant singer and bril-



PHOTO/COURTESY OLD FISHERMAN’S WHARF

“Tonight Show” host Jimmy Fallon outside Old Fisherman’s Grotto in Monterey with employees Edith Valdez, Arlene Shake and Giana Compagno.

liant dancer,” he said. “His response was, ‘I try,’ and then he gave me a big hug.”

At the door, Katy presented Fallon with two mugs — so he didn’t actually have to steal any — and thanked him for “all the joy that he brings to the world.”

“It is true that he got a free breakfast,” Bernett added. “He paid for it with a smile.”

Bernett said he and his wife “were blown away” by the mentions and the photos Fallon shared on his show.

“We assumed that if he had any good word to spread that he might tell the people who gave him a hotel room, or something,” he said.

The couple also hadn’t known Katy’s Place was mentioned until one of their servers received a fuzzy photo of Fallon with the mug on his desk.

“We found it and watched it, and we’re still aghast, astounded, amazed, excited,” Bernett said. “It’s so sweet. We were honored. It’s one of the nicest things that’s ever been done for us — it was unsolicited and unexpected.”

But it’s not the first time Katy’s has gotten a mention on national television. CBS sports commentator and

part-time Pebble Beach resident Jim Nantz has on occasion told viewers about the restaurant and that the menu includes an omelet named for him — even once during the Super Bowl.

While Nantz frequently visits his favorite dining spots when he’s in town, Bernett said he has no idea how Fallon heard about Katy’s Place.

“We have no clue,” he said. “We don’t know what the connection is.”

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Mary Katherine Helm Lynch

Mary Katherine Helm Lynch, also known as Molly, died peacefully from the complications of Alzheimer's Disease on March 3, 2024, in Santa Monica, California, at the age of 76. She was surrounded in death by her loving family. Molly's family invites you to join them at a memorial service at the Petaluma Woman's Club, at 518 B Street, that is planned for 2 p.m. August 4, 2024.

Donations may be made in Molly's memory to the Alzheimer's Association and to the Petaluma Committee on the Shelterless (COTS).

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CAMPING

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hazard for residents accessing their properties and for potential first responders" during busy times.

The plan also recommends creating more campsites, fewer campfires and converting an old ranger station at Salmon Creek and Highway 1 into a visitor center for northbound travelers.

The plan observes that Big Sur faces the "high" threat of "uncontrolled human-caused" wildfires "due to the desire for campfires and disregard for regulations, as well as the high number of campers during the fire season." In response, it says there is a need to "change the culture" around campfires in some areas.

Trail to Bixby?

While the plan doesn't directly confront the traffic quagmire that periodically forms at Bixby Bridge as visitors seek photos of the landmark — which is considered a state issue — it does make several suggestions for what could be done at nearby federally owned Bixby Ranch, such as establishing a trail to Bixby Bridge, along with

"conference offerings, educational offerings, recreational opportunities, shuttle services, etc."

Before releasing the plan, the forest service consulted with an assortment of partners, including "user groups, residents, and local agencies." According to the agency, "this comprehensive strategy sets forth the guiding principles for developing a sustainable implementation plan to address the growing number of visitors to the Big Sur coast."

"This management plan is the result of a shared commitment to addressing the growing number of visitors and to balance public use with resource protection," Monterey District Ranger Fin Eifert said.

While some contend complaints about the overuse of Big Sur are exaggerated, the plan acknowledges that the Big Sur coast experiences congestion caused by "inexperienced or uninformed visitors," resulting in "trash and human waste disposed of improperly" and various other impacts.

"The entire project area is seeing effects of increased visitor use and demand, coupled with lack of staff capacity to monitor use, educate visitors and enforce regulations," the document indicates.

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JOHN BARAK KINNICK, JR.

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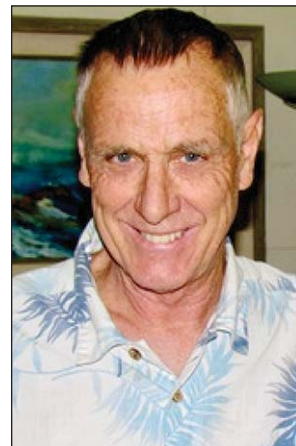
John was a loving and devoted son and brother. He was a loyal friend to many in his beloved Big Sur community, an extraordinary helper to those in need, and a joy to be with for his stories, his music, and his singing.

He graduated from Sequoia High School in Redwood City, CA in 1962 and then attended Cal Poly Pomona. The '70s found him in Germany in the U.S. Army where he began travels throughout Europe and later to exotic places around the world. He worked in Prudhoe Bay during the building of the Alaska pipeline. With his earnings he was able to buy land and build a house in Big Sur, CA., his home for more than 50 years, where he worked in food services as a server and manager.

John will be remembered for: reading at least a book a day; a phenomenal memory that enabled to him to recall and share information gathered years before; playing in a rock band, (really!); the emotions he shared as he played his guitar or banjo and sang the blues and country songs; and his deep love of nature and animals, especially dogs, no matter the breed (pit bull, Doberman or German shepherd). Cassie was the last in a long line of dog best friends who all were lovable, playful and protective of John.

He lived a simple, rugged, "off the grid" life with deep respect for the environment. His kindness and generosity were unlimited. He shopped for friends when he went to town. If someone needed help, he was there. Even as his health deteriorated, he found a way to make the arduous drive to Redwood City to share time, stories, humor and laughter with his stepfather, Bob. Near the end he still found pleasure as the large flock of pigeons settled in nearby trees and enjoyed the food he provided and as the two feral black cat brothers played nearby.

He was deeply loved by his family, Robert Kirchgatter, his stepfather in Redwood City; sisters, Mary Kinnick (Portland, OR), Patricia Lovelace (Picabo, ID), Jennifer Kinnick (Portland, OR); and brother, David Kinnick (West Hollywood, CA). And in rest, he joins his mother, Geraldine Kirchgatter, and father, John Kinnick, Sr.



JAMES (JIM) DOUGLAS DARLING

James (Jim) Douglas Darling, 83, of Ventura, CA, passed away on May 1, 2024.

A loving, active, and resilient man, James was a friend to many. He was a dedicated teacher, coach, and administrator for the Ventura Unified School District for 35 years. James served his community with passion and commitment, leaving a lasting impact on the lives he touched.

James graduated from Monterey High School and went on to further his education at San Jose State University in California.

In his free time, James enjoyed outdoor activities such as fishing, hunting, skiing, golfing, bodysurfing and tennis.

He is survived by his siblings, Bruce (and Gwynneth) Darling and Judy (and David) Zappacosta; his daughters, Lisa (and Jeff) Daniel and Jill (and Steve) DeStefano; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. James was preceded in death by his parents, Mary and James Darling, and his partner Carolyn Miller.

A Celebration of Life in honor of James will take place 1 to 4 p.m. July 28, 2024, at the Monterey Elks Lodge, 150 Mar Vista Drive, Monterey, CA.

In lieu of flowers, Jim requested that donations be made to the Big Sur Land Trust.

DORIS CLARK FIELDS

Doris Clark Fields passed away peacefully at her home on May 31, 2024, at the age of 92. A beloved wife, mother, sister, grandmother and great-grandmother, Doris was born Feb 7, 1932, in Rockford, Ill. She was one of three girls born to the late Ralph and Edna Dusenberry. Doris spent most of her childhood in Orion, Ill. She attended University of Illinois until becoming a UAL stewardess flying out of New York City and San Francisco in the '50s. While in New York she met her first husband, Roger Clark, a Naval officer. They married in 1955. They spent 3½ years in Yokohama, Japan, and were stationed around the U.S., eventually settling in Pacific Grove. After Roger retired, they spent eight years in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. After his death in 1988 she married Philip Fields and lived in Pebble Beach until his death in 1999.



Doris was preceded in death by her sister, Nancy Stanley, in 2000. She will be remembered by her loving family: sister, Louise Kimberlin in Colorado Springs; son, Sterling Clark and his wife, Anne; daughter, Cristine Bell, her husband, John; stepson, Doug Fields and sister-in-law, Betsy Clark. She is survived by three wonderful grandchildren, Alex Logan, Max Bell and Sara Baldwin; step-grandson Boris Bell; and two

great-grandchildren, Scarlett Baldwin and Callan Logan. All were greatly loved by her. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews and their families.

Doris was an avid reader and an active member at First United Methodist Church in Pacific Grove, where she also sang in the choir for many years. Her faith and church were an important part of her life. She was a long-time member of MPCC where she was the first woman elected to be a board member. She enjoyed playing golf, scoring three holes-in-one. She also enjoyed playing bridge and Mahjong with her close friends. One of her greatest pleasures was playing the piano. Doris was a volunteer docent at the Monterey Bay Aquarium for many years. She will be remembered for her beautiful smile and her positive cheerful personality.

The family will hold a private service to honor Doris's memory. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that those who would like, make a donation to SPCA Monterey County, an organization that was very important to Doris.

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Eifert described the plan as ambitious but also emphasized that nothing in it is set in stone, and some of the ideas could face big hurdles getting approved.

"We tried to address as much as we could," he said. "There's a lot in it, and everything isn't going to get implemented tomorrow."

Eifert said the first things that will likely get accomplished are parts of the plan with an easier path to approval.

"Some high-benefit and low-risk things can be done," he suggested. "We need to start prioritizing and roll up our sleeves, and with the help of the public, get to work."



PHOTO/CHRIS COUNTS

A new plan by the U.S. Forest Service to deal with increasing crowds doesn't mention the traffic challenges at Bixby Bridge (above), but tackles similar issues on federal land.

Conceding that "there's an increasing need for visitor-serving amenities such as restrooms," the plan doesn't propose construction of any. Why is this?

"We don't propose any new ones, but they aren't off the table," Eifert said. "There's been a longstanding need for them, and it needs a collaborative multi-agency solution."

Implementing reservation systems will no doubt be challenging, Eifert explained, in part because such a system would need to be equitable, and those who have easy access through technology could have an advantage. "We're trying to thread that needle and strike a good balance," he explained.

It's a starting point

The Pine Cone reached out to three groups for comments about the plan, including the Community Association of Big Sur, which participated in the lengthy effort to craft it.

"I am still processing the overall plan and where to start, but I feel the Big Sur residents in each of the four zones identified in the plan need to be heard on what is important in their area to work on first," executive director Patte Kronlund said. "Please note — the plan is a starting point. Some of these ideas may not work, or better yet, new ideas may be better."

Kronlund suggested that much can be accomplished with the plan, but it will take a collaborative effort. "The success of this plan will take all of us working together," she added.

Another group that consulted extensively with the forest service as the plan took shape was the Ventana Wilderness Alliance, which notably keeps the region's hiking trails passable for the public. Gordon Johnson of the wilderness alliance addressed several of the plan's ideas.

As for confronting the overuse of the Pine Ridge Trail — and the idea of implementing a reservation system — Johnson said more information is needed about four rustic camping areas along the trail to find out how many visitors they can handle.

"A comprehensive survey and analysis of current campsite conditions will be necessary to determine the carrying capacity of four existing camps — Ventana Camp, Terrace Creek Camp, Barlow Flat Camp, and Sykes camp," Johnson said.

More details are needed

Regarding "designated dispersed camping," Johnson acknowledged that Plaskett Ridge Road has long been subjected to overcrowding by car camping, but "many details need to be explored and analyzed to implement this project."

Other comments from Johnson included the need for better signage along Plaskett Ridge Road on the South Coast so visitors know when they are entering a wilderness area. "The Ventana Wilderness Alliance is actively involved in promoting this and other signage projects within the Monterey Ranger District."

Johnson described the plan as a "good start." "We've been brainstorming for three years, and I'm happy about it," he added.

A third group, Keep Big Sur Wild, wasn't involved in developing the plan but has taken a keen interest in it.

"We recognize that the plan was designed to manage and mitigate the impacts of high visitor use," Marcus Foster of Keep Big Sur Wild said. "Improvements to infrastructure could inadvertently attract more visitors and increase the problems of overuse."

BRUCE MCCLANE

Bruce McClane, officially known as Harry Bruce McClane (although he was far from hairy), departed for the last of his long line of adventures on May 24, 2024, at age 83. He was fortunate to pass away exactly as he'd wanted, at home in Pacific Grove, comforted by his wife of 40 years, Sharon Miller, and three of his beloved and loving step-daughters, plus his little dog, Miss Wiggles.



Bruce was born in Chicago, IL on Aug. 23, 1940, to Harry and Blanche McClane. He and most of his extended family had the good sense to move to Watsonville, CA when he was 6. After graduating from Watsonville HS — where he was more interested in sports than academics — he went into the US Navy for three years. Because he had done so well in his Navy training classes, he enrolled after discharge at Cabrillo College, where he was student body president. Then he received his BA and MA in business from San Jose State.

Bruce had wanted to be a Major League Baseball player, but after getting his CPA license, he instead secured a job with one of the nation's top accounting firms at the time, Arthur Andersen. During his time there he did some teaching at San Jose State and discovered

that he loved motivating young people more than he did auditing businesses. He ended up teaching accounting for 30 years at Hartnell College because he believed having a job that fulfilled him, plus time to pursue his many interests (including the summers off!) was more important than a big paycheck.

Bruce loved golf (he had a beautiful smooth swing), hiking (starting with the trail to Machu Picchu with Sharon), travel (more than 50 countries, in addition to RVing around the US), remodeling whatever home he was in (including a winter residence in Palm Desert), plus baseball (Go, Giants!), jokes (especially shaggy dog stories and cartoons), water and snow skiing, kayaking, rafting, cycling, and eating (he loved every kind of cuisine, and food from veggies to pastries).

Most of all, this kind, generous, daring, funny, modest man loved the big family he "inherited" when he married Sharon, including four lovely daughters: Ginny Miller (John) of Pacific Grove, Elaine Miller (Antonio) of Glendale, Carie Broecker (Scott) of Pacific Grove, and Molly Erickson of Moyie Springs, Idaho; nine grandchildren; and one precious great-granddaughter. He also leaves behind brother Kim McClane of Vacaville, CA; and a double-cousin, Les McClane of Placerville, CA.

His last words to Sharon were, "Te quiero mucho," followed by "What's for breakfast?"

Many thanks to Dr. Zhang of Pacific Cancer Care, the supportive staff of both VNA and Central Coast Hospice Associations, and the Neptune Society, which was responsible for cremation arrangements.

Bruce's ashes will be mixed and scattered with those of little Miss Wiggles who died of a broken heart one week after her friend and guardian had moved on to his next big adventure. There will be a Celebration of Life in Pacific Grove on Bruce's birthday, when friends and family can tell "Bruce" stories. Bruce would be overjoyed at any contributions made in his name to Peace of Mind Dog Rescue, the American Cancer Society, or any progressive cause.



JONNIE WEBB

10/23/29 - 5/24/24

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of long-time Carmel resident Jonnie Webb. Jonnie died peacefully at home on May 24th. She was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, Jim Webb. She is survived by her loving son, Paul Webb; daughter, Ellen and her husband, Bryan Wynn; son, Mark and his wife, Linda Webb. Also surviving their Nana are Jesse Wynn, his wife Nicole and children Naomi, Fiona and Cass; Rebecca Wynn and husband Tysen Roseland. We will all miss Nana's intellect, wit and caring in the years to come.

Jonnie was born in Twin Falls, Idaho, and raised on a farm outside of town with her two younger brothers, Bud and Stan. She loved knowledge, and knew early on that she wanted to pursue higher education. She left Idaho for Northwestern University right out of high school, and only returned for visits. After graduation, she remained in Chicago, where she met Jim, and they were married in 1953. Mark and Paul came in the next few years, and soon the young family moved to California, where Jim joined Sunset Magazine. Ellen joined the family in 1960. Jonnie was a devout Democrat, and throughout the 1960s and '70s she worked tirelessly for Democratic candidates. Once Jim retired, they moved to Santa Barbara, and then Carmel, following Ellen and her family. It was in Carmel that she started her volunteer work at CHOMP, working in the gift shop for many years. She was a benefactor of numerous charities; the family will carry on with her generous spirit. We hope those who knew Jonnie will remember her with good thoughts and a smile. The family will be spreading her ashes in a private ceremony in the coming months. Contributions in Jonnie's name may be made to the SPCA of Monterey County.

Jonnie's favorite quote was one from
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CAMERAS

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Monday. It was approved without discussion, since no one from the public or the council questioned it. The agreement includes a one-year cost of \$77,900 and a two-year extension that can't exceed \$69,000 annually.

But when the pole-mounted cameras and equipment began popping up in town, including on residential streets, some constituents asked the city to halt the rollout so more discussion and input could take place, and the council did so last July. Dramov and Richards agreed to form an ad hoc committee to delve deeper into the topic.

"As there had not been public discussion about the

cameras and no map was provided of the proposed locations, there were significant concerns in the community over the process," Dramov said.

The committee wants to determine if all 30 locations are necessary and whether they should be in the residential areas, just downtown, only along the perimeter, or some combination thereof. "Do we want to just go back to the original six?" she asked. Other questions focused on aesthetics and invasion of privacy.

Lots of cameras

Carmel Police Sgt. Mike Bruno said Flock systems are used in more than 4,000 jurisdictions across 42 states. Locally, Pacific Grove has a dozen cameras, Salinas has 72, Marina installed 20, Seaside has 25, Sand City has 10, Soledad is considering six, the City of Monterey approved the installation of 34 last week, and there are 60 in unincorporated Monterey County.

Jurisdictions using Flock can share information to help each other track down people suspected of committing crimes. Last month, for instance, when a carjacking and kidnapping occurred in Seaside, the vehicle information was shared via the system, and the city's cameras alerted

police when the man drove through town as he headed toward Carmel Valley, where a manhunt took place and he was eventually arrested.

"Hearing a license plate number and vehicle description and trying to memorize it is very difficult for an officer who's driving around and has four other things on their mind," Police Chief Paul Tomasi said. "This does the work for us. This system keeps Carmel safer."

In addition to the automatic crime database screening the system provides, officers can enter plate numbers manually and have it ping them when they appear on camera. The numbers must be logged in connection with a case number or a specific reason, and the public is entitled to know about the searches, which are listed in an online "transparency portal" at ci.carmel.ca.us/police-fire.

"Manual entry can be done only if we determine that a vehicle has been involved in some kind of crime," Bruno said.

"For the last 40 years, we've been able to run any license plates we want over the radio through dispatch," Tomasi added. "This takes out the dispatch part, but we have no access unless there's a crime attached to it."

According to the portal, as of Thursday morning, the city's Flock cameras — it owns 17, but not all are live yet — had detected 148,979 cars in the last 30 days, 80 of which triggered alerts. Carmel P.D. initiated 20 searches during that time period in connection with stolen vehicle reports, vandalism, prowling, theft, burglary and other cases.

"It will tell you reason I searched for that car and the date and time that I did it," Bruno said.

Some at the meeting worried that search ability could easily be abused, but Tomasi said the list shows every plate entered, which keeps the department accountable to the public.

"If every other city is using this technology and we're not, guess what that makes us?" he added. "A target."

More cameras mean a safer city, he said, especially an affluent, poorly lit one with high-end stores and a lot of vacant residences.

"We would love to have this tool to help protect you, but it's up to you," he said.

Who owns what?

According to Flock's marketing materials, the customers, not the company, "own 100 percent of their data and determine who has access," and Flock promises never to share or sell the data, per its privacy policy.

But resident Christy Hollenbeck cited an article she

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said indicated Flock uses misleading marketing tactics, refuses to allow third-party testing of its technology and uses “fallible AI software.”

“There are questions about whether Flock is telling the truth about how reliable these cameras are,” she said, “because they’re a for-profit company doing a pitch.” She also said the information they provide can be “wildly inaccurate.”

Resident Ian Martin argued the potential for abuse of the data the system collects “is very high” and that he has “no trust for any given company.”

“I don’t see how we could have protections in place to protect our privacy to a level that we would want, not only as a resident of Carmel-by-the-Sea, but as an American,” he said. “I’m concerned about the use of this information.” Martin said the data should be held locally, not in the cloud.

A speaker who did not identify himself was skeptical the city could control Flock’s use of the information at all. “They will have the data, and they will sell it to

everybody who will buy it,” he said, adding that he spent decades working in Silicon Valley. “They are building a nationwide mass information system,” he said. “I think this system is dangerous.”

Security needed

Resident Andi Carr recalled that the city’s cameras helped police find and prosecute a Salinas resident who pistol-whipped and raped a woman in the driveway of her home at Scenic and 13th in May 2020.

“It’s important to have some of that technology,” she said, but “in a village of our type, we have to be careful how much of that we use.”

Former councilwoman Carolyn Hardy argued in favor of the Flock system. “We need to give our police department the tools they need to keep us safe,” she said. “Maybe 30 cameras is excessive, but I don’t know.”

She also noted that most vendors working with the city are for-profit enterprises that are “trying to sell us something,” and Flock is no different.

“There’s a reason so many cities are using Flock, and if we can be part of a regional system, that makes sense to me,”

she said.

Former Mayor Ken White said he’s “totally in support of this whole concept,” but that the installation should be reviewed by the planning commission so it can be more aesthetically pleasing.

“We did drop the ball as a council to not have this go to the planning commission,” Richards conceded. “Alissandra and I drove around, and we agree a single pole with a solar panel on top is not a good look for the city.”

Resident Tasha Witt said she understands the need but wants to reduce the visual clutter the cameras create, especially since she spent three years fighting the installation of cell towers in neighborhoods.

Toward the end of the meeting, Tomasi said he would suggest adding 10 to 17 cameras along the city’s perimeter, and then installing more in the business district. “We have a lot of high-end shops — we do get hit here,” he said.

Finding ways to hardwire them would eliminate the need for solar panels and therefore improve their appearance, too.

“And have the police department report yearly on the camera use and how they’ve been successful, and report which ones have been most successful,” Tomasi suggested.

Dramov said she was grateful for the do-over discussion on the cameras and that the city should adopt an overall policy for how data are collected and used.

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Finding of No Significant Impact

The Navy has determined that the implementation of the Boiler Plant Site Alternative would not significantly impact the quality of the human or natural environment, so an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared. This conclusion was based on the analysis presented in the Final EA and consideration of public comments received on the Draft EA.

For More Information

The Final EA and Finding of No Significant Impact documents can be downloaded from the project website at www.NICMontereyEA.com. CD versions of the documents are also available at the Monterey, Pacific Grove, and Seaside Branch public libraries, or upon request by contacting:

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Panetta offers bill to fight mail theft

By KELLY NIX

TO HELP combat against what law enforcement officials say is a rise in mail theft and robberies, Rep. Jimmy Panetta has authored legislation to help address the problem.

The bill, dubbed the Mail Theft Act, requires cross-agency coordination on such crimes and makes them priorities for federal law enforcement agencies.

“Unfortunately, there has been an increase in mail theft all across the country, especially here in our communities in the 19th Congressional District, from South San Jose, to Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties, on down to northern San Luis Obispo County,” Panetta told The Pine Cone this week.

The United States Postal Service and U.S. Postal Inspection Services have increased enforcement and arrests, but the crimes are spread out where police departments are already stretched thin, making assistance from federal law enforcement necessary.

Robbed, beaten

The bipartisan bill, also led by Republican congresswoman Young Kim from Orange County, would require federal agencies, including the Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security, and the Postal Inspection Service, to work with state and local law enforcement to help stop such thefts “and develop a coordinated federal approach to mail theft which is targeting neighborhoods nationwide.”

According to the postal agencies, the

arrests of those who have robbed mail carriers had gone up 73 percent as of March 12. Between 2019 and 2022, carrier robberies increased sixfold, and high-volume mailbox theft increased 87 percent.

A postal worker this month was beaten by thieves in Palo Alto who stole a key used to unlock consolidated mailbox units, while last November, a San Jose letter carrier was robbed at gunpoint for the same type of key.

Panetta, a Democrat from Carmel Valley, said the legislation would ensure that federal agencies are assisting local enforcement agencies in response to “this latest wave of crime.”

“My constituents and communities around the country have been repeatedly victim-

ized by coordinated, repeated mass mail theft,” Panetta said, adding that the “postal service is one of our country’s oldest and proudest traditions, and Americans deserve peace of mind in knowing that this system is safe and reliable.”

Similarly, Kim said Americans shouldn’t have to worry whether they’ll get their mail safely and on time, and she was glad to work with Panetta on what she characterized as a “commonsense” bill.

“The Mail Theft Act allows for increased information sharing and coordination between federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to combat rising mail theft, hold these criminals accountable, and protect the integrity of our postal system,” Kim said in a statement.



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BARON

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their perspectives and positions more deeply, which in turn informs the decisions that result.

He also said his time in office has given him a strong understanding of how city hall and bureaucracy function, and how to work with the department heads and city administrator Chip Rerig.

And Baron appreciates that residents have learned they can bring their concerns to him.

“Those people come to me and they’re pretty upset, and

I tell them that it’s OK to be upset, but the best way to change the rules is to play the game that you’re in — use the system,” he said. “You map out a strategy and you get what you want.”

The government’s typically slow reaction to issues also “protects everybody from rash decisions,” he said. “It’s deliberate.”

For example, he said, months of planning and discussion went into the development of the 2024-2025 budget the council approved last week.

“We have this institution in place where we develop this budget over the course of a couple of months,” he said. “And that involves the community and the staff and constituents.”

Sunlight as disinfectant

Baron annually reads the council proclamation recognizing June as LGBTQ Pride Month and did so at the June 4 meeting. It has never previously evoked a challenge, but after one online caller referred to the acknowledgment as “disgusting,” and another said most people don’t agree with such gestures and then identified himself as a Nazi, Potter cut him off.

That decision was briefly followed by a debate with a woman in the audience over the First Amendment and free speech rights, and after she refused to stop shouting back at the mayor even though he said he would not argue with her and that it was out of order, Police Chief Paul Tomasi cleared the chambers while the council took a short recess.

Baron said that as mayor, he probably would have made the same decision, “and then I would have had even more questions about what I did and would try to understand whether I did the right thing.”

“I think sunlight is the best disinfectant,” Baron said, so perhaps ending the call and clearing city hall meant missing an opportunity to fight hate speech and defend people’s rights.

“It’s an asymmetrical battle. They want to sew incredible divisiveness in society, and we, being the people on the other side, haven’t caught on to that we have to really fight, because that stuff is really toxic,” he said. “We have

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Susan Dorothy Castagna

Susan Dorothy Castagna (age 85) died peacefully on February 25, 2024, in the presence of her family. Susan, daughter of Dorothy and Ralph Castagna of Carmel, California, attended Sunset Elementary School and Carmel High School before graduating from The University of California at Berkeley.

Post-college, Susan pursued her two passions: teaching and traveling, managing to combine them with teaching assignments, first in The Philippines and later in Germany. Upon her return to the U.S., she lived in San Francisco before moving to Larkspur where she had a long career teaching in the Mill Valley School District. Summers were spent traveling the world. Six years ago, Susan moved to the Villa Marin in San Rafael where she lived happily until her death, the long-term result of a fall the previous year.

Susan is survived by her brother, David Castagna (Wendy) of Pebble Beach and New Canaan, CT; her beloved niece, Lisa Castagna (Mill Valley) and nephew, Christopher Castagna (Kimberly) of Carmel; and her two “grand” nephews, Alex Castagna (16) and Danny Castagna (14).

Susan was a wonderful sister, sister-in-law, and a devoted Auntie. She was beloved by so many and treasured her golf and bridge games for many years with her long-time friends. A devotee of the OLLI Program at Dominican College, Susan was a shining example of “the lifetime learner.” Per her request, no service is planned.

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to get ourselves out of that complacency.”

When he announced his candidacy, Baron said that his six years in office have included “three distinct periods: the honeymoon phase of a new administration, the unprecedented challenges of the pandemic, and nearly three years of recovery.”

“Despite our progress, I believe we can, and must, do more. We should redouble our efforts to make our community a better place to live and work,” he said, including revitalizing the effort to update the residential and commercial design guidelines and proceeding with a master plan for the city’s forest.

“Additionally, we must remain vigilant in protecting our village and beach from the effects of climate change and sea level rise,” he said.

Baron also supports “collaborating with other communities on the Peninsula to solve common challenges, participating in projects that support those less fortunate, and celebrating the fact that we live in a place that tops many vacation lists.”

“All these initiatives will be supported by a government

that upholds transparency and fiscal responsibility while seeking new ways to engage with residents, workers and businesses,” he said.

“To achieve these ambitious goals, Carmel needs a leader who can find that ideal balance between action and dialogue.”

‘Full of issues’

Baron, whose campaigns always include knocking on residents’ doors, said he’s excited to talk to constituents about those and other salient topics.

“I’m looking forward to a campaign that’s full of issues,” he said. “I think you get a completely different perspective than waiting at the dais for people to come talk to you. I can’t wait to get started.”

The filing period for candidates opens July 15, and Baron said he’s planned his official campaign kickoff

for July 18 at the Carl Cherry Center. Because he’s running for mayor two years into a four-year council term, if Baron is not elected, he’ll retain his seat.

If he is, the new council will decide whether to fill his vacant seat with the next highest vote-getter among the council candidates in the Nov. 5 election or to appoint someone via an application process.

In 2000, Gerard Rose was given his council seat when it was vacated by Sue McCloud, who became mayor, after the council decided that as the runner-up in that year’s election, he should be awarded the spot.

In 2012, Carrie Theis was appointed to replace councilwoman Paula Hazdovac when she resigned mid-term. Theis had run for a seat in the earlier election and was runner-up for appointment to replace councilman Jason Burnett when he was elected mayor, but the council had picked Steve Hillyard instead of her.

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Editorial

Cameras fight crime

LAST SUMMER, when Carmel's surveillance camera program was being debated in one of its earlier iterations, we published an editorial, "Crime is real," which tried to reassure the public that, while cameras tracking the license plate numbers of cars on local streets can have a major impact preventing and solving crimes, they do almost nothing to invade the privacy of ordinary citizens, because their lives are already being tracked in ways too numerous to count.

Since then, we've gathered a little more evidence to demonstrate these points, which need to be reexamined in light of the opposition to the city council's current plan to add more, and better, cameras (see story page 1A).

First of all, crime. In the years since the city started getting surveillance cameras, they've aided in the arrest of a remarkable number of suspects, including the Scenic Drive rapist in May 2020, the serial graffiti vandal from Napa County in November 2021, a child molester from Seaside whose vehicle was tracked to Carmel, the man who smashed the window at the Carmel knife store in April 2022, the perpetrators of the smash and grab at a downtown jewelry store in February 2022, and the guy who burglarized two other jewelry stores on separate occasions early last year. Those are just the high-profile ones we know about.

Meanwhile, when people are deterred from committing crimes because of the presence of the cameras, nobody knows about it because their canceled plans exist only in their heads, but law enforcement experts (and common sense) tell you that the last thing most criminals want is to be arrested, and anything you can do to let them know they probably will be caught in your town, the better.

We should also note that since many Peninsula communities have deployed surveillance cameras on their streets, the advantages of one system are multiplied, especially when it comes to nabbing fleeing suspects.

But some people say all this is outweighed by the Big Brother surveillance aspects of the cameras, which can easily follow and track ordinary citizens going about their daily lives — something to worry about if you believe that the government or private companies with access to the images might use them for nefarious purposes.

For those people, we have bad news: Nobody has privacy anymore.

By carrying a cell phone, you are telling the phone company not only who you talk to, text or email and what you say to them, but precisely where you are when you say it. It can also track your location even when you're not using it. This information can be sold for commercial purposes, hacked by criminals or subpoenaed by the government.

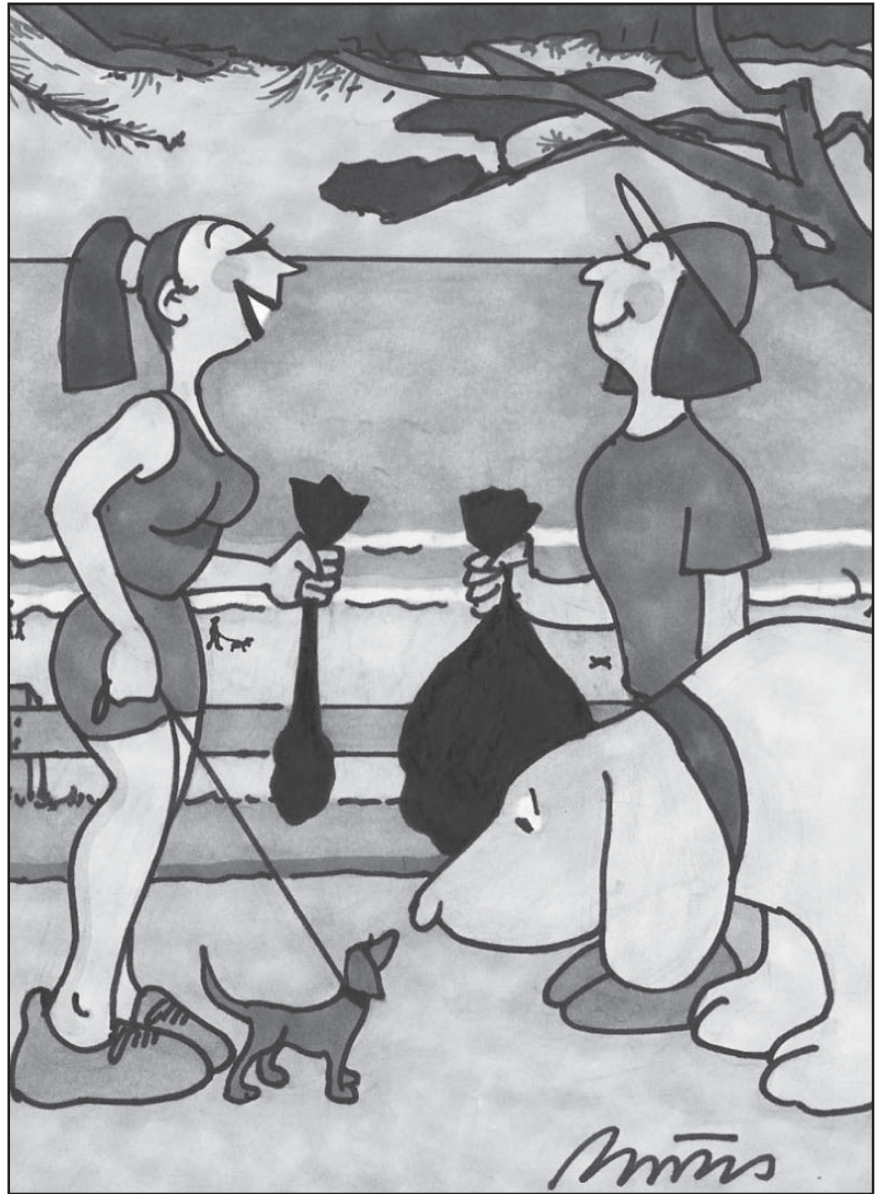
When you use a credit card, a bank account, or anything except cash, you are creating a permanent, precise record of what you buy and where and when you buy it — information that, again, is accessible to all sorts of people.

And that's not all. Modern cars keep track of where you go, how fast you drive and such things as how hard you step on the brakes. When you access the internet, every website you look at, the pages you view, how long you look at them, and every click of your mouse become part of your personal history, which is known and retained in great detail by the big internet companies. When you travel, of course, your every move is known and recorded not only by the airlines, hotels and car rental companies, but also by the TSA and numerous other law enforcement and government agencies. And even your biometric and health data are increasingly being gathered, sorted and indexed on computers. Promises that all this information will be kept private are scant reassurance. We are monitored everywhere and there's no going back.

Sure, criminals are being monitored, too, and watching them — by whatever means — helps to deter their behavior and/or catch them in the act. In this age of constant monitoring and data collection, all law-abiding citizens can do is support legislation requiring that information about them be kept private, even if it won't always will be.

With crime rates rising in many parts of the country, they can also advocate for policies and programs that help keep their own communities safe. License plate tracking cameras are very much one of these, and they should be supported in Carmel, too.

BEST of BATES



Letters to the Editor

Fix the post office

Dear Editor,

For generations, our beloved post office has stood as an enduring symbol of our closely knit community. It is more than just a functional space for sending and receiving mail — it is the heart of our town, a cherished gathering place where neighbors meet, exchange ideas and collectively foster the spirit of unity that defines our unique character.

The recent vehicle accident that damaged the front entrance of our post office has rendered this essential hub of connectivity and camaraderie uncertain. The building, privately owned, needs significant repairs which have been stymied by the owner's delays in seeking insurance compensation. Meanwhile, the pressing needs and the impassioned calls of our community are being neglected.

I have fervently appealed to our congressional representative, Jimmy Panetta, asking for assistance in addressing this matter with the urgency it deserves and to help expedite the necessary repairs to our post office for essential services. However, we also need the immediate intervention of our city council. Their support and involvement are crucial to ensure that the restoration process is not further delayed.

David O'Neil,
Carmel

How much water?

Dear Editor,

Because of their size, complexity and cost, water projects require long-term planning, as Cal Am is (appropriately) doing. But Margaret-Anne Coppennoll and her Public Water Now friends still say the Peninsula won't need 14,800 acre-feet of water by 2050 to meet demand. Nonsense!

Way back in 1995, the Peninsula was already using more than 14,000 acre-feet a year, and the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District later reported the 2007-2011 five-year average was 13,290. What changed wasn't a dramatic decrease in population, but heroic water use reductions by the public during a severe drought — greatly helped by the MPWMD of that time.

Limiting water use is an artificial restriction imposed on residents by the "no growth" people who currently run the water agency. They are no longer even counting owned but unbuilt-on property because of the water restrictions that have been put in place. And even people who already have homes or businesses cannot reasonably expand or add bathrooms or laundry rooms because of those same restrictions.

It's a twisted form of circular logic that says, "You can't build because we don't have enough water," while also claiming, "We don't need more water because people aren't building anyway." MPWMD should do its job and provide the water needed by anyone who wants to build, as well to anyone who already has a home, hotel, or business who wants to expand or add a

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Learning to fix what's broken by being a little bit destructive

ANY PAINTING, even the most transcendent masterpiece, is also a physical object — canvas, paint, wood. And, like any object, it sometimes needs fixing. That's what Dean Chapman of Carmel Valley does in partnership with his wife, Joanna. The work itself is fascinating, and the route to his profession winds through a cattle ranch, a trail of deliberately destroyed paintings, Sherlock Holmes and Joseph Conrad. And, perhaps most fascinating of all, when he's done, nobody knows he did anything.

As an example, he showed an oil painting from 1890 he's working on. It was coated with grime and has five holes of various sizes punched into really unfortunate locations. It took him 10 minutes just to describe the repairs, which includes putty, three or more applications of var-

half. They married and were going to move to Los Gatos but ended up in Carmel in the early 1980s, where he began working in art galleries and frame shops. Always good with his hands, Chapman began teaching himself framing and restoration, and together with Joanna, opened up a gallery of his own in downtown Carmel. Chapman handles the restoration, including repairs, re-stretching, bleaching of etchings, and inpainting (filling in lost areas). Joanna handles cleaning and the business end of the enterprise.

Finicky

In the earliest days of his career, prior to owning his gallery, he worked with artist James Dalton in Pacific Grove. In lieu of an apprenticeship, however, Chapman taught himself restoration. The books he could find on the topic were, as he put it, about "someone spending six months on the fingernail of a Titian in the back room of a Florence museum." Ever the pragmatist, Chapman instead learned art restoration by doing — specifically, by destroying paintings.

He bought paintings at garage sales and deliberately damaged them. He'd make big cuts in them, scrape off patches of paint, burn holes. And then, painting by painting, he learned how to restore them. Much of this involved the finicky, endlessly painstaking task of matching close colors. Is this cerulean blue? Is there some red in there? What shade? And so on. Details always matter, but these details really matter.

In his 35-year career, he's handled works by some of the most renowned

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Great Lives

By **PETER DARLING**

nish, sanding, trimming and, somehow, exactly matching the colors in the damaged section. The entire process takes weeks.

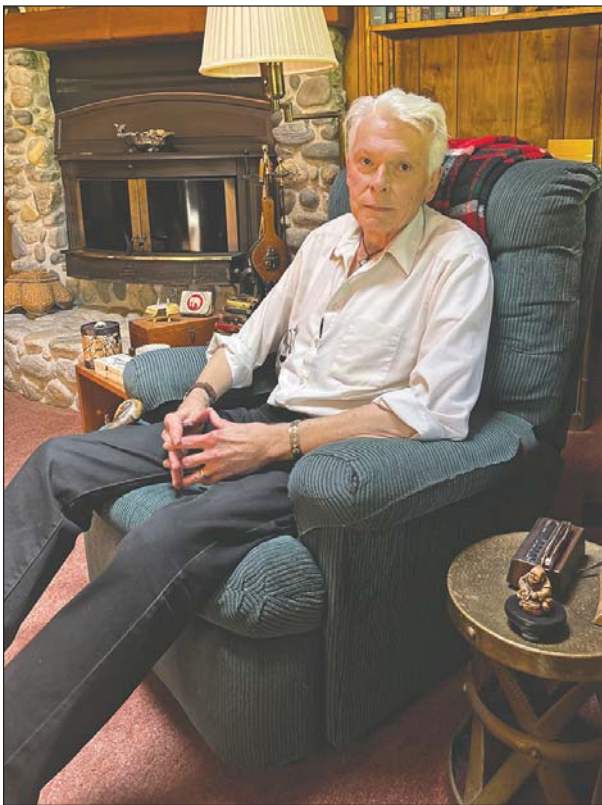
Bumpy road

Chapman's childhood was, appropriately, like something out of a novel. Born in 1957, he grew up on a cattle ranch in southern Oregon, the son of an Irish-American father and a beautiful mother who was half Osage. He recalled seeing two loggers demolish a bar while fighting over her. The ranch, as he described it, was primitive — only wildfire heat, constantly working with animals — simple, hard, isolated.

In this setting, Chapman was out of place. By his own description, he was a solitary child, underweight and asthmatic to the point of being frequently bedridden, with a mother who did not know what to do with him. Understandably, he retreated into reading anything he could get his hands on — Barbara Cartland romance novels, repair manuals for tractors — whatever was around. This set the hook for a lifetime of voracious reading.

As a teenager, he lit out for Alaska. The Alcan Highway was gravel, and he carried two spare tires. After completing high school in Anchorage, he did all kinds of manual labor in the West. He cleared pathways for bush pilots in Alaska, logged in Canada, loaded ski lifts in Lake Tahoe, boxed, and was the foreman in a lumberyard in Tahoe City.

That was where he met Joanna, his future business partner and all-around other



PHOTO/PETER DARLING

Carmel Valley resident Dean Chapman performs the delicate and often challenging work of restoring damaged works of art.

Don't miss "Scenic Views" by Jerry Gervase — every week in the Real Estate Section.

Solitude fuels her creativity and joy

SINCE CHILDHOOD, Tatiana Cabrera has been told she's an "old soul" — cerebral, content in her own quiet space, mature beyond her age.

"I was a very serious kid," said the 25-year-old Carmel Valley artist, the older of two daughters born to Mexican immigrants. "My parents came from Guanajuato and didn't speak English fluently when I was a child, so sometimes I was called upon to be an adult and take on older-person kinds of responsibilities."

Perhaps uncoincidentally, she grew comfortable with solitude, which became a recipe for creativity and gratification.

painting, developing skills and natural talent that would attract notice as she grew older.

"Ever since I can remember, it's always been all about art for me. I always knew that's what I wanted to do. A lot of people encouraged me, told me I had talent, and my parents (Elizabeth and Primitivo) were always supportive and provided me with anything I needed," she said.

Cabrera became a member of the Art, Media, and Performance Academy at Monterey High, where she was part of the Class of 2016. She was also selected to become a member of the Youth Arts Collective in Monterey.

"That's a great place — there was nothing wrong with that program at all — but the environment wasn't a good fit for me," she said. "I was a shy kid who didn't

work as well with a lot of other kids around. I've just always preferred working alone."

In May 2021, Cabrera earned an Associate of Arts degree in graphic design and humanities from Monterey Peninsula College. In 2023, she graduated cum laude from CSU Monterey Bay, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in communication design with a focus on visual design.

First Night poster

Last December, as a senior in CSUMB's public design class, she won the poster competition for the 2024 First Night Monterey festival. Her colorful design depicted a large clock striking 12, with a celebrant sitting on top and four revelers dancing on a turntable below. A large, upright guitar borders the design on the right against a black background covered with stars, musical notes and a full moon. Her design was also used on First Night buttons, cards, advertising and social media.

In 2021, Cabrera was hired as a gallery assistant by Patricia Qualls, who promoted her to gallery director last December.

"I basically think of myself as a gallery manager, helping Patricia make decisions on exhibitions and on which of our pieces will be hanging in our Carmel Valley Village location and which will go to her gallery in Carmel-by-the-Sea," she said.

Transformative awakening

Her three-year relationship with Qualls became a student-mentor connection that dramatically changed the direction of Cabrera's artwork.

"As a teenager, I always kind of turned up my nose at abstract art, thinking anybody could do it," said Cabrera, a representational artist at the time. "That changed when I watched Patricia create one of her amazing, large-scale abstracts. I just went, 'Wow, I'd really like to do that.'"

"I've only been doing abstracts for a couple of years, and it's an ongoing process for me, but it's the most freeing experience

Carmel's Artists

By **DENNIS TAYLOR**

"One of my earliest memories is being at the home of a family friend, sitting on a little bench in her studio, looking at all of her art supplies and canvases," she recalled. "I was probably 3 or 4 at the time and didn't even know what art was, but I was completely captivated."

Carmel Art Association luminary Debbie Di Grazia (1925-2016) talked to the preschooler about the tools and supplies she was using, described what she was doing with them, and the child saw magic materialize before her eyes.

"I'd watch her create something out of nothing and see how beautiful it was, and I remember it as a very cathartic part of my childhood.

"She always explained things, encouraged me and became a kind of mentor to me. I think Debbie was a really large part of the reason why I became an artist," said Cabrera, who is represented by Patricia Qualls Gallery in Carmel Valley Village, where she also works full time as the gallery director.

Always about art

She remembers being independent and solitary in her youth, spending much of her time indoors by herself, drawing and



PHOTO/TATIANA CABRERA

Contemporary artist Tatiana Cabrera is represented by Patricia Qualls' Carmel Valley gallery, where she is the gallery director.

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Master arborist to lead tree tours

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

FEELINGS ABOUT Carmel's many trees run deep. To further inform the citizenry and anyone else interested in the town's urban forest, a master arborist will lead two tree walks organized by the Friends of Carmel Forest June 22 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 2 p.m. The tours will begin on Scenic Road and be presented by Oakland-based master arborist John Leffingwell.

"The goal of the Carmel Tree Tour is to provide insight into Carmel's urban forest and the historic Monterey cypress along Scenic Road," the group said. Much of the walk will focus on the cypress trees' history, structure, soil requirements and pruning needs, as well as strategies for succession planting.

With a background in arboriculture and urban forestry, Leffingwell holds a Bachelor of Science in biology and botany from Humboldt State and a master's in forestry from UC Berkeley. He heads his own firm, Woodreeve Consulting.

Admission is free for members and \$20 for nonmembers, with each tour limited to 30 people. To reserve a space, RSVP to treewalk@carmelforest.org.

BUDGET

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"It's structurally balanced, but not operationally balanced," Swanson said at the June 4 meeting. "We don't bring in exactly enough revenue to balance our budget," but surpluses from prior years, referred to by the city as "fund balance," are available to pay for much-needed deferred maintenance and other capital work.

"It's important to note we are not touching any reserves," he said.

Resident Tasha Witt complained that the proposed budget did not reflect feedback from the residents who called for hiring freezes and other efforts to reduce spending, and resident Andi Carr said the city has too many employees and is planning to undertake too many projects.

"At a minimum, I'd like the city council to push back on the city budget," Witt said.

Mayor Dave Potter recalled adopting the Covid-era budget that drastically cut spending, called for laying off many employees and brought capital work to a halt, and said the proposed budget reflects the ongoing process of rebuilding since that dark time.

"To say we're not giving this due diligence is not correct," he said. "It's fiscally conservative. This is not something we're doing cavalierly."

Potter also noted that the city cannot continue to let its properties "sit there and deteriorate."

Councilman Bobby Richards said he was proud of how quickly the city's revenues, and therefore expenditures, have grown over the past few years.

"We can either spend this \$12 million that we have now on these capital projects that make our lives better, or not," commented councilman Jeff Baron. "Which of these things are we not going to do? This money is to be spent to make our lives and our city better."

As she has been all along, councilwoman Alissandra was the sole dissenting voice. She described the budget as "overspending" and criticized the plan to use surplus funds for capital work.

Potter moved approval of the budget, councilwoman Karen Ferlito provided the second, and it passed 4-1.

Dramov also voted "no" on the 2023-2024 budget a year ago.

POST OFFICE

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That side of the building includes the lobby where customers typically purchase mail orders and stamps and send packages and certified mail, among other business. Until it's reopened, patrons must use the Dolores Street door to access the building and can pick up packages at the Dutch door in one of the bays of mailboxes, but that's it.

Despite a large sign in front saying that the area is closed "during construction," no repairs have begun. "No building permit has been issued, yet," Laurie said. "In fact, no formal building permit application has been submitted."

Checklist

Laurie said he provided a checklist of items required for the building permit submission to the property owner's representatives in hopes of expediting the process. Manco Abbott manages the building, which is owned by the Bing Sung Trust, but did not return a call from The Pine Cone. The USPS also did not have any information to provide, other than to state that "work will commence when we get all contractor/city approvals."

The post office was built in 1951 and expanded in 1960, according to the city's property files.

FORD

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versatility in terms of transporting bulky items like road barricades, and other uses, according to Tomasi.

But they have to prove to be reliable, especially since officers drive their vehicles day and night, and their use isn't always gentle.

"We want to test their durability," he said, "because police officers drive vehicles harder, and they're used 24/7."

Short circuit

The Fords came with a charging unit that can be installed at the police station, but Tomasi said both vehicles can't be charged at the same time since the draw would probably blow the electrical system in the decades-old building.

"We don't drive a whole lot of miles around town, so these can go a couple of days," between charges, he said.

While the unmarked car and truck are being put to the test now, they're on track to be sent to a vendor at the end of the month to be equipped for law enforcement use. Tomasi has yet to receive an estimate of how much that will cost but said he hopes to have both vehicles back in time for Car Week in August. And another Mustang is budgeted and should be purchased soon, he said.

Some residents have worried that electrifying Carmel P.D.'s fleet will make it vulnerable during power outages, whether caused by weather or by the utility company's imposing rolling shutdowns to stretch resources when demand is high, but Tomasi said the city has no plans to get rid of its gas-powered vehicles.

"We'll never have an entirely electric fleet — that's impossible with the electricity issues in the state and power outages," Tomasi said. "Ideal for me would be half and half."

Grant money

He also noted that CPD has a generator to provide plenty of electricity for charging vehicles when the power is out.

Tomasi said he's looking forward to showing the reductions in fuel and repair costs that come with using electric vehicles. "There are a lot of advantages to it — the maintenance is supposed to be less," he said. "And fuel costs vs. electric is tremendous savings. We can reduce our fuel consumption budget."

The city also plans to seek funds from Central Coast Community Energy, which uses funding from PG&E to promote green energy. The company contributed around \$225,000 toward the city's new electric sweeper, which was purchased for more than \$560,000 last year but has been plagued with mechanical problems that have frequently taken it out of service.

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MONTAGE

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corporate board room.”

Bill Warner, chair of the 16-member Montage Health Board of Trustees, said Packer is involved in the effort to find his successor, who could be a local resident or someone in another state, and someone with a medical degree or not.

The hospital has retained a well known recruiter it's used to hire others in leadership positions.

“We will have a pool of probably 10 potential candidates,” Warner explained. “We will go through a pretty exhaustive interview process with those individuals, then narrow it down to two or three who will be our finalists, who we will spend a lot of time with.”

‘Remarkable’

The interview process, which will include Packer, will likely begin later summer, with the hope there will be finalists sometime around fall. The search committee is composed of six board members, including Warner.

“Packer has been a remarkable leader for the institution for 25 years and has lots of institutional knowledge, and we certainly want to put that to work as part of the selection process,” Warner said.

While there is no absolute deadline to find a replacement, and Packer has said he's flexible in terms of leaving the job, the

hospital is shooting for spring of next year to name his successor.

Supports uninsured

Pamela Norton, previous administrator for the RotaCare Clinic of the Monterey Peninsula, which offers free medical services for the uninsured, homeless and others and is supported by the Peninsula Rotary Clubs, said Packer was directly involved with the success of the clinic, which was started in 1996.

“I can honestly say that if it wasn't for Steve Packer and his support, the RotaCare Clinic would have never survived,” Norton told The Pine Cone. “He was so committed to our success, as a Rotarian and administrator, that we were able to continue to help those uninsured and underinsured residents of the Monterey Peninsula.”

Before being named CEO in 1999, Packer served the Monterey Peninsula as a practicing pulmonologist. As a member of the staff at Community Hospital, he held a variety of leadership positions, including chief of staff.

A graduate of the UCSF School of Medicine, he also completed his internal medicine training there.

“It has been a genuine privilege to serve this wonderful community that my family calls home,” Packer said. “I have been honored to work with such an amazing team of dedicated and skilled physicians, nurses, staff, volunteers and boards of trustees. I am so proud of our collective efforts to provide extraordinary care to our community.”

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LETTERS

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bathroom.

CPUC administrative law judge Robert Haga hasn't rendered a decision yet, but let's hope he makes the right one so that the Monterey Peninsula has a future.

Rudy Fischer, Scottsdale, Ariz.

Eucalyptus = bad

Dear Editor,

Well done Monterey supervisors and The Carmel Pine Cone for highlighting the recent additional moves to contain the persistent and potentially deadly blight posed by eucalyptus trees in our community.

As discussed frequently in the pages in the past, these non-native, invasive fire-prone scourges should continue to be eradicated as fast as practical.

Your story and editorial usefully highlight some local "magical thinking." The views of two dissenters at the meeting, which you highlight, were indeed "nonsense."

To assert that oaks are more flammable or that eucalyptus helped contain the 1991 fire — these people should check their facts and the science.

And the assertion that "targeting non-native species is born of the lamentable targeting of immigrants," please spare us this confused example of anthropomorphism. Popycock, as they say in England.

Good call on reference to the "Vertigo" scene, and to this day, traversing that passage scares me. I hope our confused holdouts don't one day require emergency services, only to find them backed up on Highway 101, held at bay by a moat of melted tarmac and barricaded by a 3,000-degree inferno. Maybe an idea for a remake?

Peter Nielsen, Pebble Beach

Getting it right

Dear Editor,

I'd like to applaud your newspaper for the correct application of the word, "Nazi," describing Joseph Goebbels whose propaganda technique I quoted and sourced on an internet thread. I used the quote, "If you repeat a lie often enough, it becomes true" and you previously wrote that in doing so I called "DEI Critic Mike Gibbs a Nazi."

So, thank you for your recent accuracy.

As for calling "P.G. Lives (Matter)" a fraud, I'll probably continue to do so until they produce a tax ID or show up on any state or federal charity registration.

Nadja Mark, Pacific Grove

Not the only thing wrong

Dear Editor,

I had a good laugh over your anti-eucalyptus tree editorial, "Hitchcock wasn't always right." In addition to glorifying those evil trees, Hitchcock was wrong in another way. If one drives south from San Francisco to San Juan Bautista, one must turn off Highway 101 before reaching the eucalyptus forest. Hitchcock clearly was not paying attention when filming that sequence.

Janet Weston, Sacramento

End of life concerns

Dear Editor,

Many people living on the Monterey Peninsula deeply

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LIVES

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painters on the West Coast — names like Arthur Hill Gilbert, Arman Hanson and S.C. Yuan. Along with oil paintings, he learned to bleach stains out of etchings, restore watercolors, and more. He operates Chapman Art Restoration out of his mid-valley home.

Consummate realist

Along the way, he's also given himself the liberal arts education he could not afford as a young man. Extremely widely read, at one point he had amassed a library of 5,000 volumes with a number of first editions, including his prized possession — a signed copy of a novel by Joseph Conrad, a favorite author. He was also president and is an emeritus member of the Diogenes Club, aka the Monterey Peninsula Sherlock Holmes Society.

Chapman is the consummate realist. Paintings are works of irreplaceable art, but when real-world damage occurs, repair is a hands-on business. Like some kind of invisible self-taught art faith-healer, he restores his wood-and-canvas patients to health with the laying on of hands. When he's done, nobody knows. And the patient isn't telling, either.

MEET AUTHOR
Beth Jauregui



Paintings from the Edge of the Santa Lucia Mountains

Sharing Environmental Studies Through Art
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RIVER

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to celebrate our anniversary and highlight the property,” Perlmutter said. “It will catch your eye and make you want to stop — people are definitely looking for an opportunity to take a unique photograph.”

Perlmutter told the newspaper that visitors are returning to the River Inn after the slide at Rocky Creek and Highway 1 shut down tourist travel between Carmel and Big Sur for about a month.

“We’re breathing a sigh of relief,” he said. “Business is on par with a typical June. It’s nice to see that people are eager to be back in Big Sur.”

On display through 2024

The sculpture will be on display through the end of the year. It’s uncertain what will ultimately become of it — in some cases, Croft tears down a piece and creates a new one on the spot with the sand.

“I have one out in front of the Hacienda that we change quarterly,” added the artist, who serves as a judge for Carmel’s annual sand castle-building contest. “It’s a nice draw for people to see not only public art, but a rotating piece of art that they can actually watch being created.”

Three years ago, The Pine Cone ran a story about a life-sized sculpture of a buffalo that Croft created at Rosie’s Cracker Barrel in Carmel Valley. It was made with “railroad spikes, saw blades, shovel heads, along with some Gold Country artifacts like pickaxes.”

ARTIST

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I’ve ever had as an artist,” she said.

Cabrera said she now considers creating contemporary abstract art a much deeper experience than the hyper-realism that once was her specialty.

“It’s like a meditation for me,” she said. “I’ll have something on my mind, or an emotion or a song in my head, and I’ll immediately start seeing colors and feel the need to put it onto a canvas.”

“I just kind of let the unconscious part of my mind take over, and I’ll start creating.”

Cabrera frequently stays past closing time — sometimes till 8 p.m. — at the Village gallery if she’s deep in the creative process, but she also loves her own studio, a converted sun room in the family’s new Carmel Valley home.

A view of Chews Ridge

“I have three big skylights on the roof. There are windows all around me, which gives me great natural lighting and a spectacular view of Chews Ridge. It’s really inspiring,” she said.

Cabrera also finds inspiration in music, art books and the natural beauty of the Monterey Peninsula. She paints in oils and acrylics and also uses mixed-media techniques.

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

Works by Cabrera, Qualls, Zach Weston, Hilleary C. Hoskinson, and Emerson can be seen at the Village location (15 Carmel Valley Road) or in Carmel-by-the-Sea (Dolores Street northeast of Ocean Avenue).

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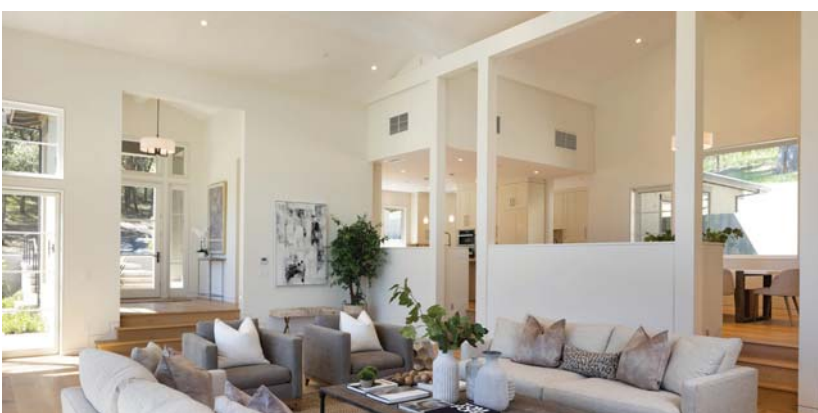


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Section 2

Brothers who support each other and carry their teams to victory

AS WATER polo players at Stevenson School, the Dale brothers were leviathans.

They were bigger, stronger and vastly more experienced and skilled than most of their opponents in the Pacific Coast Athletic League and Central Coast Section.

the sport.

Jasper Dale, a 6-foot-6, 215-pound sophomore, and “little brother” Wyley, a 6-9, 255-pound freshman, were key members of a powerhouse squad at UC Irvine this past year, and they’re centerpieces of the future of a blossoming program.

Both played in all 26 games for the Anteaters, who won the Big West Conference championship and qualified for the school’s first NCAA tournament in 30 years.

With an 18-10 overall record, UCI earned a No. 6 national ranking in the year’s final Collegiate Water Polo Association Division I poll, behind NCAA champ UC Berkeley, UCLA, Southern Cal, Stanford and Princeton (the team that eliminated Irvine in the opening round of the NCAAs).

In his second collegiate season, Jasper scored nine goals and dealt eight assists as a utility player. Wyley debuted with 11 goals and three assists.

No. 6 in the nation

Last fall, they helped the Anteaters win the Big West Conference championship — the school’s first NCAA tournament berth in 30 years. The team also earned a No. 6 national ranking in the year’s final Collegiate Water Polo Association Division I poll.

As they prepare to return to campus on July 7 to begin workouts for the 2024 season, both are feeling better prepared physically, mentally and fundamentally.

“Our coaches told us, ‘Look, you can either be really good, or you can be great. And once you get rid of some of those physical limitations, the sky’s the limit,’” recalled Jasper, who is 15 pounds heavier, stronger, better toned and conditioned, and faster in the pool than he was when he graduated with Stevenson’s Class of 2022.



PHOTO/COURTESY UC IRVINE

Wyley and Jasper Dale helped UC Irvine to the Big West championship and a No. 6 national ranking last fall.

He also is reminded constantly that hard work is a never-ending mandate at the top level of college athletics.

“I mean, you get humbled every day in practice, and you get humbled in every game,” he said. “You’ll have a great practice one day and be on top of the world. The next time you go out, you get scored on however many

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Freshman Wyley Dale dropped 50 pounds last season and now packs 255 pounds on his 6-foot-9 frame. His size helps him play the most physical position in water polo.


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times, or you'll be one of the last guys to touch the wall during the swim set, and the coaches will be on you."

Older bro was predictably generous about sharing that kind of insight with his sibling before Wyley followed him to UCI last fall for his own freshman season.

"The thing that Jas really emphasized to me was the importance of maintaining my confidence level, regardless of how I'm playing," Wyley said. "He told me to stay confident, even if things are going bad, or I'll just keep doing downhill."

At Stevenson, the towering brothers were near-mythical creatures in the PCAL. Both started for the Pirates as freshmen, and both missed a year in the pool when the pandemic canceled the 2020-21 season.

As a sophomore in 2019-20, Jasper was named first-team all-division and PCAL Gabilan Defensive Player of the Year. He helped Gabilan MVP Patrick Powers and All-Gabilan Luca Bozzo lead Stevenson to a 12-0 record in the division and a 23-3 overall mark, which included a first-round CCS Division II rout over Santa Cruz and a 13-12 loss to St. Ignatius in the semifinals.

The PCAL's top scorers

In 2021-22 — the year after the Covid shutdown — the brothers combined for an astounding 180 goals. Wyley, a junior, led the PCAL with 96, and Jasper, the senior, was second with 84 (and also was second in the league with 18 assists). Big brother was honored as Gabilan Player of the Year, and Wyley was voted Offensive Player of the Year as Stevenson won the division again at 10-0 and went 17-6 overall, including a 12-11 loss to Bellarmine in the CCS Open Division quarterfinals.

In 2022-23, when Wyley was a senior, the Gabilan Division honored him as MVP and Offensive Player of the Year. The Pirates were undefeated Gabilan Division champions again and returned to the CCS

Division II semifinals, where they lost 11-10 to Soquel.

By then, Jasper already had learned that the college game was a different kettle of fish — and did his best to impart that message.

Startling speed

"Some of the guys we played against in high school and club water polo also went Division I, and I was exposed to their stories before I got to college, but the speed of the game was eye-opening for me," said Jasper, who scored 13 goals during his freshman year at UCI.

"I mean, I had watched the national championship games on TV, but once you jump in the pool and find yourself in the thick of it, it's completely different," he said. "You can't really simulate that part of the game — you just have to experience what it's like in the heat of the moment."

Among the top-ranked schools in the final rankings, nobody has a player quite as large or heavy as Wyley Dale, who actually is much sleeker now than the day he reported to his first workout at UCI.

"I was about 300 pounds when I got there, and I've dropped 50 pounds. It just took a lot of swimming, training — really hard work," he said. "And I didn't diet, I just started eating proper food. I gave up sodas and candy, limited all the sugar."

The younger Dale plays the most physical position in the sport — center forward — frequently matching up with the opposing team's roughest player.

The game we don't see

"Honestly, I felt really sore almost every week of the season," he said. "My shoulders feel dead from all the throwing. My legs feel dead from treading water the whole time," Wyley said. "And there are some nasty, dirty, parts of the game — stuff that happens underwater: aggressive grabbing, suit-pulling, punching, pinching ... a good amount of kicking goes on under the water, where the refs can't see."

Yet another challenge, particularly during the season, is the academic side of



Sophomore Jasper Dale, at 6-foot-6 and 215 pounds, helped his younger brother prepare for the freshman experience at UCI.

PHOTO/COURTESY UC IRVINE

the student-athlete experience.

Wyley hasn't yet declared a major, but is currently leaning toward an international studies major, possibly with business management or history as a minor. He admits he's still adjusting to the academic rigors at the college level.

Dean's List

Jasper made UCI's dean's list in Winter 2022, but hasn't done it since. His major, environmental engineering, is heavy with classes in math, science, physics, chemistry, and other challenging subjects.

"Those kinds of classes can be really tough, especially when you're managing your study time with traveling to road games, having hour-long team meetings and keeping up your focus during practices and weight training," he says. "It can be challenging. Sometimes you resort to studying on the bus or the plane, or trying to squeeze everything in when the family comes to visit and we want to spend time with them."

As a sophomore, Jasper lives off campus, where, with no dining hall, he's teaching himself to shop and cook.

"It's hard living on your own, walking down the frozen-food section at the gro-

cery store, seeing all of these ready-in-five-minutes kind of meals," he said with a laugh. "But I'm maturing in the kitchen. I've learned how to cook a few pretty good meals."

Among the 26 players who were listed on this year's roster, none were seniors, so the Anteaters are anticipating another exceptional season this fall.

The schedule has not been released.

Headed to Croatia

Stevenson girls water polo coach Jon Burke will take 16 of his players to Croatia this month for a 10-day summer camp, where they'll train with some of the top coaches in the world and play multiple games, including one against the 16-and-under Croatian National Team.

The trip — not affiliated with Stevenson School — has been financed by a fundraiser that collected more than \$25,000, \$4,000 of which will be donated to a special-needs school in Sibenik, Croatia.

The Pirates won the PCAL, CCS and NorCal championships last fall.

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By CHRIS COUNTS

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often humorous, reminiscences about Billie's life and work, creating a riveting portrait of the jazz legend," according to Sunset Center.

The show continues Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through June 23. All shows start at 7:30 p.m., except Sunday matinees, which begin at 2 p.m.

Tickets start at \$35. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. For tickets, call (831) 620-2048 or visit sunsetcenter.org.

■ 'Powerful, distinctive voices'

Sunset Center's Terrace Hour series of free outside concerts continues Friday at 6:30 p.m. with a show by **River Voices**.

The local group plays an original mix of country, roots-rock, bluegrass, R&B and blues, "sung with powerful, distinctive voices." The lineup includes singer **Jaqui Hope**, singer and guitarist **Linda Arceo**, guitarist **Sam Nilssen**, violinist **Laurel Thomsen**, bassist **Rory Glass** and drummer **John Nava**.

The series continues through June 21.

■ Music in the park

Playing Thursday, 4 p.m., in Devendorf Park is singer and guitarist **Peter Konikowski**. A New Jersey native who moved west a decade ago, Konikowski draws inspiration from a wide variety of influences, including reggae in particular.

"Soulfully awakening and energizing,

provoking messages of love, Peter's music connects with all walks of life," his website says.

The music is free. The park is located at Ocean and Junipero.

■ Cellist visits Sand Box

A cellist from Russia whose music spans the centuries, **Georgy Gusev** performs Thursday, 7 p.m., at the Sand Box in Sand City.

According to Michelle Djokic of the Sand Box, Gusev

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Actress Malinda DeRouen (left) stars as singer Billie Holiday and composer John Wineglass (right) portrays pianist Jimmy Powers in "Lady Day," which is playing at Sunset Center.



River Voices present a free concert Friday, 6:30 p.m., at Sunset Center. The show is the latest in Sunset's Terrace Hour series.

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FOOD & WINE

Dad's day, summer's start, and a unique Cachagua vineyard visit

THIS SUNDAY is Father's Day, and if you think it doesn't get quite the same fanfare as Mother's Day, you're not wrong. There's research to back that impression up — Americans spend about \$10 billion less on Dad's day than they do on Mom's.

Of course, Carmelites have long been known for buck-

Soup to Nuts

ing trends and doing their own things, so should you want to go all out for dear old Dad, here are a few options.

Edgar's at Quail Lodge is offering a family dinner for four, with a tomahawk steak and sides for \$125. If you haven't seen one yet, a tomahawk is a Fred-Flintstone-esque ribeye with several inches of bone left intact, giving it a resemblance to a hatchet. It's also usually at least a pound — if not more — of meat. It'll be served with pota-

toes, shallots, mushrooms and "natural jus."

At Lucia Restaurant and Bar at Bernardus Lodge, they'll be serving the regular brunch menu with a few additions, like a 12-ounce Angus ribeye with thyme-roasted baby potatoes, Swank Farms asparagus, and bearnaise sauce for \$68. An oyster-shucking station on the patio will provide fresh shellfish (\$24 for a half-dozen, \$42 for 12), and you can enjoy live music while visiting the Bloody Mary bar to craft your own eye-opener.

Lots of meat

Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf wants to hear about fathers' greatest moments in a new "Ultimate Dad Tribute Short Story Contest." Send an email to info@monterey-wharf.com with 500 words about something your dad did that was "truly amazing" and "impacted your life." It's open to all ages, submissions are due by Sunday, and all entries will be placed into a drawing for \$25, \$50 and \$100 in "Wharf Bucks," which can be spent with any merchants there.

In addition to three candy shops (in case Dad has a sweet tooth), you can get a nice meal at any of the wharf's restaurants. Old Fisherman's Grotto is offering a special combo platter with barbecued ribs, andouille sausage, grilled salmon, smoked chicken breast and three bacon-wrapped prawns. All that meat and seafood comes with a loaded baked potato stuffed with cheddar cheese, sour cream, bacon and chives, and grilled corn.

You can also pick up a gift certificate or make reservations for whale watching, fishing, sailing, and glass-bottom boat trips, and of course, the wharf will be decorated and there will be several great spots to take photos with the man (or men) of the hour.



Looking for a place to have Father's Day dinner? Edgar's at Quail Lodge is offering a family-style dinner of tomahawk steak, potatoes and more, in its beautiful — and reliably sunny — Carmel Valley setting. The restaurant's outdoor patio offers great views of the golf course.

Half-price vino, more happiness

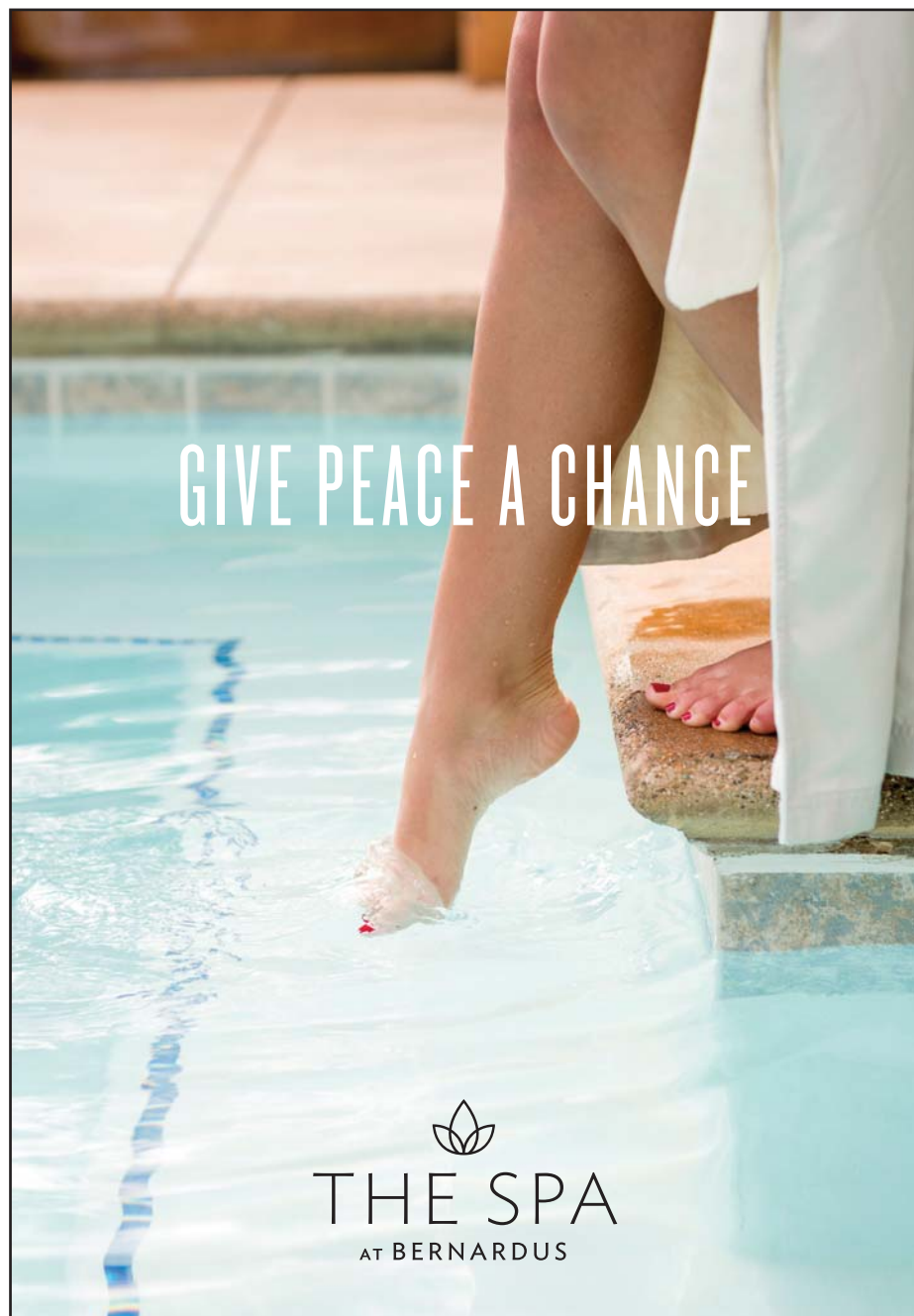
Just in time for summer, Coastal Roots Hospitality announced that it's bringing half-price wine nights back to its three restaurants — Rio Grill in the Crossroads on Mondays, Montrio in downtown Monterey on Tuesdays (which means you can combine it with a trip to the farmers market on Alvarado Street) and Wednesdays at Tarp's, off Highway 68 near the Monterey airport. The promotion includes bottles from "a wide selection of delightful vintages," said the folks at Coastal Roots.

If you prefer cocktails, you may also want to know that Happy Hour has been extended to seven days a week at Tarp's and Rio Grill. From 3:30 to 6 p.m. at both locations, enjoy cocktails and food from the Happy Hour menus. At Rio Grill, \$9 drink specials include the Tropical Smoke — house-infused serrano chili tequila, pineapple, peppercorn and lime zest — and a good old-fashioned Gin Ricky, with gin (natch), lime juice and soda. Select wines

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Holman Ranch Vineyard and Winery recently released its unoaked 2023 Virgin Chardonnay. Aged in a "concrete egg," tasting notes describe it as "mineral-driven" with citrusy hints of lime and lemon, as well as "notes of pear."



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are also \$9 a glass, and there are beers for \$7. Truffle-Manchego cheese fries and risotto tater tots are on Rio's menu along with some other small bites to tide you over till dinner.

■ Hello, summer!

To "welcome summer with a night of fun, flavor and friends," The Pocket restaurant in Carmel will celebrate Summer Solstice with a four-course prix fixe dinner created by chef Mike Fischetti June 20.

The dinner will include drink pairings, and the evening will begin at 6 p.m. with passed appetizers of ceviche spoons, fig toast, and Margherita flatbread, followed by summer salad (little gem lettuce, avocado green goddess dressing, radish, shaved red onions, cherry tomatoes, charred corn and queso fresco) and grilled peach salad with burrata, mint and pistachios — both served family style.

The main course will feature a choice of Peruvian roasted chicken, branzino with eggplant caponata, grilled bavette steak (similar to flank steak) or summer squash pasta, and seasonal petit fours will be served for dessert.

Dinner and drinks will cost \$150 per person, plus tax and tip, and reservations may be made in person at the restaurant, which is located on the east side of Lincoln Street north of Sixth, or online at thepocketcarmel.com.

More solstice fun

Earthbound Farm Stand at 7250 Carmel Valley Road will provide the setting — and some fresh ingredients — for a Solstice Sunset Soirée from 5:30 p.m. till dusk on Friday, June 21. Chef Hollie Jackson of H Jackson Events will serve a family-style outdoor dinner accompanied by Seabold Cellars wines, desserts by Tart and Tin Cakes and Confections in Marina, disco music by DJ Gwynneth and a take-home gift by Valley Botanicals of Big Sur. Guests are invited to "rock their summer floral outfits, channeling those funky disco vibes with loud prints and splashes

of gold." Cost is \$185 per person; go to Eventbrite.com to register.

■ New releases in Carmel Valley

Twisted Roots Vineyard announced the release of its California Brut earlier this month. Made with Monterey County grapes and selling for \$55, the winery's tasting notes say the new sparkler is "a delightful sensory journey, starting with aromatic hints of ripe green apple," followed by "citrus and lemon notes." You can try it at the tasting room at 12 Del Fino Place in Carmel Valley.

Holman Ranch recently released its 2023 Virgin Chardonnay, an unoaked version of the popular varietal. Tasting notes describe it as "mineral-driven" with "notes of pear and hints of lime with bright lemon, giving a clean, dry finish." It's priced at \$42 a bottle, and you can order at holmanranch.com or visit the tasting room at 18 W. Carmel Valley Road.

■ A rare vineyard visit

Bernardus Winery's Marinus Vineyard is typically closed to guests, but on June 30, nearly 50 fortunate people will be treated to lunch and a tour of the beautiful Cachagua property during the first public event to be held there.

Vineyard manager Matt Shea, who lives on site, will offer a guided tour of



Cocktail lovers, rejoice! Coastal Roots Hospitality — owners of Rio Grill, Tarp's and Monrio — announced that Happy Hour offerings at Rio and Tarp's will now be available seven days a week.

the storied acreage, while winemaker Jim McCabe will share interesting stories and facts about the vaunted Meritage-style wines that bear its name. Chef Tim Wood, a longtime friend of Bernardus and owner of Woody's restaurants at Monterey Airport and Del Mesa Carmel, will cater the Tuscan family-style lunch, which will be served al fresco.

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California Brut, a new release from Twisted Roots in Carmel Valley, is a bubbly that provides "a delightful sensory journey."



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MUSIC

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Live music June 14-20

Albatross Ridge Winery and Kitchen in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Kristen Gradwohl** (Friday at 5 p.m.). 316 Alvarado St.

Asilomar Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove — singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Friday at 6:30 p.m.). 800 Asilomar Ave.

Baja Cantina restaurant in Carmel Valley — **Scarlet** (pop and rock, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 7166 Carmel Valley Road.

Bernardus Lodge & Spa in Carmel Valley — pianist **Joe Indence** (classical, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Saturday at noon), pianist **Martan Mann** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Sunday at noon). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Big Sur River Inn — Songs Hot Box Harry Taught Us (“Big Sur country,” Sunday at 12:30 p.m.). 46800 Highway 1.

Bon Ton LeRoy’s Lighthouse Smokehouse in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Frida Vossler** (Saturday at 7 p.m.), mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (jazz, Wednesday at 7 p.m.) 794 Lighthouse.

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

Carmel Farmers Market — singer and guitarist **Peter Konikowski** (Thursday at 4 p.m.). Devendorf Park, Ocean and Junipero.

Cibo restaurant in Monterey — **The Dave Holodiloff Duo** (bluegrass and jazz, Sunday at 7 p.m.), singer **Lee Durley** and singer and pianist **Scotty Wright** (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 — **60 East** (rock, Friday at 8 p.m.). 594

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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 pop, 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.

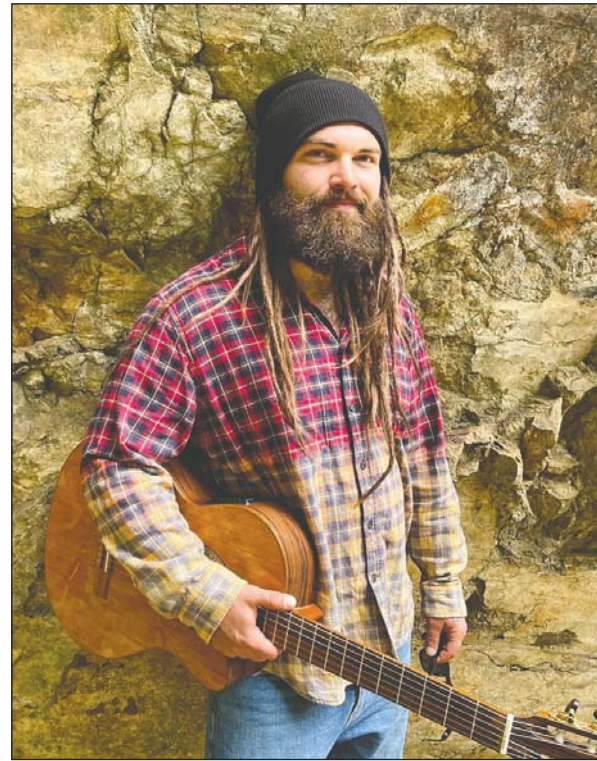
Estéban Restaurant in Monterey — guitarist **Catherine Broz** (Spanish music, Friday and Thursday at 5 p.m.). 700 Munras Ave.

Fernwood Resort in Big Sur — **Northern American** (rock, Saturday at 10 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley — **Magenta Spreen** with singer and guitarist **Talmon Owens** and singer **Kristen Gradwohl** (Friday at 4 p.m.), **The Monterey Jazz Festival Regional All-Stars** (Sunday at 11 a.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

Gusto Pasta and Pizza in Seaside — **Two Rivers** with singer **Richard Bryant** and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (pop and rock, Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.). 1901 Fremont Blvd.

Hyatt Carmel Highlands — singer



Singer and guitarist Peter Konikowski performs Thursday, 4 p.m., in Devendorf Park.

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.

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.

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WINE

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The event will run from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will begin with an appetizer and wine reception. Transportation will be provided from the tasting room at 5 W. Carmel Valley Road to and from the Marinus Vineyard. The cost to attend is \$350 per person (\$300 for wine club members). Email Heather Rammel at hrammel@bernardus.com to reserve a spot.

The British are going

Lesley Everett and her husband, Chris Swainson, sent an email to customers this

week announcing that their Great British Bake Shop in Salinas is going out of business after June 21. “We have loved serving our community, however we have decided to close our doors permanently,” they wrote. The couple did not offer a reason for the decision, but said, “While this chapter is ending, we want to celebrate the incredible experiences we’ve shared and the support you’ve shown us,” and offered gratitude for their loyal customers. If you’d like one last bite of shortbread, or to stock the freezer with sausage rolls, pasties and meat pies, order at thegreatbritishbakeshop.com before June 19 for pickup at 8 W. Gabilan St. in Salinas.

Mary Schley and Elaine Hesser contributed to this week’s column.



Singer and guitarist Casey Frazier plays Sunday, 3:30 p.m., at Vin Carmel at 237 Crossroads Blvd.



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LIVE

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

Juice 'n' Java in Pacific Grove — singers and guitarists **Alx Kryss** and **Mark Hughes** (Friday at 4:30 p.m.), Open Mic (Friday at 7 p.m., sign up by 5:30 p.m.), flutist **Kenny Stahl** and friends (jazz, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), **The Dave Holodiloff Duo** with violinist **Peter Mellinger** (jazz, Sunday at 11 a.m.). 599 Lighthouse Ave.

Julia's Vegetarian Restaurant in Pacific Grove — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave.

La Playa Hotel — singer and guitarist **Scott Slaughter** (Thursday at 5 p.m.). Bud's Bar, Camino Real and Eighth, Carmel.

The Links Club — **Not so Neil** (Neil Young tribute, Friday at 7 p.m.), **The Transducers** (rock and funk, Sat-

urday at 7 p.m.), Singer-Songwriter Showcase (Tuesday at 7 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Alison Sharino** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **T.J. Kuenster** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (rock and blues, Thursday at 6 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.

Lucy's on Lighthouse in Pacific Grove — **Evergreen** (pop, rock and country, Saturday at 2 p.m.), **The Victory Lane** (rock, Sunday at 2 p.m.). 1120 Lighthouse Ave.

Marriott Hotel in Monterey — singer and pianist **Scotty Wright** (jazz, Saturday at 8:30 p.m.). In Characters Bar, 350 Calle Principal.

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

Melville Tavern

in Monterey — **Shilstone and Wilson** (rock, Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.). 484 Washington St.

Midici Pizza in Monterey — **The Brian Stock Quartet** with keyboardist Dave Kempton, bassist Dennis Murphy and drummer Patrick Tregenza (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), **The David Morwood Trio** with bassist **Zach Westfall** and friends (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.

Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa — pianist **Peter Corr** (jazz, Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 5 p.m.),

multi-instrumentalist **Gary Meek** jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

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 **Kito Rayburn** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Peter Barnes Martin** and bassist **Zach Westfall**



Cellist Georgy Gusev takes the stage Thursday, 7 p.m., at the Sand Box in Sand City.

(Sunday at 5 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.

Salty Seal Pub in Monterey — **Neon City Lights** ("modern country covers," Friday at 8 p.m.), **The Dylan Rose Band** (rock, Saturday at 8 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Bronwyn Koryn** (Sunday at 4 p.m.), **Chuck 'n' Buck** (rock and blues, 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 — **3-Mile Smile** (classic rock, Friday at 9 p.m.), **Big Bad Wolf** ("classic rock with a blues twist," Saturday at 9 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

St. James Episcopal Church in Monterey — **The Dave Holodiloff All-Star Acoustic Quintet** (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.). 381 High St. Tickets are \$30 — call (831) 236-9138.

Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — **Joel Martin's Grateful Zone** (Grateful Dead tribute, Friday at 6 p.m.), **The Dave D'oh Show** (alternative, pop and soul, Friday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

Vin Bar Carmel — singer and guitarist **Casey Frazier** (Sunday at 3:30 p.m.). 237 The Crossroads Blvd.

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

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June 22 - Friends of Carmel Forest present tree walks, a walk along Scenic to view the iconic Monterey Cypress with Master Arborist John Leffingwell. Walks are set for 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Admission is \$20 per person, free to members. To register, email name, phone and preferred time to treewalk@carmelforest.org

June 23 - Beth Jauregui, artist/author of "Paintings from the Edge of the Santa Lucia Mountains - Sharing Environmental Studies Through Art," will be at River House Books from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The individual landscape paintings

in the book are a celebration of the visual beauty of the local area.

June 25 - Classics and New Music: All Saints Episcopal Church, Carmel. Brahms, Chopin, Hindemith and premieres by local composer Carleton Macy will be performed by John Jensen, piano and Jody Lee, soprano. Admission is a \$20 donation to the All Saints' Episcopal Church Music Program. FFI.macy@macalester.edu

June 28 - "Thailand's Polarized Politics: Entrenched Elite & Implications for U.S. Policy," will be addressed by **James Stent** at this luncheon meeting of the World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area. Registration due June 23. Event is set at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1000 Aguajito Road, Monterey. For details, visit www.wacmb.org

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Registered Owner(s): DANIEL LEE, 1185 SHAFFER ST. SEASIDE CA 93955
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Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 4/19/2024
S/ DANIEL LEE
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 5/7/2024
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Publication Dates: June 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024 (PC 606)

State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication dates: June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2024. (PC609)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 24CV002231
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, Nichole Sue Simonsen on behalf of Colette Leigh Ponsobny, a minor filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name: COLETTE LEIGH PONSONBY
B. Proposed name: COLETTE PONSONBY SIMONSEN

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: August 2, 2024
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
DEPT: 15
The address of the court is 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone.
(s) Thomas W. Willis
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: May 31, 2024
Publication Dates: June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2024. (PC 610)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
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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 the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Frank Ballesteros
Date signed: June 3, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 3, 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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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241115
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **IMAGES FROM MONTEREY BAY, 1026 Ocean Rd., Pebble Beach, CA 93957.**
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State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited partnership.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 30, 2024.
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/David Tashjian
Date: May 28, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 31, 2024.
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Publication Dates: June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2024. (PC 613)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241041
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ZENTHETICS, 1283 N. Main St. #105, Salinas, CA 93906.**
Registered Owner(s): JASMINE ROMERO, 59 Muckelemi St. #119, San Juan Bautista, CA 95045.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Jasmine Romero
Date signed: May 16, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 21, 2024.
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Publication Dates: June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2024 (PC 614)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241153
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **VR PAINTING AND DECORATING, 1849 Laguna St., Apt. A, Seaside, California 93955.**
Registered Owner(s): VICTOR ALBERTO REYNA REYES, 1849 Laguna St., Apt. A, Seaside, California 93955.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 5, 2024.
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suant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Victor Alberto Reyna Reyes
Date signed: June 5, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 5, 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).
Publication Dates: June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2024 (PC 616)

Notice is hereby given that at the next Regular Board meeting of the District Board, Carmel Area Wastewater District, held via teleconference webinar, on **9:00 a.m., Thursday, June 27, 2024**

The Board will publicly discuss and approve the: **FY 2024/2025 Final Budget**

No later than June 13, 2024 the budget document will be available on the District's website <https://www.cawd.org/2024-06-27-board-of-directors-meeting>. Any member of the public may appear at the meeting and be heard regarding any item in the recommended budget or for the inclusion of additional items.

All proposals for revisions must be submitted in writing to the District Clerk before the close of the public meeting.

To access the meeting via ZOOM please visit the June 27, 2024 website homepage at www.cawd.org

Publication dates: June 14 & 21, 2024 (PC615)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241129
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ROCKIN B LAND & CATTLE CO., 29120 Chualar Canyon Rd., Chualar, CA 93925.**
Registered Owner(s): FRANK BALLESTEROS, 244 Rainbow Dr. 14493, Livingston, TX 77399
DARLENE SUSAN BALLESTEROS
This business is conducted by a married couple
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 3, 2024.
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S/Frank Ballesteros
Date signed: June 3, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 3, 2024.
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Publication Dates: June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2024 (PC 608)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 20241114
Filing type: ABANDONMENT:
County of Filing: Monterey
Date of Original Filing: March 8, 2024
File No.: 20210622
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **PEDEGO CARMEL, 125 Oceanview Blvd, Ste. 122, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.**
Name of Corporation or as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: BIG SUR ADVENTURES INC., 142 Boyd Way, Carmel, CA 93923.
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
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/Joaquin Sullivan, President
May 21, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 31, 2024.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241113
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **BAG O' CRAB, 1401 N. Davis Rd., SALINAS, CA 93907.**
County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s): SEA HOUSE SALINAS LLC, 2557 Barrington Ct, Hayward, CA 94545
This business is conducted by a limited liability company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/10/2021.
SEA HOUSE SALINAS LLC
S/ Shan B Guo, Manager,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on

CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, for the following officers:

- For (1) Mayor - full two-year term
- For Two (2) Members of the City Council - full four-year term

The nomination period for these offices begins on Monday, July 15, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. and closes on Friday, August 9, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

If nomination papers for an incumbent officer of the City are not filed by 5:00 p.m. August 9, 2024, the filing period for the office will be extended to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, for non-incumbents.

Nomination papers are available at City Hall, located on the East Side of Monte Verde Street, between Ocean and 7th Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea. To obtain nomination papers, please contact the City Clerk at 831-620-2016 or cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us to schedule an appointment. Additional information is available online at www.ci.carmel.ca.us/elections.

If no one or only one person is nominated for an elective office, appointment to the elective office may be made as prescribed by § 10229, Elections Code of the State of California.

Voters will be mailed ballots and in-person voting opportunities including satellite offices, mobile vote units, and polling places will be available. In-person polling locations will be open on election day from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. For more information about ballot drop locations, hours, and early voting centers, visit <https://www.countyofmonterey.gov/government/departments-a-h/elections/home/>

/s/ Nova Romero, MMC
City Clerk
Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA

Dated: June 11, 2024
Publish Date: June 14, 2024

Publication dates: June 14, 2024 (PC618)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-24-973288-CL Order No.: FIN-24000203

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/15/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): Kimberly A Matthei-Briggs and, Chandler C Briggs, wife and husband Recorded: 1/4/2006 as Instrument No. 2006000552 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of MONTEREY County, California; Date of Sale: 7/9/2024 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the main entrance to the County Administration Building, located at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$996,655.42 The purported property address is: 25871 ELINORE PL, CARMEL, CA 93923 Assessor's Parcel No.: 169-261-017-000 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. 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If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-24-973288-CL. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. 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If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT: Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. 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Photographer captures local artists, turns project into coffee table book

FINE ART photographer Randy Tunnell has a new book out that celebrates local painters, and he will sign copies of it Tuesday from 5-7 p.m. in the Sunset Center lobby.

The self-published book, titled "Carmel & Big Sur Painters, Bohemian Legacy," was released last month. It includes portraits of 100 local artists — all of whom have a connection to either Carmel or Big Sur. The subjects include

galleries, and I'd ask, "Do you mind if I take your picture? One of those pictures I took was of gallery owner and painter Joaquin Turner."

Colorful and fascinating

Before long, Tunnell had captured portraits of 25 artists — some of whom also shared with him "colorful and fascinating stories" about their art and their lives. He showed those pieces in a show at the Cherry Center for the Arts in September 2022. The display was centered around the theme of "local working artists who carry on the legacy of the Carmel Bohemian art culture."

"I got a really nice response from the show, along with encouragement," he said. "I decided it would make a great topic for a book."

About five months later, the book rolled off the printing press. Besides its elegant look, it stands as "an enduring meaningful historical document," according to Tunnell.

Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. If you can't make it to the event, Tunnell's book can be purchased for \$125 at randytunnell.com.

'Contours of Nature'

On display at Venture Gallery in Monterey through the end of the month is multimedia artist France Ruhnke's display, "Contours of Nature."

Born and raised in Brittany, Ruhnke found success as an interior designer and mosaic artist before coming here a little over a decade ago. On the Monterey Peninsula, she met her future husband, architect Henry Ruhnke and "devoted" herself to her art.

"These collections reveal the essence and elegance of nature's contours, with its flow and transparency," the gallery's Edi Matsumoto said. "Ruhnke's joyful essence comes through in this multimedia exhibit."

The gallery, which is located at 260 Alvarado St., is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. For more details, visit venturegallery.com



This portrait of painter Peggy Jelmini is included in a new book by Randy Tunnell.

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

Simon Bull, David Ligare, Sara Healey, Erin Gaffill, Keith Lindberg, Joaquin Turner and many others.

Tunnell told The Pine Cone the portrait project got its start during the pandemic.

"I was doing a picture a day during Covid," Tunnell said. "I would walk into town and find something interesting to photograph. I started dropping into art

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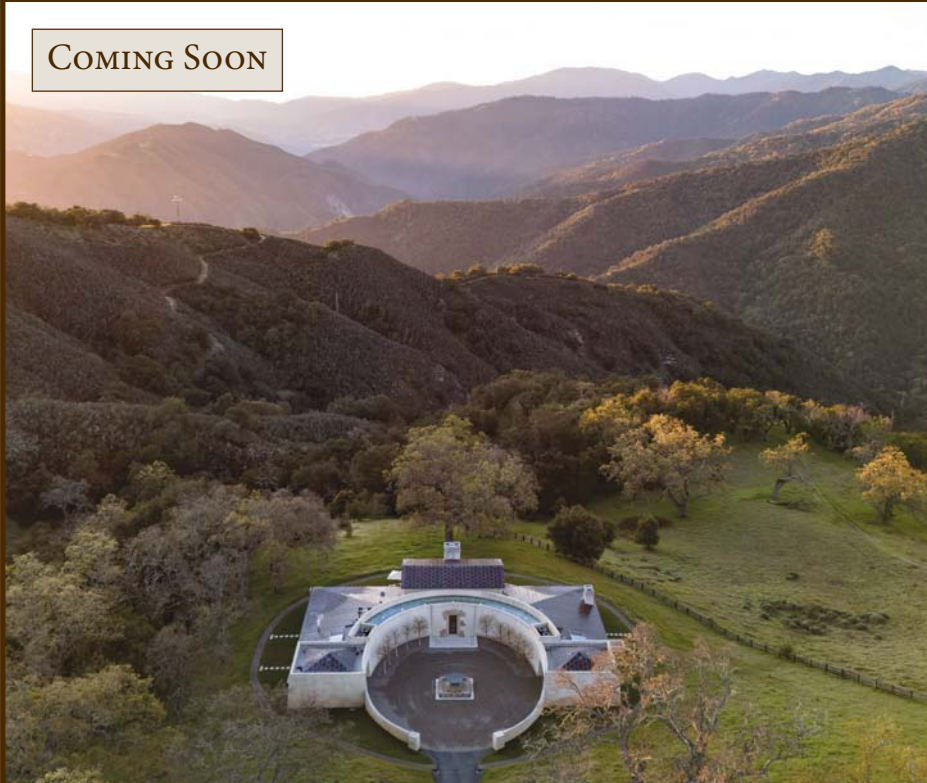


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Monte Verde, 3 SW of Seventh — \$4,850,000
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Carmel Valley

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SPECIAL SECTION

A FASCINATING PAST AND AN INSPIRATIONAL FUTURE

BY ELAINE HESSER

BORN IN 1926 in Elizabeth, N.J., Robert Darwin was an electronics technician in the Navy, a businessman, an engineer, Hollywood actor, screenwriter, producer, director, horse breeder, photographer, model train enthusiast, historian, pilot and more. That's a long resume, even for a 96-year-old.

When he died in 2023, he left a generous bequest to California State University Monterey Bay — the largest single gift in the school's history — including his ranch on a hill across Carmel Valley Road from Garland Ranch Regional Park. Sotheby's agents Lisa McLean and Nora Seaborn have the listing, which is priced just shy of \$8.2 million.

The lot comprises 22.8 acres, much of it relatively flat. It has a well that's more than sufficient to water the grounds and fill the 11-foot-deep outdoor swimming pool.

Outbuildings include a foaling barn, a guest house with two bedrooms and one bathroom, and a one-bed/one-bath studio. There's a four-car garage and large multipurpose building, a wood shop, a dark room and a greenhouse, along with a rose garden and a tennis court.

Red carpet

McLean described the interior of the main house as "red carpet" throughout, a nod to Darwin's Hollywood career. According to his obituary on legacy.com, when Darwin joined the Navy in 1944, he trained at what is now the Naval Postgraduate School

and fell in love with this area. However, he returned to New Jersey after his hitch was up and earned his bachelor's degree in business and finance at Rutgers University in 1952. Then, he went to Hollywood to give screenwriting a try.

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Darwin's good looks caught the attention of a talent scout, and he appeared in Western movies and on "The Jack Benny Show." He lived in Paris and produced a full-length film, and, in 1967, finally returned to the Monterey Peninsula. With his business partner and closest friend, John Hernstadt, he bought the ranch and started a thoroughbred horse-breeding operation.

Jet pilot

In 2020, CSUMB's announcement that Darwin had committed to the generous legacy gift to the university included a brief bio that said, "Weary of the Hollywood lifestyle and anxious to partake in more lucrative, mind-invigorating endeavors, Darwin formed a real estate acquisition partnership during the late 1960s that purchased many highly desirable properties throughout the western states, including the Carmel Valley ranch."

He also became "a jet-rated, commercially licensed pilot, and during the 1980s, formed Transjet, the first jet-oriented operator in the area." An accomplished photographer, he published a photo book about the Union Pacific Railroad in 1985 and "Hard on Hollywood," a memoir, in 2019.

While many older properties see



PHOTOS/(TOP AND MIDDLE) GLEN MCDOWELL, (ABOVE) COURTESY CSUMB

The 22-acre Darwin Estate in the Montecito area of Carmel Valley (top), across from Garland Ranch Regional Park, features many thoughtful indoor and outdoor design touches, including an outdoor kitchen with a ceiling painted to look like a cabana (center). It's the legacy of the late Robert Darwin (above), who, inspired by his housekeeper's life story, left it to Cal State Monterey Bay. The proceeds from the estate's sale will provide scholarships for future students.

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IF YOU'RE GOING TO LIVE AT THE BEACH, DO IT IN STYLE

BY ELAINE HESSER

LIFE ON the beach is something many people dream of, but few get to enjoy. So, if you're going to live the dream, why wouldn't you want to be as close to the sand and waves as you could get? You might even want to blur the lines between house and seashore.

That's what Rick Schuler and his wife, artist René Romero Schuler, had in mind when working with architect Eric Miller and builder Hunt Brothers Construction to replace their aging bungalow on an oddly shaped lot in the desirable Sand and Sea neighborhood on the north end of town.

"We bought it in 2013 for part-time use with the expectation that eight years later, we'd take it down and rebuild it to move in full time," said Rick Schuler, who explained

that they wanted to wait until both of their sons had graduated from high school to move here from Chicago. He said the couples' first priority was "a seamless indoor/outdoor house that takes advantage of the weather and surf." Second, "We wanted an open feel to the main part of the house and get rid of the small rooms with a more open floor plan." Both wanted a more contemporary style, which is why, on a realtor friend's advice, they sought out Miller.

Balance of light

The architect's solution not only met their criteria, but it added a new view — in addition to looking south to Point Lobos, the Schulers can now see Stillwater Cove to the north. A spacious patio with a fire pit sits atop the garage, and a small courtyard — invisible from the street

— is home to another fire pit and a hot tub. And, Rick said, "The open floor plan makes the house seem much larger."

It is, in fact, larger, but not in any sort of McMansion-evoking sense. With a total of a little more than 2,000 square feet of living space, most of the added square footage is on a newly constructed lower level — out of sight, said Rick.

The attention to detail includes a durable terrazzo floor that was carefully matched to the adjacent sand, seamlessly blending the indoor and outdoor settings. A wooden ceiling extends outdoors to the eaves, continuing the theme and, of course, there are plenty of windows.

"You get light from two, three or four sides — it's a balance of light with a natural feeling and no glare," Miller

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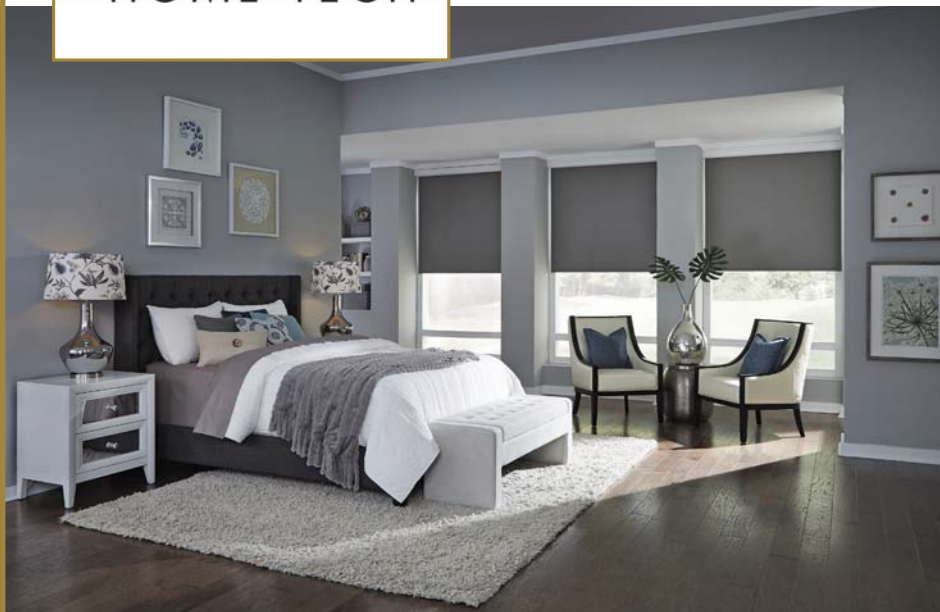
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This recently constructed home in the Sand and Sea neighborhood was designed by architect Eric Miller, who, along with the home's owners, Rick and René Schuler, wanted to blur the lines between indoor and outdoor living. Inside, the Schulers selected all the furnishings, colors and artwork.

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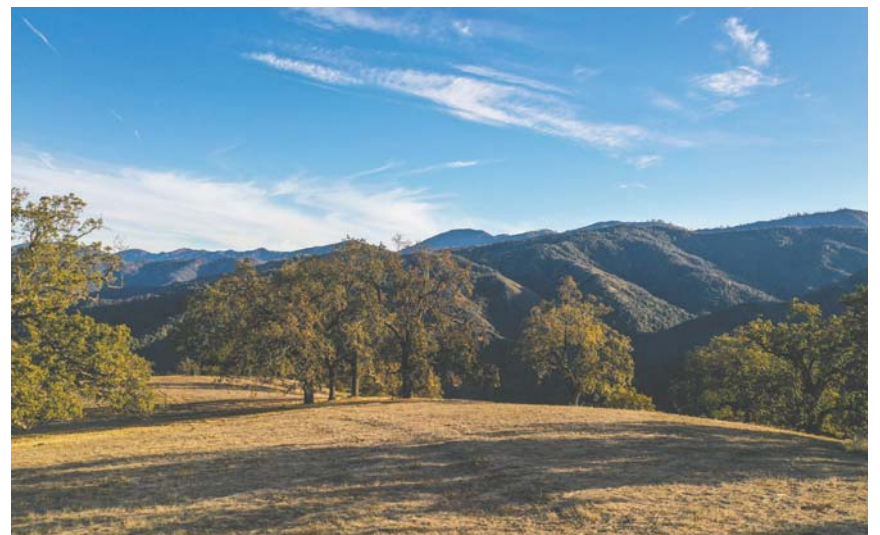
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Hello muddah, hello fadduh. Which one am I, and does it madduh?

As a young father, I went through many replays of Father's Day. You know, admiring homemade cards full of stick figures and a smiley face on the sun, along with being stuffed with carbs as small hands served lumpy pancakes to provide a special breakfast. Now much older, I look forward to phone calls and

greeting cards. I also wrestle with the denial of objective reality. We are living in an Orwellian time of propaganda embraced by millions and reinforced by Hollywood elites and the fashionistas, where people can identify as anyone or anything they want, a concept that befuddles someone my age. Recently, I wrote about how coffee goes with ca-

maraderie and good conversation. A friend agreed with me saying that he identifies as a cup of coffee because he can't start the day without himself. Aha! Now I can understand the trend because when I'm facing a deadline, I identify as a Dixon Ticonderoga No. 2 pencil because I need to get the lead out.

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Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

States House of Representatives. On May 20, 2019, the House passed H.R. 5, "The Equality Act," which would prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, gender identity, and sexual orientation, and for other purposes. I think it's that "other purposes" phrase that covers my transformation from fatherhood to motherhood.

I studied motherhood throughout much of my childhood and while raising three children. I know I can handle the maternal role because it is important to have confidence in your new identity. Like the popular Toyota Prius, I'll become a hybrid parent.

A ukelele too far

Besides, I've already had some experience at being a mother. Following my wife's death, I had to be both father and mother at two of my children's weddings. Much to my credit, I didn't wear an outfit at either wedding that would detract from the bride being the center of attention. Nor did I interfere with choosing flowers, music and food for the receptions, or in making plans for the honeymoons. I held my tongue when I thought my youngest daughter went too far by having the Wedding March played on a ukulele because the wedding took place in Hawaii.

Also, I'm fluent in ceremony *mom-isms* such as: "I can't wait until you have kids of your own," "I don't care who started it," and "What were you and that girl doing until one o'clock in the morning?"

OK, let's get the obvious anatomical differences out of the way. I have no breasts. But hey, modern mothers use

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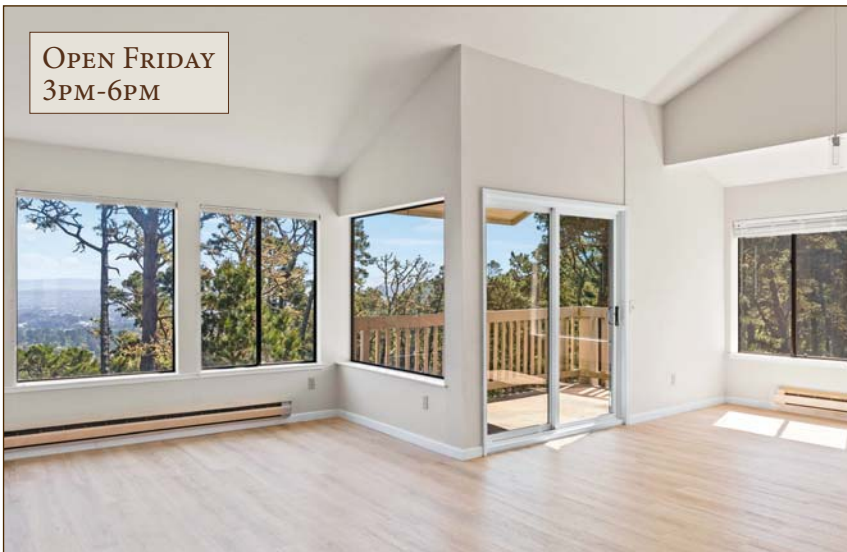
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BY LISA LAPIN

WHEN IT was built in 1929, the shingled beach cottage on Camino Real northeast of Fourth Avenue contained just a single room and bathroom. At 748 square feet, the cozy cabin's greatest assets were massive oak trees, a hillside ocean view and easy access to downtown Carmel and Carmel Beach via the historic Jane Powers Walkway, named for a prominent early resident of the village.

The walkway, which traverses six blocks downhill from Casanova to the sea, runs alongside the house. It serves as a pedestrian thoroughfare in place of Third Avenue, because in this quiet, traffic-free northwest corner of Carmel-by-the-Sea, the streets skip from Second to Fourth.

The cottage's original assets remain the same, with

towering ancient oaks visible from the front-facing windows, an expansive view of the ocean and just a short jaunt to the beach or town. But the interior and an outer deck have been expanded and modernized with every possible comfort by the Micek family, who call all 1,600 square feet home.

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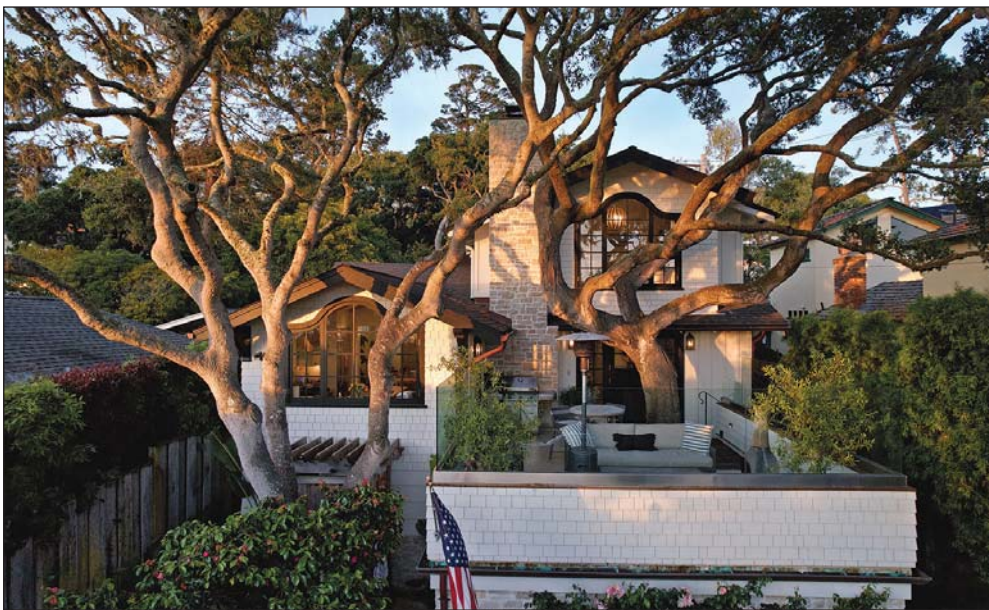
A Carmel stone fireplace warms the great room, which now has a wing with a state-of-the-art kitchen and ocean view from the food preparation area and island. Two bedrooms with en suite bathrooms are at the rear of the first floor. Upstairs is an expansive primary suite with ocean views and a soaking tub. And at the entry, a spacious 400-square-foot deck with a glass railing serves as a sheltered outdoor living room, used by the family year-round.

"Looking out the windows, it's like viewing a painting all the time. The ocean changes every hour. Sometimes there are whales. Sometimes sun and clouds. Sometimes fog right over the water," said owner John Micek. "You never get tired of looking at it."

For children Charlotte, 13, and Jack, 11, it's the home's location that they love most. "We can go anywhere so easily," they say. But they are also fond of the movies they watch on the deck and the fact that there are living spaces for both grown-ups and kids.

Visitors most love the trees. "More than the ocean view, they are awestruck by the oak trees," said Noelle Micek. "It feels like you are perched in a tree house, but also looking out at the ocean."

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A 95-year-old cottage that sits alongside the historic Jane Powers Walkway has grown from its original 748 square feet to about 1,600 and has been lovingly decorated and cared for by its owners. One of them, an interior designer, came up with clever and beautiful ways to maximize the space.

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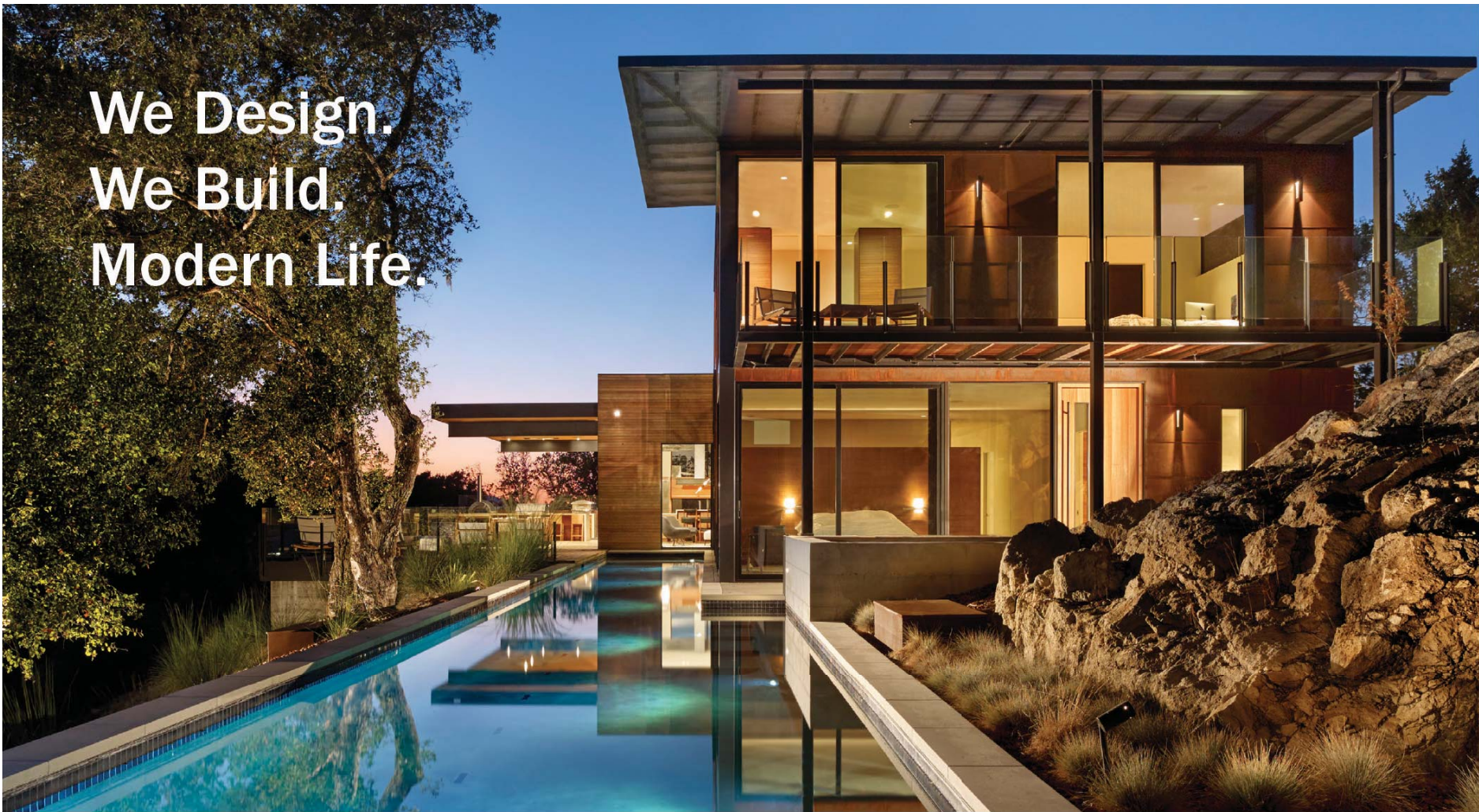
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THE FIRST thing you notice about the house at 24652 Pescadero Road, above the canyon where Carmel meets Pebble Beach, is the oak tree in front. Its weathered, arching branches are one of the many things that give the home a timeless feeling. Built around the turn of this century, it has a Craftsman-style-meets-Big Sur sort of vibe. Surrounded by woods and a casual garden featuring well-established plants — including roses that reach dramatic heights in large, individual trellises — the inside is nevertheless light and airy.

Creative design

A large wooden front door on the main level leads from the stone-and-wood exterior into the dining and living room, with a Carmel stone fireplace and one of several

large picture windows found throughout the home. To the right is a spacious kitchen with a gourmet refrigerator/freezer and impressive stove with six burners, a grill and double ovens. A large center island and extensive counters feature dramatic granite tops in shades of aqua and beige. Between the food prep area and the breakfast nook, with its corner brick fireplace, there are enough wooden cabinets and drawers to store all the dishes, and pots and pans a cook could want. The area opens onto a large stone patio.

“Each room is kind of its own world,” said Mary Bell of Carmel Realty, who shares the sales listing for the home with Carrie Baumgart. Her meaning becomes clear as you move through the three bedrooms on the main floor. One is cozy with a view of the trees. Another has been converted into a home office, complete with a roomy desk, built-in cabinets and a pleasant window seat, and the primary

bedroom suite has a private deck, generous walk-in closet, and bathroom done in white and pale blue tile with a soaking tub, and walk-in shower with a bench. And yes, more windows.

Hard to pinpoint

A lower level, accessed by stairs just inside the front door, features two more bedrooms and a full bathroom. The larger of the two bedrooms could also be used a family room, or the whole floor could become a caretaker's quarters. The level has its own, separate stone patio, too.

What's extraordinary about all of the rooms in the approximately 3,500-square-foot house is that, even when you stand in them and take a good, hard look around, it's really challenging to pigeonhole them into any one time

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The large oak tree welcomes visitors to this quiet stone-and-wood cottage on Pescadero Road. Its classic and timeless interior includes a living room with Carmel stone fireplace and picture window. Natural light can be found throughout, particularly in the spacious studio that occupies the top floor.



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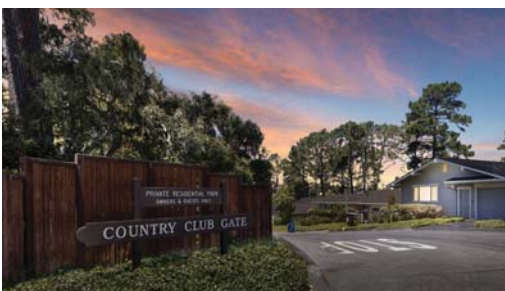
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RANCH

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parades of potential buyers who can't wait to rip out the old and install the new, McLean said that most of the people who have visited the four-bedroom, four-bathroom main house (which has three additional half-baths) have said they wouldn't change a thing.

There is some literal red carpeting in the primary bedroom and the cinema (more on that in a moment), but there are also lovely warm cherry floors, deep red vertical blinds, and red stone countertops in the kitchen. One of the bedrooms is done in bright green, which may have been a reference to the "green rooms" where TV personalities and guests await their turns on camera.

Darwin improved the existing buildings on the property, which he purchased in 1967, and added to them. The cinema — what modern folks would call a media room — is a prime example of his thoughtful design. There are three rows of comfy sofa-style seats, and a hand-drawn sketch tacked to the wall in one of the outbuildings shows how Darwin calculated the audience members' lines of sight, ensuring that his guests would never have their views blocked by someone else's head. Art Deco designs on the walls and carpeting, and upholstery in vivid shades of red, orange and purple, add to the ambiance. A picture window is hidden behind the screen. Stairs fold down at the end of the top row of seats to provide easy access, and there's a wet bar so that you can drink right along with Bogie and Bacall.

There's even enough space for a baby grand piano — you know, for live performances. "It was a house of many parties," observed McLean.

Built for living

Throughout the house, you'll find numerous built-in cupboards, closets and drawers, along with lighted showcases suitable for fine art, equestrian trophies or family photographs and keepsakes.

The scenic views range from the trails at Garland to the Santa Lucias beyond, with vineyards and forests dotting



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The cozy cinema installed by actor and producer Robert Darwin features a projection and sound system that are still considered state of the art, with comfy seating and room for a baby grand piano.

the landscape. Next to the pool, an outdoor kitchen with a built-in grill is topped by a circular ceiling painted in green-and-white stripes to evoke a cabana. Nearby, a gazebo houses a hot tub.

The new owner will be able to enjoy an outdoor Carmel Valley lifestyle while also knowing the purchase price will go toward a good cause.

In 2020, then-president of CSUMB Eduardo Ochoa said that Darwin's bequest would "provide over \$1 million annually for student scholarships."

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An honorary degree recipient in 2023, Darwin said he was influenced to give to the university after watching

his long-time housekeeper, Polly De Leon, and her husband, Aquilino Zarazua, both Mexican immigrants, put their three children through college. As a first-generation American, Darwin must have felt some kinship with them. His father, Yuri, fled Ukraine during the Bolshevik Revolution.

Good buy

Darwin expressed his admiration for them this way: "Polly achieved exactly what she always strove to do, and if my money can help one more immigrant kid earn the same kind of success that Polly achieved for her children, then I know I didn't do it in vain. In essence, Polly's determination became the inspiration for my bequest to the university, and I can only thank Polly for her having done so."

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SAND AND SEA

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explained. One of Rick's favorite features is the roof over the living room — it sits atop panes of glass, making it appear to float above the structure.

That relationship with light is a little reminiscent of René Romero Schuler's sculptures. On her website, reneromerschuler.com, she says of the figures she fashions from wire, "I fell in love with the way light passed through the wire-formed figure, embracing the concept of all humans as spiritual beings."

Her influence is strongly felt throughout the house, which she and Rick decorated together. Like her deceptively simple, cheerfully colored paintings, it's bright and completely unpretentious, but still elegant. Rick estimated that about 25 percent of the art in the home is René's work. One striking piece from the other 75 percent is a piece by Aaron Chang, a fine-art photographer who captured an image from the inside of a wave and then put it on a surfboard. It's dramatic, but hardly overwhelming in the large open space.

Driftwood

The Schulers chose all the light fixtures, materials, colors and furnishings over a two-year period while the rebuild was going on. "It was doable because we had so much time to think about it," Rick remarked. Their sparing use of brightly hued furniture leads the eye through the main floor, and a wide variety of textures breaks up the space without detracting from its open feel. He described it as "half Mid-Century Modern and half beach theme."

"The island in the kitchen looks like the ocean and the cabinets look like driftwood," he added, pointing to the aqua-and-beige striations in the countertop. There are pebbles in the bathroom finishes, as well, and some wallpaper René custom-designed.

'Processional'

As usual, Miller put a great deal of thought into the house, from its carefully engineered foundations to the living area, where one side of the building, including the primary bedroom, is all on one floor, keeping it accessible if stairs ever become a challenge. Downstairs, the two guest bedrooms get natural light via the courtyard.

The a wine cellar on the lower level is surrounded by concrete, maintaining a constant 55-degree temperature. Miller described its function as "sort of ceremonial. It's not just a closet — it's more processional to walk downstairs" with a guest, select a bottle and bring it back to the table.

The Schulers' older son took a gap year before attending college and helped build the house as an employee of Hunt Brothers. While working in the rafters, he discovered the potential for a loft, and a ladder was installed to reach it. "There's an amazing view and room for a bed for grandkids in the future," said Miller, who added, "I always try to think of kids."

He also likes to think ahead, saying that he believes the house will look "just like that for 100 years. The least impact you can have on the environment is to build beautiful homes that stand the test of time."

The Schulers are delighted with their new home, too. And, said Rick, "No neighbors or passersby have complained about it." In Carmel, that's practically a Pritzker Architecture Prize.



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An aerial view of this Eric Miller-designed home shows the large windows that bring the outdoors inside. Two guest bedrooms on a lower level receive plenty of light via a courtyard with a fire pit.

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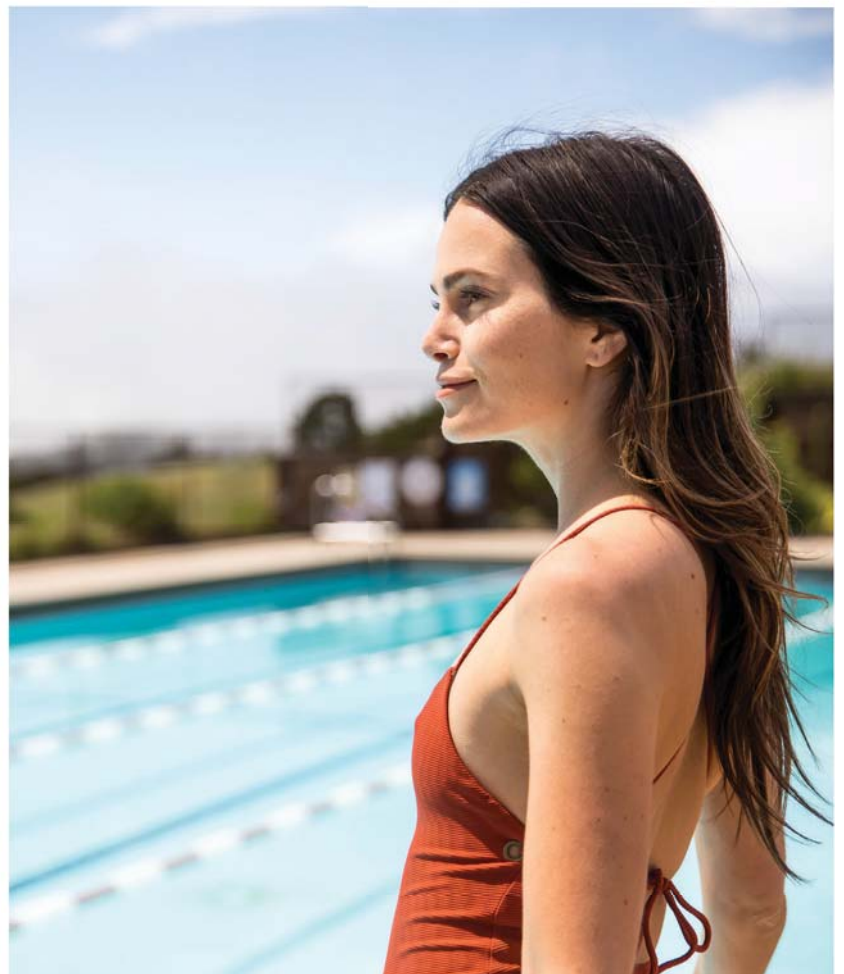
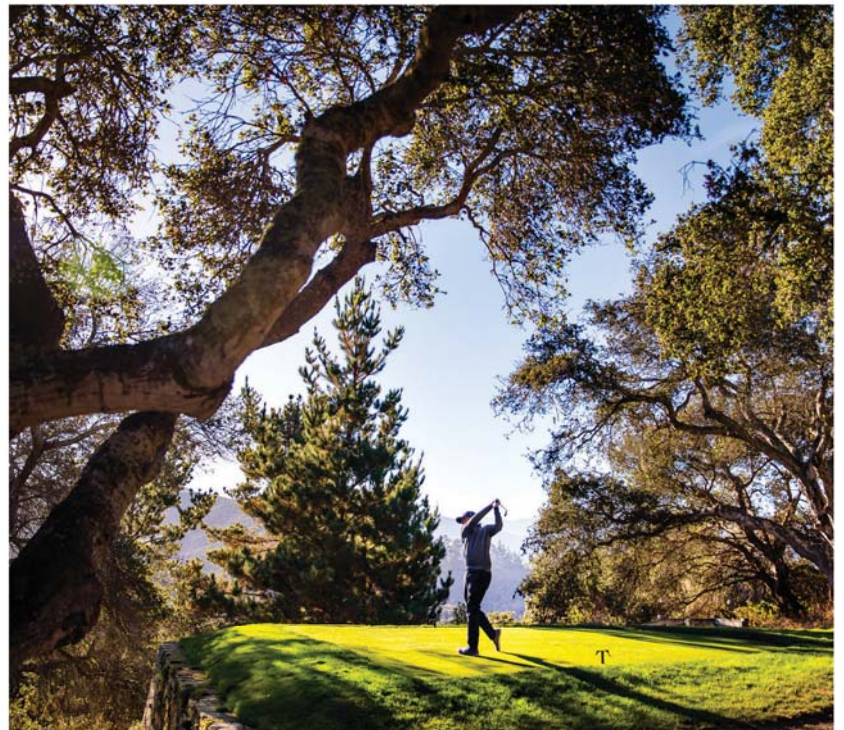
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SHINGLED

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The Miceks have researched their home's history and believe that the cottage may have originally been part of an artist colony that had formed in the area in the 1920s. Jane Gallatin Powers lived in a wood cabin just two blocks away just above the beach, which she had turned into one of the city's earliest art studios. She went on to co-found the Carmel Art and Crafts Club and was influential in fostering the colony of artists who decided to settle here. The Jane Powers Walkway ends at what was once her home.

The Micek's original cottage was constructed as the village was reaching a zenith of sorts with construction of the main post office and other landmarks. But it was also just prior to a building boom in the 1930s, when much of the city's residential housing was created.

Evocative touches

Today, the home boasts board-and-batten paneling throughout the interior, a staircase with Spanish-style tiles, exterior shingles, ample Carmel stone and other touches that evoke its original era.

The Miceks purchased the home in 2017, intending it to be a beach house. Since then, they have ended up calling it home.

The cottage underwent several additions in the 1960s and 1980s. When the Miceks arrived, they found that, oddly, it was not oriented to take advantage of the dramatic ocean vistas. So they adjusted windows, added the front deck and re-oriented the upstairs primary suite so that the bed faces the ocean.

Noelle, who owns a Carmel interior design business, designed many built-ins throughout the house, including a bunk room and additional storage, to maximize space. She also selected light fixtures, window coverings and other accessories in keeping with a classic Carmel cottage.

Vaulted ceilings in the kitchen, dining room and master bedroom give the home a spacious feel. Rough-hewn beams from a Civil War-era barn in Pennsylvania were used in the dining room, kitchen and on the kitchen island countertop.

The family also added a second laundry and mud room underneath the deck, as well as an outside shower to make it easy to wash off the sand when coming home from the beach.

The flower-filled front garden is a storybook blend of blue geraniums and climbing roses, with a cobblestone path leading to the front steps. A single-car garage matches the home's architecture, with paned windows.

The Miceks are represented by Peter Butler of Carmel Realty and are considering whether to leave their perfect cottage for more space elsewhere in the Carmel area.

"It's just the perfect corner of town," John said. "No traffic, no tourists, wonderful, long-term neighbors. But with growing children, we are thinking they are at an age to need a bit more

'It's just the perfect corner of town'

space." Everyone agrees that the feeling of their hillside, oak-shrouded cottage would be hard to replicate, particularly the front deck. "That's our living room. We spend more time outside than inside," Noelle said. A small clay chiminea is all that's needed to warm the entire deck. "We screen family movies out there. We have room to entertain. And I can't tell you how many slumber parties we've had!"

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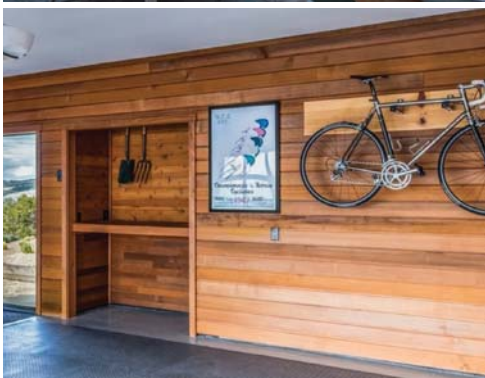
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love their animals and suffer deeply when the time comes to put them down. I am writing this letter so others will not have to experience what Scamper and I did when she was euthanized.

I made an appointment at a local veterinary hospital, expecting to be able to hold Scamper in my arms while she was given one euthanizing shot. They did not tell me their procedure had changed but did inform me that I would be charged an extra \$195 if I wanted to be with Scamper when she was euthanized. I agreed. Of course I wanted to hold Scamper when she was euthanized.

When the vet came into the room where I was waiting with Scamper, she told me she was going to take Scamper into a back room, sedate her and place a catheter in her paw so the final shot would be easier for the vet to give accurately. I was very upset to learn that Scamper and I would be separated, she would be caused more pain (it is often difficult to insert a catheter in a sick, dehydrated animal), and then returned to me no longer lucid.

I told the vet I wanted to be with Scamper when she was given the sedative, not realizing the consequences of that decision. I deeply regret not walking out the door with her immediately. She was taken away and, after 15 minutes, I went looking for her. Scamper was returned to me with both front paws bandaged and in a terrified state. I will never forget the look in her eyes as she struggled to escape. The vet came in and without a word to me, she hurriedly gave Scamper a sedative shot immediately followed by the euthanizing shots, and she was gone.

Many veterinary hospitals are now using the above procedure to euthanize animals. In my opinion, it can be extremely inhumane and unnecessarily painful. When the time comes for you to let your furry friend go, don't make the mistakes I did. Find out exactly what your vet's euthanasia procedure is and know there are places where you can still hold your furry loved one in your arms while they are given a shot and peacefully leave this world.

Maureen Moody,
Monterey

Minimizing fires

Dear Editor,

Author Alejandro Lazo, in his article, "California's

Wildfire Smoke and Climate Change: 4 Things to Know," states, "Last year, California wildfires sent an estimated 9 million metric tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere." As forest fires in our state grow, so do the carbon emissions from these fires.

When fire season starts, these fires worsen the air quality and can affect the health of people in neighboring states.

Not only are these fires detrimental to our state's beautiful landscape and air quality, they also heavily impact the residents and their health. Many residents find themselves waiting for when they may have to evacuate their homes, and wondering if they will ever see them again.

Oftentimes, people of California are forced to stay inside during fire season due to the awful air quality. It's our responsibility to reduce the number of forests that these fires burn and help compensate victims of these brutal fires. While it is true that forest fires are natural and can be beneficial to the environment, to the extent and frequency that we have been seeing with these fires in recent years, those positive effects become less and less clear. Without help from citizens throughout the state, we will continue to see our homes burn to the ground with every fire season that comes.

Tristan Henderson, Carmel



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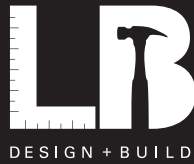
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POLICE LOG

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

Carmel Valley: Report of neglect at a residence on Laureles Grade.

Carmel area: Report of stolen property on Carmel Rancho Lane.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ticket sign-off for a white Mercedes 300C.

THURSDAY, MAY 30

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Informational report at Casanova and 10th for an overdue person.

Pacific Grove: Officer on routine patrol in the area of Lighthouse Avenue and 19th Street was flagged down by a citizen who wished to file a report regarding an incident which occurred in 2021.

Pacific Grove: Vaping devices on Sunset were turned in for destruction.

Pacific Grove: Officer was dispatched to contact a reporting party on Ocean View Boulevard in regards to a theft that had occurred on May 29. The victim requested documentation of the incident.

Carmel Valley: Report of financial abuse on Aliso Road.

Carmel area: A male adult was given a trespass admonishment from a residence on Outlook Drive.

FRIDAY, MAY 31

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Attempted vehicle burglary on San Carlos north of Sixth resulted in damage exceeding \$400. No investigative leads.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Overnight, an unknown vehicle struck a subject's parked rental vehicle at Mission and Seventh and fled the scene. On June 4, subject contacted the officer and stated the damage was already there and that there was no collision.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Unattended laptop was left at the Sunset Center after a performance. Contact was made with the owner of the laptop. Owner will pick up.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Sunset Drive was placed on a W&I 5150 in California State Parks Jurisdiction.

Pacific Grove: Mental health evaluation on Junipero.

Pacific Grove: Trailers parked on Buena

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Vista Avenue were marked as abandoned.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Buena Vista was marked as abandoned.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

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

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Towed vehicles at San Antonio and 13th for parking on public roadway with no proof of registration.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Attempted cyber-crime on Torres north of Fifth with no financial loss. Information only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle window smash burglary at Dolores and Eighth. No suspect information.

Carmel area: Theft reported from a vehicle on Hatton Road.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Unfounded report of a battery on Lincoln south of Ocean.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Garage burglary on Lincoln north of Fifth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury collision with a parked vehicle on Junipero.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Information report

regarding animals at Rio and Ladera.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A civil matter was reported at Fourth and Carpenter.

Carmel area: Deputy returned a lost purse on Ocean Avenue in Carmel.

MONDAY, JUNE 3

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Hit-and-run at Seventh and Mission.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Hat found at Café Carmel.

Carmel Valley: Stolen property recovered on Cachagua Road.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed for being parked on the roadway at Carpenter and Valley Way with no registration.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found wallet at Del Mar and Scenic.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost watch at Ocean and Lincoln.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Wallet at Del Mar and Ocean was turned in for safekeeping pending owner pick up.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Suspicious activity reported at Junipero and Fourth.

Pebble Beach: Report of a possible battery on Spanish Bay Circle.

Carmel Valley: A verbal domestic was reported on Lincoln Lane.



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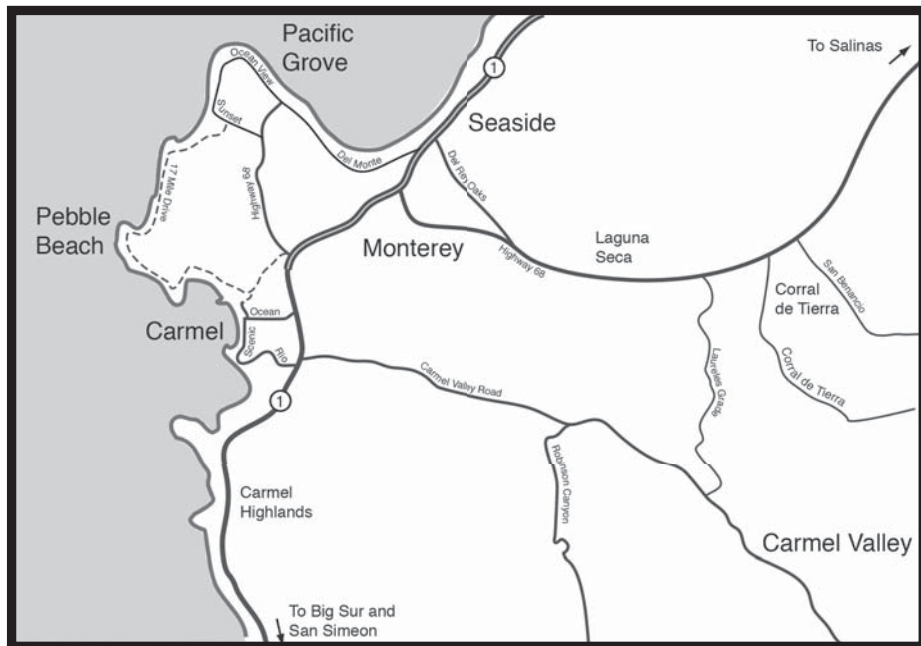
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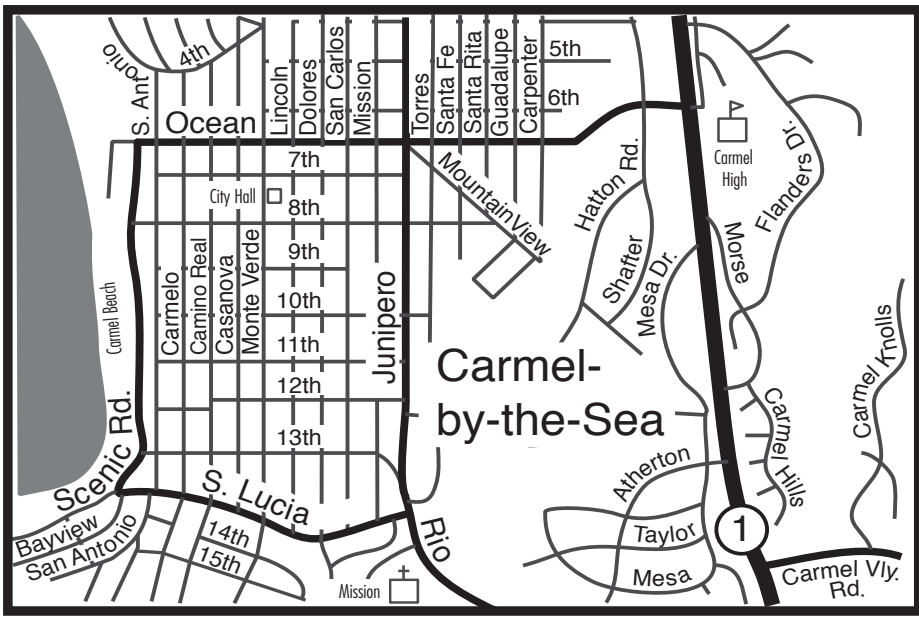
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baby formula. Breasts are more in play during the process of making babies than in the process of feeding them.

I am sure that being a mother on Father's Day means I'll receive better gifts. In the old days, I usually got Father's Day gifts that meant more work for me, like a power edger to go with my power mower. No one ever gave me flowers on Father's Day. I would have loved roses. Perhaps, as a mother, I'll be taken to brunch at Casanova or Mission Ranch. On Father's Day, dads often get to grill something, the message being, "You can have anything you want for dinner as long as you cook it." Big deal.

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Balancing the nurturing touch of a mother with the steadfast presence of a father is not easy, but my children made it pleasant. You see, I truly admire them. Having great kids eases the transition into the exigencies thrust upon single parents. My kids have provided plenty of surprises, many in the form of blessings. What blessings? How about grace, style, wit, compassion, panache. More? Laughter, joy, commitment, talent, intelligence, character, integrity. Even more? Try these: co-conspirators in family pranks, co-workers on family projects, co-helpers at family dinners, co-mourners in a family death. True blessings.

Of course, I would be guilty of denying objective reality if I thought I could really take a mother's place. I've tried to embrace the principle of Hippocrates, "First, do no harm."

Most of us don't want to control our children's lives, but we would like to control the things that will hurt them, the things that will break their spirits and/or their hearts. We learn quickly that's not possible. It is a hard lesson to learn and even harder to accept.

The objective reality I accept is that I couldn't be a father without them. So, to my kids, who gave me Father's Days full of love and chaos, I say, "thank you." Whether I'm Mom, Dad or some hybrid in between, I wouldn't trade the journey with them for anything. Happy Father's Day to me — and to all the other double-duty parents out there!

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period or style. None of the designs or materials appear out of date by any means, but they're also not obviously contemporary. The balance brings charm and comfort to the whole place.

The top floor is a 600-square-foot studio with a high ceiling, great natural light, shelving and lots of focused artificial

lighting. It also has a wraparound deck. Although it's been used for creating art, it could become a family room, a media room or anything else the new owners can imagine.

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The "Big Sur vibe" comes from the location and the natural-looking landscaping on the 1/3-acre lot. Calla lilies, Peruvian lilies (*Alstroemeria*) and a variety of other plants add big splashes of color. It's also

surprisingly quiet and private, given that it's not too far from Highway 1 or downtown.

One of the patios is nearly 900 square feet, the other is about 600 — both ample for entertaining, with an existing gas fire

pit and room for a hot tub, if someone's of a mind to install one. It's noteworthy that there are beautiful outdoor spaces all the way around the house, free of clutter and completely walkable. The house is priced at \$3,495,000.



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The breakfast nook (top), with its warm brick fireplace and doors that open onto the patio, leaves options for indoor or outdoor coffee consumption, depending on the whims of the fog. (Above) For anyone who's wondered where to store all those dishes, pots and pans, this kitchen has answers.

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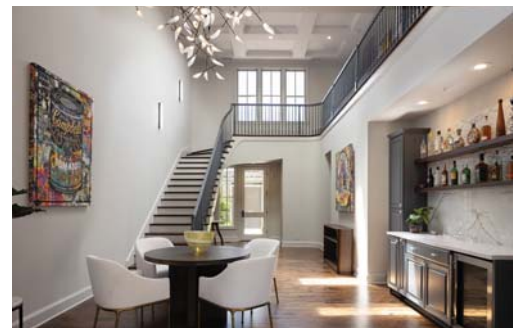
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