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## Bronze cheetah stolen from outside gallery

By MARY SCHLEY

A THIEF was caught on video surveillance stealing a bronze cheetah sculpture valued at \$24,000 from outside the entrance to the Dawson Cole Fine Art gallery at Lincoln and Sixth in the early morning hours of Jan. 24, and police are hoping someone in town will recognize him.

The bust of the cheetah was sculpted and then cast in bronze by well known local artist Richard MacDonald and was No. 9 of a series of 75, according to Carmel Police Cmdr. Paul Tomasi. A gallery employee noticed it was missing when

he arrived at work around 9:45 a.m. Sunday.

The nook it had been sitting in contained security bars intended to hold the sculpture in place, according to Tomasi. But the day before the theft, surveillance video showed a man, accompanied by a female, looking over the sculpture and then picking it up before quickly putting it back.

Tomasi said a review of surveillance video from Jan. 23 at around 12:30 a.m. shows the suspect and a female in her late 30s looking at the sculpture, and then touching it.

“The suspect and female appeared to be admiring the cheetah sculpture,” Tomasi said. “All of the sudden, the suspect removed the sculpture and walked away with it.”

Inexplicably, three minutes later, he brought the sculpture back.

Tomasi described the woman as stocky, around 155 lbs., and 5-foot-5 to 5-foot-7. She was wearing an olive-colored coat, tight jeans and tan leather 2-inch-heeled boots. She was carrying a black purse on her right forearm. Meanwhile, the man was described as a white male adult in his 40s or 50s, 5 feet 9 inches to 6 feet tall and weighing 235 to 250 lbs., with a “large girth around his stomach area.” He had short brown hair, was wearing a dark grey collared sweatshirt with a zip-down neck, light grey trousers and black tennis shoes. Both were carrying cups or drinking glasses.

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Early-morning surveillance video from Richard MacDonald's gallery shows an unknown man approaching the front entrance, removing a valuable sculpture from a display nook next to the door, and carrying it away.

## Bixby Bridge jumpers presumed dead, found GoPro tells story

By CHRIS COUNTS

FIVE DAYS after a daredevil jumper captured a leap off the Bixby Bridge in Big Sur with a GoPro camera, police used the same device to learn how two people died.

Although the bodies of the jumpers have not been recovered, Monterey County Sheriff Steve Bernal said at a press conference Monday that footage from the camera indicates they drowned in heavy surf after landing on the beach below the bridge. “We have no evidence to show that either survived,” Bernal said.

Bernal identified the woman as Mary Katherine Connell, a 25-year-old from Tennessee who recently moved to Ventura. While police haven't released the name of the second jumper, he has been identified by other sources as Rami Kajala of Finland, a veteran of the thrill-seeking sport known as BASE jumping, which involves using parachutes and other equipment to jump from buildings, bridges and cliffs.

### A mysterious car

On Jan. 23, sheriff's deputies began investigating a car that had been parked along the Old Coast Road near the bridge for three days. At first, they suspected it might be tied to a suicide, since Bixby Bridge has been the site of several

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## PG&E whistleblower reveals gas line safety lapses

### ■ Burnett, Calhoun call S.F. news conference to criticize utility

By MARY SCHLEY

TAKING AN unusual step in the city's battle with PG&E over safety issues, Carmel Mayor Jason Burnett and Police Chief Mike Calhoun held a press conference in San Francisco last week to announce they'd obtained evidence the utility company has failed to take the necessary steps to make its gas distribution system safer than it was when a gas leak caused the destruction of a house at Guadalupe and Third in March 2014.

Burnett said a former PG&E employee, Leslie Banach McNiece, told federal prosecutors the utility company broke laws and did not make recordkeeping a priority following the Carmel blast, or even after the 2010 explosion in San Bruno that killed eight people and destroyed dozens of homes. She

reportedly told them “pushback on any meaningful effort to address recordkeeping deficiencies was ‘financially motivated,’” according to a statement issued by Burnett Jan. 19, and she testified that she found records “warning of problems with the pipeline that would later cause the 2010 San Bruno explosion” discarded in a PG&E dumpster.

McNiece was fired shortly after the explosion in Carmel, when bad records led a PG&E crew to punch into a gas line without knowing it had a plastic liner. The gas migrated between the liner and the pipe wall into a nearby house, where it ignited and exploded, destroying the home and damaging nearby houses. Nobody was injured in the blast.

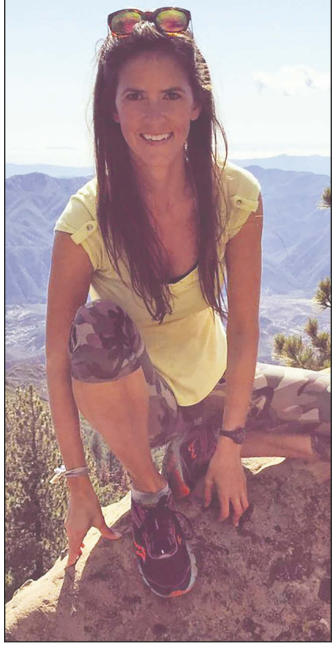
“She had been brought in to help PG&E remedy their deficiencies after the San Bruno tragedy, and she had made recommendations for improvements that were rejected by the president,” of PG&E, Burnett told The Pine Cone. “So the company is out there saying they're doing everything they

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Photos posted on social media show Rami Kajala (above) and Katie Connell (right). The two drowned last week after a BASE jump in Big Sur.



## While N.Y. was being buried by snow ...



IPHONE PANORAMIC PHOTO BY PAUL MILLER

Last weekend brought significant storms to both coasts — but the record snowfalls that hit the East were a bit worse than what was experienced here. Heavy rains on the Monterey Peninsula early Saturday were followed by a mix of sun and showers, a combination that generated some remarkable rainbows, including this awe-inspiring one over Lovers Point in Pacific Grove Saturday afternoon.

## Attorney sues public defender, claims sexual harassment

By KELLY NIX

A FORMER Salinas criminal defense attorney has filed suit against the Monterey County Public Defender's Office, alleging he was the target of ongoing sexual harassment and a hostile work environment because he is gay.

Former deputy public defender Thomas Hughes alleges in a Jan. 19 complaint that his boss, Jim Egar, and assistant public defender Don Landis subjected him to derogatory comments about his sexual orientation, sex life and appearance during the three years he worked in the Salinas office.

Among the things Hughes alleges were said to him is that his facial hair appeared “too metro-sexual” and he was “almost trying to look homosexual,” and that it was “unfortunate”

that Hughes didn't “enjoy” Asian women.

After one of Hughes' family members died, Hughes claims he was told, “If you need a lesbian or someone like you to talk to, just let me know.”

According to the suit, on another occasion someone in the office remarked that he didn't think Hughes “did any work around here; I thought you were in San Francisco at all your gay parties.”

The comments outlined in the complaint are not specifically attributed to Egar, Landis or anybody else in the public defender's office. Landis, who declined to comment, told The Pine Cone he has not seen the lawsuit.

Egar and county counsel Charles

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## Toby takes the stage

HE LOOKS like the kind of dog your grandmother might have had as a child – somewhere between a treasured toy and a Shirley Temple pal.

He came from Birchhurst Kennels in Indiana, a multi-generational family operation known for breeding beautiful, well tempered wirehair fox terriers. He was flown into San Jose Airport, where his Carmel couple collected the then 8-week-old puppy, who scampered out of his crate and into their arms.

They named him Tobias Vincent, after her late father. But around town, he goes by Toby. The darling



of his puppy class, he socialized easily, learning how to make friends with everyone, which is a talent he maximizes every day on the beach, along Ocean Avenue, and in the art gallery where he has a gig greeting guests.

But he pretty much opted out of his obedience class, proving himself a bit of a diva. Which is good, since Toby just landed his first starring role in a local production.

Some of the officials with the Monterey Symphony approached Toby's person about a play they'd written, which features the "old detectives." One of them has a Wirehair Fox Terrier, who has gone missing.

"When they asked me if I thought Toby would like to be in the play," says his person, "I said, 'I'll have to ask him.' We already knew he was a born performer."

Toby was cast as "Asta" in "Pshaw! on the Hawkshaw Society," the symphony's annual mystery dinner-theater fundraiser. The only thing he has to do, in the very last scene of the play, is arrive.

When Toby isn't acting, he's happy just being himself, cavorting along Carmel Beach and greeting everyone in his path. He never learned in obedience class not to jump up, and likely has no idea why that wouldn't be appealing.

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# HRB: Arch should get new bell, Forest Theater should get new path

By MARY SCHLEY

AMERICAN LEGION Post 512 and its supporters should be allowed to replace the bell in the World War I Memorial Arch with a replica of one designed by a noteworthy architect, the Carmel Historic Resources Board decided last week. The board also said Pacific Repertory Theatre executive director Stephen Moorer and his architect, Brian Congleton, should receive approval for their plans to build a walkway that Moorer has been arguing for since the theater's renovation entered the planning stages more than a year ago. Both decisions are advisory and now go to the city council.

## ■ Greene's bell

When architect Charles Sumner Greene moved to Carmel to retire, he still picked up the occasional commission, and one of the designs he produced was for the World War I Memorial Arch at the intersection of San Carlos and Ocean, according to resident

Richard Kreitman, one of the key proponents of the bell project.

"Greene and his brother, along with Frank Lloyd Wright, were the foremost proponents of the Arts & Crafts movement," Kreitman told the historic board at its Jan. 19 meeting. "Mr. Greene moved here with his family in 1916 essentially to retire from architecture, but he kept in his hand in it, and we're glad he did."

The arch was constructed out of Carmel stone in 1922 and paid for with donated funds, but at the time, there wasn't enough money to cast the bell Greene designed for it. As a result, the arch remained bell-less until the mid-1960s, when Sir Harry Downie, a master restorer of the Carmel Mission, donated the bell that hangs there now. Research conducted by planning commissioner Ian Martin suggests it was cast in 1692.

In honor of the city's centennial, the American Legion Post is proposing to remove that bell and place it somewhere secure but accessible to the public, and then

get a new bell cast according to Greene's design. The bell would be 20 inches tall, with a 19-inch diameter, and would be cast in bronze by the Christoph Paccard Bell Foundry in Charleston, S.C. Its inscription would recognize the "men and women of Carmel who served their country, and those who died in that service," and would also note the dedication on the city's centennial, Oct. 31, 2016, by American Legion Post 512 and the people of Carmel-by-the-Sea.

It would be hung in time for the city's 100th birthday party on Halloween, and Kreitman said the foundry estimated it would cost about \$7,000 to cast the new bell, which would weigh nearly 200 lbs. The existing bell is smaller than what Greene's design calls for and weighs just under 90 lbs., he said.

After some discussion about how the bell would be attached to the cross-member in the arch, board member Kathryn Gualtieri said she felt the arch and its condition should be placed on a future agenda for discussion, and historic board chairman Erik Dyar said he supported the plans for the bell.

"I think we could recommend to the council that the bell, according to the design by Charles Sumner Greene, be created," he said, but he wanted the board to see a more

detailed drawing, too.

The board unanimously voted to ask the council to approve the plan for the new bell, and recommended the bell there now be removed and kept somewhere suitable and safe.

## ■ West pathway, redux

Also at the meeting, the board heard a proposal for the much discussed and debated western pathway at the Forest Theater, which Moorer has been advocating for throughout the planning for the theater restoration, which is well under way.

At the meeting, he and Congleton sought the board's support for his project, which would be funded by a \$100,000 donation secured by Moorer. The council would have to accept the gift, as it has done with other funds Moorer has secured for aspects of the Forest Theater project.

Throughout the Forest Theater's long history, the most common route to get to the seating area has been along the west side, Moorer said.

Conversely, forcing people to use a pathway on the east side of the seating area, espe-

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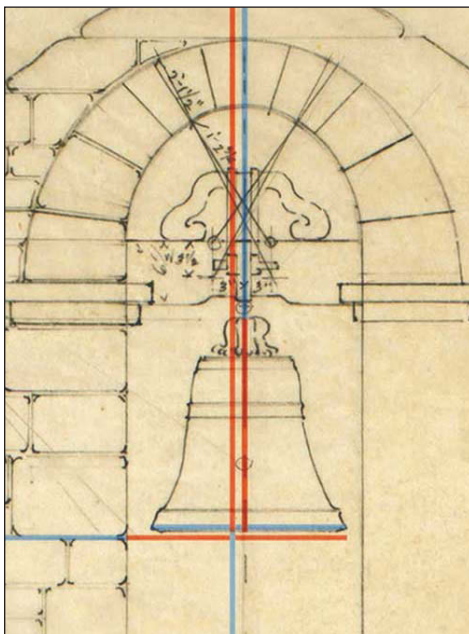


PHOTO (LEFT) BY KERRY BELSER, CHARLES SUMNER GREENE DRAWING (RIGHT) COURTESY IAN MARTIN

An historic bell donated in the 1960s hangs from a the town's World War I Memorial Arch (left). A group wants to protect the antique bell and replace it with one (right) envisioned by the architect who designed the arch in the 1920s.



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# Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

## Female made outlandish accusations

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

### MONDAY, JANUARY 11

**Pacific Grove:** Officers were dispatched to a medical emergency on Grove Acre, with a male possibly deceased. Upon arrival, fire paramedics advised the male had rigor mortis and pronounced him deceased.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Male advised the local post office staff inadvertently gave his post office box mail to the wrong customer. They are currently unable to locate the subject that the mail was given to. He requested the incident be

documented in regards to possible identity theft in the future. Resources on how to protect against identity theft were provided to the resident.

**Carmel Valley:** Burglary on Scarlett Road. Suspect is a 40-year-old female.

**Pebble Beach:** A generator was stolen from a vendor hired for a golf tournament.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Subject refused to leave a temporary women's shelter at the Carmel Mission.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Report of a robbery that occurred at a business on Monte Verde south of Ocean Avenue.

**Pacific Grove:** Individual had illegal fireworks in the back seat of the vehicle. The illegal fireworks were collected for destruction.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Traffic stop conducted

at Junipero and Seventh, and the driver was found to be operating a motor vehicle on a suspended license. Driver, a 36-year-old male, was cited and released, and the vehicle was towed and stored.

**Carmel Valley: Country Club Heights resident reported cows drained her 10,000-gallon water tank.**

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Person on Rio Road reported a female was acting irrationally and abruptly walked out of her shelter meeting. The female was not located, and the caller wished for this incident to be documented.

**Carmel Valley:** Resident on Calle de los Agrinensors reported the theft of property from the yard area.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Two suspects — a 51-year-old Dole employee who lives in Gilroy and a 22-year-old unemployed woman from Watsonville — were arrested on Lincoln Street at 0345 hours for various drug charges. The female was also arrested for violation of felony parole.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Vehicle stopped at Rio and Atherton for a traffic violation. Driver was found in possession of marijuana. The driver was cited and released at the scene.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Person found a bracelet at Monte Verde and Eighth and brought it to the police department for safe-

keeping pending owner notification.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A California identification card was found at Carmel Plaza and brought to the police station for safekeeping pending owner notification.

**Pacific Grove:** Husband alleged wife battered him at 0345 hours. Case forwarded to district attorney's office.

**Pacific Grove:** A landlord requested that officers tow vehicles belonging to a tenant from a rental property on Melrose. She also wanted to remove several of the tenant's belongings without his permission. She was advised of landlord/tenant rights and told to contact her lawyer before doing so.

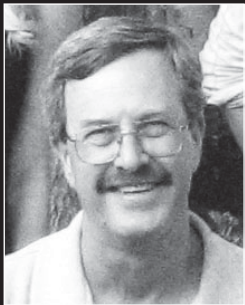
**Pacific Grove:** A husband and wife were involved in a physical disturbance. The woman sustained visible injuries and responded to the police department to learn what rights she had. Officers attempted to contact the male suspect but did not receive an answer when they called his residence.

**Pacific Grove:** Officers were dispatched to a Melrose Place address for a warrant arrest. Officers arrived on scene and found the wanted female in her bedroom, where they placed her under arrest, booked her and transported her to Monterey County Jail.

**Carmel area:** Report of online theft of credit card information from victims on Via Cazador.

**Carmel Valley:** Damaged car reported on Village Drive.

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# Supreme Court rules against PUC, reinstates water district ‘user fee’

By KELLY NIX

JUSTICES WITH the California Supreme Court Monday ruled in favor of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District over a “user fee” that had been tacked onto customers’ bills to help pay for environmental work on the Carmel River.

Though the California Public Utilities Commission has the power to regulate the rates and charges of public utilities, Supreme Court Justice Leandra R. Kruger and six other justices ruled that it did not have the authority to review the amount of the water district’s fee.

The justices restored the fee, which they said the water district had the power to impose under the 1978 legislation that created the district.

The high court ruling comes two years after the water district sued the PUC over a 2011 decision to eliminate the fee, which had been tacked onto California American Water bills and forwarded to the water district.

Set at 8.325 percent of Cal Am customers’ water bills, the fee helped develop water supplies, mitigate Cal Am’s pumping from the Carmel River, and perform water conservation activities. The district began collecting the fee in 1984 and it generated nearly \$3 million the last year it was in effect.

According to the justices’ 12-page ruling, whatever concerns the PUC might have about the water district’s fee and its activities, “those concerns do not justify expanding the PUC’s jurisdiction beyond the limits fixed by law.”

The decision also sets aside earlier decisions by the PUC to stop Cal Am from collecting the fee on behalf of the water district.

The other judges who concurred with

Kruger were Tani Gorre Cantil-Sakauye, Kathryn Werdegar, Ming Chin, Carol Corrigan, Goodwin Liu and Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar. Water district board chair Jeanne Byrne lauded the court’s decision.

The ruling “affirms the water management district’s actions that fund its mission to develop the community’s water supply, implement conservation, and mitigate environmental impacts,” she said.

Reinstatement of the fee, Byrne added, would be done in a “careful and thoughtful manner,” and all of the funds generated from the fee would be “used to only cover costs actually needed to provide services, consistent with state and local law.”

The PUC declined to comment on the decision.

When the district was forced to stop collecting the fee, it adopted a “water supply charge” in 2012 to replace it. A taxpayer group filed suit over the charge, but the water district prevailed in that case, as well.

While the justices acknowledged the PUC’s concerns about whether the increase in the amount of the user fee corresponds to the value of the Carmel River mitigation work that is funded by the fee, they did not express their views on the merits of the issue.

The judges noted that the PUC isn’t the only “mechanism” for addressing questions about the user fee, including the amount or the efficiency of the water district’s river mitigation work, and they pointed to Monterey Peninsula ratepayers.

“If Cal Am customers believe that the district is charging excessive and disproportionate fees, they can bring a legal action challenging the district’s activities,” according to the judges’ ruling. “And if customers are concerned that the district is managed inefficiently, they can elect new leadership to the district’s managing board.”

## KREITMAN FOR CARMEL COUNCIL

Hello. My name is Richard Kreitman and I'm running for Carmel City Council in the upcoming April 12 Carmel-by-the-Sea municipal election. I've lived here in Carmel since 2001 with my wife Barbara and our two sons, Nicholas (CHS '11) and Aaron (CHS '16). We own Gallery North at Dolores & 6th where you can find me most days.

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For me, running for Carmel City Council is all about community and balance. They say all politics are local and no politics could be more local than municipal elections in Carmel-by-the-Sea. But more significantly our lives are local, lived in our local communities, and it is our community's strength and health that most determines our own well-being and that of our families. What's happening in Salinas, Sacramento, Washington, or the Middle East certainly affects us - and often frightens us - but more important to our daily quality-of-life is what's happening next door, down the street, in our neighborhood, in our community. It is our local community that ultimately sustains us and provides our immediate safety, security, and welfare. Strengthening this community and the bonds that tie us together has been the goal of any participation or contribution I've been privileged to make in Carmel and hope to make in the future.



And so it is community first.

And then there's balance. In Carmel we're always in a balancing act between preserving the quality of life in our hometown, this precious beautiful village, with it being one of the world's most popular visitor destinations. While we are definitively and primarily a residential city (see Ordinance 96), our businesses provide 75% of the City's budget and much of the financial support to our beloved community non-profits. And these businesses rely heavily on visitors. So we need to continue maintaining the balance of a thriving business community underwriting the municipal services and amenities we as residents and voters have come to enjoy, expect, and demand in our neighborhoods and downtown. Business, residents, and City government—we are really one small community, one square mile—and we all share in its delights, its opportunities, and its responsibilities. I think we've been doing a pretty good job balancing things thus far and I hope the voters of Carmel-by-the-Sea choose me to help keep that balance going on into the future. I'm good at it.

Thank you,  
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# Cigarette possible cause of fire at Golden Bough Thursday

By KELLY NIX

A SMALL fire at the Golden Bough theater early Thursday morning that appears to have been caused by a discarded cigarette was quickly extinguished by firefighters, according to Carmel Police Chief Mike Calhoun.

About 4:30 a.m. on Jan. 28, a neighbor of the Golden Bough called 911 to report a structure fire at the theater. When police arrived, a fire was burning the building's exterior south stairwell and a recycling bin. Officers tried putting it out with their extinguishers but were unsuccessful.

"Fire [crews] arrived on scene shortly after and quickly extinguished the fire," Calhoun said.

Crews had to use "minimal force" to enter

the theater to see if anybody was inside, Calhoun said. While nobody was found in the building, there was minor damage to the interior ceiling of the box office when crews were inside.

"The responsible [management or owner] for the theater came out and was thankful for the rapid response," Calhoun said. "No one was injured."

A preliminary investigation concluded that the fire may have been caused when someone threw a cigarette into a recycling container, according to the chief.

"This could not be confirmed due to the total destruction of the recycle bin and contents," he said.

"Fire personnel confirmed the fire did not appear suspicious and no signs of arson were noted," he added.

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# TRASH HAULERS TACKLE CARDBOARD

By MARY SCHLEY and KELLY NIX

EVEN THOUGH doing so violates the municipal code, businesses commonly leave cardboard on the city’s sidewalks, instead of inside recycling bins, for pickup.

And, even though Carmel’s new trash hauler, GreenWaste Recovery, isn’t being paid to pick it up, its trucks have been doing so.

A couple of months ago, a GreenWaste representative asked the Carmel City Council what it wants the company to do — stop the businesses from leaving cardboard on the street, or figure out a way to pick it up and get paid for it? The council gave the representative, Emily Finn, until April to figure out a plan.

Complicating the situation is the fact that business owners comingle their cardboard

when they leave it curbside, making it hard to determine which customers to charge.

“The challenge of charging for the loose cardboard is trying to figure out whose cardboard it is,” Finn said.

To solve that problem and recoup some of its costs, GWR came up with a solution it’s going to try out starting Feb. 1. Commercial customers will be allowed to bundle their cardboard and pay for pickup by the cubic yard. To do so, they’ll purchase stickers to place on each 1 cubic yard bundle, which should also keep freeloaders from getting their cardboard picked up without paying for it. Each sticker will cost \$9.30.

“It’s a happy medium: It allows the businesses to place cardboard out for collection without a container, but there’s a charge for

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Soon, loose cardboard like this won't be picked up by GreenWaste Recovery unless businesses bundle it and slap a prepaid sticker on it.

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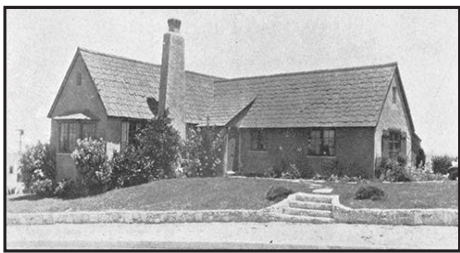


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Rancho Cañada project returns,  
to offer lots instead of homes

By CHRIS COUNTS

A PROJECT that's been on hold for several years is heading back into the permit process, with the scheduling of a hearing before the Carmel Valley Land Use Advisory Committee on the plan to develop the West Course of the Rancho Cañada Golf Club Monday, Feb. 1, at St. Philip's Lutheran Church.

The watchdog group plans to review a proposal by developer Alan Williams to sell lots instead of homes — in contrast to an earlier plan to build 281 units. Williams said the revised plan would have the land developed “with a cookie-cutter approach.”

The size of each lot would be about 6,000 square feet, and 105 of them would sell for about \$400,000, Williams said. On the remaining 25 lots, affordable housing would be constructed, and the units would be rented at rates set by county officials.

Besides the affordable housing, Williams said the project's benefits also include the establishment of a 40-acre park, the extension of a recreational trail and the extension of an existing fire road that would provide flood protection for some residents who live in low-lying neighborhoods nearby.

When the county's 2010 General Plan was adopted, officials determined Carmel Valley could accommodate 266 new lots, although that number was reduced to 190 in 2013 as part of a lawsuit settlement. Williams said it's his understanding that the lots in his project will count against the cap.

The LUAC will compare the plan to one proposed by the late Nick Lombardo in 2004 to build 281 houses — including 140 at below-market rates — on the same parcel. He died the following spring.

Williams made an informal presentation on the plan last fall, and a LUAC hearing on it was originally set for Dec. 7, but postponed until this week. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. The church is located at 8065 Carmel Valley Road.

■ Jacks Peak restoration  
plan needs work

Conceding that a plan to restore an illegally-graded Monterey property back to its original contours is insufficient, county planner John Ford asked the Monterey

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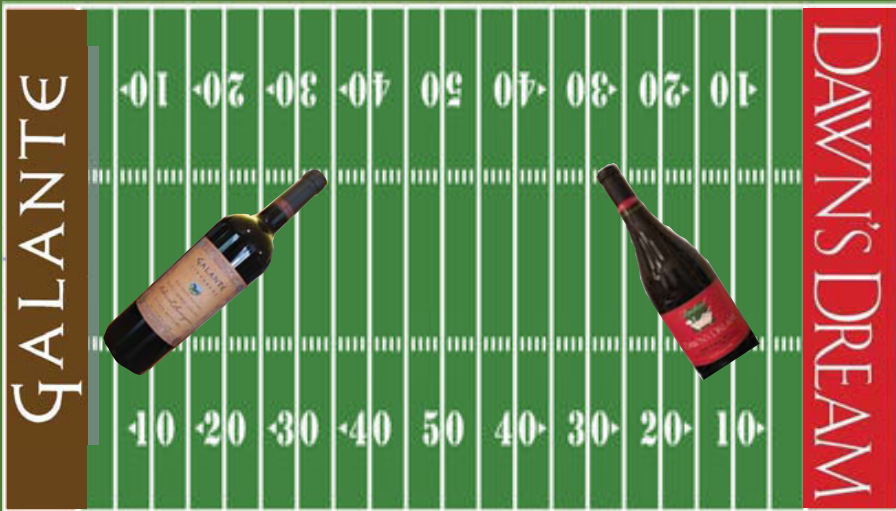
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# Feeling jaded? It’s a mood eons in the making.

By ELAINE HESSER

FOR 24 years, Big Sur’s been celebrating its stores of jade with an annual festival, but do you know why there’s so much of it concentrated there? The staff at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History is happy to explain. They’re kicking off a new exhibit on the movement of tectonic plates along the Big Sur coast — which produced the jade — with a lecture by geologist Ed Clifton titled “Living on the Edge.”

Clifton has a Ph.D. in geology from Johns Hopkins, and worked with both Conoco Oil and the U.S. Geological Survey, for a total of more than 30 years. He’s a volunteer with the Monterey Bay Aquarium, and a docent at Point Lobos, where he specializes in the park’s geological history.

He’ll share how, 160 million years ago, what is now Big Sur was open water. As the exhibit explains, two of the earth’s plates collided there and one — the Farallon — slid under the other, called the North American plate.

As that collision occurred, it created the cliffs of Big Sur and also smeared fragments of the Farallon plate all along the underside of the North American plate, like a bulldozer scraping off a layer of soil and rocks. The combination of seawater, fragments of minerals, and extreme pressure created the jade collectors prize today.

Perhaps surprisingly, plate tectonics is a relatively new science. Until the late 1960s, scientists didn’t know there were moving plates, and couldn’t explain the distribution of some minerals and fossils found in different places around the world. In Big Sur, for example, there are fossils of tiny plankton, called radiolaria, that scientists believe were formed in much warmer water, probably close to the equator.

Clifton will also discuss the hazards of life along the San Andreas fault, including earthquakes and tsunamis, and how to prepare for them. The lecture is Sunday, Jan. 31 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. It is free for members and \$5 for non-members. For more information, visit the events tab at [www.pgmuseum.org](http://www.pgmuseum.org).



PHOTO/ELAINE HESSER  
This 2,400-pound piece of jade was collected by sculptor Don Wobber and is displayed in the P.G. Natural History Museum’s garden.

## LAND USE

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County Planning Commission Jan. 27 to postpone a hearing on the subject.

Tom and Linda Flores had sought approval to build a 7,200 square foot home at 564 Monhollan Road and remove 15 trees. They also asked for after-the-fact approval of tree work that was done without permits. But the planning commission said they needed to restore the property back to its original condition, so the couple appealed the ruling to the supervisors.




But the supervisors passed a resolution that the work done

without permits should be fixed before the property is developed. Supervisor Dave Potter said the couple should be required to submit a drainage plan “addressing soil stability and site runoff control.”

At this week’s hearing, planning commissioner Keith Vandevere agreed with Ford’s assessment that the restoration plan doesn’t go far enough. “I support staff’s request [to postpone the hearing] simply because I have the very same concerns that the plan doesn’t appear to do what the supervisors’ resolution was calling for,” Vandevere said.

A neighbor, Sam Ezekiel, said he submitted a letter signed by 28 people opposing the restoration plan. He said the plan only addresses a portion of property that was impacted.

After discussing the issue, the planning commission agreed to reschedule the hearing for Feb. 24.





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GreenWaste understands that businesses have historically placed loose cardboard out for collection and that many businesses face spatial constraints that may prohibit adding containers. If you currently subscribe to recycling collection services and are worried about capacity and/or spatial constraints, you may be able to accommodate your additional cardboard by simply adding collection day(s).

### NEW CARDBOARD STICKER COLLECTION PROGRAM

GreenWaste’s new “pay-per-use” sticker program allows businesses to place tied/bundled cardboard out for collection. Each sticker entitles its holder to receive collection of up to 1 cubic yard of cardboard (3’ x 3’ x 3’ pile or equivalent). Multiple stickers can be used for material volumes that exceed 1 cubic yard. In order to ensure collection, cardboard must:

- ☒ Be secured (tied and/or bundled)
- ☒ Have the sticker prominently displayed

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By Jesus Guevara, Master Tax Advisor

*Taxpayers still have time left to influence their tax future. Many taxpayers can do something to lower their tax liability with these tax tips.*

### #1: To save money, save money

One way to save money on taxes is to save money – in tax-advantaged retirement accounts. Saving leads to more saving. Contributions to a 401(k) or IRA are pre-tax or tax-deductible, respectively, which reduces taxable income and potentially the tax bill. Taxpayers can contribute up to \$18,000, or \$24,000 if they are 50 or older, to their 401(k). They can save up to \$5,500, or \$6,500 if 50 or older, in a traditional IRA. Taxpayers who deduct their IRA contributions can designate contributions they make through April 15, 2016, on their 2015 tax returns, giving them a little more time to sock away that money and boost their tax benefit for 2015. Maxing out a 401(k) and IRA at age 50 could lower taxable income by \$30,500 – or, for a taxpayer with a 25 percent marginal tax rate, provide a tax benefit of more than \$7,625. The IRA deduction is limited for higher-earning taxpayers participating in a 401(k) or other employer plan.

### #2: To save money, give money

Another way to save money on taxes is to give money away. If taxpayers give to qualified organizations and itemize their deductions, their charitable contributions could lower their taxable income. Taxpayers need to keep receipts, pictures or other documentation of any noncash donation. A \$1,000 donation for someone in the 25-percent bracket who itemizes deductions can see \$250 in savings.

### #3: To save money, lose money

The Dow Jones has decreased since this summer so this could be a good time to help trim that tax bill. Those with a large net capital gain in 2015 could reduce their tax liability by selling stock before December 31 if it would reduce the gain or generate a loss. Taxpayers should look at their whole financial picture with an investment advisor before offsetting their capital gains with losses in this way. They should not make these decisions for tax purposes alone.

### #4: To save money, spend money

It’s the triple play of tax savings. Putting money in a Health Savings Account (HSA) during the year saves taxpayers from paying taxes on that amount. Individuals can save \$3,350, families \$6,650 and taxpayers 55 or older can save an additional \$1,000 in their HSA. But, taxpayers can also use this money tax-free on qualified medical expenses. And funds left in the HSA grow tax-free. Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs) are also another great savings tool and work similarly to an HSA. But, whatever funds taxpayers don’t spend before the end of the year – or grace period, if their company’s plan provides one – is just money left on the table. They can use this money for unreimbursed medical expenses like eyeglasses, prescription medications, medical equipment or copays.

### #5: To save money, pay attention

Many popular tax breaks expired at the end of 2014 and have not yet been extended. These include the deduction for state and local general sales tax, tuition and fees deduction, educator’s expense deduction and tax-free qualified charitable distributions from IRAs. Changes are made when Congress acts on the expired breaks which can come at the end of the year or early in January. Taxpayers will need to stay tuned to learn whether they can use these tax breaks for 2015. There are a lot of ways for taxpayers to save money on their taxes – from saving, giving, losing and spending money to paying bills and getting health insurance. The trick is to save, give, lose and spend money in the right way. Taxpayers can use online tax calculators to estimate their tax refunds and should always talk to a trusted tax professional when in doubt.

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## Post office now requires ID for package pickup

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER YEARS of accepting the ubiquitous yellow cards from box holders retrieving their packages at the counter of the Carmel post office, postal officials this month began requiring them to show ID before giving them the mail that's too big to fit in their regular boxes.

Gus Ruiz, spokesman for the U.S. Postal Service, said that practice has been in place for a long time.

"If you're talking about people picking up packages at the post office retail counter after a left notice was left in the P.O. box, that is not a new requirement," he said. "We have always required proper ID to be shown to verify that the package belongs to the addressee. It's a matter of security and sanctity of the mail."

Perhaps because the Carmel post office is fairly intimate, with many of the city's couple hundred residents on a first-name basis with the postal service employees who work at the counter, the ID requirement has not been enforced. But a handwritten notice dated Jan. 5 and posted on the bulletin board advises customers they will now have to show identification.

Ruiz said he would check with postmaster Sandra Tamiano to find out what prompted the change.

"However, it is safe to say that while it may not have been enforced before, it is still a requirement, and the last thing we

want is for someone's package to be erroneously given to the wrong person," he said. "We understand that in small communities like Carmel where everyone seems to know one another, there are still legal and administrative requirements we must follow. This would be no different in the same community where banking transactions would require an ID, even if the person is known."

People who have someone else pick up their packages will have to provide the name of that person to postal officials, although it was not clear exactly how to do that.

## Lane closures on Highway 68 next week

CONSTRUCTION CREWS will be working next week on Highway 68 in Pacific Grove to repair a 1.5-mile section of the road starting Monday, Feb. 1.

The work will be performed on a stretch between Sunset Drive and Stuart Avenue, and will last until Feb. 5, weather permitting, according to Caltrans.

Roadwork will consist of alternating lane closures from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Electronic message signs will be posted alerting motorists of the work and delays up to 20 minutes are expected. The CHP will be present to assist with traffic control. Businesses in the area will remain open during this roadwork.

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# State water board chair endorses wastewater project

By KELLY NIX

THE CHAIR of the state agency that 21 years ago ordered Cal Am to stop pumping most of its water from the Carmel River offered support last week for a recycled water project that would help provide water to the Monterey Peninsula and the Salinas Valley.

On Jan. 22, State Water Resources Control Board chair Felicia Marcus sent a 2-page letter to the Public Utilities Commission backing Pure Water Monterey, a project that would store purified wastewater underground and then deliver it to Peninsula customers.

“If successful,” the project “demonstrates how multiple agencies can work together to develop a water supply project that provides benefits to multiple stakeholders and enhances environmental considerations,” Marcus wrote to CPUC commissioner Catherine J.K. Sandoval.

A collaboration between the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District and

Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency, the project would deliver about 3,500 acre-feet of water to the Seaside Groundwater Basin for replenishment, and subsequently, to Peninsula customers. It would also supply treated water to the Salinas Valley for agricultural purposes.

Water district general manager Dave Stoldt told The Pine Cone that Marcus’ support was “fantastic” and said it was a “perfect fit” with several of the state water board’s objectives.

The size of Cal Am’s proposed desalination plant in Marina is dependent on whether the Pure Water Monterey project is built. The water company has supported the recycled water project since 2012 when it included it in its application to the PUC.

Cal Am estimates its desal plant will be built in 2019, while the Pure Water Monterey project is expected to be completed in late 2017.

Marcus’ support of the recycled water

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## Couple gives Cachagua Fire \$6,500

BY THROWING an over-the-top Halloween party in a hangar last year, and by collecting donations through other means, Pacific Grove residents Carlos and Gabriela Forte raised \$6,500 for the volunteer Cachagua Fire department. They and friends presented the check to Fire Chief Gregg Curry and his crew at the station last week, and the Fortes said they plan to continue supporting the district, which handled much of the firefighting during last fall's Tassajara Fire that destroyed a dozen homes and burned nearly 1,100 acres.

Curry told The Pine Cone the donation will help pay for insurance, equipment and training, and long-range plans include finding a suitable piece of land in the Cachagua

Valley where the district can build a new firehouse that's centrally located to the area the volunteers serve.

"We do need a firehouse," he said. "We would like to keep the engine and personnel at the center of the valley."

"We just need something comfortable," commented longtime volunteer Bob Eaton, whose house burned in the fire while he was working to protect others' property. The building would also include a training room and a bunkroom for firefighters who need to stay overnight, as well as good weather protection for the engine.

"We're hoping to get the land donated," he said. Eaton estimated it would cost about \$250,000 to build the firehouse.

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# CARDBOARD

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that service,” Finn told The Pine Cone. “The goal is to make it convenient. We’re trying to offer as many options as possible that also meet city council requirements and keeps with our franchise agreement.”

And if businesses fail to put a sticker on their loose cardboard, drivers will now leave it behind, Finn said.

“If we leave it behind, it encourages the business to contact customer service and we can explain the program,” she said. “And it also gives us an opportunity to offer technical assistance if they have other issues.”

Meanwhile, residential customers may place extra recyclables out for collection at no additional charge as long as the items are placed in a clear 32-gallon plastic bag. Drivers will also pick up additional cardboard for residential customers but the cardboard must be tied in a secure bundle if there are multiple pieces, Finn said.

## Pacific Grove frustrated, too

Like Carmel, Pacific Grove businesses are also contending with the cardboard issue. Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce President Moe Ammar said that former Pacific Grove city manager Tom Frutchev should have negotiated with GreenWaste to include un-containerized cardboard pickup and Saturday pickup for businesses that need more than one pickup a week, as the former trash hauler, Waste Management, did.

“He excluded both of those,” Ammar said. “We still need those services.”

Councilman Dan Miller, the only P.G. council member who voted against the GreenWaste contract, said he proposed that the city compare Waste Management to GreenWaste, but that nobody on the council agreed. “A little too much power was put in the city manager’s hands with little oversight,” Miller said.

Finn said that while rates in P.G. have gone up, as they have in Carmel, they would have increased a lot more with another

garbage hauler. GreenWaste, she said, submitted the lowest bid. As in Carmel, Pacific Grove businesses are now charged for recycling, charges that had previously been wrapped up in their garbage rates.

“This is why many businesses received an increase of about 7 to 14 percent on their monthly bill,” Finn said.

Ammar said many businesses are also upset about GreenWaste’s Saturday collection service, which had originally been nixed in its franchise agreement but was later added.

“Now they charge for it,” Ammar said.

GreenWaste only collects garbage on Saturdays from businesses that pay for dumpsters, not regular trash bins.

Finn said her company has made a lot of effort to address customers’ complaints and concerns. From July to November 2015, GreenWaste representatives made 105 site visits to 99 businesses in P.G. to field concerns and answer questions.

“As soon as a business wants to talk [about their rates or service] we are there to help,” she said.

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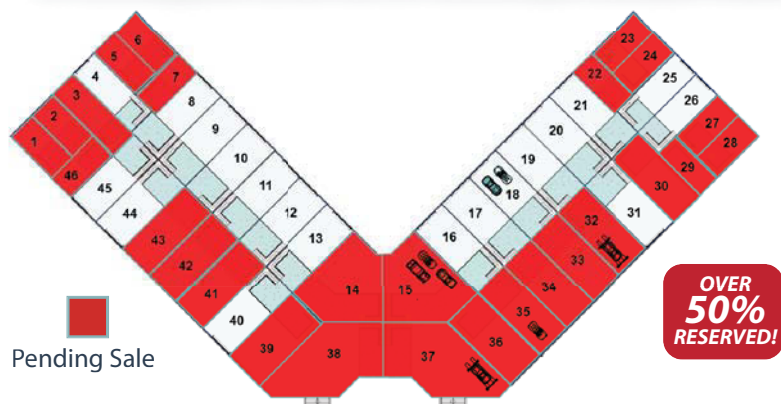
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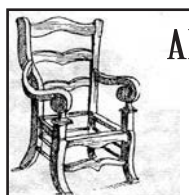


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# SAFETY

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can, and then we have an internal source saying that for rather superficial reasons, they rejected her recommendations.”

Burnett also said there is “strong evidence of tampering with records, including records related to Carmel.”

“So that calls into question what PG&E did leading up to the Carmel explosion, what sort of cover-up has been going on, and why was this employee let go just after the Carmel explosion? Was it related to a request to falsify records or hide records?” he said.

In addition to talking to federal prosecutors, McNiece met with Carmel’s attorneys and other city officials, including Burnett and Calhoun, who said the information she provided “was deeply concerning to us and should be to the CPUC, public safety officials and the public at large.”

“It is clear that PG&E has been unwilling to address its significant recordkeeping problems over many years — problems that, if fixed, could have possibly prevented the explosion in Carmel and ongoing incidents in other local cities,” Calhoun said at the press conference.

## ‘A big deal’

Burnett told The Pine Cone McNiece’s testimony could trigger yet another investigation into the utility company,

which is already facing criminal charges from the U.S. Attorney’s Office and an investigation by the Public Utilities Commission that was triggered by the Carmel explosion. And if it does, Carmel will be a part of that, too, he said. “It is a big deal if what she says is borne out, and she’s a very credible witness who was in a senior position to deal with a problematic issue.”

“We want to make sure the public is aware of what’s going on,” Burnett continued.

He has already testified in the PUC’s investigative hearings and was in San Francisco last week because PG&E had planned to cross-examine him, “but I think they realized that wouldn’t benefit them,” he said.

Burnett accused the utility company of spending more on its television and print ads, and on lawyers, than on correcting its records, but PG&E spokesman Donald Cutler said the company has worked strenuously to improve its operations and safety measures.

“As part of PG&E’s efforts to become the safest, most reliable gas company in the country, PG&E has undertaken

numerous initiatives to manage its gas distribution assets so as to reduce risk and promote safety throughout our gas operations,” he said. “We have implemented, and continue to implement, industry-leading practices in records, information management and safety culture. But our work is never done, when it comes to safety. We have more to do, and we are committed to doing it right.”

Cutler listed a number of changes the utility has made since 2012, including digitizing more than 12 million pages of gas service records, consolidating in an electronic database more than 4 million records from about 60 field offices dealing with the transmission pipeline system, deploying a GIS tool to help work crews map and analyze data in the field, requiring employees and contractors to stop work if they discover their records don’t match what’s in the ground or they feel the situation is unsafe, completing a GPS survey to map 6,750 miles of pipeline and checking its maximum pressures, and giving work crews laptops with real-time records and maps. Cutler said PG&E has also received industry recognition for its safety measures and system.

In March 2014, not much remained of this cottage at Guadalupe and Third after PG&E workers accidentally caused a natural gas leak while working on a main in the street. Faulty record-keeping was blamed for their mistake and the subsequent explosion — a problem Mayor Jason Burnett says PG&E still hasn’t adequately addressed.

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# SUIT

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McKee did not respond to messages seeking comment about the suit.

The alleged statements, which also included references to how “sensitive” and “delicate” Hughes was, caused him to have bouts of anxiety, elevated stress and panic attacks, and psychological and emotional injury of a “lasting nature,” he alleges.

“Early on in his time [working in the public defender’s office], Hughes noticed that the work environment was permeated with inappropriate and derogatory behavior, comments, jokes and innuendos” perpetrated by “management-level employees; to wit, Egar and Landis,” his suit says.

He contends that the harassment began affecting his health and he was “forced” to quit his job in January 2015, a move he amounts to being “constructively terminated.” San Diego attorney Dante T. Pride is representing Hughes.

He claims hostile work environment, failure to prevent sexual harassment and wrongful termination, and is seeking monetary damages including punitive damages, which can be awarded in cases of malice, oppression or fraud.

Hughes maintains he was well liked and respected by his peers, and received no indication from his bosses that his work “was anything less than excellent.”

He continues to endure humiliation, mental anguish and emotional and physical distress related to the alleged harassment, and the “intangible loss of employment-related opportunities,” according to his complaint.

## Woman has serious injuries after being struck by car in P.G.

A WOMAN was injured Wednesday in Pacific Grove after being struck by a car at the intersection of Pine and Forest avenues, Pacific Grove Police reported.


At about 6:20 p.m., officers were dispatched to the intersection — which is where the police department is located — where they found a woman in her 60s lying in the roadway.

The woman, who had “significant injuries,” according to the police, was rushed to community hospital.

The unidentified driver, who was not injured, was cooperative with officers, and there was no indication he was under the influence of alcohol, police said.


The police said the collision is still under investigation and no additional information about the driver or the victim was released.

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If you challenge the nature of the proposed action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission or the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

1. APP 16-011 (Carmel Blo)  
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Dolores St., 2 NE of Eighth St.  
Blk 91, Lot: 16  
APN: 010-145-009  
Consideration of an Appeal (APP 16-011) of a staff’s decision to deny a proposed amendment to a Business License for Carmel Blo (BL 15-416) for the service of wine as an ancillary use to the beauty salon.

2. UP 15-443 (Portabella)  
Bashar SneeH  
S/s of Ocean Ave., between Lincoln & Monte Verde  
Blk: 74, Lot: 4  
APN: 010-201-015  
Consideration of a Use Permit (UP 15-443) application to allow live music from an existing restaurant located in the Central Commercial (CC) Zoning District.

3. UP 15-444 (Mediterranean)  
Bashar SneeH  
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APN: 010-201-012  
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4. DR 15-217 (Chadwick)  
Eric Miller Architects  
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Blk C2, Lot: 10 & 11  
APN: 010-312-026  
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5. DS 15-466 (Murphy)  
Richard Rhodes  
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Block: G, Lots: 8 & 10  
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Consideration of a Concept Design Study (DS 15-466) and Coastal Development Permit application for a remodel and addition to an existing residence located in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District

6. UP 16-01 (CPines 7 LLC)  
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Study session to review a potential draft ordinance that would regulate wood burning fireplaces in newly constructed buildings

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City-Wide  
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“Jeff’s work resonates with an appreciation for the natural abundance that surrounds us here on the Monterey Peninsula,” said **Carol Henry**, the director of photography at Carmel Visual Arts. His images “speak to the tradition of West Coast photography that has been a continual inspiration worldwide. He is a kind and gracious person, and we’re happy to be showing his work.”

Because he worked closely with Adams, Nixon was deeply influenced by the famous fine art photographer — and the natural beauty of Yosemite National Park, which Adams featured and helped make famous.

“Ansel was my school and Yosemite was my classroom,” said Nixon, who splits his time between Yosemite and Pacific Grove.

Also on display at Carmel Visual Arts is a show by a local women’s photography group led by Henry, **FotoSága**. Inspired by the work of contemporary Japanese photographer Masao Yamamoto, the exhibit features more than 150 unframed images that form a single integrated pattern on the wall of the gallery. The photos were captured by **Dida Kutz, Debra Achen, Dixie Dixon, Jacqui Turner, Ruth Grimes**, and eight others.

Based in the Monterey Peninsula, **FotoSága** mentors aspiring female fine art photographers as young as 12.

Nixon’s show will be on display through Feb. 20. The gallery is located above the Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Company in The Barnyard shopping center. Call (831) 250-5732. For more about FotoSága, visit [www.fotosaga.com](http://www.fotosaga.com).

## THEFT

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They disappeared, but some 25 hours later, the man returned alone, this time wearing a black form-fitting waist-length canvas coat, tan pants, and black tennis shoes with white soles. According to the camera footage, he removed something from the right front pocket of his coat and approached the nook, where he worked for a few seconds on the left-hand side of the sculpture before looking around and

A bronze bust of a cheetah by sculptor Richard MacDonald (above) was stolen Jan. 24 from outside Dawson Cole Fine Arts (right).

A photograph by Jeff Nixon (top) captures the sunlight and mist in Yosemite National Park’s Cook’s Meadow. Nixon (above) was recently photographed while he was busy at work.

then stepping away from it.

Seconds later, he walked back to the display, lifted the sculpture out of the nook and walked away, westbound on Sixth Avenue.

“We are asking for the community’s help in solving this crime,” Tomasi said. “These two may have been staying at one of our hotels or dining at one of our restaurants, bars or coffee shops prior to taking the statue. Any information may be helpful in locating the stolen property.”

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Created by percussionist and producer **Jeff Haynes**, “The Storm King” brings together Seeger’s voice and original compositions by an eclectic mix of performers whose music ranges from blues and folk, to jazz and classical.

Seeger, who died two years ago, rose to prominence as a founding member of the seminal folk trio, the Weavers,

which topped the pop charts in 1950 with a cover of Lead Belly’s “Goodnight Irene.” By the mid-1950s, as Soviet communism spread around the globe and the atrocities committed by Joseph Stalin became known, Seeger came under criticism for his membership in the Communist Party USA. After refusing to provide the names of other party members to the House Un-American Activities Committee, Seeger was convicted of contempt of Congress and sentenced to a year in prison, although the conviction was later reversed by an

appeals court.

During the pinnacle of folk music’s popularity in the late 1950s and early 1960s, Seeger was one of the genre’s most familiar and respected voices. Besides popularizing the protest song, “We Shall Overcome” — which served as the anthem of the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s — Seeger co-wrote three of the genre’s best known songs, “Where

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Sharing the stage with another band, El Camino Sutra, The Modern Life (left) rocks the East Village Coffee Lounge in Monterey Friday. In the latest installment of the “Sounds in the Round” music series, singer-songwriter Robin Applewood (center) visits Treebones Resort in Big Sur Monday. Tango Alpha Tango (right) performs Friday at the Pierce Ranch Vineyards Tasting Room in Monterey.

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GourmetFest coming up,  
Bouchée's new chef,  
and lunch with Girls, Inc.

RESTAURATEUR AND hotelier David Fink's next Relais & Châteaux GourmetFest is set for Thursday through Sunday, Feb. 25-28, and tickets are on sale now for all of the events, many of which will probably sell out.

First held in a large tent in the north lot at Sunset Center, the festival moved to the grounds of La Playa hotel and a

soup to nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

couple of other properties last year, expanding its lineup and offerings.

This year, 17 Relais & Châteaux chefs will be participating in 18 events, and GourmetFest will also hold an auction benefiting the Carmel Chamber of Commerce, CSU Monterey Bay's hospitality program, and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

The festivities will begin with a Welcome Party, a strolling dinner starring four three-star Michelin chefs. Each chef will be in charge of a separate station, and the food will be complemented by wine, beer and spirits. Luxury items will be featured, too.

The next day will begin with A Morning with The Grand Crus of Domaine Leflaive, when participants will sample some of the great wines of Burgundy, including a rare magnum from the 1996 vintage.

The Farmers Market Lunch and David Kinch Cooking Demo will be a great combination, with a cooking demo showing what Kinch (the three-star chef behind the masterful cuisine at Manresa and Bywater in Los Gatos) can do with Central Coast products and produce, a short reception with Champagne Taittinger, and a four-course lunch prepared by Kinch and Stephanie Prida of Manresa, Hiroshi Nakamichi of Restaurant Molière, and Nathan Rich

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## F O O D &amp; W I N E

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of Twin Farms.

That night, the fortunate few will gather for the Rarities Dinner, a throwback from the Masters of Food & Wine, which Fink helped launch at the Highlands Inn in 1987. The 10-course dinner will be hosted by Fink's own chefs, Justin Cogley and Ron Mendoza of Aubergine, with Kinch, Joshua Skenes of Saison, and Michel Troisgos of Troisgos. Luminaries of the wine world, including Brice de la Morandiere of Domaine Leflaive, Jean Garandeau of Chateau Latour, Alessandro Lunardi of Masseto, and Pierre-Emmanuel Taittinger of Champagne Taittinger and Taylor Fladgate, will be there, too.

On Saturday, Feb. 27, retired California State Parks ranger Chuck Bancroft, who is also an expert mycologist, will lead guests on a hunt for wild mushrooms in the private Santa Lucia Preserve in upper Carmel Valley. A mushroom-centric lunch prepared by the preserve's chef, Jerry Regester, and chef Matt Zubrod of The Little Nell will fol-

low, accompanied by rare vintages from Galante Vineyards and Dawn's Dream.

As an alternative, the Father & Sons Lunch and Michel Troisgos Cooking Demo will feature lunch prepared by two French father-and-son chef teams — Olivier and Hugo Roellinger of Les Maisons de Bricourt and Michel and César Troisgos of Trisgos. Appropriately, Chateau Grillet and Domaine d'Eugenie wines, along with the wines of Araujo in Napa, will be served. Lunch will be preceded by a cooking demo and a Champagne reception.

Finally, the Taste of the World will take place Sunday, with local wines paired with small bites prepared by the chefs from Relais & Châteaux properties all over the world, "offering a glimpse into what makes them so special," according to organizers. Participating chefs include Cogley, Brian Etheredge (Hotel Wailea, Maui, Hawaii), Loic Leperlier (The Point, Saranac Lake, New York), Nathan Rich (Twin Farms, Barnard, Vermont) and Hans Sauter (Post Hotel & Spa, Alberta, Canada).

For information, a detailed schedule and tickets, visit [gourmetfestcarmel.com](http://gourmetfestcarmel.com).

## ■ Bouchée's new chef

Benoit Petel, the former Bouchée sous chef who went to work alongside Brad Briske at La Balena, has returned to the Mission Street restaurant as chef de cuisine.

Born in Paris, Petel grew up in the 18th Arrondissement, not far from the home of the restaurant's late chef and owner, Andre Lemaire. While attending culinary school in Versailles, Petel apprenticed at Au Carré for three years and then traveled to Guéthery, in the south of France. From there, he worked in restaurants near London, in Norway and back in France, where he chefed in Biarritz. He then made the leap across the pond to New Orleans, La., followed by his arrival in California, where he went to work for Bouchée.

Owner operator Elizabeth Lemaire (Andre's widow) said he learned a lot while working with Briske at La Balena and Il Grillo. "From Brad, he learned about the beauty and importance of using local, organic and seasonally sustainable products of

California," she said. "With this knowledge in-hand, he began itching to apply the techniques and information to cooking the foods of his native France."

Under his guidance, the restaurant has a new menu and feel. "The Andre's Bouchée staff is delighted to have him back, and Chef Petel is honored to continue the tradition of creating fine food alongside family," she said.

Bouchée is located on Mission Street south of Ocean Avenue and is open for lunch Wednesday through Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., and for dinner nightly. Visit [andresbouchée.com](http://andresbouchée.com) for more information.

## ■ Luncheon features Girls Inc. speaker

Patricia Fernandez-Torres, executive director of the nonprofit Girls Inc. of the Central Coast, will be the featured speaker at

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Back home again: Benoit Petel returns to Bouchée, this time as chef de cuisine, combining his experiences at La Balena with his French fine dining background



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the Carmel Valley Women’s Club luncheon at Quail Lodge in Carmel Valley Wednesday, Feb. 3, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Fernandez-Torres “manages planning and promotion, as well as dealing with business professionals, teachers and laymen, alike,” according to the club’s director of marketing, Wendy Loftin.

“She will be addressing that very subject at our luncheon in February at Quail Lodge, where you’ll learn more about this dedicated organization,” Loftin continued.

The lunch costs \$40 per person. For tickets, call Penny Wood at (831) 659-0934. For more about the club, visit [www.carmelvalleywomensclub.org](http://www.carmelvalleywomensclub.org).

### ■ Junior League’s crab feed

The Junior League of Monterey County — a organization of women with a mission statement that dedicates the group to “promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers,” will hold a fundraiser, its 14th annual Get Crackin’ Crab Feed, Saturday, Feb. 6, at 5:30 p.m. in San Carlos Hall, 500 Church St. in Monterey.

In addition to all-you-can-eat crab, the event will include live entertainment and an auction.

Individual tickets are \$65 per person, plus five drink tickets for \$20. Tables of 10 are available for \$500.

The feed is sponsored by Tanimura & Antle. To RSVP, go to [tiny.cc/CrabFeed2016](http://tiny.cc/CrabFeed2016).

### ■ Super Bowl wine crawl

Dawn’s Dream Winery and Galante Vineyards are hosting a “very civilized” Super Bowl Crawl Sunday, Feb. 7, from 3 p.m. to the end of the game. Dawn’s Dream is located at San Carlos and Seventh, and Galante is on Dolores south of Ocean, and each will provide HDTVs, wine and free snacks throughout the afternoon and evening.

Wine specials will be announced throughout the game, and raffle prizes will be given away.

The tasting fee is \$10. RSVP by phone or email to (831) 659-2649 or [wine@dawnsdreamwinery.com](mailto:wine@dawnsdreamwinery.com).

### ■ La Piccola Casa turns 11

February marks the 11th anniversary of La Piccola Casa, Joe Rombi’s restaurant on 17th Street in Pacific Grove, so he’s celebrating with special offerings and deals. His small place is best known for its fresh baked goods, thanks to his wife, Laurie, and for classics like spaghetti and meatballs, pizzas and panini, and other Italian comfort foods, as well as Acme coffee-fueled espresso drinks.

On Thursday, Feb. 11, the café’s 11th customer will receive a free meal worth up to \$20, and guests will be invited to enter a special drawings all month, with a winner announced each day at 11 a.m. Prizes include espresso drinks, desserts, muffins, cookies and other treats, as well as \$5 and \$10 gift certificates.

And a grand prize of \$100 will be drawn on Monday, Feb. 29.

La Piccola Casa is open Wednesday through Sunday from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Find out more at [www.joerombi.com](http://www.joerombi.com).

### ■ A week of wine

To celebrate National Drink Wine Day in February, the Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel will offer a weeklong wine promotion. Starting Monday, Feb. 15, and ending Sunday, Feb. 21, the hotel’s three eateries — the Fireplace Lounge, Knuckles Sports Bar and TusCA Ristorante — will sell house wine for \$4 per glass all the time, not just during Happy Hour.

The hotel property is located at 1 Old Golf Course Road next to the Old Del Monte Golf Course in Monterey. For more information, call (831) 372-1234 or visit [www.hyattregencymonterey.com](http://www.hyattregencymonterey.com).

Also celebrating that particular day, Twisted Roots in Carmel Valley Village will offer deals to patrons Feb. 19-21. In the tasting room at 12 Del Fino Place, owners Josh and Julie Ruiz will give free tastings to the 10 first customers each day, as well as two-for-one tastings all weekend.

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# MUSIC

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Have All the Flowers Gone,” “If I Had a Hammer” and “Turn, Turn, Turn.”

“This performance brings new life to Seeger’s music, stories, poems and more through a rich, diverse selection of music,” **Alexandra Richardson** of Sunset Center told The Pine Cone.

Showtime is 8 p.m. A free talk by folksinger **Bob Reid** in Sunset Center’s Babcock Room will precede the concert at 7 p.m. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Tickets are \$39 to \$59. Call (831) 620-2048.

## Local duo celebrates Chopin, Yeats

In an unusual pairing of live music and poetry, classical pianist **Melinda Coffey** and stage performer **Taelen Thomas** bring together the compositions of Frederic Chopin and the poetry of William Butler Yeats. Hidden Valley Music Seminars will be the site of the concert Saturday, Jan. 30.

The musical director at Carmel’s Church in the Forest, Coffey is a gifted pianist has performed and recorded extensively in the United States, Canada, England, France and Israel.

A familiar face and voice on local stages, Thomas is best known for portraying a variety of historical literary figures, including Mark Twain and Dylan Thomas, to John Steinbeck and Jack London.

The show begins at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15. The theater is located at 104 W. Carmel Valley Road. Call (831) 659-3115.

## Live Music Jan. 29-Feb. 4

**Barmel — Brad Mallory & Friends** (classic rock, Friday at 7 p.m.); **Songs Hotbox Harry Taught Us** (“Big Sur country,” Saturday at 7 p.m.). San Carlos and Seventh, (831) 626-3400.

**Bon Ton L’Roy’s Lighthouse Smokehouse** in Monterey — pianist **Tom Lawson** (blues, Friday at 6 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Jeff Berkley** (Sunday at 4 p.m.). 794 Lighthouse Ave., (831) 375-6958.

**Cibo Ristorante Italiano** in Monterey — **Victory Lane** (classic rock, Friday at 9 p.m.); violinist **Patrick Contreras** (blues, rock and hip-hop, Saturday at 9 p.m.); singer **Dizzy Burnett** (jazz, Sunday at 7 p.m.); singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence**

(jazz and swing, Tuesday at 7 p.m.); and **Andrea’s Fault** (Wednesday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St., (831) 649-8151.

**Cooper’s Pub & Restaurant** in Monterey — singer-songwriter **Eddie Gutierrez Jr.** (Friday at 9 p.m.); and guitarist **Joseph Lucido** (jazz, r&b and world music, Saturday at 9 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row, (831) 373-1353.

**The East Village Coffee Lounge** in Monterey — **The Modern Life** and **El Camino Sutra** (rock, Friday at 8 p.m.). 498 Washington St., (831) 373-5601.

**Folktales Winery** in Carmel Valley — singer-songwriter **Casey Frazier** (“eclectic Americana with roots in country and 70s rock,” Saturday at 4:30 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Johan Sotelo** (Sunday at 4:30 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road, (831) 293-7500.

**The Fuse Lounge** at Carmel Mission Inn — **The Cover Brothers** (pop and rock, Friday and Saturday at 9 p.m.). 3665 Rio Road, (831) 624-6630.

**Hyatt Carmel Highlands** — singer **Neal Banks** and guitarist **Steve Ezzo** (pop and rock, Friday at 7 p.m.); singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz and swing, Saturday at 7 p.m.); singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Tuesday at 4 p.m., and Wednesday and Thursday at 6 p.m.). 120 Highlands Drive, (831) 620-1234.

**Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel and Spa** in Monterey — guitarist **Bob Basa**, bassist **Billy Bosch** and drummer **David Morwood** (Bossa Nova and jazz standards, Friday at 7 p.m.); and singer **Lauri Hofer**, bassist **Bob Wider** and drummer **David Morwood** (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road, (831) 372-1234.

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Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m.); and pianist **Gennady Loktionov** (jazz, Monday through Thursday at 7 p.m.). 26270 Dolores St., (831) 625-9040.

**Pierce Ranch Vineyards** tasting room in Monterey — **Tango Alpha Tango** with **Lillie Lemon** (rock, Friday at 8 p.m.); and **Herod, Payne & Proskin** (jazz, Sunday at 4 p.m.). 499 Wave St., (831) 372-8900.

**Terry’s Lounge at Cypress Inn** — pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Friday at 7 p.m.); singer-songwriter **Johan Sotelo** (Saturday at 8 p.m.); **Andrea’s Fault** (jazz and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.); guitarist **Richard Devinck** (classical, Sunday at 5 p.m.); and singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence**

(jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, (831) 624-3871.

**Treebones Resort** in Big Sur — singer-songwriter **Robin Applewood** (“good vibe Americana soul,” Monday at 7 p.m.). Just off Highway 1 on Willow Creek Road 65 miles south of Carmel, (877) 424-4787.

## Correction

We mistakenly reported in last week’s Pine Cone that tickets for Jackson Browne’s April 21 concert at Sunset Center are \$39 to \$59. The correct price is \$52 to \$131. The tickets go on sale Jan. 29 at 9:30 a.m. Call (831) 620-2048 or visit [www.sunsetcenter.org](http://www.sunsetcenter.org).

# CALENDAR

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## Artist explores her roots to find her way home

BELLE YANG has been reading the letters she exchanged with her mother 25 years ago, after leaving her home in Carmel to spend three years in China.

Yang, now an established author and artist, was studying art in Beijing, but she left home to escape a romantic relationship gone rogue — and even violent.

The letters, all in Chinese, reflect Yang's angst and insecurities, as she wondered if she would ever be able to get back to a safe place in her life, and a secure place in her work.

But China — a place her father fled during the Communist revolution in 1949 — wasn't exactly paradise, either, and Yang was a witness when the nation's fledgling pro-democracy movement was stamped out during the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre. It was an experience that made her realize, despite the possible danger at home, she needed to get back to the United States.

More than a quarter century later, Yang has translated her experiences as a Chinese-American immigrant into "Crossing Cultures: Belle Yang, a Story of Immigration." On tour across the country from January 2015 through December 2017, the installation was organized by the Bakersfield Museum of Art and the Santa Cruz Museum of Art & History. An exploration of migration and identity through Yang's eight illustrations and 25 vibrant paintings, the exhibit will come closest to Carmel this year when it reaches de Saisset Museum in Santa Clara, September 23 through December 4.

On the outside, Belle Yang is quiet; serene, even. She speaks in soft tones, with well chosen words. On the inside, the author and artist is a riot of vivid emotion and expression.

Born on the island of Taiwan, she was a

child when times were hard and even food was scarce. Once, during a typhoon, the roof of their small house fell in and she had snakes hiding under her bed.

Later, as an immigrant in Japan, she was unaccustomed to her new life, where she slept on the floor with her parents and grandparents among two other Chinese families, in a house with no hot water and no flush toilets.

Her father, born to a prominent Manchurian family, was an artist, who lost his freedom of expression during the Japanese occupation, the ensuing Chinese civil war and the Communist takeover. So, he brought his wife and child to America where he found freedom but, without the native language, suddenly had no voice.

The family learned to speak English, became citizens and even prospered, to the point that, when Yang was 11, they settled on the Monterey Peninsula and her father opened an art gallery.

Yang believed she would become a doctor. So did her parents. But, while traveling in Europe during her junior year at UC Santa Cruz, she lost the physiology text-

book she was supposed to be studying, and ended up turning her attention to the splendor of the landscape, the beauty of the art,



Belle Yang

## Great Lives

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

and the power of expression.

Yang completed her degree in 1982 at UC Santa Cruz, but became an artist. She studied at the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena and then returned to Carmel, where all that her father had achieved for her by bringing her to America was taken away by a man. One chance encounter turned into a relationship gone wrong, and then he became a stalker. In the face of abuse, burglary, fear and isolation, she returned to China. Three years later, after witnessing

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Early Carmel businesses —

## The Pine Inn

*To celebrate the city's centennial, the Carmel Chamber of Commerce is highlighting some of the city's earliest businesses which are still serving the community.*

ONE OF Carmel's first businesses was founded in 1889 by the town's early developers, Santiago and Belisario Duckworth, and named the Hotel Carmelo. It was originally located on what is now Junipero Street and built of wood from the old Tivoli Opera House in San Francisco. Described as "pretty and commodious a little hotel as one would want to see," the Hotel Carmelo set the tone for prospective purchasers from San Francisco of Carmel's newly created homesites.

In 1903, with businessmen Frank Devendorf and Frank Powers having acquired most of the property in town, the hotel was rolled down Ocean Avenue on pine logs and pulled by mules to its present site at Monte Verde Street to get it closer to the ocean for the guests' convenience. The inn was enlarged with a sunroom overlooking the sea and stables. Famous local contractor, M. J. Murphy, assisted in the rebirth of the Hotel Carmelo as the Pine Inn.

On July 4, 1903, the Pine Inn held its grand reopening with a town dance. Soon activity was such that a campground was added to accommodate the overwhelming number of guests wanting to visit Carmel. As the years went by, the Pine Inn remained the social center of town. The Carmel Missionary Society, now All Saints Episcopal Church, held services there while raising funds for their new building. Shakespearean and poetry read-

ings were the norm and the sunroom became the place to sit and discuss the day's events.

Actor and scholar John Jordan purchased the inn in 1920, expanding it with cottages, a tennis court and putting green, and changing the architecture from shingled to stucco. More remodeling took place shortly before WWII when Harrison Godwin purchased the hotel. April 1, 1941, was the grand reopening with 12 specialty shops, outside garden dining and rooftop gardens. The décor with an elegant Victorian theme was carried throughout the hotel including the new Red Parlor Lounge, destined to become the most popular pub in the city until its removal in 1995.

In 1973, the next owner, Carroll McKee, enclosed the garden dining area with a unique glass dome that opened 180 degrees to allow the sun on nice days to warm the guests. The Gazebo dining room was created, and became the favorite dining place of locals and hotel guests, and the site for many weddings and events of all occasions.

The present owners, Richard and Mimi Gunner, purchased the hotel in 1985. They brought back the elegant ambience of years past with the walnut and silk-paneled lobby filled with furniture and carpets from Europe and Asia. The rooms were refurbished with unique traditional furniture pieces including lacquered Chinese armoires and Pierre Deux fabrics. The restaurant was remodeled in 1995 and reopened as Il Fornaio. The famous Gazebo, still a local gathering spot, now houses the bakery and deli.

The Pine Inn continues to be a beloved landmark.



An early drawing of The Pine Inn, which was moved from Junipero Street and transformed into local landmark by Frank Devendorf and Frank Powers in 1903.



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# HRB

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cially those with disabilities, would mean they’d have to cross between the audience and the stage to go to and from the concession stand and restrooms, which “would be a real distraction,” Moorer added.

The new handicap-accessible pathway would be constructed of textured colored concrete and “weave through the forest while avoiding the trees,” according to acting planning director Marc Wiener’s report for the historic resources board.

Preservation consultant Kent Seavey reviewed the plans and concluded, “The proposed pathway would have a low profile and would blend well with the landscape setting.”

Seavey said the path wouldn’t affect the historical characteristics of the theater or the environment, and any changes could be reversed.

Wiener agreed with Seavey’s assessment. He also suggested requiring that any stone walls match those at the site, that the city OK the color of the concrete, and that any major changes to the approved plans would have to undergo review by the historic resources board.

“It’s too bad [addition of the new path] didn’t happen sooner,” Kathryn Gualtieri said, while Erik Dyar commented that the pathway would be “very romantic and beautiful,” as it winds through the trees and is softly lit.

“It just works a lot better than the previous scheme,” Dyar said. “I’m sorry the other ramp was actually built, because it was unneeded.”

The board voted in favor of the project, which will be considered, along with the donation, by the council.

# LIVES

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violence on a much larger scale, she came home.

“I have seen what life is, when freedom is denied and life is controlled by another,” Yang says.

Spiritually and physically exhausted, Yang returned to California in search of peace, healing, and time with her parents. She found each in her father’s patient stories of China. She began to write.

“Before then, I had no idea I had an ability to write,” she says. “I also had no subject to write about. But, when I went to China, I found a topic to express and a way to share my voice. Freedom of expression had become a major theme in my life; I had never felt so keenly the gift of expression.”

In 1994, Yang published, “Baba: A Return to China Upon My Father’s Shoulders,” which she wrote and illustrated. Two years later, she published “Odyssey of a Manchurian,” a story in which she drops the reader into her father’s life as he flees from his homeland during China’s civil war. She went on to write and illustrate children’s books, among them “Chili-Chili-Chin-Chin,” a tale of uncommon friendship, and “Hannah is My Name,” about an immigrant child peering through the fence at the American dream.

Yang later completed the manuscript for her third book, “Elegy for a Melon,” yet set it aside on behalf of “Forget Sorrow,” an ancestral tale and her first graphic novel.

“Belle is probably the finest artist in America who is both a writer and a painter,” says Steve Hauk, who has represented the work of Yang and her father in his Pacific Grove gallery for 20 years. “I can’t think of another painter who can write like she can.”

Yang’s long-time friend, San Francisco author Amy Tan, best known for her novel, “Joy Luck Club,” has commented on the challenges inherent in communicating in a second lan-

guage, let alone becoming a skilled writer in that second language.

“Belle’s voice is so true and pure, it is capable of washing away the grimy layers of cynicism,” Tan says of her friend’s “Crossing Cultures” exhibition.

In the very last sentence she set down to her mother all those years ago, Yang wrote that she wished she were 30 years older at that moment, so she could see what would become of her.

“It now has been almost 30 years, and I am okay,” Yang says. “I think of how much time I wasted in worry. All these years later, I realize I must now live my own truth. I love that quote: ‘Be yourself, because everyone else is taken.’”


## WATER

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project is significant considering the state water board in 1995, and again in 2009, ordered that Carmel eliminate most of its diversions from the Carmel River and replace the water with another source because of the protected steelhead fish and red-legged frog that inhabit the river.

“Allowing this water to be used in the Cal Am service area by adding this portion of Pure Water Monterey to the area’s water portfolio,” Marcus said, “makes sense because it would provide a lawful alternative to illegal diversions from the Carmel River on a timeline anticipated to be faster” than Cal Am’s desal plant.

Cal Am acknowledges it won’t be able to meet the Dec. 31, 2016, deadline set by the state water board and has asked for an extension.



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# DEATHS

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in the past.

But the search of a small beach below the 280-foot high bridge led to the discovery of a parachute and a GoPro camera, leading police to believe a BASE jump had ended tragically.

While the sheriff’s office didn’t release the video, Bernal said it confirmed the jump happened Jan. 20. He described how it shows the woman as she jumps from the railing of the bridge.

“You can hear an audible, ‘yahoo!’ when her chute deployed,” the sheriff explained.

The camera follows the woman as she descends toward her target, the small beach below. But she overshoots her mark and lands in the surf just beyond the beach as a set of waves arrives.

Apparently the man could see she was in trouble, because he quickly followed her over the edge. The video ends when he lands safely on the beach. Authorities speculate that he discarded his parachute and camera before going into the water to rescue his friend. Since neither jumper is from the area, it’s unlikely they had any idea how strong and deadly the undertow here can be, especially during stormy weather.

A more extensive search with divers was planned for the next day, but was delayed another day due to heavy rain and rough surf.

Last week’s accident is only the most recent in a sport that has seen many of its

enthusiasts die. According to BLiNC Magazine, 276 BASE jumpers have died since 1981, not including Connell or Kajala. Just two weeks ago, a Santa Cruz man was killed during a jump in Arizona. At least three of the jumpers on the list died of drowning.

The website’s moderators admit the sport is very risky and even discourage people from trying it. “BASE jumping is a highly dangerous sport that can severely injure and kill participants,” reads a post on the website. “It may kill you. The moderators of BLiNC do not recommend BASE jumping to anybody.”

Besides the sport’s inherent risks, jumping off Bixby Bridge carries additional dangers. Not only is the landing zone small — particularly in winter when the beach is much smaller — but the short drop from the bridge to the beach leaves little room for error.

“Jumping from such a low altitude and giving your parachute so little time to open is very risky,” Bernal noted.

In the comment section of one news story, a fellow jumper wrote that he once landed in the surf at Bixby Bridge, but luckily made it back to shore. “That was one of the more technical jumps I have made, with the canyon, the terrain, the ocean, the winds, the smallish landing area, and low exit point all being factors,” he explained.

**No law prohibits jumping**

While jumping off a bridge in Big Sur is obviously a dangerous activity, Bernal said

it’s not against the law.

“We have not found anything to say it’s illegal,” he conceded.

But the sheriff said people could be cited if they interfere with the flow of traffic along the highway or set foot on private property.

Even if a law was passed to prohibit jumping from bridges, Bernal said it probably wouldn’t deter people from jumping in Big Sur.

“They will just find another place,” he suggested.

But Bernal urged BASE jumpers to be aware that not only do they risk their own necks, but they also risk the lives of rescue workers who to try to save them.

“They put search and rescue people in danger,” he said.

**Connell, Kajala remembered**

After learning of Connell’s death, friends and family mourned her on Internet.

“She had the most kind, loving, beautiful

and free spirited soul,” one post on Facebook read.

While many expressed sadness and grief, none said the accident would stop them from enjoying their favorite sport.

“I know your spirit will be with me on my next BASE jump,” posted another jumper on Facebook.

Well known throughout the BASE jumping community, Kajala owned a company that makes wind suits, and was also the overall winner of the 2011 Pro Base World Cup. Attached to one of his last Facebook posts, which is dated Jan. 13, are photos of Connell and him skydiving in Southern California.

The death of Connell and Kajala comes five years after a visibly intoxicated skydiving instructor, Steve Jester, was arrested and charged after jumping off the bridge. A video of the incident — which continues to draw attention to the landmark bridge as a BASE jumping destination — has more than two million views on YouTube.


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Herbert ("Herb") George Meyer, 91, long term resident of Carmel and Markham Ranch, Salinas, passed away Jan. 15 in Monterey. He was the trustee and manager of the Herold Ranches in Gonzales for over 60 years.



The son of a prominent banking and landowning family from San Francisco, throughout his life he was recognized as a visionary in the Salinas Valley. One of his key achievements was the development of the Industrial Park, which brought in multiple other businesses to the city of Gonzales.

Herb grew up in San Francisco and San Rafael, the only son of Aimee Westphal Meyer and George H. Meyer. His only sibling, a sister, Lucille Meyer, died in childhood.

He attended UC, Berkeley where he studied Engineering and enrolled in the U.S. Navy engineering program. He also played on Cal’s football team as a guard and a linebacker. He continued his post-graduate studies in Agriculture at UC Davis.

An Eagle Scout and avid animal-lover, Herb was a life-long supporter of the Boy Scouts of America, the SPCA of Monterey County and Guide Dogs for the Blind. He was also a significant contributor to Carmel's Sunset Center.

Herb was the devoted husband of Norma Lee Meyer, and beloved father of Elisabeth Meyer Wechsler (Jeffrey Seideman), Robert G. Meyer (Dr. Kathleen Harner), Stephen H. Meyer (Teri) and Susanne Meyer Rasmussen (Richard). His daughter, Katherine Meyer Couch, pre-deceased her father in 1980. He is also survived by two grandsons, Robert Rasmussen and Kristoffer Eric Rasmussen.

In addition, he is also survived by the family of Norma Lee Meyer: her children, Pamela Armbuster (Dr. Thomas), John Handel, Stan Lockwood and Lisa Ponzio (Leonard), and grandchildren, Dr. Rebecca Posner (Joe), Elizabeth Matlick (Justin), Christine Handel (Marc Bordonaro), Melissa Rosenthal (Danny), Lara Tope (Andrew), Madison Lockwood, and James Ponzio, as well as her eight great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, his family requests that donations in his memory can be made to the SVMH Foundation for the Taylor Farms Family Health & Wellness Center in Gonzales, The Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital, the SPCA of Monterey County or the Boy Scouts of America.

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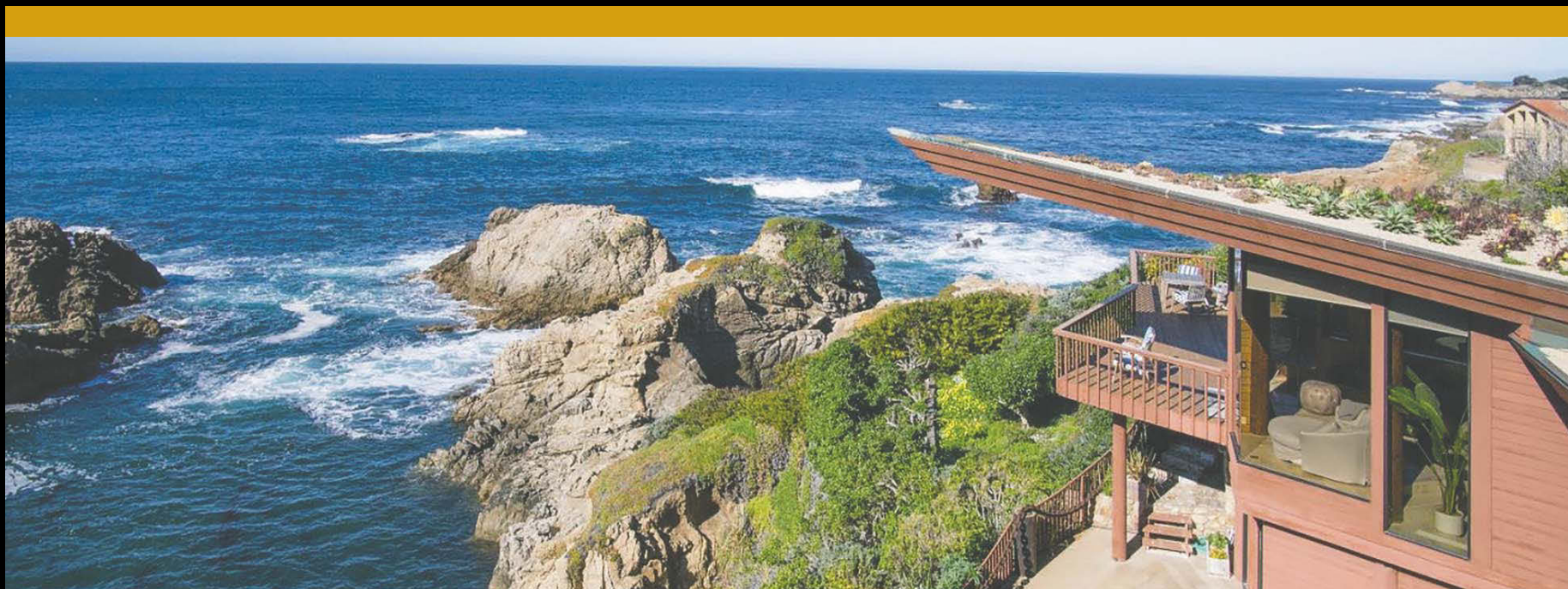


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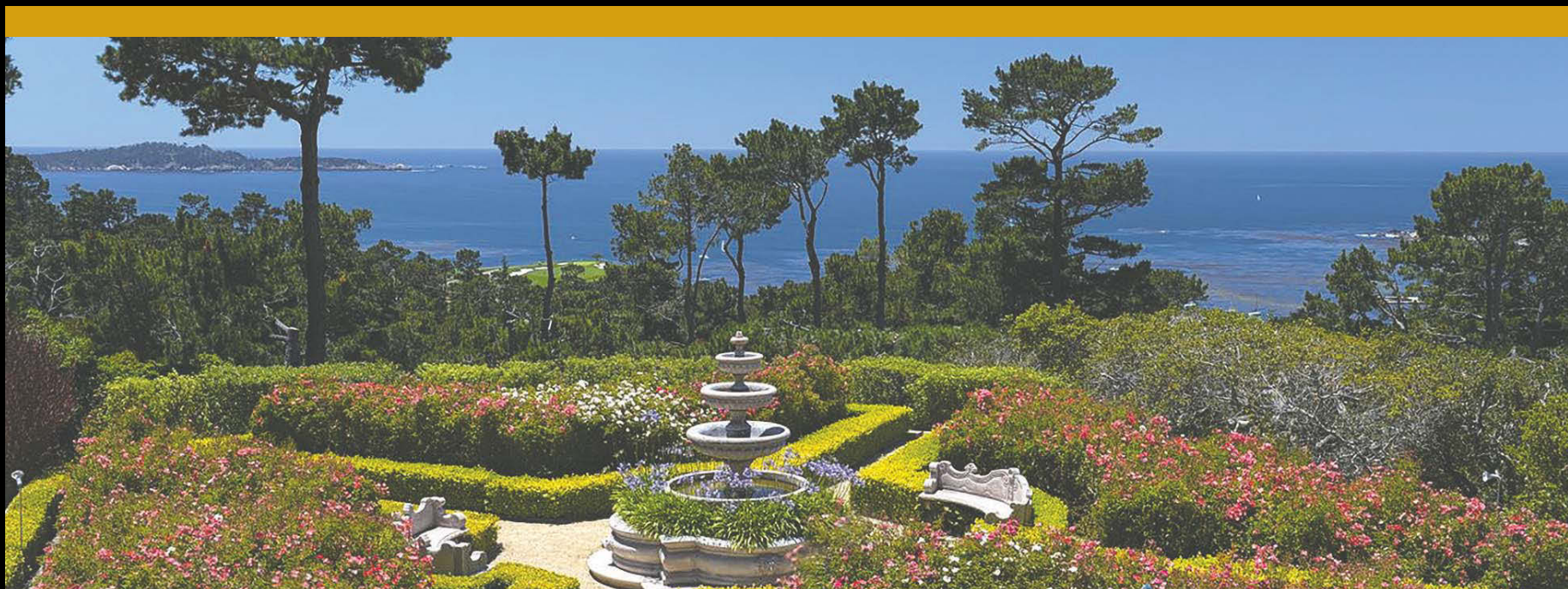
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