Stranded residents want Highway I access back
By CHRIS COUNTS

As an effort is underway to bring supplies by helicopter to Big Sur’s South Coast residents who live in neighborhoods cut off by slides during the recent storms. But those who are stranded in their homes are pushing road crews often need unobstructed access to troubled sections of the scenic route. But he insisted there are times when residents can safely use the highway. “There are times when the road is legitimately blocked by debris,” Handy said. “But more often than not, it’s safe for locals to do supply runs after hours.”

Limited access?
Another longtime South Coast resident, Peggy Horan, echoed Handy’s concerns. “Everybody I talk to is mad,” Horan said. “Nobody understands it.”

Resident Lisa Gering told the newspaper that she’s got us locked in.” Handy told The Pine Cone that he and others understand road crews often need unobstructed access to County OKs demo plan for Neutra house

THIRTEEN YEARS after Massy Mehdipour proposed tearing down a home located near the Cypress Point Club and replacing it with a larger house, the Monterey County Planning Commission voted 6-2 on Jan. 25 to OK the teardown, approve the replacement house, and certify the EIR for both.

The purpose of this proposal is to establish a new “Level 2” residential status for homes that do not qualify as “historic,” but nevertheless are characteristic of our village, in the intent of protecting them from extensive alteration or demolition when possible.”

Any age
The new rules would have homes built in the Story-Book, Craftsman, Victorian, Mission, Tudor and Old-World European styles reviewed by the board, which would look for various characteristics like use of natural materials, attention to detail, Dutch doors, hand-carved trim, and a host of other design and construction elements.

Any house designed by an architect or builder listed in the city’s “historic context statement,” as well as all small buildings, would still be protected under a proposal supported by the historic resources board.

“The Carmel aesthetic”
The group filing the suit, Save Carmel, describes itself as “an unincorporated association of residents and taxpayers, as well as CHS alumni and parents,” and says it “has a strong interest in the preservation of the environment, and, as its namesake specifies, especially the protection of the Carmel aesthetic, including the clear, dark skies, quiet nights and limiting traffic to the extent possible.”

Its lawsuit argues the district failed to consider “feasible alternatives that would avoid significant and unavoidable impacts” on views and the environment, and that the EIR “failed to adequately disclose, analyze or mitigate the significant environmental impacts of increased lighting and nightly noise.” The extensive studies also didn’t address or mitigate increased traffic on and off campus and

HISTORIC BOARD SEeks CONTROL OVER NEW BUILDINGS, TOO

(one or two bedrooms in a single-story layout) houses, would also be subject to review.

Unlike requirements for “Level 1” official historic designation, a house wouldn’t have to be at least 30 years old.

Voting against the approval was Kate Daniels, one of the two planning commissioners who represent Pebble Beach. The other commissioner who represents the area, Martha DiBild, was absent.

Now an ‘eyesore’
Located at 1170 Signal Hill Road, the 4,124-square-foot single-family residence was designed by noted architect Richard Neutra and built in 1958. Mehdipour bought it in 2004 and in 2010, proposed replacing the existing
A fetching friend

Seeing him shy away from the water rushing onto the sand during his first visits to Carmel Beach, Tucker's people initially would not have imagined that playing fetch in the surf would become his favorite pastime. But with patience and persistence — on his part and by his people — his fear of the surging sea dissipated like a receding wave.

"One day, Tucker paused during our beach walk to observe a dog play fetch in the water," said his person, "and then he set out looking for something that I could only think might be a stick. I found one, and our favorite activity on the beach began."

Tucker's complete focus on fetching during his romps along the seashore entertain not only his family, but many passerby, who often speculate which breeds he is mixed from, and which one drives him into the drink to retrieve his stick.

"Almost no one is willing to believe that Tucker, according to his DNA test results, is mostly pit bull with some chow, Labrador, and golden retriever mixed in," his person said. "We imagine it's the retriever that goes according after the stick, but mostly we know him as a gentle, loyal companion who has fit perfectly into our home and our lives."

Tucker's people adopted him from Peace of Mind Dog Rescue in Pacific Grove upon moving to the Last Hometown, upon moving. He also enjoys playing fetch in the surf at Asilomar, and chasing after tossed pine cones at Rip van Winkle Park.

"Tucker has been an unbeatable companion and has brought us so much joy," his person said. "We are so grateful to his previous owner for taking such good care of him and to POMDR and his foster parents for bringing us together."
Seventh & Dolores complex deemed historic — for real this time

By MARY SCHLEY

The former bank complex at Seventh and Dolores designed by architects Walter Burde and Will Shaw and constructed in 1972 is significant and must be preserved, the historic resources board decided Monday evening, when it added the corner building and the community room behind it to the city’s inventory and register of historic properties.

The decision is the latest in a decades-long battle over the property and was triggered by the fact it turned 50 last year, making it officially eligible for historic designation. Plans to move the smaller building around to the east side of the larger one to make way for a new development prompted the analysis.

The complex spans three lots with two separate owners. Jeff Peterson, whose family foundation owned the corner building for several years, sold it in December 2021 for $7,350,000 to D&K Dolores LLC, according to Monterey County property records.

Monaco businessman Patrice Pastor owns the southernmost lot, which includes the community room, as well as two lots south of that. For the past several years, he’s been seeking approval of a mixed-use residential and commercial project that would cover all three lots and include underground parking, retail space and apartments. The historic resources board was not considering that project, named the JB Pastor Building, Monday, but moving the community room is a critical aspect, since it would open the lot for new construction.

Lots of studies

According to the city’s code, a development application can’t be deemed complete unless it includes a determination of eligibility or ineligibility for historic designation, associate planner Evan Kort told the historic resources board. A 2019 city council decision that the 7D complex was ineligible because it was less than 50 years old expired on Oct. 26, 2022, when the building turned 50.

The city hired a company called PAST to conduct the historical evaluation, and the consultant concluded the property qualifies because it’s an intact example of the Bay Region Modern style of architecture, was designed by two notable architects and “retains all of its original features,” the city says.

See HISTORIC page 20A
Thief has massive identity crisis

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.

Friday, January 6

Carmel Valley: A female victim on Via Petra reported fraud. Perpetrator(s) remain at large.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found earring at Lincoln and Sixth was turned in for safekeeping. Owner called and will pick up the earring at a later date.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop at 03:00 hours resulted in a 25-year-old male San Jose resident being arrested at Ocean and Carmel Hills Drive for fraudulently possessing the identification of 10 or more people, a felony, and possession of burglary tools and mail theft. The driver was lodged at Monterey County Jail, and his vehicle was impounded for 30 days.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from Carpenter and Lower Trail for expired registration over six months.

Pacific Grove: A 40-year-old male at Country Club Gate Center was found to be in possession of narcotic paraphernalia. He was issued a citation and released at the scene.

Report forwarded to the district attorney’s office.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fraud reported at San Antonio and Fourth.

Carmel Valley: Nason Road resident reported money withdrawn from her husband’s banking account by an unknown person.

Pebble Beach: Adult Protective Services report alleging physical abuse at a residence on Presidio Road.

Carmel area: Deputies were dispatched to a residence on Atherton Drive for a report of a possible missing person. It was later determined the resident did not want to report the individual missing and would wait to report it at a later time if needed.

Saturday, January 7

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Hit-and-run on San Carlos Street. Vehicle was drivable.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Grand theft from a business at Ocean and Mission.

See POLICE LOG page SRE in the Real Estate Section.
Another jewelry store hit by smash-and-grab burglar

By MARY SCHLEY

OFFICERS ARE hunting for a man who got away with numerous pieces of jewelry after busting through the door of a San Carlos Street business early last Thursday morning, according to Carmel Police Sgt. Michael Bruno, and surveillance images could help.

On Jan. 19 shortly after 2 a.m., two officers arrived at Wilke’s Fine Estate Jewelry on San Carlos south of Fifth within 3 minutes of being dispatched for an alarm activation “and found the front door of the business had been forced open and the business had been burglarized,” he said.

No one was there, but police discovered two glass display cases in the front room had been smashed, and whatever jewelry they had contained was gone.

“We got a call at about 2 a.m. and came down,” said store owner Phil Finnerman, who lives nearby with his wife. Surveillance cameras inside the store captured the brief heist after the burglar forced open the door, splintering the flimsy frame that had held it in place. “The whole frame collapsed,” Finnerman said. “There was very little, if any, damage done to the door itself.”

The man went straight for two cases in the front room, smashing the top of one and then the other with a mallet and scooping up what Finnerman said were 14 gold pieces in the other, and putting them in a bag.

“He then turned and faced the other two cases and two towers — they were completely empty — and he walked out the door,” Finnerman said. “The whole thing took 1 minute and 40 seconds.”

While most of the store’s display cases are emptied at night, “it’s hard to get everything in the store in the safe, so you have to pick and choose what you’re going to leave out,” he explained.

“I think he was probably disappointed,” he added. “Because the large gold pieces I had were all put in the safe.

Will video help?

As has been the case with other burglaries subsequently made arrests, surveillance footage of the burglary and the getaway car — a silver sedan that was parked in front of the store at around 1:50 a.m. — could help.

Bruno said video shows the burglar waiting in the car for more than 10 minutes before getting out and driving away.

PHOTO/CARMEL P.D.

A burglar smashed the tops of two jewelry cases at Wilke’s and stole several gold items early Jan. 19.

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“Another jewelry store hit by smash-and-grab burglar”

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Lincoln Mini Pit should see action soon

By MARY SCHLEY

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A MARRIED couple that took part in a novel handcar tour along the Monterey Bay is suing the company that offered the tour, alleging the wife was injured when an overhanging tree limb struck her in the back of the head.

In a civil suit filed Jan. 10 in Monterey County Superior Court, Elizabeth Plante and Jorge Melgoza said that last May, they took part in a handcar tour operated by the Museum of Handcar Technology LLC, which offers tours on decommissioned train tracks along Monterey Bay.

The couple maintains that during the May 1, 2021, tour, they were sitting backward on the four-person handcar vehicle — similar to those used in the 1800s as a way for workers to travel between sections of railroad to maintain and repair the tracks — when the mishap occurred.

“Plante was unexpectedly and without warning violently struck on the back of her head by a tree limb during the handcar tour, causing her to sustain serious injuries, including concussion, neurological injuries, ophtalmologic injuries and pain to her head, neck and eyes,” Plante and Melgoza’s complaint alleges.

By KELLY NIX

A promotional image from the company that offers handcar tours along Monterey Bay. The business is being sued for an alleged mishap during one of its outings.

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The lawsuit contends the Museum of Handcar Technology was negligent because it “allowed a tree limb to overhang the rails into the path used during Plante’s handcar tour,” and that the company didn’t properly maintain the area.

The Museum of Handcar Technology has “long known of the risks of injury posed by uncleared rails used by handcars,” but the company “consciously disregarded these known risks during the handcar tour in which Plante was injured,” according to the suit filed by San Rafael attorney Michael H. Lipovski.

Plante claims she was left with “some permanent disability” from the accident. Plante and Melgoza are seeking an unspecified amount in monetary damages exceeding $25,000, including loss of earnings and general damages.

The Santa Clarita-based Museum of Handcar Technology offers tours along what’s called the Monterey Branch Line for $184 for each four-person handcar. The roughly 1.5-hour ride starts in Marina and goes for about 6 miles, with speeds ranging from 7 to 10 mph, the company’s website says.

“We are a family-owned and operated business that manufactures and exhibits historic replica handcars,” according to the company. “As the only worldwide manufacturer of railroad handcars, our mission is to keep the technology alive through manufacture, distribution and education.”

The company did not return a message seeking comment.

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Will pink mutt mitts convince miscreant dog owners to behave?

By MARY SCHLEY

FEW HABITS are more disgusting than not picking up your dog’s poop or leaving it bagged on the beach or a sidewalk for some other hapless soul to step on or dispose of. Not helping matters is that the city-provided mutt mitts at the beach are green and camouflage nicely with the surrounding landscape when dropped or intentionally left behind, according to resident and Carmel Cares founder Dale Byne — so he’d like to try pink ones.

Speaking on behalf of Scenic Road cleanup ringleader and Carmel Cares volunteer Shirley Moon at the Feb. 12 forest and beach commission meeting, Byne noted that dog waste is a problem on the Scenic pathway and Carmel Beach for more than just the usual reasons. “Beyond the repugnant component of uncollections dog waste is the recent revelation that bacterial counts in the ocean are up,” he said, and canine fecal matter is partly to blame.

“We need to make it easy and convenient for people to dispose of dog waste, and we’re suggesting changing the bags from green to pink, to see if it will have a positive impact,” he said.

Pretty in pink

If nothing else, pink bags will be easier for the Carmel Cares volunteers committed to keeping the pathway and beach clean to find, Byne speculated. And those well-intentioned dog owners who leave poop-filled bags behind with every expectation of doubling back to get them later might be less likely to lose track of them if they’re bright pink.

Further, he said, it may be more difficult for non-dog-equipped passersby to walk past ditched pink mutt mitts without relo- cateing them to a nearby trashcan.

“This is truly everyone’s problem and everyone’s trash,” he said.

Byne told commissioners the pink bags could be purchased for $99 per case, and said that if the city “isn’t able to pay for it,” Carmel Cares will pick up the bill, since “we would like to get this moving as soon as possible.”

Commissioner Brian Sours added that putting trashcans on the beach near a few of the stairways might help people do a better job of cleaning up after their pets, since they wouldn’t have to go all the way back up to Scenic to throw them away.

Another commissioner suggested the forest and beach commission establish “a working group on this topic” in order to come up with more ways to convince dog owners to behave responsibly, and while Sours was open to that, he pointed to Byne’s desire to get the pink mutt mitt plan in motion sooner than later.

“I think Dale’s issue was about expediency,” he said. “At our next meeting, we could set up a committee.”

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COUNTY ROLLS OUT SURVEY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOUSING IN RURAL AREAS

By KELLY NIX

IF YOU live, work or own property in Monterey County and don’t reside in a city, county officials want to hear from you. As part of Monterey County’s effort to update its general plan, “with a focus on planning for adequate housing in the unincorporated areas at all income levels,” it’s asking residents to complete a 31-question survey with topics ranging from discrimination to affordable housing.

Your thoughts and experiences will help identify important housing needs for everyone in the county, according to the 31-question online survey. “Your input will also help in identifying opportunities for new housing, preserving the existing housing stock and promoting housing affordability and fairness.”

The survey will help the county shape policies and programs to “encourage development of housing in unincorporated Monterey County,” officials said.

‘Level of need’
The survey starts out by asking participants where they live, what they do for a job, how close are they to their workplace, if they rent or own a home, how much of their monthly income they spend on rent, and whether they’re satisfied with their housing arrangements.

Have you experienced discrimination when applying for housing in unincorporated Monterey County?” another question asks.

If the participant answers yes, a follow-up question asks what they “believe was the primary reason for the discrimination, including age, family size, gender identification, marital status, mental disability, race, religion or physical appearance.”

It also asks survey takers to identify the “level of need” for housing and related services for groups in their communities, including large families, single parents, disabled people, veterans, victims of domestic violence, homeless people, young adults and low-income agricultural workers.

Participants are then asked to rate their levels of support for various strategies intended to create more housing, including easing permit requirements for residential development.

‘Fair housing’
The second part of the survey asks whether participants are single or married, and if they live in a house, apartment, mobile home, farmworker or senior housing or another type of housing, as well as the physical condition of the their residences and the most important factors in deciding where they reside.

The third and final section of the Monterey County survey focuses on what participants “consider to be the most important programs for the county to focus on for fair housing.”

For context, fair housing ensures access to opportunities, replaces segregated living patterns with truly integrated and balanced living patterns, transforms racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity, and fosters and maintains compliance with civil rights and fair housing laws,” according to the survey.

It also asks participants if they believe there are factors that prevent affordable housing from being built in the county and directs them to select the top three ways to “get more affordable housing built.”

The options include easing the process for housing permitting and approval, offering incentives for private developers, and public funding for new housing.

The survey, which has to be completed by Feb. 10, can be found at co.monterey.ca.us/generalplanupdates.

Residents can also email the county with their housing questions and concerns at generalplanupdates@co.monterey.ca.us.

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Light pollution
The lawsuit describes the high school as perched on a hilltop and says it’s known for its vistas of the Santa Lucia Mountains — views that would be ruined by the poles and their lights shining “almost nightly (with 300-400 hours a year and 74-124 games per year).” It argues they will be visible from Carmel beaches, the lagoon, Point Lobos, Hatton Canyon and elsewhere, especially when fog creates a “light dome” that reflects their glow even farther.

“...to add insult to injury, over the years, the district has engaged in several improve- ment projects at CHS by which it has added significant infrastructure, including the huge performing arts center, for which the board has self-exempted the district from environmental review pursuant to CEQA,” the lawsuit says. It also mentions replacement of the pool and the addition of pool lights and blinders, and notes “residents will be forced to look at and endure the lights and the resultant light dome each

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nor would it have to be associated with a significant event or person, designed by a notable architect or builder, be a good example of an architectural style or type of construction, or display a rare style or type.

An application for exterior changes to a residence fitting into this broad group would be forwarded by email to the historic resources board, which would decide whether it should be given a Level 2 designation. If yes, the owner would only be allowed to build an addition “while keeping the original home intact, using the same style of construction as the original.” would be allowed to make interior improvements, and would be allowed to replace “existing structures where necessary,” due to wood rot, code compliance issues or other problems “in the same construction style/size as the original, using as many of the original home materials as possible.”

Those restrictions are similar to those imposed on buildings that are deemed historically significant under local, state or federal guidelines. Hall suggested an incentive for people to upgrade their historically insignificant homes could be reduced permit fees.

Not for modern

The proposal also specifically excludes contemporary and modern-style buildings, regardless of when they were built or by whom they were designed, and defines them as having “rectilinear right angles and squares, box-like shapes, no overhangs, flat roofs, or shallow pitch, asymmetrical roofs, ribbed metal roofs, preference for geometric patterns, expansive and undivided glass windows, windows resembling commercial storefronts, the elimination of detail and trim and featureless, industrial materials such as steel, glass, and concrete, faux materials, excessive use of dull colors (white, gray, black), a machine-like appearance that is stark, cold, lifeless, and impersonal, sensationalist, trendy, ostentatious, overpowering in appearance.”

At the Jan. 23 historic resources board meeting, principal planner Mamie Waffle noted the board does not have the authority to create new laws but can ask the city council to do so. Hall’s proposal for Level 2 historic designation would require amending the Carmel Municipal Code and the local coastal program, and would have to be reviewed for consistency with the general plan. After approval by the planning commission and city council, any new law would also have to be OK’d by the California Coastal Commission.

Alternatively, the board could ask the city council to consider making Level 2 designation a “policy,” which would not be as enforceable as the law but would still “address the preservation of non-historic Carmel homes,” Waffle said.

There was little discussion of Hall’s proposal among the board, and no one from the public commented on it.

New board member Esther Goodhue said she thinks it “is a wonderful idea,” and the board unanimously voted to ask the city council to consider adopting a new policy for Level 2 historic designation, with the idea that it could be codified later.

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night, and the impact on the spectacular views, sunsets and dusky and starry night skies for which Carmel is famous.”
Noise will be bad, too, according to Save Carmel’s lawsuit, with “announcements over the PA system, band, cheering and yelling.”

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P.G. considering roundabout at busy Sunset Drive intersection

By KELLY NIX

PACIFIC GROVE has moved another step toward redesigning a tricky five-way intersection that residents believe could be made safer and more efficient if it was a roundabout.

The city’s public works department Monday started the process of selecting a consultant specializing in intersection, roundabout and signal design and bicycle and pedestrian components — to decide how to improve the intersection of Congress Avenue, Sunset Drive and Cedar Street, which has had its share of driver disputes and accidents, and where long backups occur every time schools in the area let out.

$150K study

“The city hopes to select a consultant that has the expertise and knowledge to identify and design safety improvements on Sunset Drive between Congress Avenue and Forest Avenue, with particular attention to bicycle and pedestrian access to Pacific Grove High School and the intersections of Sunset Drive with Congress Avenue and Cedar Street,” according to a summary of requirements for the project.

Six years ago, a $150,000 study on how to improve safety at the intersection identified the roundabout as one option.

Another would be to redesign it as a four-legged intersection with stop signs on Sunset Drive and Congress Avenue and the elimination of Cedar Street as an access point. The proposal “includes a landscaped median with pedestrian ‘refuges,’ in the middle of Sunset.”

The roundabout option would maintain Cedar Street as an access point and include a landscaped center island.

The four-way stop alternative was estimated in 2016 to cost about $778,000, while the roundabout was said to be $977,000, according to the Highway 68 Study developed jointly by the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, Pacific Grove and Caltrans.

Public works is accepting proposals until Feb. 23 at 2 p.m.

This 2016 rendering depicts what a roundabout might look like at the intersection of Congress Avenue, Sunset Drive and Cedar Street in Pacific Grove. The five-way junction currently has stop signs.
Council: Rotary good, signs not

By MARY SCHLEY

Rotarians do a lot for the communities they serve, but the Carmel-by-the-Sea Rotary Club can’t put its signs up at the entrances to town, the city council unanimously decided Jan. 10, because that could lead to a proliferation of similar signs placed by other groups.

Members of the Carmel Rotary Club — which has a mission to “provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through our fellowship of business, professional and community leaders” — asked for permission to erect two 18-inch-diameter carved wood Rotary International signs on roads into town.

They took the idea first to the traffic safety committee, which includes the heads of public works, the police department and the planning department. The group identified two potential locations, one on Carpenter by the former bus stop south of Second and the other on Rio Road, public works director Bob Haney told the council.

But allowing Rotary to put up signs could set a precedent, the committee warned.

Haney said the nonprofit wasn’t seeking final approval at the meeting but would come back with a formal application to install the signs on public property if the council liked the idea. In other Peninsula cities, signs for Rotary clubs, Kiwanis and other civic organizations are a common sight on major thoroughfares.

“A big ‘nope’

Former Mayor Ken White, who was a member of Rotary and was representing the Carmel Residents Association, acknowledged that Rotary “is one of the best organizations you could ask to have in your community, no question about it,” but recommended denial.

“The CRA board prefers very strongly we stay with the existing policy of not lining our entrance streets with extraneous signs that would begin to change the look of our entrances dramatically as time goes on,” he said, with Kiwanis, Lions and other service clubs wanting to put up theirs, too.

Resident Cindy Lloyd complimented Rotary for the “generous good” it does in Carmel.

“Rotarians participate by supplying manpower benefitting our parks, providing funds for worthy projects and recognizing residents of our community at their meetings,” she said.

But she also worried the signs, with their brightly colored yellow and blue logo, would distract drivers and inspire other groups to set up entrances with their signs.

Former Mayor Sue McCloud, who was also active in Rotary, said the group no longer meets in Carmel.

While signs from community groups are a common sight at the entrances to many towns (above, Forest Avenue in Pacific Grove), Carmel’s city council said it doesn’t want them there.

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students are doing Zoom classes. “They haven’t come to school since Dec. 15,” she added.

There are 300 to 400 residents who live along Big Sur’s South Coast and are stuck behind the road closures, which run from just south of Esalen Institute to south of the Monterey County line. Handy said most of them are frustrated by the situation. Many lack fuel for cooking and heat.

“People are getting desperate,” Handy added. “Even opening the highway for an hour each day would be wonderful, but they won’t do it.”

Other residents expressed similar thoughts, with one local reporting that some of his neighbors have successfully made supply runs by taking bumpy backroads to get reach Nacimiento-Fergusson Road, which Caltrans reported they can do on an emergency basis. Monterey County officials announced this week that some supplies will be airlifted by a California Highway Patrol helicopter to Sand Dollar Beach park. The first drop was set for Thursday, with a second one scheduled for Friday.

The deliveries include bottled water, food for people and pets, and medications. Locals can pick up supplies between noon and 2 p.m.

“Residents and businesses located within the Highway 1 closure will have supplies delivered via a helicopter,” the county announced.

The effort is getting a boost from Big Sur Fire, which will hand out supplies, and the Community Association of Big Sur, which is working with impacted residents to coordinate orders.

Keeping crews busy

County communications director Nicholas Pasculli praised the efforts of the Community Association of Big Sur and others in coordinating the supplies. He said the county will plan more airlifts in the coming weeks.

Pasculli told residents they are not permitted to enter parts of Highway 1 that are closed.

“Residents, property owners and tourists shall not attempt to pass through the slide areas on and around State Route 1 in Big Sur,” he said. “It is very unsafe, the ground is unstable, and the threat of potential loss of life is real.”

The county official said other agencies, including Caltrans, Big Sur Fire and the California Highway Patrol,

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“It’s been failing slowly since the pathway was cut, constantly bringing rocks and soil down to the roadway from the oversteepened temporary cut,” Drabinski said. Unlike Paul’s Slide near the New Camaldoli Hermitage, “there is no catchment area between the slope and the roadway. As of Jan. 21, crews were able to begin work from above the slide, working down, and they continue to make progress on the slope cut and with slide removal. These repairs continue to bring material down which covers the entire roadbed.”

The next big challenge? Four miles south of Paul’s Slide is the Mill Creek Slide, which could cause even bigger problems.

“Maintenance and contracted crews cut through the slide material along the highway, leaving a saturated soil mass that is actively pumping out water and mud onto the roadway,” Drabinski reported. “Caltrans directed the contractor to stop digging into the slide and to wait until access from above the slide could be accomplished to remove it safely.”

He also said the highway at Mill Creek is “very likely to fail catastrophically in the near future.” Once the highway is reopened at each of the three sites, there will likely be one-way traffic control for some time, Drabinski added.

The effort to repair the highway and other sites throughout the state that were damaged by January’s storms this week received $29.3 million in taxpayers’ funds from the federal government. The allocation came after Congressman Jimmy Panetta and other state leaders sent a letter to Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg and Federal Highway Administrator Shailen Bhatt requesting the money.

“The recent severe storms caused significant damage to the highways and roads throughout the 19th Congressional District from San Luis Obispo County, to the Big Sur coastline, to the San Lorenzo Valley,” Panetta said. “This emergency federal funding is a critical step in clearing our roads as we continue to remove debris, fix the damage, and ensure the safety of our residents.”

At Paul’s Slide just south of the Monterey County line, work is expected to take four weeks to clear the highway.
dwellings with a three-level, 11,933-square-foot home. The new home was designed by the late Ricardo Legoretta, known as "Willbo" to Debra ("Debbie"), John of whom he was immensely proud. He was a life-long believer in the Bible. For 31 years they lived a dream life from 1997 until 2006. He married JoAnn West, his high school seniorjobs.montereybay@gmail.com

KLAUS HEDBARNY 1929-2022

Klaus’ life journey was an amazing one, stretching from the European economic hardships of the 1930s, through WWII Europe, all the way to Wall Street and finally Carmel, California.

Born in 1929 just north of Vienna, Austria, he was just 10 when WWII erupted and consumed the continent. During British air raids, Klaus would stay above ground to learn English via the radio waves carrying the BBC broadcasts — a criminal act. At the end of the war, at the age of 15, he was captured by American troops and worked alongside the G.I.’s to rebuild Austrian infrastructure. He spoke of the incredible kindness of the soldiers and this ignited his passion for the U.S. His favorite part was that he was allowed to drive the general’s personal Mercedes and Jeep. It’s no coincidence that Klaus, in his later years, would always have two cars: one Mercedes and one Jeep. On Christmas eve of 1942, Klaus received a letter from the Red Cross stating they had located his family, alive and well, in Innsbruck, Austria. Christmas has been a holiday for family gathering and appreciation in the Hedbabny household ever since.

Post-war, his hard work ethic, driven by his passion for the U.S. and fluent English caught the attention of a fellow mountaineer named Rudolf Kruber, who helped Klaus cross the American border. On the American side, Klaus caught the attention of a fellow mountaineer named Dudley Swimmin, who hired Klaus to work at his investment advisory company back in Carmel, California. It was fate, as Klaus’ favorite movies as a child were John Wayne westerns.

Klaus took full advantage of the American dream both socially and professionally. On the social front, he caught the attention of Katarina Hartung and the two eventually married and started a family. Professionally, Klaus received the opportunity to work at the New York-based investment bank C.J. Lawrence, as they needed a multi-lingual and economically trained person to spearhead their expansion into the European, Middle Eastern and Asian markets. At C.J. Lawrence, he rose to become a partner with global responsibilities. After 50 years of hard work and endless travel, he was one of the most successful investment bankers in the world. He was a member of the American Society of Investment Bankers and was awarded the prestigious Maguire Award for his contributions to the investment banking industry.

In 1981, Klaus was elected to the board of directors at C.J. Lawrence, a position he held for 15 years. He was also a member of the board of directors at the New York Stock Exchange and the New York Mercantile Exchange. Klaus was a true patriot and a leader in the investment banking industry. At the age of 93, Klaus passed away on January 19, 2023. He is survived by his wife, two sons and three grandchildren.

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Klaus declared she has been treated unfairly throughout the planning process. She urged planning commissioners to let the tear-down move forward.

"Nobody in the country should have to go through what I have gone through," she added. "All of the houses on my street are gradually being demolished and replaced by houses twice as large as the previous ones. You have a moral and legal responsibility to stop this nonsense today."
P.G. limits use of cell phones during meetings

By KELLY NIX

Cell phones and other electronic communications devices certainly have their place, but the Pacific Grove City Council has decided that council members shouldn’t be fussing with them during public meetings.

On Jan. 18, the council voted 5-0 to direct the city attorney to craft a resolution prohibiting the use of devices, such as cell phones, tablets and laptop computers, other than using them for reading agenda packets and participating in teleconferences for city council and other city commission meetings.

The proposal also prohibits members of the council and other committees from communicating with employees — including the city manager — via electronic devices during public meetings.

Texting between city workers and elected officials and committee members occurs occasionally, usually when one of the parties is attending a meeting via Zoom.

Councilman Luke Coletti, who proposed the electronic communications ban, said it’s about holding city council members accountable.

“The public has the right to have our full attention,” Coletti said at the meeting. “They also have the right to know we are not receiving comments from people who are texting or emailing us during meetings.”

“Good idea.”

Resident Inge Lorentzen Daumer, who was in favor of the rule, said she’s seen council members use their phones during meetings.

“Personally, I think it’s a great idea,” she said. “I don’t have a cell phone or use one and I get kind of sick of people up there tippy tapping with their thumbs and not paying attention, which has happened a lot.”

Jane Haines also praised the ban, saying it’s “very important” to demonstrate to the public that council is “very serious about transparency” and compliance with the Brown Act.

Mayor Bill Peake also called it a great idea. “I think this will help further build trust, as well as keep us out of trouble and on the right side of the law,” Peake said.

The policy doesn’t ban use of electronic devices in the event of “urgent” family matters, and instead directs council members in those situations to excuse themselves or wait until a break.

City attorney Brian Pierik will return with a resolution for the council to vote on at a future meeting.
**Editorial**

The verdict is coming in

ONE OF the most common misperceptions about climate change is that a warmer planet will be a drier planet — and it’s not just simple-minded folk who make the association because everyday objects like ovens and hair dryers are hot and dry. No, for the last 20 years, it’s been the consensus among political leaders, environmentalists and media outlets — the smart people, in other words — that drought is the new normal. Do a web search for the phrase and you’ll find more than 100,000 articles that use it verbatim, including more than a thousand entries that include the words “Jerry Brown” and “drought is the new normal.”

So commonly were these words repeated by the former California governor and the media in recent years, and so attractive was the mankind-is-doomed scenario they helped create, pretty much everybody started to believe them.

The opposite is true, of course. We’ve written about this before, pointing out that the most basic principles of evaporation, condensation and precipitation dictate that as the planet heats up, it will rain more. Sure, there will still be arid regions, but they’ll be the exception, not the rule.

Unfortunately, you’ve had to search far and wide — and ignore the politicians and major news outlets — to find anybody who agreed with us. Finally, that is starting to change. As of this writing, a search for “warmer earth” and “wetter earth” returns 49 Google results. “Warmer planet” and “wetter planet” returns 158.

But dig a little deeper and you’ll find something new on the website for NOAA’s National Centers for Environmental Information:headlined, “A Warming Earth is Also a Wetter Earth.”

“A common misconception about climate change is that a warmer earth will be a drier earth,” the article begins. “In fact, many parts of the world will be wetter as earth warms. This trend has already been seen in parts of the United States.”

“Why can a warmer world be a wetter world?” the article continues. “It’s complicated, because precipitation is the end result of several atmospheric ingredients and processes,” according to Deke Arndt, Chief of NCEI’s Climatic Science and Services Division. “But to oversimplify: a warmer atmosphere can hold more water vapor, and an atmosphere with more water vapor can make more precipitation.” In parts of the world where the factor currently limiting the amount of precipitation is water vapor, a warmer world means more precipitation. This is the situation for much of the middle and higher latitudes of Earth.”

Way to go, NOAA.

And then there’s this, from the EPA’s climate change indicators website: “As average temperatures at the Earth’s surface rise, more evaporation occurs, which, in turn, increases overall precipitation. Simply put, precipitation amounts are increasing as temperatures rise because warm air holds more water vapor. A 1°F rise in temperature equals as much as a 4 percent increase in atmospheric water vapor.”

The statements may be contrary to current political wisdom, but as we said, they have the advantage of being true, and if politicians and the media can be persuaded to give up one of their most cherished shibboleths, the public is bound to catch up. Climate change means more rain.
Even if it’s not Crosby weather, there’s a flood of memories

As we prepare to roll into the week of the 80th Pebble Beach Pro-Am, I am flooded with memories of the many interesting individuals associated with that event whom I’ve had the opportunity to meet. One standout among them is Kathryn Crosby (now 88), the widow of Bing. We first met 20 years ago. I was speaking on Crosby and Pebble Beach at a Holstia University conference in New York, celebrating the 100th anniversary of Bing’s birth. She was in the audience and I glanced before discussing the tournament name change from Crosby to AT&T. She kindly invited my wife and me to dinner that evening. I’ve since walked Pebble Beach with her as she watched her sons, Harry and Nathaniel, play in the pro-am. What a special lady. I’ve learned she regretted her decision and wished Bing’s name was still on the tournament. Me, I am grateful to Jim Nantz and the CBS Sports crew for remembering by having a Bing Pro-Am. That each year Bing’s role in bringing his tournament to Pebble Beach in 1947.

Speaking of CBS and the Crosby years, I once interviewed 1960 Crosby Champion Ken Venturi, who passed away in 2013. His competitive career was shortened due to carpal tunnel issues, but his knowledge of the game, coupled with his good looks and a wonderful voice, led to a 35-year-old career in the broadcasting booth for CBS. He regaled me with his memories of the Monterey Peninsula — memories that preceded my knowledge of his winning the 1951 California Amateur at Pebble Beach Golf Links when he was 20.

Ship’s Chandler

Venturi was born May 15, 1931, in San Francisco. His father, Fred, was the son of immigrants and worked as a ship’s Chandler, selling maritime supplies to boat owners along the coast, including in Monterey. Venturi informed me that he would often accompany his father on trips to Monterey in the 1940s. Fred would drive Ken off at the Cypress Point Club to caddy, while Fred made his rounds with Monterey Bay’s fishing fleet.

Ken Venturi learned golf at San Francisco’s Harding Park, where his parents were members. At the 1945 San Francisco City Championship, with an initial entry of more than 1,000 (mostly adult) golfers, 13-year-old Venturi reached match play as one of the top 32 qualifiers. He lost in the first round but broke the Wilson Flight (14 and under) in the city’s junior championship a few months later.

A May 1949 feature story on Venturi as a senior scholar-athlete at Abraham Lincoln High School reported that he had already won 10 trophies and 13 medals. That included the East Bay Junior (1947), San Francisco City High School (1948 and 1949), San Mateo County (1948) and the Northern California Junior (1949). Stelar play that fell short of victory included a runner-up finish in the 1948 Northern California Junior, and then winning a regional event that sent him to the first annual U.S.G.A. Junior Championship in mid-August 1948 at Ann Arbor, Mich. Against the best in the nation, Venturi was runner-up and gained valuable national match play experience.

Morse Cup

Venturi entered San Jose State in 1949 in a pro-med program, thinking he’d become a dentist. While leading his team to many championships, Venturi added several more individual trophies to his shelf, including the 1950 San Francisco city championship.

Shortly after that, Eddie Lowrey introduced himself and became a mentor to Venturi. Lowrey was a member of several golf clubs, including San Francisco and Cypress Point. He was a good golfer and Byron Nelson’s amateur partner each year at the Crosby Pro-Am. Lowrey likely influenced Venturi’s selection to the 1950 California Morse Cup team.

In the spirit of the international Walker Cup team championships, Pebble Beach founder S.B.F. Morse donated a trophy for

When the tears wouldn’t stop, she committed to making art

CHILDHOOD was frequently a lonely and solitary part of life for Noriko (Yoshikawa) Constant, who often was left to entertain herself while growing up at her family’s inn — a traditional Japanese ryokan — in Sapporo, Japan.

“My parents were separated when I was very young, and I was only surrounded by adults — employees of the ryokan — while my father was managing the business,” she recalled. “I wasn’t very social or outgoing and spent a lot of time alone — I had very few friends — so I think drawing and painting became my friends.”

Noriko lost her husband, Bob Constant, to an aggressive form of lung cancer three years ago this month. They were married 44 years, and as she prepares to celebrate her 75th birthday next week, the process of creating art remains a source of solace and cheer for Noriko.

“It’s a very, very important part of my life,” said the Seaside artist, a painter, sketcher, and printmaker who has shown her work at Monterey’s Venture Gallery for 35 years, “It makes me feel like I have life, I am a being. I have life because I make art.”

As old friends often do, art has come and gone through the years.

Fan came first

Noriko took art classes throughout her school years — along with private lessons from a moonlighting schoolteacher — and became an art teacher as she approached adulthood.

“But my family and my family were very traditional, and he said, ‘Absolutely not!’” she said. “Japanese tradition is that the next generation must take over the family business — that was my responsibility — so they put me in a nutrition school instead. And, at that point, I gave up my art completely.”

Life took another detour in July 1975, when two soldiers from the Camp Zama army base (about 25 miles from Tokyo) stopped at the ryokan a week before the 2,360-mile backpacking trip from the northernmost tip of Japan to the southern end. The pair were on a quest to become the first foreigners to trek the 6,000-mile combination of Hokkaido, Honshu and Kyushu. They had been turned away from the local youth hostel (no vacancy), needed a room to rest for a few days.

Bob Constant, nearly 28, begged 27-year-old Noriko to teach him how to use the washing machine — the instructions were written in Japanese. But he had already probably picked up line and, of course, she wound up doing most of the work herself.

“He asked if he could take me out to dinner to thank me, and my sister came along — father’s orders — but that was our first date,” she said.

A surprising proposal

The soldiers resumed their hike the following morning, but Bob surprised her at the inn a week later and explained that he had injured his foot in Yakumo (109 miles down the road). He was under doctor’s orders to rest for a few days.

“He seemed flirty when he came back, took me to a piano bar — that was our sec- ond date — and as we were there, talking, he suddenly said, ‘Will you be my wife?’” she said. “I laughed — I wasn’t taking him very seriously — and just said, ‘OK!’”

The soldier restored from his injury and resumed his hike, calling her every other day. Three months later, he asked Noriko to reunite with him in Tokyo for a military event at that base.

She flew from Sapporo to meet him, and was surprised when he introduced her to his friends and military colleagues as his fiancée.

“I guess that’s when I finally realized he was serious and I had better start thinking about it,” she said with a laugh.

In November, nearly five months after they started, Constant and fellow back- packer Donald J. Austin became the first foreigners ever to walk the entire length of Japan’s three largest islands.

Afterward, he returned to the ryokan and asked Noriko’s parents for their blessing.

“Oh, it won’t last!” By then, my father was feeling OK about it, because Bob had proved himself by accomplishing this amazing feat,” she said. “My mother also agreed to the marriage, but told all of her friends and rela- tives, ‘Oh, it won’t last. In three or four years, she’ll be back.’”

The couple spent the next 10 years in Japan, where Noriko gave birth to their two sons, Andy (now 45, a hospital coun- selor in Fresno) and Allen (42, a private chef on the Peninsula).

“I was so busy raising two babies and always moving from one base to the next, seeing my children grow up.”

Venture Gallery artist Noriko Constant is often inspired by pets, like Aachoan, her white terrier, and Wanko, in the painting behind her.
Rita Jean (Collins) Thangaraj

Rita Thangaraj, born September 21, 1943, made her transition on January 18, 2023, peacefully at home in Carmel Valley under the loving care of Hospice of the Central Coast, her Tongan caregiving angel Vuni Maka, her longtime friend Andrea Steiner, and her life partner Paul M. Finnegan.

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ARTIST

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that I didn’t do any art for almost 20 years,’ she lamented.

In 1986, when Bob was stationed at Fort Ord, the Constants bought the home in Seaside where Noriko still lives. In 1996, grieving the loss of her beloved dog, Dai-suke, she began taking art classes at Monterey Peninsula College as therapy.

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a team competition between golfers of Cali-
forinia and those of the Pacific Northwest.
The Northwest group won the first meet in 1949, contested in Seattle. The 1950 meet
was held at Cypress Point, just prior to the
California Amateur Championship. On
Sept. 30, each team won two of the four
fourball matches. The next day, in singles
matches, Venturi faced former college rival
Gene Littler. Venturi won and helped Cali-
forinia take the cup.
In 1951, after winning the Northern Cali-
ifornia Intercollegiate, Venturi traveled to
Spokane for the Morse Cup matches.
California won, but Venturi lost a tight
single match to Bill Mawhinney, the
1950 Canadian Amateur Champion. In the
Pacific Northwest Championship that fol-
lowed, Mawhinney was the medalist with
Venturi second in the qualifying rounds for
the championship matches. Venturi lost his
first match and was out.
Bing called — really
In September 1951, Venturi returned to
Pebble Beach for the State Amateur and
did much better. His qualifying rounds of
75-72—147 put him in fourth place. In the
match play that followed, Venturi reached
the finals and faced Dr. Frank “Bud” Tay-
lor, a Pomona dentist and Morse Cup
teammate. In a dominating performance,
Venturi defeated Taylor in the final match
seven holes up with six to play. He had his
first California Amateur Championship.
In early December, Venturi was called
out of a class at San Jose State to take a
phone call. “Hello Ken, this is Bing
Crosby,” he was sure it was some friend
playing a joke. It wasn’t. Crosby invited
Ken to play in his January 1952 tourna-
ment. As it was late notice, Crosby invited
Ken to stay with him in his home on the
13th Hole at Pebble Beach.
Nicknamed “The Year of the Blow,” 1952
brought severe Crosby weather. However,
the tournament had not yet begun splitting the field.
All golfers played Cypress Point on Thursday. Rain
and downed trees washed out Friday’s round at Mon-
terey Peninsula Country Club, and the tournament
ended at Pebble Beach on Saturday. Professional
Jimmy Demaret’s 74-71-145 won, but it wasn’t
the best score that year. Venturi was paired with
Earl Stewart Jr., a 30-year-old pro from Dallas. As an
amateur, Venturi’s 75-69 — 144, only helped their
team score. Stewart fin-
ished tied for ninth among the pros, but
Venturi’s performance pulled the team into
fourth place, just three strokes behind two
teams tied for first, and two strokes behind
Demaret, who, with Bob Hope, finished third.
“Smitten”
That was the first of Venturi’s many
Crosby’s. He played more times, the last as
an amateur in 1956, and thereafter as a pro.
Venturi won the 1960 Crosby in another
year of severe weather. It would take a
book to recount all Venturi’s exploits at Pebble Beach.

An interesting side story to Venturi’s
1951 California Championship is that of
Connie MacLean of Napa. She became a
fan after following him in the competition
and introduced herself. She was smitten
and began a scrapbook of his clippings.
Two years later, she transferred from Napa
to San Jose State and Venturi began to take
notice. They married in 1954 and she cel-
ibrated his other golf victories with him,
including the 1964 U.S. Open.
the Pure Water Monterey expansion. But investor-owned Cal Am claims that’s not enough and they want another $24 million before signing any water purchase agreement that would allow the expansion of Pure Water Monterey to obtain financing and begin construction.

According to the CPUC public advo-
cate’s office, the $24 million is not for the expansion infrastructure, and that is why the CPUC denied it. The additional money Cal Am is seeking is to collect is for desal infrastructure and cannot be put on our bills until Cal Am’s desal is operational.

But Cal Am wants it now, or no deal.

The CPUC rarely grants a rehearing on something like this. In fact, most water purchase agreements that Cal Am enters into are never even submitted to the CPUC for approval. Cal Am simply signs them and gets on with business.

The CPUC could compel Cal Am to sign the water purchase agreement for the expansion, but they rarely do that, either. So where does that leave the urgently needed new water supply?

It looks like Cal Am can hold this proj-
et hostage as long as it likes. The result is no new water for housing or drought protection or to keep Cal Am from further overdeveloping the Seaside Basin.

The system to regulate private inves-
tor-owned utilities like Cal Am is not working, and the Peninsula is paying the price.

Beverly Bean, Corral de Tierra

DEI confusion

Dear Editor,

On Jan. 18, Pacific Grove Mayor Bill Peake submitted to the city council its list of DEI assignments for city staff, committees and commissions. Peake appointed five — including Marie Hunter and current member Nadja Mark — to the DEI task force. A group led by Tina Rau, outgoing DEI task force chair, orches-
trated a campaign to have Hunter removed from consideration and Kim Bui added. The council discussed and then altered the length of DEI Task Force terms. Without further explanation by the mayor or city council, Hunter, from among three new appointees, was arbitrarily removed as a DEI nomination. Bui, a current member of the task force, was not nominated by the mayor, nor was Bui’s name published on the PG city website, a requirement so cit-
izens can review applicant qualifications.

Hunter, the CEO of a technology com-
pany, met all qualifications for the DEI task force. She is measured, calm, and operates in a wide cultural and interna-
tional field. Her team represents a diverse group of experts and professionals. Hunter is a model of civility, grace and class.

One of the city attorney recommenda-
tions was to take up the issue of changing DEI task force terms at the next council meeting. The council ignored that recom-
imation. The council claimed it was merely extending Bui’s term. Council discussion of changing the terms for the DEI is “new business” and was not on the council agenda as required. Bui was not nominated by the mayor and therefore should not have been considered when the city council voted on appointees. It was a non-transparent switch and violated the tenets of fair and equal treatment as well as the rules of order for the PG city council.

I request that the mayor suspend Bui’s appointment and call on the city attorney to issue an official response as to why the number of task force terms question was not on the agenda, and why it was not new business to be taken up at a future meeting.

Mike Gibbs, Pacific Grove

Lighthouse birthday

Dear Editor,

The Docents at Point Pinos Lighthouse in Pacific Grove are excited to celebrate the 168th birthday of the Peninsula’s famous beacon on Feb. 1. As the oldest continu-
ously operating lighthouse on the west coast, our beautifully restored building is
deserving of a grand day of celebration. The lighthouse will be open on Feb. 4 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come join the birthday bash, and while there, ask about opportuni-
ties to join our team of volunteer docents.

John Bridges, Pacific Grove

Boy who cried wolf consequences

Dear Editor,

I recently came across the follow-
ing quote while reading an unrelated blog: “Habitually overestimating risk can make the anxious more anxious and the skeptical more skeptical.”

Very appropriate for recent events.

James Nazzium, Carmel Valley

Ban the sun

Dear Editor,

A quip making the rounds is that the Democrats plan to ban fire. That might sound ludicrous but would solve many of their urgent problems. There would be no more fires from BBQs, stoves, camp-
fires, furnaces, candles or home fireplaces. Next on the list would be to prohibit wild-
fires and controlled burns. Think of it... we will no longer require expensive firefight-
crafters or water-dropping aircraft. Our trees and wildlands would be completely safe.

But what about the problem of a hotter climate? We can simply outlaw summer. With the hot months of the year finally done, the climate would cool down to a nice even temperature.

And while we are at it, let’s get rid of the biggest fire problem in our entire solar system — the sun. Making the fiery sun illegal would solve all of our problems.

Why didn’t someone think of this anti-fire solution before?

Lawrence Samuels, Carmel

BURGLAR

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walking to the front door.

The thief was wearing a “dark jacket with the hood over his head and dark pants,” Bruno reported. “He kicked the front door, causing the wood frame to shat-
ter toward the inside of the business.”

After the break-in, the burglar drove southbound on San Carlos toward Sixth in what Bruno described as a silver early-
2000s-model Honda or Lexus.

“We were able to capture surveillance footage from several other businesses and last saw the vehicle travel south on Jun-
pero Street,” Bruno said. He did not say whether the videos showed the license plate or if the city’s traffic cameras cap-
tured any footage of the car entering or leaving town.

But the investigating officers found var-
ious pieces of evidence at the crime scene, including the mallet the man left behind after smashing the cases, and the items were “collected and sent to the forensics lab with the hope we can get DNA or finger-
prints,” he said.

Finnerman said he is grateful it wasn’t worse.

“He could have destroyed the display cases, but he just broke the tops, and the sides are fine,” he said.

“The other part of it is he didn’t go anywhere other than my front showroom,” Bruno said.

“Finnerman said he is skeptical more skeptical.”

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Nearing completion: Spectacular ocean view estate near completion on 17 Mile Drive above the 14th green of the world-renowned Pebble Beach Golf Course. Saroyan Master Builders has designed an inspiring modern home with striking architectural lines, an open concept floorplan, walls of glass and multiple entertaining patio venues with fire pit features. This legacy home was designed to create an indoor-outdoor living experience for the new owner and is perfect for hosting family and friends. Among the many features, a luxuriant primary bedroom suite, large open concept chef’s kitchen with two pantries, wine fridge and pizza oven, elevator, media room, game room, golf simulation room and an eight-car garage. Conveniently located close to The Beach Club and The Lodge, this property enjoys expansive views of the golf course, Carmel Bay, Point Lobos and Stillwater Cove. Photo is a Rendering

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Carmel High graduate bets big on himself, moves to UC Berkeley

ON JANUARY 4, two days after celebrating his 19th birthday, J.T. Byrne was metaphorically seated behind a tower of poker chips, holding a full house of risk in his hand.

But there’s a place in the world for a gambler, and with nothing less than his future on the line, the 2021 Carmel High graduate made the surest bet he knew.

“I just believe there are times in your life when you have to take a chance on yourself,” said Byrne, who announced three weeks ago that he would forfeit his full-ride football scholarship at Oregon State University and move on to ... well, parts unknown.

“Entering the NCAA’s transfer portal is obviously a risk. You’re basically giving up your scholarship, and you’re also not permitted to talk to anybody (at another school) before you enter the portal,” he explained. “You’re just hoping that another school will be interested.”

Was he drawing to an inside straight?

“The day after I entered the portal, my phone rang while I was driving, and the ID said it was Tim Plough, who had tried to recruit me to UC Davis when I was in high school,” Byrne said. “I knew he was now the tight ends coach at UC Berkeley, so I immediately pulled over and took the call. I was pretty fired up as soon as I saw his name.”

Plough explained that the Cal coaching staff had noticed Byrne’s name in the transfer portal and wanted to offer him a full-ride scholarship to play at UC Berkeley.

“And I said, ‘Coach, I’m in ... I’m all in!’” Byrne said.

Multiple honors

Byrne had been a three-sport athlete at Carmel High, earning all-state, all-league and MVP honors in basketball, and led the PCAL in home runs and RBI in his senior year of baseball. As a football player, he played tight end, wide receiver, quarterback and linebacker — All-PCAL and all-county on both sides of the line of scrimmage — and was ranked as the 38th-best tight end in the nation by ESPN in his senior year. If Carmel High ever builds a Mount Rushmore of all-time great athletes, he’ll certainly be among those under consideration.

He also was a four-year honor student and two-time Citizen of the Year at Carmel High, volunteering in the community at Dorothy’s Place Food Distribution Center, cleaning efforts.

Byrne was redshirted (practicing with the squad, but never appearing as a game) as a true freshman in 2021, but played in 10 of 13 games during the 2022 season, when OSU went 10-3, including a 30-3 rout of Florida in the Las Vegas Bowl, and was ranked No. 17 in the nation.

This season, as a muscular 247-pounder, he was a

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Creating Pieces centered around the idea of community, more than a dozen up-and-coming artists who live throughout Monterey County are featured in a juried show that opens Friday at Marjorie Evans Gallery at Sunset Center. The gallery will have a public reception for the artists at 5 p.m.

Titled “Lifelines: Connection, Creativity and Community,” the two-month-long display is presented by the Emerging Artists Alliance of Monterey. The group is dedicated to bringing local artists together, “promoting their work and helping them find the exposure and tools necessary to succeed.”

The artists represented in the show include Chloe Cornvea, Ekaterina de la Torre, McKenzie Floyd, Lindsay Frank, Valeria Guardiola, Tatiana Hart, Lisa Max, Yoydala Mendoza, Samantha Pelago, Carly Pryor, Kristen Slavick, Samantha Ulloa and Anne Yvisakov. “We at Sunset Cultural Center are thrilled to be welcoming the Emerging Artists Alliance of Monterey for their first juried showcase in the Marjorie Evans Gallery, which serves as a space of cultivation in the already thriving arts community of the Monterey Peninsula,” said Elana Kline-Thompson of Sunset Center.

The gallery, which is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., is located at San Carlos and Ninth.

“Monterey Collects California”

New at the Monterey Museum of Art is a display of pre-1945 art that includes rarely seen pieces by Armin Hansen, E. Charlton Fortune, William Ritchie and other influential local painters from the early 20th century. The art comes from more than 20 private collections. “The exhibition recognizes the artistic impact of the pre-1945 era, the backbone of the Museum’s collection, on the Monterey Peninsula and celebrates the collectors in our community whose commitment and care help keep the legacy alive,” according to the museum.

Titled “Monterey Collects California,” it will be on display through April 30. The museum is located at 559 Pacific St. www.montereyart.org

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This painting of Point Lobos by William Ritchie is included in an exhibit, “Monterey collects California,” that recently opened at the Monterey Museum of Art.

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**On a High Note**

By CHRIS COUNTS

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The program includes Mozart’s Divertimenti in B-flat major, K. 254, Beethoven’s Trio Op. 70 No. 1 in D major, “Ghost,” and Schubert’s Piano Trio No. 1 in B flat major, D. 998.

“This is the fourth time the Gryphon Trio has performed here since 2011,” said Peter Thorpe of the Carmel Music Society, which is presenting the concert. “They’re great friends of the Carmel Music Society, and they’re happy to get out of Toronto this time of year.”

The Jan. 29 concert starts at 3 p.m., with tickets priced from $45. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 625-9938 or visit carmelmusic.org.

### The early days of jazz

An ensemble of rising musicians pays tribute to the early days of jazz when “Jazz at Lincoln Center: Songs We Love” comes to Sunset Center Jan. 28.

Under the guidance of bandleader Riley Mulherkar, three singers and a band of talented young musicians will play jazz from the 1920s through the 1950s. Along the way, the group will celebrate the songs of Ma Rainey, Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald, Frank Sinatra, Judy Garland and many others.

Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets start at $40. Call (831) 620-2048 or visit sunsetcenter.org.

### Live music Jan. 27-Feb. 2

**American Legion Post No. 512**

— singer and guitarist Dan Frechette (Saturday at 7 p.m.)

**Bernardus Lodge & Spa** in Carmel Valley — pianist Joe Indence (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.),

**Big Sur River Inn** — singer and guitarist Daniel Cortes (Saturday at noon), pianist Michael Culver (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist Kip Allert (Sunday at noon) and guitarist Terrance Farrell (Latin music, Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

**Big Sur Vineyards** tasting room in Carmel Valley — singer and multi-instrumentalist Chuck Brewer and singer and guitarist Ernie Buck (Sunday at 3 p.m.). 1 Del Fino Place.

**Cibo** restaurant in Monterey — The Dave Holodiloff Duo (bluegrass and jazz, Sunday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist Daniel Cortes (Saturday at noon), pianist Michael Culver (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist Kip Allert (Sunday at noon) and guitarist Terrance Farrell (Latin music, Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.).

**Folktale Winery** in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist Chris Jones of Wolf Jett performs Saturday at Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley.

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More cocktail classes, gals get together for good, and a couple of transitions

**EDUCATION IS back on the agenda at Social Hour,** the Sixth Avenue shop that carries everything anyone could want for a home bar or for friends who are fans of the Sixth Avenue shop that carries everything anyone gift to take home and a discount on merchandise.

The Bitter Ginger gathers everyone to the counter at the rear of the shop to provide backstories on the featured drinks and their ingredients, demonstrate how the cocktails are made, answer questions and share a bit of interesting lore. Light snacks are offered, too, and everyone gets a gift to take home and a discount on merchandise.

Be my Valentine

The next round of Social Studies workshops is set to start with “Be My Valentine,” featuring a pair of “cocktails inspired by Cupid,” — a “Very Sexy Martini made with citrus-infused vodka and a detectable blend of lime and raspberry, and an adventurous twist on a Manhattan called the Tootsie Roll” — Friday, Feb. 10.

Later in the month, Mazurek will lead one of his staple sessions, “Sours: Shaken. Not Stirred.” The Feb. 23 workshop focuses on building cocktails with citrus, sweetener and spirits — and will feature two classics, the whiskey sour and the margarita — with guests learning about balance and dilution, among other aspects of drink-making. They’ll also see how to “perfect the dry-shake technique,” which is used when egg whites are included in a drink to create foam and body, and will be invited to get creative with other ingredients and garnishes.

“St. Paddy’s Day Starts Early!” is the title of the March 15 cocktail class, set for two days before one of the biggest partying/drinking days of the year — especially when it’s on a Friday. In that session, Mazurek will demonstrate how to make a Black Velvet, a riff on the Black & Tan beer cocktail, and Pot of Gold, an Irish whiskey sour with a touch of gold flakes.

The workshops will wrap up with a session that includes no alcohol at all. “Mindful Drinking” on March 30 will emphasize the Moderation Movement toward zero-proof cocktails by showing how “to make complex, adult non-alcoholic drinks at home.” Students will learn how to create their own infused simple syrups and shrubs and how to pair herbs and fruit to create balanced, flavorful and festive cocktails. Demonstrated drinks will include a seasonal shrub cocktail and blood orange mojito.

Workshops cost $85 per person, with a portion of each ticket going to the Big Sur Food & Wine Foundation, which supports numerous charities down the coast. Social Hour is located on Sixth between San Carlos and Dolores. Sign up at socialhourcarmel.com.

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**Galentine’s fundraiser**

Twisted Roots will celebrate Galentine’s Day — the day created by a fictional character in “Parks and Rec” for women to celebrate their friendships with each other — by hosting a fundraiser for Set Free Monterey Bay, a Christian organization that assists adult female survivors of sex trafficking and seeks to educate the community about human trafficking. In addition to a portion of wine sales in the month of February, $10 of each $30 Galentine’s ticket will go directly to Set Free Monterey Bay.

Set for 5 to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 13, the Twisted Roots event will feature wine tasting and sweet and savory snack boxes from Doula Shauna. The tasting room is located at 12 Del Fino Place in Carmel Valley Village. Tickets can be ordered at eventbrite.com/e/5199932691677. For more information, visit socialhourcarmel.com.

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information, call (831) 594-8282, email info@twistedrootsvineyard.com or visit twistedrootsvineyard.com.

**Fried Chicken Friday**

Jan. 27 is Fried Chicken Friday at Stationery restaurant on San Carlos between Fifth and Sixth, and while reservations are full (with waitlists available), food can be taken to go, too.

Operated by Anthony and Alissa Carnazzo, Stationery was established to be “a haven for locals” that offers breakfast and lunch daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the occasional special dinner, too. Chef Amelia Scatena sources many of her ingredients from Monterey and Santa Cruz county farms, ranches and purveyors.

One of those special dinners is set for 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, when Stationery will be serving fried chicken sandwiches accompanied by potato salad, farmers salad and banana pudding. To order takeout or get on the waitlist for a table, go to explorestock.com/stationery.

**E&M changes**

Speaking of The Bitter Ginger owner Brian Mazurek and his partner in crime, Lacey Mazurek, the couple, with partner Kara Stout, has bought Karen Anne’s Granola, created by Edisson & Melrose owner Karen Anne Murray. The trio’s LLC, The Full Irish, has purchased the line of granola Murray launched in 2004 but which has since taken on “a beat of its own with a loyal following of customers and stores.”

The granola can now be found down the coast at the Big Sur River Inn and is still available at Grove Market in Pacific Grove, Star Market in Salinas, Bruno’s and Nielsen Bros. in Carmel, and Cornucopia in Carmel Rancho, among others.

Meanwhile, Murray last year started Edisson & Melrose Tea and Retreats, three-day excursions “themed specifically around tea and a love for teatime.” On March 7–9, the first Ocean Time Tea Retreat will be held in Pacific Grove, with participation from several local businesses, including Peninsula Massage, Bookworks, author Alka Joshi, Naturally Chai, Zum Zum Tea, Carmel Berry Company, Pop-topia Balloons, Kombi Tours, the P.G. Art

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Social Hour hosts another round of Social Studies cocktail workshops, where guests get hands-on drink-making experience and then get to sip the fruits of their labor.

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Center, Save Our Shores and others. The cost is $350 per person, not including accommodation or transportation, and registration is online at eddisonandmelrose.com.

Joullian sold
In September 2015, Los Angeles residents Tom and Jane Lerum purchased Joullian Vineyards from the Joullian and Sias families that founded the winery three decades earlier. Last summer, the couple sold the vineyard and winery and the Carmel Valley Village building housing its tasting room to several corporate buyers.

According to Monterey County property records, the building at 4 Village Drive was sold for $3,452,500 to four different LLCs, and the vineyard property at 20000 Cachagua Road was sold for the same amount to a different LLC.

Several of the purchasing companies are not registered with the California Secretary of State, but a Big Bear City man named Eugene Muntean is connected to the Village Drive property, as the managing member on Joullian’s pending liquor licenses.

In 2000, Joullian sold its tasting room to several corporate buyers. Joullian sold a few months.

Lerums to the new owners and allow for winemaking and wine sales events. The tasting room has been closed for the past few months.

Field shell happy hour
The Holman Ranch tasting room at 18 W. Carmel Valley Road in Carmel Valley Village is hosting Happy Hour on the Half Shell Feb. 10 from 3 to 6 p.m. Guests can choose between raw and grilled oysters served with sparkling brut mignonette to enjoy alongside glasses of the newly released 2018 Jarman sparkling brut rose.

Aged on the lees for four years and produced in the méthode champenoise style, this “bright, acidic sparkling wine,” is “balanced with restrained dosage.” Holman Ranch further describes it as “displaying a floral bouquet and distinct grapefruit on the palate,” and said it will pair perfectly with oysters prepared by Casas de Humo Barbecue.

Tickets are $28 for wine club members and $38 for everyone else, and guests who fall in love with the wine can buy additional bottles for 10 percent off. The brut rose is priced at $112 per bottle.

To purchase tickets, go to exploreock.com/holmanranch/event/900550/happy-hour-on-the-half-shell.

Artichoke Fest helps
Last year’s Artichoke Festival at the Monterey Fairgrounds raised $28,000 for 16 Monterey County nonprofits, according to organizers. “Each year, we shift our focus to different areas of need in our community,” they said. “Last year, our objective was to give back to the future of our community while focusing on agricultural education.”

The 62nd festival generated funds for youth and student groups, civic clubs, libraries and academic organizations, including SPCA Monterey County, North County Youth Recreation Association, North Monterey High School, Partnership for Children, Santa Lucia Rotary, Compass Church, Federacion San Carlos de Colores, North Monterey County Middle School Library, Golden State Elite Cheer & Dance, Arts Council for Monterey County, Cursillo in Christianity, Marina Lions Club, Hope Horses & Kids, North County Bulldogs, Inc. and the North County Recreation and Park District.

The festival, which next takes place in June, includes cooking demonstrations by local celebrity chefs, a farmers market, educational exhibits, live entertainment and activities, winetasting, and, of course, “artichokes prepared in a variety of delicious ways, including the fun-favorite fried baby artichokes, plus artichokes steamed, grilled, fried and served in various forms, such as in burritos, sausage, soup, tacos, nachos, garlic fries, pasta and even ice cream.”

More information is available at artichokefestival.org.

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blocking tight end. “It was much different from my high school days, where we ran a spread offense and passed 40 times a game. Oregon State has a run-first philosophy on offense and I understood that blocking was going to be my ticket onto the field there. I thoroughly enjoyed it,” Byrne said.

It’s a blue-collar kind of job — you’re just grinding, grinding, grinding — and the appreciation comes from within. You’re just doing your job, trying to create opportunities for your teammates, and that’s really rewarding,” he continued. “I felt really blessed that they gave me the chance to develop that part of my game.”

J.T. Byrne walked away from a full-ride scholarship at Oregon State, a decision fully supported by his mother, Marilyn, and passed 40 times a game. Oregon State, a decision fully supported by his mother, Marilyn, while also living much closer to his Carmel home than Corvallis, Ore. (674 miles, 11 hours by car). Both parents and his younger sister, Caroline (a junior and multi-sport jock at Carmel High) made the drive to Berkeley to help J.T. settle into the one-bedroom condo just off campus, where he’ll live for the next five months. A sophomore majoring in business administration, Byrne registered for classes at Cal on Jan. 16.

The move to UC Berkeley checks every box for Byrne, whose hope was to land at an outstanding academic university with a strong football program, while also living much closer to his Carmel home than Corvallis, Ore. (674 miles, 11 hours by car). Both parents and his younger sister, Caroline (a junior and multi-sport jock at Carmel High) made the drive to Berkeley to help J.T. settle into the one-bedroom condo just off campus, where he’ll live for the next five months. A sophomore majoring in business administration, Byrne registered for classes at Cal on Jan. 16.

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J.T. Byrne was all-league and all-county in basketball, baseball and football at Carmel High.
Family flees Russian army twice, finds support and challenges in new Peninsula home

By CHRIS COUNTS

afteR FLEEnG from an invasion by Russia twice — first in 2014 and again last year — a family of three from Ukraine faces an assortment of challenges adjusting to their new life in Pacific Grove.

The Odyssey of the Two twins began eight years ago, when the Russian army attacked the Eastern Ukrainian city of Donetsk. The invasion forced Max Tymur, his wife, Yana, and their 6-year-old daughter, Vlada, to flee for safety in Kyiv, about 400 miles to the northwest.

In Kyiv, Max established a business transporting crops, while Yana worked in a post office. But the couple soon faced another crisis, when Vlada was diagnosed with neurolblastoma, which causes tumors to form throughout the nervous system, including the brain.

As a result, she underwent 17 rounds of chemotherapy and spent two years in a hospital. She even traveled to Moscow for specialized care — more than 500 miles away.

But all that changed on her 14th birthday in February 2022. “My grandmother called me crying and said that the war had begun,” Vlada said.

“Russia had attacked us again, and the soldiers were close to Kyiv,” For Vlada, the feelings she felt were terrible — and all too familiar.

Although I am a brave girl, I do fear war.” “My parents know that my health is at risk when I am under stress. So, they quickly gathered the most necessary things and we drove away from the war.

Sadly, Vlada had to leave a beloved companion in Kyiv. “I was so heartbroken to leave my dear cat, Emira, behind, with friends,” she explained. “Emira gave me so much comfort to me.”

Long journey begins
For Max, leaving Ukraine was difficult, but necessary for his family.

“While I had a strong desire to defend our country, I could not in good conscience leave my wife, Yana, to navigate alone the difficult process as a refugee who is the parent of a seriously ill child,” he said.

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Diné Vera (jazz, Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m.) and singer and pianist John McHenry (Friday at 6:30 p.m.) and singer and guitarist Kevin Pfeffer (Saturday at 6 p.m.) and singer and pianist John Harris (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.) In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.

Masa Tasting Room in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist Rick Chelew (’60s folk, Sunday at noon), 69 W. Carmel Valley Road. Midici Pizza in Monterey — singer Lauri Hofer-Romero, guitarist Adam Asta, and bassist Pete Lips (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.) and The Stu Reynolds Saxtet (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.), 473 Alvarado St.

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Puma Road at Portola Plaza in Monterey — singer and guitarist Tom Faia and singer Kate Miller (Friday at 5 p.m.) and singer and guitarist Sherita Perez (Saturday at 5 p.m.) and singer and guitarist Kyle Kovalich (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), 281 Alvarado St.

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

Salty Seal Pub in Monterey — Mixtape (pop and rock, Friday at 8 p.m.) and Hovering Breadcat (folk rock, Saturday at 8 p.m.), 635 Cannery Row. Sly McFly’s in Monterey — Phil ‘n’ the Blanks (rock, Friday at 9 p.m.). Three Mile Smiles (classic rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.), The Stingrays (rock, Sunday at 9 p.m.), The Long Distance Flyers (classic rock, Monday at 9 p.m.), Victory Lane (classic rock, Tuesday at 9 p.m.), 5 Star Saloon (classic rock, Tuesday at 9 p.m.).

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The family left Ukraine Feb. 25. From Kyiv, they traveled first to Western Ukraine, where they held out hope the war would be short. But when they saw video footage of a long line of tanks approaching Kyiv, they decided to leave the country.

They went by bus first to Poland, and then to Düsseldorf, Germany, where for several weeks they shared a small apartment with 15 other refugees. “We lived out of suitcases for many months as we moved from one kind and generous family to another,” Yana recalled.

Around this time the family watched a televised news report in which President Joe Biden announced that the United States would take in 100,000 refugees. They also learned about the massive amount of help people around the world were offering to bring them safety and security.

After they were gifted air transportation and three months of housing in Maryland, they left Germany April 21 for Mexico. From there, they traveled north to the United States border, where they crossed illegally.

An attorney from Texas helped them to get to Maryland, and donated paid for the transportation.

Among those who offered to help the family were a Pacific Grove couple, Joseph and Tara Terrazino. Joseph, a doctor, offered the family access to specialized medical care, which was critical for Vlada’s health. The couple bought them airplane tickets to get to San Jose, and they arrived July 15. A short time later, they moved into temporary housing in this case, a vacation rental owned by the Terrazinos.

Parents can’t work yet

No longer fearing for their family’s safety, Max and Yana are taking English classes and working through the lengthy process of becoming permanent residents of the United States. They are in the process of applying for work permits, which can take longer than nine months to process, Max explained.

Until they can work again, Max and Yana are reliant on the generosity of their new neighbors. Not only are they in need of more permanent housing, but they need help with day-to-day expenses.

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24760 Summit Field Road
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11523 Hidden Hills Road
3 BD | 2.0 BA | $1,495,000
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3 BD | 4.0 BA | $5,500,000
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CARMEL | OPEN SAT 1-3

110 Del Mesa Carmel
2 BD | 2.0 BA | $1,088,000
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350 Via Los Tulares
2.58 Acres | $495,000
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CARMEL | OPEN SAT 2-4

34 Del Mesa Carmel
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CARMEL | OPEN SAT 1-2

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2 BD | 2.0 BA | $975,000
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13.32 Acres | $625,000
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Big Sur
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Unmatched Lifestyle in Big Sur

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227-0900
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140 Del Mar Carmel
Soflyth’s Int’l RE
227-0900
$1,188,000 2bd 2ba Sat 1-3
110 Del Mar
Soflyth’s Int’l RE
238-6511
$1,100,000 3bd 2ba Sat 2-4
34 Del Mar Carmel
Soflyth’s Int’l RE
227-0900
$1,695,000 3bd 2.5ba Sun 10-12
20730 Skypark Drive
Carmel Valley RE
369-8126 / 331-6746
$375,000 2bd 2ba Sat 10-12 3-2 30 12-2
1245 Street Place
Soflyth’s Int’l RE
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207 Port Carmel Road
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$2,795,000 4bd 3ba Sat 12-3
127 Paseo Carmel Road
Soflyth’s Int’l RE
930-400-7583 / 277-2782

$4,299,000 5bd 3.5ba Sat 12-3
215 Crest Road
Carmel Real Estate
473-6000

$4,495,000 5bd 4ba Sat 12-3
414 Canyon Field
Soflyth’s Int’l RE
238-8100

$5,800,000 5bd 4ba Sat 12-3
Sea View & 2bd 2.5ba Corner
Carmel Real Estate
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$10,450,000 5bd 4ba Sat 12-3
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Carmel Broker Realty
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$1,725,000 4bd 2ba 1 1/2 Unit
1 Carrera Carmel Valley
Soflyth’s Int’l RE
238-8261

$2,750,000 4bd 2ba Sun 11-2
1560 Port Carmel Carmel
Soflyth’s Int’l RE
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$3,595,000 4bd 4ba Fri 12-3
3680 Ya Ya Lane
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Pacific Grove
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$1,580,000 3bd 2ba
307 Twelfth Lane
Pacific Grove
498-8199

$1,895,000 4bd 2ba Sun 12-3
250 Myrtle Street
Salinas Valley RE
373-2940

$1,800,000 4bd 2ba Sun 12-3
817 Concourse Avenue
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PEBBLE BEACH
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289 Lighthouse Ave
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SALINAS
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Salinas
511-1884

$1,955,000 4bd 3ba
320 Winding River Rd
Salinas Valley RE
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27840 Crown Point Dr
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The District shall have the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities in connection therewith.

For further information, please contact Shannon Harms, Executive Director, at (831) 373-8681, or shannon.harms@santa-lucia.com.

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From page 8RE

Mom made: “I would have asked to be adopted out if my mom made meatloaf the way many restaurants do. I’ve had restaurant meatloaf so dry and hard that if you painted red and green dots on it you could pass it off as fruitcake. Two thumbs down from all the saints in heaven if you tried to get restaurant meatloaf through the Pearly Gates.

No. 3 is beef stew, another meal restaurateurs should leave off the menu. Start with good beef, cut it in half-inch cubes. Brown it until you have scrappings you can dislodge from the pan. Take the meat out of the pan. Use warmed up beef broth, no water. Thicken it like you would gravy. Keep adding broth, keep thickening. Put the beef back in when you have enough broth to cover it. Add potatoes, carrots, onions and or scallions. Simmer until everything is tender. Slice some crusty Italian bread for soaking up the broth from your plate.

Fourth is pizza. Not the tomato-stained Frisbees you get everywhere in this country, but real stuffed pizza with a filling made from ricotta, mozzarella, eggs, Parmesan, wine and Margetta brand pepporini, which is made with pork and beef and seasoned lib- erally with red and black pepper (only Margetta, because of the flavor and oils it exudes when baked). The filling is forked onto thinly rolled dough, which is folded over the filling, then baked in the oven. Some Italians with delicate pal- ates call this three-cheese pizza, Angels rejoiced the first time they tasted it.

**Sleep with the pickles**

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dog vs. person bite on Fifth east of Perry Newberry.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 16

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Pebble Beach: A missing at-risk person was trespassing at Pebble Beach and was placed on a 5150 hold [danger to self or others].

Carmel area: Online report of fraud at an Outlook Drive residence.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

Carmel area: A juvenile attempted to commit suicide by hanging.

Pebble Beach: A 37-year-old female was arrested on Peninsula Way for public intoxication, trespassing, resisting arrest and battery on a peace officer.

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dog vs. person bite on Fifth east of Perry Newberry.

Pebble Beach: Subject reported a domestic violence incident/aggravated assault against her estranged boyfriend in the 100 block of Asilomar Avenue.

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Let’s take this big crystal trophy and put it on a golf course

By ELAINE HESSER

It MIGHT be a rout. It might be a squeaker, fought to the last strokes. But no matter how it happens, in little more than a week, the noise level at the most beautiful 18th Hole in all of golf will go from library-quiet to an eruption of boisterous cheering, signaling the emergence of a winner in this year’s AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

Not long afterward, the champion will pose for the media with a big, sparkling, stunner of a trophy. But is it like the Stanley Cup? Does the pro get to take it home? Can he keep it for a year and sip martinis from it, or use it as a candy dish? And where did it come from, anyway?

The answer to the first questions is, no, the winner can’t take it. He and the amateur champ each get a smaller replica to keep, however. All, including the full-size “perpetual” models that make their home on the Peninsula, are Waterford crystal.

Retired Waterford representative John Shiro — who’s had firsthand experience with one of the most expensive and fragile awards ever placed near a golf tee — said the first perpetual trophy for the AT&T was made at the factory in Ireland in 1986.

It bears a strong resemblance to the one that was used in the Crosby clambakes, starting around 1977. Shiro explained that that’s because Bing grilled in Ireland and was offered a tour of the Waterford factory. There, he saw an award made for the Irish Open and decided to order up a similar trophy for his tournament here. When AT&T took over the pro-am, a comparable one was designed and made.

Top heavy

At about 27 inches tall with a 9-inch diameter base, and weighing around 22 pounds, the AT&T Cup is “real-ly top heavy,” Shiro said. It’s designed with a removable “lid” (which weighs 5 pounds), although nobody seems to be sure why. Shiro said that the design was the work of a team at Waterford, and although it seems to suggest a golf ball, or perhaps the globe, it isn’t meant to symbolize anything.

He noted it takes about 60 to 70 hours over several days to make a trophy or replica, using a combination of molds and old-school glass-blowing techniques — since crystal is simply glass with more lead added to it. The finished products are shipped in specially designed crates.

There are four perpetual trophies. They can be found in a display case at the Lodge, the pro-am office, the Monterey Peninsula Country Club’s awards case and the office of the Monterey Peninsula Foundation, which organizes the event.

None of them has been broken, despite at least two of them being moved and displayed on the course — usually at the 1st Tee at Pebble — in the players’ dining area and/or the broadcast booth throughout the tournament. But there have been close calls.

Just in time

Shiro related a particularly hair-raising story from his tenure as the Waterford rep at the tournament. He said he wasn’t sure what year it was, but a news crew was filming the trophy near the 18th Hole at Pebble Beach. A boom camera was supposed to swoop in for a close-up.

They set a stop on the boom to protect the trophy and were preparing to film when someone noticed there was condensation visible beneath the crystal base.

They moved everything to dry it off, but when they put it back, Shiro noticed the trophy wasn’t in the same spot.

“It was a bit nerve-wracking. I was very aware the camera was too close, but when I told the crew, they said, ‘No, we put a stop on it.’” The camera bumped the trophy, which Shiro said “began teetering on the stand. Two of us went running out, and caught it in time.”

“There’s always been a backup trophy,” he noted.

Steve John, CEO and tournament director for the pro-am, said that when Jordan Spieth won in 2017, he just walked off with the crystal cup and took it home (thankfully, he wasn’t flying commercial). The pro-am office called and got it back.

John also said that when Vaughn Taylor won in 2016, he was seen drinking something out of his replica in the Tap Room, and after Tom Hoge won last year, he and wife Kelly reportedly sipped Champagne from his.

When pro football player Larry Fitzgerald won the amateur trophy in 2020, John said Fitzgerald asked if his partner, pro golfer Kevin Streelman, would also get one. When he was told no, Fitzgerald insisted on purchasing one for him at a cost of about $8,000.

“That’s become more common — amateurs purchasing one for their pro partners,” John added.

Corporate CEO Greg Omiyera sent organizers a photo of the shards of his trophy after it was destroyed in an unspecified rec-room incident. “He just wanted it back. He was really cool,” noted John. “He insisted on paying for it.”

Shiro said that in earlier years, the winners’ trophies came with 56-piece sets of Waterford glasses, pitchers and other products.

The generous gifts nearly caused Shiro some embarrassment when the late Paddy Galvin, who was not only the chief executive of the crystal company, but once helmed Guinness’ brewing empire, attended the 1997 tournament.

That year, Mark O’Meara won a record fifth champi-onship. Galvin told Shiro he wanted to meet the golfer. As they got within earshot, Shiro heard a reporter — who obviously knew about the Waterford gift sets — say to O’Meara, “This is your fifth time. What do you do with all that crystal?” O’Meara quickly replied, “I have a lot of it in my garage,” then, upon recognizing Shiro added, “and we love every bit of it”—just in time to avoid offending the boss.
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Despite competition from an upstart league, pros show their loyalty

By MICHAEL JAMES

FOR THE past four seasons, several prominent PGA Tour players have competed in the money-heavy Saudi International, which has coincided with AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am event.

Last year, Phil Mickelson, a five-time AT&T winner, and Dustin Johnson, a two-time winner, were among numerous players who decided to play in the Saudi tournament, where the top pros are paid just to show up.

The PGA Tour, where players compete on the course to win shares of the purse, usually prohibits its participants from competing in another tour’s event held simultaneously with one of its tournaments, but last year, Mickelson, Johnson and others were given permission to skip Pebble Beach and play in Saudi Arabia, provided they committed to play in the AT&T Pro-Am at least twice between 2023 and 2025.

Last April, everything changed when the PGA Tour banned players who had joined LIV International Golf Series — the fledgling circuit underwritten by the sovereign wealth fund of Saudi Arabia.

Once again, the top players were able to collect huge fees by joining the new league but are forgoing the PGA Tour to do so.

The 2022-2023 PGA Tour season began last September at the Fortinet Championship at Silverado Resort and Spa in Napa. The AT&T will be the 14th of 44 regular-season events.

The Saudi event will be held Feb. 2-5, the same dates the AT&T is played at Pebble Beach Golf Links, Spyglass Hill Golf Course and Monterey Peninsula Country Club.

All 48 players who’ve committed to play on the LIV circuit are entered in the Saudi International. The second LIV season will begin Feb. 24 in Playa Del Carmen, Mexico. The Honda Classic on the PGA Tour will be held the same week in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. The LIV circuit plays three rounds without a cut and includes a team division.

The PGA Tour plays four rounds with a cut after two or three rounds.

When the players were banned, the LIV Tour, run by Greg Norman, a former No. 1-ranked pro who won 89 career pro events, sued the PGA Tour, alleging “anti-competitive practices.” The PGA Tour filed a counterclaim, stating LIV has “tortiously interfered” with the tour’s contract with its players. The trial is scheduled to start next January.

Steve John, Monterey Peninsula Foundation CEO and AT&T tournament director, didn’t comment last year when the PGA Tour announced its ban. In advance of this year’s AT&T, John said he again opted not to comment because of the evolving, contentious relationship and ongoing lawsuits.

However, players loyal to the PGA Tour and those who play on the LIV circuit have commented often.

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Giving back to the community is important to Julee and making a difference in people’s lives!

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Diverse groups benefit from AT&T Pro-Am tournament

By KELLY NIX

LAST YEAR was a milestone for the Monterey Peninsula Foundation — the philanthropic arm of the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am — when it surpassed a fundraising total of $200 million for local charitable groups. This year’s venerable golf tournament will again raise money for charities, many of which rely on contributions from the event.

“To reach this significant milestone speaks to the support of our title sponsor, partners, fans, and volunteers,” Clint Eastwood, chairman of the board of the Monterey Peninsula Foundation, said last year. “The tournament has had a lasting and incredibly positive impact on our local communities.”

The foundation’s mission is “to enhance the quality of life in Monterey County and surrounding areas through the strategic disbursement of charitable funds generated by hosting the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and the PURE Insurance Championship.” The charitable groups it supports are wide ranging and diverse, but each has a goal of improving people’s lives.

Big Sur Health Center

Founded in 1979 to meet the health needs of people who live along the southern stretch of Monterey County’s coast, the Big Sur Health Center is set on providing comprehensive medical care to all residents, “regardless of ability to pay.”

Through the center was first located in the Grange Hall in Big Sur, six years later it relocated to the grounds of an Episcopal church near the Big Sur River Inn. A grassroots fundraising effort, which included volunteer residents of Big Sur with help from the Monterey Peninsula Foundation, allowed the center to open a 2,100-square-foot facility in 2004. Led by medical director Dr. Brita Brunner, the Big Sur Health Center is beloved by residents, many of whom have sought treatment there for decades, and the clinic’s open six hours a day, Monday through Friday.

“At the Big Sur Health Center, we are here for the expected, the unexpected and everything in between,” the clinic notes. “We are committed to the care of you and your family. Our team strives to provide the best outcome for every patient, every time.”

Members of the center’s medical staff are trained in family practice or emergency medicine, including basic cardiology, dermatology, gastroenterology, gynecology, pediatrics, urology and general medicine.

The health center said its staff maintains working relationships with specialists on the Monterey Peninsula and if they find that a patient requires specialized care, it “will help arrange the appropriate referral.”

According to the Monterey Peninsula Foundation’s 2021-2022 philanthropic giving report, the health center — which treats more than 1,200 people every year — received a $60,000 grant to help it provide much-needed care to Big Sur residents.

Rain or shine, Monterey Peninsula has best to offer golfers of every ilk

By MARY SCHLEY

IT RAINED a lot and was very windy around the Monterey Peninsula in late December and the first half of January, you might have heard. But the storms have given way to beautiful blue skies, and groundkeepers and their crews everywhere have been working feverishly to get the area’s famous (and less famous) golf courses ready for the influx of fans visiting during the Jan. 30-Feb. 5 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am who might want to play a round or two when they’re not watching their favorite pros and celebrities have all the fun.

The Pebble Beach Golf Links, Spyglass Hill and Monterey Peninsula Country Club Shore Course may be off-limits as they host this year’s tournament, but plenty of options remain for fans dreaming of getting out on the grass to hit a few of their own.

Bayonet and Black Horse, Seaside

Construed when Fort Ord was an active military base, these two courses initially aimed to provide some well-deserved recreation for the thousands of service members who lived and worked here. Their story is colorful: Gen. Robert McClure, original designer of Bayonet in 1954, was known as “a left-handed golfer with an all-too-common fade,” and drew the holes accordingly, with severe doglegs running to the left through what’s known as “Combat Corner,” holes 11 to 15. The 7,104-yard par-72 course was named for the 5th Infantry Division, which nicknamed the Bayonet Division.

With its “narrow playing corridors and steep, penal bunkering,” the course “has long been considered the most difficult test of golf on the Monterey Peninsula.” The first course was so popular that the Army decided to add another. Gen. Edw. Wins Carns designed Black Horse, which is 7,024 yards and also has a par of 72, and bears the nickname of the 11th Calvary Regiment that had been stationed at the Presidio of Monterey from 1919 to 1940.

The course opened in 1964.

After the base closed, the Army sold the courses to the city of Seaside, and they are now managed by Seaside Resort Development LLC. In 2008, they underwent a $13 million renovation and comprehensive redesign by Gene Bates. Black Horse “features sweeping vistas of the Pacific and is highlighted by rescue-framed fairways, bunkers with distinctive, serrated edges and slickly-contoured greens.” Its coast-facing par-3 15th is among the more scenic holes on the Peninsula. “The best 36 holes on Monterey Bay” have host the PGA’s Qualifying School and the PURE Insurance Championship, then known as The First Tee Open. They are located at 1 McClure Way in Seaside and include a full-service clubhouse, a restaurant that’s open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily, a pro shop, custom club fitting and a driving range. Club rentals and professional instruction are also available.

Management now uses “dynamically priced” rates, which are adjusted higher or lower in real time “based on demand, availability and other changing factors.” Regardless, playing all 36 holes costs $230 and includes a cart, warm-up balls, bot-
‘Everyone’s excited to be there’

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

CLARA BORUP has always wanted to take golf lessons, to get out on a scenic course, swing a club, hit a drive off the sweet spot and watch the ball soar straight and long down the fairway. Like her husband has. And her son-in-law. And her grandkids. But for Borup, growing up in Oregon, it was always the guys who played golf.

So instead, Borup has been volunteering at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro Am for 34 years. Part of her drive to volunteer comes from her husband of 43 years, Blake Borup, whose career required so much travel, she began looking for ways to contribute meaningfully to the community while he was gone.

Sorority sisters

She credits most of her motivation to her Pi Beta Phi sorority sister from the University of Oregon, Cindy Zoller Silver, who retired in 2019 from her 36-year role as executive director of the Monterey Peninsula Foundation, the group that hosts the legendary tournament.

Borup believes the rest of her inspiration for volunteering lies in the appeal of watching great golf and her desire to meet people and make a difference.

“We moved to Carmel in late 1989, and I started volunteering in 1990,” Borup said. “Cindy said she needed help on her golfer registration committee, and here I am, 34 years later, still volunteering. It’s a fun thing to do, but knowing that we’re helping to raise money for local charities is so important.”

Today, Borup serves as the chairman of registration, the committee that registers pro and amateur golfers and serves as an information hub for players.

“My favorite part of volunteering for the AT&T is that it’s such a happy place,” she said. “The volunteers are happy to be there and the players love their golf and are so excited to be there. And we all know we’re doing something wonderful for the community, giving our time to contribute to something worthwhile.”

This year, the registration committee started meeting Jan. 25. Members will register players Sunday, Jan. 29, through Wednesday, Feb. 1, while answering questions and handing out gift bags to the amateurs.

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Carmel Valley Ranch, Carmel Valley

Closed in 2007 while undergoing a multimillion-dollar makeover to be “restored to Pete Dye’s original design, T1 bent grass, enlarged greens and improved tee boxes,” the 6,117-yard, par-70 golf course that was built in 1981 subsequently reopened to great fanfare and much anticipation by its members and guests. The stunning 500-acre Carmel Valley Ranch sits just east of mid-valley, with the course running along the Carmel River and up into nearby hills. C.V. Ranch offers the quintessential country club experience to players, and the course, the only one in Northern California designed by Dye, is “a visceral joyride no matter how you slice it (see what we did there?), with tactical shots, dramatic elevation changes, and just enough rewards to keep your head in the game,” the folks at C.V. Ranch say.

Signature holes 11 and 13 offer breathtaking drops into the valley, while others wind through vineyards, lavender fields and ponds. The clubhouse underwent a major renovation in 2013 and features a full bar, fire pits and plenty of space to sit with friends and relive the best shots of your round. Rates are $195 for 18 holes and $100 for nine — each including a cart and access to the driving range — with only resort guests able to book tee times. Discounts are offered for NCGA members, twilight play, and kids under 16, who pay $30 for 18 holes. Club and shoe rentals, spike changes and shoeshines are available, too. While there, don’t miss the opportunity to have a meal in the hotel’s restaurant, roast marshmallows at the fire pits next to the pool or indulge in a spa treatment. Carmel Valley Ranch is located at One Old Ranch Road off of Carmel Valley Road about 7 miles from Highway 1. For more information, call (831) 620-6406 or visit carmelvalleyranch.com.

The Club at Pasadera

First opened in 2000 as Pasadera Country Club, and then purchased by a Chinese company that renamed it Nicklaus Club — Monterey in 2014, the course designed by Jack Nicklaus and its surrounding facilities were sold again in November 2018 to a group of prominent local investors, including Inns by the Sea LLC principal Ted
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Which came first, the golf or the music? It’s complicated.

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

COUNTRY MUSIC singer-songwriter Jake Owen has had 10 singles reach No.1 on the U.S. country charts. The multiplatinum entertainer is a Grammy nominee and the Academy of Country Music award winner for top New Male Vocalist of 2019.

Owen loves to sing, loves to write songs and loves to engage an audience. He also loves to play golf, which he’s done since he was a kid growing up in Florida, where he set his sights on turning pro.

Accidental guitarist

While his fraternal twin brother, Jarrod, played on the tennis team, Owen joined the golf team at Florida State. A wakeboarding (similar to water skiing) accident during which he picked up a guitar.

“In college, I climbed onto a barstool in a campus bar and started playing country songs. Whether it was Johnny Cash, Tim McGraw or Kenny Chesney, I loved it. No matter what I played, when I played country, it felt good, made sense to me. I grew up with a great family and country music values are something that spoke to me.”

In 2006, Owen released his first single, “Yee Haw,” an up-tempo song intended to get a party started.

Following the release of six studio albums, two extended singles — including his newest, “Up There, Down Here,” released last fall — Owen has made it in music. But he’s never given up on golf.

“I have played in the pro-am every year since 2007, except for 2020, when Covid canceled amateur play,” he said. “It’s my favorite time of the year. To be able to spend a week at the greatest golf course on Earth and be treated like a PGA player is the greatest thing. When I was first invited to play, I didn’t understand just how great this tournament is until I realized how special it is beyond golf.”

Once he learned about the Monterey Peninsula Foundation’s awareness and funding support of local foundations and charities, Owen knew he’d found a perfect pairing of golf and giving.

In 2010, he established the Jake Owen Foundation, which has raised more than $3 million to help groups like St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital, as well as children’s charities and sports programs in and near his hometown of Vero Beach, Fla.

“Our motto is ‘Helping people in the places they call home,’” said Owen. “I spend a lot of time going to the hospital at St. Jude’s. Once you go there and see these children, the moms and dads and their families, hoping and praying that everything will be OK for their child, you understand how essential it is to help where we can. As a traveling musician, I always come across people who need help.”

In 2017, Golf Digest recognized Owen’s contributions by presenting him with the Arnie Award, named for the late golfer-philanthropist Arnold Palmer and given to “golfers who give back.” The award is presented annually at the AT&T, and Owen received his alongside Phil Mickelson and Peyton Manning.

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Balestreri, Dr. Craig Geiler, attorney Bob Rosenthal, and several others. The group has reinvigorated the club, significantly boosting membership, particularly among younger people and families, and is investing in making the golf course top shelf.

“The original landscape ... provided a unique opportunity to create a dramatic layout that incorporates selected design features reminiscent of the world’s most revered layouts. The course evokes similarities to The Old Course at St. Andrews, Augusta National, Pine Valley and Pebble Beach, which are arguably four of my favorite courses in the world,” Nicklaus said of the 6,807-yard course, which is open exclusively to members and their guests — and is the only signature Nicklaus course on the Peninsula.

Capitalizing on the existing hills, canyons and old oak groves, he incorporated natural-style bunkering and took advantage of splendid hazards, such as the awe-inspiring 14th Hole, a par 3 over a deep chasm. “A captivating journey through ancient oaks, dramatic hills and scenic valleys, the course is a blend of intrinsic Nicklaus shot value and strategy within its secluded, natural surroundings,” the owners say. “Native grasses and free-flowing bunkers accent the par-71 course, which subtly adapts to distinctive elevation changes for a thoroughly entertaining golfing experience time and again.”

During a visit to the course for the 2019 U.S. Open, Nicklaus told a group of members and the new owners that he remains invested. “I love Pasadera — it’s one of my children, and you always take care of your children and you want to be part of what they’re doing,” he said. “We really want people to enjoy the golf course — that’s the whole point.” And they do. “We’re a tight-knit group of friends and fellow golfers who celebrate a truly special experience based on excellent play and a stunning natural environment,” the club’s management and members say, and they’re always interested in welcoming more like-minded folks to join them. “Pasadera’s easygoing culture welcomes men and women of all levels to the region’s most inclusive private golf club.”

Located at 100 Pasadera Drive off Highway 68, the course and club lie just east of Laguna Seca Golf Ranch and west of the world-famous racetrack by the same name. The pro shop can be reached by calling (831) 647-2421. See theclub@pasadera.com for more information.

Corral de Tierra Country Club, Salinas

This private, member-owned equity club features a 6,683-yard par-72 course that’s “a signature tribute to renowned golf course designer, Bob E. Baldock,” who created it in 1960. J. Michael Poellett reworked some of the holes in 1999 and 2000 to create the added challenges of a multitude of bunkers at the course, which is situated off the Monterey-Salinas Highway and graced with some of the best weather on the Peninsula. Its gentle elevation changes and tree-lined fairways also make it a great walking course.

Corral de Tierra has served as a site for U.S. Open qualifying rounds and hosted the 2010 sectional qualifier for the Women’s U.S. Open Championship. “The course attracts the attention of the best players; however, multiple tee boxes on every hole ensure an enjoyable experience for all golfers,” and it boasts a strong youth golf program, according to management. Corral de Tierra is located a few miles east of Laureles Grade on Highway 68 and is open only to members and guests. “If you are the guest of a member, we are delighted to welcome you to Corral de Tierra Country Club and hope you enjoy your visit,” management says. “The club works hard to preserve its rich traditions.”

Various levels of membership are described on the website, including social and non-resident memberships. Inquire about reciprocal agreements with other private clubs. Instruction and practice facilities are available, and the course can be reserved for golf events for groups. For information, call (831) 484-1112 or visit corraldeiterrae.com.

Cypress Point Club, Pebble Beach

“I do not expect anyone will ever have the opportunity of constructing another course like Cypress Point, as I do not suppose anywhere in the world is there such a glorious combination of rocky coast, sand dunes, pine woods and...
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cypress trees,” renowned course architect Alister MacKenzie said of the course he designed in 1928. MacKenzie relished using optical illusions to toy with players, and he was adept at taking advantage of the land’s natural contours.

The 6,509-yard, par-72 Cypress Point course is known the world over, in part for the breathtaking par-3 16th Hole that entices the brave (and sometimes foolhardy) to fire their tee-shots over the rolling sea. Golfer Marion Hollins first conceived of the idea in 1924 and pursued the development of a first-class golf course, along with a clubhouse designed by George Washington Smith containing a handful of sleeping rooms. Membership would be very exclusive, limited to 200 people who would pay about $2,500 (in 1924 dollars) to subscribe. Cypress nearly folded during the Great Depression, when membership dropped to just 14, but Pebble Beach Co. founder Sam Morse forgave Hollins’ debt for the land and took over maintenance of the course. The club, which in the past hosted the Walker Cup — and is set to do so again Sept. 6-7, 2025, for the first time since 1981 — is open only to its 250 members and their guests.

Many dream of playing here, but comparatively few get the privilege. Cypress Point Club is located at 3150 17 Mile Drive in Pebble Beach. For information, contact the pro shop at (831) 624-2223.

Del Monte Golf Course, Monterey

Nicknamed “Old Del Monte,” and affectionately referred to as “Old D,” the course was designed by golf and polo enthusiast Charles Maud as a nine-hole layout and built in 1897, making it the oldest continuously operated course west of the Mississippi River. (The Presidio in San Francisco includes a course that was built a year earlier but was temporarily converted to a drill field during the Spanish-American War.) Del Monte was expanded to 18 holes in 1902 and is considered “a landmark course that has played an instrumental role in popularizing golf out West.”

Owned and operated by the Pebble Beach Company, Del Monte — 6,365 yards from the blue tees, par 72 — is open to the public and home to the Monterey Bay Golf Club, founded in 1932. Del Monte was the original site of the California State Amateur and hosts the amateur Monterey City Championship every year.

“Del Monte Golf Course features wide fairways lined with oak, pine and cypress trees and the back nine includes a treacherous par-5, 512-yard 13th hole,” according to the resort. Greens fees remain unchanged: $110 ($55 for twilight play). Carts, pull carts, caddies, forecaddies and rental clubs are available.

The Del Monte Bar & Grill remains closed, but the Hyatt Regency Monterey adjacent to the course has a full restaurant, bar and outdoor dining area.

Everyone knows the Monterey Peninsula offers some of the world’s greatest golf, and when you combine that with year-round mild weather, you have paradise.

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services, youth violence intervention, equine therapy and its Saturday African American Pride School, among other services and programs.

Since 2011, AT&T has selected a featured charity to highlight in the chairman’s message delivered on national television during the tournament — which is a unique opportunity for a local nonprofit to share its story on a national stage,” Lesley Varney, Monterey Peninsula Foundation vice president of marketing and business development, told The Pine Cone.

And for every birdie on the 17th Hole during this year’s tournament, AT&T will donate $2,500 to the Monterey Peninsula Foundation. AT&T has decided to donate those funds for a computer/device distribution event at The Village Project, and potentially other Foundation grantees. Foundation staff will be on hand at a Feb. 9 event to help distribute computers and devices to those in need.

The Village Project received a $25,000 grant in 2021-2022 for the Mae C. Johnson Education & Cultural Enrichment Academy, which helps prepare “at-risk” students from grades one to 12 for academic success through a multi-pronged learning approach,” including “tutoring, using computers for academic research and enrichment activities such as music events and outings to art and cultural museums.”

Monterey County Rape Crisis Center

Since 1973, the Monterey County Rape Crisis Center has provided ongoing advocacy, support and healing for survivors of sexual assault, human trafficking and child abuse, and support for the prevention of sexual violence.

The rape crisis center offers a broad scope of services, including counselors on hand 24 hours a day via its helplines — (831) 424-HELP and (831) 375-HELP. It also has licensed therapists and registered interns to offer counseling for victims.

“Every staff member at MCRCC undergoes the necessary training required to provide advocacy to our clients,” the rape crisis center says.

The nonprofit also accompanies survivors to medical exams, interviews with law enforcement officers and county prosecutors, and court hearings for sexual assault- and child abuse-related cases.

The rape crisis center staff realizes that victims of sexual assault respond to trauma and heal differently.

“Monterey County Rape Crisis Center believes survivors and believers in the right to heal on one’s own terms,” the organization says, “Our services will always be available when the survivor is ready, whether that is in the immediate aftermath of violence committed against them or years later.”

Sexual assault does not only impact the victims, it can also have devastating emotional impacts on people close to them. To help them heal, too, the center offers help to family members, spouses, parents, guardians, caregivers, siblings and others connected to sexual assault survivors.

“We acknowledge that sexual violence can impact entire families, across generations, and communities,” the nonprofit says.

Because education can “make a change to eradicate sexual violence,” the center’s outreach team works to raise community awareness about sexual violence and to inform people of the services it provides.

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Rape Crisis Center — a nonprofit that offers support and healing for survivors of sexual assault, offers a broad scope of services to undeserved adults, children and families, including counselors on-the-go to help those in need.
A 13-acre natural grass practice facility is available, and golfers can walk or rent a cart. The restaurant and bar — with 10 beers on tap — are open daily, with the kitchen open until 4 p.m. and the bar open until “close.” The 10th Tee snack bar is open on weekends from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., weather permitting. For information, call (831) 373-3701 or visit lagunasecagolf.com.

The course and clubhouse are located at 10520 York Road in Monterey.

The Links at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach

“Spanish Bay recalls the original Scottish concept of the game golf established over 500 years ago ... Here, the golf course provides you with the choice of using your regular shot or a low, running shot to play the steady ocean breezes,” according to P.B. Resorts. Open for public play, the 6,821-yard par-72 Spanish Bay links were jointly designed by Robert Trent Jones, Jr., former USGA president Sandy Tatum and Tom Watson, who once remarked, “Spanish Bay is so much like Scotland, you can almost hear the bagpipes.”

Spanish Bay overlays land once occupied by a sand mine and required extensive development to create the course.
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development and rehabilitation of the dunes and native plants in the area. “The Links at Spanish Bay is very much a sensory overload, with the smell of the beach carried in by a cool ocean breeze, the sight of the spectacular jagged coastline, and the sound of the famed bagpiper leading you home at the end of a twilight round,” the resort says.

“The Links at Spanish Bay requires precision and patience while negotiating sand dunes, pot bunkers, challenging greens and an ocean breeze.” After the day comes to an end, head inside for some food and libation at Roy’s, P’Polido or Sticks, grab a cocktail at Traps, or taste wise at the impressive Stave wine bar.

The rate is $315 (which includes a cart for resort guests) until April 1, when it increases to $335. Carts, pull carts, caddies, forecaddies and club rentals are available. The course is located at 2700 17 Mile Drive in Pebble Beach. For reservations, call (800) 877-0597 or pebblebeach.com.

Monterey Peninsula Country Club, Pebble Beach

MPCC covers more than 400 acres of gorgeous forest, dunes and coastal landscape, “a perfect setting for not one but two top-rated golf courses, The Dunes Course and Shore Course, with a combined 15 oceanfront holes along nearly 2 miles of coastline,” according to those in charge of the private club, which also has extensive hospitality and entertaining facilities, including two restaurants, a bar and an expansive, historic clubhouse.

Monterey Peninsula Country Club was established in January 1925 when Sam Morse — founder of the Pebble Beach Company more than a century ago — James Habbord and Alister MacKenzie decided to combine a golf club with housing, and Morse served as the first president of its board of directors. Morse sold the lots surrounding the course to military retirees for $1,500 apiece, and the buyers became club members.

Two courses make up MPCC — The Dunes Course designed in 1924 and The Shore Course designed in 1960. The Dunes Course was designed by Seth Raynor but finished by architects Robert Hunter and Alister MacKenzie following Raynor’s untimely death, then redesigned by Rees Jones, and most recently overhauled by the Fazio Design Group, reopening in April 2016.

The Shore Course, which was originally created by Bob Baldock and Pebble Beach Golf Links architect Jack Neville, was remodeled in 2003 by architect Michael Strantz. Open only to members and their guests, the Dunes course runs a 7,090-yard par 72, while the Shore Course boasts a par-72 yardage of 6,873. The Dunes Course first hosted what was then called the Crosby Pro-Am after the star brought his clam bake to Pebble Beach in 1947 and did so for 18 years before being replaced by Spyn...
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The official U.S. Navy course, operated by the Naval Postgraduate School, offers one of the best deals in town. The course “puts a premium on accuracy without overwhelming the golfer with length,” according to the Navy. Undulating greens and lakes that come into play on several holes challenge the best of golfers and offer a great recreational experience for the rest of us. Area golfers recognize The Pines as the best value for golf on the Monterey Peninsula.

The course offers active-duty and retired service members, as well as Department of Defense staff, an outstanding venue for golf at affordable rates, and carts are equipped with GPS units to provide exact yardages from any location. Golfers who get a rush from being directly under the flight path of a regional airport should definitely put in a round at the Navy course, which is also open to the public for very low rates.

But Monterey Pines is not without its more exciting stories, including the crash-landing of a Cessna on the 6th Fairway in September 2003 (no golfers were involved), and the crash of a Carmel Valley attorney’s small plane in the driveway years ago.

Robert Muir Graves designed the original nine-hole course in 1963, with the back nine added in 1972. It was redesigned by Marc Messier, and the remodel work that had the course closed in 2009 also included renovating the Monterey Pines Grill & Bar, which offers a private banquet room for meetings and special events, a bar and multiple televisions perfect for watching sports.

The 5,409-yard, par-70 course is located at 1250 Garden Road in Monterey. Hours are 7 a.m. to sundown. A pro shop, demo clubs and professional instruction are available, as well, and golfers and non-golfers alike enjoy the grill for breakfast, lunch or an early dinner. For more information, call (831) 656-2167 or visit monterey.navylitfow.com and find the “golf” tab under “recreation.”

Pacific Grove Golf Links, Pacific Grove

Affectionately known as the “Poor Man’s Pebble Beach,” this municipal course ranked among Golf Magazine’s Top 50 Golf Courses Under $50. While non-twilight play can no longer be had for less than $50, the course is still a great deal. The first nine holes were designed by U.S. Amateur Champion H. Chan-
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**Pebble Beach Golf Links, Pebble Beach**

Celebrating its centennial in 2019 by hosting the U.S. Open for the sixth time, the Pebble Beach Golf Links is situated on scenic coastal land originally slated for houses. Designed by Jack Neville and Douglas Grant, the course is considered one of the greatest ever created.

“If I had only one more round to play, I would choose to play it at Pebble Beach,” professional golf icon Jack Nicklaus once said. “I’ve loved this course from the first time I saw it. It’s possibly the best in the world.” Its oceanfront holes, including the dramatic par-5 7th and the spectacular 18th, are particularly captivating.

Nicklaus designed the par-3 5th Hole dedicated in November 1998 after the company negotiated a deal with nearby property owners in order to have the coastal hole installed as founder Sam Morse originally envisioned. Pebble Beach has been named the No. 1 public course in the country since Golf Digest began ranking courses in 2003. “It’s not just the greatest meeting of land and sea in American golf, but the most extensive one, too, with nine holes perched immediately above the crashing Pacific surf — the 4th through the 10th plus the 17th and 18th,” the publication observed in 2021. “Pebble’s 6th through...”
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8th are golf’s real Amen Corner, with a few Hall Marys thrown in over a ocean cove on 8 from atop a 75-foot-high bluff.

Pebble Beach hosted U.S. Open Championships in 1972, 1982, 1992, 2000, 2010 and 2019 — more than any other course over the past half-century — and last year, the USGA announced plans for several more. The course will be the site of four U.S. Open Championships from 2027 to 2044 and four U.S. Women’s Opens from 2023 to 2048, with this year’s tournament in June marking its first time here in its 97-year history.

When not closed for tournaments, the course is open to the public, with priority given to resort guests. Green fees are $595 and include a cart for resort guests, with $30, and juniors (12 and under) can play for free. The putting course is also available for a fee. For more information or reservations, call (800) 877-0597 or visit pebblebeach.com.

The Hay, Pebble Beach

Opened in October 1957, Peter Hay was the only nine-hole par-3 public course on the Monterey Peninsula and was designed by P.B. golf pro Peter Hay. Pebble Beach Golf Links designer Jack Neville, and Gen. Robert McClure, who designed Bayonet Golf Course in Seaside in 1954. That course was scraped to make way for the main entrance for the 2019 U.S. Open and was then transformed into a new par-3 course designed by Tiger Woods’ group.

Among its notable features are a replica of Pebble Beach’s famous 7th Hole and a 20,000-square-foot putting area. Renamed The Hay, the course reopened in 2021 to great anticipation and now boasts a lively restaurant and bar, Hay’s Place, situated at the top of the hill to take in the expansive and stunning coastal views. The cuisine is Mexican-inspired, adding a new flavor to Pebble Beach Resorts’ restaurant repertoire.

The cost to play increased significantly, to $65 for resort guests and the general public, and then half-price for those who want to play another round. Del Monte Forest residents pay $40, teens (13-19) pay $30, and juniors (12 and under) can play for free. The putting course is also free. For information or reservations, call (800) 877-0597 or visit pebblebeach.com.

Poppy Hills Golf Course, Pebble Beach

The Northern California Golf Association built Poppy Hills to serve as its headquarters and tournament home on land that was earmarked for a golf course by Pebble Beach founder Sam Morse, purchasing the 164-acre site in 1977 for just $7,000 per acre.

When it opened June 1, 1986, Poppy Hills was the first course to be owned and operated by a golf association in the United States. Robert Trent Jones Jr. designed the course, which was originally going to

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be called the Hilltop Course but ended up earning its moniker through a naming contest among NCGA members. It hosted the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am from 1991 through 2009 and was the site of the Spalding Pebble Beach Invitational for several years, as well as the NCAA Men’s Championships in 1991. The course underwent an extensive renovation by Jones beginning in March 2013, focusing on water conservation and creating “a firm, fast and fun course that unfolds seamlessly through the stunning Del Monte Forest,” while reducing irrigated turf by almost 25 percent.

Poppy Hills reopened April 4, 2014, to many accolades. Greens fees are $300 for the general public, and $90 to $120 for NCGA members, depending on the day of the week. Discounts are available for accompanied guests, seniors and juniors, and twilight play. Carts are $25 per rider.

The clubhouse has a restaurant and full bar, Porter’s in the Forest, which serves breakfast and lunch, and is a popular spot with locals — especially those who work at the Forest, which serves breakfast and lunch, and is a popular spot with locals — especially those who work at the Forest. For more information, visit poppyhills.golf.com or call (831) 622-8239.

The Preserve Golf Club, Carmel Valley

Tom Fazio designed this private, 7,004-yard par-72 course located among the “stands of massive ancient oaks, beautiful rolling meadows, ponds and streams” deep within the beautiful, tree-studded hills of the Santa Lucia Preserve, and it has consistently made Golf Digest’s list of America’s 100 Greatest Golf Courses and other similar lists. Fazio commented, “It’s as if you are going on a grand hike and happen to have a golf club in your hand,” and said the course has no signature hole, as the entire place is a signature property.

“The course wanders by towering oaks, through rolling savannahs, around wetlands and across seasonal streams with a backdrop of the Santa Lucia Range. It never triumphs its presence; it whispers through the landscape.” No tee times are required, and caddies are available. Golfers can’t see from one hole to the next and often don’t encounter other players at all during an experience designed to incorporate “all three schools of golf design — penal, heroic and strategic.” The clubhouse serves lunch daily and hosts numerous golfing events throughout the year.

The building contains a pro shop, and men’s and women’s locker rooms.

When the course opened in 1999, membership was limited to owners of property within the preserve’s gates, but the Santa Lucia Preserve now accepts membership applications from non-property owners, making Fazio’s gorgeous work and the stunning natural setting accessible to more enthusiasts who will truly appreciate the opportunity to play a course that “lets you experience how the game was meant to be played.”

The course is said to be the only one in the world located in the middle of a 20,000-acre nature preserve, and is eco- and dog-friendly. A recreation-based Ranch Membership is also available, as is the National Golf Membership, open to 40 fortunate golfers who live beyond Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito and Santa Clara counties.

Prospective members tour the club, meet with members and, if they’re deemed a good fit, are invited to apply and undergo an interview with the club’s membership committee. Contact (831) 620-6700 or register at santaluciapreserve.com for information.

Quail Lodge Resort and Golf Club, Carmel Valley

“Whether you are a local Carmel Valley resident or visiting the Monterey Bay Peninsula area, Quail Lodge & Golf Club provides an enjoyable golfing experience perfect for all ages and skill sets,” proclaim the folks at Quail. The Quail Lodge course was abundant with 10 lakes and lush, colorful landscaping when it was designed in 1964 by Robert Muir Graves, but subsequently underwent major renovation by principal designer Todd Eckernode of Origins Golf Design, with increased water conservation in mind.

The resulting 6,500-yard par-71 course, described as being “perfect for the walking golfer of all ages and skill,”

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offering just enough bite to make it interesting,” reopened in May 2015 and includes “some of the Monterey Peninsula’s most unique bunker designs trimmed with fescue lips, short grass areas that surround the greens to provide more shot options, and challenging grass swales that come into play on seven holes.”

Green fees vary greatly based on date and time, but generally run as low as $73 and as high as $285. Practice facilities feature a 7-acre driving range, a bunker, chipping areas and a 6,500-square-foot bent grass putting green. Instruction, custom club fittings, shoe and club rentals, pull carts, golf carts and other services are available, too.

Located at 8205 Valley Greens Drive, the course features a nicely appointed clubhouse and Edgar’s restaurant — named for founder and longtime owner Ed Haber — which offers lunch and Happy Hour daily.

The lodge itself has a new restaurant, the Covey Grill, which is open nightly from 5 to 9 p.m., with bar service starting at 4. To-go service is also available during regular operating hours. For more information, contact the golf shop at (831) 620-8808 or visit quailloodge.com/golf.

■ Spyglass Hill Golf Course, Pebble Beach

Designed by Robert Trent Jones Sr. in 1966 as part of the master plan for the Pebble Beach oceanfront, this resort course measures 6,960 yards at par 72 and was described by Sports Illustrated as “Pine Valley-by-the-Sea meets Augusta National.” Other major golf publications, “propose it is one of the toughest courses in the country, and the best course to never host a major.” Spyglass takes its name from Robert Louis Stevenson’s “Treasure Island.” Local legend has it he spent time walking in the area while brainstorming, and many of its holes bear notable names. Replacing the Monterey Peninsula Country Club in the Bing Crosby Pro-Am Golf Tournament in 1967 and has been part of that contest — now called the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am — ever since.

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was playing in our group when my dad made the hole-in-one. We raised a lot of money for my foundation and for the Monterey Peninsula Foundation.

For $25,000, enthusiasts can play in Owen’s competition with PGA Tour pros and celebrities. After a round of margaritas and tapas at The Hay, participants will line up for a shotgun start. Following the scramble competition and awards presentation, they’ll be treated to an NFL viewing party with a Jake Owen halftime concert in the big tent at the Player Hospitality Village. For availability and information, contact Tierney Highetower (831) 783-5438.

Said Owen, “I realize that all of this opportunity to help others stems from being a part of the AT&T Pebble Beach golf tournament and I am really grateful. There are so many ways to give, and so many people involved in the tournament are just as giving and benevolent as the tournament itself. Golf is an amazing community to be a part of.”

A tale of two stages

When asked why a country music singer-songwriter became so invested in golf, Owen said time and experience have given him a better answer today, at 41, than he would have had earlier in his life.

“I’ve always been a solo, creative person. And there’s something about going out to the driving range by myself that appeals to me. I put my bag on my shoulders, hit a shot and own the results of it. Which is exactly why I love music. It’s very personal, very creative, something I can do by myself with my guitar and that gives me the same satisfaction as heading out into a bunker with a bucket of balls.”

Besides, he said, his dad has always been a great golfer, and a kid always wants to be like his dad.

Owen hopes to bring his parents to share in the experience of this year’s tournament, and he reminisced about previous years, particularly 2017.

“My dad, Steve Owen, was caddying for me the year Jordan won the tournament,” he said. “It was incredible that a guy who grew up being a very competitive golfer was now carrying a golf bag for his son, walking alongside me when Jordan won the tournament. Moments like that become memories that last forever.”

Owen never takes for granted the invitation to play in the AT&T Pro-Am that arrives each year.

“The beauty and the point of this whole story, is to do good and believe in yourself and others. I was the kid who dropped out of college and told my mom and dad I was going to make it in music one day. Golf isn’t what made me successful, but music is something that brought me back to golf. Both are stages, platforms that take me to people and places you’d never dream of. And nothing compares to the AT&T. At Pebble Beach, it’s just a magical week.”

The Tournament

ment organizers to host the Hay Jake Pro-Am competition benefiting the Jake Owen Foundation and Monterey Peninsula Foundation.

The event paired golf enthusiasts with pros in a nine-hole scramble on The Hay par-3 course. Once again, on Jan. 29, participants can join Owen and top PGA Tour professionals to play for a chance to raise charitable funds and take home prizes for hole-in-one winners.

“Last year, my dad sank a hole-in-one and so did my best friend,” Owen said. “What a great way to start the year. I am lucky enough to play with Jordan Spieth, who has access to Carmel, where they built their home on a cul-de-sac south of Ocean Avenue. Their two children, 6 and 8 years old at the time, attended public and private schools on the Peninsula. Borup opened women’s and children’s clothing stores, “Clara’s Artic” and “Clara’s Petite Ami” (both now closed) at the Crossroads. Winton, her Maltese, was the official ambassador.

Chilly mornings

“We love Carmel so much, but toward the end of the 2014, our kids had graduated from college and my husband was traveling to Southern California to much for work that our life was spent on Highway 5 or the 101. It was a very hard decision, but ultimately, we moved to Newport Beach.”

When looking forward to putting on front black slacks and an AT&T-Toggled polo shirt and jacket and reuniting with her friends and fellow volunteers on those chilly mornings in Pebble Beach.

“I am particularly excited to see my dear friend Cin- dy Zeller Silver,” she said. “Even though she has retired from the foundation, I know she’s happy to continue to work on behalf of what I know she considers her baby, the AT&T.”

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AT&T debut and only appearance in 2018.

“The game of golf, is, I would say, in a less certain place than it was 12 months ago,” McIlroy said after winning the DP World Championship in Dubai last November. “No one really knows what’s going to happen moving forward. Am I thankful that LIV offers more opportunities for top players to earn more? Yes. But ultimately will that make me happier at the end of my career? No.”

First-time visit

McIlroy has also commented, “Pro golfers are independent contractors who should be able to play where they want, including in LIV events. I choose not to.”


“After turning down opportunities to go to the Middle East for many years, I’m excited to go play and see a place in the world I’ve never been,” Michelson said just prior to his first tournament in Saudi Arabia. “I understand those who are upset or disappointed. You’ll be OK. I’m excited to experience this for the first time.”

Johnson, who has won the Saudi International twice, said, “I’m a golfer, not a politician.”

Banned PGA Tour players are also prohibited from competing on the Korn Ferry Tour and Canadian Tour, second-tier pro tours, and the Tour Champions, the PGA Tour-sanctioned circuit for players 50 and older.

Besides Mickelson and Johnson, the AT&T will not include top-level veterans Paul Casey, Bryson DeChambeau, Sergio Garcia, Brooks Koepka, Graeme McDowell, Kevin Na, Patrick Reed and Bubba Watson. They’ve also departed the PGA Tour for LIV and received sizable amounts of money to do so.

As one of the more than a dozen PGA Tour events with 156-player fields, the AT&T this year will include its usual collection of veterans, younger players and PGA Tour rookies.

Defending titlist Tom Hoge, former world No. 1 Jordan Spieth, who won the event in 2017, and former winners Nick Taylor (2020) and Jimmy Walker (2014) are entered. Other notables include Maverick McNealy, Charley Hoffman and Beau Hossler.

‘No alternatives’

Spieth has often been rumored as a future LIV convert. Last July, he emphatically denied any interest.

“Let me be clear, any reports that I am contemplating competing anywhere other than the PGA Tour are categorically untrue,” Spieth said. “I am not in discussions with LIV. I have been quoted on the record for months that I fully support the PGA Tour and have never considered any alternatives.”

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