County sets plan for temporary fix of Scenic Road

By CHRIS COUNTS

MORE THAN a month after heavy surf undermined an iconic but fragile section of Scenic Road — and a week after some of those whose homes are threatened by road’s possible collapse fired off a long letter to officials decrying any delay — Monterey County officials announced a plan to shore up the pavement at the site.

Public works director Randall Idsitti sent a letter Feb. 8 describing how the county intends to provide at least a temporary repair at the site along Scenic, which has a famous view of Carmel River State Beach.

No easy solution

The plan is to build a “soil-nail” wall by driving nails up to 30 inches long into the slope and using them to “anchor a mesh cover to contain the sand and material under the roadway,” Idsitti said. “The slope along the ocean edge of Scenic Road is very steep, and one advantage of the current plan is that the work could be done from the roadway area and minimize use of the beach area below.”

Idsitti said the problem doesn’t have an easy solution. “Road repairs will truly be challenging, not only because of its delicate geological location, proximity to the state park and limited accessibility, but also the need to maintain access to the homes accessing directly to Scenic Road,” he explained.

City approves ban on fractional ownership

By MARY SCHLEY

The city council on Tuesday unanimously approved a revised law banning the fractional ownership and use of houses in town — a model used by companies like Pacaso — saying the setup violates an existing ban on timeshares.

The new law doesn’t prevent people from owning a home together, city attorney Sergio Rubin told the council Feb. 7, but they can’t make specific arrangements to turn units using it. The code already prohibits rentals shorter than 30 days in most of the city and fords timeshares everywhere, but the revised code would “make clear that a prohibited timeshare is created whenever any right is established for exclusive use of the property that is periodic on a recurring basis, regardless of the form,” according to planning director Brandon Swanson. The sale of fractions of a home on Monterey council votes to keep cruise ships away

By KELLY NIX

No more cruise ships will be seen in Monterey Bay — or at least that’s the goal behind a decision by the Monterey City Council this week to stop providing services to ships that stop there.

The council’s 3-2 vote Tuesday night brings to an end not only the arrival of the ships in the bay, but the tourism and spending that came with them.

For years, ships from Princess, Holland America and Norwegian cruise lines carrying up to 3,600 passengers anchored as many as 20 times a year just outside the Monterey harbor, where launches would bring passengers to Fisherman’s Wharf. From there, travelers on their way to Mexico, the Panama Canal or even around the world could enjoy day trips to various parts of Monterey County for shopping and sightseeing. The City of Monterey would help by disembarking passengers at the city’s dock and providing security.

City manager’s idea

Monterey doesn’t own the bay, nor does it have the authority to ban cruise ships, so companies that want to continue to visit could arrange for landing services on their own. But Monterey city manager Hans Uslar, who brought the idea to the council, doesn’t want that, and he outlined his reasons why.

Unimaginable loss of mom and kids leads to reflection, appreciation

By CHRIS COUNTS

When you read the news, it’s helpful not to look too closely or think too deeply, because some stories are so horrifying, they’ll haunt you. But when you’re in the midst of a tragedy, you don’t have that luxury. And you want everyone to remember the people who were lost.

“You get through it because there’s nothing else to do,” Joan McIntire said. Six months ago, her daughter, Lisa Biakanja, and three grandchildren were killed in a car accident in Hollister. They’d visited Casa de Fruta and were on their way home to Carmel Valley.

In the aftermath of the tragedy, family and friends shared what made each of them special.

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By KELLY NIX

At a hastily called meeting that took place in the courtyard at the Carmel Unified School District offices in chilly temperatures Tuesday morning, the school board voted in closed session to fire Carmel High School principal Jon Lyons, who was placed on paid leave last December for allegedly failing to properly handle allegations of sexual harassment made by students. He has not been accused of harassing anyone himself.

“At this time, Mr. Lyons is legally retained as an employee of the district and will continue to be on paid administrative leave as a result of multiple serious allegations of mishandling complaints of misconduct,” Superintendent Ted Knight said in a statement released Tuesday afternoon. Lyons will be paid through the end of the school year.

District officials have kept silent since Lyons’ sudden suspension a week before finals at the end of last semester, leaving space for conjecture, accusations and indignation on the part of parents and others who believed Lyons was being unfairly treated or retaliated against by Knight, human resources chief Craig Chavez and the board.

At the Feb. 7 meeting, which only listed “public employee discipline/dismissal/release” on the agenda, parents, former staff members and others aired their grievances and concerns during an open comment period before the board went into closed session.

Confusion reigns

Many speakers said they did not even know the purpose of the meeting or what was going on, several said they support a district that is inclusive of everyone regardless of race, gender and identity, and some called for the dismissal of Knight and Chavez. Many defended Lyons and said Knight was retaliating against him. A few aired old complaints, such as the district’s masking requirements during the Covid pandemic and decisions to give students community service hours for participating in LGBTQ+ activities.

“We are we doing?” asked parent Veronica Wheeler, who complained that a staffer against whom sexual harassment allegations had been made was reassigned to River View Elementary. She hadn’t even known the purpose of the meeting be anything other than a public employee discipline meeting and was waiting for the board to vote on it.

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Beloved Boxers

ANYONE WHO’S enjoyed the companionship of eight boxers over the years has a keen sense of what makes them so appealing. Butch, a 12-year-old boxer, was joined by Isadora, a 4-year-old Staffordshire terrier-boxer mix, after their people brought Butch from Silicon Valley to the mouth of Carmel Valley.

Eight years after moving here, the couple, who volunteer for Peace of Mind Dog Rescue and have a soft heart for animals in need, brought home 6-month-old Isadora from NorCal Boxer Rescue. “Boxers are very fun, energetic and goofy,” their person said. “They’re clowns with each other, with other dogs, and with people, and they act like puppies right up to the day they die. They’re very happy with themselves.”

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Panetta brings pizza guy to SOTU

By KELLY NIX

WHEN CONGRESSMAN Jimmy Panetta attended President Joe Biden’s State of the Union address Tuesday, he brought with him the owner of a popular pizza chain whose Capitola restaurant was heavily damaged during the powerful storms last month that hit the region.

Like many businesses in Santa Cruz County and other parts of the state, including Monterey County, Pizza My Heart owner Chuck Hammers’ restaurant experienced severe damage due to a tidal surge. During Biden and Panetta’s tour of that area last month, Hammers showed them the damage to his restaurant and talked about what it would take to recover.

That led Panetta to invite Hammers — who also owns the Pizza My Heart restaurant in Del Monte Center in Monterey — to the U.S. Capitol to watch Biden’s State of the Union address.

“When President Biden came to survey the damage, he promised us that the federal government would stay on the ground for as long as it takes to get our communities back on our feet and back to normal,” Panetta said. “I continue to work to ensure that the federal government lives up to that obligation so that individuals and small businesses in the 19th Congressional District can repair and recover in a timely and efficient manner.”

Reached out

Hammers, who has been a sizable donor to Democratic Party political candidates, said he was “honored” to be Panetta’s guest at the State of the Union address.

Panetta “personally reached out to me during the Covid-19 pandemic to ensure our business and employees had the federal support we needed, and he was the first legislator to visit my restaurant in the storm-damaged area in Capitola,” Hammers said.

Following Biden’s address, Panetta chatted briefly with the president as he departed the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, something NBC news commentators noted during the live event.

CAL AM WORK MAY DISRUPT SERVICE

By KELLY NIX

REPAIRS TO California American Water’s system that began this week may cause tap water in Pebble Beach, Carmel, Carmel Valley and the Carmel Highland to become temporarily cloudy or discolored, but there’s an easy fix, a spokesman for the utility said this week.

On Feb. 8, Cal Am started doing infrastructure work in Pebble Beach and Carmel Valley which it says is expected to wrap up Feb. 17, depending on the weather.

“To reduce reliance on the Carmel River, California American Water has replumbed our system to draw source water from the Seaside Basin” instead of the Carmel River, Cal Am spokesman Josh Stratton told The Pine Cone. The utility also “installed pump stations in Pebble Beach and Carmel Valley to transport the water. The work Cal Am is doing now, Stratton explained, involves redirecting flows. However, because it disturbs old pipes, the work may cause some residents to experience “discolored or cloudy water, low water pressure, or no water,” Cal Am said. Stratton said cloudy or discolored water can be fixed by running taps on cold at the lowest level of the house for about three to five minutes until the water runs clear.

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Déjà vu all over again: City searching for architect to do CPD remodel

By MARY SCHLEY

The police station remodeling project that’s been pushed, pulled, expanded, reduced, sidelined, put on the front burner and then canceled during the last six years is on track to start all over again. On Tuesday, the city council voted to ask “architectural firms with a strong practice in police department design and rehabilitation” to submit proposals for taking on the project.

Over the past few years, the city council has allocated $3.3 million for the remodel, but little of it has been spent, other than on a project manager contracted to oversee the effort. Last year, the architectural firm that had been working on the project withdrew, and rather than hire a new one to take over, the council decided last December to set the whole effort aside and form a committee to determine what to do next.

Since then, Mayor Dave Potter and councilman Jeff Baron have met with the city administrator, acting police chief, public works director, planning director, building official and the project manager, and have toured the site, which includes the police station and the connected public works facilities.

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Six days after friends notified authorities that diver Zachary Nelson was lost at sea near Fanshell Beach in Pebble Beach, the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office reported that his body was recovered Feb. 3 just after 8 a.m. A resident of Alameda County, Nelson was 27.

“Sheriff’s office coroner unit personnel responded to a report of human remains located on the northern end of Fanshell Beach,” the sheriff’s office said. “Coroner division personnel identified the human remains as the missing diver and provided notification to the diver’s next of kin.”

Nelson was diving Jan. 28 when he was reported missing. According to two social media accounts, a wave hit a group of divers when they returned to the surface. One suggested he was caught in a rip tide.

“We all surfaced and swam toward shore when he was separated from his group at 3:30 p.m.,” one of his friends reported on Facebook. “We were not far from the shore when a large wave hit, and we did not see him after.”

Search resumes

The Coast Guard used a helicopter and drone to search for Nelson Saturday, but didn’t find him and had to call off the search after two hours due to darkness.

The search resumed Sunday, with the Coast Guard employing a helicopter and a boat. The sheriff’s office dive team joined the search. But shortly after noon, the search was ended “due to the high surf and deteriorating weather and water conditions.”

The tragedy shook up many in the local dive community. A number of divers commented on the incident on a Facebook page dedicated to diving in the Monterey Bay.

“This is absolutely a heartbreaker,” one diver posted. “It’s a fresh reminder why we need to be so very cautious while we’re doing what we love to do.”

Body of missing diver recovered

By CHRIS COUNTS

Accused kidnapper pleads not guilty

By KELLY NIX

The Seaside man arrested last week for carjacking and kidnapping in Pacific Grove pleaded not guilty to those crimes and others, and remains behind bars in Monterey County Jail on $200,000 bail.

Prosecutors said that Drehobl carjacked the Corvette from Hu and accomplished the crime “by means of force and fear.” The vehicle, the complaint says, belonged to Xuan Hu.

Police said that Drehobl then drove to Rite Aid at Country Club Gate Center, “where he attempted to forcibly remove the victim,” before fleeing from the area. Police officers caught up with him in a garage in the Forest Grove neighborhood where they say he was “tampering with a
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The HOFSAS House hotel on San Carlos north of Fourth is more than 75 years old. Now, former councilwoman Carrie Theis and her family, the inn’s long-time owners, want to figure out what its next 75 years should look like.

To that end, they unveiled preliminary plans for a total overhaul of the project at a community meeting last month and are set to take them to the city’s design review committee Feb. 15.

“Originally, Carrie came to me and asked, ‘What can I do with this for the next 75 years?’” architect Eric Miller said this week. “We looked at a remodeled and walked the whole property.”

But remodeling is out of the question, according to Miller, considering the sloping lot and steep driveway, tall buildings with lots of stairs, lack of fire protection and other code-related issues.

“Fire sprinklers were an issue, and there’s no way to be ADA accessible because of all the different levels,” he said. “There are structural problems with the old buildings — they met the codes at the time, but not now.”

So, they decided to come up with an entirely new design. Miller described the HOFSAS Legacy project as having “craftsman styling,” with wood, stone and hipped roofs.

But Theis’ distinctive house located on the Dolores Street side of the property will remain, according to Miller, and will serve as “a buffer between our project and the neighborhood.”

New luxury

HOFSAS House has 38 rooms and two residential units, and the new plans call for the same number. The hotel won’t be any taller and won’t require any variances or exceptions to the zoning code, according to Miller. The entrance on San Carlos would be converted to a porte cochere, while driveways on the north side of the hotel and on Dolores would be retained.

“The problem is there’s nowhere for anyone to park,” he said. “So we’ll bump the number of spots to 50.”

The architectural vision for the new HOFSAS Legacy project to replace the 75-year-old hotel on San Carlos Street calls for a more grand lobby and porte cochere.

Theis said about 50 people attended the Jan. 26 meeting at the hotel where she and Miller unveiled their proposal.

“It was a nice mix of people: innkeepers, realtors, neighbors, locals, former city council and planning commission members,” as well as current council members Jeff Baron and Bobby Richards, planning commissioner Stephanie Locke and planning director Brandon Swanson, she said. “We had many positive comments and only two that were questioning the design,” from Carmel Preservation Association founders Karyl Hall and Neal Kruse.

“We are on the design review committee agenda for Feb. 15, so we will present the safety issues with the department heads and staff and to see if there is anything we can do,” Miller said.
New tourism initiative urges visitors to ‘Love Carmel like a local’

By MARY SCHLEY

A CAMPAIGN that seeks to draw tourists here but lessen their impacts on residents and the environment by promoting "voluntourism" and conscientious use of the beach and other resources was launched Feb. 1 by the city’s tourism-promotion agency, Visit Carmel.

Funded by local tax dollars and a special fee charged to hotel guests, Visit Carmel seeks to "promote and brand Carmel-by-the-Sea as a world-class destination and drive overnight stays when we need them most," executive director Amy Herzog told the city council Tuesday when she announced the latest tourism initiative.

"Our goal in putting them up there was to create a very welcoming and friendly message that welcomes people to our village," she said. "We feel the balance of that messaging is setting the right tone for stewardship.

Herzog said that when she drives down the street and sees the banners, she feels "very proud" of the "strong, positive message" they convey.

Other aspects of the new initiative, which is touted in the city’s tourism website, tell would-be visitors that "It takes a village" and suggest they "Go the extra 'square' mile," referring to the city's 1-square-mile size. The website also provides suggestions how to get involved in the community.

Water bottles, hats and other swag for sale online bear the new logo, a video and digital ads show how people can be responsible and helpful by recycling, not littering and otherwise showing respect for the area.

Brain trust

Herzog told The Pine Cone she and designers and marketers Jeff Burghardt and Nicole Dore collaborated with a "task force" of community leaders, residents and others on the “Love Carmel” campaign, including Elana Kline from Sunset Center.

See TOURISM page 17A
Laila 2007-2023

Sweet grey lady Laila crossed over the rainbow bridge Sunday, leaving behind a family that felt so lucky to have had her in their lives. Laila came to be with us after her original Mom, Grace, passed away, and Peace of Mind Dog Rescue ensured Herrmann and her team at Monterey Peninsula Emergency & Specialty Veterinary Center treated Laila and her family with kindness and compassion as she found her way to peace.

We miss you, Laila, and will hold you forever in our hearts. Memorial donations can be made to POMDR at peaceofminddogrescue.org.

Rescued hikers ignore trail closures

By CHRIS COUNTS

Two hikers who were brought to safety last Saturday by the Monterey County Sheriff’s Search and Rescue Team discovered the perils of hiking in the Big Sur backcountry during the rainy season.

Jason Smith of the Monterey County’s Sheriff’s Office told The Pine Cone that the rescue effort got underway about 6:30 p.m., when the hikers called 911 from the Pin Canyon Trail.

According to the sheriff’s office, the situation became “dire when they found themselves crossing multiple creeks and rivers with night setting in. The hikers were soaked from the river crossings and continued to get doused from the rain showers.” Neither hiker had a flashlight, and they were using their cell phones to light their way.

“With one phone dead and the other dwindling, they reached a spot with some cell service and were able to call for help,” a report from the sheriff’s office continued. Once the hikers’ location was verified, they were advised to stay in place until rescuers could reach them.

“Rescue crews took extra flashlights and clothing to the hikers, located them and guided them out of the backcountry,” the sheriff’s office said. The hikers were freezing but said they did not want medical attention.

Be better prepared

The sheriff’s office urged people to make better preparations before they go hiking.

“Please be prepared for hikes in the Big Sur backcountry and let someone know of your route with times you plan to exit,” the report added. “This information will be vital to search crews should your plans go awry.”

All local trails on federal land were closed Jan. 13 for 60 days due to unsafe conditions resulting from recent storms. The report did not indicate if the hikers were cited for entering a closed area.

On social media, numerous people urged law enforcement to ticket the hikers for what was no doubt a risky operation for rescuers — and an expensive exercise for taxpayers.

“I hope they get charged for being idiots and putting rescue personnel in danger,” one person posted.

Three mountain lions caught on camera

By PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

Early in the morning of Jan. 31, a security camera captured footage of three mountain lions strolling past the gate of Cathy Bodhaine’s home on Chaparral Road in Carmel Valley.

“Normally we get deer crossing by,” Bodhaine said. “All of a sudden, we’ve got mountain lions — they were just a couple feet from the gate.”

The 10-acre property where the mountain lions were sighted overlooks the former Carmel Valley airfield and the stable

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Frustrated by delays, along with the knowledge that some of them predicted the trouble more than a decade ago, a dozen residents sent a forceful letter Jan. 28 to District 5 Supervisor Mary Adams, Monterey County administrative officer Sonia de la Rosa and state parks superintendent Brent Marshall. In it, they urged the officials to get to work finding short-term and long-term solutions to protecting and repairing the road, which they said is “deteriorating.”

First, the locals said the county needs to put a senior project manager in charge of the work. That person, they suggested, would need to possess the “requisite stature, experience, knowledge, respect and authority to drive the emergency repair, and implement the Scenic Road Protection Structure.”

Second, the residents want “an expeditious emergency road repair” that would be compatible with the long-term fix. They also want an “aggressive timetable” to move forward with the repairs.

“Time is of the essence,” the letter said. “Focus and firm resolve are required.”

During the tour of site this week, homeowner Jim Guyette expressed his frustration with the pace of the repairs and suggested that far bigger problems were solved in the past with less technology — and less red tape. “In 1930, we were able to build the Empire State Building in one year and 45 days,” Guyette said. “In 2023, after two decades of consultants, we find ourselves unable to repair and protect a relatively small section of road.”

Steelhead impacted?

While much attention of late has been focused on Scenic Road, the recent heavy surf also dramatically reshaped the Carmel River lagoon and sandbar. Perhaps most startling is the disappearance of the north arm of the lagoon, which is now filled in with sand. Considering how important the lagoon is to the well-being of the local steelhead population, is there any cause for concern? Not really, according to Frank Emerson, the vice president of the Carmel River Steelhead Association.

“There are a lot of benefits to these high-flow years,” Emerson explained. “High flows can bring new, clean gravel into the whole length of the river, which is good for spawning. During drought years, the gravel never gets a good scrub and you get mossy gravel with parasites. The fish can spawn in it, but not as many eggs survive.”

Emerson said the timing of a winter storm is also important, and the recent one happened at a good time. An early winter storm won’t have nearly the adverse impact on steelhead as a late winter or early spring storm because the fish haven’t yet established their spawning nests.

“If you have big storms in late February or March, the movement of sediment can scour those nests, and it can be catastrophic for the steelhead,” he added.

Resident Lorin Letendre photographs chunks of asphalt that have broken off of Scenic Road and tumbled down to the beach below.

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“Cruise ships entering the confined area of the Monterey Bay bring with them the very real danger of accidental discharges of plastic, plastic with food waste, gray water, black water, oily water, oily sludge, and diesel,” Uslar told the city council. “This is a fact. This fact is indisputable, and we can all agree to that.”

Uslar pointed to instances where cruise ships had accidentally, or intentionally, discharged waste into the ocean and were fined or prosecuted for doing so.

“Cruise lines are known to be violating and ignoring the rules and regulations imposed on them,” he said. “How much risk do we want to accept?”

The next cruise ship slated to visit Monterey Bay is the 1,008-foot Princess Discovery, which has a capacity of 3,660 passengers and 1,346 crew members. It was supposed to arrive March 14.

Mayor Tyller Williamson and council members Alan Haffa and Gene Garcia voted to end city landing services, while Ed Smith and councilwoman Kim Barber voted against the idea.

Like Uslar, Williamson pointed to the potential for environmental harm from large passenger ships.

“It’s based on protecting our environment, and it’s placing our value of the environment and pristine community that we live in higher,” Williamson said. “Just because folks in the hospitality industry demand it, doesn’t mean we need to lower our values.”

Impacts working class

But Smith said Peninsula hospital- ity workers are precisely the people who would be hurt if city stopped offering landing services.

“They’re trying to pay their way in an expensive town, and any loss of a dollar hurts,” Smith said. “And that’s why I’m not with this.”

Smith, who owned a small business in Monterey for nearly a decade, said that foot traffic and an extra $20 to $30 per week makes “all the difference to small businesses.”

Uslar said that each cruise ship brings in roughly $100,000 in business to the region. In 2019, 11 ships arrived in Monterey Bay, generating $1.55 million in revenue.

Monterey charges landing fees of $7 per person, and Uslar said the city would expect a loss of nearly $180,000 annually.

“However, expenditures incurred by the harbor division for providing these services would be eliminated,” he said. “The estimated sales tax revenue loss is approximately $32,000 annually, based on 2019 direct visitor spending.”

Uslar said his decision to present the item to the council stemmed from his concerns over city staffing, which took a big hit — like most cities did — during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Monterey eliminated 102 positions and laid off more than 70 hard-working employees, he reported to the council.

“Additionally, we closed the library, the recreation centers, our sports center and our conference center just to ensure that we could continue to fund public safety and public works functions.”

More than 30 people at Tuesday’s meeting spoke for and against the City of Monterey’s accommodation of cruise ships. Jean Rasch commended Uslar for his “forward thinking” on the topic and said the economic impact of tourism from the boats is “not worth it.”

“A devastating event would paralyze the hospitality industry,” Rasch said. However, Rick Aldinger with the Monterey County Hospitality Association urged the council to go against Uslar’s recommendation, saying “cruise-ship visitors are good visitors.”

“They contribute very little to traffic congestion and pollution, having a very small carbon footprint.”

Pacific Grove Travel owner Joe Sham- mas said he was disappointed by the council’s decision, and he noted that cruise ships travel into Glacier Bay, Alaska, and are considered “the most pristine area in the world.”

The National Park Service even pro- motes cruises through Glacier Bay on its website.

And he said it’s not necessary to ban ships that protect the bay. “They could just limit the number of ships each year” or accommodate “smaller ships if they wanted to lessen the impact,” Shamma said.

Shamma believes the absence of cruise-ship passengers stopping in Monterey would most affect businesses on Fisherman’s Wharf and downtown Mont- rey, and those who offer tours of the Mon- terey Peninsula.

Lost revenue

On Wednesday, Wendy Brickman, pres- ident of the Fisherman’s Wharf Associa- tion, also said she was disappointed by the decision.

“If the cruise ships do not come to visit, there will be a huge ripple effect that impacts economic vitality for small busi- ness owners and their employees, as well as revenue to the cities,” Brickman told The Pine Cone.

She added that it’s well known in the hospitality industry that people who visit ports of call often return to the destina- tion for extended stays. “These are further lost revenues to the cities and the business community,” Brickman said.

Delores Street by Pacaso led city officials to revive the law to ban such arrangements.

“The definition of ‘timeshare plan’ would now specifically mention that fractional ownership is one way a timeshare can be created,” Swanson said in his report for the council, and “time-share use” and “fractional interest use” are defined to mean exactly the same thing, so that it is clear to all potential violators that there is no difference between a fractional interest use and a timeshare use.”

No grey areas

During the public comment period on the proposed ordinance, several residents backed it.

“I fully support this ordinance refuses to provide clarity and crispness,” said Nancy Twomey of the Carmel Residents Associa- tion, though she encouraged the council to sometime in the future take “a broader look at timeshares, short-term rentals, and put all those models on the table and educate the community on what the differences are and the pros and cons.”

Resident Mike Brown noted the CRA also supports the update, and a man who lives near the Pacaso property on Dolores felt likewise, complaining that owners can come and go at all hours, bring dogs, and often leave maintenance workers and oth- ers at the home.

This doesn’t happen with our estab- lished community,” he said. “We have cho- sen to live in a residential community. We did not choose to live across from an inn or a hotel.”

Janice Bradner agreed, saying Pacaso See FRACTIONAL next page

Ships

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and other fractionally owned homes are essentially short-term rentals.

But Anne and Mike Coughlin, who live in Colorado but own a quarter of the Pacaso home, told the council they’ve been coming to Carmel for nearly three decades, often for as long as a month at a time, and were excited to be able to put down roots here, even if only as part owners of a home. They pointed out they pay property taxes, shop in local stores and dine in restaurants, and feel like they’re part of the community.

“Since we purchased the home, we have been able to expand our time here to three months, one month at a time,” said Anne Coughlin. “We care about our home, invest in our home, invest in our community, care about our neighbors, go to restaurants and shops, and we are excited to share our home with friends and family.”

She asked the council to reject the ordinance “and work with families like us who co-own.”

Mike Coughlin said they spend “nearly 100 nights in Carmel” every year and are grateful to be part of the community, “so I’m sure you can understand our concern over this ordinance that effectively criminalizes us.”

He speculated many other property owners in town have similar arrangements.

“We use and enjoy our home the same way other owners have shared their homes,” he said.

Is less more?

Adam Pinterits from the Monterey County Association of Realtors said the Coughlins are “wonderful residents” who care about the city, and he observed that many residences here are second homes that are “lovely and mostly empty.”

“People have a right to own second homes,” he said, but they often go unused, and how much better would it be for the community if more people spent more time here?

“What is your intent? If your intent is to not address second homes and the low occupancy rate, then go ahead and pass this ordinance,” he said, but if the council is interested in addressing housing issues, then it should “convene a stakeholder group and explore innovative solutions.”

Wealthy visitors

Downtown gallery owner Richard Kreisman noted that the best customers are often repeat visitors, and he wondered why having a single wealthy family that visits a few weeks a year would be better than having “a few less wealthy families visit a dozen times a year.”

“I encourage you to take a look at this,” he said. “Consider an ordinance that turns this to our advantage rather than banning it.”

Meuse Gallery owner and artist Simon Bull owns a share of a Pacaso home in St. Helena and defended the model.

“Carmel has been losing residents since 1989 and has been becoming less of a residential community since that time,” he said, and banning fractional ownerships would further drive residents out.

“Wouldn’t it be better to have eight resident owners visiting the home, participating in the life of the city and enjoying the life of the community just like everybody else does?” he asked. “I don’t see the benefit of empty homes.”

A few others spoke on both sides of the issue before, without discussion, councilwoman Karen Ferlito moved approval of the revised ordinance, and councilman Jeff Baron seconded it.

“By no community wants this,” councilwoman Alissandra Dramov said, and Mayor Dave Potter commented, “It’s basically commercialization of our private neighborhoods,” with short-term rentals “masquerading as timeshares.”

The council unanimously approved the revised ordinance, which will come back to the California Coastal Commission for adoption.

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Seaside man convicted of murder, rape in cold case

By MARY SCHLEY

THE 67-YEAR-OLD Seaside man who was arrested in August 2021 for sexually assaulting and strangling his neighbor to death on Carmel Point more than 40 years ago was found guilty by a jury this week. Monterey County Deputy District Attorney Matthew L. Heureaux announced Wednesday, Michael Glazerbrook faces a sentence of life without parole when he’s next before Monterey County Superior Court Judge Pamela Butler in April.

Sonja Herok-Stone was a 30-year-old single mother living with her 4-year-old daughter when Glazerbrook, who was 25, lived across the street. Investigators at the time soon identified him as the suspect in the Oct. 15, 1981, murder, in which Stone was strangled with a pair of pantyhose, cold-case researcher Alice de Sturler said in August 2021. Glazerbrook had been found with a long stretch down his check and offered conflicting stories at the time. The case ended in a mistrial in 1983 when the jury couldn’t agree on a verdict, and the murder charges against Glazerbrook were eventually dropped.

In late 2020, sheriff’s detectives and the district attorney decided to look at the case again, considering the technological advances over the last four decades, and covered there were several pieces of evidence that could be tested for DNA. They obtained a warrant to get a new sample from Glazerbrook — who wasn’t difficult to find, since he was living in Seaside and working as a bus driver for the Salinas Union High School District — and submitted the old evidence to a state lab for testing.

The DNA came back as a match, and police arrested Glazerbrook as he left his home the night of Aug. 14, 2021. In honor of Herok-Stone, who had worked for Levi Strauss clothing company, all the detectives were wearing Levi’s when they arrested her killer. Glazerbrook is set to be sentenced April 26.

Highway 1 convays set

JUST SOUTH of the Monterey County line, road crews have made great strides in clearing the southernmost of three major sludges leftover from January storms, allowing locals to drive south for essentials, and tourists heading north from San Luis Obispo County to access Big Sur’s South Coast.

“Southbound convoys for residents will depart from Mill Creek Feb. 10 at 8 a.m., noon, and 4 p.m.,” Caltrans said. “Northbound convoys will depart San Luis Obispo County at 9 a.m., 1 p.m., and 5 p.m. Residents are asked to wait at their driveways to join the convoy as it passes.”

Starting Sunday at 5 p.m., the highway will reopen to everyone at the county line. “Travelers will encounter one-way reversing traffic control seven days a week, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., with up to 30-minute delays over the course of the next four weeks,” Drabinski said.

Motorists will be allowed to drive north of the county line for 19 miles to Mill Creek, where another big slide is expected to take about four weeks to cleared. Four miles to the north of Mill Creek, another slide isn’t expected to be cleared any time soon.

However, the scenic route is open between the Monterey Peninsula and Esalen, making it possible for Peninsula residents to reach most Big Sur resorts and shops.

PAMELA ANN WEDLAKE CARDMAN

December 2, 1949 — December 31, 2022

Sacramento

Pamela Cardman was born on December 2, 1949, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She was educated in Monterey, California at Santa Catalina School and at Briarcliff College in Briar Cliff Manor in New York. After graduation she was employed in a San Francisco travel agency. She was also a flight attendant for Continental Airlines.

She married Philip Cardman in 1976 and had two children, the first while living in London, England and the second after returning home to live in San Francisco, California. She continued her association with The Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc.

Mrs. Cardman is survived by two children, Elizabeth and Edward; her husband Philip; as well as her sister, Page Drummond. She was predeceased by her brother, Edward “Ted” Wedlake in 1999; her father, Dr. Edward “Ned” Wedlake in 2011 and her mother, Patricia “Tish” Wedlake in 2022. She leaves behind two grandchildren.

A private Celebration of Life will be held later in the year. Her strength will be remembered in all our hearts.

KIDNAPPER

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But Drehobl refused to give up, and prosecutors contend that he “did willfully and unlawfully resist, delay and obstruct” Pacific Grove Police Sgt. Orlando Perez, who was trying to arrest him. Drehobl was eventually taken into custody and booked into Monterey County Jail, where he remains.

In a Salinas courtroom Feb. 3, Drehobl pleaded not guilty to all counts, including carjacking, kidnapping, buying and receiving stolen property and resisting or obstructing a law enforcement officer. Monterey County Superior Court Judge Rafael Vazquez appointed a deputy public defender to represent him.
Jan Northway Durney

Jan Northway Durney passed away peacefully with close family by her side January 19, 2023. She is survived by her 3 children, 4 grandchildren and great-grandson along with many family members on her husband, Michael Durney’s, side of the family. A longtime Carmel resident, Jan was the owner of A La Carte, an upscale women’s boutique in the ‘80s and ‘90s. She also worked with her husband at his real estate development company, Ventana Funding, until his passing in 2016. Jan was loved by many and will be sorely missed by her family and numerous friends. Anyone who crossed her path would surely remember her loving presence with a smile. The family will be scattering her ashes privately, following her wishes.

The Pine Cone has been a member of the Carmel Chamber of Commerce for more than 100 years.

Richard "Dick" Guenther passed away peacefully on January 29, 2023, at his home in La Quinta, California. He was born on July 10, 1934, in Medford, Oregon to Elizabeth (Guenther) Ely and Herbert Guenther. He also had a wonderful stepfather, Merrill “Cap” Elv. Dick grew up in Oregon, where he played baseball and turned down a professional team’s offer. He moved to Richmond, Virginia to enroll at the University of Richmond, where he played varsity basketball for the “Spiders.” Whenever the Spiders basketball team was televised on the West Coast, he'd watch them. He graduated with a B.S. degree in chemistry then moved back to Oregon to attend the University of Oregon Dental School, where he earned a Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) degree. Dick Ducks! Following school, he spent three years in the Army as a Captain of the Dental Corps in Fort Ord, California.

After the Army, Dick moved to San Jose for the year-round good weather and opened a dental practice in Saratoga, CA where he practiced for over 25 years. He was a member of the Santa Clara Dental Society and the American Dental Association. Dick was not only a dentist, but he was also an entrepreneur. In the late 1960s, the dental benefits industry was just taking off and he jumped on for the ride. He had new ideas and services to support the industry. In 1968, he started Dental Insurance Consultants (DIC) from his Saratoga dental office. DIC worked with insurance companies to provide professional claim review, plan design consulting, and developed claim payment processes. The company grew rapidly and opened offices in New York, Atlanta, Dallas, Chicago, and Toronto. He became so busy with DIC that he stopped treating patients and converted his dental space into business space. In 1981, he started Insured Dentists of America (IDDA) which helped insurance companies develop dental PPO networks. Both companies were extremely successful. Through the businesses he developed lifelong relationships with co-workers and clients.

Dick married Lani, the love of his life, in 1971 and her passing in 2010 was hard to overcome. They shared a life raising kids, dogs, and cats. There was always a Labrador retriever in their lives. His latest canine companion, Rogue III, was by his side through his restful passing. Dick and Lani designed two homes with the help of an architect, and they enjoyed the process of watching the home come to life. They both appreciated the Monterey Coast and Palm Springs, and for the past 30+ years split time between homes in Carmel Valley and La Quinta.

Dick and Lani traveled across the globe which included flying on the last Concorde flight, a supersonic commercial plane. Their favorite destinations were Africa, Morocco, and the Mauna Kea resort.

For many years Dick was an avid gardener. Every year he planted a huge, productive vegetable garden and earned the nickname “Farmer MacGregor.” Everyone loved eating those amazing home-grown giant zucchini, artichokes, melons, strawberries, peppers, and corn (with intermittent kernels).

Dick stayed active throughout the years by stretching for 45 minutes every morning, playing tennis and walking, but his true love was golf and he felt fortunate to have played all over the world. He loved the game and continuously tried to find that elusive “perfect” swing. More importantly he enjoyed time on the course for engaging with his family and friends, and their imperfect swings. For eight years, he joined his kids on an annual golf trip to either Bandon Dunes resort or Monterey. Over the years he accumulated 13 holes-in-one. We will leave out the bogeys and double bogeys. He played most of his golf in the Monterey Peninsula and Palm Springs areas. At The Plantation Club in Indio, CA, Dick served on the board multiple times and twice was president.

Dick had a wicked sense of humor and loved a good joke. He was a robust storyteller with a lot of attention to detail. He often had friends and family in stitches around the dinner table and he would typically end up wiping a tear away from laughing so hard. He imparted many words of wisdom to his family throughout the years. He was also an avid player of cards (gin and hearts) and dice games.

It was probably from his Army days, but Dick was quite predictable. Dinner was ALWAYS at 6:30 p.m. and he had the same breakfast every day. The meal consisted of fresh squeezed orange juice, various berries / banana in a bowl with milk, English muffins with melted Cracker Barrel cheddar cheese and thinly sliced tomato. He also had a soft spot for Moose Tracks ice cream. His favorite sports team was the San Francisco 49ers.

In his later years, Ila Forman took care of Dick and became a great friend. He often said, “she is a true saint.” She took amazing care of him, and his family is thankful for her companionship.

Dick is survived by his four children: Craig Guenther (Heather), Bret Guenther (Amy), Lynda Guenther (Dana) and Nicole Montano (Richard); grandchildren: Natalie, Christian, Maddie (Jonathan), Morgan, Ellen (Blake), Caroline, Reese, Jay, Tomas, Lauren, and Avery; great-grandchild: James. He will be missed by all.

Dick set up The Guenther Family Foundation to further conservative causes and policy think tanks.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.
WAYNE HOFF
1952-2022

Wayne Hoff, age 70, of Lodi, Ca. passed away on November 18, 2022, in a single motor vehicle accident in Cody, Wyoming, where he resided for the past four years.

Wayne was born in Lodi, Ca. to Dr. Helmut and Virginia Hoff on August 28, 1952.

He attended Lodi High School, graduating in 1970. He attended California State University, San Diego, and UC Berkeley, receiving a B.A. in linguistics and English.

He worked as a technical writer for the Silicon Valley Defense Department and various Silicon Valley firms such as HP and Palm, writing the manuals for the HP printer and the Palm Pilot. He would work until a project was finished and then spend six months traveling the world, with too many adventures to count. Wayne also was the ghostwriter of a book about the Indian Invasion of Alcatraz, which required that he live on the Indian reservation with the principle leader of the invasion. Later in life, through much education and experience, Wayne became an energy medicine specialist, and began his business called Biospiritus, a healing service of the Body-Mind-Heart-Soul-Spirit. He served people in the Monterey, San Francisco, Stockton, and San Ramon areas while living in the Carmel region for many years. Four years ago, Wayne moved to Cody, Wyoming and continued his business of biopsychical healing while enjoying the wide open, beautiful landscape of Wyoming, especially Yellowstone National Park and its surroundings.

Wayne is preceded in death by his parents, Virginia Hoff (1990) and Dr. Helmut Hoff (2004). Wayne is survived by two brothers, Dr. Mark (Dr. Nancy) Hoff, Dr. James (Dr. Mary) Hoff, and one sister, Carolyn Hoff. He is survived by nieces and nephews, Dr. Brad Hoff, Dr. Troy Hoff, Sarah Hoff, Ryan Hoff, Chris Hoff, and Daniel (Vanessa) Hoff. He is survived by great-nephew, Micah Schumacher, and three great nieces, Adeline Schumacher, Mia Golden, and Olivia Hoff. Wayne is also survived by his many, many friends that he has had over the years, which he treasured so much. (You know who you are.) There will be a private memorial at a later date. Any correspondence may be sent to maryehoff@gmail.com.

To place an obituary for your loved one, contact anne@carmelpinecone.com or (831) 274-8654

ROBERT WILLEERTON PRIESTLEY, JR.
January 2, 1932 – January 10, 2023

Bob Priestley was born in Los Angeles and grew up in a golden age when he could ride his bicycle all over town, stopping often to eat delicious oranges in the many orange groves in the area. After his parents’ divorce, he attended eight different grammar schools, finally landing with great relief in Glendale. He graduated from Glendale High School in 1950, where he played football. He enjoyed watching and armchair-coaching college and pro games up until the last few weeks of his life. During his middle and high school years he rode the Red Line bus an hour and a half each way in a single motor vehicle accident in Cody, Wyoming, where he resided for the past four years.

Following college, he enlisted in the Army and continued to play the trumpet in the company band at Fort Ord, which he liked to say kept him from latrine duty. He was accepted to the CIC and posted to Munich, where his job was to interview and gather intelligence from people wishing to come to the U.S. from behind the Iron Curtain. He used his time in Europe to visit many beautiful places, and wrote wonderfully descriptive letters about his adventures, which the family still has and treasures.

Upon returning home he went to work for IBM selling electric typewriters to corporate clients in the Los Angeles area. During this time, he met and married Antonia (Toni) Pallette. They had two sons, Bob and Bill. In 1966 they moved to Carmel where their daughter, Tricia, was born. Shortly after that, he began a lifelong career as a stockbroker, continuing for many happy and fulfilling years.

Several years after his first marriage ended, he was holding down the bass chair in the choir at All Saints Church in Carmel, when he met Hannah Davidson, who joined the choir as an alto. In 1992 they were married, and they made beautiful music together for 30 wonderful and blessed years.

After retirement, Bob tended his roses and pursued his golf game, enjoying many happy and sometimes frustrating rounds with the Sr. Men’s Golf Group at PG Golf Course, and also with the Stillwater Club 9-Holers. Another joy was road trips to national parks and travels in Europe with Hannah.

His life was one of service and gratitude. He was involved in the activities of his children, and was president of the board of Central Coast VNA and Hospice, and the Carmel Foundation. He served in every possible way at All Saints, sang in the choir at Saint Dunstan’s Episcopal Church until his health prevented it, and enjoyed setting up chairs, making coffee, and cleaning up at his Good Morning Carmel meetings. He is remembered as gentle, self-effacing, kind-hearted and helpful. He stood up for the underdog and he couldn’t abide bullies.

Bob is survived by his wife, Hannah, and his large blended family, which includes his children, Bob III, wife Catherine, Bill, wife Marta, and Tricia, and Hannah’s sons, Sam, Josh, wife Trishia, and Matt, wife Lucinda Davidson. He also leaves his grandchildren, Weston and Amelia Priestley, and 10 step-grandchildren: Rachel, Alex, Mollie, Matthijs, Alisa and Peter Davidson; Marisa and Nathaniel Nelson, and Joseph and Mark Sanchez.

Hannah wishes to thank Bob’s devoted caregiver Feo Antigao, and his very kind medical team, Dr. Harry Jang, Dr. Michael Plaisance, and Dr. Alejandro Centurión.

If anyone wishes to make a donation in Bob’s honor, the following are suggested: Central Coast VNA and Hospice, www.ccvna.com; The Carmel Foundation, PO Box 1050 Carmel CA 93921; Youth Orchestra Salinas (YOSAL), www.yosal.org; or any organization supporting music in the public schools.

A memorial service will be held at Saint Dunstan’s Episcopal Church in Carmel Valley at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 25, 2023.

As a friend wrote: ‘Better to go than to hang around in a worn-out body.’ R.I.P. my beloved Bob.

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Shirley Ann Lemos went home to be with the Lord on January 22, 2023. She was a caring mother, grama, sister, aunt, and friend.

She was born on September 21, 1936, in Hollister, California. Shirley married her then-husband, William Lemos, in 1955 and they had six wonderful children.

In 1961, they moved to Carmel to raise their six children. In 1985, Shirley moved to Sacramento.

Shirley loved spending time with her 15 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Her home was the center of family life, laughter, and get-togethers.

Most weekends were spent attending church and volunteering in a variety of ministries, where she spent much of her later years reaching the lost and broken in the community.

She is survived by her six children: William Lemos, Jr., Luanne Lemos Smith, Karen Lemos Dibella, Ron Lemos, Carla Lemos Koonte, and Dana Lemos Tomasegovich.
Theoverall messagereactsto today's tourists,according to Herzog.

"More visitors understand the obligation to visit responsibly, and many even prefer destinations that encourage it," she said. "Visit Carmel allocated $40,000 for the new initiative in the 2022-2023 budget.

"We envision this as an ongoing line item in each fiscal year," Herzog said.
SO THE principal of Carmel High has been fired, and the public has very little idea why. Meanwhile, what tidbits of information have been released are so sensational, you can’t blame students, parents and even teachers from wondering if horrible deeds have been going on behind closed doors at the high school for years. The principal, Jon Lyons, is not accused of sexual harassment himself, we’re told, but may have failed to investigate reports of misconduct by unnamed other people at the school — misconduct that was serious enough for the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office and the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office to be informed, according to school superintendent Ted Knight. But the public has no clue what these offenses were or who committed them.

As Mary Schley aptly reports on this week’s front page, the secrecy opened the door for all sorts of “conjecture, accusations and indignation” on the part of parents who are worried about the safety of their children, not to mention others who believe Lyons is being unfairly treated. At the meeting Tuesday just before he was fired, members of the public made all sorts of inflammatory statements, showing just how out of control this situation has become.

We share the concerns about safety at Carmel High, but we also worry that everybody’s safety is under assault by constantly increasing levels of government secrecy. We’ve always believed that openness and transparency in government are good things, and that the more the public knows about what the government is up to, and why, the better that is for everybody.

As we pointed out in an editorial two years ago, from the U.S. Constitution right down to the California Public Records Act, there is a host of other state and local laws, public accountability is not only enshrined in the thousands of rules government officials and institutions are required to follow, it’s pfoessed as a deeply held value of nearly everybody who runs for public office and everybody who opines about the essence of what “good government” should be. Literally, you almost never hear anybody call for more secrecy — and that does not only for what the people who occupy powerful positions in Washington, Sacramento or at Carmel City Hall are doing, but for lobbyists who try to influence them.

To cite a few examples: At the federal level, the Freedom of Information Act, the Administrative Procedures Act, the Presidential Records Act, and all those laws regulating lobbying and political contributions, require disclosure not only of public records, but of the identities of people who spend money to support political candidates or advertise on their behalf.

Same thing in California and its cities and counties. Thanks to laws like the California Public Records Act, the government can’t take any action without notifying the public, and government officials are required to say who they’re listening to, or taking money from, when they decide what to do.

Why all this disclosure? Because the more the public knows about what the government is up to and why, the more likely the public is being served, rather than somebody who might have selfish or corrupt motives. And even more important is the fact that when officials can act in secrecy, they are free to do whatever they want, which unfortunately means they can act in their own self-interest, or the interests of family members, friends or donors, instead of working for the people.

In a democracy, the people may have an absolute right to control the government, but that right means nothing if they don’t know what the gov- ernment is doing.

It is time for officials at all levels of government to renew their commit- ment to openness. The only secrets should be ones that protect the public interest. Instead, what we have now is a government that is moving toward keeping everything secret except the things that make it look good.

Getting ridiculous

Dear Editor,

Community jewel

Dear Editor,

Scene Road from Ocean Avenue to River Beach is an important community jewel for both tourists and residents. I have been a full-time Carmel-by-the-Sea homeowner for over 25 years and have watched the county fail to live up to its responsibilities. It’s study after study and consultant after consultant resulting in expenditure after expenditure, but never a final decision on how to fix the road before the next surge of ocean waves destroys the road above the cliffs just west and around the corner from River Beach.

My message to our Monterey County leaders: We have been and continue to await a decision on constructive action soon.

Our coastline is an American treasure. Let’s protect it and allow all to continue to enjoy it.

After years of delay, it’s my hope that our new team of Monterey County leaders will diligently address this issue and pro- vide a long-term solution.

Frederick M. O’Such, Carmel

No time to waste

Dear Editor,

It has been two decades since the CSA1 citizens advisory committee has been pres- sureng Monterey County to repair and find a permanent fix for the bluff erosion along Scenic Road. Some temporary measures have been taken in prior years that have only prolonged the inevitable collapse which occurred during the January storms. A temporary band-aid is what is needed to save the road which provides the county and the city with one of the most scenic drives and walks on the Central Coast.

The dozen or so permitting agencies that have jurisdiction for allowing the county to build a protection barrier have not been able to come to an agreement for the type of structure that would withstand the powerful wave surges and the potential northerly breach of the Carmel River.

The time has come to stop the inaction and have our local, state and federal lead- ers step up and provide the necessary ways and means and to immediately provide the guidance and leadership that has been lacking so far.

There have been many studies, techni- cal analysis and EIR drafts and re-drafts available that should be used to move forward for the permanent solution. The temporary plan for a soil nail wall which would involve driving 15-inch to 30-inch
The Scots have also been ruining women’s walks for 200 years

As LOCALS, we often take the abundance of golf courses on and near the Monterey Peninsula for granted. After all, two of them — Del Monte and Pebble Beach — have been here for more than a century. Monterey Peninsula County Club’s Dunes Course and Cypress Point will reach their centennials in this decade.

History Beat
By NEAL HOTELLING

A recent count puts the total number of golf courses in the United States at 9,052, which means the courses that rank among the Top 100 are in the 99.9th percentile. Those on the latest Golf Digest Top 100 list include five in Del Monte Forest: Cypress Point (No. 3), Pebble Beach (No. 8), Spyglass Hill (No. 51) and both courses at Monterey Peninsula Country Club, the Shore Course (No. 53), and the Dunes Course (No. 80).

Men’s golf has taken a dominant position in the sport. Illustrating this locally is that the Peninsula just hosted play at a PGA Tour event for the 77th consecutive year. During those same 77 years, the Peninsula has hosted male golfers on the national stage for 20 Champions Tour events, six U.S. Opens, four U.S. Amateurs, two stage for 20 Champions Tour events, six U.S. Opens, four U.S. Amateurs, two

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accepting the double-dog dare

For COUNTLESS artists, including many of the best, a blank canvas frequently feels like an adversary, a double-dog dare that can induce overthinking, fear of making a mistake, and “analysis paralysis.”

Dorothy Stonely doesn’t live in that world.

“I don’t go into my studio with an idea. I look at that blank canvas, start applying colors, and let the painting take on a life of its own,” she said. “I’m not a conventional artist, but I’m still somewhat younger than most of us.”

“I’m never thinking about how I want it to come out — I get out of the way and let the paint do the talking,” she said. “It’s thrilling when the paint starts telling me what it wants.”

Gifts from her father

She believes her free-form approach to creating art and talent for coordinating splashy colors were gifts from her father. Leonard Stonely (1911-2006), also a colorist.

“He was an artist, himself — a graduate of Rhode Island School of Design — and has always had the most impact on me as a teacher and mentor,” she said of her father, an interior architect by profession. Stonely has a vivid childhood memory of the day her mother, Charlotte Stonely, pointed to a pink towel holder in their kitchen and ordered her husband to paint the walls that precise shade.

“You won’t like it,” he predicted. “Yes I will,” she retorted.

He mixed the color in his basement workshop. He painted a pink stripe on the towel holder that was nearly invisible because it matched perfectly. As predicted, Charlotte returned home and hated the color.

“My father was masterful with color,” Dorothy said.

Stonely grew up in tradition-entrenched New England in an era when mothers encouraged daughters to become secretar-"n remarkable women. "I'm never thinking about what I want -I get out of the way and let the paint designing the front page of the Real Estate Section.

Don’t miss “Scenic Views” by Jerry Gervase
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LETTERS

Dear Editor,

There is a picturesque road called Scenic Road. Given the severity and history of this issue, I found your coverage and the quotes of concern among my neighbors to be surprising and well-preserved.

The current situation with the road and beach is an urgent issue affecting public access and risk public safety.

It is not a localized problem. River Beach and Scenic Road are connected spaces and communities, not just the residents of one county and any surrounding communities. Besides the usual beach recreation, families utilize the beach to host weddings, celebrate reunions, and memorize lost loves like those of Point Lobos across the water and our winter sunsets are engrained in many family memories.

The potential loss of Scenic Road has been a concern for a very long time. Our current situation wasn’t just predicted; it was predicted. Given this, the comments from county officials were disappointing.

Actions are said to speak louder than words. In this case, the lack of action and the words expressed align against a convey a lack of urgency and avoidance of accountability. The community deserves better.

Dennis Segers, Carmel Point

Bigger problems

Dear Editor,

In response to the Save Carmel group’s lawsuit standing in the way of the high school sports field lights, my question is: If this group actually cares about Carmel and our high school students, why do they want to deprive them from evening sports events?

I like to see the other focus than on prevent- ing students from evening sports games, they focus on the woke movement currently invading our educational system. Why do we keep bringing in people from outside this community to change it?

Sylvia Stewart, Carmel

More rain but less water

Dear Editor,

This is in response to the editorial which appeared in the Jan. 27 Pine Cone.

Yes, the amount of water vapor in the atmosphere is increasing. This is mainly a result of increased evapo- ration from the warming oceans and increasing capacity of the warming atmosphere to hold water vapor. Will this result in increasing global precipitation? Yes! As evaporation from the oceans increases, global precipitation will also increase to be essentially in balance.

But will this help end drought in California? Unfortu- nately, the answer is no. Much of this increased precipi- tation will fall over the mountains, especially in the intertropical convergence zone along the equator.

Furthermore, global warming is causing fundamental changes in the general circulation of the atmosphere that are intensifying the global hydrological cycle such that normally wet areas, such as the eastern United States, get wetter and more prone to heavy downpours and flood- ing while normally dry areas, such as the western United States, get drier and more prone to drought and wildfire.

In addition, the rate at which water is lost from the land increases in the general circulation of the atmosphere that are intensifying the global hydrological cycle such that normally wet areas, such as the eastern United States, get wetter and more prone to heavy downpours and flood- ing while normally dry areas, such as the western United States, get drier and more prone to drought and wildfire. With the rate at which water is lost through at least the end of this cen- tury, punctuated by occasional severe storms and flooding events of growing strength and intensity, with most of the resulting rainfall simply finding its way back into the ocean.

Despite the heavy rains, we experienced in January, California remains in a drought crisis that will only grow worse by the decade.

Mike Clancy, chair, Monterey County Citizens’ Climate Lobby, Salinas

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**POLICE**

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building should be inspected, crawl spaces and other areas should be examined for standing water and other hazards, and "important building components should be inspected for reliability." What the station needs

Whatever new architectural firm is hired to take on the project will fully analyze the police department-public works compound to "identify repairs and improvements and associated cost estimates that are required for the building to be safe," Potter said in the report. Architects will also determine what the police station needs in order to comply with state standards, what code upgrades are necessary and desirable, and what “the minimum temporary facility/operations space requirements” are for officers to vacate their building while it’s under construction. They will also be asked to calculate the useful life of the building after improvements are made.

"In summary, to move on this expeditiously," Potter wrote, he and Baron recommend the staff "immediately" seek proposals from architectural firms "to develop a feasibility analysis, concept design and cost estimate for addressing the current building maintenance and operational shortfalls."

The rest of the council agreed to follow their advice.

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

CITY OF CARMEIL-BY-THE-SEA
NOTICE OF UNSCHEDULED VACANCY

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: In accordance with the requirements of Government Code 54976, the following special vacancy notice was posted at the City Hall, 390 Ocean Avenue, corner of Ocean Avenue and Lincoln Street, The Carmel-by-the-Sea post office, 5th Avenue between Dolores and San Carlos Street.

The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea is soliciting applications to fill two (2) open seats on the Harrison Memorial Library Board of Trustees (1 unscheduled vacancy, 1 unexpired vacancy).

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Applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 24, 2023. Applicants will be interviewed by the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, who will make recommendations to the City Council. The City Council will Notify appointments at an upcoming meeting.

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The Carmel Valley home where Biakanja and her kids lived. Once a hub of activity, the house is now quiet.

“Lisa and the kids were part of this community,” Joan told The Pine Cone. “There were friends over a lot — the house was often full of people. It feels so lonely now.”

‘Kindness was her religion’

At the time of the accident, Lisa was studying to become a therapist for autistic kids, a decision that was influenced by Ben, who was diagnosed with autism when he was 6. “Lisa wanted to learn more about autism and take care of kids who suffered from it,” Joan said.

“Raising three kids on her own while juggling the demands of going to school took a toll on Lisa,” Ken McIntyre said. “She did huge amounts of driving between Prunedale and Cachagua as part of her job,” even as she had three children to provide for.

Even so, she was able to impart a very valuable life skill.

“She taught them about kindness,” Ken said. “Kindness was her religion.”

Lisa also loved animals, as did her children, and new pets were brought home frequently. At one point, there were seven cats at their house, along with two dogs, seven pigeons, six chickens, three frogs and two goldfish.

Bridget O’Reilly, a former Monterey resident who lives in Orange County, was new to the area when she met Lisa. Her daughter became close friends with Lucy, who lives with the Cowleys.

For Joan, the hardest thing was accepting the loss of their grandkids’ futures. “Everything we’ve done in last 14 years — even within Christianity, you get diametrically different answers. If it was all a preordained plan, we wouldn’t be praying to God to help us, and God wouldn’t have gone through great lengths to help us.”

As tough as it has been for Ken, he realizes it must be worse for Lisa’s ex-husband, Steve Biakanja. “I empathize with his terrible pain and loss,” he added.

For Joan, the hardest thing was accepting the loss of their grandkids’ futures. “I don’t know how to express what I’m feeling. We had been to church and thought we were doing well.”

“It’s been very difficult,” she said. “We were very close. We had done so much together.”

“An experience like this makes you focus a lot on what happens after death,” she said. “Your own mortality comes into play — even within Christianity. You get diametrically different answers. If it was all a preordained plan, we wouldn’t be praying to God to help us, and God wouldn’t have gone through great lengths to help us.”

The loss hit Ken hard, too, and his faith helped, “It was such a relief to know he had someone he could talk to about it.”

“Everyone who loved them is heartbroken,” she added. “They were incredible. They made you feel like you were the world when you were with them. Their life was dipped in sunlight.”

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Dear Editor,

My wife and I have been coming to Carmel from our home in Denver every year since we celebrated our honeymoon here 29 years ago. Last year, we fulfilled our dream and purchased a second home in the village. Like hundreds of other homeowners in Carmel, we purchased our home in partnership with a few other families. Owning a 25 percent share of our home is a perfect arrangement for us because we can spend three-plus months per year in Carmel in our own home, and we also have the peace of mind that the home is well cared for throughout the year. And rather than having the home dark and vacant when we are not in town, another co-owner in our partnership can enjoy it like we do.

The proposed timeshare ordinance makes the use of co-owned homes essentially illegal and potentially impacts hundreds of Carmel-by-the-Sea homeowners like us. The ordinance, if you cut through some of the lengthy wording, redefines timeshares to include “any arrangement established by any means whereby a purchase receives the right to exclusive use of property according to a schedule.” So second homeowners, like hundreds of us in Carmel, would not be allowed to agree to a schedule to describe which family is using the house, and when. And that would be a huge problem because most co-owned homeowners use a schedule to rotate holidays, for example, and to allow each owner the full use of their home, from time to time, for their own families and guests. This arrangement is commonplace in Carmel. As one planning commissioner stated in the October 2022 meeting on this topic, “A whole bunch of citizens will be in a position of being guilty of a misdemeanor if this passes.”

Mike Coughlin, Denver, Colo.

Not beneficial  
Dear Editor,

I am writing to provide a response based on my actual experience to the letter to the editor in the Feb. 3 Pine Cone entitled, “Beneficial to all homeowners.” There may be only one home in Carmel currently managed by Pacaso, as stated in that letter. However, there is at least one other property that is a fractional ownership with a lead owner/manager, our neighbors. The city staff knows us well for the many calls related to suspension of and discontinuation of short-term rentals, facilitated by one or more of the partial owners, and for other inciden-
cies imposed on us as full-time residents by the transient nature of these “many” neighbors and their friends. The numbers of people using the house, the numbers of cars coming and going, typically two- to three-day stays, is challenging. We perceive it as if living next to an inn/hotel, noise and refuse included. Our gardens have been harmed, our anxieties raised by illegal fire pits, we expe-
rience the extreme noise and excessive lighting disturbing the peace and tranquility of Carmel living, etc. Hence, we are not seeing how anyone could characterize replicating this home ownership model as a benefit to any, let alone all.

Jim Beck, Carmel

Principal on leave  
Dear Editor,

The Carmel High School (CHS) principal, Jon Lyons, has been put on administrative leave for failing to handle an unnamed incident in a way the CUSD superintendent deems appropriate. The school board decided to remove Jon Lyons as the principal in a closed-door session this week. It is important to observe that the principal is not accused of doing anything wrong himself. We only have hearsay from the students and staff at CHS to go on, but I wonder at how the superintendent is handling the situa-
tion and whether the behavior is as serious as he claims. Carmel’s schools need levelheaded, practical and sober leadership. Instead, we have shrill over-reaction from our superintendent with vague references to past issues that do not even involve the current principal.

Ronald Giachetti, Carmel

ARTIST  
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breakfast, and go into my studio and paint,” said the artist, who moved to the Peninsula 25 years ago from San Jose.

Painting takes priority  
“Sometimes I’ll be doing something in the kitchen. I see the painting on my easel, say, ‘Oh, I know what that needs!’ I’ll go in there, start applying the colors, and my poor husband will be standing there wondering when din-
er’s going to be ready.”

Among Stonely’s favorite quotations is one from Winston Churchill, who was a painter as well as a prime minister: “Winnie said, ‘I cannot claim impartiality to the colors. I rejoice with the brilliant ones, and feel generally sorry for the poor browns.’”

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Pirates ready for another deep run in the playoffs, but waters ahead look choppy

A YEAR after the Stevenson Pirates played for a Central Coast Section boys basketball championship, and competed in the NorCal regional tournament, they are gearing up for another playoff run with nine seniors — six who were on that NorCal roster.

Hope springs eternal for the Pirates, who wrap up their regular-season schedule Friday night with a 7 p.m. home game against Monte Vista Christian. Stevenson boosted its overall record to 16-6 on Monday with a 44-24 rout at North County, and played on Seaside’s home court on Wednesday (result unavailable at press time).

Last year’s squad took a similar 18-6 record into that magical postseason run, but this season’s playoff challenges are greater. After playing for the CCS Division 5 crown in 2022, the Pirates have been bumped up to Division 4 to compete with schools with larger enrollments.

Stevenson’s players fully embrace the opportunity, said Coach Justin Clymo. “The clock is ticking’’

“We’ve got nine seniors on a team of 13 guys, and they know the clock is ticking — every game matters. We’re just happy to be here, happy to be playing, and I think that’s how these guys attack life,” he said.

“These guys had a year taken away from them by Covid, which makes them value every minute that they get to be together,” Clymo said. “I think they go into every game with that in mind.”

A complex algorithm used by maxpreps.com to compare the relative strengths of Division 4 teams predicts that Archbishop Riordan (17-4), a West Catholic League power, is likely the pre-tournament favorite in an eight-team bracket that also is expected to include Sacred Heart Prep (14-5), Menlo Atherton (10-11), The King’s Academy (17-3), Half Moon Bay (13-9) and Carmel (15-6 and contending for the Gabilan Division championship).

But the brackets will be determined by CCS officials, who will convene at a seeding meeting on Wednesday. The tournament is Feb. 18-25.

The Pirates, second best in the Mission Division this season, might have the pieces in place for another deep playoff run, particularly after playing a dozen games against teams that had winning records.

A rigged non-league schedule included pre-Christmas tournaments at Alisal (where they went 3-0, beating Coach Wilson Memorial at Pebble Beach (they lost to Rio Americano of Sacramento, and beat Templeton), and Jackson High’s Argonaut Tournament (victories over Mount Shasta and Ripon, and a loss to Sacramento’s Bradshaw Christian).

And they finished their pre-league preparation with a road trip to Southern California, where they beat Cathedral City and Rancho Mirage, and lost to Calexico and Ocean View of Huntington Beach.

Oakwood was towering challenge

Toss in two losses to Mission Division champ Oakwood (18-4 overall) — a private school in Morgan Hill

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First-year varsity player Nile Glover, a junior, (left) has been a double-digit scorer for the Pirates in five games this season, and a formidable rebounder. Playmaker Trent Texas, (right) a three-sport all-leaguer, leads Stevenson in assists and steals, and is second in points and rebounds.

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Grammy Award-winning gospel legend takes stage at Sunset Center

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The wine industry in Monterey County — including growers, producers and sellers — accounted for $1.4 billion of the region’s economy in 2022, according to a report commissioned by the Wine Institute and the California Association of Winegrape Growers and touted by the Monterey County Vintners & Growers Association. The study measured the full economic impact of the industry “in terms of employment, wages, output, taxes, tourism spending and visits, and charitable giving,” and was prepared by John Dunham & Associates.

The report indicated the industry generates 10,491 jobs and $598.5 million in annual wages and benefits, according to MCVGA executive director Kim Stemler, with roughly 42,000 acres of grapes in cultivation across 158 vineyards and winery operations.

Wineries, vineyards and tasting rooms in Monterey County attract approximately 630,000 tourists annually who spend roughly $122.3 million, including purchases in the 65 tasting rooms spread throughout Carmel, Carmel Valley, Monterey and the Salinas Valley. Stemler noted the winemaking and grape-growing industry is “an important economic driver” with a significant number of family-owned businesses, some of which have been passed down through generations.

“Our wine businesses have a strong connection to communities, as demonstrated by their generosity to local nonprofits and a deep commitment to their employees and caring for the land,” she said.

Across the state, wineries and growers donated $291.2 million to organizations and causes last year. “As anyone who has attended any nonprofit fundraiser knows, the local wine industry steps up to support philanthropic efforts in many ways, including the Monterey County Vintners & Growers Foundation Peter Figge Scholarship Fund,” she noted.

Lavender and wine?

Lavender Creek, a new farm in Carmel Valley that sells bath and beauty products through local businesses, now has items available for purchase in the Scheid Vineyard tasting room at Seventh and San Carlos and is participating in events there, according to one of the owners.

Ryan and Myriah Hopkins launched their line of bath and beauty products late last year after planting their lavender farm and competing in Cal State University Monterey Bay’s Startup Challenge Monterey Bay. Their products can be found at hospitals, grocers, farmers markets and tasting rooms and other businesses. Scheid carries Lavender Creek bath minerals, salt scrubs, body oils and handmade bar soaps, and Hopkins said “lavender and wine have a history as a pair,” since they “thrive in the same sun-kissed Mediterranean climate that can be found in Monterey County and much of California.”

He said Scheid’s management also appreciated that Lavender Creek is solar powered, considering the winery is powered by solar and wind power. “We are incredibly grateful for the opportunity to work with Scheid Vineyard and we really appreciate that we have similar values,” he said.

For more information, visit lavender-creekcompany.com.

More V Day options

A few more options for sweethearts and friends who want to celebrate Valentine’s Day have come to light since last week, including Pacific Grove’s Mezcaluna, which is typically closed on Tuesdays but will open for this special night.

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Located at 1188 Forest Ave., the restaurant owned by chef Soerke Peters and partner Amy Stouffer will offer indoor dining and tables on its outdoor heated pet-friendly patio from 5 to 9 p.m. Feb. 14. Mezzaluna offers a wide range of hand-made pastas and sauces, starters and other dishes, many of them boasting organic and sustainable ingredients, and Peters was recently awarded the Ocean Hero Award by the Monterey Bay Aquarium. For more information, call (831) 372-5325 or go to mezzalunapastaria.com.

Sea Root and Highlands

Sea Root restaurant in the Hyatt Regency Monterey will host a special dinner Feb. 14 featuring caviar on fingerling potatoes with crème fraiche and chive as an amuse bouche, followed by house-made focaccia, winter greens and vegetable salad with quince vinaigrette, and a shared entree of ribeye steak, prawns, potatoes au gratin, asparagus and salt-cured egg. Dessert will be strawberry sorbet and lavender honey. Guests will also get Lula’s chocolates and roses to take home.

The cost is $106 per couple, and reservations can be made through hyattregencymonterey.com or by calling (831) 657-6588. Sea Root is located in the Hyatt at 1 Old Golf Course Road.

Down the coast south of Carmel with stunning views of the sea, Pacific’s Edge at the Highlands Inn will offer a three-course prix-fixe Valentine’s Day dinner, with reservations available between 5 and 8:45 p.m. Dinner will be $125 per person plus tax and gratuity — $175 with wine pairings and will include fresh long-stem roses and toasts with sparkling wine for each table. The lineup will include first-course choices of scallop and spot prawn carpaccio or vegan zucchini tartare and sec-

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Portola
Jacks Monterey in the Portola Hotel at the foot of Alvarado Street will also serve a four-course dinner Feb. 14 that includes bacon-wrapped lobster and petit filet mignon, among other dishes, all with wine pairings if desired. The cost is $75 plus tax and tip per person with an additional $60 per person for wine selections to accompany each course. Reservations are recommended. Call (831) 649-7532.

Hartford wines at NBM
Nielsen Bros. Market at San Carlos and Seventh will hold a tasting of Hartford wines from the Russian River Feb. 15 from 4 to 6 p.m. Wines set to be shared include chardonnay, zinfandel and pinot noir, and according to market owner Amzi Amerikanian, they are “delicious and priced at great value.”

The tasting is free and open to everyone age 21 and over.

Corral wines at Grasing’s
Grasing’s restaurant at Mission and Sixth will showcase Corral Wine Co., which recently opened a tasting room at 19 E. Carmel Valley Road in Carmel Valley Village, during a tasting Feb. 23 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Corral Wine Co. is a production of Bell Family Vineyards and started in a barn in Corral de Tierra with a single barrel of pinot noir in 2017. “We’re still in that same barn, but we’ve made even more varietals from some of the best grapes on the Central Coast,” the family says. “We’re not fancy, but we make good wine.”

Corral Wine now produces sauvignon blanc, chardonnay, zinfandel, syrah, petite sirah and cabernet sauvignon. The tasting will take place on Grasing’s rooftop and will cost $35 per person, with the fee refunded with any purchase of $100 or more. Register through grasing.com or directly at form.jotform.com/230307426048147.

Promesa wine dinner
The wines of Raventos will star in a special dinner at Promesa, the Spanish restaurant opened last year by the folks behind Toro sushi.

The dinner will run from 6 to 9 p.m. Feb. 21, and according to organizers, Raventos has one of the longest documented winegrowing traditions in the world, having belonged to the family since 1497.

“Today, Pepe Raventos, who represents the 21st generation of the family, farms 44 plots using biodynamic winegrowing methods,” according to organizers. Chef Anthony Quintana will prepare a special menu to accompany the featured wines.

Dinner costs $100 per person. To book a table, visit promesacarmel.com/reservations. The restaurant is located on the west side of Mission between Fifth and Sixth.

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Everyone’s Harvest already partners with local non-profits and government programs by accepting produce vouchers for farm-fresh goods at its weekly markets, and the grant will enable it to expand its assistance to families receiving public assistance.

To learn more about Everyone’s Harvest, go to everyonesharvest.org.

Cioppino fundraiser

Legal Services for Seniors will have its “Ciao! Cioppino!” fundraiser May 20 and is seeking sponsorship and auction items. Tickets are also on sale now.

In 2022, Legal Services for Seniors assisted thousands of low-income seniors with free, confidential attorney ser-vices to help protect them from financial elder abuse, tele-phone/mail/internet scams, consumer fraud, Social Secu-rity and Medicare mistakes, predatory lawsuits, sloppy medical billing practices and incessant landlording.

“The vast majority of Monterey County seniors are financially unable to hire a private attorney. Most are on fixed incomes that do not cover their basic necessities of food, housing and medical care,” according to the organi-zation, which has been around for more than 37 years.

“LSS is often the only source of legal representation for these vulnerable clients. Dramatic and life-threaten-ing issues, if left unaddressed, would result in a senior’s homelessness and/or serious injury.”

The dinner and auction is Legal Services for Seniors biggest fundraiser of the year and will take place in the Moose Lodge at 555 Canyon Del Rey Blvd. in Del Rey Oaks starting at 5:30 p.m. For more information, visit lssmc.net/events.

MORE SPORTS
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— were on last year’s playoff roster, and are team leaders in reserve roles, and Harry Marquess, a 5-11 guard, is a sophomore who improves every game, said Clymo.

“Our nine seniors went through a really tough time at the end of their freshman year, and the first three quarters of their sophomore year, because of Covid. Now they’re just happy to be doing something they love,” Clymo said.

“I think they genuinely like being together. They look forward to van rides. They spend a ton of time together off the court.

“If you watch us at practice, or come into our locker room, you’re going to see a team that has a whole lot of fun.”

CHS wrestlers head to CCS

Three Carmel High wrestlers were place-winners Sat-urday at the Pacific Coast Atlantic League Championships, becoming the first Padres since 2020 to qualify for a Central Coast Section regional tournament.

Padres who earned a spot in Saturday’s CCS Southern Regional (9 a.m. Watsonville High) were Puzhen Su, a 120-pound junior, Gabe Colborn, a 152-pound senior, and Oliver Stephens, a junior who wrestled at 160.

Stephens was on Carmel’s JV team three days earlier, but earned a varsity spot in a team wrestle-off at Thurs-day’s practice. He upset the No. 3 and No. 4 seeds on his way to a sixth-place overall placement at PACAL’s.

“Every wrestler has to find the technique that works for his body type, and the technique is coming together for those three guys. They’re peaking at the right time,” said Carmel coach Russ Shugars. “Gabe Colborn, our only senior, has spent three years trying to learn a move called the fireman’s carry. This year it’s finally becoming a scoring move for him, and I think he hit it four or five times Satur-day to get fifth place.

“Puzhen just picked up a move called a cross-face crip-ple, and pinned two kids with it at the tournament.”

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Senior guard Parker Lynch is one of three Pirates who contributed significantly to last year’s NorCal run.

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Student art show opens downtown, Gen Z artists step into spotlight

Two exhibitions are new this month at the Carmel Art Association, including “For the Love of Art,” which showcases the creative inspiration of high school juniors and seniors throughout Monterey County.

Seventy-two students from 19 different schools are participating in this year’s juried show. “See what artworks are being created by the artists of Gen Z,” Grace Wodecki of the CAA told The Pine Cone.

Going abstract

Also new at the downtown gallery is “Clearly Abstracted.” As the title implies, the show is focused on abstract art. The participants include Kathryn Greenwald, “Abstracted.” As the title implies, the show is focused on

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

abstract art. The participants include Kathryn Greenwald, Heidi Hybl, Anne Downs, Noro Parido, Robert McLanahan, Peggy Jelmini, Robin Sawyer, Ann Artz, Dennis Peak, Chris Sawyer and Craig Lauterbach. The display includes paintings, drawings, mixed media and sculpture.

Each abstract artist works by responding to forces behind what they take in from the visible world,” Wodecki suggested. “They have a desire to simplify the object, inspiring them to create and wish for more freedom in their expression. This display will be eye-opening in many ways than one.” Located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth, the gallery will be the site of a reception for the artists Saturday at 4 p.m. An awards ceremony for the student-artists starts at 6 p.m.

A community within

The reception Feb. 11 at the Carmel Art Association coincides with the monthly Art Walk, which showcases 15 artist-owned galleries downtown from 4 to 7 p.m. Wodecki said the event makes it possible for independently-owned galleries stay open into the night to create community within Carmel’s art scene.

Besides the CAA, the art walk’s participants include the Joaquim Turner Gallery, the Mary Titus Gallery, Delia, Lisa’s Studio, Galerie Plein Air, the Scott Jacobs Gallery and others.

“This event is free and open to all ages,” Turner said. “Pick up a map at any of the participating galleries, and be sure to follow the blue lanterns during the walk. Each participating gallery will have a lantern displayed out front to help you along your self-guided tour.”

Meet the artist

At the Monterey Museum of Art, Elizabeth Barlow offers a “step-by-step” demonstration of her painting technique Feb. 11 at 10 a.m. Barlow also presents a tour of her work, which is included in an exhibit, “Flora Fauna,” that’s on display through April 16.

A still-life painter, Barlow uses her brush and easel to capture nature’s yearly bloom. “I have discovered that painting the intricate details of a flower is a meditation that promotes a deep reverence for all living things,” Barlow says of her creative process. “Slow, careful looking gives us a chance to awaken to the beauty that is around us, and attending to beauty can be a transformative practice.” The cost is $15 for museum members and $30 for non-members. For details, visit montereyart.org. The museum is located at 559 Pacific St.

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Feb. 20 — Mountain climbing world adventurer Dr. Lindsey Zerbe brings the breathtaking images and challenging conditions of his Mount Everest expedition to the Carmel Woman’s Club in a PowerPoint presentation at 2 p.m. All are invited. The mountain climbing doctor will describe the intense physical and mental conditioning required in attempting to scale the icy slopes of the Himalayas.

Feb. 22 — Carmel Residents Association hosts the authors of “Humbled, How Monterey Bay Escaped Industrial Ruin,” by Glenn Church & Kathryn McKenzie. This program celebrates the power of noteworthy local environmental activist citizens. Free and open to all. Our doors open at 6:30 for a glass of wine and our program starts at 7. Join us at the Carmel Woman’s Club at Ninth & San Carlos. And for details visit www.carmelresidents.org.

Feb. 26 — Congregation Beth Israel proudly presents “Only in Theater,” 3 p.m. at Lighthouse Cinemas in Pacific Grove. This newly released documentary focuses on indie films and the legendary Laemmle theater chain. There will also be a Q&A directly with Greg Laemmle. Tickets are $10 through www.carmelbethisrael.org or https://www.brownpapertickets.com/

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Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

who Roxanne loves but who is too shy to speak for himself.

In college I was an overweight, under-
paid, underfed student, subsisting on
stomach-filling carbs bought with money earned by selling my blood every six
weeks to a Detroit hospital. One year, close
to Valentine’s Day, with Cyrano in mind, I
tried to see if I could use my writing skills
to earn some extra money.

Struggling lovers

I printed up flyers reading: “Your
thoughts, my words. For personalized
letters, greetings, invitations, thank you
notes & billet-doux, call Cyrano.” I hoped
enough people knew who Cyrano de
Bergerac was and would call me if they
were struggling with their writing, espe-
cially with love notes.

At my local supermarket parking lot I
began slipping the flyers under windshiel-
driers.

I was humming Prokofiev’s “Romeo
and Juliet” and blithely going about my
business when I failed to notice the lady
sitting behind the wheel of a pick-up truck.

As I lifted the wiper blade, a gruff voice
said, “Get that trash outta here, sucker!”
I almost jumped higher than the genuine fake squirrel
tail on the truck’s radio antenna.

“Uh, sorry,” I said when I
recovered, half expecting
Cupio to jump out of the
truck bed and tear me to pieces.

“What’s on that paper?” she
snapped. “Gimme one.” Her
tattoo arm reached out and she snatched a flyer from my hand.

I stood by nervously as she read it. When
I finally had the temerity to look at her,
I saw she wasn’t unattractive, just un Kemp in
a Raggedy Ann sort of way. The Confed-
erate flag decals on her truck gave me the
impression that something besides the sun
had turned her heart decidedly red.

“What’s this here thing, a billet-doux?”
She pronounced it, “bill-it-ducks.”

“It’s a French term,” I explained. “It
means a sweet note, or a love letter.”

“Can you write a love letter to someone
don’t you know?”

It did sound strange when put that way.

“Well, kind of,” I said. “Actually, what
I would do is take your thoughts and express
them in a manner, uh, perhaps, slightly
more poetic than you’d feel capable of
doing.”

“I think you could write one for me?”
Zing! You could have knocked me over
with a white plume at the suggestion. It
was the last thing I expected from her.

“And whose heart are you trying to
win?” I ventured.

“Ha,” she sneered, “I’m trying to get
some no good fool outta my house. I want
a u-hill-it-ducks.”

“I’m not sure I can write that.”

“I bet Cyrano could.” Zinger number
two.

A quick deadline

Astonished, I decided to see how seri-
ous she was.

“You’re familiar with Cyrano de
Bergerac?” I asked.

“My name is Roxanne,” she said more
demurely than I could have imagined.

“Well!” she pressed, her black eye-
brows lifting halfway into the yellow straw
on her head.

“Now!” I said. “You want me to write it
for you now?”

The look in her eyes told me this wasn’t
the moment to back down.

I leaned against the front of her truck
remembering one of my favorite scenes from
Cyrano. He compiles a ballade just
before a duel and he recites the poem
during a sword fight … “As I end my
refrain, I thrust home.” Cyrano lunges and
dispatches his detractor.

The pressure was on. My modern-day
Roxanne was impatiently awaiting my
composition. I had Cyrano’s nose. Did I
have his panache? After a few minutes
I handed her what I had written on the back of
a flyer.

Roses are red

As a red hot canoodle.
Now scream from my bed
with your kit and caboodle.

“What’s this ‘canoodle’?” she asked.

“It’s a slang word meaning amorous
cuddling or petting, or, well, you know.”

Whadda I love you?” she asked.

“I usually get $5. But I’ll make you
a deal. My address and phone number are on
the flyer. If it works, send me five bucks.
If it doesn’t, you don’t owe me anything.”

I didn’t want her to come looking for me.

Deal,” she yelled, as she peeled rubber
out of the parking lot. Relieved to see her
go, I delivered the rest of my flyers with-
out incident. I was pleasantly surprised to
get half a dozen responses. Nothing from
Roxanne.

Two weeks later, I received a $10 bill
in the mail with a note that read: “The rat
done abandoned ship. I’d sure like to bil-
doux with you, baby. Canoe canoodle!”

Roxanne.

I took no chances. I moved and began
shopping at a different supermarket. Thus
ended my career as a designated wit. It was
time to keep my big nose of out someone
else’s business.

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Pebble Beach: Two vehicles on the Old Drive were burglarized. Credit cards were taken and used.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop for vehicle code violations at Junipero and Seventh at 0337 hours. Strong distinct odor of burnt marijuana emitting from the passenger compartment of the vehicle. Driver exhibited objective signs of marijuana use. Driver handed the officer property that did not belong to him thinking it was insurance paperwork. Consent/PC search of the vehicle found marijuana and smoking paraphernalia. Field Sobriety Tests were conducted on the driver and were passed satisfactorily.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Passerby reported someone lying on the grass just off the roadway at Rio Road and Ridgewood. Checked OK. Transient sleeping. Arrest registrant on probation from Santa Clara County. Released.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Officers conducted welfare check on a subject in a hotel on Ocean View Boulevard. The subject was placed on an involuntary mental health hold and taken to the hospital for treatment.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Hotel on Ocean View Boulevard turned in a found wallet. Owner was contacted and will pick it up at station.

Pebble Beach: At approximately 0030 hours, a subject was taken into custody for an outstanding felony warrant. During the incident, the subject refused to stop for officers attempting to stop her vehicle on Grand Avenue. The 47-year-old female suspect also resisted arrest but was taken into custody. Booked into county jail for an outstanding felony warrant and various other charges, including failing to obey a lawful order and obstruction.

Pebble Beach: A man on Lookout Road was placed on a 5150 mental health hold (danger to self or others).

Pebble Beach: Missing person reported from a 17 Mile Drive residence.

Carmel area: A female was admonished for trespassing on Rio Road.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Resident came to station and relinquished firearm and ammunition. Booked into evidence for destruction.

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Pacific Grove: Officers conducted a traffic stop at David Avenue and Waverly Drive, and the 34-year-old male driver was cited and released for an outstanding warrant for failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.


Carmel-by-the-Sea: Deputies responded to an attempted burglary at 301 Del Rey Avenue, a business in the 500 block of Del Rey Avenue, and a residence in the 1500 block of Del Rey Avenue.

Carmel Valley: Online report of fraud on Holt Road.

Carmel Valley: Residence reported someone stole and used a credit card on Carmel Ranch Lane.

Carmel Valley: Home on South Carmel Hills Drive was burglarized.

Carmel Valley: A neighbor accidentally shot an Olive Road resident while shooting a BB gun.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Brown men’s wallet lost in the area of San Carlos and Camino del Monte.
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Marina (con’t.)

2966 Garret Way — $1,090,000
Connie Abram to Craig Pedrey
APN: 031-273-047

2721 Kitetail Lane — $1,102,500
Shea Homes LP to Jason Vandenburgh
APN: 031-258-033

2716 Kitetail Lane — $1,253,500
Shea Homes LP to Alberto Ortiz
APN: 031-258-012

Monterey

659 Abrego Street — $2,087,000
Rose Medlin to 704 Broadway LLC
APN: 001-729-019

Pacific Grove

821 Cedar Street — $1,025,000
Estate of Neil Allen to Hung Kao and Yu Lien
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