**Fire destroys ‘Halloween House,’ kills three cats**

**Neighbors rally around devastated couple**

By MARY SCHLEY

**T**HEY ARE reeling from the loss of their longtime Mission Fields home to a devastating fire that also claimed the lives of three of their cats Saturday night, but Bryan and Stephanie Whitehead have been buoyed by the heroic — and successful — efforts firefighters made to save a fourth cat, along with the incredible support of their neighbors and the greater community.

“The outpouring of love and support has been overwhelming,” Bryan Whitehead said Tuesday. “It’s been truly amazing — I can’t believe it.”

The couple were at their Willow Place residence, which is best known for its over-the-top Halloween displays and open houses each year, when the fire started in the late afternoon Feb. 18. Neighbor Stephanie Paine, who has started a gofundme campaign on the Whiteshead’s behalf, said another resident who lives behind their house was the first to notice the smoke and flames and drove around to the cul-de-sac to warn everyone.

“My kids were in the garage and came out screaming, ‘Fire! Fire!’” Paine said.

By then, Whitehead, who had been working outside, had discovered the flames as well and rushed to awaken his wife, who was taking a nap in a front bedroom.

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Bryan Whitehead’s cats were released last week, and planning director Brandon Swanson said they’ll carry more weight when it comes to everything from when flat roofs can be used to which types of trees to plant, and where.

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**City releases first drafts of design overhaul**

**Guidelines to become rules**

By MARY SCHLEY

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**Commission rejects plan to replace bridge railings**

By CHRIS COUNTS

**C**ALTRANS WANTS to upgrade the “crumbling” safety railings on Garrapata Bridge in Big Sur, but the Monterey County Planning Commission voted 5-1 Wednesday to block the project because the new railings don’t look enough like the old ones.

In particular, the upgraded railings would be somewhat thicker with smaller portals between the posts. The state roads agency contends the modified design is necessary to meet safety standards.

Opponents, though, not only want the new railings to match those that have flanked the bridge since it was built in 1931, they are asking Caltrans to come up with a comprehensive plan that does the same for six other historic Big Sur bridges in need of new railings, including the famous Bixby Bridge.

“Gone to great lengths”

In response to concerns expressed by planning commissioners during Wednesday’s meeting, Mitch Dallas of Caltrans said his agency “has spent years” trying to design new railings that would meet safety standards and address concerns regarding aesthetics, public views and historical integrity.

A comparison shows the subtle differences between Garrapata Bridge’s existing railings (top) and the proposed railings (above).
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Abundant otters off Cannery Row

By KELLY NIX

THERE ARE a lot of sea otters gathering in one part of Monterey Bay, and the powerful storms the Peninsula had this winter may be one of the reasons, according to Monterey Bay Aquarium officials.

While it’s certainly not unusual to spot otters in the bay caring for their pups, cracking open shellfish or just playing, aquarium officials said there has been a sharp increase in rafts (groups of resting otters) just off Cannery Row.

“We began seeing larger than typical rafts in mid-January,” Jess Fujii, manager of the Monterey Bay Aquarium’s sea otter program told, The Pine Cone this week. “The numbers have varied. But we estimate 100 to 250 otters have been resting along Cannery Row over the last few weeks.”

Fujii explained that even when the population of otters peaked in the area last week, the numbers fluctuated throughout the day as some otters moved to other areas of the bay seeking food.

500 and counting

Fujii said otter surveys over the last several years have counted about 500 otters from Seaside to Point Lobos, and that on some days, as many as half of the entire population of the Peninsula’s otters have been hanging around the Cannery Row area.

“It’s not unusual for otters to congregate, especially following strong storms,” she said. “There may be other factors that contribute to these movements, but seeing shelter from storms and looking for kelp to rest in seem to be leading factors. But these large rafts are usually less visually accessible, so the recent large rafts along Cannery Row are attracting interest.”

Fujii said that the entire southern sea otter population, including those in Monterey Bay, is estimated to be about 3,000.

Kelp control

Sea otters eat bottom-dwelling creatures including clams, crabs, snails, abalone and urchins, the latter of which NOAA said would “often completely remove kelp plants by eating through their holdfasts,” so otters are attracting interest.

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FEB. 13 — Antonio Campos Hernandez, 50, was found guilty by jury of committing a lewd act upon a child, in violation of Penal Code section 288(a), stemming from an incident that occurred in October 2020. The offense is a violent felony and is considered a strike under California’s three strikes law. The Honorable Jennifer O’Keefe presided over the trial.

In October 2020, Jane Doe, who was under 14 years old at the time, reported that she woke up in the middle of the night because Hernandez, a family member, was sexual-ly assaulting her. Doe reported the incident to her mother within an hour. Upon hearing what occurred, Doe’s mother immediately gathered up all her children and their belongings and left the residence in the middle of the night. At trial, Doe bravely testified about the molestation and its effects on her.

Monterey County Sheriff Detective David Gonzalez investigated the case. District attorney investigator Pablo Andrade provided crucial follow-up investigation and assistance. Doe and her mother were assisted by victim advocates Alma Sanchez and Yanine Velazquez, as well as victim advocate K9 Odie.

The Hon. Judge Jennifer O’Keefe will sentence Hernandez on March 2. He faces up to eight years in state prison and will be required to register as a sex offender.

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RIBERA ROAD RESIDENTS OPPOSE PLAN FOR NEW SEWER LINES, PUMP STATION

By CHRIS COUNTS

A PLAN by the Carmel Area Wastewater District to upgrade sewer service in one of the Monterey Peninsula’s most expensive and view-blessed neighborhood’s has run into opposition from a group of residents who say something about the plan stinks.

Due to problems with the neighborhood’s aging sewers, not to mention new water quality regulations, the wastewater district wants to install a lift station and four sewage pumps and replace two sections of the existing sewer pipeline within or immediately outside the backyards of about 20 homes off Ribera Road. The wastewater district says the sewer system is used by 52 homes.

But some neighbors insist that replacing the existing sewer line would be better than the lift station, which they say will cause “noxious odor, noise and visual impacts.”

An attorney representing the neighbors, Krista Ostoich told The Pine Cone that about 15 homes “would be directly affected” by the project.

“It’s the lift station that will emit the odor,” she explained. “The four pumps will have to go in four backyards, and there’s a lot of maintenance that will be required.”

Ostoich insisted there’s nothing wrong with the existing system. She said studies in 2013 confirmed it. “The gravity-flow sewer system has been there for as long as those homes have been there,” she said.

According to the wastewater district, the new sewer line “would convey sewage by gravity flow to the new lift station at the end of Mariposa Drive,” which overlooks the Carmel River Lagoon, and will reduce the “potential environmental risk to the estuary while upgrading the sewer facilities.”

At a Nov. 7, 2022, Carmel Highlands Land Use Advisory Committee meeting, some residents spoke out against the plan, including David Scoop, who called it “fatally flawed.”

14 spills in 23 years

In a letter sent Feb. 8 to the Carmel Area Wastewater District, Harvey Packard of the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board reported that the sewer line in the Ribera Road neighborhood is “60 years old and in poor condition.” He also noted that there have been 14 sewage spills along the line in the past 23 years, including “one this past week.”

Packard contends it’s not feasible to simply replace the old line in its existing location because “this would likely result in continued sewage spills into Carmel Lagoon and would be less protective to water quality.”

Packard noted that new rules by the State Water Resources Control Board require wastewater agencies to prioritize “condition assessments” for systems located on steep terrain, as well as those that are vulnerable to system failures or climate-change impacts. The letter also notes that new federal rules require wastewater agencies to address “threats from climate change.”

The project is headed to the Monterey County Planning Commission, which was set to weigh in on it March 8, but the hearing has been postponed.

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Celebrating over 35 years on the Peninsula
Pharmacy burglars caught on video breaking door, jumping counter

By KELLY NIX

THIEVES ONCE again targeted a popular Pacific Grove pharmacy, but the medicinal loot they got away with amounted to a lot less than the damage they caused breaking into the business, the owner of the shop told The Pine Cone.

On Feb. 14 at about 2:25 a.m., two men broke the front glass door of Central Avenue Pharmacy at 133 15th St. Surveillance video shows them hurling a large rock at the door several times before breaking it, kicking in the broken glass panel, climbing in and hopping over the sales counter toward the drugs.

Pharmacy owner Dana Gordon said his alarm company alerted him to the break-in. "It took me probably less than 10 minutes to get there," Gordon told The Pine Cone. "When I arrived, the police were outside."

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Hackers cut P.G. mayor’s speech short

By KELLY NIX

A IMPORTANT speech by Pacific Grove Mayor Bill Peake had to be abruptly shut down Wednesday night when hackers infiltrated the online meeting system and inundated it with pornographic images and videos.

Peake was minutes into his annual State of the City address — which had been months in the making — when hackers disrupted it with explicit content.

“It was all over my screen,” councilman Luke Colletti told The Pine Cone after the meeting. “It was raunchy.”

Peake said he was reading his State of the City speech when he heard noises over the Zoom software, which allows people to watch the meeting from their homes.

“I look over and staff is frantically trying to mute it,” Peake said. “They did not know what to do.”

An unknown number of Pacific Grove residents had tuned in to Peake’s address from home while there were about a dozen citizens who attended the meeting in person at council chambers at city hall. Peake said they were “shocked” at the lewd content, which Peake himself was not able to see.

“My wife was watching from home, and she was shocked,” Peake said. He added that former P.G. Chamber of Commerce president “Moe Ammar was there, and he said something to the effect of that it was ‘ugly.’ There was no laughing.”

Peake, who said his State of the City address will be rescheduled, added that “city staff was aware” of the potential for hacking, “and if they had set up the meeting differently, this would not have happened.”

Human error

City manager Ben Harvey, who apologized for the interruption, told The Pine Cone Wednesday night that “due to a staff error,” the Zoom format for Peake’s State of the City address “was not set up as a webinar, the type of meeting setting normally used for city council meetings, which allows for host control of attendees over their microphone, screen and ability to screen share.”

“The city has had a largely uneventful experience in using Zoom, due to checklists and experienced administrators on hand to oversee the effort,” Harvey added. “We will make certain to ensure that a check for this setting makes it onto our Zoom checklist going forward.”

Peake’s speech has been rescheduled for Feb. 28 at 6 p.m. at city hall.

Wednesday’s incident was similar to a July 2022 Carmel Forest and Beach Commission meeting, when online hackers inundated it with pornographic images and videos.

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Drivers on Highway 68 to see delays

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

Motorists on Highway 68 in Pacific Grove and Monterey will experience traffic delays of up to five minutes next week due to tree work, Caltrans said.

Beginning Monday Feb. 27 and continuing to Friday, March 3, traffic control will be in effect between Skyline Forest Drive and Highway 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. California Highway Patrol will be on hand to help with traffic control, and message and directional signs will be in place to alert drivers. Caltrans spokesman Kevin Drabinski told The Pine Cone that the state roads agency will be removing recently downed trees, cutting any trees leaning over the highway and pruning work.

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According to Marcus Foster, who lives nearby, the helicopter first appeared in his neighborhood Feb. 17. "I was outside and working on the ranch when it flew over real low," Foster told The Pine Cone. "It circled over the Ventana Inn before it disappeared."

Meanwhile, another resident, Troy Kropp, sent Foster a photo he took of the chopper, which had landed on a hilltop about 4 miles from the Ventana Inn. According to Foster, the helicopter was parked at the site through the Feb. 20.

On Monday morning, Foster reported that he was walking up the Coast Ridge Road when he was passed by a man and a woman on e-bikes. He spoke briefly with them, and said he told them they weren’t allowed to ride e-bikes on the road. He said they ignored his warning, and the man replied that he was headed up the road to where his helicopter was parked.

Foster said the helicopter took off a short time later. Andrew Madsen of the United States Forest Service confirmed that the incident did happen, but he declined to offer any comment. Another forest service official, D’Artanyan Ratley, said the incident is under investigation.
FIRE

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house is burning down!” he recalled. “She staggered out there and saw a few flames by the back door. She had no idea the living room was fully engulfed.”

Once she realized how bad the fire was, she ran out of the back of the house and around the side. The smoke was so thick, Whitehead said, that he couldn’t see anything, and for a panic-stricken moment, he thought she hadn’t escaped.

“I thought for sure she was on the floor from the smoke,” he said, but he soon found her standing outside next to their car, stunned as she watched the home she’d lived in since she was 6 succumbing to the flames.

Their dog, Piglet, had been napping with her and got out safely, but three cats that were in the living room died in the blaze, according to Whitehead. So far, they’ve found the remains of two of them, but he suspects the third is in there, too.

A fourth cat, however, miraculously survived. She had been in a bedroom, and Whitehead said he asked the firefighters to break the window and rescue her.

“They did — they got her out. They performed CPR and had an oxygen mask on this poor little cat and were pumping her chest, and she revived,” Whitehead said. A neighbor who’s a veterinarian took over the kitty’s care and rushed her to an emergency vet who kept her overnight.

“She’s alive and well, and she’s with us now,” he said Tuesday night. “We buried the other two today — that was tough. All the possessions can be replaced, but the animals, you can’t replace them. Every one is unique.”

Livelihood and Halloween

Whitehead also runs his business, Central Coast Souvenirs, out of the house and said he lost about two-thirds of his merchandise. Some community members might also know him as the longtime owner of the magic store on Cameray Row, Zucchini’s, which he had for 44 years before selling it to an employee a year ago because running two businesses had become too labor intensive.

The huge scale of the loss hasn’t sunk in, yet, since they’ve been busy with insurance adjusters and contractors, but Whitehead noted all of their family memories are gone. While his wife spent her childhood there, the couple had also lived in the home together for 35 years, amassing mementos alongside the copious and elaborate Halloween decorations that have made them locally famous for the past quarter-century.

Paine, their neighbor, observed that the couple often hired people to help set up the expansive display — a full-time effort that took three weeks — for kids from the neighborhood and beyond. A typical Halloween night saw some 2,000 people walk through their haunted house.

“Every year, people ask us where we store all this stuff,” Whitehead said. He would tell them the home’s rooms were full of it — and that the cats owned the main living quarters, anyway — while he and Stephanie hung out in the garage he converted into an office for his souvenir business and a den for fun.

“They think we’re joking, but it’s our life,” he said.

The fire took most of their decorations along with everything else, but some were stored outside and were spared. The garage, separated by a firewall from the main house, didn’t burn but has a lot of ash and dirt from the fire and firefighters’ efforts to stop it, according to Whitehead.

Paine said the couple spent more than $50,000 on decorations to make other people happy.

“That’s not money they spent on them- selves,” she said. “They really are the nicest people, and they’re so kind. The neighbor- hood has really rallied around them.”

So far, the effort has raised $6,175 toward the $10,000 goal. Whitehead said he and his wife really hope to rebuild and stay in the neighborhood that’s been their home for so long. To help, visit gofundme.com and search for “Carmel Halloween House fire.”

While the cause remains undetermined — still under investigation, Curtis Rhodes of Cal Fire’s Pebble Beach station said the blaze started in or near the living room.

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PASTOR
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design was also special, with the original owner spending "much time with Frank Lloyd Wright making sure it was so exceptional."

The fact the home has a small private beach on its south side is also unique, Pastor noted.

Pastor, who lives in London and Monaco but also spends time in his home on Scenic Road near Ninth, said he’d heard rumors the Frank Lloyd Wright house’s owners were considering selling, "so we were ready when we received the news they were to sell." An honor

Pastor’s longtime realtor, Tim Allen, who has facilitated his residential and commercial purchases in town — including three other Scenic Road homes and numerous commercial properties — said he was fortunate to connect Pastor with the sellers, who were represented by Jessica Canning of Sotheby’s International Realty.

“I’ve sold $5 billion worth of real estate here — more than anybody — and this is an incredible, iconic property,” Allen said. "I was so fortunate and so glad to be able to help on that one. This property is an incredible piece of architecture."

When Pastor purchased the house, he bought its contents, too, including letters between the architect and Walker, according to Allen. Canning said she and her team were selected by the sellers following several interviews last year, but the home never even hit the market.

“Jackson Canning of Sotheby’s International Realty. The buyer saw it and wanted to keep it private, so we sold and knew our connection with Pastor.”

One thing that’s certain, he said, is that the home — which was featured in the iconic 1959 film, “A Summer Place,” starring Sandra Dee and Troy Donahue — will be used by him and his family alone, not let out to vacationers.

**Forge property, too**

Pastor’s commercial real estate company, Esperanza Carmel Commercial LLC, also purchased the Forge in the Forest at Junipero and Fifth from the Profeta family for $5.4 million in a deal that closed Friday. The transaction includes the building housing the restaurant and the three studio apartments above it. The restaurant will continue to be owned and managed by Greg and Carolyne Profeta.

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These two landmark acquisitions add to Pastor’s considerable portfolio in Carmel that started with the purchase of his first Scenic Road home in 2015. He subsequently bought two others and demolished one to make way for a pool and pool house that have since been completed.

He also bought the former Colonial Terrace Inn, which is being renovated and will reopen in the spring under David Fink and his Mirabel Group, and purchased the L’Auberge Carmel building, three commercial properties on Dolores Street — including The Pit at Fifth Avenue — another building on Ocean between Dolores and Lincoln, the Eastwood Building and adjacent property on San Carlos Street, the Wagner building on Lincoln, an office and apartment on Seventh Avenue, and Rocky Point Restau rant down the coast.

Rocky Point is the only property he’s bought outside the city limits so far.

“He’s not buying for cash flow,” Allen said, but for future generations of his family. “Very few people would do what he’s doing, because it wouldn’t make sense.”

“Patrice is very sensitive to Carmel, to the people, to the industry and businesses that are here, and the small businesses,” Allen said. “It’s a great place he knows over time he can preserve and improve” with Greg Profeta at the helm.

Mitchell said Profeta and his family will continue to own and operate the restaurant as Esperanza looks for ways to improve the property that will benefit the owner and businesses.

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**Well maintained and upgraded**

Meanwile, Pastor and his company are still considering their options regarding the property.

“There are no short-term plans to change the restaurant or the property in a substantial way, other than generally ensuring it is well maintained and upgraded,” Mitchell said. “It will remain ‘business as usual’ at this wonderful Carmel institution. In the longer term, we will need to see, but again this will be in conjunction with the running of the business.”

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“The railings were constructed in 1931 and are damaged beyond repair,” Dallas said. “The new railings must meet modern safety standards. We’ve gone to great lengths to accommodate the design and match it as closely as possible.”

While some have suggested that a lower speed limit would lessen the need to beef up the railings, Dallas dispelled the idea.

“Lowering the speed limit won’t help,” he insisted. “People will still drive faster than speed limit. We have to design the railings for the speed people are actually traveling.”

“This is not right”
A planning commissioner who lives in Big Sur, Martha Diehl, was unable to attend the hearing, and even if she did, she would have had to rescue herself from the vote because she lives so close to the bridge. Nevertheless, Diehl added her voice to those who don’t like the railings Caltrans has proposed.

“The views through the existing open balustrade railings are iconic,” Diehl wrote to county planning official Philip Angelo. “They are featured in the foreground of movies and TV series, in the background of every local and regional news-cast, define the Big Sur International Marathon and the Tour d’elegance, and grace millions of walls all over the world. What happens to these bridges really is of enormous importance. We absolutely must get it right.”

Diehl also criticized what she called a “piece-meal approach” to replacing railings alongside all seven of Big Sur’s historic bridges. She suggested Caltrans needs to adopt a set of design guidelines that are consistent for all seven bridges before deciding what to do with any one of them.

“The seven Big Sur historic bridges are a set,” she added. “Together, they provide a common theme that is an integral part of the Highway 1 driving experience.”

At Wednesday’s hearing, a number of locals also spoke out against the new railings, including Christina McGinnis of the group Keep Big Sur Wild.

“This is not just any project,” McGinnis said. “This is a repair of an historical resource. These bridge railings should not be modernized due to their intrinsic historical value.”

Several who spoke also suggested Caltrans should focus its efforts on more pressing safety concerns, like the ongoing traffic quagmire at Bixby Bridge.

Before the vote, several planning commissioners signaled their opposition to the new railings, including Amy Roberts, who said she isn’t convinced “this is the right project for this bridge,” and Francisco Mendoza, who suggested “there has to be a way” to replace the railings with new ones that look the same as the old ones.

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Swanson provided links for a “reader’s guide” to the new documents and the drafts themselves. Each document now begins with a list of “guiding principles” that were drafted by the steering committee assembled to provide input and feedback on the revisions.

“One of the big things right out at the beginning is those guiding principles,” Swanson said. “That’s sort of like the test: Those are going to be used to create a checklist that when you submit an application, you have to explain how your project deals with the guiding principles of the design guidelines.”

“All improvement projects shall comply with these principles,” the guidelines begin, including:

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Pasadera Concours canceled

By MARY SCHLEY

ONE OF the newest (and earliest) Car Week events, the Pasadera Concours, is not happening this year and may never return, according to founder Rick Barnett and Pasadera’s general manager, Will Pickering.

Barnett said the Club at Pasadera has received more lucrative and less labor-intensive offers from automotive manufacturers that want to use the grounds during the Peninsula’s famous auto week, prompting it to go in a different direction.

“The club has been receiving so many inquiries from manufacturers about using the facility that they’re not going to do the concours this year,” Barnett said. “So that’s a disappointment.”

Pickering confirmed there will be no Pasadera Concours.

“I am disappointed we will be letting it go but also happy that we can save nine months of work and invest that time and energy in other areas,” Pickering said. “I am not exactly sure what Car Week will look like for us yet. We have a few things up in the air still.”

In fact, he said, it could be the end of the line for the show, which debuted in 2019 and featured vintage and new rare and beautiful cars, as well as daily drivers, artistically displayed around the Pasadera clubhouse grounds.

“My guess is the concours on the Friday before Car Week how we had it is likely not returning,” Pickering said. “But possibly a different show could replace it.”

Small rally planned

As a result, Barnett’s Coast to Copper Blossom Trail Run that debuted last year to support the concours and celebrate the start of car show season has also been sidelined. But, Barnett said, several of the drivers who participated in last March’s multiday drive from the Monterey Peninsula to Copperopolis and back told him that if he wasn’t organizing a tour this year, they were going to do a rally anyway. As a result, Barnett and his wife “decided to do it casually.”

The March 17-19 drive will still have Copperopolis as a destination but will include 18 cars instead of the 40 or so that participated last year and will start with breakfast at the Tuck Box in Carmel. The route will include a visit to Knights Ferry — home of the longest covered bridge west of the Mississippi — lunch at the Ahwahnee Hotel in Yosemite and Sunday brunch in the Sierra foothills town of Murphys, with overnight stays in Copperopolis and a reception at the Copper Valley Club, among other activities.

“We’ve ended up with some fun things to do,” he said.

EVENTS

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show was in the books.

“It was a full-time job for the couple, Wright noted, and “the bigger the event, the more lead time you need.”

“That’s not to say something COTA-like isn’t going to come back in the future, it just won’t this year,” she said. “I think we’ll have a big event return to Carmel sometime in the next few years.”

Pebble Beach Concours organizers have also told Wright they won’t be bringing the tour through town as they had for years before Covid shut everything down. The trip in and out of downtown, with a stop for a couple of hours while drivers and guests enjoyed a catered lunch in the park, presented logistical and mechanical challenges, especially getting the 100 or so rare collector cars down Ocean Avenue, through the Carmel Gate and back up into Pebble Beach, according to Wright.

“I’ve told them that if they want to bring any kind of event back to town,” whether a tour or some other smaller effort, “to keep us in mind,” she said.

Acura, maybe

The Prancing Ponies show featuring female car owners will be back on Ocean Avenue on Thursday, Aug. 17. Wright said, after relocating to the city’s main drag on a new day in 2022. Previously, the show had been held in the area of Dolores and Sixth on Wednesday of Car Week.

Wright said a few others have submitted applications for small-scale events, such as those featuring a particular marque, but details like dates and locations remain undecided. As it did last year, Acura might take over Devendorf Park for a day. In general, Wright is seeing applications for events with smaller footprints and a more local presence. She’s received three and has several others pending.

Wright said she plans to provide an update to the city council at its March meeting.

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Relaxing zoning, finding water, changing rules key to housing fixes

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH A mandate to pave the way for 349 more residences over the next eight years in a town that’s already built out, has almost no available water and prides itself on strict design and development rules, city officials will hold a community meeting Feb. 28 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

“We don’t have to build anything, but we have to plan for it,” planning director Brandon Swanston said Friday, when he announced the upcoming workshop. “We would like to talk to you to hear your ideas about incentives and how to do it in a way that looks and acts and feels like Carmel-by-the-Sea.”

One topic of conversation will be a study by Chris Blakney of consultant ECONorthwest, which was hired to identify issues that thwart or discourage new housing, recommend how to ease those and suggest potential redevelopment sites.

The 36-page analysis, which is available at ci.carmel.ca.us/post/long-range-planning-initiatives, describes current conditions, including high real estate prices and rents, the large number of vacation homes and other impediments. Blakney notes many of the rules don’t help, either, since structures can’t be taller than two stories and limits on floor area make developing affordable housing and other small market-rate homes challenging.

In a thorough analysis that focuses on the commercial and multifamily-residential areas, Blakney identifies several underutilized public and private properties that could be redeveloped, including the city’s Vista Lobos parking lot at Torres and Third and the north lot at Sun-Set Center, as well as the Red Cross and Carmel Realty buildings at Dolores and Eighth, the Pine Inn parking lot, Bruno’s Market, a couple of churches, Wells Fargo Bank, and Patrice Pastor’s Ulrika Plaza and JB Pastor Building projects on Dolores — both of which have experienced pushback from city officials.

To meet the state’s housing requirement, the analysis recommends the city reconsider its “overly restrictive development standards,” adopt “objective design standards” and streamline the permit process, create an accessory dwelling unit program, rezone areas to allow more housing density, create “an inventory of single-story commercial and multifamily properties,” and prioritize water credits for affordable housing.

The workshop will take place in council chambers and via Zoom. Find more information at ci.carmel.ca.us.
Early morning break-in at Fourtane

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A THEFT forced entry into Fourtane Estate Jewelers at Lincoln and Ocean at 5:45 a.m. Feb. 11, and while the alarm was triggered, Carmel P.D.’s response was canceled because someone responsible for the store thought construction workers had set it off by mistake, according to Carmel Police Sgt. Jacob Clifford.

“CPD units were dispatched to Fourtane for a burglary alarm but were canceled by the alarm company because Fourtane advised the alarm company of construction scheduled for that same morning,” he said. “They believed the construction crew must have triggered the alarm.” Unfortunately, that wasn’t the case, and police were sent to the store around 7 a.m. after the job foreman discovered the break-in.

“Surveillance footage showed us the suspect forced entry into the store, smashed a display case with a hammer and stole several items of jewelry,” Clifford said, with the entire heist taking less than a minute. “We’re still waiting on a list of taken items and total loss amount.”

Clifford said the city’s traffic cameras captured images of numerous cars entering and leaving town around that time, but the license plates were only recorded for about half of them, and the investigation is ongoing.

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codeine,” Gordon said. “The only thing they took is liquid codeine-type products.” With the door broken and unsecured, Gordon stayed inside the pharmacy overnight until business hours when he could come to the pharmacy to find all the drugs were gone. Police officers also monitored the business overnight.

“They were quick-acting employees,” he said. “The damage the criminals caused to the door amounts to several hundred dollars, according to Gordon, who said that he also has to take a detailed drug inventory, which is time-consuming process which must be done after a burglary to account for losses.

“The cost and time of the aftermath of something like this is much more expensive than the actual cost of the product,” Gordon explained.

Other surveillance video footage shows the two men casing the outside of the business before breaking in. Police Chief Cathy Madaloni told The Carmel Pine Cone that detectives are investigating the crime, but as of Tuesday had not seen surveillance footage from the pharmacy.

It may be difficult to identify the men, who were wearing masks and hoodies.

Hiit before

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Elizabeth Syme Mountford 1942-2022

Elizabeth, aka Liz, Betsi, or Rainbow, passed away on December 24, 2022. She was born in Yougstown, Ohio but grew up in Monterey, California.

She graduated from Monterey High School in 1960 and then moved to the Bay Area, where she pursued many careers, including graphic arts, jewelry design and secretarial work for the ACLU.

She will be remembered for her big heart, contagious laugh, unique fashion sense and spirited tap dancing.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Myrtle and Howard Mountford; and her brother and sister-in-law, Fred and Carolyn (Arcello) Mountford. She leaves behind nieces and nephews and many friends who adored her.
Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

A one-time commercial artist, Pavlo switched to fine art after a 1995 flood in Mission Fields destroyed many of her work files, supplies, and materials. She received praise for her new endeavor, but was hesitant to display it.

"Despite valiant efforts by friends and family to encourage public showings of her work, Carole limited the displays to just two, both at the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts," her obituary reported.

Into the light

A profile of Pavlo in the April 23, 2021, Pine Cone brought attention to the artist’s creative achievements. According to Pavlo’s longtime partner, Josina Makau, the article “proved to be important in ways we hadn’t anticipated.”

“When her perspective from this world a year later, she left behind an extraordinary corpus of as yet unexhibited works,” Makau explained. “The newspaper’s insights into her distinctive gifts played a valuable role in bringing her work into the light.”

The show can be seen in CSUMB’s Visual and Public Art Exhibitions and Project Space, which is located in Building 70 at 3127 Interchange Road. The gallery is open weekdays from 1 to 5 p.m.

Auction recalls early artist

An important California artist who spent his last days in Carmel, painter Xavier Martinez left behind an impressive See ART page 40A

EUGENE MICHAU DOWLEN
August 23, 1950 to February 12, 2023

Gene was born on August 23, 1950, in Miami to Leonidas Washington Dowlen, Jr. and Marie Louise Smith Dowlen (Babe). He grew up in Coral Gables, Florida surrounded by a loving family. As a child, Gene loved playing golf with his father, and many friends. He maintained his love for golf his entire life. He loved his times at Camp Peninelle in Hendersonville, NC, achieving the top honor of Dobbson Camper. He enjoyed relating stories of his summers there with his buddies. Gene attended Coral Gables High School, where he was a member of Crescent Club, a high school fraternity. He delighted in playing on the school’s very competitive high school golf team.

Ever the ultimate Gator, Gene attended The University of Florida. He joined the Phi Delta Theta fraternity where he made many friends. For years after, Gene shared the passion for Gator football with his father-in-law, Bob Bonner. Saturday games became a lifelong ritual for them both. In his senior year, he started dating freshman Lane (Laney) Bonner. Gene knew Laney previously through his good friend, member of Crescent Club and Laney’s brother, Bob Bonner.

After graduation, Gene moved back to Coral Gables. He and Laney married on June 23, 1973. After two years of married life, they decided to move, along with Lane’s family, to the Monterey Peninsula where they all built the Wendy’s franchise company named Wenwest, Inc. For many years, the corporation owned nine restaurants in the Monterey/Salinas area and the San Francisco Bay Area, ultimately selling five of them. He cared deeply about his office colleagues and restaurant personnel, resulting in many long-term, dedicated employees. Gene loved his job, interacting with his workers and warmly conversing with customers. He owned and operated Wenwest for 46 years. He was one of the longest franchises in Wendy’s history.

Gene and Laney’s son Matthew was born in 1977 and their daughter, Evans, in 1980. He was an adoring, dedicated, and active father, relishing in his children’s school events, sports, and performances. He treasures the wonderful family adventures including traveling, camping and skiing. One of his favorite family adventures was the road trip, visiting campgrounds all throughout Europe when Matty and Evans were young adults.

Gene’s passion for travel inspired many marvellous trips across the world. For many years, his pilot brother-in-law, Clifton Bonner, offered him his companion pass, allowing Gene to go almost anywhere he desired. He was proud of his country count of 60. He and Laney loved driving throughout the countries, getting to know the people, culture, food and lifestyle of the different regions. They also enjoyed the occasional cruise, sometimes with his brother and sister-in-law, Lon and Dale Dowlen. He particularly relished trips with the travel group of friends affectionately known as the Villa People. Everywhere he went, he cherished the locals with his respect, kindness, and excitement. His best-loved expedition of all time was the safari in Botswana.

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Gene was an accomplished golfer, playing in competitions throughout the state. Gene was an avid golfer with his son Matty, who eventually had to hand him the proper club. Having grandchildren was pure joy for Gene. He loved his game for Haley and Miles was unsurpassed. He eagerly babysat, traveled, played sports, and attended their games and birthday parties. They returned his love easily and happily. He was also very attentive to his mother-in-law, Sarah Bonner, whom he adored.

Throughout the years, Gene was active in his community, his church, and his clubs. He was a longtime member of The Monterey Peninsula Country Club, The Bocce and Tennis Club, and The Stillwater Yacht Club. His golf game continued, even after the dementia took hold. He visited the driving range daily for his last four years, hitting every club in his bag. He played golf with his son Matty, who eventually had to hand him the proper club.

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In the last two years as his disease progressed, Gene was extremely lucky to have the love and support of his children and their partners. They spent much time with him giving him amazing attention and care. He definitely knew they cherished him even if he wasn’t sure of their names. He was truly blessed to have them in his corner. Gene and Laney would have been married 50 years on June 23, 2023.

Gene is survived by his wife, Laney, son Matthew Dowlen (girlfriend Kate Zaliznock), daughter, Evans Hood (Mike), and grandchildren Haley and Miles Hood. He is also survived by his brother, Lon Dowlen (Dale), his brother-in-law, Robert Bonner (Cindy), his brother-in-law, Clifton Bonner, one niece and four nephews.

Gene was a happy Gator but has his mind back and is playing golf in heaven. To quote his often-repeated words, “Let a smile be your umbrella and make it a great day!”

A memorial service will be held at Church in the Forest at Stevenson School on Saturday, February 25, 2023, at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, his family suggests donations to the Alzheimer’s Foundation.
Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

against a formidable fleet of adversaries, stole all the gold and then sailed into the sunset with it.
There are no parrots, peglegs or eye-patches in this tale, but Stevenson junior Max McCormick, the skipper, and senior Stevie Thomes, his crew, out maneuvered Northern California’s best high school sailors in their 13-foot Flying Junior slop, winning the Gold Division of the separate NorCal Sailing Regattas on back-to-back days.

On Fri., the duo won three of seven races and finished high enough in the other four to take the first-place Gold trophy in the NorCal 5 Gold Regatta, an 18-boat-level-competition.
The following day, with 19 boats in the water, they won two of six races at NorCal 6 and route to another overall championship in the same event, Treasure Island’s Clipper Cove on San Francisco Bay.

“San Francisco Bay is much more of a flying mecca than the little of Monterey Peninsula. From the St. Francis Yacht Club, to the San Francisco Yacht Club, to Richmond Yacht Club and Redwood City — all these places have pretty big junior programs, but then maybe they’re just two days,” said Jack McAleer, Stevenson’s former head coach, Brad Schoch. “I think it’s fair to say that Max and Stevie hadn’t been exposed to as much high-level competition.

But sometimes that can work both ways, McAleer added, “because kids are going to get more individual attention in Monterey Bay, and a coach like Brad can nurture a young sailor along pretty well. He’s definitely a key to the success of the team right now.”

It’s not the first time Stevenson boats have won the Gold trophy two days in a row — in fact, the Pirates did it in November of 2021 at Alamada Island when Ryan Margues and Abbie Zhang took Saturday’s regatta, then Carmen Berg (currently at Yale University, where she was voted “Freshman Recruit of the Year”) and Harry Margues (Ryan’s brother) were overall winners on Sunday.

But the last time the same pairing won back-to-back regattas “It’s probably been quite a while since that happened, McAleer said.

Different responsibilities
McCormick, whose home is five minutes from Monterey Harbor, is the son of a lifelong sailor and a Stevenson faculty member (Bob McCormick teaches biology and environmental science at the high school, and also learned some skills by participating in summer sailing camps at the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club. As skipper, he occupies the real position in the slop, handling the main sail and the rudder, and monitoring currents and wind nearest the boat.

Thomens, a boarding student from land-locked Sacramento, was essentially a sailing novice at a freshman at Stevenson as a fresman, but honed and learned well enough to be recruited by Contra Costa College. As the crew, Thomens manages the smaller sail — the jib — from the front position, typically facing backwards.

“I’m basically looking in all directions, watching for changes in wind direction at other places on the course and keeping Max informed about what the boats behind us are doing,” Thomens said. “If I see a boat that’s about to get in our way, I can say, ‘Hey, they’re about to tack,’ and we

Two weekends ago, at a place
called Treasure Island, a pair of steel-eyed Pirates from a school named Robert Louis Stevenson fought a two-day battle
SPORTS

All about attitude

“If we have to manufacture it, we’re discouraged, we’re very good at putting it behind us. I think that’s one of our strengths,” Thomas said.

Mc Cormick credited Thomson for resting his attitude during the Saturday regatta at Treasure Island after they failed to anticipate an early Nonetheless, and shifted, and dropped them a 13th-place finish in one of the races.

“I just told him, ‘Hey, it’s just one race, and we’ve done really well in the others,'” Thomas said. “We know who our compe-”

The teams recovered quickly, finishing second in the next race to regain the overall points lead. “I definitely enjoyed that by steve talked to me out of it,” said Mc Cormick, who also anticipates returning to the college level after his 2024 graduation. “It’s also and happened the other way around. We’ve both really good at lifting the other one’s spirits whenever we’re upset or angry.”

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Dumbest story ever?

In an era when everybody’s expected to conform to ideas that were unheard of just a few years ago, few political concepts have the power to shock anyone more. Same thing with journalism — a profession that has so thoroughly abandoned the tiniest pretensions of objectivity, that when you open a newspaper or log on to a media website, the best you can hope for is that things will be slanted in your favor.

Nevertheless, some things you see in print can still come as a shock, and that was definitely true for us with a story this week on the front page of the Wall Street Journal — a story that not only got its politics totally wrong, it was very poor journalism.

Headlined, “To Increase Equity, School Districts Eliminate Honors Classes,” the story told how some parents at a school district in Culver City were campaigning to restore high school advanced placement and honors classes in English and math after the district “earlier this school year replaced the honors classes at Culver City High School with uniform courses that officials say will ensure all students receive an equal, rigorous education.”

Hold it right there. You don’t have to be an expert to know that giving all students an “equal, rigorous education” is impossible, for the simple reason that some students are more talented in subjects like English, math and science, while others are capable of only average or even below-average work. Everyone knows this, but the Wall Street Journal pretends it’s not true.

And that’s not the most absurd claim in this below-average story.

“School districts doing away with honors classes argue students who don’t take those classes from a young age start to see themselves in a different tier and come to think they aren’t capable of enrolling in advanced placement classes that help with college admissions,” the WSJ reports. “Since the start of this school year, freshmen and sophomores in Culver City have only been able to select one level of English classes, knowing they were going to College Prep rather than the previous system in which anyone could opt into the honors class.”

So under the previous system, anyone could take an honors class, but since many students didn’t bother, the answer is to do away with the classes? Apparently the WSJ reporter who wrote the story never studied logic.

Similarly, in Santa Monica, “high school English teachers said last year they had a ‘moral imperative’ to eliminate honors English classes that they viewed as perpetuating inequality,” the WSJ claimed. “We’re not sure what’s immoral about recognizing that some students are more capable in certain subjects than others, and that our modern society needs young people who are capable of becoming experts in science, math, engineering or medicine to be challenged in those subjects beginning at a very young age. But never mind all that, according to the newspaper’s reporting.

“This is not a social experiment,” reassured a member of the Santa Monica school board. “This is a sound educational approach to education.”

Furthermore, Gail Pinsker, a school district spokeswoman, said the shift this school year “has increased access and provided excellent educational experiences for all of our students,” according to the WSJ. But her claim was accepted at face value, and nothing was offered to show how “excellent” the educational outcomes have been since honors classes were eliminated. Have average test scores increased? The Wall Street Journal didn’t say.

A brief look at data from around the country amply demonstrates that public schools are, in many cases, complete failures at educating their students — and the problems have nothing to do with offering high-level classes to the best students. In many schools, students at all levels are learning almost nothing.

According to reports from their state departments of education, in the 2021-2022 school year, at 30 public schools in Chicago, not a single student could read at grade level, while at 53 schools, nobody was grade-level capable in math. Not one. And in Baltimore, Md., nobody was proficient in math at 23 schools.

Failures like these are tragedies for the students involved, for the community they live in, and for the whole country. Something has to be done about them — but eliminating high-level classes isn’t.
Women’s golf builds momentum

HEADING INTO the 78th U.S. Women’s Open at Pebble Beach in July, it is important to know that the Monterey Peninsula has a rich tradition of attracting the best women golfers. This will be the first time the women’s open has come to the Peninsula, but many of the tournament’s past champions have recorded victories here.

Long before the first U.S. Women’s Open in 1946, the United States Golf Association in 1895 hosted U.S. Open and Amateur championships for men and the first U.S. Women’s Amateur championship. Just a few years later, Monterey’s Hotel Del Monte added Del Monte Golf Course in 1897 and crowned its first men’s and women’s champions of the Del Monte Cup in 1899. The first women’s champion was Minnie Scudder, a visitor from St. Louis. The 1899 Del Monte Cup was won by a talented young lady from the Burlingame Country Club, Mary Scott, and in 1900, Sophie Brown of the San Rafael Golf Club won the Del Monte Cup.

Unofficial champs

While not officially a state championship, the Del Monte Cup tournaments became the earliest way to determine the best golfers on the coast. The clubs on the West Coast put together three regional associations to organize tournaments: The Pacific Northwest Golf Association and Southern California Golf Association were formed in 1899, and the Northern California Golf Association in 1901. On the heels of the NCGA, the Pacific Coast Golf Association formed in 1901. Each of the three regional associations began annual regional tournaments to choose their best golfers — men and women — and the PCGA was created to determine the best golfers on the coast.

While the early men’s PCGA championships rotated among private courses in each of the three regions, the ladies chose Del Monte as their preferred course and held the 1901 and 1902 Pacific Coast Women’s Championships there. Caro Crockett upset the favored Sophie Brown to take the 1901 PCGA championship, while Brown won in 1902.

Tough sell

However, the first two PCGA women’s championships failed to attract women from the other regions and the 1903 Pacific Coast Women’s Championship was held at Los Angeles Country Club. The majority of the entrants were members of the host club, but after qualifying medal play identified the top eight women to enter the championship matches, four were from the NCGA clubs and four from SCGA clubs. The locals knocked out the northern ladies and in the final match, Jean Bowers defeated Harriet Bishop. Participants believed the 1903 PCGA championship had successfully encouraged the southern ladies to come to Del Monte in August for resumption of the Del Monte Cup. The women’s 1903 Del Monte Cup was run by the PCGA, but despite assurances that several southern ladies would compete, only one made the trip. Jean Bowers, winner of the 1903 PCGA championship had remarried that summer and entered the Del Monte Cup as Mrs. E.T. Perkins.

Sophie Brown did not attend Del Monte in 1901 and Ethel Chesebrough was the low medalist in the qualifying round. Chesebrough had been runner-up in the 1902 PCGA championship, and narrowly lost a semifinal match to Bowers-Perkins at the 1901 PCGA championship. She was to face Perkins again in the first match at Del Monte, but Perkins withdrew “on account of indisposition” and Chesebrough won by default. Chesebrough went on to win the 1902 PCGA championship, and narrowly missed winning the 1901 PCGA championship, as well.

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When pottery meets fire, expect to find some lovely surprises

As a professional, Sachiko Yokota set her path years in advance — she decided as a child that she wanted to become a potter. As a child, she decided that she wanted to become a potter. As a potter, she thrives on the surprise that waits almost every time she opens the door of the kiln, the fiery, unpredictable oven that bakes her art. And as a devotee of her Japanese culture, she embraces whatever that result might be. “Very often, a piece of pottery does not come out of the kiln the way I had planned,” said Yokota, who shows her creations at Venture Gallery in Monterey. “This is why pottery is called the art of fire, and why pottery is an accidental art. “This accident is very important. We cannot control the change — we have to wait for the fire’s play,” she said. “I am always very excited to open the door of the kiln, because very often it was not what I had planned. I love that surprise.”

Accidental imperfections are not mistakes for Japanese ceramicists, who respect that nature is not perfect. The concept called wabi-sabi teaches appreciation of beauty that is imperfect, impermanent and incomplete. Asymmetry, roughness, simplicity, economy, austerity and intimacy are to be celebrated as forces of nature. “Japanese people have a respect for nature that is very strong,” she said. “When I make something, I love that every time is different, every time is an experiment. It is very special to make something for you that will be the only one in all of the world.”

Yokota remembers growing up happy, healthy, cheerful and curious in Sendai, Japan, where she was born in 1952. At St. Dominic’s Catholic School, she was taught to speak English and French and was introduced to a diverse curriculum, including art and music. She was selected as conductor of the school choir, and chosen to play Puck, the mischievous, wild-child character in Shakespeare’s “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.”

“I was a positive little girl, never lonely and not quiet — I always liked to ask people a lot of questions,” said Yokota, who, as a freshman at St. Dominic’s Catholic School, already had decided to become a reporter. She moved on from high school to Yokohama National University, earning a bachelor’s degree in social education.

First glimpse of California

As a college student, Yokota took her first trip to California, visiting Los Angeles. First impressions: “The sky was very blue, the roads were very wide, and the people were very few!” she said with an ironic laugh. “In Japan, when you go to somewhere like Tokyo Station, there are so many people that you have to

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The pottery of Sachiko Yokota is deeply influenced by her Japanese heritage and philosophies.
Not all styles are equal

Dear Editor,

It would seem that some people feel it is not okay to ask about the residents about "architectural styles," that all styles are equal, and if you do single out one, then you're the equivalent of a bigot or a racist.

Put the words "brutalism" and "deconstructivism" in your computer browser and press the images button. We can all quickly agree these styles will never work for Carmel. Clearly, architectural styles matter. But what about "modern architecture"?

Just go to YouTube and type in "modern architecture." You'll find titles like "Modern Architecture is Rubbish," "Why Do People Hate Modern Architecture?" and "Modern Architecture — Beautiful or Boring?" Or look at some of the buildings out there, like the The Harris Poll organized by the National Civic Art Society, conducted in 2020, asking respondents to compare classical with more modern styles. The responses did vary by demographic group. When asked to choose from the two images, Americans of every age, sex, race and class category pulled the lever for tradi,

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championship, well on her way to becoming the dominant woman golfer in California.

Continued efforts to encourage the southern ladies to agree on a date to come to Del Monte for the fourth PCGA championship were unsuccessful, and the Del Monte Cup remained the main contest to determine the best woman golfer in the West for 1904 and 1905. Brown returned both years and lost close final matches, finishing as runner-up in 1904 to Charlotte Munn, and in 1905 to Mrs. W.S. Martin. Martin had won the 1899 Del Monte Cup as Miss Mary Scott.

Multiple tournaments

While the PCGA was unsuccessful in organizing a fourth PCGA Women’s championship, Sophie Brown began coordinating with Ada Smith of San Diego, and at the end of 1904, they announced the formation of the California Women Golfers’ Association. The organization became active in early 1905 with Smith as president and Brown as secretary-treasurer.

The CWGA held multiple regional tournaments sponsored by member clubs that year, and the group’s first state championship was held in January 1906 at the San Francisco Country Club’s new Ingleside course. The top names remained familiar. Brown was both the medalist and champion in 1906, with Martin the runner-up. As the Pacific Coast Golf Association had been unsuccessful with its Women’s Amateur, the organization gave the trophy it had used to the CWGA, where it became the perpetual Women’s Amateur. Brown was both the medalist and champion in 1906, with Martin the runner-up. As the Pacific Coast Golf Association had been unsuccessful with its Women’s Amateur, the organization gave the trophy it had used to the CWGA, where it became the perpetual Women’s Amateur. Brown had been a key figure, but shortly after winning the 1906 CWGA, she left to travel abroad with her husband, who began consulting on mining projects around the world, eventually settling in England. However, in addition to the annual tournaments between northern and southern clubs. Most of the CWGA was successful in keeping an active annual rota-

Revamped competition

Ironically, while the CWGA successfully ran a north-south rotation in addition to the Del Monte Cup, the Men’s PCGA couldn’t sustain its rotations. The last southern tournament was in 1904, and Del Monte Golf Course replaced the southern rotation for the men’s PCGA championship in May 1907.

For 1909, Del Monte revamped its August tournaments to become the Del Monte Championships. It successfully raised its exposure to compete with the CWGA and PCGA. Frank Newton, the 1908 PCGA champion, won the first Del Monte Men’s Championship and Alice Hager, the 1908 CWGA runner-up, won the first Del Monte Women’s Championship.

In 1910, the PCGA returned to Del Monte and hosted the Men’s Amateur and Men’s Open in conjunction with the PCGA Championship. Margaret Morris, a seasoned veteran from the Chicago Golf Club and part-time Santa Barbara resident, bested the women golfers in 1910. The prestige of the Del Monte Championships continued to rival the CWGA, especially after 1912, when the two women’s championships each carried bragging rights for the next few decades, but more was ahead for women’s golf on the Peninsula.
Annie was asked about the artist, can be found online at venturegallery.com. Images of Yokota's work, and additional information about the artist, can be found online at venturegallery.com. She was hired to write freelance articles for a travel magazine with a much different idea. Yokota said she was assigned to visit all 47 prefectures in Japan, gathering information about traditional Japanese culture while writing about good food, sightseeing and venues to place to play. Her approach typically included interviewing the locals — business owners, fishermen, the seaweed gatherers. She said — telling their stories and sharing pieces of the history of each area. Freelance assignments brought her back to California multiple times, traveling with a photographer from San Francisco to Los Angeles producing “where to go” and “what to do” pieces for tourist guidebooks.

A serendipitous meal

In 1985, the writer and the photographer, weary from travel, was at Ichis-Riki, a Japanese restaurant in Seaside. “We didn’t come in to gather information about the restaurant. We stopped because we were very tired and hungry and because I love Japanese food,” she said. “And the sushi chef standing at the counter, right in front of me, was my future husband,” she said.

Shigeki Yokota, who had learned his sushi skills at Toukij, a world-renowned fish market in Japan, was so smitten that he traveled three days later to reunite with Sachiko at the Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles, where she was working on her next series of stories. “How do you like America?” Shigeki asked.

“Very much,” she told him. “Well, don’t you marry me and move here?” he said.

A year later they were married, residing briefly in Santa Cruz before settling in Seaside, where they’ve lived ever since. Sachiko continued to work for the travel guide, returning frequently to Japan, while her husband made sushi at the restaurant.

More than 35 years later, their adult son, Kiichi, bought Ichis-Riki, where he is a chef and manager, and his father continues to work as the sushi chef.

Their daughter, Momoko, earned a degree in fashion merchandising from San Francisco State and travels frequently for her job in the clothing industry.

Sachiko Yokota became enamored with creating pottery in 1999 after taking a ceramics class at Monterey Peninsula College from Peggy Alonas.

A mind-opening experience

“As soon as I touched the clay, I felt like it opened my mind and I felt free,” she said. “It was very comfortable when I felt the mud going into something kind of spiritual. I had discovered another way to express myself, other than writing.”

Alonas, a senior member today of Peninsula Potters, an artists’ cooperative in Pacific Grove, taught Yokota about sculpting, firing and glazing.

Yokota then met another Japanese artist, Noriko Constant, who was taking an MPC printmaking class in the room next door.

“Noriiko is a member of Venture Gallery and encouraged me to join,” said Yokota, who has been part of the member-owned gallery since 2007.

“It’s very spiritual for me, close to Zen, which is a very important philosophy to me,” she said of the things she creates in a garage studio at her home and finishes using the kilns at Peninsula Potters. “When I touch clay, I feel something. I can talk with clay and it makes me happy.”

Yokota doesn’t enter contests, she said, once again cementing cultural influence.

“Japanese people do not work as artists,” she said. “There is pure art — art made entirely for beauty — and there is industrial art. In Japan, we think first of function. If I create a teapot, it is not entirely for beauty. It must pour. It must not leak! Each piece must be functional.”

Images of Yokota’s work, and additional information about the artist, can be found online at venturegallery.com. Dennis Taylor can be reached at scribelaureate@gmail.com.

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Walk like this,” she said, demonstrating a sideways gait with the suggestion of a bit of pushing through a crowd. “I also noticed that so many of the cars were made in Japan.”

At 21, Yokota was hired in her native country as an editor at a publishing company for children.

“Hard work and long hours are very much encouraged in Japanese culture,” she said. “The people there often work until 8, 9, even 10 o’clock at night — too much, you know? They do not have any leisure.

At 26, she was hired to write freelance articles for a travel magazine with a much different idea.

“Their philosophy was, ‘Let’s play’ — not so much work,” said Yokota, who was assigned to visit all 47 prefectures in Japan, gathering information about traditional Japanese culture while writing about good food, sightseeing and venues to play.

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choosing to bog down the basic administrative functions of our school board on the issues of stadium lights, the principal and the superintendent. We need to move away from these issues and allowing our school board to be 100 percent focused on its real mission: educating our students.

The elected members of the school board have done enough — perhaps too much — to inform the public. Now let the independent process work. By not allowing our elected representatives to perform basic administrative functions and normal business, we are hurting the most valuable resource, our students.

I welcome counterpoints, opinions and/or comments on these issues in The Pine Cone, but not at our future school board meetings. We need to move forward. When sufficient information has been gathered, elected and school officials will be in a position to make the informed decision, and, where appropriate, will inform the public.

Stephen Covell, Carmel

High school campus ‘not safe’

Dear Editor,

Your last two editorials about the need for transparency are in stark contrast to your previous arguments against costly public records act requests only weeks before. I thought perhaps the first one was written by a chatbot, being such a reversal in your position.

Your most recent editorial shows you’re beginning to understand, as does CUSD School Board resignee Tess Arthur, how dysfunctional that board really is and why we need transparency.

But then your article on Principal Lyons devoted far too many column inches to his sad groveling for his job, glossing over the main story: The community outcry for the removal of Superintendent Ted Knight. His patterns of deception and deflection are not acceptable.

Now that CUSD is going to investigate Knight, it further demonstrates that trust within the board and public is broken. Though we keep hearing from everyone about concerns for the safety of the children, not even the public records act process, or many point-blank questions to the school board, could reveal what we learned from our own digging at the fire marshal’s office:

Carmel High School is noncompliant in its fire and life safety inspections. The campus is not safe. And dates on the inspection form are well before the dates of important actions taken by CUSD leadership to further develop the overcrowded campus.

Your reporters should do some digging and they will find more wrongdoing. It is why we need journalism and a free press to thwart the secrecy within tax-paid public entities.

John Dillard, Carmel

Cruise ships don’t belong

Dear Editor,

It was with a deep sigh of gratitude that I read of Monterey’s decision to pull the welcome mat for cruise ships wanting to come here. These floating Las Vegas-like hotels are completely out of scale with so many of the sites they visit, be it Alaskan seaside towns, a former Mexican fishing village, a Greek island, or our charming Monterey Harbor.

We have a few friends who are “cruisers,” and they say they rarely eat on shore while in port, since they’ve already paid for 3 meals on board.

Thank you, Monterey, for prioritizing the exceptional nature of our peaceful Central Coast over the selling of bowls of clam chowder and “I Heart Monterey” T-shirts.

Lila Thorsen, Pacific Grove

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before. I thought perhaps the first one was
written by a chatbot, being such a reversal
in your position.

Your most recent editorial shows you’re
beginning to understand, as does CUSD
School Board resignee Tess Arthur, how
dysfunctional that board really is and why
we need transparency.

But then your article on Principal Lyons
devoted far too many column inches to his
sad groveling for his job, glossing over the
main story: The community outcry for the
removal of Superintendent Ted Knight. His
patterns of deception and deflection are not
acceptable.

Now that CUSD is going to investigate
Knight, it further demonstrates that trust
within the board and public is broken.
Though we keep hearing from everyone
about concerns for the safety of the children,
not even the public records act process,
or many point-blank questions to the
school board, could reveal what we learned
from our own digging at the fire marshal’s
office:

Carmel High School is noncompliant in
its fire and life safety inspections. The
campus is not safe. And dates on the
inspection form are well before the dates of
important actions taken by CUSD leadership to
further develop the overcrowded campus.

Your reporters should do some digging
and they will find more wrongdoing. It is
why we need journalism and a free press to
thwart the secrecy within tax-paid public
entities.

John Dillard, Carmel

Cruise ships don’t belong

Dear Editor,

It was with a deep sigh of gratitude that
I read of Monterey’s decision to pull the
welcome mat for cruise ships wanting to
come here. These floating Las Vegas-like
hotels are completely out of scale with so
many of the sites they visit, be it Alaskan
seaside towns, a former Mexican fishing
village, a Greek island, or our charming
Monterey Harbor.

We have a few friends who are “cruis-
ers,” and they say they rarely eat on shore
while in port, since they’ve already paid
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MORE THAN 30 years have passed since a gaggle of local dental professionals made their first trip to a Third World country to provide free healthcare to children who had never seen a dentist before.

What they discovered then, and during subsequent excursions, is that smiles are contagious and humanitarianism is life-changing.

“My dad’s favorite thing to say is, ‘How do you save the world? One tooth at a time,’” said pediatric dentist Jack Bayless, 30, who believes he probably chose his career as a third-grader. He first traveled with his family that year (2000) to Guatemala and watched his father, pediatric specialist Mark Bayless, relieve the suffering of countless children in a mobile clinic the dentists set up themselves.

“My brother Beau, now a U.S. Navy pilot and I mostly played soccer with kids in the village, but I also have photos of myself with my head buried in some little kid’s mouth and a look on my face that says, ‘OK, Dad, what’s our next step? And how are we going to do this?’

“I saw kids who were in pain when they lay down and half an hour later, they were happy and smiling. That definitely made a lasting impression,” said the 2009 Stevenson School product. He graduated from dental school in 2019, and now practices at Monterey Pediatric Dentistry, his father’s office.

Volunteering in Cambodia

Another freshly minted dentist, Emma Bhaskar (Stevenson, 2013), was a youth volunteer in Guatemala at age 14, assisting her father, Philip Bhaskar, an oral surgeon. She subsequently volunteered with the team in Cambodia.
PLenty OF people have gotten in trouble for having a dirty mouth. But this isn’t about profanity. This is something that can have far more serious consequences: A clean and healthy mouth fosters a healthy body, while a neglected mouth can cause problems.

“Our mouth is the gateway to our body, so oral health is very important to overall health,” said Sunderpal Dail, DDS, whose office is in Monterey. “Poor oral hygiene can result in gingivitis, or inflammation of gum tissue. If this is not addressed, the gums can get quite red and bleed.”

In addition, he said, plaque — a sticky, white film that forms at the gum line and on the teeth — contains bacteria which can get into bloodstream and migrate to the rest of the body. Researchers from Harvard University and UC San Francisco have described correlations between poor oral health and cardiovascular issues and kidney problems, and emerging research suggests that oral bacteria may exacerbate problems in the digestive system. That’s not all, though. Said Dail, “In certain patients who don’t take care of their teeth, there have been instances where plaque was aspirated or drawn into the lungs, causing inflammation of the respiratory lining, as well as pneumonia.”

He said that poor oral hygiene can make underlying health issues worse, too.

“If we don’t take care of our teeth, eventually we will get periodontal disease, causing teeth to come loose. If this is not addressed, we will lose those teeth, which isn’t about profanity. This is something that can have far more serious consequences.”

Oral health so seriously by neglecting our teeth, isn’t it? During an exam, Dail can tell a lot about his patients’ lifestyles and oral hygiene habits, revealing how well they brush — or don’t. The American Dental Association recommends brushing for two minutes twice a day with fluoride toothpaste. Brushing removes food and plaque, and dentists urge their patients to brush after every meal.

Dentists and dental hygienists can teach proper technique for effective brushing. For 28 years, most recently with Dail, dental hygienist Sue Poppino has been cleaning teeth, checking the health of the mouth and teaching patients the art of oral hygiene. She recommends using a soft-bristle brush to get in between the teeth but avoid damaging the gums. Begin by holding the brush at a 45-degree angle, placing the bristles along the gum line and moving back and forth with short strokes.

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**HEALTHY LIFESTYLES**

Why your dental checkups should include cancer screenings

By ELAINE HESSER

GOING TO the dentist’s office is mostly routine. There’s preventive care, fillings, braces, semi-annual cleanings, and maybe a few cosmetic procedures or the occasional extraction or implant.

But, said Andre LaMothe, an oral surgeon at MOSA (short for Monterey and Salinas) Oral Maxillofacial & Dental Implant surgery, the dentist can also be the first line of defense against oral cancer, since the key to successful treatment is early detection — and that’s where regular dental checkups come in.

According to the American Cancer Society, if caught early, many oral cancers can be treated with limited surgeries that remove the cancerous cells and a small area around them. When that happens, the five-year survival rate can be as high as 93 percent, depending on the location in the area under the tongue or the hard palate on the roof of the mouth. (This article will deal exclusively with cancers that occur in the mouth, although they share similarities with many that develop in the throat.)

LaMothe said most dentists screen for cancer as part of regular exams. He said, “They look for small, painless ulcers, a little spot that doesn’t heal, little white patches or other color changes,” among other things. He said the most common problem areas are on the edges of the tongue and the floor of the mouth.

If you notice any of these changes yourself, the Mayo Clinic and other online sources recommend you schedule a visit with your dentist or doctor, particularly if things don’t heal or return to normal after two weeks.

Although just about anyone can get oral cancer, LaMothe said, “It’s classically older males — a two-to-one ratio over females. It’s usually someone like a 60-year-old guy who’s been smoking since he was 20 and has a few drinks a week.”

Tobacco and alcohol use — particularly in combination — are the biggest risk factors for oral cancer. The American Cancer Society also mentions HPV — human papillomavirus, long associated with cervical cancer — as an increasing cause of oral cancer among the not remotely ready-for-AARP set, including nondrinkers and nonsmokers.

The HPV vaccine (marketed as Gardasil), which has been available to youngsters and teens since 2006, is believed to also help prevent oral cancers associated with the virus. There has been research into whether alcohol-based mouthwashes could be a culprit, but LaMothe said that so far, the data doesn’t support that notion. Loose-fitting dentures, however, are a potential risk factor. “The idea is that chronic mucosal irritation increases oral cancer risk,” he explained.

Getting ugly

While oral cancer is relatively easy to treat in its early stages, LaMothe said, “About 50 percent of the people who are diagnosed with it will die from it.” That includes those who are killed by the cancer itself and those who die from related issues.

The disease gets pretty ugly as it progresses, figuratively and literally. There are lymph nodes just below the mouth, and if the cancer spreads there, it becomes much more difficult to treat. In some cases, part or all of the tongue might be removed, or portions of the jawbone or palate (the soft area under the tongue or the hard palate on the roof of the mouth) may have to come out.

Some reconstructive surgeries are available to help with functions like speech, eating and breathing, but it’s not always a 100 percent restoration. And that’s not to mention the cosmetic changes when large portions of the mouth are subjected to surgery.

LaMothe said that certain situations call for a feeding tube to be inserted directly into the stomach so that someone who has pain or difficulty swallowing can get adequate nutrition. Temporary or permanent trachea tubes maybe inserted to let a patient breathe through the throat if the airway becomes obstructed.

One thing that all the experts agree on is this: If you receive a diagnosis of oral cancer, find a surgeon who specializes in that area. LaMothe said that while MOSA identifies, biopsies and diagnoses cancers, the practice refers patients to qualified head and neck surgeons for treatment.

And while it’s still a grim prognosis — the ACS puts five-year survival rates as low as 23 to 41 percent for cancers that have spread to other parts of the body — research and new treatment options are constantly being developed. In the meantime, the bullet points are the same as for so many other ailments — quit using tobacco, take it easy on the booze, and get regular checkups.

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JUST IN time for March Madness watch parties, here’s a recipe for artichoke dip. Dips have a not-undeserved bad rap — many times, they’re oozing with cheese and full-fat sour cream — not to mention the stuff we use for dipping.

For example, while salsa is low in calories, you can dunk a whole bunch of deep-fried tortilla chips and make them disappear before you know it.

On the other hand, if you opt for whole-grain crackers with a little more chew to them (Triscuits come to mind) or veggies like celery and carrots, you’ll slow down and give yourself a chance to really enjoy the food. Thus is also a good time to be mindful of what you’re doing — don’t just dip, eat and repeat.

Practice a little portion control — take as many crackers or chips you want to eat and put them on a plate or napkin instead of hovering over the serving plate, where you can easily lose track of how much you’ve consumed. You can do the same with the dip — spoon your share into a small dish or bowl (bonus!) you can also double-dip all you want.

Chef Kevin Fisher’s recipe for artichoke dip can be made with reduced-fat cream and Swiss cheeses for a lower-fat snack or appetizer. The artichokes and spinach are full of fiber and nutrients — a whole artichoke has as much potassium as a banana.

Fisher’s recipes include instructions for preparing Castoville’s famous thistle, but if you’re a visual learner, YouTube has tons of videos on “how to prepare an artichoke” available. The artichokes and spinach are always a hit, and many people say they’re even better than the original, fresh artichokes.

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INGREDIENTS

(Quantities are measured by weight)

- 1 16-ounces artichoke
- 1/2 teaspoon each, salt & pepper
- 8 ounces whipped cream cheese
- 8 ounces Swiss cheese, shredded
- 2 ounces parsley, chopped
- 4 ounces spinach, blanched and chopped
- 1 yellow bell pepper, seeded and diced
- 1/2 teaspoon each, salt & pepper
- Bread crumbs for topping

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

For the artichoke:

Run the artichoke under cold water, pulling apart the leaves to clean out any dirt. With a sharp chef’s or serrated knife, cut off about 1/2 inch of the top of the artichoke. Using a pair of kitchen shears, snip off all remaining sharp tips on the leaves. Hold the prepared artichoke in cold lemon water. Steam the artichoke for about 30 minutes, or until a paring knife slides easily into the base. Remove the leaves, then scoop out the choke and chop the heart into medium-sized chunks. Discard any large, tough outer leaves and roast the smaller, more tender inner ones for 15-18 minutes on a lightly oiled cookie sheet.

Assembly:

Combine the chopped heart and roasted leaves with the remaining ingredients in a mixing bowl. Taste to check seasoning, then move to an oven-safe dish. Top lightly with bread crumbs and bake at 350 degrees until browned and heated through. Serve with pita chips or vegetables.

Chef Bio

ALMOST EVERYONE likes to boast about Mom’s home cooking. Not everyone turns a childhood love of good food into a lifelong vocation. In addition to benefiting from his mother’s culinary talents, Kevin Fisher developed a strong preference for fresh fruits and vegetables because his father was in the produce business.

Fisher’s brother, Todd — the chef who launched ‘7th & Dolores’ — had a restaurant in Old Town Salinas called Hallabalo. There, Kevin Fisher launched his restaurant career. For the last 12 years, Fisher has been working at the Hyatt Regency in Monterey, home of Sea Root restaurant. He’s passionate about food and said, “I love that I have the instant gratification of watching the plate land and seeing the reactions.” He hopes his food leaves an excellent lasting impression on diners.

When he’s not working, Fisher enjoys the beautiful outdoor scenery, likes camping and is into “all things car-related.”
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dia (twice), Ecuador, and, in October, in a sweltering, impoverished jungle village in Belize where she and Jack Bayless served as treating doctors for the first time.

“In Belize, my father assisted me, rather than the other way around, so it all came full-circle,” said Emma, whose grandfa- ther, Surindar Bhaskar (1923-2016), was the U.S. Army’s first Asian-born general.

He became an oral pathologist, educator, author, and finally, a periodontist with the Monterey Peninsula Dental Group, where he worked with his son, Philip Bhaskar. Yet another Bhaskar, Emma’s 31-year-old brother, Brian (Stevenson, 2010), is also pursuing a dental career. He is cur- rently in the fourth year of his oral surgery residency at the University of Washington.

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Dental Emma Bhaskar with two happy patients in October at a mobile dental clinic in the jungles of Belize.

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Patients wait for treatment outside their elementary school, where International Health Emissaries distributed toys and clothing for the children they treat at the mobile clinics.

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“A vivid memory as a 14-year-old was seeing how incredibly relieved and grateful she was when he took that pain away, and realized, probably for the first time, how important the dental profession was.”

She originally majored in business at the University of Washington, but changed direction after her first semester there, earning a bachelor’s degree in public health in 2017 and graduating from the University of the Pacific’s School of Dentistry in 2021.

Third World children tend to be excellent patients, the doctors said, feeling privileged to be treated.

“A lot of times, you’ll see kids who definitely look scared, but they climb right up on your table, lay down, cross their hands over their chests and just open wide,” Emma said.

Jack Bayless entertains his young patients by performing magic tricks afterward, something he also does at his Monterey office.

“They’re so much fun, they’re crazy, their logic is so silly, and I see the amazement in their eyes when I do tricks for them.”

The dentists also set up a “prize table” with toys and clothing for the children they treat at the mobile clinics.

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**Borrowed chairs**

In addition to the Baylesses and Bhaskars, the 2022 Belize team included doctors Daniel Read, David Hasson and orthodontist Chad Cassady. Support volunteers included Chad Cassady Jr., who aspires to follow his father into dentistry, Amy Altshuler, a physical therapist in Carmel, Pam Hasson (David’s wife) and Frank Horpe, a Carmel attorney.

Dentists and volunteers from Maryland and Florida were also in Belize, where the team treated 235 people — mostly children, preschool through eighth grade — over 3 1/2 grueling days.

The venue was a government-funded school — preschool through eighth grade — where the dentists set up a mobile clinic, furnishing all their own equipment but borrowing furniture from the school.

“It’s physically tough, partly because our patients are lying on a flat table, and our dentists are in chairs that aren’t very ergonomic, or they’re standing. Everybody’s back hurts,” Philip Bhaskar said.

His daughter’s workspace in Belize consisted of multiple school chairs stacked on top of each other, high enough to provide her with a good view of each patient’s mouth.

The gratitude of their patients — and the villagers — is palpable, Mark Bayless said.

“When we do clinics in these little vil-

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Left to right, Jack Bayless, with Chad Cassady Jr. assisting, and Emma Bhaskar, with Philip Bhaskar assisting at October’s IHE mobile clinic in Belize.

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bristles gently against the outside of our top teeth, near the gum line, roughly at a 45-degree angle upward. For two minutes, sweep the brush gently back and forth over the teeth and gums in soft strokes, or with a circular motion, similar to that of an electric toothbrush.

Poppino noted, “Just about everyone misses the upper back molars. Keep your mouth slightly closed, so your cheek muscles are relaxed, and you can push the toothbrush far enough back to reach them and sweep behind them.”

When you’re finished, spit out the toothpaste and stick out your tongue (which should be nice and pink, not white — an indication of plaque) and brush it. Poppino said that forgoing the tongue brushing can contribute to bad breath, also called halitosis.

She weighed in on when to floss, too. “There are so many misconceptions about the order in which we clean our teeth. To be fair, first we brush, then we floss. The last step is a mouthwash or fluoride rinses,” she explained. “And remember, no matter how well you clean your mouth, it’s important to come in to have your teeth professionally cleaned, twice a year. It’s a time for us to check your health and make sure your teeth are really clean. It’s so important to your overall health and well-being.”

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lages, it’s like the circus has come to town — it’s a very big deal. Being a dentist in the Third World feels like being a rock star,” he said.

Philip Bhaskar made his first humanitari an trip to Haiti when he was still a dental student. In 1990, he began flying to Sonora, Mexico, with Mark Bayless as members of Los Medicos Voladores (The Flying Doctors). He also served on several missions involving the repair of cleft lips and cleft palates.

“Most people here in Monterey will never see that kind of world — they don’t want to go there. There’s a lot of chaos, horrible traffic, trash and filth. It smells,” Bayless said. “You’ll walk down a street and see little kids, maybe 6 years old, holding knives, cleaning fish. They’re working,” he said. “Other children carrying big bundles of sticks on their backs, or hauling a five-gallon water jug back home. It’s very different.”

Mark and Tina Bayless and Philip and Brenda Bhaskar began bringing their kids along to instill an appreciation for the privileged lives they are blessed with on the Monterey Peninsula.

“I realized pretty quickly that very few people in the world are as fortunate

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Dental Emma Bhaskar treats a child at a mobile clinic in Belize while her father, Philip Bhaskar (also a dentist), provides suction for the procedure.

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Award-winning quartet from Spain makes its Sunset Center debut

**Named After** legendary Spanish cellist Pablo Casals, a string quartet from Barcelona, Cuarteto Casals, plays Saturday at Sunset Center. Presented by Chamber Music Monterey Bay, the concert starts at 7:30 p.m. Founded in 1997 by students at the Reina Sofía School of Music in Madrid, the quartet includes violinists Vera Martínez Mehner and Abel Tomàs, violist Jonathan Brown and cellist Arnau Tomàs. They took home the First Prize at the 2000 London International String Quartet Competition and repeated the feat two years later at the International Brahms Competition in Hamburg. Chamber Music Monterey Bay has been trying to bring the quartet to town for many years. “We are anxious to hear them perform in person,” board member Bob Reid told The Pine Cone.

The program includes Haydy’s “Quartet E-flat Major, op. 20 No. 1,” 20th-century Hungarian composer György Ligeti’s “Quartet No. 1, “Metamorphoses nocturnes,” and Schubert’s “Quartet in D Major, D. 810 “Death and the Maiden.”

A talk by musicologist Derek Katz precedes the performance at 6:30 p.m. Tickets start at $25, with discounts available for music teachers, students and active military. Also, a limited number of free tickets are available for kids accompanied by an adult. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. For more details, call (831) 625-2212.

■ Student orchestras play Sunset

On Sunday afternoon at Sunset Center, Youth Music Monterey County presents a concert by its Honors and Junior Youth orchestras. The music, much of which celebrates women composers, begins at 3 p.m. Nearly 100 student musicians will perform.

The Honors Orchestra, which is composed of student musicians ages 13 to 18, will play music by composers Fanny Mendelssohn, Florence Price, Eduardo Lalo and Lauren Bernofsky. The winner of a concerto competition, Carmel Valley cellist Daniel Kvinjetich, will be featured as a soloist when the orchestra plays a piece by Lalo.

Youth Music Monterey’s Suzanne Mudge said she’s “He’s an extraordinary musician,” Mudge said. “His music will transform you.”

The Youth Orchestra, which is made up of kids ages 7 to 17, will play music by BéETH Schütz, Rupert Gregson-Williams and Loreta Fin.

The orchestras will be led by music director and conductor Danko Drusko. Tickets are $5 to $30. For more details, visit youthmusicmonterey.org.

■ Embasy Suites hosts jazz jam

The second jazz jam of the year is set for Sunday afternoon at the Embassy Suites in Seaside. Showtime is 1 p.m. See MUSIC page 46A

Singer and guitarist Benny Bassett performs Sunday in the De Tier- ra Vineyards tasting room at Mission and Fifth.
A YEAR ago, The Beerded Bean opened in the former Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Co. location at Mid Valley Center in Carmel Valley. On Saturday (Feb. 25), the coffee shop and beer taproom is celebrating its 1st anniversary with Cars & Coffee.

Anyone who brings “a fun car” will get a free small coffee — and plenty of opportunities to chat with likeminded aficionados of cars and coffee alike. And since The Beerded Bean features morning brews and the other kind, a dozen craft beers will be available on tap, too. A DJ will provide tunes from 8 to 11 a.m.

A year ago, the three owners celebrated getting the final inspection to open at their second location. “We have worked very hard on this. There is a lot that goes into this. It’s taken a long time to arrive. Following multiple inspections and intensive hiring efforts, The Beerded Bean’s second location (the first is in Salinas) opened in February 2022. Since then, they’ve thrived.”

“We thank the Carmel community for their continued patience and support during our first year of operation,” co-owner Michael Del Real told The Pine Cone this week. “Alongside our gourmet coffee, we now offer 12 taps of craft beer followed by future live entertainment events which ultimately completes the trinity of our product. We look forward to growing with our Carmel community and serving them for years to come.”

Find more information at thebeerded-bean.com.

■ Moroccan popup

Carmel Valley resident and chef Said Moumoud will be at the Carmel Supper Club Feb. 28 for a popup featuring his specialty, Moroccan cuisine. The one-night-only, family-style dinner will be the third at Gabe Georis’ bar/restaurant on San Carlos north of Seventh and is expected to sell out just like the others did.

“I like the concept of a popup cooking event and also the opportunity to share a delicious meal (hopefully) and flavors with people,” Moumoud said.

“Come join us for a family-style Moroccan dinner,” Georis said. “Our Moroccan/French friend, Chef Said, will be pulling out some of his favorite classic dishes for this one.”

The $120-per-person cost includes the meal and wine pairings, and dinner runs from 6 to 9 p.m. Go to exploreteck.com/buracel-supper-club/event/396730 for information and tickets.

■ Wine and wildlife

Winery owners Said and Dawn Galante are heading into the wilds of Montana to co-host a four-day trip of wine in the wilderness March 9-13 and are looking for likeminded travelers to sign up for the trip. The stay will be at the Ranch at Rock Creek, a 19th-century homestead “sealed in one of Montana’s most pristine valleys,” and is all-inclusive, “allowing guests to leave their wallets behind to explore five mountain peaks with carefree wonder.”

For Wine and Wilderness, the resort is “combining two of our favorite pursuits into one expertly paired weekend of adventure” by welcoming experts in viticulture and zoology to lead guests through a unique experience. Executive chef Josh Drage and sommelier Craig O. will collaborate with the Galantes, who own Galante Family Winery and Dawn’s Dream, on a winemaker’s dinner, art-in-nature class and social hour pairings throughout the weekend, while Joshua Lisbon of MGP Ranch will lead wildlife tracking and primitive-skills activities.

“Guests will spend the weekend drinking deep from the natural bounty of the landscape and leaving with a better understanding of the world around them,” organizes the trip.

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The all-inclusive per-night fee starts at $2,200 for a
premium lodge room with one king bed and runs up to
$7,300 for the multi-room Ponderosa with a sitting room
and fireplace, kitchen and dining room, and enclosed
porch. All rooms also include wifi and
stocked mini fridges.

Go to the ranchatrockcreek.com/events/
wine-wildlife-weekend to learn more and to book.

Learn some stuff

Happy Girl Kitchen — where owners Todd and
Jordan Champagne encourage people to play with their
food — has scheduled a lineup of new work-
shops through June.

“We always work from scratch, starting with the
only best ingredients — organic, local and fresh,”
they said. “In each workshop, you will learn skills
and techniques rather than just get recipes. You will
be liberated in your kitchen to experiment and have
fun.”

Each workshop includes a meal shared by all
participants and plenty of goodie to take home.
The sessions are ideal for a group of friends
or family members to get together, or even for an
interactive and fun date.

Each session runs from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Upcoming
classes include Indian cooking Feb. 28 and
March 24, cheesemaking with Charlie Cascio March 10
and April 5, citrus four ways March 21, and Salvadoran
pupusas April 18, among several others.

Happy Girl Kitchen is located at 173 Central Ave. in
Pacific Grove. Find more information at happygirlkitchen.
com.

CVR’s new artisan

Carmel Valley Ranch this week announced it has a
new artisan-in-residence. Jeffrey Vitalich, who owns Hid-
den Hills Brewing & Blending at the Barnyard shopping
center, makes the resort’s new Apiary Ale, a golden ale
infused with honey from the property’s bees. The C.V.
Ranch bees live in an apiary on the property and collect
nectar from blooming flowers and plants throughout the
500-acre grounds.

Vitalich is local to Monterey and “discovered 15-plus
years ago that working in the craft beer industry was meant
for me,” according to the ranch’s publicist. As the owner of
Hidden Hills Brewing & Blending, Vitalich oversees
production of the resort’s new honey ale at his brewery in
the Barnyard, where he also creates other ales, ciders and
wines from the fruits, grains and hops of Carmel Valley
and beyond.

Hidden Hills is located in the Big Sur Barn and is
closed Monday and Tuesday but open Wednesday through
Friday from 3 to 8 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.,
and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more about Carmel Valley Ranch and its arti-
san-in-residence program, in which cheesemaker Charlie
Cascio has also participated and crafted cheese onsite for
the resort and its restaurant, visit carmelvalleyranch.com.

Learn to blend

Couples and friends who enjoy playing with wine
should consider signing up for The Wine Experience’s
blending seminar the first weekend in March.

Each session begins with a quick tutorial of the tasting
room’s wines and how to blend them. Pairs start with 200
ml of four different wines and combine them using the
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Blending seminars typically cost $96 per couple but will be discounted to $79 for sessions scheduled March 7 through 12. A $5 non-refundable deposit is required. The Wine Experience is located at 381 Cannery Row.

P.G. Chamber lunch

The Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce will present its James R. Hughes Citizen of the Year Award to First Awakenings owner Craig Bell at the annual membership luncheon March 17 at the Inn at Spanish Bay, where Charles Tope, president, and CEO of Employnet will present a talk on post-Covid employment.

Bell is being recognized “for his lifetime of community service to the people of Pacific Grove.” His kids have all attended P.G. schools, and he’s involved in youth sports, according to the chamber.

“Craig has instilled a tremendous legacy of good sportsmanship in P.G. youth, fostering the tenets of playing for the love of the game vs. the short-lived thrill of the win,” chamber CEO Jenny MacMurdo said. Bell also supports the Kiwanis Club and the chamber.

Lunch will run from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. and costs $40 for members and $65 for non-members. The menu is set to include corned beef and cabbage in honor of the day, and wine will be served. A vegetarian option will be available, too. Purchase tickets at pacificgrove.org.

Salinas City BBQ $$$

By offering customers the chance to round up their bills to the nearest dollar, Salinas City Barbeque raised $1,058.78 for the nonprofit Partnership for Children last year. The charity provides transportation to families and their children with life-threatening conditions and offers numerous support services for them and their families.

Last year, Partnership for Children served 194 children and their families, providing transportation to 2,457 medical appointments, $48,000 in financial assistance, 910 monthly grocery deliveries, 888 monthly diaper and wipe supplies, nine car seats, 56 backpacks with school supplies, and toys, gifts, pajamas, books, warm hats and stuffed stockings to 371 children during the holidays.

Restaurant representative Christine Arieno said 1,097 guests chose to round up their online orders last year, resulting in $529.39 in donations that were matched by the BBQ’s owners, the Ingram family. The Ingrams also own Crossroads BBQ in the Carmel area.

The campaign is continuing this year. Salinas City Barbeque is located at 700 W. Market St. in Salinas and is open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, call (831) 758-2227 or go to salinascitybbq.com.
Cypress Inn — singer and pianist Dino Vera (jazz, blues and r&b, Friday at 7 p.m.), pianist Gennady Loktionov and singer and pianist Debbie Davis (cabaret, Saturday at 7 p.m.), The Andrea Carter Trio (jazz and blues, Sunday at 11 p.m.) and singer Lee Durley and pianist Joe Indence (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh.

De Tierra Vineyards (tasting room and singer and guitarist Benny Bassett (Sunday at 3 p.m.). Mission and Fifth.

Fernwood Resort in Big Sur — Dani Hagan and the Reverie (rock and blues, Saturday at 9 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

Folktale Winery — singer and guitarist Alex Lucero (Saturday at 3 p.m.) and singer and multi-instrumentalist Kris Angelis (Sunday at 2 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

Gusto Pasta and Pizza in Seaside — singer Janice Perl and keyboardist Gary Meek (jazz Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.). 1901 Fremont Blvd.

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

The Inn at Spanish Bay — The Andy Weis Band with pianist Bill Spencer and guitarist Pete Lips (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.), The Andy Weis Band with pianist Gary Meek and bassist Pete Lips (jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.). 2700 17 Mile Drive.

Intercontinental Hotel in Monterey — Herod Trio (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.) and singer and multi-instrumentalist Gennady Loktionov (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

The Joint in Pebble Beach — The Andy Weis Band with pianist Bill Spencer and guitarist Pete Lips (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.), The Andy Weis Band with pianist Gary Meek and bassist Pete Lips (jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.).

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — singer and guitarist Dan Cortes (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist John Harris (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.) and singer and guitarist Johan Sotelo (Sunday at 6 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.

Massa Tasting Room in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist Rick Chelew (*60s rock, Sunday at noon). 69 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Midici Pizza in Monterey — singer Akinna Miyata and pianist Bobby Phillips (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.) and singer and pianist Miranda Perl and guitarist Adam Astrup (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

Mission Ranch — singer and pianist Maddaline Edstrom (jazz, Friday through Sunday at 5 p.m.) and pianist Joe Indence (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 26720 Dolores St.

Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa — multi-instrumentalist Gary Meek (jazz, Friday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and pianist Joe Indence (jazz, Sunday at 6:30 p.m.) and singer and multi-instrumentalist Caseystuck (jazz and rock, Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

Puma Road at Portola Plaza in Monterey — singer and guitarist Linda-reid (jazz, Saturday at 5 p.m.), singer Miranda Perl and guitarist Adam Astrup (jazz, Saturday at 5 p.m.) and guitarist Glenn Bell (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.

The Sardine Factory in Monterey — singer and multi-instrumentalist David Conley (pop and rock and soul, Saturday at 6 p.m.).

Sally Salt Pub in Monterey — Mix-tape (pop and rock, Friday at 8 p.m.) and The Transducers (rock and funk, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.

Sly McFly’s in Monterey — The Joint Chiefs (r&b and funk, Friday at 9 p.m.), Sasha’s Money (pop and rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.) and The Stingers (rock, Sunday at 8:30 p.m.). The Long Distance Flyers (classic rock, Monday at 8:30 p.m.), Vic-tory Lane (classic rock, Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.), 5 Star (rock and soul, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.) and The DC Trio (r&b and funk, Thursday at 9 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

Troutsibide Cafe in Carmel Valley — saxophonist Roger Eddy (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.) and the Dave O’Hara Show (pop and soul, Saturday at 6 p.m.). Del Fino Plaza.

Wild Fish restaurant in Pacific Grove — The Lighthouse Jazz Quartet with pianist Bob Phillips, saxophonist Paul Contos, bassist Zach Westfall and drum-mer Mike Shannon (Friday, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.). 545 Lighthouse Ave.

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body of work, some of which will be sold in an online auction Feb. 25.

From 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Turner Auctions and Appraisals will offer more than 200 lots of books and ephemera that belongs to Martinez’ family.

Born in Mexico, Martinez came to San Francisco as a young man, where he studied at the California School of Design. After graduating, he traveled to Paris, where he attended the city’s Gamed Ecole des Beaux-Arts. He returned to San Francisco in 1901 after completing his studies.

Made his mark

Not long after surviving the earthquake that destroyed San Francisco in 1906, he made his first visit to Carmel, where he would spend summers and teach art at the Hotel del Monte in Monterey, where his art work is on display.

Over the next three decades, Martinez established himself as a successful and acclaimed painter, as well as a coloro Bohemian figure. He was friends with some of the early Carmel’s most notable artists and writers, including Jack London, George Sterling and Francis McComas. He died in 1943.

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The music is free. Embassy Suites is located at 1441 Canyon Del Rey Blvd.

Live music Feb. 24 - March 2

Bernardus Lodge & Spa in Carmel Valley — pianist Michael Culver (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist Casey Fraizer (Saturday at noon), pianist Martian Mann (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist John Sherry (folk, rock and blues, Sunday at noon) and singer and guitarist Fred McCarty (Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Big Sur River Inn — singer and gui-

artist Rick Chelew (*60s music, Saturday at 12:30 p.m.). 4600 Highway 1.

Cibes restaurant in Monterey — The Dave Holodoflo Duo (bluegrass and jazz, Sunday at 7 p.m.), singer Lee Durley (jazz, Tuesday at 7 p.m.) and The Ben Herod Trio (jazz and swing, Wednesday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St.

Cua’s Sportman’s Club in Seaside — The Chuck Brewer Band (rock and blues, Friday at 8 p.m.) and The John Michael Band (rock, Saturday at 8:30 p.m.). 594 Broadway Ave.
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Junipero, SW corner of Fifth Avenue — $5,400,000
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Kathleen McEachron to Lucy Luke
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POLICE LOG
From page 4A
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9


Pebble Beach: Sex registrant violation involving a 43-year-old male on Forest Lake Road. Suspect remains at large.

Carmel area: A Carmel High School official reported an incident regarding juveniles.

Carmel area: Lewd acts on a child reported on Valenmaela Road.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male reported leaving his wallet on the roof of his vehicle on Rio Road and driving off.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Bicycle theft from a parking garage on Mission Street.


Carmel-by-the-Sea: 5150 WRC mental health commitment at Jumano and Fourth, transported to hospital.

Pacifica Grove: Shoplifting of alcohol. Suspect identified.

Pacifica Grove: A cell phone was found near Lovers Point. Owner eventually claimed the phone.

Pacifica Grove: Officers responded to an unresponsive person inside a residence on Hillside. It was determined the person was deceased.

Pacifica Grove: Vandalism to a door by juveniles on Forest Avenue.

Pacifica Grove: Police responded to a disturbance at a residence in Ripple.

Carmel Valley: Abandoned vehicle located on East Carmel Valley Road in Carmel Valley.

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When life is frantic and change is too rapid, a timeless game can help

"And they'll watch the game and it'll be as if they dipped themselves in magic waters. The moment will be so thick they'll have to brush them away from their face," — Terrance Mann, "Field of Dreams."

"Pitchers and catchers report," is the beginning refrain of a love song to baseball fans. It means the opener is six weeks away. On Opening Day, as dignitaries toss out the first pitch, baseball will toss in a number of new rules designed to put a clock on a game whose uniqueness is that it has no clock. The baseball owners and players want more action in a game that is closer to a chess match than it is to a 100-meter dash. Among the new rules is the addition of a pitch clock. A pitcher will have 15 seconds to go into his windup (20 seconds with runners on base).

I have suggestions to make the game go faster. Eliminating Velcro closures on batting gloves would save almost an hour. Some batters make adjustments to the Velcro after every pitch, whether or not they've swung at the ball. Also, no one ever addresses the ele-phant on the bases — advertising between innings. A 2013 Wall Street Journal study found that fully 42 minutes and 41 seconds of between-inning inactivity is purely commercial time on TV broadcasts. That means there are nearly five times as many commercials now as there were 50 years ago. If they could put slogans on Johnny-cakes, they'd run advertisements during bathrobe break.

Something's happening

I read that football is now America's pastime. But imagine sticking with an NFL game that's 162 games long. There would be so many injuries, by game 30 that it would be difficult to field a team. Of the major sports, football has the least amount of time when something's actually going on per game: just 11 minutes, according to the Wall Street Journal. Baseball is just under 18 minutes. Meanwhile, the NBA, NHL, and English Premier League (soccer) all have over 45 minutes of average time of actual play per game. Hockey is wrestling with clubs and sharp blades, and baseball has become a 3-point shooting contest.

Football apologists claim that much of what happens before the snap is as important as what happens after the snap. The chess match of an NFL game is played between the offense and the defense before the ball reaches the quarterback's hands. But doesn't that same "chess match" go on between the pitcher and every batter before every pitch?

The NFL tries to get us to sit through a couple of hours of bickering, sloppy, no-stakes, no-consequence preseason NFL games. On the other hand, thousands of baseball fans willingly and happily travel to Florida and Arizona for pre-season games. Fans love spring training. They are not looking for perfection because they don't expect it. There are cheers for the "nice try." Most of us who have booted a ground ball or threw to the wrong base have never stopped onto a football field. We've whiffed, been humiliated by a high pop-up, victimized by a bad bouncer, but have never been trampled by a 360-pound lineman. During spring training, we are cheering for ourselves.

Detroit, 1967

I love baseball because I saw the game save a city from possible destruction. In 1967, the police raided an illegal after-hours gambling and drinking joint on Detroit's West Side. That incident set off a riot that killed 43 people, injured 1,200, and destroyed more than 2,000 buildings. The governor called in the National Guard, and President Lyndon Johnson sent in the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions. The riots of 1967 did not portend well for Detroit's summer of 1968. Martin Luther King, Jr. had been assassinated in April. Bobby Kennedy was killed in June. Racial tensions were tighter than the laces on a new baseball. Race relations were stretched especially thin in Detroit.

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American League. A team that had last won a pennant in 1945 became a source of intense interest and pride. Everywhere you went in the city, you could hear the soothing voice of the great Tiger radio announcer Ernie Harwell.

A game without a clock set the clock back to a more tranquil time. The Tigers won the pennant and went on to defeat the Cardinals in the World Series. A pennant brought calmness to a city that desperately needed something to cool it down.

Did baseball save Detroit? That’s a discussion for people with “ologist” in their titles. But for one nervous summer, the residents of that city dipped themselves in the magic waters of baseball and washed away their differences for the love of the game.

That’s why I love baseball.

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Gervase
From page 6RE

on Rio Road.
Big Sur: Report of a burglary into a vehicle parked on Highway 1.
Big Sur: A lost wallet was reported on Highway 1.
Pebble Beach: A female on Cypress Drive was given a trespass admonishment from Pebble Beach.

Saturday, February 11

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found cell phone on the Scenic pathway south of 10th. Phone placed in safekeeping pending contact with the owner. The owner later came into the lobby and retrieved his phone.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Burglary reported on Lincoln Street.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of prowler/peeper in the area of Casanova and Seventh at 2305 hours.

Sunday, February 12

Carmel area: Information report documenting a disturbance call on Grove Acre Avenue.
Carmel area: Report of unwanted gifts and cards being sent to residents on Corona Road.

See LOG page 14RE

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