Falling trees inflict major damage, residents want rules changed

By CHRIS COUNTS

FIVE MONTHS after local leaders celebrated the news that $400 million was secured to rebuild the Pajaro River’s levee, heavy rain caused the levee to fail Friday night, forcing nearly 2,000 residents in the community of Pajaro to flee their homes.

Last night, she said the repair work was raised during presentations on a proposed farmlands housing complex. The house was eventually given the green light despite concerns.

County spokeswoman Maia Carroll reported late Wednesday that an emergency repair effort to shore up the break is making good progress. “The levee repair is holding river flows,” Carroll said.

An estimated 13,000 county residents are still under evacuation orders. While floodwaters are receding in Pajaro, it’s uncertain when those who live there will be able to return. County officials are warning that the tap water there is not safe to drink.

400-foot breach

The floodwaters broke through the levee at around midnight Friday, causing some residents to need emergency evacuations. The breach was originally about 120 feet long, but soon grew to about 400 feet. Its effects on Pajaro residents have been devastating — homes and streets were inundated with water, with thousands of acres of farmland also submerged.

“It’s heartbreaking to see the community today,” Monterey County Supervisor Luis Alejo said. “We know residents in Pajaro page 12A

Some still without power in Pebble Beach

By KELLY NIX

THE STORMS of the past week may be over, but residents in Pacific Grove and Pebble Beach are still dealing with the effects, including some who still have no power.

Thousands of Monterey Peninsula residents who lost electricity in the March 10 storm may have gotten it back after a few days, but on Tuesday another powerful storm brought gusts of more than 50 mph came through, knocking out power, drowning hundreds of trees, causing plenty of property damage and forcing the closure of dozens of roads.

Besides Carmel, Pebble Beach, Pacific Grove and parts of Monterey — areas with an abundance of trees — were hit hard.

By MARY SCHLEY

Lyons releases CUSD report that led to his firing

It was Carmel High School principal Jonathan Lyons’ handling of a conflict between two CHS boys — and whether it constituted sexual harassment — that led Carmel Unified School District superintendent Ted Knight to put Lyons on leave last December and ultimately remove him from his post, according to a report released this week by Lyons and his attorney, Barry Bennett.

Prepared by attorney Barbara Vrankovich at the request of school district human resources chief Craig Chavez to determine whether Lyons followed district protocols for investigating possible student-to-student sexual harassment, the Feb. 23 four-page report indicates the question arose after a parent complained in early December that one teen was bullying another.

The incident involving Lyons had occurred two months earlier, according to the report, when Lyons found a student upset in a hallway because another teen had made a derogatory comment to him and he wanted the insults to stop. The student had asked Lyons if the exchange constituted sexual harassment, and Lyons said he wasn’t sure, though he later concluded it wasn’t. Also according to the report, he didn’t document the incident.

Redactions in the way

At a subsequent meeting regarding one of those students — Vrankovich’s report is redacted, so it’s difficult to tell which one — Lyons reportedly also made comments regarding the conflict between the two students that offended others in the room. The report says the others felt Lyons’ comments were “atroous in this day and age,” “appalling,” “dismissive” and “insensitive.”

She concluded Lyons “did not follow established procedures to investigate the incident” between the two students.

C.V. senior communities beleaguered by outages

By CHRIS COUNTS

ALL POWER outages aren’t created equal, as many residents discovered last Friday when electricity went out in almost the entire Monterey Peninsula.

While many experienced hours without power, others lost theirs for days, including Rochelle Blank, who lives at Hacienda Carmel, a senior community in Carmel Valley with 300 condos. Blank said she and her neighbors lost electricity March 9 at 5 p.m. It came back on again Sunday around 2 p.m., but soon went off again.

‘Given daily times’

Blank said at first she received messages from PG&E letting her know when the power would be restored. “For three days, we were given daily times when it was to be restored,” she told The Pine Cone. “But it never happened.” Further attempts by Blanks to find out when electricity would come back on were unsuccessful — either she couldn’t reach the utility company, or was “promised” power would soon return, “only for that to not happen.”

Restaurant refrigerators emptied into bins

By MARY SCHLEY

A SERIES of rainy, windy storms wreaked havoc on the Peninsula this week, cutting off power to thousands of residents — some for many days — and causing internet, TV and cellular service to fail, leaving people unable to drive to Seaside or points north to get a signal.

More than 5 inches of rain fell during the week, and while there was no flooding, winds gusting up to 50 mph brought down hundreds of trees, some of them landing on houses, cars and power lines, and closing southbound Highway 1 after power lines fell across the lanes, giving stranded motorists nowhere to go. Both directions of the state highway were closed near Point Lobos due to potential danger from falling trees.

Now, some who have experienced the trauma of having a huge tree fall on their homes or damage to their property are calling for the city to change its forestry policies.

‘Fell through my house’

Bill Taormina was sitting in the living room with his wife around 7 p.m. March 10 when a pine on a neighbor’s property crashed onto the garage of their home at Monte Verde and Third.

“It literally fell through my house,” he said. A 100-foot tall tree weighing thousands of pounds missed the living room where they were sitting by just 3 feet.

“It was like a bomb exploded, because as the tree fell upon our garage, it exploded the windows adjacent to the couch my wife had been sitting on 10 seconds before,” Taormina said. “Had she been there, I don’t know what would have happened, other than shards of glass throughout the room.”

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When he accompanies his person into Starbucks and stretches out at her feet while they wait their turn, everyone else in line seems to forget their order as they bend down to sink their hands into this soft, fluffy carpet called Seamus.

Turns out everyone in town seems to know this gorgeous golden retriever — by appearance and by name — as he heads out for a walk down to Carmel Beach from his home just south of Ocean Avenue.

“Even on stormy days, I take Seamus to the beach,” his person said, “which means constant appointments at Grooming-by-the-Sea. He doesn’t like going into the place, but he loves the treat on his way out.”

As soon as Seamus gets to the beach, he runs right into the water, splashing his way through the surf. But his real obsession is the rocky bank, where squirrels dart in and out, entertaining him like an arcade game.

“Seamus will never catch a squirrel, but the thrill of trying is enough for him,” his person said. “He’d sit there all day if I let him.”

A week after Seamus’ couple lost their previous golden retriever, they called a breeder, who let them know they had no puppies available. Still, they felt the need to tell him about their loss, their devotion to goldens, and the town where they live, which is known as the “canine capital” of, probably, everywhere.

A day later, the breeder called, having come up with a male puppy — an English cream and standard golden retriever mix. “You sounded like the kind of people I like to give my goldens to,” she said.

Seamus was 11 weeks old the first time he accompanied his person to Stanford Hospital because of her long-term health issues. While she was being moved from room to room, a nurse carried the pup, who quickly became known as Famous Seamus, just like in his hometown.

Famous Seamus

Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson
Wastewater reclamation project may grow without Cal Am’s help

By KELLY NIX

The MONTEREY Peninsula Water Management District is considering expanding a wastewater reclamation project without help from utility California American Water — a move that would raise water rates but would not eliminate the ban on new water uses nor help comply with a state order to stop pumping much of its water from the Carmel River.

For background: On Dec. 1, the state’s Public Utilities Commission approved an expansion of Pure Water Monterey, a project near Marina that transforms wastewater into drinking water for Peninsula residents. But Cal Am, which would need to build a pipeline, wells and other infrastructure to allow the extra water to be delivered from the Seaside basin to households, refused to agree to the plan because the PUC wouldn’t allow it to recover roughly $20 million in costs. Cal Am has asked the PUC to reconsider the decision and is awaiting the agency’s decision.

Good idea?

Meanwhile, frustrated that it hasn’t been able to expand the Pure Water Monterey project to allow it to produce more, water district general manager Dave Stoldt said at a meeting March 6 posed the possibility of “financing and constructing the Pure Water Monterey expansion without the participation of Cal Am.”

Stoldt said it was possible for the district to pursue an expansion without Cal Am’s help, but he noted several potential problems with that scenario. First off, the wastewater expansion project would not do what it was promised to do — and the extra water wouldn’t flow to Cal Am’s customers.

The “ultimate goal” in expanding Pure Water, Stoldt said, is to “solve the Peninsula’s water supply problem” by meeting future needs, complying with a state order to stop pumping much of its water from the Carmel River and lifting the ban on new water meters to allow for more housing and jobs — a need which has become especially acute given the state’s significant new housing mandates.

Stoldt has repeatedly said that an expansion of Pure Water Monterey would “provide all the water the Peninsula needs for the next 30 years,” including “100 percent” of its housing needs.

“Wouldn’t help”

However, he told water board directors that if the water district pursued the expansion without Cal Am’s help and its infrastructure to deliver the water to residents, the additional water would be used to bolster drought reserves, to provide protective levels for the Seaside basin, or be sold to other agencies, such as the Marina Coast Water District.

“Just putting the water into the ground” wouldn’t help solve the local water problems, Stoldt conceded.

In fact, if the district expands Pure Water on its own it “could have other harmful repercussions,” he noted. For instance, Stoldt explained that Cal Am could decide that the wastewater recycling project is “no longer a reliable alternative water supply” and pursue its roughly $400 million desalination plant without helping with Pure Water Monterey, which is a collaboration between the water district and sewer agency Monterey One Water.

The California Coastal Commission on Nov. 17 approved the desal plant, which Cal Am said would provide plenty of water for the Peninsula. The water district and other agencies oppose the project because

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Attorney Jeannine Pacioni requested that Gov. Gavin Newsom direct the entire panel of 21 parole board commissioners to review the case. On Feb. 22, the full board upheld the two commissioners’ decision, meaning Blad will be released from prison after serving 21 years.

The woman’s parents “pleaded with the parole board not to release their daughter’s attacker,” but it did so anyway, the DA’s office said.

Blad and Carson’s brutal crime stunned Monterey Peninsula residents at the time. Blad — “for reasons best known to...”

Rec trail stabber to get parole
By KELLY NIX

A CALIFORNIA parole agency has upheld a decision to release from prison one of two active duty U.S. Marines who nearly murdered a woman during an unprovoked attack near Lovers Point in 2000.

Last October, two board of parole commissioners voted to uphold a decision to grant parole to Jason Blad, who, with Jesse Carson, brutally attacked the victim by stabbing and slashing her with a knife. Blad, who is 43 now, was 21 at the time of the crime.

After parole was granted, the victim’s family and Monterey County District

ASSESOR COMING OUT OF RETIREMENT
By CHRIS COUNTS

JUST TWO months after he retired, Monterey County’s longtime assessor-clerk recorder, Steve Vagnini, is returning on a temporary basis.

The Monterey County Board of Supervisors voted 5-0 Tuesday to waive a 180-day waiting period for a retiree to come back to work, making it possible for him to resume his old job.

According to the county’s current assessor and clerk/recorder Marina Camacho, who succeeded Vagnini on Jan. 1, her predecessor’s expertise is needed to help the county adjudicate appeals of tax valuations for hotels and industrial properties, as well as “special properties such as hospitals and golf courses” that don’t often sell.

“It is critical that we have Mr. Vagnini back,” Camacho said. “We definitely need his expertise.”

The assessor’s office has had a tough time recently filling critical positions.

“ar last the few years, the assessor’s office has had retirements of long-term appraisers,” a county report indicates. “These long-term appraisers were experts in the valuation of specialized properties. While the office has been hiring appraisers to fill the vacancies created by the retirements, the knowledge, skills and abilities to establish valuations for specialized properties take years to develop.”

Vagnini will be limited to working 960 hours this year at a rate of $47.61 an hour.

Elected five times

After 35 years working in the assessor’s office — including five terms as its elected assessor and clerk/recorder — Vagnini retired Dec. 30. When he was first elected in 2001, the county’s real estate was valued at just over $30 billion. Today, that number has increased to more than $79 billion. The tax revenues from real estate account for over 70 percent of the county’s discretionary spending.

Besides his work for the county, Vagnini founded Sand City’s West End Celebration and is director of the local chapter of Guitars Not Guns.
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Bridge railings rejected again, but supes will have last word

By CHRIS COUNTS

TWO WEEKS after the Monterey County Planning Commission voted to reject a proposal by Caltrans to replace the “crumbling” railings on Garrapata Bridge in Big Sur because the new ones won’t look enough like the old ones, the state roads agency tried again Wednesday to convince the planning commission to OK the plan. But planning commissioners weren’t swayed by Caltrans’ updated arguments and voted again to turn down the proposal.

To strengthen the side rails on the bridge, the new railings would be somewhat thicker with smaller portals between the posts.

Before the vote, Mitch Dallas of Caltrans said his agency would appeal the case to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors and possibly the California Coastal Commission if the planning commission continued to say no.

“There’s no option to repair these railings in their current state,” Dallas insisted.

“The railings must meet modern safety standards — repair is not an option. This is all about safety and liability.”

Dallas noted that when the bridge was built, cars had only a fraction of the horsepower they have today, which he suggested

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Annual Wellness Visits for senior patients — and why they are important

Our bright-eyed grandmothers spoke the truth all those years ago when they quipped, "the best things in life are free!"

Medicare and Medicare Advantage encourage all seniors to schedule their Annual Wellness Visit — a comprehensive, in-depth conversation with a primary-care physician, which is 100 percent covered by the insurance.

This once-a-year visit, which typically takes an hour or less, is designed to help the doctor develop a personalized preventative healthcare plan for each patient by assessing risk factors and updating important information. That additional data enables healthcare providers to make better-informed decisions toward a goal of maximizing quality of life for each patient.

Different from a ‘physical’

"This is a visit, not an exam, and it’s completely different from what we like to call our ‘physical,’" clarified Dr. Harry Nervino, an internal medicine specialist (retired, but still conducting Wellness Visits for Montage Medical Group). "This is a comprehensive consultation that provides a primary care doctor a clearer understanding of your health concerns and goals from one year to the next."

The visit (which requires no out-of-pocket payment, no co-insurance, and no co-pay) is mostly a Q&A, during which the doctor reviews a patient’s family health history and personal medical history, including past surgeries, allergies, acute and chronic problems, pain issues, breathing problems, dental status, and other components that might impact your health.

"We’ll also ask about your exercise habits, and whether you need help with things like bathing, grooming, shopping, food preparation, eating, or transportation," Dr. Nervino said.

"We’ll ask about problems with balance or walking, if you have fallen recently, need a cane or walker, have a grab-bar in your bathtub and handrails on your stairs, have problems standing up from a sitting position.

"Any issues with vision, hearing, memory, judgment? Are your sleep patterns normal? Are you feeling anxious or depressed?"

Harry Nervino, MD

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— Dr. Harry Nervino

A review of meds

The doctor also will review current medications (including homeopathic remedies and over-the-counter meds), some of which might be outdated, or incompatible with other prescriptions.

"Some seniors are managing 10, 15, 20 different prescriptions — some from a specialist outside their primary-care record," said Tyler Munson, CEO of Aspire Health, a provider of Medicare Advantage coverage and population health services. "Often it can be difficult to understand how each medication interacts with others, and whether it might need to be adjusted or discontinued."

Typically, the only hands-on exams during a wellness visit will include measuring height, weight, and blood pressure.

Tests can be scheduled

Other tests, such as a bone density study for osteoporosis or osteopenia will be scheduled if needed, along with procedures like a colonoscopy (to check for polyps or cancer), abdominal aortic aneurism ultrasound screening, body-mass index (to detect obesity), mammograms, hepatitis B or C, prostate screening, and a cursory check for glaucoma in the eyes.

Those tests are covered by Medicare or Medicare Advantage plans.

Patients also are queried to see if they are up-to-date with vaccinations and immunizations for Covid, Shingles, pneumonia, and tetanus.

Marie Wolf, an administrator of Collaborative Care Services at Montage Medical Group, emphasized that the free Annual Wellness Visit is entirely different from a patient’s yearly physical exam.

"A common misconception is that this is a visit to manage specific medical issues," Wolf said. "A lot of times, patients think this is a time when they can talk to their doctor about a mole they’ve found, or have an in-depth conversation about their diabetes, or something else."

"When a visit starts addressing specific medical problems — new or existing — it’s no longer in the category of a preventative visit — it becomes a regular office visit. That can result in a co-pay, or it goes toward their deductible," she explained. "Our physicians are very good about explaining that a patient might be veering away from the intent of the wellness visit. If patients don’t get that information, and receive a bill a later, it can be upsetting. We certainly want to avoid that."

Bring medications, vax cards

Patients can save time, and help their physician and medical staff, by bringing all prescription bottles and vaccination/immunization cards to the wellness visit, Dr. Nervino said.

"One additional thing we typically ask is whether an advanced health care directive is in place and if so, does the patient want to make any changes," said the doctor, referring to a form that advises an emergency room doctor of what the patient wants done in the event that he/she becomes mentally incapacitated and incapable of making a decision.

"If you’re in the emergency room, and you’ve listed things you want done in that kind of situation, it helps the ER doctor," Dr. Nervino said.

Visit www.medicare.gov/coverage/yearly-wellness-visits, or contact your Medicare provider, for additional information about Annual Wellness Visits.

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THE WORD went out last week that a one-time local actress, dancer and choreographer, Laura Akard, 59, was killed in a hit-and-run accident in two months ago. In earlier news reports, the victim had been identified only as a homeless woman.

A 1981 graduate of Carmel High School, Akard was once very active in the local theater scene.

On social media last week, many locals remembered Akard from her days in local theater, including Melina Klein, who grew up in Cachagua and now lives in Orange County. Klein called Akard “beautiful, talented and amazing,” and said she had a “bright energy that was contagious.”

“Her theater family is grieving hard, but talks of a celebration of life are starting,” Klein said. “Please take a moment to celebrate her by knowing that she was a loved human and friend, not unknown.”

A one-time local stage performer who now lives in New Hampshire, Marc Murai said he was “heartbroken” to hear of Akard’s passing. Murai said she was able to be an out in talents. “I played opposite Laura in ‘Little Shop of Horrors’, which ranks as one of the most fun productions I’ve ever been in,” he recalled. “She was able to take a mediocre dancer like me, and make it appear as if I was actually talented. May Laura rest in heavenly peace. I have no doubt that she is dancing with the angels now.”

Another former resident who now lives in New York, Sam Given, remembered Akard in a post on social media. “You were such a gift to me at an age when I was beg- ging to be noticed,” Given wrote. “You lit the fire in me to pursue a creative life, and we are very much an influence in all the work I’ve done onstage.”

Driver to appear in court

Akard was struck Jan. 12 while pushing a shopping cart on Canyon Del Rey Blvd. near Walgreens, and died at a local hospital several hours later. A short time after that, photos were posted on social media of a blue Audi sedan that hit her. The car was soon identified as a 2009 Audi TT convertible belonging to Sara Mazzia, who initially said she was the driver, court records allege.

Mazzia’s boyfriend, David Hopkins, later admitted he was the driver and was arrested and charged with felony hit-and-run causing death and conspiracy to obstruct jus- tice. He was released on bail March 9 and has a court date set for March 21.
CALIFORNIA HAS MORE BLACKS, LATINOS AND WOMEN AS JUDGES

By KELLY NIX

THE STATE’s judiciary continues to be more “diverse,” with far fewer White people and more women and people of color serving as judges since the state began surveying them 17 years ago, according to Judicial Council of California data.

The Judicial Council is required by law to collect and release demographic data relative to the gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity and veteran and disability status of California state court justices and judges.

The 2023 survey results, based on 2022 figures, indicate that for the last 17 years, the bench has become more racially and ethnically diverse, the council said.

Fewer Whites

“The proportion of responding White judicial officers has declined by more than eight percentage points since 2006,” according to the council. “The percentage of responding Asian, Black, and Hispanic judicial officers has doubled over the same time period.”

Asian judges, for example, account for 9.3 percent of the state’s judges, compared to only 4.4 percent in 2006, while Hispanic or Latino judges make up 12.5 percent in 2022, compared to 6.3 percent in 2006. The number of Black or African-American judges nearly doubled from 4.4 percent in 2006 to 8.6 percent in 2022, while the number of White judges declined from 70.1 percent to 61.4 percent, the council said.

“These changes reflect judicial retirements and other departures from the bench, new judicial appointments, and an increase in the number of trial court judges who voluntarily provided race/ethnicity information,” the council said.

Although 20 percent of California’s judges declined to answer questions regarding gender identity and sexual orientation, 75.4 percent of those responding said they are heterosexual, 2.6 percent gay, 1.8 percent lesbian, 0.2 percent bisexual and one-tenth of a percent transgender.

In a March 2022 press release, Gov. Gavin Newsom celebrated his appointment of Sacramento County Superior Court Judge Andi Mody, the “first openly transgender” person to serve on the state’s bench.

This is the 12th year the Judicial Council released the results about gender identity and sexual orientation. Judges were also asked about their disability status and whether they served in the military.

“Of the 831 active trial court judges responding to the question about their status as a veteran, 52 respondents, or 6 percent, indicated they have served in the military,” according to the Judicial Council report. “Of the 834 active judges responding to the question concerning their disability status, 19 indicated they have a disability.”

Monterey County demographics

Of the 16 Monterey County judges who took the survey, two are Asian, one is Hispanic or Latino, 11 are White, and two are “more than one race,” according to the data.

Fourteen judges in Monterey County said they were heterosexual while two declined to disclose the information. There are no disabled or military veterans serving as judges on the county bench, the results show.

There are 19 Monterey County Superior Court judges, court executive officer Chris Ruhl told The Pine Cone.

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Storm damage adds up in Big Sur

By CHRIS COUNTS

While work continues on the effort to clear two major slides in Big Sur, another troubled section of pavement has developed.

Just north of the New Camaldoli Hermitage, Highway 1 is being undermined by erosion. Big Sur Fire said Monday. Photos show chunks of pavement missing where the road crosses a creek.

According to a report by a resident on Facebook, it’s expected that the slip-out will get worse.

“Some of us drove and parked our cars on the other side of the collapse while we still could,” the resident said.

For now, Caltrans is assessing the damage. The hermitage is closed to the public for now, and Highway 1 in the area is also closed due to slides, including massive Paul’s Slide, which is located a short distance to the south.

Caltrans crews also responded to small slides near the Torre Canyon Bridge, which is less than a mile south of Coast Gallery, and at Mud Creek, which is about a mile south of Gorda. At the latter site, “a boulder the size of a shipping container sits on slide material just above the roadway.” After debris is removed at Mud Creek, protective netting will be used to help stabilize the slope.

Vehicles were blocked from reaching Highway 1 earlier in the week by a fallen utility line in the Palo Colorado area.

“There is a power line against a redwood tree on Garrapatos Road,” resident Bruce Merchant reported Tuesday. “The power line is sparking and burning and smoking. People beyond the site cannot get out.”

The new road hazards are keeping Caltrans workers busy. “Crews have cleared dozens of smaller slides and repaired and cleared culverts,” the agency added.

Thanks to recent storms, the Big Sur River is flowing swiftly past the Big Sur River Inn (top). Just north of the New Camaldoli Hermitage, a section of Highway 1 is being undermined by erosion (middle and above).

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the museum's exhibits and was a generous donor.

He died on Jan. 17, and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the museum will remember the philanthropist orga-
nizers say “rocked our world.” Admission will be free, and the event is cohosted by partners from Point Lobos, where Clifton was a docent. Visitors will enjoy "family fun with
tributes to Ed and his work, to inspire joy in learning about
the natural world," the museum said.

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Pebble Beach Community Services District general manager Mike Niccum said the southern side of Pebble Beach was hit hardest.

“Some of these areas have not have power since last Thursday night,” Niccum told The Pine Cone Wednesday. “One of the main electric feeder lines into Pebble Beach is just being repaired inside the Highway 1 gate.”

Lawsuit filed
Crews from PB Co. and Pebble Beach fire department removed about 100 trees Tuesday, and as of that night, there were trees down on roads with power lines at about 25 locations.

“Five residences, two vehicles and a garage have been hit by trees,” Niccum said. “About five outside tree crews are on site today assisting the company and the fire department with the roadway cleanup.”

Resident Kathleen Lee, who lives with her family on Wildcat Canyon Road in Del Monte Forest, said a giant pine tree toppled near her house. “It took out poles and wires and missed houses,” Lee said. “But wires and cables are down everywhere in the forest.”

A week before this week’s storm, one Pebble Beach resident took out his frustration with PG&E by filing a small claims lawsuit against the utility. The resident, Neil Goodhue, is suing PG&E for $2,500 for “losses due to four power outages over five weeks, and the company’s lack of transparency as to the outages,” according to the suit, filed in Monterey County Superior Court.

Like many other Peninsula residents, Goodhue said he lost the food in his refrigerator and freezer over the outages, which lasted 21, 31, and 32 hours — and that doesn’t include the ones this week. A trial date on his lawsuit has been set for May in a Monterey courtroom.

The Skyline Forest neighborhood in Monterey was especially hard hit, with some areas looking like more trees had come down than were still standing.

In Pacific Grove, drivers had to take multiple alternate routes because of downed trees and other problems.

An unfortunate resident who purchased a home on Lincoln Avenue several months ago had a tree fall onto his teenage daughter’s bedroom. While the damage will cost thousands of dollars to repair, nobody was injured in the mishap.

Some P.G. residents were still without power, and Forest Grove Elementary School, which is near PG High, was closed for several days because it had no electricity. Pacific Grove Unified told parents that power was expected to be restored at Thursday night.

The district “is preparing ready-to-eat meals at Pacific Grove High School for students of Forest Grove Elementary affected by the school closure,” the district told parents Thursday.

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her body. It was very, very scary.”

The impact tore off the back patio and destroyed the garage. Insurance inspectors are still assessing the damage, but he said cracks have appeared in many of the walls, and the home could be a total loss. The couple have owned it for 25 years and divide their time between here and Southern California, where he owns a recycling company.

Change is needed

“The damage is north of $250,000 based on the initial assessment, and there’s damage to all the rooms,” he said. “The structural damage may have echoed through the entire building.”

The tree fell on it “were so cooperative and so constructive, officials who came to inspect his house the morning after the tree fell on it “were so cooperative and so constructive, and said they would do whatever they could to help push us through the permit process.”

“It was very reassuring,” he said.

Also, lots of waste

With power outages running several days for at least half the city and much of the month of the valley, Pebble Beach and Pacific Grove, many restaurants were not only forced to close and give up business, but to toss out tons of food and ingredients they couldn’t use.

Gabe Georits, owner of La Bicyclette at Dolores and Seventh, said he threw away enough stock, bases for sauces, dairy products, meat, seafood, prepped vegetables and other perishables to fill two large waste bins — “probably more” — when the restaurant lost power Thursday night and didn’t get it back until late Sunday.

All told, he disposed of 95 percent of the contents of the restaurant’s 6-by-10-by-10-foot walk-in refrigerator. Georits speculated the lost goods would have been enough to feed 1,000 people.

“It’s a sad to see all that food go to waste,” he said.

There are also the staff costs, since without knowing when the power will be restored, it’s hard to tell when they’ll be needed.

“We are hopeful every day, so you still call in staff,” he said. Employers have to be paid for at least two hours, even if they end up not staying — “and you want to keep them employed.”

Georits is working with his insurance agent to see if any of the losses are covered.

Rich Pepe, owner of Carmel Bakery, Little Napoli and Vesuvio, said the bakery was dark for about 90 hours, while the others got their power back more quickly.

“We imaged to save all of our dry goods, most of the fresh dairy products, such as milk, cream, ice cream, cheeses, and vegetables and cold cuts were lost, plus a lot of our pre-prepared dough items ready to be baked,” he said. He estimated the losses at around $2,500. Only small amounts of dairy products and seafood were lost at Little Napoli and Vesuvio, since their outages lasted 16 hours instead of days.

“I am thankful that the repair crews worked through the nights and weekend and the losses weren’t even greater,” he said.

Pepe also said the city should reconsider some of its forestry policies. “With our urban forest having gone through years of drought and now seemingly a very wet period going forward, the city needs to tackle our aging trees and power-line relationship head-on,” he said.

“It would be prudent for the city to devote more of its budget to this effort.”

Bashar al Sneeh, who owns Dametta, Catch and Por- tabella with business partner Faisal Nimeri, said they are estimating about $15,000 to $20,000 in losses for the three restaurants. “I don’t have an exact number yet,” he said.

And David Tink, owner of Aubergine and Cantinetta Luca, didn’t give a figure but said the loss was substantial. “We have lost so much business, food and other expenses,” he said.

Josiah Slinker at Robata Grill in the Barnyard lamented the restaurant having to be closed for multiple days due to having no power, and urged locals to support small businesses impacted by the outages by shopping and dining in them when they’re up and running again.

SCORES OF GIANT TREES FELL DURING THE STORMS OF THE LAST WEEK, DEVASTATING PART OF A HOUSE IN CARMEL (TOP) AND BLOCKING ROADS IN PEBBLE BEACH.
she said.

For the many residents who live in the 55-plus community, the power outage was stressful.

“It is a huge hardship for the residents here,” Blank explained. “Many living on fixed incomes have lost the contents of their refrigerators, and all of us have had to deal with the long dark nights, no heat and no use of electricity in our homes.”

Just minutes away at Del Mesa Carmel, another senior community with nearly 300 condos, Eric Sand has faced many challenges caring for his 98-year-old mother, Nancy.

“She needs oxygen, and starting Thursday for three nights and two days, she had no power,” Sand explained. “We got power back Sunday for about 8 hours, and then it went out again.”

Even when utilities were restored, there wasn’t enough power to run her oxygenator. The electricity at Del Mesa Carmel has been sporadic since, Sand added. As a result, he has had trouble getting his mom enough oxygen — she’s basically on half-rations.

“It’s not healthy for her,” said Sand, who has been staying with her for about 10 days. “I can’t leave her for very long.”

Some luckier than others

Christine Williams, who lives in Carmel Valley, said a friend of hers needed to drive her car to pick up some emergency medical equipment, but couldn’t get her electric garage door open.

Williams lost power for a few hours. But a neighbor who lives about 200 feet away has been without electricity for days.

Dee Senger, who lives in one of 200 senior apartments at Pacific Meadows, said she has faced two lengthy power outages in the past week. As a result, Senger and her neighbors, including one woman who is not ambulatory, lost food in their freezers.

A resident reported that a PG&E crew was busy Wednesday repairing a power line on Agrinemsors Road in Robles Del Rio. Neighbors were told by the utility company that electricity would be restored late Thursday evening.

But more than five days after the first storm struck, PG&E’s outage map showed more than 1,500 customers in Carmel Valley and unincorporated parts of Carmel still without electricity. Those reporting a loss of power live up and down the valley, including at Rancho San Carlos and Carmel Valley Ranch. Pebble Beach also still had many people without electricity.

Countwide, PG&E reported Wednesday that 10,419 homes and businesses still lacked power. Its work crews dealt with more than 100 outages, almost all of them caused by falling trees.

Angie Gibson of PG&E said, while crews were busy trying to restore services, the weather looked encouraging. “We don’t believe that the weather system coming in on Friday and Saturday should interfere,” Gibson said.

Working around the clock

Another PG&E official, Summeet Singh, summed up the extraordinary circumstances the utility company is dealing with.

“This is the 13th storm event in the past 75 days,” Singh observed. “We have some of the highest levels of rainfall in California’s history. We have seen catastrophic mudslides and flooding and more.”

Singh said PG&E is working hard to bring back everyone’s electricity.

“We have more than 5,500 personnel in the field right now working around the clock,” he added. “They have battled the elements, even as their hometowns and families are being affected. We will not stop working until we get power back for every single one of our customers.”

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was one reason the railings need to be thicker, with less visibility for motorists.

Grim photos shared
To emphasize his point, Dallas showed an image of emergency personnel respond-
ing to the scene of a crash that he said was made worse by an outdated railing. Another photo showed an overturned truck leaking a toxic substance after crashing through an old railing. But Dallas was unable to convince planning commissioners.

“I feel strongly there’s a better solu-
tion,” planning commissioner Amy Rob-
erts said. “This will be precedent-setting.”

Trey Kropp of Big Sur testified that as a volunteer firefighter, he responded to a number of car accidents along Highway 1, including one where a driver plowed into a railing alongside the Little Sur River Bridge. His point was that the existing side rails are adequate.

“Some teenagers were going about 80 MPH when they slammed in this railing, and it did its job,” Kropp recalled. “The vehicle was deflected, and all the occu-
pants were fine.”

Kropp called the conditions on the Lit-
tle Sur Bridge “much more dangerous” than those on Garrapata Bridge.

In their vote to deny the new railings, the planning commission declared that the project “has the potential to impact future considerations on other Big Sur bridge rails as those replacements may be pro-
posed in the future,” and “the cumulative analysis of the aesthetic impacts for those bridges should be incorporated holistically to ensure consistency with the Big Sur Coast Land Use Plan’s policies.”

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A BRIGADIER general with the California National Guard who spent two years studying at the Naval Postgraduate School was fired in January after officials discov-
ered he directed subordinates to do personal errands for him — including taking his mother shopping — the Los Angeles Times reported.

An investigation by the Guard found that Brig. Gen. Jeffrey W. Magram had inappropriately used military personnel to do tasks for him, according to the Times. Magram was based out of Sacramento and was responsible for the administration and support of about 5,000 airmen.

According to Magram’s online resume, he attended the Naval Postgraduate School from 2010-2011 and got his master’s degree in homeland security from the postgraduate school’s Center for Homeland Defense and Security.

Errands and such

An L.A. Times article last summer revealed that an internal Guard probe found that Magram had “on-duty Guard members drive him up to 120 miles round-trip to personal dental and medical appointments at Travis Air Force Base,” according to the newspaper, citing a confi-
dential report on the investigation.

“The document quoted one unnamed Guard member as saying he did not want to drive Magram because ‘my job is to take care of the airmen in the state of California and not be a chauffeur for a general,’” the newspaper said.

Another member of the Guard interviewed for the inquiry told investigators that he took Magram’s mother shopping and that “she was particular.”

“When I say particular, it had to be at Whole Foods. It just took her a long time to decide what she wanted, a lot of comparison shopping amongst products,” the Guard member said, according to the Times.

Magram, who was once director of the Guard’s air staff, is the “fifth general to resign, retire or be fired in the wake of scandals exposed by Times investigations of the organization over the last four years,” the newspaper said.

The Times reported that Magram believed that having subordinates take him to appointments “was consistent with the Air Force’s ‘wingman concept,’ in which Guard members look out for one another.”

It also quoted Magram in a statement to an inspector general. “I want to reiterate that had I ever heard of any ethics issues like this from subordinates, peers or com-
mmanders, or perceptions of such, I would have corrected or addressed it on the spot,” Magram said.

The Guard’s investigation also found that Magram failed to complete his “annual cybersecurity training and thus had lower-ranking Guard members each day request that headquarters temporarily restore his computer access. This went on for about two weeks, until he had the training completed by a subordinate.

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‘Devastated’ by storms, trail and saddle club announces fundraiser

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The gathering includes a silent auction and live entertainment. Auctions items include a dinner for eight from chef Michael Jones, a “thrill ride” with aerobatic pilot Sean Tucker, and much more.

“The Carmel Valley Trail & Saddle Club was devastated by the Jan. 9 Flood,” Dawn Poston of Carmel Valley told The Pine Cone. “Our membership has raised some of the funds toward restoration, but more is needed.”

Advance tickets are $50 for adults, $25 for teens and free for kids 12 and under. For tickets, visit cf.trailandsaddle.club/tickets.

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SALINAS Valley Memorial has new name

By KELLY NIX

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Be careful when you trot out the straw man

IT’S ONE of the most common tactics of political rhetoric — accusing your opponent of something outrageous so you can be against it.

It’s called a “straw man argument” because it’s flimsy and easy to knock over — which explains why the straw man is usually deployed when someone’s real argument is weak, when the intended audience is uninformed or gullible, or when they’re less interested in hearing the truth than they are in being given a reason to hate someone.

Which also means that a straw man argument works best when it’s vaguely enough that it can’t be disproved.

President Joe Biden used one of the crudest straw man arguments in history when he recently said that white people still “want” to watch blacks being lynched — but at least he deployed it somewhat skillfully by not claiming to have any examples of white people currently expressing or acting on this supposed desire. As far as we know, no such examples exist.

Instead, the president, in effect, claimed to be able to read white people’s minds by knowing what they “want” to do. Until a mind-reading machine is invented and used to unpack the internal thoughts of millions of people, there’s no way to prove him wrong.

Another example goes back to the days when Biden was vice president. Speaking to a racially mixed audience while running for re-election in 2012, Biden said the Republican nominee for president, Mitt Romney, would “put y’all back in chains” — not because Romney had ever said such a thing, but because Biden somehow knew what Romney intended to do. Again, there was no way to disprove it.

Former President Donald Trump was also no stranger to the fake straw man argument, accusing Biden during the 2020 campaign of intending to “eliminate U.S. borders,” “outlaw the private health insurance plans of over 180 million Americans,” “dismantle police departments” and quite a few other nefarious things — all of them worded just vaguely enough to be believed by his supporters without the benefit of facts.

Another example that’s circulating endlessly these days is the accusation that the United States, its school and universities, law enforcement, medical care, immigration policies, economy and even its core values and traditional family structures are all “systemically racist.” So far-reaching is this racism that even you get accused of it if you ask for facts to support the claim of systemic racism. Straw man squared.

What got us thinking about it this week was a letter to editor that was submitted. The writer, being very concerned about what she fears will be an overreaction to all the power failures and property damage caused by falling trees this winter, said she had heard “many calls for mass removal of trees.”

Aha! A straw man that could be refuted.

Notice she didn’t say “many people want to have masses of trees removed,” or that the Monterey Peninsula has become a place of “systemic hatred toward trees.” Instead, she claimed to have heard “many calls for mass removal of trees.”

Sure, a lot of people are very concerned with what happened when God decided to play a giant game of pick-up sticks with our forests, but we haven’t heard anyone express the desire for trees to be massively removed, and we don’t really believe the sentiment exists. At least, we haven’t seen any sign of it. So we asked the letter writer for examples.

We’ll let you know if her straw man turns out to have any substance.

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Marion Hollins at Cypress Point

The U.S. Women’s Open will be played at the Pebble Beach Golf Links for the first time this summer. In honor of that event, this series of articles traces the history of women’s golf in the Monterey Peninsula.

The 1921 U.S. Women’s Amateur Champion, Marion Hollins, who purchased a 3-acre home site near Pebble Beach Golf Links in March 1920, became a powerful force in its development. When Hollins returned to California in January 1923, P.B. Co. founder S.F.B. Morse met her for lunch in San Francisco, and together they launched the concept for the Pebble Beach Championship for Women.

A century before the P.B. golf course was hosted this summer’s U.S. Women’s Open, it hosted the first P.B. Championship for Women in Feb. 1923—an event when Hollins was able to attract several top women on short notice, and during which she defeated three-time Western Amateur champion Marjorie Lotts of Chicago in the semifinals and two-time California Amateur Doreen Kavanagh in the final match.

In the years that followed, Hollins was able to attract more of the top women golfers from the East, including U.S. Women’s Amateur champions, to take on the best of California. Against this competition, she also won the Pebble Beach Championship again in 1924, 1925, 1926, 1928, 1933 and 1942.

Selling Pebble Beach

Hollins however, still had interests in the East, not the least of which was the Woman’s National Golf Club on Long Island. It was her dream to have a club designed and built for women. She made a study of golf architecture in Great Britain and met with top American course builders. Under the guidance of Charles Blair Macdonald and Seth Raynor, they broke ground in spring 1923 and opened the course in June 1924. Hollins was the club’s first president.

Meanwhile, back in Pebble Beach, Morse was busy selling prestigious home sites, and Hollins suggested that Morse set up a real estate sales office in New York from which she could work her contacts. When in New York in early 1924 to finalize the Woman’s Club, she located a Park Avenue space.

In the summer of 1924, what was then called Del Monte Properties Co. also decided to move forward with plans for the Monterey Peninsula Country Club as the anchor for a 1,500-acre real estate development in the forest. Likely through a referral from Hollins, in August 1924, Morse hired Macdonald and Raynor to design the club’s two planned courses.

Raynor worked on-site and is credited with the initial design.

By NEAL HOTELLING

History Beat

women in love with the Monterey Peninsula after living in Cleveland, Indianapolis and Atlanta as a military wife.

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Carmel’s Artists

For her, art class opened up the wonderful world of color

SHE COULDN’T paint. Hey, she couldn’t even draw. That’s what Carole Klein told the friend and co-worker who encouraged her to explore night classes at Gavilan College in Gilroy, where an art instructor opened a door to the mesmerizing possibilities of color.

“I had a great teacher there who limited us to painting with just three colors—red, blue, and yellow, the primary colors. We weren’t allowed to buy pink or aqua or anything else. We learned to make them, which was a very interesting way to start painting,” remembered the Venture Gallery artist, known for blending a brilliant spectrum with an understated, abstract style.

“Like minimalist. I like plain and simple … but I love vibrant colors. I wear hot pink!” declared Klein, who, at age 84, no longer resists the urge to purchase precise hues, rather than mixing the color.

She has a deep love for the potential of a blank canvas and appreciates the adventure of abstract art, which has a way of taking on a life of its own.

“I love working with the colors and seeing where they go,” said Klein, who typically chooses an aesthetic combination, starts playing with creative shapes and expresses her ride.

Sometimes, it’s love at first sight. Sometimes, she’ll paint over it multiple times, until a completely different piece emerges.

“How did I do that?”

“With acrylics, you can do that and that’s part of the fun. There are times when I’ll hang a painting, look at it for a day, see something I want to change, and start working on it all over again,” she said.

“And sometimes I’ll see something I painted years ago and wonder, ‘How did I do that? I love it!’” Klein was a Chicago gal, South Side, born at Little Company of Mary Hospital, where she later gave birth to two of her four children.

“My dad was a sports-writer for the Illinois Sports News, and also handicapped the horses for their daily sheet,” she said. “He’d come home with candy, roast beef ... all kinds of little presents that people gave him for whatever reason, but I never knew why. Maybe he was giving them tips?”

“Mam was a housewife, a little Italian woman, 5 feet tall, who loved to cook, bake, wallpaper anything that was done to our house, she did it. But I don’t remember being
MacKenzie had arrived in California that month to look at some prospective projects in the San Francisco area, and he agreed to take over the Pebble Beach projects with golf designer Robert Hunter overseeing the work on-site.

The Monterey Peninsula course opened on schedule on July 3, 1926. Construction of the Cypress Point course began in 1927 and the course opened on Aug. 11, 1928. By then, Hollins was already envisioning the Peninsula’s other courses. Pebble Beach was being revamped for the 1928 U.S. Amateur. In October 1928, Collett traveled to Hot Springs, Va., for the U.S. Women’s Amateur tournament. Reports of her victory there described her as being “of Rhode Island.”

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Famous, but wrong

Hollins opened the Pasatiempo course on September 8, 1929, with a celebrity golf match. One of the participants was Glenna Collett, who was a two-time U.S. Women’s Amateur champion and spent much of 1928 at Pebble Beach and the Peninsula’s other courses. Pebble Beach was being revamped for the 1928 U.S. Amateur. In October 1928, Collett traveled to Hot Springs, Va., for the U.S. Women’s Amateur tournament. Reports of her victory there described her as being “of Rhode Island.”

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Creative when I was young

After 12 years of Catholic school, she enrolled at the Berkeley Business College, fell in love with golf and became proficient at shorthand, and was hired as a 19-year-old secretary by Unocal Business Forms.

A 64-year marriage, so far

In 1958, at 20, she married her high school sweetheart, Mark Klein, who had just finished his stint as a U.S. Marine. They’ve been married 64 years.

“Mark got an apartment in Chicago. He got a job with IBM and stayed with that company for 20 years, moving up the ladder, managing departments, winning prizes,” she said. “We went on trips to places like Acapulco and Bermuda. Everything was paid for.”

Nine months and two weeks after their wedding day, Carole gave birth to her first child, Mark Jr., then gave him a little sister, Julie, 13 months after that.

“In 1959, IBM decided to move us to Cleveland, so we loaded our toddler and our months-old daughter into a blue Volkswagen, and off we went,” Klein said. “I had never been out of Chicago, so it was an exciting adventure.”

The Kleins paid $19,990 for a nice house (she furnished the $1,000 down payment), where they lived for six years, had another child (Kurt, born in 1962), then accepted another transfer to Princeton, N.J.

“I made all of the curtains for our new house and was literally hanging the last one when Mark came home and said, ‘We’re moving.’”

Needlepointhome, macrame

“So, after 13 months in Princeton, we packed up and moved to Indianapolis, where my daughter, Carolyn, was born,” she said. “Indianapolis also is where I started doing all kinds of crafts — needlepoint, macramé, tatted items, but I still never picked up a paintbrush.”

In 1972, when IBM asked them to return to New Jersey, Mark took an executive position with Memorex, and they moved, instead, to Atlanta, where they bought a house on a golf course. “Mark enjoyed golf. Carole frequently played tennis, and the kids were active in multiple sports.”

“Life there was absolutely wonderful until our home burned down and our son, Mark Jr., was diagnosed with cancer,” she said.

The 20-year-old college student endured major surgery — a softball-size circle was carved in his back to remove a malignant mole. He battled the disease for 10 years before passing away at 30.

When Mark Jr. died, Hollins offered a transfer to Santa Clara, Klein moved to California, buying a hilly home overlooking the San Mateo.

A few years later, when her husband bought a successful computer business in San Jose and the kids were grown, Carole returned to the workforce as a school secretary, a Kelly Girl, and finally, an executive secretary for United Technologies.

“I spent 11 years there, wearing suits and heels every day,” said Klein, who also began painting on canvas at Gavilan College’s night classes.

A view of the bay

In 2000, they retired to Pacific Grove, purchasing a home with a view.

“We can see Monterey Bay from our kitchen and living room — I wake up in the morning and can’t even believe what I’m looking at,” said the artist, who paints in a sunny, second-floor studio in their guest house.

“Just driving up the street and seeing the ocean on the way to the store seems like we never left,” said Klein, whose portfolio includes multiple abstract seascapes, landscapes and sunsets. “Of all the places we’ve lived, this is our favorite.”

Over the past two decades, Klein has taken classes at Monterey Peninsula College and painting workshops from instructors including Carole Barnes, Elizabeth Palmer, Mary Titus, Michael Lindstrom, Robert Klein and her favorite teacher, Lauryn Taylor.

She has served as membership chair and wrote the monthly newsletter for the Central Coast Art Association, and has served on the board of directors at Venture Gallery for the past decade.

The grandmother of five has been featured in exhibits at the Pacific Grove Arts Center, the Monterey Museum of Art, the Pebble Beach Post Office, Seaside City Hall and the Monterey Center for Pacific Grove.

Images of her art can be found on online at venturegallery.com/klein-carole.

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First of five

“What the Constitution Means to Me” is the first of five productions on PacRep’s 2023 schedule, and the only one in the Indoor Forest Theater. The others will all be done at the same site, but outside.

provided uninterrupted cell service for their customers. Why?

AT&T has built a wireless network that can handle wind, rain and falling trees with uninterrupted service to Carmel, all without a cell tower in the residential neighborhoods.

In contrast, Verizon has been approved for 11 cell towers in the vicinity and still doesn’t provide basic service to its Car-

mel-by-the-Sea customers during storm conditions.

It’s ironic that rather than investing in towers like AT&T has done that truly cov-
cers cellular services to Carmel-by-the-Sea customers, Verizon is more interested in building a profitable network of wireless video streaming services through a prolifer-
ation of cell towers in Carmel and Monte-
rey neighborhoods when residents already have hardwired cable directly into their homes.

Why should we weaken our zoning laws and ruin our neighborhood character for one provider who refuses to provide service in the least intrusive means to our community?

Christy Hollenbeck, Tasha Witt and Bob Kavner, Carmel

Why the pines?

Dear Editor,

The falling trees, rain and wind this week have had a major impact on resi-
dents, property and local businesses. Why do so many trees fall in Carmel? Well, in
1900, Carmel was a landscape of coastal live oaks, Monterey cypress trees and
brush. Carmel is a town built on beautiful sand dunes.

In the early 1900s, Frank Devendorf’s plan to build homes required the stabili-
ization of the land by planting pine trees.

Cypress and oaks are less vulnerable to our local climate. Pines live roughly 100 years and have a shallow root system, are eas-
ily compromised by heavy rain, can grow up to 150 feet tall, and are easily toppled
during heavy winds, coming down on property and lives.

This past week’s weather further impacted mobile connectivity, reducing access to an already unacceptable wire-
less deficit. Neighbors in dead spots were unable to call emergency services and were left to contact neighbors for support.

Every winter we endure power and mobile outages that put people in harm’s
way due to a lack of public policy. For pub-
lic safety reasons the city needs a wireless access plan that meets the needs of fami-
lies and businesses in today’s world.

Every forest in America has a forest man-
agement plan. Carmel doesn’t. Carmel con-
tinues to plant hundreds more trees with no plan to remove at-risk pines. Our
canopy of pines is reaching end-of-life and the risk to residents is increasing.

Carmel was never a forest. It was man-
made and therefore needs to be maintained. Our fairy tale village in the forest needs a reality check and the city to get off their
hands and stop pandering. Carmel needs a forestry and cellular plan that supports
today, not 1900.

Lilly Smith, Carmel
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Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

With nine first-year varsity players on his 13-man roster, Carmel boys volleyball coach Israel Ricardez is very much in the discovery phase as he evaluates his team during the early days of the schedule.

But the 2023 Padres are expected to be a surprise package worth opening.

“Our coaches are really excited about this bunch — this is a very talented group,” said Ricardez, who, for comparison, has seen some skilled kids come through his program since he became Carmel’s head coach in 2009 (three league title teams, including a 2018 Central Coast Section Division 3 championship squad that went 31-4).

“As coaches, I guess we anticipated a big drop-off from last year’s team, which had four players who played club volleyball, others who were beach players, and the rest who were just excellent athletes,” he said of the 2022 squad, which went 11-1 in the Pacific Coast Athletic League’s rugged Gabilan Division, then reached the CCS Division II semifinals. “If our new players were just athletic, that would be one thing, but these guys are coming to us as very capable volleyball players.”

“They’re still learning about court awareness, opponent awareness, volleyball IQ, and what to do in certain situations — that’s where our youth is likely to be evident early — but as soon as they understand that focus is our best friend, I see us living up to some real potential,” Ricardez said.

Youthful co-captains

Indeed, this year’s co-captains are Sebastian Daste, who earned All-Gabilan honors as a sophomore, and Nico Vitiello, who returns to the varsity as a sophomore letterman.

Daste, who led all PCAL setters in assists last spring, but also is a formidable hitter, and will do double-duty in that role — made possible by the coach’s decision to switch from a one-setter offense to two playmakers.

“Sebastian’s goal is to pursue an NCAA Division I scholarship as a setter, so he comes to practice 30 minutes early every day and sets as many balls as he can,” Ricardez said.

“At the setter position, estrangement and return with improved skills in ball-control, passing and defense. He’ll play an outside hitter position for the Padres.

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“The fourth varsity veteran is middle blocker Rocky Carr, who transformed his 6-foot-8 frame during the offseason.

“He’s been in the weight room nonstop, and we’re seeing much better body control,” the coach said. “And as a blocker, he’s a force — a defensive wall — and now he’s showing significant improvement in his offensive skills.”

Jacob Burton, a 6-3 junior, will occupy Carmel’s middle blocker spot when Carr rotates out of the lineup.

“That kid is a flyer — he gets way up there, he hangs

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Three impactful freshmen

Two of the three freshmen on the varsity roster already have found starting jobs. Drew Galy, a summertime move-in from San Jose, unexpectedly earned the starting libero job during a practice that mixed JV players with the front-liners. “When I saw Drew make a couple of great passes, I glanced over at our JV coach (Hannah Castillon), who said, ‘Oh… please, no!’” Ricardez recounted with a laugh. “And I said, ‘Sorry, he’s gone!’ Since then, I’ve watched him get better every, single day.”

Zach Speakman, another ninth-grader, is a left-hander who brings remarkably well-rounded skills to Carmel’s right-sided hitter spot. “He’s a freshman with no club experience — only middle-school volleyball — but he can swing, pass, defend, serve, and set,” Ricardez said. “Zach is a complete package who’s going to be a player for us for the next four years, and he’s ready to contribute now.”

The third freshman, Nathan Campbell, is a 6-4 tower who is training to be a mid-dle blocker. “He already has a nasty block, and a good head for the game,” the coach said. “It’s very rare to give instructions to a freshman, then see him implementing those instructions a play or two later.”

Additional depth

Devin Kim, a sophomore, is a 6-footer with good reach, JV experience, and is probably the Padres’ best jumper, Ricardez said. Eugene Tupino, also a sophomore, will be a defensive specialist and the backup libero.

Arlan Galeano, a senior who played JV a year ago, brings an exceptional work ethic and a hunger for knowledge, and Carlos Cabrera, a first-year senior, is another hard-worker with a fearless attitude, Ricardez said.

Evan Haws, a junior with a big upside, is a versatile utility player, capable of filling in at all three front-row positions. “I’m actually very hard on this group — really tough — and the reason is that we started practicing about 25 days after every school that didn’t have to wait on a gym, and wait for a school ski break to be over,” Ricardez said. “We’re still playing catch-up right now.”

That, alone, makes the team’s fast start particularly impressive. The Padres began the current week with a 3-0 record that included victories over Aptos, Mount...
This Week

Food & Wine
Galleries and Art

Live Music,
Clubs and Events

Symphony welcomes acclaimed baritone, brings back Women’s Night Out

By CHRIS COUNTS

A SINGER on the rise joins the Monterey Symphony Saturday and Sunday when it plays at Sunset Center, while a festive pre-party celebrates women.

Metropolitan Opera star baritone Joshua Hopkins will accompany the symphony when it performs Peter Lieberson’s Songs of Love and Sorrow.

“Joshua is pretty hot in the baritone world right now,” symphony president Nicola Reilly told The Pine Cone. “He’s in the midst of an impressive solo career, and he’s been at the top of music director’s Jayce Ogren’s list of musicians he wanted to bring here.”

Besides the piece by Lieberson, the program includes contemporary composer Valerie Coleman’s “Seven O’Clock Shout” and Brahms’ Symphony No. 4.

On a High Note

Preceding the concert is the symphony’s latest Women’s Night Out.

“It’s our fifth annual,” Reilly said. “Even though it celebrates women, men are welcome. It’s just a great party that we have in Sunset Studio 105.”

Saturday’s concert starts at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday’s matinee begins at 3 p.m. Concert tickets start at $45, while tickets to the pre-party are only $40 — and include tickets to the concert. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 645-8511 or visit montereysymphony.org.

Hot jazz at the Sand Box

Turning the clock back nearly a century, Le Jazz Hot Quartet pays tribute to the legacy of guitarist Django Reinhardt’s and violinist Stephane Grappelli’s pioneering Hot Club de France Sunday at the Sand Box in Sand City.

The San Francisco-based quartet includes guitarists Paul “Pazzo” Mehling and Christophe Carington, violinst Evan Price and bassist Dexter Williams. “Pazzo and company never fail to delight and dazzle,” suggested violinist Michelle Djokic, the founder of the Sand Box.

The music starts at 4 p.m. Tickets start at $40. The Sand Box is located at 440 Ortiz Ave. sandboxsandcity.com

Singer and guitarist Alvon Johnson (left) joins bassist David Daniel and drummer Leon Joyce Jr. Saturday at Deja Blue in Seaside. The trio will play blues and r&b, and the show starts at 3 p.m. On Friday, violinist Tien-Hsin Cindy Wu (above) and pianist Irawati Irawati for a concert Friday at Hidden Valley Music Seminars in Carmel Valley.

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PacRep at the Forest

What the Constitution Means to Me

by Heidi Schreck

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Barmel introduces Happy Hour, tasting cheese and wine, and celebrating a thistle

BARTEL, THE bar and supper club on San Carlos near Seventh owned by Gabo Georis, is best known for its cocktails and nightly live scene, but Georis wants locals to think of it as a great Happy Hour spot, too, especially when the weather’s nice enough to take in a little live music in the courtyard while enjoying drinks and elevated bar food.

“I’ve never really done Happy Hour in the past, and the intent is to get people to come check out not only the drinks, but the food we’ve got,” he said this week. “It’s a better-than-average bar menu, and people don’t think of us for that. We’re known for the late-night and dancing and all that.”

Happy Hour features discounted drinks from 2 to 6 p.m., with snacks offered between 4 and 6 p.m.

“As far as bar snacks and lighter fare, we’ve got something unique going on,” Georis said. “We’re still grilling our own corn for tortillas. We have great little sliders with mushroom duxelles and plantain chips instead of chips which are pretty good.”

The details
Mixed drinks are $8, martinis are $10, house wines are $8, and beers are $5.

Other items include two tacos with beef or pork for $8, hand-cut Belgian-style fries with homemade ketchup and Dijon aioli (also $8) and local organic vegetables and house-made hummus for $10.

“And in the spring and summer, as the weather gets better, we’re going to have some music in the patio with local jazz guys playing,” he said. “It’ll be the place to have a drink and snack in the afternoon or early evening before dinner.”

Barmel’s kitchen stays open well into the evening for those who’d like to enjoy dinner from an expanded menu, too. Find more information, including music and other details, at barmel.com.

■ More cheese, more wine
Kent Torrey’s Cheese Shop in Carmel Plaza is the go-to place for any and all varieties of interesting cheeses from around the world — any of which can be discussed and described by the capable staff — and a nicely curated selection of wines, about which Torrey knows all.

While the little shop is a great place to pick up all the necessities for a picnic, host gifts, snacks or a cheese-and-charcuterie board with a nice wine or liquor to enjoy alongside it, it’s also a good stop for a tasting tour.

Torrey and his staff offer cheese tastings from open to close daily, and wine-tasting for a fee between 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. daily — as long as he or a staffer is available.

During the pandemic, the shop stopped offering cheese tastings due to health concerns, and regulars were overjoyed to see their return. Torrey and his staff figured out the most sanitary ways to share samples without compromising the quality of the experience.

“This tasting allows your palate to travel around the world in just a few short minutes,” Torrey said. “Our cheesemongers sample using baking sheets and eco-tencils and Hana Gardens donate many of the items. Visit monterey.org/parks for more information or call (831) 646-3860.”

■ More dolphins, more wine

People will also have plenty of opportunities to learn about native and drought-tolerant vegetation and hear clever ideas for landscaping at home.

The Kiwanis Club of Monterey and Monterey Volunteer Gardeners help host its 66th annual Horticulture Fair and Plant Exchange in Friendly Plaza on Pacific Street March 18 from 9 a.m. to noon. Participants bring garden clippings of all kinds — whether edible or not — to share, and local nurseries donate and distribute hundreds of plants and trees for residents to take home.

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FOOD

Regardless of the answer, chef Tene Shake of Kokomo’s on the Wharf will demonstrate how to make Old Fisherman’s Wharf Cioppino during the 13th annual weekend-long Whalefest at 2 p.m. March 18 and 19. Shake will also provide the recipe to guests after the demo.

The free fest features numerous whale-related activities, including a symposium with highly regarded marine experts and impressive photographs, exhibits and live music. Winter is a great time to see migrating gray and humpback whales as they pass through the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary among the dolphins, otters, seabirds and other creatures. Activities take place on and around the wharf between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. each day. Visit montereywharf.com.

New Galante wines

Jack Galante is celebrating his birthday March 30 — which one is up to him to share — by inviting fans of his wines to taste two new releases at a gathering in the Dolores Street tasting room from 4 to 6:30 p.m. The event will feature the debut of The Bold Ones, a Super Tuscan blend of cabernet sauvignon and sangiovese, and the new-est Legacy red blend.

The 2021 Bold Ones ($100) is dedicated to Galante’s sons and a nod to his Italian heritage blended with his love for the rugged Western lifestyle and the family’s cattle-ranching history.

“The wine is a dedication to my two sons, John and Evan, who have not only made me very proud of the men they have become, but who have shared so many adventures with me,” he said.

He described the blend as having aromas of dried rose, white pepper and black tea, and the body having “rich, opulent tannins.”

“With a lingering finish of dried fig and soft leather, this wine, like all good Spaghetti Westerns, closes triumphantly like a silent cowboy riding off into the sunset leaving the dastardly villain in the dust,” he said in the description.

The 2021 Legacy red blend ($85) celebrates Galante’s great-grandfather, Frank Devendorf, and his vision as one of the founders of Carmel-by-the-Sea in the early 1900s.

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Women in Business

April 7, 2023

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“Castroville produces two-thirds of the world’s artichokes, and the trail allows visitors to explore the misunderstood vegetable and try it in inventive dishes like artichoke-que-sardillas and po’boys.”

Just in time for National Artichoke Day March 16, the festival this year is celebrating its 160th anniversary. Highlights include an Ag Venture walking tour and The Choke Coach at Pezzerini Farms, Phil’s Fish Market (Artichoke Provençal with sautéed scallops, shrimp, garlic and wine), the Flying Artichoke restaurant in Salinas and its “choke burger” made with sautéed sliced artichoke hearts and fresh ground beef, and Salt Wood Kitchen (a New American dish served on edible corn husks, served with vegan garlic and lemon aioli).

Other stops include the Tap Room at the Lodge at Pebble Beach, Baja Cantina in Carmel Valley, and the Big Sur River Inn down the coast. The MCCVB also pointed out this year’s Artichoke Festival at the Monterey Fairgrounds is set for June 10-11. “In its 46th year, this festival is a longstanding event in Monterey County and even crowned Marilyn Monroe — then Norma Jean — as the first Artichoke Queen in 1948,” Evans said.

For more information, visit seemonterey.com/artichokes.
MUSIC
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The program includes music by composers Paul Schoenfeld, Erich Wolfgang Korngold, Igor Stravinsky and Leonard Bernstein.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are $25. Hidden Valley is located at 104 West Carmel Valley Road.

Also at Hidden Valley, the Monterey County Composers’ Forum returns Sunday at 3 p.m. The event showcases local composers and songwriters. Tickets are $15.

For more details, visit hiddenvalleymusic.org.

■ Soft rockers return
The soft rock ballads of the late 1970s and early 1980s come alive again when the tribute band, Yächtley Crëw, returns Friday to Golden State Theater in Monterey.

The band, which made its local debut last year, breathes new life into soft-rock-tribute band, and early 1980s come alive again when the posers and songwriters. Tickets are $15.

$25. Hidden Valley is located at 104 West Highway 1.

Carmel Valley — singer and pianist Dino Vera (jazz, blues and r&b, Friday at 7 p.m.), pianist Gennady Laskinov and singer Debbie Davis (cabaret, Saturday at 7 p.m.), The Andrea Carter Trio (jazz and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.) and singer Lee Durley and pianist Joe Indence (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Mission and Seventh.

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

Deja Blue in Seaside — singer and guitarist Alvon Johnson, bassist David Daniel (jazz, Saturday at 8 p.m. and Thursday at 7 p.m.): 120 Highlands Drive.

The Dave Holodiloff Trio in Monterey — singer and pianist Dino Vera (jazz, blues and r&b, Saturday at 8 p.m. and Thursday at 7 p.m.): 1901 Fremont Blvd.

The Andy Weis Band with guitarist Gary Meek and bassist Pete Lips (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.): The Andy Weis Band with pianist Gary Meek and bassist Steve Uccello (jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.): 2700 17 Mile Drive.

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Intercontinental Hotel in Monterey — guitarist John Sherry (folk, rock and blues, Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m.) and guitarist Terrence Ferrell (Latin music, Sunday at 9 a.m.): 75 Cannery Row.

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A folk trio from Sweden, Väsen performs Monday at the Henry Miller Library in Big Sur. The music starts at 7 p.m.
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La Playa Hotel — The David Morwood Band (jazz, Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m., Sunday at 4 p.m.), Bud’s Bar, Camino Real and Eighth. Live music (ribbons on Saturday at 11:30 p.m., Sunday at 10 p.m.).

London Bridge Pub in Monterey — mandolinist Dave Holodiloff, fiddler Elijah McColler and pianist Eric Rowe (Celtic, Friday at 9:30 p.m.), 256 Figueroa St.

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — singer and pianist John Harris (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist Casey Wickstrom (rock and blues, Saturday at 6 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist Gary Regina (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.) and singer and guitarist Sotelo (Thursday at 6 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17th Drive.

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

Midici Pizza in Monterey — Heartstrings (Celtic, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer Miranda Perl and keyboardist Jon Dryden (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.) and singer and multi-instrumentalist Dave Holodiloff Trio (rock and blues, Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist Johan Sotoleto (Monday at 6:30 p.m.) and singer and multi-instrumentalist Casey Wickstrom (rock and blues, Sunday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist Dan Cortes (Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist Gary Meek (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist Johan Sotoleto (Monday at 6:30 p.m.) and singer and multi-instrumentalist Casey Wickstrom (rock and blues, Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist Dan Cortes (Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.) — Broner’s Wharf.

O’Callaghan’s Irish Pub — singer and guitarist Dave “Nomad” Miller (Friday at 4 p.m.) and The Next Blues Band (Friday at 7 p.m.) at The Barnyard shopping center, 3663 The Barnyard.

Peter B’s Brewpub in Monterey — The Dave Holodiloff Trio (Celtic, Friday at 6 p.m.), 2 Portola Plaza.

Puma Road at Portola Plaza in Monterey — singer and guitarist Sam Caulthorn (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist Sedona (Saturday at 5 p.m.) and guitarist Peter Martin and bassist Zach Westfall (Saturday at 5 p.m.), 281 Alvarado St.

Rockfish Harbor Grill in Monterey — guitarist Bruce Forman (jazz, Wednesday at 5 p.m.), 101 Fisherman’s Wharf.


March 18-19 — Don’t miss the 13th Annual Whalefest Monterey from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This free, fun and educational event for all ages includes a two-day symposium, activities, live music and interactive displays by national marine organizations that help protect the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. www.montereywhalefest.com


March 20 — The words and works of W.R. Holman, of Monterey, will be presented by author/editor Heather Lazarre, at 2 p.m. at the Carmel Woman’s Club, San Carlos at Ninth. The public is invited. Married to Holman’s great-grandson, Lazarre will share little known facts about the marketing genius whose department store was the largest between San Francisco and Los Angeles for decades. A coffee/tea reception follows the program. Members free; guests $10. (831) 624-2866 or (831) 394-6200.

March 21 — Japanese flower arrangement demos at 12:30 p.m. at Pebble Beach Community Services District at 3011 Forest Lake Road, Pebble Beach. Guest fee is $5.

March 21, 24 — St. Mary’s By-The-Sea, Kales in Concert, featuring Ryan McKasson, Eric McDonald and Miranda Perl (jazz, Friday through Sunday at 5 p.m.) and pianist Gennady Loktionov (jazz, Monday through Thursday at 5 p.m.), 26270 Dolores St.

Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa — singer and pianist Scott Brown (jazz, pop and Friday, Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m.), keyboardist Peter Cort (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist Gary Meek (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist Johan Sotoleto (Monday at 6:30 p.m.) and singer and multi-instrumentalist Casey Wickstrom (rock and blues, Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist Dan Cortes (Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.). 2400 Cannery Row.

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Peter B’s Brewpub in Monterey — The Dave Holodiloff Trio (Celtic, Friday at 6 p.m.) and pianist Peter Cort (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist Gary Meek (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.) and singer and guitarist Johan Sotoleto (Monday at 6:30 p.m.) and singer and multi-instrumentalist Casey Wickstrom (rock and blues, Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist Dan Cortes (Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist Dave Holodiloff Trio (Celtic, Friday at 6 p.m.) and pianist Peter Cort (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.) and singer and guitarist Johan Sotoleto (Monday at 6:30 p.m.) and singer and multi-instrumentalist Casey Wickstrom (rock and blues, Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist Dan Cortes (Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.) — Broner’s Wharf.

Rockfish Harbor Grill in Monterey — guitarist Bruce Forman (jazz, Wednesday at 5 p.m.), 101 Fisherman’s Wharf.

March 26 — Please join our community 2 to 4 p.m. in celebrating Donna Jett as the Carmel Citizen of the Year. This is CBA’s 27th biennial event is open to the public, where local dignitaries will honor Donna’s 25 years of contributions and volunteering in our community. Visit www.carmelradio.com for more details on this event and Donna’s endless work on local boards and commissions including Carmel Community Activity Commission and Carmel Woman’s Club, to name only a few.

March 29 — The World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area (WACMB) will present a lecture by Jennifer A. Simpson from 11:15 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1000 Aquariajo Road, Monterey. The topic is “The COVID-19 Intelligence Challenge: Why Warning Was Not Enough,” presented by Professor Erik J. Dahl. NPS, www.wacmb.org for event information and registration.

March 27 — The Carmel Drug Store will once again host its iconic Drug Store Clean-Up Day to remove outdated, unused and expired medications. These drugs can contain hazardous ingredients that can contaminate the environment. The goal is to make sure everyone knows what drugs they have and when they are no longer needed. This is a free service in line with the Drug Enforcement Administration’s Take Back Day. If you are interested in having your medications picked up, you should call 831-624-3819 to set up a time.

March 29 — The San Diego Factory in Monterey — singer and multi-instrumentalist Dan Conley (country and rock, and Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7:30 p.m.), 701 West Ave.

Salty Seal Pub in Monterey — Hovering Broadcat (folk rock, Friday at 8 p.m.) — The New Wave (rock, Saturday at 8 p.m.) and singer and guitarist Dan Frechette (Thursday at 8 p.m.), 655 Cannery Row.

Sly McFly’s in Monterey — Three Mile Smile (classic rock, Friday at 9 p.m.), Retroreact (rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.), Blythun Tribe West (classic rock, Sunday at 8:30 p.m.), The Long Distance Friends (classic rock, Monday at 8:30 p.m.), Victory Lane (classic rock, Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.), Johnny Tonnami (rock Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.) and The DC Trio (r&b and funk, Thursday at 9 p.m.), 700 Cannery Row.

Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — saxophonist Roger Eddy (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.) and Boscuse’s Brood (rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.) 3 Del Pino Place.

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

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**Art Roundup**

*By CHRIS COUNTS*

“From Monterey to Carmel Valley, and out through the Salinas Valley, our communities offer wonderful schools and organizations that support our student’s creative expression,” said Kathy Kopp, who curates art shows at the airport. “Many excellent teachers and community leaders work hard to provide art programs for our kids. The airport provides this big, wonderful wall in its terminal building to support schools in sharing their students’ work with the traveling public.”

Coinciding with Youth Art Month, the show continues through March 31. The airport is located at 200 Fred Kane Drive.

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**MORE LETTERS**

*From page 23A*

As controversies continue to amass, a review is necessary.

The school board unanimously voted at a February meeting to remove CHS principal Jonathan Lyons, partially due to his handling of sexual harassment allegations.

At recent meetings, several community members spoke in support of Lyons and asked the board to reinstate him. But the board itself has been in flux, with President Tess Arthur abruptly resigning her role last month. It’s unknown if this was related to the Knight or Lyons issues.

As controversies, community members regularly criticize the board for allowing Knight to remain as superintendent, while it seeks reviews from “independent and external consultants” over its handling of matters like Lyons’ removal.

Next, when Gov. Newsom mandated later start times for the 2022-2023 school year, local districts implemented the change, except Carmel, which exerted itself via a rural classification.

Knight supposedly spent several months “following the science” and discussing new start times. Yet the decision recently was delayed again, until at least mid-April.

Most importantly, students who claimed they’re victims of sexual misconduct by their peers feel school administrators haven’t taken those accusations seriously, or bureaucracy has slowed down the process.

Somewhat, Knight is CUSD’s Title IX coordinator. This reminds me of a job I had where the CEO also was HR director. It’s a terrible conflict of interest to have the school superintendent hold the Title IX role.

District 5 Supervisor Mary Adams asked me last month if I’d “come across any other town that has made this kind of issue that are so vitriolic?” during my reporting career. I told Adams, considering the circumstances, I have not.

Amid the tumult, it’s no surprise multiple groups— including an online petition with nearly 400 signatures — seek to remove Knight.

**Ari Kaufman, Knoxville, Tenn.**

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**It’s easy to gripe**

Dear Editor,

It’s easy to gripe about all the things we see that are wrong about Carmel — the lack of properly marked parking slots, those foul people who toss their cigarette butts in the grass — and those are topics that need to be addresses, no doubt.

But if one of your readers would like to gripe about the wonderful thing in our lives, the wonderful way we’ve lived our lives, it’s easy to do that, too.

**Brenda St Thomas**

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The heroes

Dear Editor,

As I sit here in the darkness I am reminded that heroes come in all forms. Anyone who serves the community at large is a hero, but this week, none more so than the workers at PG&E. They are out in pouring rain, battling flooded streets and clambering up power poles to reestablish service. To anyone who has been involved in getting our city back to normal — tree removal, drainage clearing and power restored — a big thank you. You are the heroes to me!

Irene Stanek, Carmel

Local government to blame

Dear Editor,

I feel compelled to respond to your latest screed concerning the California Environmental Quality Act and California Coastal Act (“Sacramento’s Eternal Villain,” March 3).

It’s local governments in California — and especially those along the state’s spectacular 1,100-mile coastline — whose ill-advised land use decisions prompted passage of both CEQA and the Coastal Act. Before those state environmental laws were enacted, city and county governments were all too willing to approve ill-conceived private development projects that had serious, adverse environmental impacts and were “wallowing off” the public from the coastal resources we all love and depend upon.

It’s because of CEQA and the Coastal Act that this sorry trend has been at least partially reversed. The fact is that local governments still approve the vast majority of development projects that come before them, even given CEQA’s mandates that significant adverse environmental impacts of such projects be identified, analyzed and mitigated when feasible. And the Coastal Commission and local governments similarly green-light most projects they review under the Coastal Act.

However, the key difference is that these approved projects are now far better designed and sited, with far fewer environmental impacts than the development projects local governments rubber-stamped before 1976.

Your editorial similarly maintains that California’s housing crisis could be resolved if only state officials would allow housing decisions to city and county governments. This argument is meritless as well.

Until the 1980s, that was exactly how land use and housing decisions were made — by cities and counties. Then the Legislature quite logically passed laws encouraging local governments to plan for and approve enough new housing projects so that each region of the state would meet its “fair share of regional housing needs.” The first generation of those state housing laws lacked teeth, and local governments simply ignored them, often at the urging of local NIMBY groups. Finally, beginning about eight years ago, frustrated state legislators added sanctions that can be imposed against recalcitrant local governments that continue to fail state housing laws and the critical need for more low- and moderate-income housing in their communities. Yet local governments on the Peninsula and elsewhere still cry bloody murder while making only minimal, begrudging efforts to comply with longstanding state housing mandates.

To be sure, state housing laws and CEQA need to be better integrated. Both Gov. Newsom and state legislators have announced plans to address that critical need in the current session of the Legislature. That’s a welcome development.

But to argue, as The Pine Cone does, that things would be so much better on the land use and housing fronts if the state would only “bow out” of these critical matters is disingenuous at best. And it simply ignores the fact that local governments’ planning and permitting malfeasance is at the heart of California’s current housing crisis.

Richard Frank, Pacific Grove

Why let it continue?

Dear Editor:

Living between East and West coasts, one gets a pretty good idea of how politic- ical, social, cultural norms may differ — for better or worse.

Case in point: Since becoming a part-time resident of Carmel a few years ago, I’ve been getting my fair share of PG&E. And I wonder why. Not that PG&E doesn’t deserve the calumny heaped on it. But why things haven’t changed, given the magni- tude of the criticism.

I’m fairly certain that if Con Ed back in New York handled the storms and related power losses the way PG&E does, the public outcry and pressures on politi- cians would bring course corrections. The gist of the response I get here is a sort of defeatist shrug and statements to the effect that PG&E is a force unto itself, that no amount of criticism makes a difference and I should install a generator or solar-based backup.

Come on, folks. Even I, largely igno- rant of power infrastructure, can see that PG&E is reactive, that its equipment may be increasingly dated or inadequate for the changing climate we have on the Monte- rey Peninsula (severe draught and severe storms) and that its communications and management need to be reassessed and improved.

I understand the situation is compli- cated and real. But don’t forget about “the third world republic of California” that is getting old. Where’s the can-doism? Who’s fighting the good fight here?

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Real Estate Sales March 5 - 11

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233 Hacienda Carmel — $769,000
Guy and Joanne Boehmer to Susan Henderson
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See HOME SALES page 4RE
Carmel Valley (con’t.)

137 Del Mesa Carmel — $850,000
Laura McCord to Joseph and Suzan MacIlvane
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13 Paso del Río — $1,160,000
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230 Del Mesa Carmel — $1,219,000
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Anthony Davi to Meghan Barager and John Michel
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FRIDAY, MARCH 3

Carmel area: Report of alleged physical abuse at a residence on Rio Vista Drive.

Carmel Valley: Citizen on East Carmel Valley Road called to report her car battery was dead after not driving her car for over two weeks with the recent cold weather.

Carmel Valley: Report of a deceased person at a residence on Panetta Road.

Carmel Valley: Report of alleged financial exploitation of a West Garzas Road resident for two $15 gift cards.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost phone reported at Del Mar and Ocean.

Carmel area: During a traffic stop on Highway 1, a male was found in possession of controlled substances and drug paraphernalia. His vehicle was towed and he was cited and released.

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By JERRY GERVASE

I STINK, therefore I am. Not being able to shower is an unintended consequence of being without power for more than two days.

I appreciate the effort PG&E puts into restoring power, especially since the outages have been so widespread. But they could be more forthcoming with estimated times for the lights to go back on. I phone them: one ringy-dingy, two ringy-dingies. They refer me to their website, which you cannot access because there is no internet. Their estimates for power restoration never materialize. Procrastinate, Gaslight & Evade.

Habits are hard to break. I flip the light switch when I enter a dark bathroom, even though I know that there is no power. One tends to get stupid.

Me: Will the dishes get clean if we run the dishwasher with cold water?
She: Sure, if we had electricity to run the dishwasher.

The saga continues

Friday: The power has been off for 12 hours. I awaken early, wash with ice-cold water, get dressed, and turn on the gas fireplace. Inside temp is 65°. Get in the car to head out for hot coffee, donuts and ice for the fridge but a huge tree blocks both lanes of the approach to our retirement community, Del Mesa. No electricity, no internet, no heat and no exit.

I hang a U-ey and head back to the club-house. It is crowded with fellow residents, all recharging electronic devices. Thousands of dollars of electronic equipment lie where a football team, we would be the Del Mesa Chargers. I am reminded of Tennyson’s “Charge of the Light Brigade.” Smart phones to the right of me, tablets to the left of me, into the mouths of electrical sockets rode the 600. (Socket to me?)

An angel had provided coffee and hot water for tea. Someone brought muffins. There is light, warmth, comfortable chairs, no internet, but basic needs are being met.

The tree is cleared. I get an idea of how extensive the outage is when I see that Safeway is the only store at the Crossroads mall is dark.

That evening, I decide to cook outside. My small gas grill has a side burner. I am frying potatoes on it and cooking burgers on the grill. It begins to rain. The grill area is not covered. I hold an umbrella in one mouth so I can have visual on the food.

If the late cartoonist, Bill Bates, were still with us, I would be a cartoon in The Pine Cone.

Breakfast angel

Saturday: Back to the Del Mesa club-house for coffee. Once again an angel has provided muffins. We go to a store where there is power and food. I buy a package of thick lamb chops, a block of Parmesan cheese, imagine the eclectic meal I can prepare with those ingredients. Very interesting! Around 6 p.m., I am standing at the sink when the garbage disposal suddenly springs to life. It scares the living kale out of me. Fifteen seconds and the power saga continues

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goes back off. Is PG&E messing with our minds? You bet your sweet bippy they are.

Another day, more trouble Sunday: Power restored at 1 a.m. Hot coffee, hot showers, heat — perhaps cream and a myriad of other foodstuffs we don’t take chances with it and out it.

Monday: The power goes off again. There is no wind, no rain and no threatening weather. Time to switch to that other power company. Oh, there isn’t one, is there?

Tuesday: 3RZHU RXW DJDLQ $QJULHU

From previous page to a repeat of the previous night’s dinner with PG&E. I think that we are nothing but a pain in the gas to them. Put that in your ever kind thoughts I had about PG&E are gone. There is no wind, no rain and no threatening weather. Time to switch to that other power company. Oh, there isn’t one, is there?

Power is suddenly restored at 7:57 p.m. We run the dishwasher, charge devices, put fresh batteries in everything just in case. Pacific Grove: Report of a fraudulent use of credit cards at Sunset Drive.

Carmel area: A 41-year-old male was arrested on Highway 1 for violating a court order and for obstructing deputies.

Carmel area: Subject on Mesa Drive See CALLS page 14RE

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on the date indicated below in accordance with Section 17920 of the Business and Professions Code. The filing of this statement does not preclude an action to enjoin an individual from using the fictitious business name stated above as provided in Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code. A registrant who obtains an order that prohibits use of a fictitious business name under the fictitious business name or names set forth in this statement pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000). Any person desiring to have the statement removed from the records of the County Clerk must file a written request with the County Clerk's office.

CYPRESS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
SETTING THE RATE OF THE FIRE MITIGATION FEE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday March 23, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Cypress Fire Protection District Boardroom, Directors will meet at 3775 Rio Road, Carmel to make the rate adjustments and to set the rate of the fire mitigation fees to be requested to the Board of Supervisors of Monterey County by the District as described by Section 10.80160 of the Monterey County Code, Monterey County Ordinance Number 3602.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the time and place above designated for the meeting to set the rate of fire mitigation fees, any taxpayer may appear and be heard regarding this issue.

Theresa Walland
February 28, 2023
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March 17-19

CARMEL

$820,000 3rd 30a 753-0471 Monterey
$1,095,000 3rd 30b 253 Del Mar Carmel Carmel Valley
$2,200,000 1st 2-4 1324 Colma Carmel Carmel Valley
$1,250,000 2nd 30a 253 Del Mar Carmel Carmel Valley
$1,175,000 2nd 30a 253 Del Mar Carmel Carmel Valley
$2,100,000 1st 3-4 2531 Pilots Dr Carmel Carmel Valley
$650,000 1st 3-4 3480 4th Street Carmel Valley
$2,850,000 3rd 30a 2546 Carmel Valley
$2,125,000 3rd 30a 2546 Carmel Valley
$4,750,000 4th 3-5 2546 Palos Verdes Carmel Valley

CARMEL VALLEY

$1,477,000 3rd 30a 2550 Opera House Ave Carmel Valley
$1,525,000 3rd 30a 2550 Opera House Ave Carmel Valley
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$795,000 3rd 30a 5853 2nd 3-4 3rd 30a
$825,000 3rd 30a 5853 2nd 3-4 3rd 30a

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CARMEL wishing to document a civil matter.

Carmel Valley: Male on Carmel Valley Road reported his tablet was taken.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found men’s wedding ring at Lincoln and Seventh.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found bracelet at Dolores and Seventh.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Boyfriend reported his girlfriend at Ocean and Monte Verde wanted to harm herself. Subject was evaluated for a 72-hour hold and did not meet the criteria. A safety plan was set up for the night.

Pacific Grove: A 34-year-old male was arrested on Forest Avenue for shoplifting and being in possession of controlled substances. He was booked into Monterey County Jail for those offenses, as well as possession of unlawful paraphernalia and violation of probation, and was held on $16,000 bail.

Carmel Valley: Sheriff’s office SWAT assisted CHP with a search warrant on Carmel Valley Road.

Carmel Valley: Report of alleged assault on Loma del Rey.

Carmel Valley: A residence and two vehicles on Cachagua Road were burglarized by a male.

Carmel Valley: A residence on Valley Greens Circle was burglarized.

ROADS

Highway 68

26401 Lucie Lane — $1,516,500
Nicholas and Delilah Schuller to Karthack Reddy
APN: 416-446-024

Monterey

300 Glenwood Circle unit 154 — $550,000
John Harrison to Nadine Anderson
APN: 011-777-062

249 Mar Vista Drive — $1,386,000
Karina Barger and David Goldman to Stan Beany and Judd Stans
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APN: 031-853-001

Marina

2721 Parkview Way — $1,125,000
Tung Hua to Darrell Stanaford
APN: 031-235-064

2711 Kitetail Lane — $253,000
Shel Homes LP to Shin Park
APN: 031-235-015

3015 Shasta Way — $1,339,500
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Pacific Grove

189 Pine Avenue — $1,985,000
Richard Glenn and Smith Trust to Larkin and Nathalia Holt
APN: 006-513-002

289 Lighthouse Avenue — $3,200,000
Laurence and Phyllis Sawyer to Clifton and Jennifer Linton
APN: 006-253-001

Pebble Beach

2930 Lupin Lane — $2,300,000
Douglas Davis and Jennifer Bleakney to Eric Allen and Jennifer Marler
APN: 007-243-009

1183 Arroyo Drive — $2,500,000
George and Dorothy Separovich to David Rosenberg and Valerie Hermann
APN: 007-531-022

APN: 007-281-006

1042 Matador Road — $3,300,000
David Estes to Shokooh Miry and SM GST Trust

1043 Broncho Road — $4,295,000
Thomas and Josephine Lagow to Maureen and Robert Feduniak
APN: 007-271-017

3320 17 Mile Drive (vacant land) — $11,250,000
Doris Buckley, Patricia Sperling and Dee Dee and Mary Phelps to 456 Properties LLC
APN: 008-423-026

Sand City

361 Orange Avenue — $699,000
Edith Williams to Christopher Dinnen
APN: 011-253-014

California Avenue — $12,500,000

DBO Development to No. 30 Sand City Lodging LLC
APN: 011-601-005

Seaside

987 Hamilton Avenue — $580,000
Wilk Evans to JD Smith
APN: 012-273-040

1491 Noche Buena Street — $620,000
Ronald Prasad to Shervin Mader
APN: 012-262-012

1705 Napa Street — $715,000
Daisy and Melanie Prasad to Tiffani Hall and Matthew Hof
APN: 012-111-010

1141 Kimball Avenue — $930,000
Teddy Patigan to Michael Barthelow
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This striking contemporary masterpiece overlooks the 14th hole of Poppy Hills Golf Course and boasts an extraordinary list of features.

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