Octopus nursery found at deep ocean spring

By CHRIS COUNTS

MORE THAN a half century after the Beatles said it would be fun to visit an octopus's garden, researchers have discovered why a site in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary is home to more octopuses than any other place on earth. Appropriately, the site has been named Octopus’s Garden. Since 2018 — when thousands of octopuses were discovered nesting on the deep sea-floor off the Central California coast — a team of researchers has used an assortment of high-tech tools to study the “garden” and learn why the creatures are drawn to it. The team includes researchers from the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute, NOAA’s Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, Moss Landing Marine Laboratories and others.

“Mate, nest and die”

Now they have an answer. The garden, it turns out, “is one of a handful of known deep-sea octopus nurseries” and used “exclusively for reproduction.”

“Deep off California, thousands of octopuses migrate through cold dark waters to hydrothermal springs near an extinct volcano to mate, nest and die, forming the largest known agglomeration of octopuses on earth,” according to a study done by the team that was published last month in a journal.

Marina officials: Homeless bring crime, loss of taxes

Council members say they weren’t told

TWO MARINA City Council members say that a years-long program to house homeless people from Salinas in Marina has not only caused crime to escalate, but a strain on police and code enforcement services and meant to a big loss in hotel taxes, the homeless facilities have operated surreptitiously with no notice to the public. They’re calling for more openness from officials overseeing the programs and for Marina to be reimbursed for its expenses.

Fires bring tree issues to fore once again

Watching wildfire sweep through Lahaina, Maui — and knowing people died in their homes and cars as they tried to flee — residents have renewed their call for better forest management in tree-filled Carmel.

“We’ve been receiving a lot of emails following Lahaina,” city administrator Chip Rerig said at the city council’s strategic planning session Aug. 30. “A number of priorities previously identified by the council include developing “a plan to ensure that the city’s natural areas, as well as private property, are properly maintained to reduce fire risk,” and to draft a forest management plan and update laws pertaining to trees, and Rerig said work is well underway on those efforts.

“We have hired landscape contractors who are doing a lot of weed whacking,” he said, while public works and forestry employees, as well as private contractors hired by the city, are properly maintaining the trees.

Project Roomkey, the state-directed, countywide plan that temporarily houses homeless people from Salinas and other cities in hotels — claimed that Marina officials were aware of the housing scheme, that it is not secret, and that it’s the city’s responsibility to help the homeless, regardless of where they come from.

“Hush-hush”

A pandemic-era program that originally housed homeless people with Covid in hotels, Project Roomkey was operated by the Coalition of Homeless Services Providers beginning in September 2020. The City of Salinas ran the program from October 2021 until April of this year. Since then, various hotels in Marina and in five other cities have housed the homeless.

But two Marina City Council members say that there has been a lack of information about the program, which has burdened the city.

$95M plan to tear down Los Padres Dam studied

Cal Am, water district seek feedback

AN ENGINEERING firm hired by Cal Am and the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District will make an online presentation Monday on a series of proposals on the future of Los Padres Dam, including the possibility of tearing it down — or leaving it standing and increasing its storage capacity.

Monday’s meeting, hosted by AECOM, an international engineering firm headquartered in Los Angeles, is part of a larger effort to reach out to the public about the future of the dam and its associated reservoir, which was completed in 1949 and at one time held 3,030 acre-feet of water for use by Monterey Peninsula residents.

Less than 30 years later, its capacity had been reduced to just 1,775 acre-feet — and that number is considerably less today.

Pros and cons

Besides its reduced capacity, the dam impedes the migration of steelhead and blocks the flow of sediment downstream, which degrades steelhead spawning and rearing habitat in the lower part of the river, detractors say. But there are also benefits to keeping the dam, some contend. They argue that steelhead benefit from summer water releases during drought years, which also support farmers and the local economy.

On Aug. 29, Cal Am held a meeting at the Carmel Valley Youth Center on the future of the dam. “We contended that you can have the complete Carmel Pine Cone delivered every Thursday evening to your tablet, laptop, PC or phone — with no banner ads, popups, click bait or paywalls. We also don’t harvest your data or make you create an account or password. Free subscriptions available at www.carmelpinecone.com.
Fergus was found tucked in among the artichokes on a stretch of farmland adjacent to Highway 1, filthy, skunked and afraid. His rescuer cleaned him up and took him to the vet, who concurred — although his ears had been cropped and his tail docked — that he was a young West Highland terrier.

After his rescuer posted a picture of him on Facebook, she brought the little pup to the first friend who admired him. The woman, about to lose her own elderly dog, wasn’t sure she could make such a quick transition to a new dog until she saw him and decided he was just what she needed.

She bathed him as a way to claim him and named him Fergus in honor of his Scottish heritage.

"After his bath, he ran around the room," his person said. "I reached behind him to gather him into his towel, and he bit me. I learned that day that there was trauma in him, so I made it my mission to love on him, helping him know I’m a safe person."

Fergus, now nearly 9, has become devoted to his person. After she received a difficult diagnosis, he appointed himself her guardian, leaning in, whining and crying with her.

Fergus, who lives in Del Rey Oaks, seems at home on any beach on the Peninsula, although he’s less social and more interested in running around in the sand. His personality emerges most at home, when he hears repetitive sounds like the power tool that once inspired a duet.

"He leans his head back, forms an O with his mouth, and lets loose," his person said. "You should hear ‘Amazing Grace.’"

Fergus’ folks recently had his DNA tested just to confirm his Scottish heritage. The results came back as miniature Schnauzer. Turns out he’s German, not Scottish.
Water district takes step to acquire Cal Am

By KELLY NIX

THE MONTEREY Peninsula Water Management District board of directors Thursday discussed behind closed doors whether to proceed with a takeover, through eminent domain, of utility California American Water’s Monterey system, which the company has repeatedly said is not for sale.

In a special meeting that began 45 minutes late because of an online audio snag, water board directors heard from a few speakers before they went into closed session to decide whether to schedule a public meeting to vote on what’s called a resolution of necessity, which would authorize the water district to proceed with an acquisition of Cal Am’s water system.

‘Monopoly’

While water board chair Mary Adams said the board wouldn’t announce its decision to the public until the next meeting on Sept. 18, water district general manager Dave Stoldt said that if the board opts to hold the eminent domain hearing, it would be at a special meeting in October.

Tom Rowley with the Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association urged the water board against proceeding with eminent domain, saying the board should “reevaluate the wisdom of initiating the condemnation process.”

Rowley said that if the water district proceeds with eminent domain and loses the case in court, it will not only have “wasted money” paying its own legal bills and consulting fees, but would also be required to pay all of Cal Am’s litigation costs, which could amount to millions of dollars.

For years, opponents of Cal Am have argued that a government-controlled water system on the Peninsula would not only mean greater local control, without having to answer to Cal Am shareholders, but would also mean lower water bills each month.

The idea of reduced bills under a public water system was the selling point for a 2018 ballot measure that called for the district to acquire Cal Am if financially feasible. However, there’s been little talk since then from water professionals, even those who oppose Cal Am, that Peninsula customers would actually see their water bills decrease, at least significantly, with Cal Am out of the picture. Some believe water bills could actually increase under a government-operated system.

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POLICE: MAN MOLESTED GIRLS IN CHURCH

By KELLY NIX

A 26-YEAR-OLD man has been charged with molesting two girls inside the Pacific Grove church where he was employed, according to police and county prosecutors, who have alleged seven felony counts that could land him in prison for 20 years if he’s convicted.

On Aug. 31, Pacific Grove Police officers arrested Jason Alexander Cline, 26, at his Spreckels home on suspicion of molesting and annoying two young girls. On Wednesday afternoon, Cline pleaded not guilty to the charges in a Salinas courtroom and was ordered not to contact the girls.

“Pacific Grove Police Department was alerted to Mr. Cline’s concerning behavior by his place of worship,” PGPD Cmdr. Brian Anderson told The Pine Cone this week.

Anderson added that the “crimes being investigated occurred at the place of worship.”

An online resume indicates that since January Cline has been employed as a social media manager for the Monterey Peninsula Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

Pacific Grove Police was the arresting agency because Cline’s crimes were allegedly committed within the city. It is not clear what Cline’s relationship to the girls was, although Anderson said he was not a relative.

A seven-page Monterey County District Attorney’s Office Report was the arresting agency because Cline’s crimes were allegedly committed within the city.

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Woman arrested for drugs for sale

A 25-YEAR-OLD Monterey woman who already has three active felony cases against her was arrested last Thursday morning for possessing multiple drugs for sale, as well as other crimes, after Monterey Police officers and detectives conducted a probation search, according to Lt. Jake Pinkas.

Detectives located 70.22 grams of fentanyl, .79 grams of heroin, .37 grams of methamphetamine, and 10 unidentified pills believed to contain fentanyl,” he said. “The fentanyl was colored pink, green, blue and purple.”

Fentanyl has been linked to numerous unintentional overdose deaths, including among teenagers who thought they were taking other types of drugs.

Officers subsequently arrested resident Rachel Gilliam for two counts of possession of controlled substances for sale, identity theft, and committing a crime while out on bail, all felonies, as well as misdemeanor possession of paraphernalia.

Gilliam was booked into Monterey County Jail, and her bail was set at $50,000.

According to Monterey County Superior Court records, Gilliam repeatedly failed to appear in court in three other active felony cases filed against her last year in February, June and November. Bench warrants were issued in each of them.

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Radio host murdered wife, prosecutors say

By KELLY NIX

A FORMER Pacific Grove radio host has been identified as the killer of a 37-year-old Massachusetts woman, whose nearly decapitated and handless body was discovered in Cape Code nearly 50 years ago but who was only identified last year.

On July 26, 1974, a 12-year-old girl in Provincetown discovered the body of a woman who had severe head blunt force injuries, was almost decapitated and whose hands had been severed. For decades, the victim’s identity was unknown and she was referred to only as “Lady of the Dunes.”

It wasn’t until an examination of the remains in 2021 that officials determined that she was Ruth Marie Terry, according to an Aug. 28 article in the Cape Cod Times.

Local ties

Last week, a Massachusetts prosecutor announced that his office determined that Terry’s killer was her husband, Guy Rockwell Muldavin.

In the 1980s, Muldavin hosted a popular three-hour weekly radio show, “Talk to Me,” on KAZU radio in Pacific Grove. Muldavin — who died in 2002 — had been a suspect in his wife’s death at the time. The pair got married in 1973 or 1974, but Terry never saw her family again.”

According to the Cape Cod newspaper, Terry’s skull had been tested for DNA through the years but no matches were found. In 2021, however, a portion of her jaw was sent to a forensics lab for further testing. It was then that a match was found and a death certificate was issued.

After Muldavin and Terry married in the early 1970s, Massachusetts State Police discovered they had traveled to Tennessee to visit her family. Cape Cod District Attorney Robert Galibois said in a statement last week.

“When Mr. Muldavin returned from that trip, he was driving what was believed to be Ms. Terry’s vehicle and indicated to witnesses that Ms. Terry had passed away,” Galibois said in a statement. “Ms. Terry was never seen by her family again.”

In 1985, a reporter for The Californian newspaper featured Muldavin and his radio show. During the show, Muldavin draws on his experiences and conversations with other people to deal with topics such as cuts in Social Security, Alzheimer’s disease and feelings about old people having sex,” the article said.

Muldavin was also the prime suspect in the murder of a previous wife and step-daughter in Seattle in the 1960s, according to the Associated Press. Those murders have not been solved, however.

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While having a parking structure adjacent to the 49-room, historic Pine Inn has been functionally important, a large, open parking area with parked cars and exposed asphalt has really been an eyesore for this area of town,” architect Erik Dyar wrote in his letter to the council, which will consider the request and provide feedback at its Sept. 12 meeting. “The current condition provides a poor relationship to the adjacent First Murphy Park to the east, with tall retaining walls dropping to asphalt, does not provide a proper transition from the downtown core to the residential district, and certainly does not contribute to the design sensibilities of the town nor comply with the commercial design guidelines.”

Dyar described Gunner’s vision for the lot, the Pine Inn Cottage Suites and Garage, as having six new units and an employee apartment over a parking garage. The hotel would not gain any rooms and would not lose any parking.

“The only way”

“This property is directly adjacent to the very large Pine Inn structure and across the street from the Tally Ho Inn, both zoned commercial and up against the large Christian Science Church. It has never made sense to have this island of R-1 in the middle of this kind of density,” Dyar continued. He argued that a change in zoning “is the only way to solve a currently highly unsatisfactory situation for the city.”

“Having an empty, open asphalt parking structure in this wonderful part of downtown Carmel is not only underutilized and inappropriate, but really a waste of what could provide a much more vital and important contribution to the city,” he wrote.

Principal planner Marnie Waffle said in her report that Gunner is asking the council for early feedback on the proposal “because a general plan and local coastal plan amendment requires staff resources beyond what is typical for the construction of a new building, and because rezoning of this site involves complicated policy considerations.”

If the council isn’t interested in the concept, she wrote, “it would be better to know that now, before a considerable amount of staff time and resources, as well as expense by the applicant, are devoted to the project.”

Attorney Mark Blum also sent a letter.
Committee wants more stop signs
By MARY SCHLEY

People take the corners too hard when turning from Second onto Lincoln and when driving westbound on First by Stevenson Lower School, according to the traffic safety committee, which unanimously voted Aug. 23 to ask the city council to approve stop signs at those intersections.

Made up of acting Police Chief Jeff Watkins, planning director Brandon Swanson and public works director Bob Harary, the committee meets every few months to consider traffic-related issues and requests.

The intersection of First Avenue and Pescadero — which becomes Lincoln Street to the south — is made tricky by a large tree on the corner that obstructs the view of cross traffic for westbound drivers, committee members observed. And while the request from an unnamed person for a three-way stop there “might be overkill,” Watkins said, he could support making westbound traffic on First stop before turning northbound onto Pescadero or southbound onto Lincoln.

The only member of the public to comment on the request, resident Carl Iverson, supported the move since it’s near a school.

“You actually are going uphill at a pretty good slope at this point, and the corner from the westbound lane is banked pretty good,” Swanson observed, so it would be

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Old Coast Road suffers slip-out
By CHRIS COUNTS

A SECTION of the Old Coast Road in Big Sur will be closed to vehicles through the end of the year because a slip-out has caused “dangerous conditions” along the unpaved route, Monterey County Public Works reported.

According to the county, officials are “working on repair plans” for the road, which remains open for pedestrians, bicycles and horses.

The slide occurred about 3.5 miles south of Bixby Bridge and just north of Sierra Creek, a tributary of Bixby Creek that the road crosses.

“The soil in the area of the slip-out is not stable, and, adding to the danger, there is a redwood tree along the slope that is encroaching in the travel lane,” county official Randy Ishit’s office said.

Due to the conditions, there isn’t enough room for drivers to safely pass. There’s also a 12-foot drop next to the slip-out.

“From the edge of the tree to the edge of the erosion, there is approximately 8 feet and 10 inches of road remaining,” the county public works department said.

“This is very narrow for any vehicle, car or truck. This reduced width could potentially be a concern for a motorist unfamiliar with the area.”

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PGUSD offering teachers ‘cultural proficiency’ training

**By KELLY NIX**

The PACIFIC Grove Unified School District board was scheduled to hear a presentation Thursday night about the district’s new “cultural proficiency” plan.

The district invited members of the city’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Force to attend the board meeting to listen in on the topic, which the school district says teachers and staff will focus on for the remainder of this year and throughout 2024.

Achieving cultural proficiency, according to a presentation by PGUSD curriculum director Buck Roggeman on the district’s website, means giving people within an organization the ability to “view cultural differences as assets, effectively respond to issues that arise in diverse environments” and “foster policies and practices that afford value to all.”

“The more variety, the more differences that people bring to our district, the better we are all going to be for it,” Roggeman said.

Included in the ongoing cultural proficiency training for PGUSD staff, he said, are “instructional materials that represent diverse perspectives” and “culturally proficient instructional strategies and grading practices.”

The school district will also use curriculum that reflects the “diverse cultures of PGUSD students,” will “inform families about the equity actions taken to support students,” and “seek feedback in how best to meet the needs of our students,” Roggeman said.

The district invited the DEI Task Force to attend the board meeting to listen in on the topic, which the school district says teachers and staff will focus on for the remainder of this year and throughout 2024.

“Silence”

PGUSD’s invitation to members of the DEI Task Force this week comes after the task force’s vice chair, Nadja Mark, was accused of comparing a seemingly non-controversial online comment by a citizen and member of the city’s economic development commission to the work of Nazi propaganda chief Joseph Goebbels.

That comment and other remarks Mark made on social media violated the city’s code of conduct, which prohibits members of city commissions and committees from making negative comments, including on social media, that could offend members of the public, and compels them to “show tolerance and respect other party’s opinions.” However, the code lacks an enforcement mechanism to punish those who violate it.

Mark, task force chair Kim Bui, and city council member Chaps Poduri — the council representative for the group — have refused to comment on Mark’s social media posts.

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Hotel says no sewage reached river

By CHRIS COUNTS

TWO RECENT sewage backups at Carmel Valley Ranch have led to Monterey County health warnings over concerns that some sewage reached Carmel River. But the resort insisted there’s no proof that any sewage spilled into the waterway.

“According to Cal Am, there is no evidence that any sewage from these backups reached the river,” Carmel Valley Ranch general manager Ulrich Samietz said. “A total of approximately 1,200 gallons of fluid—in not 1,200 tons, as was reported—reached storm drains as a result of the backups. The exact cause of these backups is undetermined, and Carmel Valley Ranch is not the only Cal Am customer using these pipes.”

Samietz said the hotel is “working closely with Cal Am on this situation.” The water company also manages some local sewer systems.

Open space group buys 48 C.V. acres

By CHRIS COUNTS

FORTY-EIGHT acres of land that loom over Robles del Rio and Carmel Valley Village were recently purchased by a land conservation group, the Ranch of Condor.

The acreage borders Garland Ranch Regional Park and the former estate of late television show host Merv Griffin.

It’s also adjacent to a residential neighborhood.

According to Don Gruber of the Ranch of the Condor, a gift from an anonymous donor paid for the property, which sold for $630,000. The seller was Molo Land Inc.

Gruber said at least some development was possible on the parcel before the sale, but now it will “serve as a buffer between the park and homes in Robles del Rio,” and will be designated as open space. Much of the property is steep and wooded, although potential building sites exist.

“It is buildable land,” he said. “We will go through the process of putting an easement on it to prevent it from being developed. There are no plans to open the property to the public.”

Keeping a close eye

To address security concerns that some might have, such as illegal campers, Gruber said the property will be monitored with remote cameras, which his group does at other properties that it owns.

The group is dedicated to acquiring land that is “mostly undeveloped, is open space, and is adjacent to or near existing large tracts of open space or wilderness” between Canada and Mexico—specifically within the range of the California condor.
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Marina City Councilwoman Cristina Medina told The Carmel Pine Cone this week that in fall 2022, she started noticing a more “transient population” in Marina, including more people with shopping carts in tow where they shouldn’t be, and an accumulation of abandoned bicycles, carts and trash. She realized much of the activity was near the Country Inn & Suites, a hotel just off Highway 1. That prompted Medina to dig deeper.

“I asked a female security guard there why there was so much security,” Medina said. “She said, ‘Are you going to stay here?’ and I said, ‘What’s going on?’ The guard told me that there was trouble at the hotel, including a lot of drug use and people up at all hours.”

Not long afterward, Medina found out that, as part of Project Roomkey, homeless residents from Salinas and other cities were being put up in the hotel. (Medina said she only found out about the earlier version of the program to house people with Covid in Marina after hearing it through the grapevine.)

Medina said that neither the City of Salinas, Monterey County nor Marina City Hall staff informed the Marina City Council of any of the homeless programs, including the most recent one.

“Marina is for housing people in need,” Medina said, adding that the city has done a lot through the years to get people into homes. “But to do it without telling us is a problem. I think there should have been better communication. It’s all been hush-hush. We should have worked together.

Years of housing homeless in the coastal city, Medina said, have caused it to lose out on hotel taxes, which she estimated at $150,000. Those costs are on top of expenses related to the Marina Police Department’s enforcement efforts at the hotel and code compliance. Medina believes Marina should be reimbursed for the costs.

“I would like to see some cost recovery,” the councilwoman said.

Like Medina, Marina City Councilman Brian McCarthy, who was elected last fall, believes that Marina should be compensated for costs associated with the homeless housing scheme. McCarthy estimates that the loss of hotel tax could be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

He also backed Medina’s claim that nobody informed Marina elected officials about the programs, and that he only found out about the most recent one by talking to homeless people and staff at Country Inn & Suites, which is privately owned.

“I think the key here is that transparency and coordination are critical toward finding solutions,” McCarthy said.

Obligation

However, Salinas Mayor Kimble Craig maintains that Salinas staff did inform their counterparts at Marina City Hall about the housing plans, and that 4th District Monterey County Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, who represents Marina, was also aware of the arrangements.

“Supervisor Askew has invited the Marina city manager to attend meetings about housing the homeless in Marina,” Craig said. “Additionally, Salinas city staff and council had conversations with one or two council members from Marina.”

Medina said the city council was told about the program only after she and McCarthy found out about it.

“Salinas was the operator of Project Roomkey at Country Inn for a short period of time, approximately 18 months — from October 2021 to April 2023,” Craig told The Pine Cone.

Craig wouldn’t answer directly if she thought Marina should be reimbursed for its costs but suggested that Marina has an obligation to absorb them.

“Respectfully, that’s the role of a city — to address the services of businesses, residents, and even the unhoused folks,” Craig said.

The mayor also said that Salinas at times has “absolutely housed Marina residents” in its 128-bed SHARE center, which offers meals and housing for homeless people, including families.

“It’s not an us-versus-them issue,” Craig said. “A lot of residents have housing insecurity and move to multiple jurisdictions.”

The Salinas mayor, who urged other cities in Monterey County to “join the rest of us in the broader, regional discussion of homelessness,” said Salinas isn’t “dumping” anybody in Marina.

“We are taking the lead in implementing the ‘housing first’ approach for the region, regardless of wherever they may live,” she said. “If you put a roof over someone’s head, they are far more likely to accept the social services — drug rehabilitation, mental health services, etc. — that they may need to transition out of homelessness.”

Craig refused to say whether she would take issue if a larger city, such as San Jose, decided to house some of its homeless people in Salinas without informing city officials.

Asked whether Monterey County would consider reimbursing Marina for some of its costs, and if it believed it had been transparent with Marina about the homeless, spokeswoman Maia Carroll said that “county staff have...”

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Record-breaking speeds predicted for IndyCar races at Laguna

By MARY SCHLEY

SPANISH DRIVER Alex Palou may have clinched the national championship title in the country’s top racing series at last weekend’s race in Portland — something that hasn’t happened in highly competitive IndyCar racing since 2007 — but that doesn’t mean the competition during the Firestone Grand Prix of Monterey at Laguna Seca Sept. 8-10 won’t be highly entertaining.

With a brand new racing surface just broken in by motorcycle racers in July and vintage car drivers last month, many are predicting longstanding lap records will fall. IndyCars are capable of exceeding 200 mph but don’t get many opportunities to do so on Laguna’s twisting, old-school layout, which offers challenges at every one of its 11 corners.

Palou, 26, sat with journalists and IndyCar officials during a small lunch at the Lodge at Pebble Beach Wednesday afternoon and shared his thoughts on his career and on Laguna, known formally as WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca.

A little drama

Palou, who hails from Barcelona and is the only Spaniard to have won an IndyCar championship, made headlines for off-track reasons last year when he ended up in a legal battle with his boss, Chip Ganassi. He had been courted by McLaren for an IndyCar or Formula 1 ride and announced he would change teams before the 2023 season, but Ganassi sued, arguing Palou’s contract obligated him to drive for his team.

Now, the two have settled their score, with Palou committed to continue driving Ganassi’s Honda.

At the lunch, Palou said mending those fences was easier than he thought it would be, and also said he has no interest in going to F1.

“I don’t think you get a lot of opportunities over there, and I still keep saying I wouldn’t trade my seat here for anything there,” he said.

Palou didn’t want to comment much about the conflict, because doing so wouldn’t benefit him in any way.

At Laguna this weekend, while he doesn’t have to compete for a championship that last year had five contenders at

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“Government over-regulation, particularly an over-ex-er tion of local control, got us into the housing crisis,” she said. “More over-regulation is not going to get us out of it.”

Landlord Kathy Anderson worried about her tenants knowing each other’s rents. “If I want to rent my place to my niece for cheap, it’s none of your business,” she said.

And a woman who gave her name as Nancy said she and her husband both work full-time, buying and fixing up the rentals they now own outright and still maintain. “We treat our properties with pride, we treat our tenants with respect, and we keep our rents increases to a minimum,” she said. “Most of our tenants are long-term, and some have been able to save enough to become home-owners themselves. The council needs to hear our voice and others like it. We’ve voiced concerns, but it’s all been for nothing.”

She said they would sell their rentals, which would likely displace their tenants or at the very least drive their rents up, if the city adopts the law.

Kevin Dayton from the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce said owners and tenants aren’t necessarily opposed to a rental registry, just discussing what information like rents, since similar registries “have been used to jus- tify some kind of rent stabilization.”

“This is opening up a can of worms,” he said. “I think you need to bring this back in a much more benign form.”

Several speakers, like county resident Richard Barnard, said the city should focus on increasing housing stock rather than spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on a registry.

“I believe this rental registry idea will fail to provide one more rental unit or lower the costs of rentals,” he said. “It demonstrates a lack of understanding of what economic policy should be.”

He said he would neither rent nor pur- chase a home in a city with such an inventory.

“Help renters”

“The enormous money being considered for a rental registry could instead help tenants struggling with ini- tial deposits or with rent during emergencies,” suggested Nancy Soulé.

Former state real estate commissioner Jeff Davi, a third-generation Monterey Peninsula resident, said the city should focus on providing rental assistance, supporting water projects that would allow for new construction and taking other measures to improve the housing situation.

“This is not going to solve the problem,” he said. “It’s not even a step in the right direction, it’s a step in the wrong direction.”

“I’m trying to figure out who this is going to help,” commented real estate agent and property owner Becky Jones. “Investors will sell their rentals. Fees will be passed to tenants. There will be less available housing. There will be fewer ADUs.”

Despite the council’s and staff’s protestations, many speakers said they thought the registry would lead to rent control, including Jan Leasure, managing broker of Mon- terey Bay Property Management.

“In the past eight months, I have sold four of my per- sonal properties in 93940,” she added. “All were tenant occupied, and now none of them are, and that’s what’s going to happen if you make it hard to be a landlord.”

No surprises

Council members made their positions clear during the nearly two-hour discussion that followed public comment. Councilman Alan Haffa said the registry won’t be used to implement rent control but that he’s open to the idea, and he questioned why rents should be kept confidential.

“Businesses don’t keep their prices secret,” he said. “Information is power. You landlords know what your prices are, but the tenants don’t. A rental registry will equalize that power differential. Now people will know,”

Councilman Gino Garcia said the registry could help the city ensure a better quality of life for renters, and he doubted it would motivate landlords to sell.

“I respect property rights, but those are not the only rights,” Mayor Tyler Williamson said, adding that the registry would help combat landlords and property man- agement companies that take undue advantage of their tenants. “I think housing is a human right.”

Councilwoman Kim Barber said the registry would pro- vide valuable information. “I have no idea how many rent- als we have, and how many we need,” she said.

Smith again questioned the need for the ordinance and what would be done with the data it collects.

Ultimately, the council left the language in the law mostly unchanged, except for deciding that landlords should not be allowed to pass 100 percent of the regis- tration fees on to tenants, and exempting the owners of ADUs, commonly known as granny units, and owner-oc- cupied rentals from having to pay the fees at all. A fee exemptation was already included for low-income housing and mobile homes. The council also decided the penalties for failing to register should only be civil fines, not crim- inal penalties. The motion passed 4-1.
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P.G. school hosts free wellness event

PACIFIC GROVE Middle School is hosting a wellness fair Saturday, and families are invited to attend.
On Sept. 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the school at 835 Forest Ave. will hold the free event, which will have information and resource tables related to health and wellness geared toward children and their families, according to organizers.
The event is “ideal for families wanting to learn about local wellness and mental health resources,” according to the flyer for the event. “We’ve invited a lot of community resources and hope that our families show and take advantage.” P.G. Middle principal Sean Roach told The Pine Cone.
Participants at the wellness fair include the Pacific Grove Library, Pacific Grove Police Department, Monterey County Behavioral Health, Monterey County Rape Crisis Center and Ohana.

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LETTERS

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Rental ignorance

Dear Editor,

There are at least three problems with the proposed city of Monterey rental registry. ■ It will not produce one more rental unit, nor will it lower the cost of renting a home in the City of Monterey. Quite the opposite. It doesn't take a graduate degree in economics to understand the concept of supply and demand. With onerous government regulation, investors will simply take their money elsewhere. A rental registry will decrease the availability of rental units on the market and increase rents. ■ The City of Monterey has failed to keep up with demand. The demand is great, in part, because of the increase in student population. Students at higher education institutions occupy more inventory every year. Monterey failed to add new units. During the fifth housing element cycle, the city allocated 650 units in eight years, with only 139 units approved. Of those, only 29 got permits and of those, 21 were ADUs. ■ There is no lockbox on the taxes to be imposed by this ordinance. On the face of it, it appears to be a “money grab.” The actual estimate to run such a scheme will be more like $700,000 a year. Where will the money go? Who really knows? When it comes to government, money is fungible.

As one Monterey City Council member said publicly on April 18, “I am not an economist. I don’t really understand this.” Passing a rental registry ordinance confirms his ignorance.

Rosemarie Barnard, Prunedale

Highway neglect

Dear Editor,

I read with great interest the story about the $2 million being spent to redo a section of Highway 68 to Pacific Grove after Caltrans spent $5 million of the taxpayers' money in 2022 to repave the same general area. Meanwhile, Highway 1 between Ocean Avenue and Carpenter Street was repaved in 2020 making the east shoulder much less safe for bicyclists. I have been riding this road for close to 50 years. There are three pinch points that force bicyclists to ride in the car lane. Of course, this makes things unsafe for cars as well.

Despite many efforts over the past few years to get the attention of Caltrans to fix this dangerous section of roadway, nothing has happened. Bicyclists reduce vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions, one of Caltrans climate action strategies.

Caltrans' 2020-2024 strategic plan says it is “a declaration of our vision and mission, core values, and our goals to deliver a world-class transportation system for one of the nation’s most populous, innovative, and diverse states.” Their mission is to “provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment.”

So, I wonder how much longer it will take to fix this section of Highway 1. Will it take a bicyclist being killed? Or maybe they are waiting until 2024 has come and gone so they don’t have to adhere to their 2020-2024 strategic plan? I hope not.

Paola Berthoin, Carmel Valley

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by the city, are removing problem trees, invasive species and other unwanted vege-
tation. A strong core of volunteers also un-
dertakes such work in Mission Trail park.
“[T]his is front and center. We’re making
good progress,” Rerig said. “Do we ever have enough money for this issue? I would argue that sometimes yes and sometimes no, depending on the weather and what’s happening in the area.”

City officials are also pursuing options for undergrounding utilities, at the behest of the council, though Rerig said PG&E has a 10-year backlog on such projects.

Plan in the works

A community wildfire protection plan being developed in collaboration with the cities of Pacific Grove and Monterey is behind schedule, Monterey Fire Chief Gandenz Panholzer said, but the city coun-
cil should see it sometime in the next cou-
ples of months.

Councilwoman Karen Fertlino said, in light of the fires on Maui, in Canada and elsewhere, “we cannot underestimate the importance of fire fuel abatement in our community,” and while the city is charged with keeping public land in shape, resi-
dents must take responsibility for ensuring their own properties are free of dead trees and other flammable vegetation.

“The city has an obligation to remove all dead trees from public property,” she said, adding that she’s been asking the fire depart-
ment to cut down five dead and dangerous trees in the Lester Rowntree Native Plant Garden in Mission Trail park, to no avail so far.

“We have to do a better job and set a better example as a city,” Fertlino contin-
ued. “Maybe if we set an example, the pri-

tate property owners will follow suit.”

She also said the numerous stump “totem poles” holding utility lines should be cut down and replaced with poles actually intended for that purpose.

According to Rerig’s Aug. 30 update, more than 350 dead, dying and fallen trees have been removed since Jan. 1, and crews are continuing to work through the backlog.

Forest Hill troubles

Similar wildfire risks exist in Forest Hill Park, where numerous fallen trees have dried out, along with the grasses around them, creating a tinder box in the middle of a residential area and worrying those who live nearby. Rerig said that fuel reduction plans are scheduled for Forest Hill early next year.

Melanie Billig blamed the wildfire risk on “a lag in maintaining the forest in the last 50 years.” She recommended mak-
ing sure residents, especially those who have arrived recently, are aware of their responsibilities.

“They are oblivious to many of the things that go on in this town,” she said. “It seems like there’s never enough public education.”

Billig also suggested the city bor-
row money by floating a bond to pay for undergrounding.

Former U.S. Rep. Sam Farr said keep-
ing trees and vegetation healthy and green will protect against wildfires. “You just don’t want the flames to get up to the trees, so ground-level maintenance is the best thing to do,” he added.

Fire hazards make insuring homes expensive and difficult, resident Kevan Urquhart pointed out.

“Companies are pulling out, rates are going up and deductibles are going up,” he said, noting that he knows homeowner-
ers who are paying between $5,000 and $25,000 for state-provided insurance because they couldn’t get another carrier to write policies for them.

Resident Karyl Hall also supported undergrounding and the removal of dead trees but said she didn’t “want to see hyste-
ria over things.”

“We have to live with some risk,” she said.

A Carmel Residents Association inter-
nal survey on various city issues indicated “those who chose to participate had a lot of energy on trees,” said CRA board member Nancy Twoomey.

Unsurprisingly, just 16.7 percent of the CRA respondents agreed with the state-
ment that “village trees, public and pri-
vate, demand too much maintenance, and they limit sunshine and views,” while 88.6 percent agreed that “our village trees are an important investment demanding care to assure their health, replenishment and safety are addressed,” and 75.8 percent said property owners, especially new ones, should be given guidance on the “signifi-
cance, care and considerations” for their trees.

Carmel Cares founder and resident Dale Byrne noted that a tree survey being con-
ducted by Davey Resources Group will only catalog public trees, not private ones.

“There are a lot of problems with trees in town, and I’m not sure we’re fully com-
prehending how big this problem is,” he said. Byrne said the city should hire more forestry workers.

Working toward its goal of developing a forest master plan and updating related ordinances, the forest and beach commis-
sion has appointed a committee of com-
misssioners and residents, and will send out a community survey soon, according to Rerig.

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OCTOPUS
From page 1A

Science Advances. “Warmth from the springs plays a key role by raising meta-
bolistic rates, speeding embryonic develop-
ment, and presumably increasing repro-
ductive success.”

The site is located about 80 miles south-
west of the Monterey Peninsula at a depth of
about 10,500 feet. The females “nest in
creacks and crevices bathed by warm
water,” the study indicates. The water in
those cracks and crevices is about 50
degrees Fahrenheit, in contrast to nearby
water temperatures of about 40 degrees —
a difference that doesn’t sound like much
but can be crucial for the development of
cold-blooded species like the octopus.

‘Doc’ takes a deep dive
To get a closer look at the site, a
remotely operated vehicle owned by
MBARI, named the Doc Ricketts, made
14 visits. Although researchers were only
able to see an estimated 6,000 octopi, they
suspect that as many as 40,000 exist there.
Speciﬁcally, the octopi at the site belong to
the species, Muniaupotoc minutus. The
species is known as “the pearl octopus”
because nesting individuals “look like
opaline pearls on the seafloor,” the study
continued.

Researchers suggest that other such
sites probably exist. “Although localized
deep-sea heat sources may be essential to
octopuses and other warm-tolerant species,
most of these unique and often cryptic
habitats remain undiscovered and unex-
plored,” the study added.

An MBARI scientist who led the
research effort, Jim Barry, said the study of
the site has helped to unlock its mysteries
— and given researchers valuable informa-
tion that could have far-reaching impacts.

“Thanks to our advanced marine tech-
ology and our partnership with other
local researchers, we were able to observe
the Octopus Garden in tremendous detail,
which helped us discover why so many
depth-dependent octopuses gather there,” Barry
said. “These findings can help us under-
stand and protect other unique deep-sea
habitats from climate impacts and other
threats.”

It’s likely other such breeding sites exist
elsewhere beneath the waves. “We don’t
know how many exist, but we think it’s
many,” Barry reported.

The researcher told The Pine Cone that
the warmer water at the site allows octopuses
to hatch earlier and octopus embryos to
develop faster — giving them a com-
petitive edge for survival. “Ten degrees
decides a huge difference and gives them a
big advantage,” he said.

Barry said that the site is “by far the
biggest known breeding ground for octo-
opus on the planet” — and it needs to be
preserved.

There’s really cool story about how this
animal is trying to make a living in the
dark deep sea,” he added. “We have to
understand and protect these places.”

CHARGED
From page 5A

Criminal complaint filed Wednesday spells
out the allegations against Clione, including
seven lèse majesté acts against the two girls,
re-
ferred to as Jane Doe 1 and Jane Doe 2 in the
documents.

Clione “did willfully, unlawfully and
lawlessly commit a lèse majesté act upon
and with the body and certain parts and
members thereof of Doe No. 1, a child
under the age of 14 years, with the intent of
arousing, appealing to, and gratifying the
lust, passions and sexual desires of Clione
and the child,” the complaint ﬁled by Mon-
terey County Deputy District Attorney Cristinna Johnson, said.

Between Aug. 1, 2022, and May 31 of this
year, the complaint says Clione kissed
Doe 1 twice, touched her breasts and geni-
tals and put the girl’s hands on her genitals.

While he’s accused of performing general
general lèse and lèse majesté acts on Doe 2, the complaint
says.

Because the girls were under 14, more than one victim has been named, Clione
also faces an enhancement of alleged sex
Crimes with aggravating circumstances.
He also faces special allegations because
the victims were “particularly vulnerable,”
and because Clione was in a “position of
trust.”

Clione, the DA’s ofﬁce says, will have to
submit to an AIDS blood test, and if he’s
convinced, he’ll also have to turn in any
Firearm he owns. Online court records do
not identify Clione’s attorney.

While Clione had been in the Mon-
terey County Jail on $100,000 bail, as of
Wednesday he was no longer there,
according to the jail log, meaning he prob-
ably posted bail and was released.
He hasn’t been charged with any other
crimes in Monterey County, court records show.

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Luis Richard Calcagno passed away peacefully in his home overlooking the beautiful Elkhorn Slough on August 11th, 2023. His wife and childhood sweetheart of 67 years, Carol, was by his side and holding his hand as he left this world to be in Heaven with his parents, his brother John, and his sister Bella.

Luis, known as ‘Lou’ to most, was born on his ranch in Moss Landing in the upstairs of the family home on June 30, 1944, to his Genovese immigrant parents, Peter and Clara Calcagno. Lou’s father, Peter Calcagno, came to the USA on a boat from Italy in 1917 with his Uncle Nick Delfino. In 1926, his father and uncle purchased a farm in Moss Landing and began their vegetable farming business, which would eventually become Moon Glow Dairy. Lou always had a passion for animals. While attending Salinas High School, Lou was an active member of Future Farmers of America, showing dairy cattle at local fairs, a member of the livestock judging team and was president of the Salinas FFA Chapter. Carol Lanini, later to be Lou’s wife and an active member of the Hartnell 4-H Club and showed Southdown sheep at fairs. Together with their love for animals and each other, they developed an inseparable bond. After graduating from Salinas High School, Lou, along with his first cow, Rosemary, attended Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, where he majored in dairy manufacturing and worked in the Cal Poly Creamery. Lou was also president of the Cal Poly Dairy Club. While writing this obituary, Carol said that Lou still has Rosemary’s #28 neck chain number in his top desk drawer! While at Cal Poly, Lou missed Carol so much, that he came home and married her and then immediately brought her to the “Cow Palace Dairy Show” in San Francisco for their honeymoon because he had been chosen at Cal Poly to be in charge of the Dairy Department at the Cow Palace. Quite a honeymoon for two animal lovers! Upon leaving Cal Poly, Lou and Carol came home to Moss Landing with 15 cows in tow and started their dream dairy business and family.

As even a young man, Lou was passionate about politics and the conservation of farmland and water. He won first place in a National FFA Public Speaking Contest while at Salinas High School with his speech on “Conservation of Water in the Western States.” By the 1990s, Lou had become a national dairy industry leader and was president of the National Dairy Promotion Board. Lou’s success as a political figure in the dairy industry led to his appointment, by Governor Pete Wilson, to the California Coastal Commission. When Lou ran for Monterey County Supervisor in the late 1990s, he planned on only serving a single term, but he was passionate about so many key issues, he decided to run for re-election again, and in the end served four terms. Lou never pursued the position for financial gain. He truly loved the land and was passionate about protecting Monterey County for future generations.

During his political career, Lou was proud of the work he did bringing Castro Plaza and the Andy Ausonio Library to Castroville, the opening of Pajaro Park, his roles in the Monterey County Ag Land Trust, the Elkhorn Slough Foundation and AgKnowledge and FocusAg, where he and Carol and their family annually hosted busloads of future county leaders for an inspirational talk about the importance of agriculture and a tasty barbecue. He led the changes at Natividad Medical Center that narrowly avoided its closure; and, he was instrumental in the county’s acquisition of the Capital One facility in south Salinas that provided much needed space for the Elections Department, Records Storage and the Resource Management Agency while freeing space for the District Attorney, the Public Defender and other departments at the County Government Center. As a board member at TAMC, he led the charge for the Puncedale Improvement Project as well as the Salinas Road Interchange Project, which is considered one of the most beautiful highway projects in the state. As a board member of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, Lou also prided himself on his work on the Salinas Valley Water Project and the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project, which has kept thousands of acres of farmland in production in North County. When all is said and done Lou said that he wants to be remembered simply as someone who ‘cared for the community and the people who lived there and for agriculture and the agricultural heritage of the Salinas Valley.’

Lou is survived by his wife and childhood sweetheart of 67 years, Carol; his son, Louie and wife, Cathy; his beloved son, Patrick, and wildly in love with his wife, Cathy. He knew what matters most are the moments, days, and years of love we leave behind with those we care most about; those who knew Lou are fortunate to have had so many. Indeed, though death has ended the life of his body, it has not ended Lou’s love. Lou’s love will never cease. What we learned from David and are deeply grateful for is that light is more significant than darkness. Stillness and compassion are more vital than busyness and rushing. Listening and patience are the most potent actions. Kindness and care are more important than the accumulation of things, taking time to see and create beauty is essential every day. Family is everything. Nature is to be loved and cared for. Respect is an artful attitude to live by; being humble and gentle is our greatest strength. Deep and long lasting friendships nurture us, loyalty lasts a lifetime and beyond, and love will forever bond us.

Although David was accomplished in his field of work, we will remember his love and laughter most. His profoundly caring heart touched many through the years, and at one time or another, his sense of humor lifted all who knew him. One of David’s greatest gifts was helping others discover theirs. He knew we all have something to give in this life, and he showed genuine interest, respect, and care when he engaged with you.

David was an adventurer, healer, poet, philosopher, brother. He was above all a loyal, compassionate and all-time-available friend. Every bit the wise elder, romantic, wryly humoristic. With his hands, heart, keen intellect and swift spirit, he always seemed to leave something beautiful as he walked through life.

David had a love for life and family held in each breath. He was a devoted husband and father. He was incredibly proud of his beloved son, Patrick, and wildly in love with his wife, Cathy. He knew what matters most are the moments, days, and years of love we leave behind with those we care most about; those who knew David are fortunate to have had so many. Indeed, though death has ended the life of his body, it has not ended David’s love. David’s love will never cease.

Donations may be made to the Lou Calcagno Memorial Scholarship Fund at Agri-Culture, 141 Monte Vista Avenue, Watsonville, CA 95076 (Make checks payable to Agri-Culture), or to Palma School, in memory of Lou Calcagno, 919 Iverson Street, Salinas, CA 93901. (Makes checks payable to Palma School).

Online condolences to www.struveandlaporte.com
MARY C. PIOTROWSKI (OSTRANDER)

Mary C. Piotrowski (Ostrander), affectionately known as Connie, entered this world on Jan. 6, 1942, in the quiet town of Chattaroy, West Virginia. Born to Italian immigrants, she carried their rich heritage and warmth throughout her life. Connie’s legacy is one of love, laughter and cherished memories.

On Feb. 4, 1960, Connie embarked on a new chapter of her life as she married David Lambert Ostrander. They found their way to Martinez, California, where they discovered the beauty of the Golden State, its beaches, and its culture. Their love story began in their shared love for the arts and their passion for life. They were the co-founders of the Baroque Choral Guild, establishing a vibrant community that thrived on music and the arts. Connie also worked as a technician and technical crew member in local theaters, sharing her love for the performing arts with others.

Throughout her adult life, Connie was deeply involved in the Monterey Peninsula community. She was a member of the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, the Monterey Peninsula Women’s Club, and the Monterey Peninsula Council of Nonprofits. She volunteered for various local organizations, including the Monterey Peninsula Symphony, the Monterey Film Commission, and the Monterey County Historical Society.

Connie was a community leader and an active member of the Monterey Peninsula. She was a pillar of support for her family, friends, and the community. She was adored for her warm personality, her infectious laughter, and her unwavering support for those in need.

Her life’s journey was punctuated by roles that spoke volumes about her character. To her family and friends, she was Connie – a woman whose presence lit up every room. Her love and guidance were unconditional, and she was known for her wisdom, her kindness, and her unwavering support.

Connie passed away on Oct. 14, 2023, leaving behind a legacy of love and devotion. Her family and friends will永远 remember her as a beacon of light, a source of strength, and a guide for all those who loved her. Her memory will live on through her family and the community she loved so deeply.

Bettye Jean Sollecito

Bettye Sollecito, 93, passed away on August 28, 2023, in her Monterey home surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Clayton, Missouri, on November 20, 1929, to Othel and Charlotte Smith in Springfield, MO. She lived in Missouri until she was 22 years old, where she enjoyed such activities as demolition car racing and attending a screen test for Paramount Pictures. Paramount Pictures offered to fly her to Hollywood, however, her mother did not want her involved in the unsavory “Hollywood lifestyle.”

In 1951, Bettye relocated to Monterey, CA with her mother. In 1952, she met the love of her life, Joe, at Blue Ox. Bettye married Joe in Monterey. Following a dinner to which Joe invited himself to dine with her, Bettye’s car wouldn’t start and he offered her a ride home. A whirlwind romance led to an elopement to Lake Tahoe. Once there, she decided to wait to get married and asked to go home. A fortuitous snowstorm closed the highways back to Monterey and, knowing the雪花 that would ensue if she spent the night with Joe without being married, she tied the knot (later renewing their vows at San Carlos Cathedral). She was happily married to Joe for 53 years, until his passing in 2006.

Bettye spent 25 years as the office manager for Walter Colton Junior High School in Monterey, was very involved in the Italian Catholic Federation, Festa Italia, San Carlos Church, CHOMP volunteer, Monterey Bay Aquarium supporter, and many other local organizations. She acted at the First Theater of Monterey, and was an avid garage sale customer. In 1960, she and several other women started the “swinging club.” They never sewed a stitch. It was simply a way for the ladies to get out of the house, have coffee, cake and gossip together. Laid back and comfortable. The theme of the house was red and white, with a touch of green and blue, designed by Bettye. It was a favorite for her friends and family. She was a beloved Aunt Connie, a beacon of love and guidance. Her daughters and their children were the fortunate recipients of her love.

Connie’s laughter was a force to be reckoned with – a sound that lifted spirits and echoed through the hearts of all who knew her. Her quick wit and respect for tradition stood as a testament to her enduring values. She was a role model for many, and her legacy will live on through her family and the community she loved so deeply.

Bettye died peacefully at her home on August 28, 2023, with her family by her side. She is survived by her daughter, Kathy Terman, her sister-in-law, Steve Kreek, and her nieces, Mary Terman and Susan Terman. A Celebration of Life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 at St. James Episcopal Church, 381 High St., Monterey.

“in lieu of flowers attend a live performance and applaud.”
In keeping with past practice relating to decisions of junior boards and commissions, staff supports the decision of the historic resources board and recommends the council uphold the decision," Kort said.

He listed the conclusions drawn by the historic consultant that moving the small section of wall would comply with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and said staff concurs with them all.

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Noreen Dickerhoof was born in Schenectady, New York to Norval & Diana Castner on June 27, 1944. Her sister, Joyce, was born three years later. Noreen’s mom was a music teacher at a junior high school, high school, and was the organist at their Lutheran church for over 30 years. Noreen got her love of singing and piano from her mother. At age 10, Diana moved her girls back to her hometown of Trinidad, Colorado. They moved into the house that Noreen’s grandfather built in 1909 and this is where she resided with her mom, sister and grandparents until she left for the Manhattan School of Music.

When in New York City studying voice, Gene Dickerhoof came to visit Noreen on his way to report to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Fort Belvoir, Virginia. The two had known each other in Trinidad from high school and the Methodist church. After dating for a year, and before Gene left for Vietnam, he proposed to Noreen in February of 1967. They were married on August 2, 1968 in Trinidad and immediately left for a three-month honeymoon. During their honeymoon they purchased a Triumph TR 250 at the Triumph Factory in England and traveled around 13 countries. That was the beginning of a lifetime of travel for them.

They returned to New York City with only $50 in their pockets and immediately found jobs to support themselves. Noreen began rehearsing for a month-long singing tour and Gene went to La Crosse, Wisconsin, for a six-month course with the Trane Company. Noreen loved her singing life and one of her favorite stories to tell was about performing in front of President Johnson at the Radio City Music Hall. She often talked about how nice she was when she moved to the big city from a small town and her fellow singing troop members taught her a lot on tour! She soon gave up her professional singing career to focus on having a family.

In July of 1969, Noreen and Gene drove to San Francisco to begin work with Trane. On July 1, 1970, they moved into an English Tudor house they had purchased in Oakland. Darren was born early the following morning. Gene began fixing up the house and added a large apartment on the lower level. He found that he loved construction and this is when he decided to become a builder and got his contractor’s license.

Matthew arrived on August 4, 1972. During the boy’s younger years, Noreen worked small jobs until Gene’s building would become their life. She was dedicated to herself to being a homemaker and managing the finances of Gene’s construction. Noreen loved running numbers for the business.

Gene was fascinated with the town of Carmel-by-the-Sea, and in December 1977 they purchased a home in need of remodeling on a double lot just five blocks from the ocean. Kimberly joined the family on January 30, 1979. Each year Gene would purchase a home to remodel, or build a new home, and every summer the family would take time off to travel around the United States or Europe.

Gene and Noreen were active in the Church of the Wayfarer in Carmel and would walk to church every Sunday as a family. Often Kim would offer to take her red Radio Flyer wagon to church and the members were delighted to have a young family in congregation. Noreen taught the children’s bell choir, was a member of the choir, a soloist, and often performed in church musicals. She was known for her beautiful voice. Gene and Noreen hired a ten of eight Cub Scouts, and Gene was the Pack Master for three years. They loved attending school and athletic events in which the kids were involved.

The entire family grew up on jobsites and it wasn’t long before it truly became a family business. When Noreen’s eldest son, Darren, moved to Oregon to attend Oregon State University, Gene and Darren started investing together. As the business started to grow, Noreen and Gene decided to relocate to Corvallis. Matthew also joined the business after attending OSU.

Noreen was a dedicated mother who loved baking and cooking for her kids and all of their friends. She was so proud of her family and their accomplishments, and would share all of their families’ stories with anyone she met. Her passion was sewing and quilting in her later years.

After 43 years of marriage Gene unexpectedly passed in 2012 and for the past 11 years of her life, Noreen deeply missed him. The family finds comfort in knowing that they are now joined again.

Noreen is survived by her sister, Joyce Stack of Highland Village, Texas; her three children, Darren Dickerhoof, Matthew Dickerhoof and Damon; Darren’s wife, Kristen, have two sons Maxwell (20) and Maguire (17) and reside in Corvallis, Oregon. Max is in his sophomore year as a business major at Boise State and Maguire is entering his senior year at Creighton Valley High School. Matthew resides in Bend, Oregon. Kim and her husband, Shawn, have a daughter, Tatum (22), who joined the Dickerhoof family when she was 6 and they reside in Portland, Oregon. Tatum is in her final year of nursing school at Southern Oregon University.

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Brave new world

Up on Guadalupe Street, a land use dispute is playing out that would have been unheard of just two years ago.

The first half of the dispute is a familiar one. David and Susan Brown want to demolish a 1,700-square-foot, single-story house on their double lot and replace it with one that’s 2,700 square feet and two stories. Everything they’re proposing conforms to zoning, but some of their neighbors still don’t like what they’re up to, so they asked the planning commission to require a redesign to make the new house smaller. And then — as predictable as a cheap soap opera — the planning commission put off a decision …

The next few chapters haven’t been written yet, but you know how they’ll probably come out. Stories exactly like this one have been reported in the Pine Cone at least 100 times in recent years, thanks to the thicket of state laws and the whimsical nature of the local planning process that have combined to make it extremely difficult not only to get approval for all but the most humble development plans, but even to find out what you might be allowed to do.

The whole thing has been so fraught with uncertainty, the best thing to be said about what locals call “permit hell” was at least helped drive up the everybody’s property values — including for people who were finally able to get permits and build.

In the Brown’s case, the wrinkle is that before they started trying to build a bigger house, they got instant approval for a standalone granny unit on their property without the neighbors even having a chance to know about it — much less object. The same thing has happened on many other properties around town, as the state tries to force Carmel, along with every other city, to approve new housing.

But the state’s new no-holds-barred approach is going on even as non-granny-unit development is still subject to the laws that caused the housing shortage in the first place.

The result is permit schizophrenia, where one type of development — granny units — suddenly has no rules at all, whereas the traditional, single-family-type housing that was previously the preferred use in many neighborhoods is still extremely difficult to achieve.

Our advice is the same as it has been for years. If you’re concerned about development in your neighborhood, take some time to familiarize yourself with the zoning on all the properties you care about, and assume they’ll all be developed to the maximum the law allows. If that’s too much for you, go down to city hall and ask the nice folks at the planning department for advice about what can be done to forestall or lessen development on the properties that are important to you. Maybe a zoning change will be in order, or maybe you should start talking to your neighbors about any development they might have in mind. Or maybe you and other concerned citizens should buy a property or two and limit their future uses with a deed restriction. You define aren’t helpless, but you must not wait until somebody applies for a permit and then start trying to get in their way. Not only is that unfair to them, it raises the possibility that, no matter how hard you make the permit process for somebody, in the end they will win.

On top of all that, there’s suddenly another major factor to consider. Not only might every property you care about be developed to the maximum allowed by zoning, it also might be developed to the maximum allowed by zoning plus whatever crazy “housing at all costs” programs the State of California comes up with next. First, it was Granny units, then lot splits and multi-family development. Whatever it is, if you care, you’d better stay informed and get involved.

Dear Editor,

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What about short-term rentals?

Dear Editor,

The Pine Cone’s story last week, “Hotel stays, taxes take sharp drop,” documents a reduction in transient occupancy taxes received by Carmel hotels, bed & breakfasts and inns.

Based on this data, Carmel administers Chip Reneg states, “We may not be moving into a recession, but fewer people are coming here.”

I am curious to know if the TOT data alone is sufficient to lead to that conclusion? Is there any measurement of the increased number of tourists who are staying in short-term rentals in unincorporated Carmel?

Multiple residential homes have been converted to short-term rentals in recent years and I suspect some of those visitors are spending time in Carmel shops and restaurants but their presence is not reflected in Carmel’s TOT data.

Good data on short-term rentals seems hard to come by, as some owners are not securing permits or paying TOT.

I appreciate The Pine Cone’s coverage and would like to see data that might provide a more complete picture of where visitors are staying.

Bill Monning, Carmel

‘Stabilization’ is control

Dear Editor,

The Monterey city council is walking its citizens into a horrific mess. When I attended the May 10 meeting in which we discussed its proposed compulsory rent registry, I talked briefly to Mayor Tyler Williamson. I told him that economists are almost unanimous in their view that rent controls causes shortages of housing, cause landlords to cut down on maintenance, and discourage new construction.

He replied that he doesn’t advocate rent control but, instead, favors what he called ‘rent stabilization.’ It’s a distinction without a difference. Rent stabilization is simply a form of rent control because it’s a government limit on rents.

The compulsory rent registry that the Monterey City Council voted for will be the first step to rent control. I don’t know if the mayor will regret it, but a lot of people in Monterey will.

David R. Henderson, Research Fellow, Hoover Institution

Letters to the Editor
Not quite the U.N.-by-the-sea

History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

founder of Pebble Beach, he did so much more. What is often forgotten is his motto, "Be the man of unlimited vision — he thought big. while he is most remembered today as the

World-class polo

Early in his role here, Morse developed the San Clemente Dam to improve the water supply for the future needs of the Peninsula. His employer, Pacific Improvement Co., had built the original dam on the river and created the water system, which was part of what Morse acquired when he bought the nearly 20,000-acre "Del Monte Unit" from his employer and formed Del Monte Properties Co. in 1919.

In addition to raising the exposure of golf on the Peninsula, Morse brought a world-class polo, and with it found a need to support a community hospital to fix broken bones. In the 1920s, Morse drove the effort to create the hospital on Hartnell Street, and later, what is now Community Hospital on land Morse carved out of Del Monte Forest in the 1960s.

He provided the land for Holman Highway to give the community a faster route between Pacific Grove and Carmel, and also made property available for the Monterey airport.

However, not all of Morse’s visions for the Peninsula were realized. In the 1930s, he pushed to bring the California capital back to Monterey. When you hear the land east of Highway One near Aptos jito referred to as the Old Capitol Site, that is not because Monterey was the early Spanish capital of Alta California. It got that designation because it was Del Monte Properties Co.’s land proposed as the site for the California Capitol building. There are many who believe that if it weren’t for World War II, Morse would have been successful.

Which brings us to World War II and the United Nations, which was brought into existence on Jan. 1, 1942, with 26 nations signing a pact acknowledging “that complete victory over their enemies is essential to defend life, liberty, independence and religious freedom and to preserve human rights and justice in their own lands as well as in other lands, and that they are now engaging in a common struggle against savage and brutal forces seeking to subjugate the world” — a dream of peace through a commitment to war.

Planning for peace

Three years later, in January 1945, with victory over Germany nearly assured, President Franklin Roosevelt’s top priority became a re-imagined United Nations organization to assure a lasting post-war peace. In February, representatives of the Big Three Nations — the United States, the United Kingdom and the Soviet Union — met in Czegar to agree on final military plans for European victory. They also began planning for the needed economic and political measures that would follow.

More countries joined the united coalition during the war, so France became the 36th in January 1945. Participation had grown to 46 nations by April 25, 1945.

Amid the ‘empty, full silence’ of Big Sur’s rugged coast

A PROLIFIC career in psychology and medical education — nearly four decades long — was essentially a “moment of distraction,” according to Marlene Cresci-Cohen, who rediscovered her artistic hunger in 1988 on a Big Sur mountain top.

The awakening occurred after she co-taught a class at the Esalen Institute, where fellow therapist Kaye Andrews walked up afterward and said, “I really like you! I’d love to show you where I live on the mountain.”

A long friendship began at Andrews’ home on Clear Ridge Road, where Cresci was unexpectedly introduced to the muse who has followed her ever since.

“We’d go up there, and I’d look around and say, ‘Ohhh, I’d love to paint this!’ — and I wasn’t even painting at the time,” she remembered. “Kaye said, ‘Well, there’s a woman up here who paints with a group. You could paint with them!’”

Sunnyata’s minimalist style

Big Sur’s celebrated vistas have been the centerpiece of inspiration ever since for Cresci, who said her minimalist style of painting matches her Buddhist leanings.

“When I really have Buddhist practices, except that I meditate regularly. But, am I a Buddhist? I would say so,” said Cresci, whose meditation teacher called her "Sunnyata," a moniker she embraces as an artist.

In Buddhist philosophy, Sunnyata means, “the empty, full silence,” said the painter whose landscapes are characterized by shapes and subtle color contrasts (minus intense darks and lights), with minimal detail. “One day, as I was painting, I realized what my teacher was talking about. I became aware of this form of active quietude — things were happening, decisions were being made, but there was no discernable direction.”

Cresci is the daughter of Italian-born parents who immigrated to California’s San Joaquin Valley, where her dad farmed tomatoes and grew almond trees and corn.

Teacher or nurse

“My father was from Luca, Italy, my mom grew up on the Italian island of Elba, and they met each other in 1932 at the Italian Catholic Federation,” she said. "I went all the way through Catholic school and graduated from Our Lady of Mercy High School in Merced. My sister and I were always told by our grandmother, ‘You can either be a teacher or a nurse.’”

Both became teachers.

Marlene graduated from Stanford University, working a full-time job throughout her time there (1973-1979), ultimately earning a Ph.D. in child development. The education served her well during her accomplished 35-year professional career.

“I became a Head Start teacher and a Montessori teacher,” she said. “I taught for a while in Baltimore, in the ghetto, and then at St. Ignatius Elementary, near the projects in San Francisco.

“I had a lot of real-world experiences and I observed how poor parents were making decisions about educating children really didn’t know very much about child development.

Cresci went on to write a graduate-school proposal to Stanford about the importance of parent education in child learning.

‘The teacher is your friend’

“The teacher is your friend and has ways to help parents manage their children’s behavior,” she said of a program she helped develop.

After obtaining her doctorate, Cresci was hired at UC San Francisco’s school of nursing to teach nurses about human growth and development, and how to better communicate with families.

Her next stop was Modesto, where she obtained a county grant for a residency to teach family doctors about psychology and human development, a career that spanned the next 30 years.

In 1990, she met John Adair, a Salt Lake City anesthesiologist who joined her in Modesto after he retired in 1993, and became her husband in 1996.

In 1998 — 10 years after she first discovered Big Sur they bought a home on Pfeiffer Ridge while still living in Modesto, where her medical education career was in full bloom.

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Planning for peace

Three years later, in January 1945, with victory over Germany nearly assured, President Franklin Roosevelt’s top priority became a re-imagined United Nations organization to assure a lasting post-war peace. In February, representatives of the Big Three Nations — the United States, the United Kingdom and the Soviet Union — met in Czegar to agree on final military plans for European victory. They also began planning for the needed economic and political measures that would follow.

More countries joined the united coalition during the war, so France became the 36th in January 1945. Participation had grown to 46 nations by April 25, 1945.

Amid the ‘empty, full silence’ of Big Sur’s rugged coast

A PROLIFIC career in psychology and medical education — nearly four decades long — was essentially a “moment of distraction,” according to Marlene Cresci-Cohen, who rediscovered her artistic hunger in 1988 on a Big Sur mountain top.

The awakening occurred after she co-taught a class at the Esalen Institute, where fellow therapist Kaye Andrews walked up afterward and said, “I really like you! I’d love to show you where I live on the mountain.”

A long friendship began at Andrews’ home on Clear Ridge Road, where Cresci was unexpectedly introduced to the muse who has followed her ever since.

“We’d go up there, and I’d look around and say, ‘Ohhh, I’d love to paint this!’ — and I wasn’t even painting at the time,” she remembered. “Kaye said, ‘Well, there’s a woman up here who paints with a group. You could paint with them!’”

Sunnyata’s minimalist style

Big Sur’s celebrated vistas have been the centerpiece of inspiration ever since for Cresci, who said her minimalist style of painting matches her Buddhist leanings.

“In Buddhist philosophy, Sunnyata means, ‘the empty, full silence,’” said the painter whose landscapes are characterized by shapes and subtle color contrasts (minus intense darks and lights), with minimal detail. “One day, as I was painting, I realized what my teacher was talking about. I became aware of this form of active quietude — things were happening, decisions were being made, but there was no discernable direction.”

Cresci is the daughter of Italian-born parents who immigrated to California’s San Joaquin Valley, where her dad farmed tomatoes and grew almond trees and corn.

Teacher or nurse

“My father was from Luca, Italy, my mom grew up on the Italian island of Elba, and they met each other in 1932 at the Italian Catholic Federation,” she said. “I went all the way through Catholic school and graduated from Our Lady of Mercy High School in Merced. My sister and I were always told by our grandmother, ‘You can either be a teacher or a nurse.’”

Both became teachers.

Marlene graduated from Stanford University, working a full-time job throughout her time there (1973-1979), ultimately earning a Ph.D. in child development. The education served her well during her accomplished 35-year professional career.

“I became a Head Start teacher and a Montessori teacher,” she said. “I taught for a while in Baltimore, in the ghetto, and then at St. Ignatius Elementary, near the projects in San Francisco.

“I had a lot of real-world experiences and I observed how poor parents were making decisions about educating children really didn’t know very much about child development.

Cresci went on to write a graduate-school proposal to Stanford about the importance of parent education in child learning.

‘The teacher is your friend’

“The teacher is your friend and has ways to help parents manage their children’s behavior,” she said of a program she helped develop.

After obtaining her doctorate, Cresci was hired at UC San Francisco’s school of nursing to teach nurses about human growth and development, and how to better communicate with families.

Her next stop was Modesto, where she obtained a county grant for a residency to teach family doctors about psychology and human development, a career that spanned the next 30 years.

In 1990, she met John Adair, a Salt Lake City anesthesiologist who joined her in Modesto after he retired in 1993, and became her husband in 1996.

In 1998 — 10 years after she first discovered Big Sur they bought a home on Pfeiffer Ridge while still living in Modesto, where her medical education career was in full bloom.

That second home on a rugged mountainside inspired her to revisit an artistic dream that had been
dominant since her college days. “I returned to oil painting in 1998, after a 40-year moment of distraction,” Cresci wrote in her website bio. “Painting is breathing for me, and color is oxygen. In the same way that I can’t hold my breath, I can’t keep from painting.”

“Big Sur is a stretch and a push; its bigness inspires me and my palette,” she said in her artist statement. “The paradox of constant motion and deep stillness captures me. The collision of earth, sea, sky and wind opens my eyes anew each time I paint.”

While taking classes from Big Sur painter and art instructor Ronna Rio Emmons, Cresci also connected, at long last, with that gaggle of about a dozen plein air artists that Kaye Andres had recommended a decade earlier, joining impromptu outings and creating relationships she nurtures 25 years later. “I’m constantly getting group texts from my artist friends, asking, ‘Who wants to go painting today?’” she said. “I’m part of a great little network of artists, some younger, some older.”

In July of 2013, she announced her retirement as a psychologist and medical educator and planned a permanent move to the mountain home with her husband.
Stan hopes viewers will find happiness in the soul of his artwork.

The gallery will have a reception to mark the opening of the show on Saturday at 4 p.m.

Also new at the town’s oldest art gallery are a pair of group shows. In “At the Water’s Edge,” painters Howard Perkins and Jon Wagstaff explore the relationship between land and water, “from the raging waves of the Pacific Ocean to the small ripples of calm rivers.” And in “Paint Potpourri,” painters Alicia Melheen and Roianne Hart use watercolors to capture an array of subjects.

The exhibits will be on display through Oct. 2. The CAA gallery is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth.

Photographing ‘Sacred Encounters’

A collection of California’s best known fine art photographers takes centerstage at the Monterey Museum of Art, where the exhibit, “Sacred Encounters,” opens Friday with a reception for the artists at 5 p.m.

“The exhibition explores different approaches to documenting sacred experiences and spiritual connections through portraiture, architecture, landscape and abstraction in black and white and color,” according to the museum. “A select group of California photographers is featured—including Kenneth Parker, Linda Connor, Edouard Fujii, J. M. Gelding, Roman Lorenc, Richard Murai, Nadezda Nikolova, Mikhail Ovunnna, Manu- cello Paganelli and Maggie Taylor.” The photos will be on display through Dec. 17. "Take some time to visit the museum during the show’s four-month run," Parker suggested. "You will find it to be an inspiring experience."

Two more museum shows open

Also new at the museum are shows by a pair of painters, Tsering Sherpa’s “Different Worlds” and Mark Steven Greenfield’s “Hajjography.” Sherpa pushes the boundaries of traditional Tibetan Buddhist art.

Upon relocating to the United States, Sherpa encountered new artistic influences which led him to develop a distinctive artistic practice that blends his traditional upbringing with contemporary perspectives,” the museum said. Greenfield explores racial inequities and stereotypes in his art, “celebrating Black identity through a transformative lens,” the museum’s Candace Christiansen said. Sherpa’s show continues through Nov. 26. The museum is located at 559 Pacific St.
received valuable input from the community and answered many of their questions,” Cal Am official Josh Stratton reported. “Feedback from the workshops will help in for- 
form additional areas of concern to study and future deci-

DAM

From page 1A

decision-making about what should be done.”

Getting the word out

Carmel Valley resident Joe Hertlein attended the Aug.

29 meeting, which he said few residents knew about 

and Reservoir Alternatives and Sediment Management Study — was done as part of an agreement between the 

PMWED, Cal Am, the National Marine Fisheries Service 

and the California Coastal Conservancy “to determine the feasibility of removing or improving the dam.”

Besides studying the impacts of tearing down the dam, the consultants examine the feasibility and impact of simply improving it — including removing the sill that has filled up over time.

Cal Am continues to take a neutral stance on the dam’s removal. “We are still in the early stages of evaluating the 

study and gathering public feedback,” Stratton explained.

Teardown is cheaper

The cost of tearing down the dam and removing much of the sediment behind it is estimated at $94.7 million. In 

comparison, the cost of dredging and expanding the reser-

voir would be $183.4 million, along with $82.1 million for 

fish passage improvements.

If officials decide removing the dam makes the most 

sense, the work will begin with draining the reservoir, 

which will be accomplished by an upstream diversion 

structure and pipeline.

Next, some 260,000 cubic yards of sediment “would be 

excavated and placed permanently at onsite disposal sites.” Meanwhile, about 350,000 cubic yards of “coarser 

sediment in the upper reservoir would be left in place for 

future natural transport downstream.”

POLICE LOG

From page 4A

hours for smoking marijuana in public. A records check re-

vealed he had a felony warrant for first-degree burglary out 

of Santa Clara County. The suspect was booked into Monterey 

County Jail on $160,000 bail.

Pacific Grove: Report of battery at Central and Grand. 

Pacific Grove: Three vehicles on Buena Vista were 

marked for 72-hour parking.

Pebble Beach: Juvenile issue on Forest Lodge Road. 

Child Protective Services report of alleged physical abuse.

Carmel area: Adult Protective Services report of possible 

financial abuse on Outlook Drive.

Carmel Valley: Battery on Laureles Grade involving a 

79-year-old female and a 47-year-old female.

Carmel area: $150 hold (danger to self or others) at a residence 

on Meadow Road.

STOP

From page 8A

easy for a westbound driver to inadvertently cut off a northbound 

motorist.

While the committee did not have any data on crashes in that 

area, members decided adding one stop sign on westbound First Avenue would be a good idea.

“It’s a fully blind intersection now because of the tree,” 

Swanson added.

The three unanimously voted to ask the city council to 

OK the new stop sign.

A block away at Lincoln and Second, committee mem-

bers discussed a complicated and hilly intersection that 

includes a dead end west of Lincoln, divided road to the 

north, and drivers who tend to drive through the area too 

quickly.

“There’s a whole lot going on here,” Watkins said, rec-

ommending stop signs on Second Avenue heading east-

bound and westbound. 

No one from the public commented on the concept, and 

Swanson agreed with Watkins’ suggestions.

Harary agreed, too, and the committee voted unani-

mously to forward that request to the city council. Because 

adding such controls constitutes a change in the law, 

the council must approve it.

GAVEL

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Fentanyl is an extremely toxic and dangerous drug, and 

only 2 milligrams of fentanyl can be enough to be a lethal 

dose.

The case was investigated by Sgt. Jesse Pinon and Sgt. 

Matthew Costa of the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office.

Curl faces up to 10 years and eight months in state prison and 

a fine.

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when a United Nations Conference convened at San Francisco’s Opera House to craft a charter for the future organization. Roosevelt died two weeks before the conference, and the United States was represented by Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr.

Unable to agree on participation by the Polish government-in-exile that had signed the 1942 pact, or the Soviet-backed Lublin government that had taken control of Poland after the defeat of Germany, the delegates agreed to invite four additional countries to the conference: the formerly German-occupied Soviet republics of Belarus and Ukraine, and the recently freed Denmark and Argentina.

Casual suggestion

After nine weeks of international negotiations, the conference wrapped up on June 25 with a charter approved by delegates of all 50 nations. One of the final votes was to create a commission to select a permanent home for the United Nations’ headquarters. Largely unreported was that during a May recess, Stettinius, British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and a few other conference dignitaries were entertained by Morse at Pebble Beach. Morse casually suggested the company would donate Peninsula land for a United Nations headquarters. Morse’s big visions of the Monterey Peninsula as an ideal site for the U.N. headquarters on the Monterey Peninsula. He emphasized the advantages offered by the Peninsula in terms of climate, beauty and geography. He countered arguments of its distance from a major metropolitan area with assurances of both air and rail services, noting that the area had served the U.S. military well throughout the war.

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Aug. 14, 1945. Monterey Herald story reported that U.S. Senator Sheridan Downey was also a supporter of a northern California site for the U.N., mentioning Monterey among the possibilities. At the time, it was not widely known that Morse was already in such discussions. On Oct. 24, after the U.S. Senate and similar bodies in other nations ratified the U.N. Charter, the United Nations became official. At interim U.N. headquarters in London, the General Assembly met in Feb. 1946 and agreed to make its permanent headquarters somewhere in the United States. In the interim, U.N. offices were moved to New York City.

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Peninsula Sports
By DENNIS TAYLOR

Sometime between the two — the fall of 1983, to be precise — somebody at the University of Pennsylvania decided that running over hill and dale should become an interscholastic sport.

And 120 years later, Monterey Peninsula schools are in the early days of the three-month dash toward the finish lines of the 2023 Pacific Coast Athletic League, Central Coast Section, and California state cross country championships.

The Stevenson Pirates tested themselves Aug. 30 against York, Marina, Pacific Grove, Monterey and Seaside at the Monterey Peninsula Invitational.

The Carmel Padres will compete Saturday against strong competition at North County High’s fourth annual Jackie Henderson Memorial.

And Santa Catalina is scheduled to debut Sept. 13 at Carmel’s new Palo Corona Cross Country Course in the first of three regular-season league competitions, called PCAL Center Meets.

Pacesetters
Carmel’s girls and boys were a pacesetters in 2022, each winning their PCAL division titles, achieving a second-place team finish at the CCS Championships, and qualifying their full team for state.

Cross-country runners start season with a dash of expectation

Saturday’s event in Castroville will be an opportunity to gauge where they stand this season.

The Padres return most of the key contributors to the girls team, including five who ran a 5,000-meter course in 21 minutes or less.

The quickest of the returning runners, junior Ava Ghio, logged a career best-time of 19 minutes, 16.6 seconds, in mid-October at Natividad Creek Park in Salinas, was runner-up to Watsonville’s Katelyn Ruiz (also a junior this season) at the PCAL Gabilan meet, and placed fourth at CCS, the best finish of a Peninsula runner.

The second-best time of the year in the 5,000 meters for Carmel was by Lila Glazier — a freshman at the time — who ran 19:59.8 at Woodward Park in Fresno on Oct. 8. Also returning are three seniors: Chiara Kvitiec (personal record: 28:48.9) her twin, Christiana (21:06.3 last year, but a personal record of 19:56.6 as a sophomore), and Isabella Davi (personal record of 20:27 as a sophomore), along with junior Jaydn Lome (21:22), and sophomore Lauren Galicia (22:49.1).

CCS title is ‘realistic’
“ ‘I anticipate that they’ll be a lot better, just because they’re a year older,” said Daniel Tapia, Carmel’s second-year head coach, and a county running legend in his own right. “I see no reason why winning CCS this season wouldn’t be a realistic goal.”

Carmel’s boys varsity — also second at CCS in 2022 — was gutted by graduation, losing three of its best runners, but Tapia has guarded optimism that this year’s squad will run with the big dogs of the CCS again.

The top letterman, junior Mack Aldi, helped Carmel

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Carmel’s girls placed second at CCS last fall thanks in part to Isabella Davi, Jadyn Lome, Lila Glazier, Christiana Kvitiec and Ava Ghio, who placed fourth overall at sectionals. Carmel boys expect to be CCS title contenders again this year, thanks to a talented group of freshmen led by Jasper Bolentem (middle) and twin brothers Matthew (left) and Eli David.
win the PCAL Gabilan Division title, took fourth at CCS, and ran his best race — 16:10.3 — at state, finishing 33rd in a field of 197 in Division III.

“He’s a great leader — one of the best in CCS and he’s just going to elevate his performance this season,” the coach said.

Other returning lettermen include junior Zach Lander (personal record, 18:44) and sophomores Conor Bone (17:57.11) and Bodhi Melton (18:02.2), who ran a 4:36 mile last spring.

Exceptional freshmen
But three unusual freshmen — all Carmel Middle School products — could hold the key to the Padres’ success at the CCS and state levels this season.

“Jasper Bolante is a name you’ll hear a lot about over the next four years,” Tapia said. “I’ve competed at a very high level, myself, and I know a very talented kid when I see one.”

On June 17, at an open meet at Palma High, Bolante’s winning time in the 1,500 meters was the equivalent of a 4:31 mile — the fastest time ever run by a middle school athlete on the Central Coast. “Jasper’s time was 10 seconds faster than the previous best, which was by Michael Julian, who went on to win CCS at York School,” Tapia said. “That’s almost 100 meters.”

Two more standout ninth-graders are twin brothers Matthew and Eli David. “I’ve been very impressed by the work our freshmen have put in during the summer months, and how motivated and committed they are,” Tapia said. “I won’t put any limit on these kids. If we don’t win CCS this year, I won’t be disappointed, but I think they will — that’s how high the expectations are that they’re setting for themselves.”

While Carmel will be in the PCAL’s Gabilan Division, Stevenson and Santa Catalina will compete in the Mission Division.

The Pirates’ next action will be at the Sept. 14 Center Meet at Palos Verdes. Santa Catalina’s top returning runner is expected to be junior Heidi Green, who won medalist honors last fall in the PCAL’s Mission Division Championships (time 21:06), and recorded a personal record of 20:33.8 last September.

Rong was fourth overall Stevenson’s fastest girl, junior Amy Rong, was the fourth-place overall finisher (25:45), and senior Scarlett Ingram finished sixth. Other good finishers in the 39-girl field were Julia Antonio (14th) and freshman Anna Ramirez (17th).

The Padres’ Gabilan Division title team. Stevenson and Santa Catalina will compete in the Mission Division.

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Pads Hurler to LMU

Carmel High’s J.J. Sanchez, who was co-MVP in the Gabilan Division and Monterey County Player of the Year, has committed to play baseball next season at Loyola Marymount University, an NCAA Division I school in Los Angeles.

The left-hander compiled a 7-4 win-loss record with a 2.40 earned run average last spring as a junior, striking out 87 and walking 26 in 76 innings. He also played first base for the Padres, batting .404 with 19 RBIs, helping Carmel to a second-place finish in the Gabilan, the CCS Division 3 championship, and the semifinals of the Division 3 regionals.

Loyola Marymount was 21-6 record in the West Coast Conference in 2023. Dennis Taylor is a freelance writer in Monterey County. Contact him at scri-belaureate@gmail.com.

Junior Mack Aldi (left) was Carmel’s highest-placer last year at CCS and state, and sophomore Bodhi Melton (right) is one of three additional letter winners returning from the Padres’ Gabilan Division title team.

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Soft-rock balladeer plays Golden State, St. Mary’s kicks off Fall Music Series

**By CHRIS COUNTS**

Five for Fighting released “Superman” shortly before 9/11, and the song became popular because its “lyrics resonated with people, bringing a sense of raw humanity and comfort to those who needed it most,” according to CBS News. The song was nominated for a Grammy Award. Besides “Superman,” Five for Fighting has had four Top 10 singles on the Adult Contemporary Charts, including “100 Years,” which reached No. 1 in 2003. Tickets start at $29. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit goldenstatetheatre.com.

**Trio is ‘a pure delight’**

Celtic music makes its return Sunday at 3 p.m. to St. Mary’s By-the-Sea in Pacific Grove when fiddler Mari Black performs with her trio, which features multi-instrumentalist Colin Cotter and bassist Noah Harrington. Jackie Pierce of St. Mary’s said Black was scheduled to play here three years ago, but the pandemic got in the way. Pierce calls the trio’s music “a pure delight” and said the church is “so glad it’s returning to St. Mary’s stage.” Tickets are $35, with discounts for children. The church is located at 12th Street and Central Avenue. For more details about its Fall Music Series, call (831) 224-3819 or go to celticsociety.org.

**Marotta Band plays Festa Italia**

Besides plates of mouthwatering Italian food, Monterey’s 90th annual Festa Italia serves up an impressive lineup of live music Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Custom House Plaza. The performers include The Mike Marotta Band. The See MUSIC page 38A
Vote for Woody’s as U.S. best, Barmel Supper Club, and opening The Annex

LOCALS AND frequent flyers at Monterey Regional Airport know that Woody’s is among the best restaurants to be found at any of the nation’s airports. Now they can make their opinions count. A panel of experts working for USA Today and its readers choice awards nominated the local spot owned by chefs Tim Wood and Chris Caul as one of the country’s top 20 airport sit-down restaurants, and readers are invited to vote for their favorite, one vote per day, until Oct. 2.

“Longer layovers at the airport don’t have to be a drag,” the introduction to the vote reads. “Which airport sit-down restaurant would you most like to dine at?”

Open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day, Woody’s is the ideal place for plane spotting, killing time while waiting to pick up an incoming passenger or get on an outgoing flight, and for meeting friends or family for breakfast, brunch, lunch, dinner and/or drinks. The food is always great — speaking to Wood’s lengthy culinary career — the staff friendly, and the bar well stocked. And while travelers certainly fill its tables and bar seats, so do plenty of locals, even if they have no other business at the airport. And, as a bonus, parking is free for the first couple of hours with a ticket validated by Woody’s.

Unusual

Such restaurants are fairly uncommon, especially since many are located in terminals after security, making getting to them without an air plane ticket in hand impossible. Even eateries on the outside have to be special enough to draw customers willing to go to the trouble of visiting an airport just to grab lunch with a friend.

Many of the contenders for USA Today’s awards are post-security spots and/or spinoffs of downtown institutions, like the Africa Lounge at Sea-Tac Airport in Washington, Cask & Larder in Orlando, Blanco Tacos + Tequila in Phoenix, Bud & Marilyn’s in Philly and The Blue Door Pub in Minneapolis. All told, there are 20 nominees, but only three in California. The other two are at LAX (Border Grill) and SFO (Tomokazu).

Nominees were submitted by a panel of eight food and travel journalists, editors and writers, and the field was narrowed to 20 contenders by the newspaper’s editors. To vote, go to 10best.usatoday.com/awards/travel/best-airport-sit-down-restaurant-2023. The winning restaurants will be announced Friday, Oct. 13.

Snacking at the Supper Club

Barmel has gone through its iterations since Gabe Georgiou took over the downtown Carmel space a decade ago but has settled in nicely as a supper club that serves accessible, interesting fare and cocktails, and stays open late.

Closed Mondays but open until 1 a.m. weekdays and 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights, Barmel also offers Happy Hour from 2 to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and two tacos for $5 during Taco Tuesdays from 5 p.m. to close. Highlights of the bar’s nicely curated menu include patatas bravas — a dish of fried potatoes with spicy tomato sauce and aioli hearkening back to Geotsa’s Mun-daka Spanish restaurant days — Dungeness crab tostonos with cabbage slaw and plantain chips, and Niman Ranch beef sliders with caramelized onions and mushroom duxelles on brioche buns. The fish and chips are also worth a visit. The newest addition is creamy chipotle prawn pasta.

Reflective of the Mexican place that replaced Mundaka, Pesadera, the menu also contains several Baja-inspired dishes, including nachos, tacos, Caesar salad and house-made chips and guacamole. Even though that restaurant has also closed and was subsequently taken over by the Supper Club, the tortillas are still made in house, too.

The beautiful bar has a story of its own. The historic

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piece formerly belonged to San Francisco Bay area madam Sally Stanford and was located in her Vallala bar in Sausalito. A former owner of the Carmel space brought the stunning carved piece here, and now, with it as the backdrop, bartenders turn out creative, deftly made cocktails crafted with it as the backdrop. A sample menu lists items like sweet corn agnolotti, hot-smoked wild king salmon and dry-aged New York strip, among other items, followed by a choice of pasta dish, a ture starter, Monterey Bay abalone skewers, and a wrap-around patio provides an alfresco experience, with heaters and a firepit offsetting the often cool coastal temps.

RSVP for the free ribbon cutting and opening reception by emailing events@fokaleagroup.com or visiting eventcreate.com/crosstheatnepening.

PBFW preview

The Pebble Beach Company Foundation announced months ago that it will host Pebble Beach Food & Wine April 4-7, 2024, “bringing together the pinnacle of talent in the food and wine world for four days of culinary decadence,” but has yet to announce what that entails.

For more information, including live music and other entertainment, visit bar- mel.com. The bar is located in the back of the courtyard on the east side of San Carlos between Seventh and Ocean. Call (831) 626-3449 for more information.

Annex ribbon cutting

The Annex, the new winetasting space that opened in May in the small building behind the Seventh & Dolores Steakhouse, will host a Carmel Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting ceremony and celebration Sept. 14 from 5 to 7 p.m., with wine and small bites.

Open from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday through Monday, The Annex “offers a casual, comfortable experience” with a daytime menu of charcuterie, artisan cheeses, small plates and snacks to pair with an extensive wine list that emphasizes those produced by Folktale Group: Folktale Winery, Le Mistral, Ventana Vineyards and Common Thread. The spot offers café-style and lounge seating in a interior with a small bar, fireplace and wine shop, while a wrap-around patio provides an alfresco experience, with heaters and a firepit offsetting the often cool coastal temps.

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Chef Jonny Black, co-owner of Chez Noir with wife Monique, will launch a new tasting menu format Oct. 1.
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Celtic Music Series at St. Mary’s

Called "one of the bright- est fiddlers in the country" (Brian O’Donovan, WGBH radio’s A Celtic Sojourn), multi-instru- mentalist, and fiddler MARLI BLACK delights audiences around the world with her energetic playing, sparkling stage presence, and dazzlingly virtuosic fiddling. Marli’s dynamic performance style and infectious playfulness and deep love of the history behind the music, as she weaves together driving dance tunes with bel canto style ballads, is a joy to behold. For this event, she will be joined by celebrated guitar player and multi-instrumentalist, Colin Cotter, and extraordinary accordion virtuoso, Noah Harrington.

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St. Mary’s is located at 146 12th Street and Central Avenue, Pacific Grove

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Festo Italia food
Along with dancing, demonstrations, vendors and lots of live music, the 90th Festo Italia at Custom House Plaza Sept. 8-10 features plenty of food and drink.

“They just learned that they will have more items: Italian cookies, Lavazza coffee and Italian sodas,” said Wendy Brickman, who handles PR for the festival. “Vegetarian pizza should be popular this year, too.”

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Celebrate the 13th Anniversary of Joining Hands Benefits Shop, featuring art and jewelry (located next door to Fremont Square). Enjoy cake and sparkling cider as you explore our beautiful art and jewelry. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon.-Sat. ifaithcarmel.org Questions? joininghandscarmel@gmail.com. (831) 293-9899. Visit www.childrenstherapycenter.com. The children’s occupational therapy clinic offers tools to empower families.

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This business is conducted by a Corporation, 2346 Alisal Road, Salinas, CA 93908. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 08/23/2023.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on August 31, 2023.

The public is welcome to attend the meeting in person or remotely via Zoom. The meeting will be held on September 22, 2023, at 10 a.m. by the Carmel Pilot, 1100 Monterey Peninsula Blvd., Unit D, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.

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REMOVAL

Midici Pizza in Monterey — saxophonist Arman Sangalang and guitarist Adam Astrup (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer Miranda Perl and guitarist Adam Astrup (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.) at 647 Alvarado St.

Mission Ranch — singer and pianist Maddalena Edstrom (jazz, Friday through Sunday at 5 p.m.) and pianist Monday through Thursday at 5 p.m.). 26270 Dolores St., Carmel.

Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa — pianist Steve Mann (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist Scott Brown (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.), pianist Martian Mann (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), guitarist John Sherry (rock and blues, Monday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist Meredith McHenry (“well known classics and under-the-radar gems,” Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist Kevin Piffer (Saturday at 5 p.m.), and singer and pianist Rejia Massey (pop, rock, and country, Sunday at noon). Crossroads shopping center.

The Sardine Factory in Monterey — singer and guitarist David Conley (pop and rock, Friday and Saturday, Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m.) at 701 Wave St. Salted Sea Pub in Monterey — Mixtape (pop and rock, Friday at 8 p.m.), the Edge Band (classic rock, Saturday at 8 p.m.), The Cajon Commission (reggae, Tuesday at 8 p.m.), and singer and guitarist Dan Frechette (Thursday at 7 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.

O’Callaghan’s Pub — Monterey County Line (country and rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.). In The Barnyard (jazz, Sunday at 8 p.m.), The Ben Herod Trio (jazz, Wednesday at 8 p.m.). 214 Lighthouse Ave.

Puma Road at Portola Plaza in Monterey — singer and guitarist Kris Angels (Friday at 6 p.m.), Cement Ship (acoustic rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist Linda Arceo (Sunday at 5 p.m.) at 281 Alvarado St. Rancho Cien in Salinas — a fundraising “Jazz at the Ranch” music series continues with a show by The Monterey Jazz Festival Regional All-Star Band and Vocal Ensemble (jazz, Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.) at 701 Old Stage Road, rancholesyc.org.

Rio Grill — singer and guitarist Paul Behan (Friday at 9 p.m.), singer and guitarist Kevin Piffer (Saturday at 8 p.m.), and singer and guitarist Rejia Massey (pop, rock, and country, Sunday at noon). Broadway shopping center.

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Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — saxophonist Roger Eddy (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist Scott Slaughter (Saturday at 5 p.m.), and pianist Michael West (jazz, Friday at 8 p.m.). Twisted Roots Wine Tasting Room in Carmel Valley singer and guitarist Casey Frazier (Sunday at 1 p.m.). 12 Del Rio Place.

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