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## Surveillance on Santa Lucia leads to drug arrests

### ■ Bomb squad called in to blow up old mortar

By MARY SCHLEY

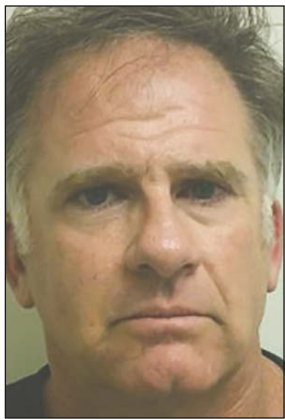
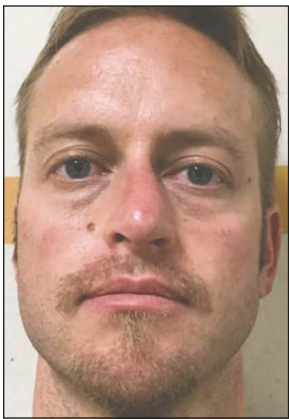
A HOME on Santa Lucia was raided, and two men and a woman were arrested Tuesday afternoon after police received a tip drugs were being sold at the home, and that a

parolee who lived there had a gun, according to Carmel Police Cmdr. Paul Tomasi.

During the raid, an old mortar round was also discovered in the back of a pickup truck, and streets were closed for several hours while the mortar was removed.

The dramatic events began after the anonymous tip was received from a nearby resident. Because drugs and guns

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PHOTO/COURTESY PAUL TOMASI (RIGHT)

Joshua Griffin (left) and Timothy Buhl were arrested Tuesday for drug possession and other charges after police raided a house on Santa Lucia Avenue. During the raid, police recovered an old mortar (right) which had to be blown up so it wouldn't hurt anybody. It all came as quite a surprise to residents of the quiet street, including former Mayor Sue McCloud, who lives right next door.

## Council wants parking kiosks gone by Aug. 1

By MARY SCHLEY

THE PAID parking program launched on Ocean Avenue last December may have succeeded in keeping downtown workers from hogging all the best parking spaces, opening them up for shoppers and visitors, but many residents hated how the parking kiosks looked, so the city council voted 4-1 Tuesday to remove them.

The kiosks, which charged \$2 per hour to park on the city's main street and allowed cars to remain in the spaces for up to four hours, achieved the intended result of keeping one or two spaces available per block, even during peak hours, according to data collected by a Walker Parking consultant, and they netted \$120,000.

Therefore, the program "may have worked technically, but not for the community," Mayor Jason Burnett observed at the July 7 meeting.

The city council voted to have the kiosks removed by Aug.

1, which will also be the end of the \$2-per-hour fee, at least for now.

The decision leaves unresolved what has long been acknowledged as a serious problem, and Burnett said, "I hope the council wants to continue to work constructively on parking issues in town."

Police Chief Mike Calhoun, who has gathered a lot of information and ideas from the public over the course of numerous meetings, said the next step should be to increase enforcement of the long-standing time limit on Ocean Avenue, and he asked the council for permission to hire another community services officer and to purchase another parking cart in order to help facilitate that.

"There's a lot of community support for increased enforcement," he said.

Other ideas included using a sliding scale to assess fines for overtime parking, with the first being a warning, followed by fees that escalate for repeat offenders, and creating zones where cars can be parked once for the allotted time but then must be taken outside of the core area.

See **KIOSKS** page 18A

## Drive to turn Pt. Lobos Ranch into state park revs up

By CHRIS COUNTS

NINE YEARS after taxpayers footed the \$13 million bill for 1,300-acre Point Lobos Ranch, which is across Highway 1 from Pt. Lobos State Reserve, officials from the California Department of Parks and Recreation still can't say when it will be open to the public. But two weeks from now, officials plan to unveil several alternatives for how the park will operate — and they're seeking public input.

The new park will be discussed when state parks hosts a meeting on the park's general plan July 22 from 6 to 9 p.m., at the Rancho Cañada Golf Club.

After the agency bought Point Lobos Ranch in 2006, state parks officials announced they couldn't open it until a general plan for it was completed. They later decided to combine the work of creating the plan with similar efforts for Carmel River State Beach, Point Lobos State Reserve and Hatton Canyon. But due to budget and staffing limitations, the effort stalled. In

See **PARK** page 18A

## City declares 'urgency' ban on fake grass

By MARY SCHLEY

ALARMED BY the increased use of artificial turf in place of water-guzzling lawns, the Carmel City Council voted Tuesday not to allow any more fake grass in the city.

"We have seen an increasing number of requests for installations," said planning director Rob Mullane. "The reasons for the requests are the high cost of water, the governor's orders [to cut water use because of the drought] and the city's own requests for water-saving measures. It's a very popular way to cut down on your water use, and in lots of communities, it's not an issue."

But in Carmel, he noted, "We have very restrictive guidelines regarding lawns." While the city discourages lawns that would be visible from the street, because they aren't in keeping to the town's more rural, forested character, grassy areas are occasionally allowed in backyard spaces.

The city's municipal code is silent on the use of fake grass, however, and after some homeowners installed artificial turf without permission, while others asked if they could,

See **GRASS** page 31A

## State OKs use of Eastwood water

### ■ May soon cut pumping from river and provide relief from moratorium

By CHRIS COUNTS

TWO YEARS after former Mayor Clint Eastwood proposed allowing Carmel and Carmel Valley residents and businesses to use 85.6 acre-feet of Carmel River water he has rights to, the State Water Resources Control Board approved a big piece of the plan July 3. The water has long been used to irrigate agricultural fields east of Highway 1, but a major portion of it is on its way to being available for human use, while the rest will be put back in the river.

"This is just one step in the process, but it's a very solid step," Carmel Mayor Jason Burnett told The Pine Cone. "The significance of this can't be understated."

While on Friday the SWRCB endorsed the basics of the plan, residents and businesses will have to wait at least a short while before adding a bathroom or kitchen. Burnett said the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District needs to make a change in one of its ordinances to permit the transfer of water rights from Eastwood to other private-property owners. But he said the item will be on the agenda at the MPWMD's board meeting later this month.

Assuming that ordinance is changed, residents who want to add a restroom or restaurant owners who want to add more

See **WATER** page 15A

## Test well will be shut down at least eight weeks

### ■ PUC also extends comment period for EIR

By KELLY NIX

CALIFORNIA AMERICAN Water's desal test well in Marina will remain off until at least August after the California Coastal Commission said late last week that the well was "partly" responsible for a dip in nearby groundwater levels.

However, a Cal Am spokeswoman said that glitch would not affect the permitting schedule for the full-scale desal plant, which the company has said should come online in 2019.

Cal Am turned the test well off June 5 when the groundwater level in one of the company's numerous monitoring

See **DESAL** page 19A

## Is a seagull nursery OK in the residential zone?



PHOTO/COURTESY KATHY BANG

Sure, they're as cute as can be, but would you want them nesting on your roof? For one Carmel resident, the answer is a definite "Yes" and "No." See page 11A.

# Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

# Mail Mart to be unlocked for customers

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE LANDLORDS of the Dolores Street building where Mail Mart is located gained access to the store and will open it Monday and Tuesday, July 13-14, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. so customers who have boxes there can finally retrieve their mail. The business suddenly closed in late June, leaving clients with no way to gain access to their mail, and no one was able to reach Lucas Austin, who owned the store with his wife, Li.

Since then, the post office has been collecting customers' mail for general delivery and letting clients sort through it to get their checks, bills, letters and other items. But that offered little relief for those with boxes full of mail locked inside the Dolores Street store.

The new owners of the building changed the locks and will open the store for mailbox customers early next week while they work out a longer-term solution.

# Forest friends host 'Tree Walks'

THE FRIENDS of Carmel Forest will present the annual Carmel Tree Walks with Peter Shaw Saturday, July 11. Departing from Devendorf Park at 10 a.m. and again at 2 p.m., the tree walks offer a chance for people to learn about the town's diverse and interesting urban forest.

Peter Shaw, chair of the Cabrillo College horticulture program and arboriculture instructor there, will lead the 4th Annual Carmel Tree Walk, with stops at some three dozen trees during the course of the two-hour stroll.

The cost to attend is \$20 for the general public and free to members. Reserve a space by visiting [carmelforest.org](http://carmelforest.org).

# Enjoy tea in Monterey for a good cause

THE VISITING Nurses Association is holding a fundraiser to benefit the organization's "quality of life" program.

On July 25 at 2 p.m. at The Park Lane in Monterey, the VNA will host tea time to raise money for its quality of life program, which benefits those who are unable to afford services and supplies that are not covered by medical insurance.

For instance, the program may pay for a plane ticket for a family member to visit a dying patient, extra caregiving services and housekeeping for someone who is at risk of falling, according to the VNA.

Park Lane is at 200 Glenwood Circle. There is limited seating and guests must RSVP for the \$40 event. Information: (831) 648-3734.



partial to his people.

"He understands everything we say," claims his person. "If we say, 'I wonder if maybe ...' his ears perk up as if he's finishing the sentence; '... we're going for a ride in the car' or '... it's time for a treat.'"

Herschel also knows the names of his toys, particularly his duck. He retrieves it when his person asks about it and, when she says, "Maybe you should kill the duck," he shakes the life out of it. Not so social.

# Social studies

HERSCHEL IS a white West Highland terrier rescue. His people rescued him from his litter of six sisters and no brothers. Born in Portland, Oregon, he came home to a family with no children. Since the wife had two grown daughters from a previous marriage, she told her husband, who missed the chance to name a child, that this was his moment.

Nine years later, everyone agrees, he is a Herschel. Now living in Carmel Valley, Herschel loves his yard, where he takes very seriously his self-appointed position as security guard. He protects his place from squirrels, crows, blue jays, an occasional snake, a bobcat, and the six cats that live next door.

"Herschel is fearless and busy," his person says. "He has quite a little personality. He is lovable and smart, and he craves routine, requiring breakfast, dinner and bed at the exact same time every day. He loves to watch Animal Planet on TV, and he communicates with the animals that come on the screen."

Herschel also loves to go to Carmel Beach, particularly on the second Saturday of every month to participate in "Westie Walk." Everyone who has a white Westie shows up in the sand for a little cavorting and camaraderie. Now and then, someone gets confused and brings a Scotty, which, reportedly, is a little less social.

Herschel, however, is very social and particularly

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# PRUNEDALE HOMEOWNER WITHDRAWS OFFER TO RENT HOUSE TO RAPIST

By KELLY NIX

**T**HE OWNER of a house on a 19-acre parcel in Prunedale who offered to rent the property to the State of California to house a serial rapist from Seaside suddenly withdrew his offer Thursday.

The unidentified homeowner had offered to allow sexually violent predator Eldridge Chaney, Jr., 62, to live at 780 El Camino Real North once he was released from a state hospital.

The property owner's unexpected withdrawal followed an angry outpouring from Prunedale residents this week that their community was being considered for Chaney's new home.

Liberty Healthcare is the private agency contracted by the state Department of Hospitals to find a home for Chaney and to monitor him

once he's housed. A July 14 public hearing in Prunedale to field questions and concerns from the public over Chaney's possible housing there has been canceled in light of the homeowner's decision.

Chaney raped a woman in 1978 and sexually assaulted a 16-year-old girl in 1988. He was also convicted of trying to rape another woman. He used a rifle and a pair of scissors in two of the assaults.

Though the public hearing on Chaney's release had been set for next week, Prunedale residents and others didn't wait to express their outrage that a serial rapist could be their new neighbor.

In a Facebook petition

started Tuesday opposing Chaney's release, some opponents even called for violence against him.

"Let's round up the boys, put them white sheets over our heads and have us a good old-fashioned lynchin'," a post read.

Other Facebook posts were also rife with critical comments, including one stating, "I'd almost rather have him live in Prunedale. There are way more guns out here."

Others on the social media site were upset that taxpayers are subsidizing his housing.

"Why in the world is this pervert getting free housing?" another comment read. "Something is wrong with the system."

The initial cost of housing and treating James Lamb, the last sexually violent predator to be released in Monterey County, cost taxpayers more than \$30,000 per month, which included security to protect him.

A 22-year old Prunedale woman told The Pine Cone Tuesday that she hoped public opposition would prevent Chaney from being housed there.

"As a woman, I would constantly feel uncomfortable knowing there is a convicted violent rapist living in the town where I live," she said on condition of anonymity.

It's not clear whether it was public outrage or another reason that led the homeowner to withdraw the rental offer, and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office didn't elaborate in a press release issued Thursday.

Chaney served more than 10 years in prison prior to being committed to the state's sex offender program on June 14, 2000.

He received treatment at Atascadero and Coalinga state hospitals before Monterey County Superior Court Judge



This 19-acre property in Prunedale would have been the best place for Chaney to live, according to a consultant for the state. But on Thursday, the owner of the property withdrew his offer to rent it.

Mark E. Hood in October 2014 ordered Chaney to be released. Liberty has been trying to find housing for him since then.

Wherever he's placed, Chaney will be required to wear a GPS monitoring bracelet so he can be tracked.


Monterey County Superior Court Judge Lydia Villarreal had set a hearing in Salinas on Aug. 5 to discuss Chaney's housing possibilities.

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# Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Third Avenue resident reported finding an empty dog dish in her backyard this morning at 0638 and asked officer to document the incident due to the fact that someone apparently gained access to her backyard.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Vandalism of a parked vehicle at Fifth and Torres.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Barking-dog complaint on Dolores west of Third Avenue. Contacted the dog owner via telephone and advised of the complaint. The owner returned home to resolve the disturbance. A bark collar will be worn in the future or other solutions made.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Lost cell phone on rec trail early this morning.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Citizen reported losing a hearing-aid remote control while on a walk. At 1605 hours, the remote control was found and brought into the station.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Subject on Mission north of Sixth turned over a wallet left at a business. Left message on a Maryland phone and mother's phone.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Person reported losing a ladies' watch at the beach.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Vehicle towed from Mission and Sixth for blocking a driveway.

**Pacific Grove:** Man on Cedar Street reported gasoline was siphoned from his truck. He suspected his neighbor may be to blame.

**Pacific Grove:** Pacific Grove Lane resident reported she was scammed on the Internet. No loss of money.

**Pacific Grove:** Possible burglary in progress at a residence on 15th Street. Resident heard footsteps and a loud noise from inside the home. The home was cleared upon arrival. The resident said that she heard someone enter from the sliding glass door located on the south side of the home. No evidence of a break-in was found at the scene.

**Pebble Beach:** Sombria Court resident reported property dispute with estranged spouse. Referred to the civil courts for remedy.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fire, ambulance and police responded to a medical emergency on Fifth Avenue.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Non-injury collision at Dolores and 12th.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Person reported losing a wallet this morning.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Between May 28 and June 3, persons unknown fraudulently obtained credit cards in a resident's name and used them to make about \$3,000 worth of purchases in Southern California. No suspect information.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A business owner on Ocean near Mission reported suspicious circumstances involving a male making a purchase while an accompanying female hurriedly walked out of the business and may have been in possession of merchandise she did not pay for.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Camera lost at approximately 1600 hours.

**Pacific Grove:** An unknown female and a lookout went to a hotel on Lighthouse Avenue and demanded money from the night auditor at 0202 hours. The employee was fearful and ran out of the business. The female gave chase, and once she was outside, she and her lookout left in a newer white passenger vehicle.

**Pacific Grove:** Dispatched to a burglary in

progress at 0425 hours on Arkwright Court. Resident reported that two individuals were attempting to force entry into her home. She stated she knew the suspects, and they had broken into her residence earlier that day.

**Pacific Grove:** Hillside Avenue resident reported that an unknown person(s) stole his personal property from his unlocked vehicle sometime overnight. No surveillance; no suspect info.

**Pacific Grove:** Male reported that an unknown person(s) stole his personal property from his unlocked vehicle on Patterson Lane sometime overnight. No surveillance; no suspect info.

**Pebble Beach:** Rodeo Road resident reported her caretaker stole two pieces of jewelry valued at approximately \$20,000.

**Carmel Valley:** Berwick Drive resident reported receiving a phone call from a person posing as an agent from the IRS. The person attempted to fraudulently obtain money but was unsuccessful.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A citizen at Mission and Third reported a civil issue on private property and wanted it documented.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Person reported losing a carry-on bag described as having multicolored dots.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Person lost a watch while visiting Carmel.

**Pacific Grove:** Conducted a vehicle check on an occupied vehicle on Piedmont at 0203 hours. While speaking with the two occupants, the officer observed drug paraphernalia in plain view. The owner of the vehicle consented to search, which yielded suspected meth from inside the female's purse. The 42-year-old female suspect was arrested, transported to PGPD, booked, cited and released.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fountain Avenue resident sent information that her residence was burglarized and her vehicle was being used without her permission while she was out of the country.

**Carmel Valley:** A male took a bottle of alcohol from a store on East Carmel Valley Road. The owner confronted him and recovered the bottle. The store owner is pressing charges.

**Carmel area:** Auto burglary at the Barnyard.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Female called to report losing her silver cross somewhere in the City of Carmel. She wanted to give police the information in case it was found and turned in for safekeeping.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Male reported his iPhone was missing from a hotel room he had just checked out of. No suspect information.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Between June 26 and June 28, the police department received repeated annoying phone calls from the same subject, despite the subject being told numerous times to stop calling. The subject is on probation for calling 911 operators at Monterey County Communications.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Female reported a hit-and-run to her parked vehicle on Torres south of Ninth. No suspects seen or heard. Counter report.

See **POLICE LOG** page 13RE in the Real Estate Section

## Making a getaway, but without the loot

HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office last week. This week's log was compiled by Mary Schley.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Vehicle towed from Junipero for being abandoned.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Non-injury accident on Lincoln Street.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Investigated a possible sexual battery on Dolores Street north of Sixth.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Traffic collision on Ocean Avenue.

**Pacific Grove:** Officer was dispatched to a

civil issue on Ninth Street regarding parking. Resident stated his neighbors keep parking in front of his driveway. He stated this is an ongoing problem, and he wants it to stop. He told the officer he has put up surveillance cameras because he was advised by a lawyer due to the ongoing issues with his neighbors. Officer advised the resident he needed to contact the police right away when his neighbors park in front of his driveway so they could be cited.

**Pacific Grove:** Male reported that his wallet and cell phone were stolen from his unlocked vehicle on Forest Avenue. No suspect info.

**Pacific Grove:** Two vehicles collided on Third Street while attempting to negotiate a single lane because of parked vehicles on a narrow street.



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# New pot businesses banned in county to allow time for impact studies

By KELLY NIX

**I**N ORDER to come up with clear cut rules for medical marijuana cultivation and dispensaries in Monterey County, supervisors Tuesday approved a 45-day ban on the processing of permit applications for such businesses.

There are several marijuana delivery services throughout

the county and a dispensary in Del Rey Oaks already doing business, but under the “urgency” ordinance the Monterey County Board of Supervisors approved this week, the use of property for the collective or cooperative cultivation of marijuana for medical purposes or for dispensaries would be prohibited to allow the county time to study and develop regulations related to those uses.

“Right now, the county is lacking in land-use regulations specific to these types of uses for cultivation,” Monterey County planner Craig Spencer told the supervisors. “We’ve identified that there’s potential for public health and safety impacts surrounding those types of land uses.”

Carmel Valley resident Aram Stoney, who co-owns the medical marijuana delivery service Big Sur CannaBotanicals, which is based at the Crossroads shopping center, told the supervisors he was supportive of a temporary moratorium.

“As the industry begins to grow, it’s essential for every aspect of the business to be conducted in a legitimate and trusted manner,” according to Stoney, who said his business primarily serves elderly people who are “unable to go” to dispensaries for medical marijuana.

The new moratorium allows for exemptions, including cultivation of a limited number of marijuana plants for personal use by those who have medical marijuana cards, and for growers and dispensaries that are already operating, such as Stoney’s delivery service.

Aaron Johnson, an attorney who represents a number of cannabis-related businesses, touted Monterey County’s climate as perhaps the best in the country for growing pot. He also encouraged the county to implement “reasonable regulations,” and said there’s growing interest in setting up pot-related businesses in the county.

“I’ve got several clients that are large dispensaries in the San Francisco Bay Area that are seeking to grow here” and sell the weed there, Johnson said.

Eloise Shim, who said she is an educator, told the supervisors she wants a complete prohibition on medical marijuana dispensaries, not just a temporary moratorium.

“Studies have shown that regular marijuana use for one week or more actually changes the structure of the teenage brain,” particularly in problem solving and memory, she said.

On July 28, supervisors will consider expanding the list of exemptions, since some entrepreneurs have informed the county they’ve invested in marijuana-related businesses and were ready to start operating, a point addressed by 1st District Supervisor Fernando Armenta.

What happens if “tomorrow or the next day or in 30 days, somebody comes in and says, ‘I want to be exempt. I have 500 acres and I’ve already put \$5 million into this?’” Armenta said.

The supervisors at the July 28 meeting will also discuss the possibility of extending the duration of the moratorium from 45 days to up to 10 months and 15 days.



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# Entangled whale leads rescuers on wild ride from Big Sur to Farallones

By CHRIS COUNTS

THREE DAYS after receiving a report that a juvenile humpback whale was entangled in lines from a crab trap in Monterey Bay, rescue workers were able to free the massive young mammal July 6 — but not before it led them on a lengthy trip from Big Sur to the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary west of San Francisco Bay.

The whale's odyssey began July 3 when it was sighted by the crew aboard a whale-watching boat. A short time later, members of the Monterey Bay Marine Life Studies Whale Entanglement Team arrived on scene to assess the whale's condition and tag it so it could be tracked. Unfortunately, the lines from the crab trap, which had cut deeply into the whale's skin, deformed its jaw and threat-

ened to sever a flipper, posed a serious threat to the whale's survival.

The following day — July 4 — rescue workers tracked the whale to an area about 10 miles offshore from Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park in Big Sur, where they were able to remove many of the lines that entangled it.

A day later, July 5, the whale was sighted near Santa Cruz. Continuing their efforts to remove all the lines from the whale, rescue workers followed it up the coast. It was approaching Half Moon Bay when the sun went down.

The next day, rescuers finally removed the last of the lines as the whale traveled through the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary. They estimated the whale had initially been entangled in about 250 feet

See **WHALE** page 24A



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Rescue workers try to remove lines from a crab trap that became attached to — and threatened — a juvenile humpback whale. The effort to free the whale from the lines began in Big Sur July 4 and ended two days later just west of San Francisco.

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# Forest Theater plan for handicapped parking could change again

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CURRENT plan to provide handicapped parking at the renovated Forest Theater calls for creating a single accessible parking space near the entrance — which would avoid the need for a long wheelchair ramp, but would necessitate driving to the space not only among crowds arriving for a performance, but also among people on their way to the restrooms. That design might get jettisoned, however, in favor of locating two spaces lower on the property and building a wheelchair ramp to the theater entrance, Carmel City Councilwoman Victoria Beach told The Pine Cone Wednesday.

“To me, there are two controversial issues that relate to handicapped access,” she said. The first is the location of the handicapped parking space, and the other is which pathway wheelchair users will navigate to get to their seating area in the audience. The architect designed an eastern path, which the council initially accepted, but PacRep Theater executive director Stephen Moorer and others have been advocating for a pathway on the western side, so people in wheelchairs wouldn’t have to pass in front of the audience at the foot of the stage to get to their seats.

“We need to see if we can incorporate the west pathway into the work plan with Otto Construction,” Beach said. “If

we as a council move quickly, maybe we can. They are literally pouring the concrete for the east pathway in the next couple of days.”

The council and architect have a little more time to contend with the handicap parking, she said, to see “if we can get the architect to work out an alternate for two spots that would be farther down, closer to the regular parking lot.”

A longer ramp would have to be built for those spaces farther down the hill to be legal. “But if you’re farther down, you have the possibility of adding spots,” she said. “You cannot do that up above.”

Furthermore, the single-space design would require a staff person to escort any car driving up there, and even to offer valet parking for disabled patrons who couldn’t park closely enough on their own.

Beach said she and councilman Ken Talmage have been meeting often over the last couple of weeks to try to develop a solution, and to see if any time and cost savings might also result. (Rough estimates have put the approved plan for handicapped parking at \$250,000, according to Beach.) Once their plans are more solidified, they’ll bring them to the council, perhaps at a special meeting.

At the July 7 council meeting, after waxing poetic about walking by late at night and “peering through the fence at the Forest Theater, wishing and hoping,” Moorer also made a

pitch for the changes.

“It’s so exciting to see the work going on. It looks like concrete is being poured, so as quickly as you can resolve some of these issues that look like they’ll affect where the concrete gets poured, that would be awesome,” he said. “Solve the problem of the handicapped having to cross in front of the stage, and of course, the handicap parking.”

## Monterey College of Law has high bar pass rate

MONTEREY COLLEGE of Law graduates had the second highest bar pass rate out of the 18 accredited law schools in the state, according to the Seaside school.

In a June 25 report by the State Bar of California’s Committee of Bar Examiners, MCL’s 60 percent first-time pass rate was second only to Santa Barbara College of Law’s 69 percent. MCL graduates also outperformed the overall statewide first-time pass rate of 48.9%. The school was ranked against other State Bar of California Accredited Law Schools.

MCL graduates also got better bar exam results than students in 10 of 21 American Bar Association-accredited law schools — schools that are larger, better funded, and more expensive to attend.

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# COMMUNITY MEETING ON RIO ROAD BIKE PATH PLAN SET FOR MONDAY

By MARY SCHLEY

NEW PARKING restrictions, proposed bike lanes and safer passages for pedestrians on Rio Road near the Mission will be the topics aired during a community meeting in city hall Monday. Hosted by 5th District Monterey County Supervisor Dave Potter and the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, the discussion will focus on the stretch of Rio Road between Oliver Road and Atherton Drive, just outside the Carmel city limits.

Specifically, the north side of Rio Road between those two streets would be turned into a no-parking zone, with bike lanes added on both sides of the street.

"We are hosting a public meeting on Monday, July 13, at 5:30 p.m. at Carmel City Hall to present the project to the public and

answer questions," Potter's aide, Kathleen Lee, said.

Carmel City Councilwoman Victoria Beach, an active proponent of bike paths and pedestrian trails, sent a July 4 email to area residents advising them of the impending changes and encouraging them to get involved — especially in defense of the plan against those who might object.

"At first, the plan was to simply repave the road exactly as is. But then word got out about the City of Carmel's bike/ped safety improvement projects, which a Carmel-area citizens committee insisted should include that stretch of road," she said in the email. "Citizens flagged that route in particular both because so many children have been hit or nearly hit by cars," she said.

She also noted Rio Road is "a key link to several other bike/ped links that are already

built or pending," including the Hatton Canyon trail, a proposed trail through Rio Park for kids to get to River School and Junipero Serra School, a better way to get to and from the Mission via Mission Trail park, and paths to Palo Corona, Point Lobos and Carmel Middle School.

Subsequently, county and TAMC officials, along with representatives from the Mission and the City of Carmel, met to discuss the plans, "and realized that the project could be greatly improved by incorporating the concerns of Carmel's citizen committee," Beach said. "Thanks to the direction of Supervisor Potter and the work of county engineers, the project was re-drawn with slightly narrowed motor lanes and the addition of bike lanes on both sides of the road."

Notice of the changes was sent to Rio Road residents, but Beach worried their potential opposition might not be countered by supportive voices from people who would benefit from the bike paths and narrower road, so she decided to let them know.

"In fact, an opposition group has already formed," she said in the email. "The worst-case scenario, in my opinion, is that if folks don't have the time or energy to make this project work, it could indeed be tossed out by officials who, perhaps understandably, don't want the hassle of dealing with frustrating controversy where none really should exist."

The community meeting on the Rio Road project will be held in Carmel City Hall on Monte Verde Street south of Ocean Avenue.

## Softball teams need \$\$\$ to get to state tournament

By CHRIS COUNTS

TWO Carmel and Carmel Valley girls' softball teams hope to travel to San Diego next week for a statewide tournament. But they're going to need your help to do it.

To get to San Diego for the tournament — and cover their expenses while they're there — the girls need to raise \$900 apiece. The total cost of sending both teams will be about \$24,000.

The girls play on all-star teams from a local recreational league, Carmel Community Girls Softball. One all-star team features girls 12 and under, while the other includes girls 10 and under.

Just last weekend, the two teams took first place in their respective age groups at the Nor-Cal ASA championship tournament in Santa Clara. As a result, both got invitations

to the 2015 CA State (Junior Olympic) Championship games in San Diego.

"This is the first time we've sent two teams down there," said Craig Cox, assistant coach of the 12-and-under team. "It's pretty big-time."

While time is running out, Cox is hopeful the money can be raised.

"This is a lofty goal, and we have a very short amount of time to achieve it," he conceded. "We graciously accept any assistance you can offer. Your donation serves as an excellent way give back to your community."

In addition to earning the gratitude of the players and their families, donors will receive an autographed team photograph.

To help raise the money, crowd funding campaigns for both teams were recently launched at [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com). Interested donors can also call Cox at (831) 402-2192.

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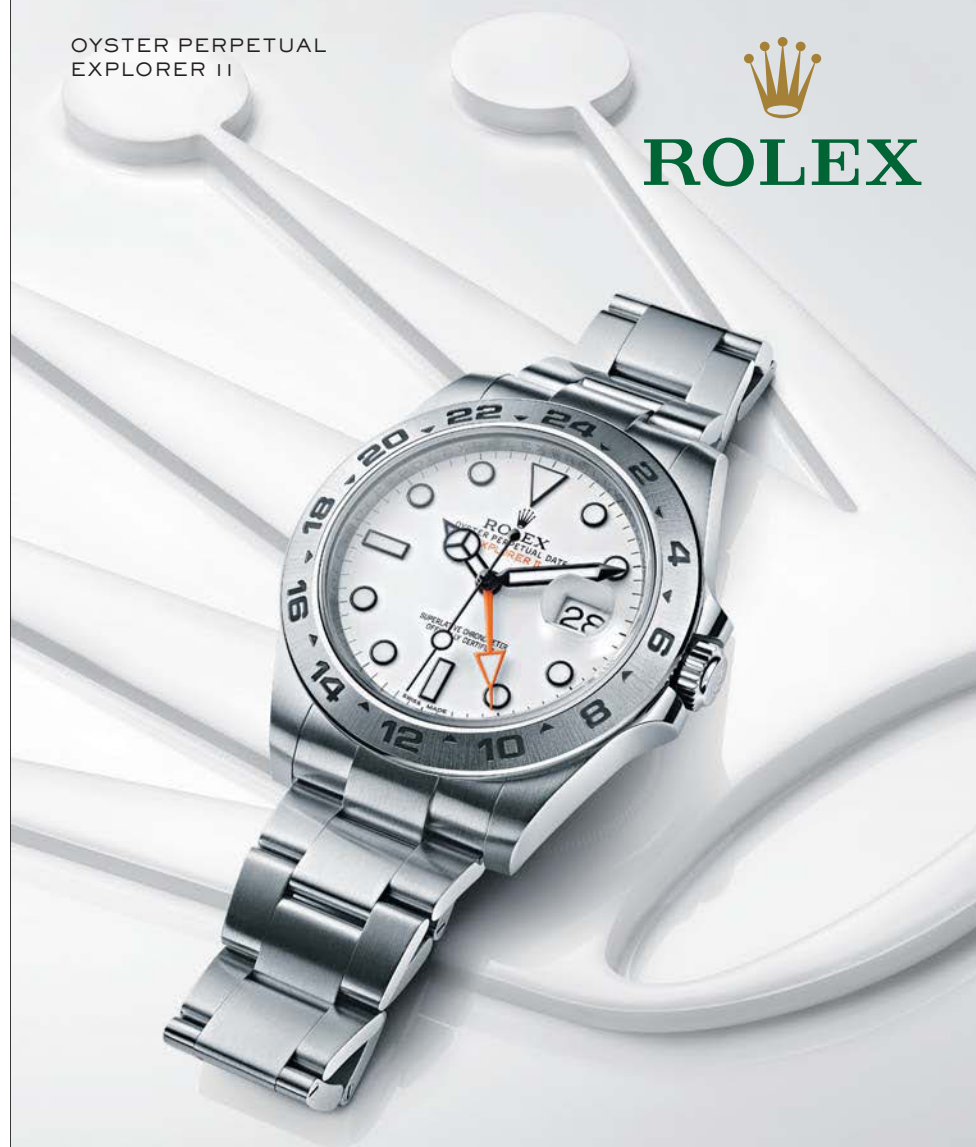


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# PG&E head calls off meeting with mayor on gas line safety

By MARY SCHLEY

IN THE ongoing effort to resolve issues with PG&E following the explosion of a house at Guadalupe and Third 15 months ago, Carmel Mayor Jason Burnett had planned to meet with the president of the utility company this week. But after Burnett and city councilwoman Victoria Beach published op-ed pieces in The Pine Cone and other local papers criticizing the company last week, Chris Johns abruptly canceled the get-together by having the company's lawyers notify the city's lawyers, according to the mayor.

"I reached out to the head of PG&E, Chris Johns, a couple of weeks ago, and he agreed to meet with me to discuss ways to improve safety," Burnett said this week. Specifically, he

mentioned the company's poor mapping and record keeping, which contributed to several accidents involving gas lines. In the Carmel incident in March 2014, crews tapped into a metal pipe without knowing it had a plastic insert, and gas migrated into a vacant house, where it sparked and exploded.

In anticipation of that meeting, Burnett described the city's concerns that led it to ask the California Public Utilities Commission to investigate the utility company — and which led the CPUC to agree — including systemic safety problems.

"He agreed to meet, but following the op-ed that Victoria wrote and the op-ed that I wrote, he canceled the meeting," Burnett said.

After the communication between lawyers, Burnett said

he contacted Johns' office directly to inquire about the cancellation. The response he received late Tuesday night in part stated that, "Given the various communications and public comments that have taken place to this point, we have instead suggested that Carmel provide PG&E with a written detail list of issues and requests that the city would like PG&E to consider."

"The fact that we are not satisfied with PG&E's safety record is not news, and it's precisely because it involves our interests and PG&E's interests that we resolved to meet," Burnett said. "So I'm very disappointed that he canceled the meeting and seems to be involving lawyers rather than sitting down with me."

A representative of PG&E, which was fined almost \$11 million by the state for the Guadalupe Street explosion and originally appealed but just recently decided to pay, preferred to focus on the discussions already held.

"Over the past 16 months, we've repeatedly met with City of Carmel officials to discuss our enhanced work procedures and the progress of our nearly completed upgrade work in the community," said Nick Stimmel. "Given the various communications that have taken place up to this point, we have invited the city to provide PG&E with a written list of issues that Carmel would like PG&E to consider. We believe this will be a more efficient path forward and will minimize the opportunity for confusion or misunderstanding. We look forward to the city's response in this matter."

Stimmel also listed various upgrades and enhanced safety measures already undertaken, including \$8 million worth of work in Carmel, procedures for physically verifying the locations and conditions of gas lines in the ground, stricter quality control, new technology, video cameras, placement of emergency equipment with work crews, more training, and emergency-response protocols that include the immediate notification of public-safety agencies.

"We plan to pay the fine and continue our important gas safety work," Stimmel said.

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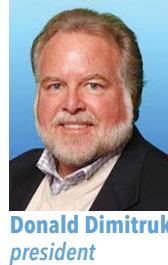
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# Nesting seagulls offer fascinating look at nature in action

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

AS A member of the forest and beach commission, Kathy Bang is used to taking a close look at environmental and wildlife issues — especially ones that deal with Carmel Beach.

But when a family of seagulls decided to nest on the roof of her Scenic Road home a few weeks ago, she got an extra close look at a creature everybody in town sees, or at least hears, almost every day — but which hardly anybody is able to observe while they're in the process of hatching and rearing their young.

"Seagulls usually nest in remote places, but we have a whole family right on the roof of our guest room," Bang said.

In May, she noticed that a pair of seagulls had started spending a lot of time on her roof, and she wondered if they might nest. Sure enough they did, and in early June, the female laid a pair of eggs.

"One of the babies was born July 2, and the next one on July 3, so we named them Yankee and Doodle," she said.

By climbing onto a lower roof and using a small ladder, she's able to keep an eye on the nest, and has even gotten the gulls used to her presence. And by listening closely, she can figure out when the babies are out so she can get their picture.

"Usually they hide underneath the air ducts," Bang said. "But when Mom and Dad come back to the nest after foraging for food, the babies emerge, and they start cheeping, asking to be fed."

The result is a series of ridiculously cute images, which show the babies developing and growing. One of the pictures is on the front page. And she promises to keep taking more as the babies grow up and learn to fly.

"Their 'flying wings' come right before they take off, which is supposed to be on the 40th day, and I can't wait," she said.

Unfortunately, once they pick a nesting site, seagulls tend to return to it every year, and their offspring might very well decide to start using it as well. So Bang says she's reluctantly planning to try to discourage them from coming back next year.

"It's really fun, but we don't want to encourage them," she said. "The skylight is already completely covered with bird poop."

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# AROUND THE WORLD IN 30 DAYS — NOT BAD FOR A THREE-MINUTE VIDEO

By ELAINE HESSER

WHEN 15-YEAR-old Cayleigh Capaldi pulled up a YouTube video she wanted to watch, the obligatory commercial began — in Mandarin Chinese. While most people would have watched the seconds tick down until they could click the “Skip Ad” button, Cayleigh, who has studied Mandarin for years, watched the whole thing.

The commercial was about a contest in which two families, one American and one Chinese, would win a most-of-the-way-around-the-world tour starting in Hangzhou, China, which bills itself as “The Happiest City in China.” The tour would follow a portion of the Silk Road and end in New York.

Cayleigh’s always been passionate about

China and its culture, and has been studying the language for four years. And although her parents traveled extensively as entertainers — Leigh as an actress and Domenick as a musician — they’ve never been to China.

The contest seemed a little sketchy to her parents, who now own Monterey Meringues and live in town not far from the post office. Leigh said, “I don’t want to say we’re skeptical as a result of all our travels and work as performers, but we wanted to make sure Cayleigh was protected.”

To complicate matters, there was no contact information on the contest website except a place to upload the required entry materials.

They contacted Cayleigh’s Chinese language teacher at Santa Catalina, Bo

Covington. She contacted friends and family in her native China and the Capaldis called the Chinese consulate. Within a week, they confirmed it was a legitimate contest to promote family tourism in Hangzhou.

The American contestants were getting the easy end of it, too. The Chinese families had to compete on television and give speeches, while American families just had to make a video and answer some written questions.

Cayleigh set up a camera in the family’s courtyard and wrote, directed and edited the

video, which is just under three minutes long. In it, she speaks and sings in Chinese (with subtitles) and talks about growing up in London until she was 7. Leigh and Domenick talk about their careers, and Leigh’s mother, LaNette Zimmerman, talks about the opportunity to bond as a family.

It’s interspersed with photos and videos of the family performing together, and Cayleigh at Chinese New Year celebrations. Then Domenick and Leigh back up Cayleigh

See **CONTEST** page 30A



The Capaldi family — Domenick, Cayleigh and Leigh — are all smiles as they prepare to depart on their almost-around-the-world tour.

## Thelma Dorey

May 2, 1914-July 1, 2015

CARMEL - Thelma Dorey passed away peacefully on July 1st; she was 101 years old. She was strong, proud and resilient. She was born in Mt. Leonard, Missouri on May 2, 1914 and raised by loving parents who taught her strong Midwestern values. She overcame a serious automobile accident in her teens to marry the love of her life Glen Dorey; a soldier she met on a train in 1942. Glen and Thelma were married on February 26th, 1944. From that day forward, Thelma’s life goals were very simple; to be a loving wife and devoted mother. She succeeded on all accounts. After the War, the new couple moved to Watsonville where Glen began a long and prominent career with Granite Construction Company with Thelma always by his side and in support. Thelma and Glen started their family and raised three boys, providing a strong family environment and modeling a commitment to hard work and good character. Glen passed away in 1974 and Thelma filled her days with family and volunteer work at the Watsonville Community Hospital, logging over 20,000 hours during the next 30 years. She said the hospital gave her life purpose. The Pajaro Valley Chamber of Commerce recognized Thelma as their “Woman of the Year” in 2010 honoring her extraordinary devotion and service to the Hospital.



Thelma’s commitment to her family was unwavering. Thelma is survived by her sons, Bill, John and Jim, seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren as well as a large extended family. Thelma attributes her long full life to having married the right man, who took such good care of her that she never had to worry. Thelma’s children suggest that her long life was a result of the love and support she received from her many wonderful friends, a profound love for the San Francisco Giants and a capacity to laugh at herself.

The family would like to recognize a few of the many people who provided Thelma with care and medical support during her final years: Maria Maciel (Thelma’s loving caregiver in Watsonville for 15 years), Dr. Romo in Watsonville and Doctors Hightower, Geiler, Meckel and Rubin in Monterey, as well as the caring nurses and staff at CHOMP and the Westland House. Finally, the family would like to acknowledge the residents, caregivers and staff at the Cottages of Carmel for their kindness, professionalism and support as well as Weldon Sharon, Thelma’s physical therapist from Choice Home Health who was instrumental in keeping her active and mobile to the end.

Thelma will be laid to rest in a private family graveside ceremony. In lieu of flowers the Family suggests a contribution to the Service League of Watsonville Community Hospital (PO Box 3327 Freedom, Ca. 95019). Mehl’s Colonial Chapel was entrusted with funeral arrangements.

## Violet Julia Hernandez

February 16, 1931 ~ June 30, 2015

Pacific Grove - Violet Hernandez, a Carmel native and lifelong Peninsula resident, passed away in Monterey. She is survived by her husband of sixty-three years, Max; her children, Robert (Pennie) of Pacific Grove and Sylvia (John Ivey) Newton of Monterey; her son-in-law, Brian Newton; five grandchildren, Victoria, Christy, Nicholas, Max and Alexander; and six great-grandchildren. Violet was preceded in death by her siblings, Anthony Raygoza, Robert Figueroa and Incarnation Gaxiola. At her request, no services will be held. Memorial contributions are suggested to the donor’s favorite charity. To sign Violet’s guest book and leave messages for her family, please visit [www.thepaulmortuary.com](http://www.thepaulmortuary.com).

## William Lawson Little III

Born August 5, 1947 - Died June 29, 2015



After battling septicemia contracted while traveling, William Lawson Little III passed away, peacefully, with his family by his side on June 29, 2015 at the age of 67. Born on August 5, 1947 Lawson was the youngest of 4 children. He was the son of Hall of Fame golfer William Lawson Little Jr. and Dorothy Hurd and spent the majority of his childhood playing on one of the world’s most beautiful playgrounds, the 1st hole of the Pebble Beach Golf Course, which was his backyard. Even at a young age Lawson had a thirst for sports, competition and adventure, excelling at both golf and tennis. He was a proud Carmel Padre graduating in 1965 and also attended San Jose State University and Monterey Peninsula College where he was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2010. In 1972 and 1973 he followed in his father’s footsteps as a professional golfer where he played in tournaments around the world. He also spent a brief amount of time as the Tennis Pro at Ironwood Tennis club in Palm Desert.

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In 1976 Lawson found a home at Quail Lodge Golf and Country Club. He started in the pro shop and quickly moved into the real estate division. He spent 14 years developing Quail Meadows, his pride and joy, which is now acclaimed as one of the finest small communities in the world. Lawson was promoted to Vice President and then President of Quail Lodge where he helped bring incredible events to the Peninsula, most notable being The Quail, A Motorsports Gathering, The Quail Rally, and the Eagle Cup. Through these events he helped raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for local charities. Lawson was inducted into the California Golf Writers Hall of Fame as Ambassador of Golf in 2009 and has served on the Jim Tunney Youth Foundation Board, the G16 Coalition, the Coalition for Monterey Peninsula Business, Monterey County Sheriffs Advisory Board, Carmel River Watershed Conservancy, Monterey County Emergency Assistance Team and the list goes on...

Lawson married the love of his life Rose in 1977 and together they had two beautiful children Chris and Sarah Rose. He was an incredible husband and father as he gave his heart and soul to his family. He was a father to many, a best friend to more, a mentor, a role model, and a confidant with the uncanny ability to give love, strength, clarity, and wisdom through simple conversation and his openhearted presence. Through his example and guidance, Lawson touched the lives of so many on the Monterey Peninsula encouraging them to discover the joy that he found in providing service to others and living in the moment. He made each of us better when he demonstrated the courage to be silly and fun-loving at moments whether it was easy or not, when he "went for it" with all life’s gusto, when he cheered on his Giants, when he openly shared his hopes and dreams, when he demonstrated his magical athletic gift, when he stepped in as the wise leader in times of crisis, when he invited you into his home to share his favorite things, when he honored his accomplished father and his genteel mother, when he was the life of the party (and the designated driver), when he pushed “all in” at the poker table, when he fired off the potato gun, and when he focused on each of us as if we were the only thing that mattered on earth at that moment. It is our responsibility to keep his spirit alive by being our best selves and by contributing to our communities for the enrichment of the next generation. Although we may be imperfect in the mission, we have been taught what is possible. His voice is in our ears, his judgment is in our minds, and his love is in our hearts.

Lawson is survived by his loving wife Rose, children Chris and Sarah Rose, sisters Linda (Van), Sandy (Bill), and Sonya, extended family the Salmeris, the Selbys, the Swifts, the Hagenius’, the DeRousis, and the Burnhams; His family at Quail and the many around the world that carry a piece of Lawson Little in their heart.

There will be a memorial service for William Lawson Little III at Quail Lodge’s Quail Meadows starting at 12:30pm on Saturday July 11, 2015. A celebration of life reception will follow at the clubhouse starting at 2:30pm. All are welcome and encouraged to bring pictures and share their favorite “Lawson” stories, experiences, and memories. There will be a room dedicated to reflecting, writing, and sharing stories via video as well as an open driving range to hit balls in memory of the man and spirit that we will be celebrating. 8000 Valley Greens Drive Carmel CA 93923. Guests are asked to park on the Farm Field at the intersection of Valley Greens Drive and Rancho San Carlos, Shuttle Service to be Provided

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# County sued after overeager tree cutters chop wrong trees

By KELLY NIX

A HOMEOWNER in Salinas is suing Monterey County for big bucks after she says county tree trimmers had the wrong address when they cut back a bunch of pine trees and an oak tree on her property last year.

In a June 12 lawsuit, Linda McClure alleges that county tree cutters suddenly arrived at her property on Redding Drive in Salinas on May 21, 2014, and began hacking at her trees. A tree supervisor showed McClure a work order to cut them — but the order was for a neighbor's property, not McClure's.

"McClure advised the supervisor that he had the wrong property, told him he was trespassing on her property, and that he and his crew needed to stop cutting her trees," according to the lawsuit filed in Monterey County Superior Court by her Salinas attorney, Lloyd W. Lowrey, Jr.

However, McClure contends that the crew continued cutting and ruined the trees, which had been used as a "privacy screen from the road and other neighbors," according to the lawsuit.

McClure said that when the tree trimmers were finished, they had removed a significant amount of the trees' canopy by cutting large limbs and trunk sections, and that the trees "no longer provide the privacy she is entitled to."

### Punitive damages sought

She goes on to say in the suit that it "will take a considerable number of years for them to grow back to the point that they provide privacy, and may never again provide privacy for McClure, since she is elderly." The lawsuit doesn't provide McClure's age.

McClure wants the county to pay her more than \$13,000 for the cost of replacing the trees or installing a privacy fence, and much more in punitive damages, alleging the county "intentionally damaged" the trees "with knowledge" that she "owned the property," according to the lawsuit.

Apart from providing privacy, McClure said the trees were planted as a safety measure after her house had been broken into many years ago.

"Now she is fearful of intruders with easy access to her home," according to the lawsuit, which also says McClure suffers "discomfort and annoyance," because of the tree damage.

The suit was filed nearly a year after McClure submitted a monetary claim to the county, which it rejected Jan. 15, 2015. The county declined to comment on the lawsuit.

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# CARMEL BACH FESTIVAL

The Carmel Pine Cone

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# WATER

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seats will be able to move forward.

Burnett is particularly excited about the boost the water will provide to restaurants in town.

"We've really tried to put Carmel on the food map," explained the mayor, who was one of several local leaders who helped move Eastwood's plan forward. "This will

unlock all sorts of potential."

While the July 3 decision by the SWRCB will benefit those who already have water meters, those without water hook-ups still need more action. They may also have to wait until the SWRCB lifts its moratorium on new water permits. But Burnett said Eastwood's attorneys are working with officials on the issue, and the mayor remained hopeful that those who own property in Carmel but can't build on it will soon see their fortunes reversed.

He said "a couple dozen properties within the city limits" don't have water meters and can't get them, which means they can't use their property.

"There are people whose life savings and life dreams have been on hold for many years," the mayor said.

Eastwood has 131.8 acre-feet of water per year available, and after 85.6 acre-feet is allocated to residents and businesses, the balance of 46.2 acre-feet per year would go back into the thirsty Carmel River.

The mayor said Eastwood's plan would also make it easier to comply with the state's order to cut back on pumping from the river. "It's a positive thing for the community and the environment," he added.

While Eastwood's plan has been welcomed by many, some have been critical of it, which should come as no surprise. When the environmental impact report for the plan was released last year, 33 letters from groups and individuals commenting on the plan were submitted.

Before making its decision on the plan, the SWRCB received protests from two individuals, Richard Morat and Roy Thomas, plus the Carmel River Steelhead Association, the National Marine Fisheries Service and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Each expressed concern the plan would harm the environment. The CRSA later withdrew its protest, and the two agencies agreed to do the same after some minor changes were made to the plan.

In 1997, Eastwood donated 49 acres of the 131-acre Odello East property to the Big Sur Land Trust. He also cancelled permits for an 82-unit housing project on the same property. He also plans to donate an additional piece of the property to the land trust later.



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Clint Eastwood at the former Odello artichoke property in June 2013, when he announced a plan to give some of the water used for farming back to the river, while freeing up the rest to alleviate the water moratorium in Carmel and Carmel Valley.



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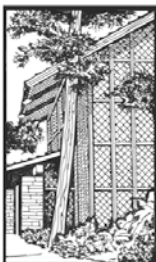
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# LETTERS

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recently constructed Carmel Rancho and Crossroads centers at the mouth of the valley. Sufficient parking was provided there.

Parking, not only on Ocean Avenue but throughout the business district and even into the adjacent residential area, is a major problem not only for the tourist but for the locals as well. A suggestion would be to bite the bullet and build a multi level parking garage at the parking lot north of Sunset Center. It is located on a low elevation site which would reduce the visual impact. Planting pockets could be located on tiers facing the streets. A parking level could be assigned to business employees. Just a thought.

**Don Wald,**  
Carmel

## Remembering Lawson Little

Dear Editor,

I truly appreciate the article on Lawson Little. He was one of those wonderfully generous people who gave of himself and encouraged others to do the same. Several years ago while I was volunteering on the Friends of Carmel Unified School board, he asked if our group would be interested in helping out at the now famous Quail, a sportscar gathering. We pulled together more than 100 volunteers, had a fabulous time and raised over four times the money we had received in the past from other fundraising sources. We worked together for the next three years increasing our funding and providing several hundred thousand dollars to CUSD. Lawson loved life. He cherished his wife Rose and children Chris and Sarah. He was a true gentleman and I am so honored to have known him and his wonderful family. He will be greatly missed.

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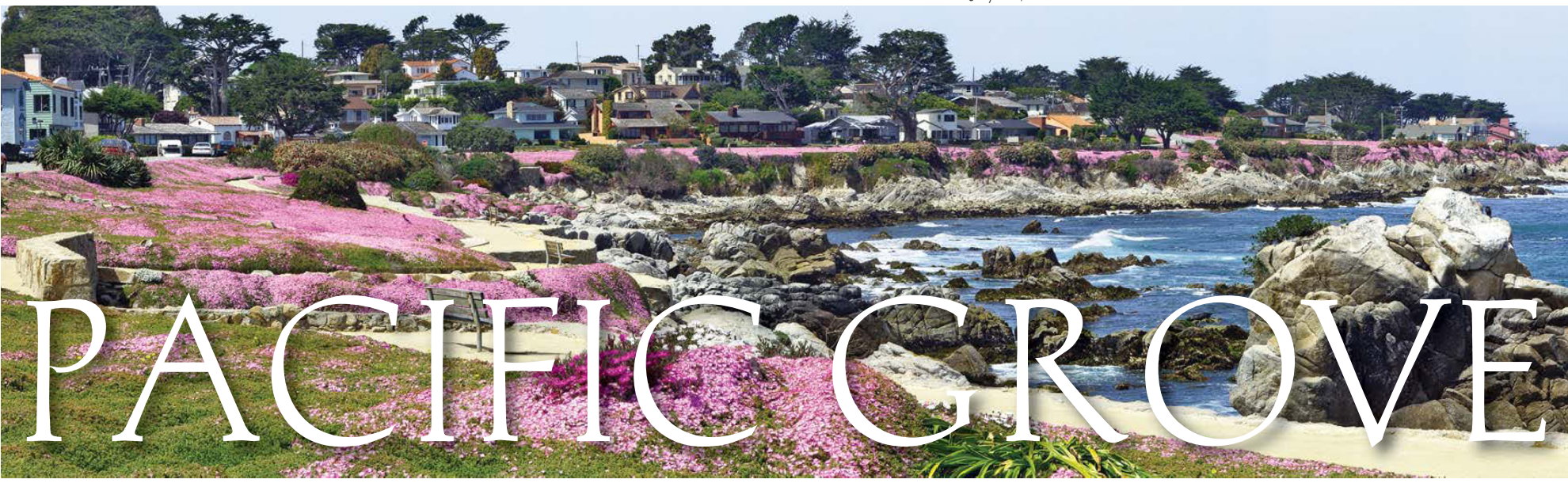

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# KIOSKS

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Also, visitors should be able to purchase more time to park, via a cellphone app or other means, if they are in the middle of something and don't want to leave when their two hours are up, councilwoman Victoria Beach said.

During the period for public comment, several people focused entirely on the kiosks.

"I appreciate the hard work and dedication to making the right decision," resident Carl Iverson said. "But what we all want to know is what's the drop-dead date, the spoil-by date, when will they be gone, and how will that work?"

But paid parking shouldn't be dismissed out of hand, according to others. Longtime Friar Tuck's owner Greg Cellitti, who has participated in five parking committees over the years, said the groups always ended up with the same conclusion.

"The recommendation has always been paid parking," he said. "We all agree the kiosks are ugly. But the No. 1 complaint from visitors is they want to stay for longer than two hours."

And if the city is going to return to free parking, he suggested hiring more parking patrol officers to get after those who leave their cars longer than the allotted time.

Todd Tice, owner of The Club stores on Ocean, said his customers don't mind paying for parking, and that it's more important that there be spaces available for them to use.

"I think the business community is more 50/50 on meters," he said. "Some people are going to complain all the time, but some people can't get away" to attend meetings and speak their minds.

Council members were unanimous that the parking kiosks would be removed, but they debated the timing. Councilwoman Carrie Theis said they should remain until a new plan is put in place.

"If we remove the kiosks without a solution, they've won," she said, referring to the business owners and workers who will start taking up spaces on Ocean again as soon as the paid parking is gone. "We need to

address what the solution is. How are we going to prevent the employers and employees from not parking where they love to park?"

But councilman Ken Talmage wanted the meters removed post haste, regardless of whether any new measures are in place.

Burnett acknowledged the conflict between what works and what the community wants.

"I'm quite convinced that our parking would work better, that our visitor experience would work better," he said. "But I feel the need to represent the community in this particular issue."

### The experiment continues

Ultimately, the council decided on a new plan involving both sticks and carrots.

Carrots would include identifying people who frequently park outside the core of town, like in the Vista Lobos lot at Torres and Third, and rewarding them with prizes. Employee cars could be identified with stickers, just as many residents' cars are. More long-term parking should be provided outside the commercial core, and free parking areas should be better identified.

The sticks, meanwhile, would include progressively higher fines throughout the year for habitual offenders, and congested parking areas could be zoned in order to keep people from re-parking in the same area after the first two hours are up. Alternatively, a car would have to be moved a certain distance from the space it had occupied. And employers, including the city, would request or require their workers to leave their cars outside the business district.

For flexibility, the city would allow anyone who wants to stay longer than the allotted two hours by paying via an app or going into a participating business, the visitor center or other locations. The total time could be limited to four hours, as a trial run.

The council also authorized Calhoun to hire another full-time community services officer and purchase another parking cart.

In addition, council members decided to push the idea of a "Car-Free Carmel," which would encourage visitors to town without their vehicles.

Finally, they voted to ask the company that

owns the kiosks to remove them no later than Aug. 1, along with the concrete pads they stand on. If the work can't be completed by beginning of August, council members said,

it should be delayed until after the busy Concours Week in mid-August. Because of that particular timeline, Theis cast the sole dissenting vote.

# PARK

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2011, the Point Lobos Foundation donated \$250,000 to help fund the plan, and it's been creeping forward slowly ever since.

Hikers and residents will no doubt have questions about the park's "alternatives," such as where people will park their cars or if zip lines or mountain bikes will be allowed. But they'll have to wait for answers.

"We can't let it out of the bag early," local state parks official Steve Bachman told The Pine Cone. "There are different levels of development being proposed."

If all goes according to plan, state parks will host another public meeting this fall or winter. Next, officials will come back in spring 2016 with a preliminary general plan and an environmental impact report. They

hope to get the general plan approved and the EIR certified by next summer.

But once the general plan and EIR are finalized, it's still uncertain when the park's trails will be ready for hikers, largely due to budget constraints. "I don't have a crystal ball, so I don't know what our fiscal situation will look like a year from now," Bachman conceded.

Despite the challenges, the state park official is optimistic the pace of the project is picking up. "We're definitely charging forward," he said.

It's also uncertain what the new park will be called once it opens its gates. Three years ago, Point Lobos Foundation board member Augie Louis suggested naming it after A.M. Allan, who in addition to being the former owner of the ranch, sold property to the state in 1933 that became the original Point Lobos State Reserve.

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# DESAL

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wells dropped more than a foot. The permit for the test well issued by the coastal commission's required that pumping be stopped if the water level dropped, because that would indicate that the well was drawing fresh water from the surrounding aquifer, not seawater.

After reviewing hydrogeological data, coastal commission director Charles Lester told Cal Am engineering manager Ian Crooks in a July 3 letter that "the water level decrease appears to be caused in part by the pump test." The test well, Lester said, should remain off except for maintenance pumping of no more than six hours per week.

While Lester didn't refute hydrogeologists' findings that seasonal agricultural pumping and other factors could also be the reason for the groundwater dip, he said Cal Am must get a permit amendment for the test operation, which will need approval by coastal commissioners before the operation can resume. The matter will likely be discussed at the August coastal commission meeting in Chula Vista.

Lester directed Cal Am to work with hydrogeologists to modify its permit for the test well to reflect other reasons for the change, including effects on different aquifers, and to provide data supporting the theory that the drop wasn't caused by the desal test well.

With the benefit of several months of Cal Am test data, Lester said, "We believe the current permit and its conditions

can be modified to better reflect aquifer conditions identified through these data, to better characterize other factors affecting the aquifers, and to better identify the potential effects of the pump test as they relate to those factors."

The test well is supposed to demonstrate that slant wells drilled from locations near the shore and running beneath the ocean are a feasible source of water for desal plants, and the success or failure of the Marina test has implications for the future of desal plants throughout the state. But despite the snag, Cal Am spokeswoman Catherine Stedman told The Pine Cone the company is still optimistic.

"This delay does not impact our project schedule," Stedman said. "The test well has already yielded valuable data, and the continued monitoring we've conducted while the well has been turned off has produced valuable data as well."

## Conflict of interest

In an announcement late Thursday, a California Public Utilities Commission judge said the deadline for the public comment period for the EIR, which had been July 13, would be extended until Sept. 30, 2015.

Though the commission's energy division cited three reasons for the extension, an apparent conflict of interest involving hydrogeological consultant Geosciences and Cal Am is a worrying sign for the project.

"We have learned that one of our subcontractors, an entity called Geosciences, also has a contractual relationship with Cal Am, the [water project's] proponent, and that

Geosciences' contract with Cal-Am pertains to the [the project], and that the president of Geosciences holds one or more patents related to slant-well technology that Cal Am might or could use in the construction of the MPWSP," according to commission.

"The commission takes this situation very seriously," it noted.

Consequently, the commission said that it is now "regarding that work as if it had been performed by the proponent, Cal Am, rather than as the commission's work product." Geosciences is no longer part of the project.

The CPUC said it is considering "options to independently evaluate the accuracy and credibility of that work, including but not limited to entering into a contract with a neutral third party to review that work."

## A question of salinity, too

Meanwhile, at a Monterey Peninsula Regional Water Authority committee meeting Monday at Monterey City Hall, Crooks pointed to the hydrogeologists' findings in June that the test operation might be responsible for only 0.2 to 0.3 inches in groundwater level change.

"We are talking about inches here, so this is a very minimal level," Crooks said. "It's hard to discern that amount when you are talking about groundwater levels."

Though the coastal commission requires Cal Am to shut off the test well if the water drops more than 1.5 feet, the com-

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

#### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. M132572.

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THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

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(s) Thomas W. Wills  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Date filed: July 8, 2015  
Clerk: Teresa A. Risi  
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Publication dates: July 10, 17, 24, 31, 2015. (PC 710)

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### Rescuing composer from oblivion, singer sets stage for Bach Festival

A WEEK before the 78th annual Bach Festival arrives, one of its performers, baritone **Tim Krol**, presents a recital Sunday, July 12, at the Community Church of Monterey Peninsula in Carmel Valley.

A one-time member of the Grammy Award winning vocal

duets, not just accompanied songs.”

Later this month, Krol plans to release a CD of Franz’s music.

The recital starts at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20. The church is located at 4590 Carmel Valley Road.

Saturday at 7 p.m.); singer **Andrea Carter** (“folksy jazz and jazzy folk,” Sunday at 11 a.m.); guitarist **Richard Devinck** (classical, Sunday at 5 p.m.); flutist **Kenny Stahl** (jazz, Tuesday at 6 p.m.); and singer **Lee Durley** & pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz & pop, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, (831) 624-3871.

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Tim Krol

### On A High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

ensemble, Chanticleer, Krol will pay tribute to a little-known German composer from the late 19th century, Robert Franz.

“I had never heard of the guy until one of my students mentioned him to me,” Krol told The Pine Cone. “I was bowled over. Every song had something unique and something beautiful about it.”

Unlike his more famous friends, such as Schumann, Mendelssohn, Wagner and Liszt, Franz didn’t write anything as “big” as a symphony or an opera — a reason often given for his lack of name recognition. Instead, he preferred to compose “meticulous little gems,” Krol explained.

Despite their brevity and simplicity, Krol said he believes Franz’s compositions deserve a wider audience.

“One need only hear a few of these songs to realize his brilliance,” said Krol, who will be accompanied by **Dwight Okamura** on piano. “Each song is uniquely and exquisitely crafted for both voice and piano — these are true voice-piano

#### ■ New series, old school

Kicking off Carmel Plaza’s annual “Summer Live” music series, **Nu-Horizon** plays “old school r&b, funk and latin grooves” Friday, July 10, from 5 to 7 p.m.

“They’re going to start the music series with a bang,” said Martha Torres of Carmel Plaza. “Their music is very joyful, danceable and contagious.”

Led by singers **Larry Olden** and **Anna Garnica**, the 11-piece, Salinas-based band serves up dance music from the 1970s and 1980s, paying tribute to Kool & The Gang, Earth, Wind & Fire, the Commodores, the Doobie Brothers and many others.

The music is free, while food and drink packages are \$15. Wrath will provide wine this Friday, while Patisserie Boissiere will serve appetizers.

The series continues through Aug. 28. The shopping center is located at Ocean and Mission.

#### ■ Live Music July 10-16

**Terry’s Lounge at Cypress Inn** — pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Friday at 7 p.m.); singer and guitarist **Mark Banks** (rock and soul,



Backed by his band, the Broken Arrows, Charlie Overbey (left) will play “California country-fried rock” Thursday at Barmel. Last summer, Nu-Horizon (right) rocked Carmel Plaza. The Salinas-based band, which returns Friday to the downtown shopping center, serves up a medley of dance hits from the 1970s and 1980s.



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# Painters share last name, take different creative paths; printmaker shines in Big Sur

A MOTHER-DAUGHTER tandem of artists, **Andrea** and **Barbara Johnson**, will unveil new work Saturday, July 11, at Winfield Gallery.

Andrea is married to gallery owner and artist **Chris Winfield**, who met the two women in the early 1980s when

“This is the first time they’ve done a show together in California,” Winfield told The Pine Cone. “Both have taken very different paths. Barbara’s work is very abstract — she combines printing and collage — while Andrea is doing a series of Corral de Tierra landscapes. It’s interesting to see such diverse work in the same family.”

The gallery hosts a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. The show continues through July 31. The gallery is located on Dolores between Ocean and Seventh. Call (831) 624-3369.

## Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

they operated an art gallery in Cape Cod, Mass., that displayed his paintings.

While the two Johnsons naturally share much in common, their creative approaches couldn’t be more different. Andrea paints landscapes, while Barbara is a printmaker who favors mixed media with abstract themes.

### ■ Under the redwood tree

Poetry and printmaking come together when one of the Monterey Bay’s most distinctive artists, **Tom Killion**, showcases his work Sunday, July 12, at the Henry Miller Library.

Bringing together a variety of engraving and printing techniques that date back to Japan in the early 19th century,

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Painter Andrea Johnson’s work (left) captures California’s sunbaked landscape of rolling hills and oaks. She unveils an exhibit Saturday at Winfield Gallery. “Vicente Canyon” by Tom Killion (above) offers a birdseye view of Big Sur’s topography. He’ll visit the Henry Miller Library Sunday.

# TOWN’S COLORFUL CHARACTERS COME TO LIFE IN NEW BOOK

By CHRIS COUNTS

IF A new book about Carmel is any indication, the town is a magnet for interesting people.

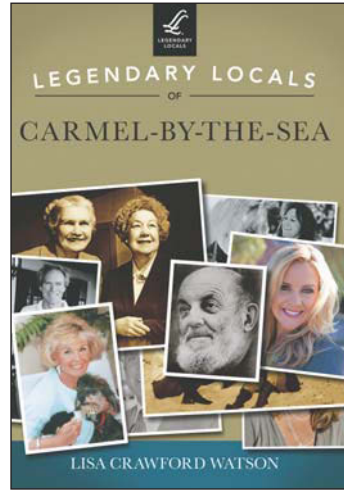
Lisa Crawford Watson signs copies of the book, “**Legendary Locals of Carmel-by-the-Sea**,” Thursday, July 16, from 5 to 8 p.m., at the Carmel Bay Company.

Partly inspired by her grandmother, Ruth — whom Watson called “a quintessential Carmel character — the writer set about creating a book that paid tribute to the town’s many colorful personalities. But she soon realized the task would be challenging, in part because there were too many people worth writing about. Even after “squeezing” profiles of 190 former or current residents into the book, she still had more than 300 names left over. “Some very important people were left out,” conceded Watson, who writes “Sandy Claws” for The Pine Cone every week, along with regular articles on many subjects.

Each profile in the book is accompanied by a photograph. Amazingly, Watson managed to find images of every subject in her book, although several tested the limits of her sleuthing skills.

About half of those included in the book are still alive. Some are famous, while others aren’t. But they’re all very interesting.

“It’s the people who give Carmel its character,” Watson said. “I think there’s something about this place that draws interesting people. Just about everyone here is interesting and has a story.”



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# The cheese drought ends, Il Grillo opens, and Trailside leaves Monterey

By MARY SCHLEY

NEARLY TWO months after broken pipes flooded the Cheese Shop and a few other neighboring Carmel Plaza businesses — twice — the popular store quietly reopened last week, just in time for the holiday rush.

“Today is 59 days since we actually closed, and our sixth day back, and we’re still finding how to adjust to it,” Cheese Shop owner Kent Torrey told The Pine Cone Tuesday.

“This is our first big week with cheese deliveries coming in a normal pattern. It’s not 100 percent everything where we want, but we’re thrilled to be open. And for those who never knew we had a flood, they are like, ‘Wow, it looks great!’”

After being wrecked by water that rose several inches in the shop when hot-water heaters on the floor above failed, the store underwent deconstruction and remodeling. The shelves are new and being restocked, the wine is being placed in new racks, and the cheese is back, front and center, right where it should be.

Many of the mementos from the past four decades are missing from the walls, but Torrey hopes to salvage as many as he can and will add new posters, photos and cards to replace those that were lost.

The distinctly rich, cheesy aroma that characterizes the store took a couple of days to return, but it’s definitely there now, as are the hordes of customers thrilled to be able to sample the shop’s multitude of cheeses and peruse its plentiful wine offerings.

“The patience and the support we had from everybody have been great,” said Torrey, who also noted that his very first day working there, long before he came to own it, was on Saturday, July 4, 1986.

“I’ve been at this store doing the same thing for 29 years, and the last six days are brand new to me, with a new refrigerator and

a new walk-in and wines in different locations,” he said. “There’s familiarity but also the sense of newness and awe.”

Torrey still doesn’t know how much, exactly, he lost in the flood, in terms of cheeses, wines and other products, as well as the losses from being closed.

“We still don’t have that done, but it’s in the hands of the insurance company,” he said.

Most of all, Torrey is just glad to be back in business.

“I do love eating, I do love drinking, and I do love sharing that with everyone,” he said. “It’s fun to see the staff excited to do what they’re doing. Everything we have here, we’ve tried it, we like it, and we love doing what we do.”

The Cheese Shop’s hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Winetasting is offered in the back of the store noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 4:30 p.m. on Sundays.

## Trailside says ‘Bye’ to Monterey

With his Carmel Valley Village location continuing to pick up steam, Trailside Café owner Sean Allen announced this week he’ll be firing up the griddle in his Monterey restaurant for the last time on July 26 — and he hopes everyone will stop in and visit during the weeks leading up to that final day.

Known for generous breakfasts (served until 4 p.m.), good coffee, fresh beignets and satisfying lunches, the café has long been a favorite of locals and a treat for visitors who happen by it as they stroll down the rec trail. Now, Allen is striving to provide the same — and more — for his new community in Carmel Valley.

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Sighs of relief could be heard around town and crowds hungry for cheesy goodness returned to The Cheese Shop in droves when it reopened last week.

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“The quality and consistency have improved over the last few months,” he said, adding that his Monterey staff will be moving over to the Village location on Del Fino Place, where the hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, with Happy Hour every day from 4 to 6 p.m.

“Happy Hour has items like a \$5 Caesar salad, a burger and a beer for \$12, baskets of fries or rings or tots for \$3, single tri-tip sliders for \$3, bratwurst and a beer for \$10, \$1 soup shooters, \$4 select draft and bottled beers, and \$5 select wines,” he said. “We also show all of the major sporting events on our three HD TVs, and one is a 65-inch screen.”

In addition, Trailside C.V. has 13 beers on tap and also serves dinner. Monday is locals night for Valley, Carmel and Big Sur residents, who get 20 percent off just for living in the 93920-93924 zip codes.

“It’s a great place for the whole family to eat, drink and have fun,” he said, adding, “We have things to keep the kids occupied.”

For more details, visit [trailsidecafevc.com](http://trailsidecafevc.com).

**■ Cima Collina celebrates**

Cima Collina is celebrating the fourth anniversary of its move from downtown Carmel to Carmel Valley Village with a party in its tasting room Sunday, July 12, from 2 to 5 p.m. During those hours, guests will gather on the patio to enjoy wine and birthday cake. They’ll also be able to take advantage of wine specials, including \$99 cases of the 2013 Red Roses and 2009 Monterey County Pinot Noir.

Tasting fees will be waived for club and chamber members. Cima Collina is located at 19 E. Carmel Valley Road.

**■ The Cal and Ben Show**

Bernardus chef Cal Stamenov and pastry chef Ben Spungin, who is now working for Restaurant 1833, were always a dynamic duo when they worked together at Bernardus. On Saturday, they’ll team up again for Earthbound Farm’s Chefs Go Organic series.

From 10 a.m. to noon at the farm stand at 7250 Carmel Valley Road, they’ll lead guests on a walk through the farm’s gardens with manager Janna Jo Williams, pick the choicest raspberries from its famous berry patches and share tips on how to make the most of super-fresh, local, organic produce. They’ll lead a cooking demo and share tastes, and partici-

pants will get to take home some farm-fresh goods, too.

The cost to attend is \$30 per person. Call the farm stand at (831) 625-6219 ext. 3 to reserve.

**■ Merlot with Heller**

Heller Estate winemaker Rich Tanguay will lead a vertical

tasting of Merlots while sharing his insights on the varietal and the wines it yields Sunday, July 12, in the tasting room at 69 W. Carmel Valley Road in the Village.

Heller has produced organic wines for 20 years from a mountain vineyard planted in Cachagua in 1968.

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While the tasting room is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., the special tasting of its award-winning Merlots will take place from 3:30 to 5 p.m. and will cost \$15 for club members and \$20 for everyone else.

For reservations, call (831) 659-6220. For more about Heller, visit [www.hellerestate.com](http://www.hellerestate.com).

■ **Il Grillo now open**

After hosting a couple of Happy Hours and several evenings of prix fixe dinners to test drive its kitchen and dining room, Il Grillo opened for business Monday, July 6, with a full menu featuring chef Brad Briske's fresh, creative and satisfying brand of Italian food.

Il Grillo, located on the east side of Fifth just north of Mission, is the sister restaurant of La Balena on Junipero Street. Both are owned by Emanuele and Anna Bartolini, and Briske runs both kitchens.

At Il Grillo, the menu focuses on meats and pastas, not the entrée courses found at La Balena.

A generous charcuterie plate includes up to five different cured meats, including delicate mortadella and some of the best speck produced, while carpaccios come in five different iterations, including octopus (phenomenal, with watermelon and mint), porchetta, halibut, beef and even vegetarian.

Main dishes are any of four different types of pasta with options for a half-dozen different sauces, among them wild mushroom and cavolo nero, lamb ragu with olives and mint, wild boar pancetta sugo, and fresh Early Girl pomarola.

Prices are affordable, the atmosphere is comfortable and light, and the food and wine are definitely worth a visit. Il Grillo is open for lunch Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and for dinner for walk-ins only Monday through Saturday from 5 to 9 p.m., except when special events or dinners are being held. [www.ilgrillo.com](http://www.ilgrillo.com)

■ **Feast of fashion**

The Feast of Lanterns will hold a new fundraiser this year: The Fashions of the Feast tea and fashion show set for noon on Saturday, July 18, in Merrill Hall at the Asilomar

Conference Grounds. The event will serve as a showcase for local boutiques and shops, with all sorts of fashions modeled by members of the Royal Court and former Feast of Lanterns royalty.

Participating retailers include Biba, Carried Away, Clothing Optional, Spirals, Tessuti Zoo, The Nest and The Wardrobe, with vintage pieces from the Feast of Lanterns collection, too.

Guests will also have the opportunity to bid in a silent auction featuring items donated by local artists and businesses. Tickets are \$25 per person and are available at P.G. Travel at 593 Lighthouse Ave. Visit [feast-of-lanterns.org](http://feast-of-lanterns.org) for more information.

■ **Sip n Chat**

Ever wanted to know what it takes to make wine, from the ripening of grapes through the process of picking, pressing, fermenting, barreling, blending, bottling and sipping (just to name a few of the steps)? Holman Ranch will present the next installation in its Sip n Chat Series Friday, July 24, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in the tasting room at 19 E. Carmel Valley Road in the Village.

The topic will be "From Vine to Glass: The path of wine from the vineyard through production, to bottling," and guests will have an opportunity to learn while they taste and taste while they learn. Participants will taste three or four different wines while nibbling light snacks and listening to an expert on the topic.

The cost to attend is \$25 per person (\$10 for club members). To make reservations, call (831) 659-2640.

■ **Belle at MEarth**

MEarth's Sustainable Chef Series continues with a guest appearance by Carmel Belle chef Kyle Odell and pastry chef Eden Hutchinson Thursday, July 30, in the kitchen and garden at the habitat project near Carmel Middle School.

The 10-acre Hilton Bialek Habitat environmental education center hosts a monthly series featuring a local chef who creates a "sustainable feast" using many ingredients from the MEarth garden for 30 guests in the new green building at the habitat. Other components of the dinner come from local

farms and ranches.

The evening begins with an optional tour at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6, and tickets are \$65 per person. Because the habitat is on school grounds, no alcohol is served.

To purchase, visit [mearthcarmel.org/sustainable-chef-dinner-series](http://mearthcarmel.org/sustainable-chef-dinner-series).

■ **Be on the lookout for Stave**

A new wine shop and tasting bar is set to open in a spot among the retail shops at the Inn at Spanish Bay early next month, according to Katie Denbo, who handles PR and marketing for the Pebble Beach Co.

Stave Wine Cellar at Spanish Bay "will be a wine lounge where both locals and resort guests can gather, relax and sip on wines, along with a bottle shop where visitors can purchase wines by the bottle or case," she said.

In addition to its wide selection of wines, "Stave will also be stocked with coveted, hard-to-find wines that are not locally available," according to Denbo.

**WHALE**

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of line. They also determined the line came from a crab trap in Oregon.

Rescue workers are hopeful the whale will make a full recovery.

"The outlook for the whale is now good and biologists are optimistic," the group posted on its Facebook page. "[Researchers] are looking for opportunistic re-sightings of the humpback whale to help understand if and how whales recover from entanglements."

The group also urged the public to report any sightings of entangled whales. But they reminded people that freeing a whale is a high-risk task and should be left to those who are trained to do it.

"Freeing a 40-ton animal is extremely dangerous for the animal and the would-be rescuer," the group said. "People have been killed."

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# MUSIC

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**Barmel** — **Boscoe's Brood** (indie acoustic, Friday at 7 p.m.); singer-songwriter **Crosby Tyler** (Saturday at 7 p.m.); **Charlie Overbey & The Broken Arrows** ("California country-fried rock," Thursday at 7 p.m.). San Carlos and Seventh, (831) 626-3400.

**The Carmel Youth Center** — Open Mic Night (Friday at 6:30 p.m.). Fourth and Torres, (831) 624-3285.

**The Fuse Lounge** at Carmel Mission Inn — **The Rio Road Rockets** featuring singer and guitarist **Terry Shehorn**, bassist **Bob Langford** and drummer **Gary Machado** (classic rock, Friday and Saturday at 9 p.m.). 3665 Rio Road, (831) 624-6630.

**Hyatt Carmel Highlands** — singer **Neal Banks** and guitarist **Steve Ezzo** (pop and rock, Friday at 7 p.m.); and singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (pop and jazz, Saturday

at 7 p.m.). 120 Highlands Drive, (831) 620-1234.

**Lucia Restaurant + Bar** at Bernardus Lodge in Carmel Valley — pianist **Martin Headman** (jazz, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.). 415 Carmel Valley Road, (831) 658-3400.

**Bernardus Winery** — singer-songwriter **Bryan Diamond** (Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.). 5 W. Carmel Valley Road, (831) 298-8021.

**Pierce Ranch Vineyards** in Monterey — keyboardist **Steve Abrams**, saxophonist **Ben Herod**, bassist **Heath Proskin** and drummer **Cory Graves-Montalbano** (jazz, Saturday at 8 p.m.); and **The Dave Hoffman Trio** (jazz, Sunday at 4 p.m.). 499 Wave St., (831) 372-8900.

**Julia's** restaurant in Pacific Grove — **The Generation Gap** featuring guitarist **Rick Chelew** and accordionist **Elise Leavy** (Thursday at 5:30 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave., (831) 656-

9533.

**Asilomar Conference Grounds** in Pacific Grove — singer-songwriter **Fred McCarty** (Friday at 6 p.m.). 800 Asilomar Ave., (800) 635-5310.

**The Inn at Spanish Bay** in Pebble Beach — **The Dottie Dodgion Trio** (jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.); **The Jazz Trio** with pianist **Bob Phillips** (Friday at 7 p.m.); **The Jazz Trio** with pianist **Jan Deneau** (Saturday at 7 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Bryan Diamond** (Friday and Saturday at 9 p.m.). Also, a bagpiper plays every evening at 5:45 p.m. 2700 17 Mile Drive, (831) 647-7500.

**Courtside Bistro** at Chamisal Tennis and Fitness Club in Corral de Tierra — **Retrospect** (classic rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.); singer-songwriter **Bryan Diamond** (Sunday at 6 p.m.). 185 Robley Road, (831) 484-6000.

**Big Sur River Inn** — **Roger Eddy & Friends** (jazz, Sunday at 1 p.m.). On Highway 1 24 miles south of Carmel, (831) 667-2700.

**Fernwood Resort** in Big Sur — **The Julian Temple Band** (rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.). On Highway 1 25 miles south of Carmel, (831) 667-2422.

# ART

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Killion has focused much of his creative energy on capturing the beauty of California's coastline. The artist has spent considerable time hiking, camping and sketching in Big Sur, and his images of the local coastline have been widely published. Many who are unfamiliar with his name will recognize his images.

Killion — who lives near Point Reyes — will sign copies of his new book, "California's Wild Edge," which also features poetry and prose by Gary Snyder, Robinson Jeffers, Jaime de Angulo and many others.

"There's an oriental inspiration to his work and it shines through," said Magnus Toren, executive director of the Henry Miller Library. "It's a little impressionistic, and he uses a bold color scheme. He captures the drama of Big Sur very well."

The event is latest installment in the library's Under the Persimmon Tree series. Unfortunately, because so many people are expected to attend, the event will happen under a redwood tree because the library's persimmon tree is too small, Toren added.

Reservations are required. The library is located on Highway 1 28 miles south of Carmel. Call (831) 667-2574.

# LEGENDS

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Included in the book are profiles on historic figures like Robinson Jeffers, Ansel Adams, Perry Newberry, Barney Laiolo and Mary Austin, as well as contemporary movers and shakers like Jason Burnett, Sue McCloud, Clint Eastwood, Sam Farr and Carolina Bayne. At least two individuals with a Pine Cone connection made the grade as well — current publisher Paul Miller and the late cartoonist Bill Bates.

While Watson had many memorable conversations with the book's subjects, one that stands out for her was an interview she had with children's book author and Carmel Valley resident Beverly Cleary, who turns 100 next year.

"I had wanted my whole life to speak with Beverly," Watson recalled. "I read all of her books as a child. But I had heard she was very private and never granted an interview. One day, when I was feeling brave, I called her up. We talked for about 10 minutes. Her son brought me a photo of her."

Watson was so excited about interviewing Cleary that she called up her twin sister and declared, "I'm so happy I can die now."

Ten percent of the proceeds from the book signing event will benefit a new Carmel Youth Center art program. Also, flutist Kenny Stahl will serenade guests. The Carmel Bay Company is just south of Ocean on Lincoln. Call (831) 624-3868.

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**July 10-12 - 58th Annual Antiques & Collectibles Show and Sale** at St. Mary's by the Sea Episcopal Church, Central Avenue at 12th Pacific Grove. Live music, food, silent auction, church tours, drought-tolerant plants, Fun. Admission \$8 (good for all 3 days), \$12 served lunch with beverage and dessert. (831) 373-4441, [www.stmarys-bythesea.org](http://www.stmarys-bythesea.org).

**July 11 - De Tierra Vineyards 2nd Annual VINO with the Vineward at De Tierra Vineyards** with Chef Kathleen Robison and 'Gus' Gustat, Saturday, July 11, 1 to 4 p.m. Mediterranean lunch

buffet, blind tastings, picnic games, great prizes, library wine tastings and more! Tickets: \$65 regular, \$55 wine club members. Russell Estate, 503 Corral de Tierra Road, Salinas. (831) 229-2105, [arrusell@detierra.com](mailto:arrusell@detierra.com), [www.detierra.com](http://www.detierra.com).

**July 11 & 12 - Del Monte Kennel Club All-Breed Dog Show**, July 11 & 12, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Carmel Middle School, 4380 Carmel Valley Road. See 2,500 dogs compete in conformation, obedience and rally! Pre-entered dogs only. Wirehaired Pointing Griffon, Rottweiler, Great Dane & English Setter specialty shows Friday. AFRP dogs available for adoption Sunday. Parking \$10. [www.DMKC.org](http://www.DMKC.org) or (831) 333-9032.

**July 12 - Celebrate the 69th Annual Obon Festival**, Sunday, July 12, noon to 7 p.m. at the Buddhist Temple, 1155 Noche Buena Street, in Seaside. Enjoy Japanese foods, bonsai and ikebana exhibits, Taiko drumming, martial arts demonstrations, and the bon odori (dance) at 6 p.m. For more information, call (831) 394-0119 or see [www.montereybuddhist.org](http://www.montereybuddhist.org).

**July 16 - A Legendary Evening** with Author, Lisa Crawford Watson and The Characters of Carmel at Carmel Bay Company. "Legendary Locals of Carmel-by-the-Sea" book signing and reception, Thursday, July 16, 5 to 8 p.m. Wine. Food. Music. Portions of evening proceeds to benefit Carmel Youth Center. Ocean and Lincoln Street. (831) 624-3868.

**July 27-31 - Students in grades 1-6, join us at World Art Workshop**, where artistic expression meets cross-cultural exploration! This non-religious day camp takes place July 27-31 at the educational facilities of Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula. Register now! [www.WorldArtWorkshop.org](http://www.WorldArtWorkshop.org) or call (831) 277-2713.

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# DRUGS

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might be involved, Carmel police asked for help from the Peninsula Regional Violence and Narcotics Team, and on Tuesday morning, officers started watching the house, along with a car parked outside. The plan was for them to pull the car over and conduct a parole search if anyone came outside and started to drive away, according to Tomasi.

It turned out that more than a half-dozen people live at the home, and while officers watched, other men showed up: one on a motorcycle and another in a pickup truck.

"One of the residents came outside at the same time another person drove up in a yellow truck, and they started fighting in the front yard — with police watching," Tomasi said. "The officers decided to end the surveillance and stop the fight before anybody got seriously hurt."

After breaking up the fight and detaining the men, officers searched the house, discovering methamphetamine, heroin and drug paraphernalia.

"They also found methamphetamine on one of the subjects involved in the fight, and inside his truck, they found more methamphetamine," Tomasi said.

And in the truck bed, police found an old mortar round the driver told officers he found at the former Fort Ord.

"We don't think it was live — it was pretty rusty — but there was fuel in it, so that had a potential to be dangerous," Tomasi said.

The bomb squad was called in, and police evacuated the house and shut down the

streets around it. Deputies placed the mortar in a heavy container, removed it and blew it up in a more remote location.

Former Mayor Sue McCloud, who lives next door, said she had no idea anything was going on until a neighbor called to ask why so many police officers were outside her house.

"I opened the front door and could see nothing, except that traffic was slowing down," she said. "Then I opened the garage door, and what to my wondering eyes should appear, but about eight police officers, and they had one gentleman cuffed and bent over in the garden."

Police arrested three suspects: 39-year-old Joshua Griffin for parole violation; 50-year-old Timothy Buhl for possession of methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine for sale, transport of methamphetamine and assault causing great bodily injury (for the fistfight in the front yard); and 27-year-old Megan Rachelle Herman for possession of heroin and methamphetamine.

Tomasi said the arrests came about because concerned residents alerted the police department to suspicious activity at the house. He encouraged people to call whenever they feel something is amiss.

"We had a couple of different people tell us about activity at the house, and that's exactly what we're looking for," he said. "We have a beautiful community — we want to keep it that way."

The violence could have been far worse, such as a stabbing or a shooting, he said, and it was because of anonymous tips that police were already on scene when things started to go sideways.

"We really appreciate the help from the community," he said.



Police reported finding drugs and an unexploded mortar round in this pickup truck outside a Santa Lucia Avenue residence that was under surveillance Tuesday.

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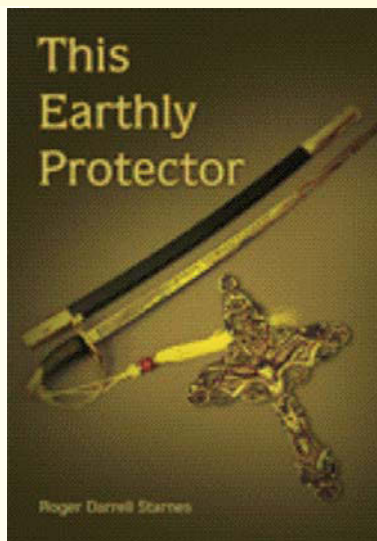
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The mother superior gave me her blessing to marry Yvette if we decided too; she also entrusted me to make the right decision for the welfare of Yvette and the other orphans. I made that decision.

**DeWayne Anthony Stevens**

# Editorial

## You can put a price on public safety

EVERY TIME somebody asks a city council or the board of supervisors for a budget allocation for a project to help prevent crime or protect against fires or floods, they can usually be counted on to sum up their case for the allocation by uttering the time-worn shibboleth, “ ... after all, you can’t put a price on public safety.”

Of course, that statement is utter nonsense. Everything the government does with the taxpayer’s money, and everything the people are required to spend, ostensibly for their own benefit, should be subject to a cost/benefit analysis. Is requiring CO detectors in every home worth the expense? Should infant car seats also be mandatory on airplanes? How many police officers should be on the overnight shift? Etc., etc.

None of those decisions can be made in a vacuum. Governments, businesses and private citizens constantly make decisions about whether it’s worth it to spend X number of dollars to produce Y benefit for their own, or somebody else’s, safety. And they should.

That same sort of thinking is needed when it comes to making natural gas lines safe. Everybody knows that the gas they use for cooking and heating is hazardous, but it’s also something they all want to have in their homes and businesses, and they want it at a reasonable price. And while they don’t expect natural gas to be 100 percent safe, they also want cost-effective measures to be in place to make sure the danger of a leak — which can poison the air or lead to an explosion — is kept to a minimum.

Unfortunately, PG&E, which supplies natural gas to the Monterey Peninsula, is apparently pinching pennies when it comes to preventing a repeat of the explosion which destroyed a home at Guadalupe and Third in March 2014.

In that incident, which wasn’t a tragedy only because nobody was home when the house blew up, technicians working on a gas line in the street outside the home made a mistake which is perhaps understandable in a network of thousands of miles of gas lines extending throughout the northern half of the state: They punctured a line they thought was just metal, when it actually had a plastic liner. Unfortunately, when they erroneously tapped into the line, gas flowed through the gap between the metal pipe and the liner, and then into the house, where it accumulated until it found an ignition source and exploded.

But even if we assume that the tapping mistake was understandable, it was incomprehensible that the crew, having caused a dangerous leak, had no way to cut it off. Instead, they had to call for help, and the gas kept leaking for more than an hour (the house blew up after 40 minutes). The leak could have been stopped quickly by using pinchers to crimp the line just above the leak, but none were available. That’s weird.

And what is even more incomprehensible is that, even today, more than 14 months later, city officials still have no confidence that the problem has been rectified, and that if a similar leak happened today, the gas would be shut off before it had time to kill a whole family. PG&E says its crews now have all the “necessary emergency equipment,” but does that include pinchers? If it does, the mayor hasn’t been told.

We get that public safety, like everything else, is subject to a cost-benefit analysis. But how much can gas line pinchers cost?

Dear PG&E: What is the answer to this question?

## BEST of BATES



## Letters to the Editor

### Business owner’s ‘apology’ about parking

Dear Editor,

I would like to apologize to my fellow business owners.

We finally had a vote that was not unanimous by the Carmel City Council to remove the parking kiosks, and it was because only one person was able to vote for what was right, as opposed to what the squeaky wheels wanted.

At Tuesday afternoon’s city council meeting, I fully expected a packed city hall. Instead, only about 25 people were in attendance for what was a much anticipated meeting regarding paid parking.

Many businesses, along with the entire city council, realized that the paid parking on Ocean Avenue was, in fact, working. It had helped keep the employees out of the business district and gave our customers the affordable option of parking on Ocean Avenue, generally without having to circle town for 10 to 20 minutes looking for a space.

I apologize to my fellow business owners for not getting us all together again to explain to the city council that we are doing well, and that we appreciated their effort to finally fix the parking problem. We should have been together and explained to the council that the paid parking was working, although it needed to be fine-tuned, and the

kiosks needed to be replaced or removed.

Instead, one relatively new business owner who has been blaming the city council and the paid parking for the stagnant sales at their business was able to gather the troops and beat the “ugly kiosks” drum! Now we are right back to Square One, for at least the next 60 to 120 days (90 of which are our town’s busiest) on parking.

We all agreed that the parking kiosks were an eyesore, but if they could have stayed during our peak time of the year, we could have had a smoother transition into our next phase to fix the parking problems. But the progress that had been made was thrown out of the window, led by Councilman Ken Talmage and his insistence on having the kiosks removed as soon as possible. It actually seemed more like the political campaign aimed at regaining the support of the voters instead of doing the smart thing, and what was right.

Todd Tice, Carmel

### Trolley could be the answer

Dear Editor,

In the 1940’s and early 1950’s, during weekdays, the stores on Ocean Avenue catered primarily to the locals. There was a drugstore (still there) a hardware store, a grocery store; family oriented restaurants, a five and dime, a movie theater, a gas station, etc. Sufficient parking was not a problem. Tourist parking was primarily on weekends.

In the late 1950’s and early 1960’s, many of the stores in Carmel catering to the locals were replaced by tourist-oriented shops. Tourists started coming on weekdays. Stores catering to the locals were moving to the

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# What doesn't kill us makes us more adaptable

“IF YOU live the first three years of your life in a war zone, and it doesn't kill you, you develop adaptability,” said Gaston Georis. He should know.

Born in Belgium in 1941, Georis recalled hearing bombs explode and sleeping with just a potato sack to keep him off the cold floor. His tales of war were worlds away from the cheerful table at La Bicyclette, the restaurant he owns on Dolores, where he sipped coffee and talked about his life.

The war in Belgium ended in February 1945, but the deprivation didn't. As the nation recovered, Georis said he learned how to be “cute and lovable” to coax food from strangers, and what clothing his mother didn't knit came from the Red Cross.

Happily, the family survived the war and was able to build a pretty good life afterward. His parents ran a combination grocery store and wine shop. His sister married an American serviceman and moved to Blythe, in southern California. Georis liked school and loved riding his bicycle — a pastime he still enjoys.

When he was 15, his parents leased out their shop and took him and his brother, Walter, on an extended trip to the United States, to see how his sister was doing.

After they arrived in New York, the family was surprised by the country's sheer size. “We spent three days and two nights on a bus to get to California,” marveled Georis.

Along the way, while heading through the south, they were mystified to find they couldn't sleep on the bench in the back of the bus because white people were supposed to ride in the front. Even the food was alien. “We were served Jell-O and we weren't sure how to eat it — did you use a spoon, a fork, or cut it with a knife first?” he asked, laugh-

ing. Gelatin desserts notwithstanding, once they got to California, his mother fell in love and convinced his father to stay — something that was still possible in those days for a family from Europe.

Georis entered high school as a sophomore, but on his first day, he didn't exactly blend into the “Happy Days” landscape. “I wore an Italian blazer, wool pants and a shirt and tie,” said Georis.

That night, he asked for Levis and T-shirts, but his father worried people would

## Great Lives

By ELAINE HESSER

think they were poor. His mother saved the day by convincing his father the outfit was a required school uniform.

Georis did well in high school and was popular. “I learned to strum the guitar and sang ‘Love Me Tender,’ in a school assembly,” he said. He was elected student body president. He skipped his junior year and graduated in 1958, at age 16.

He attended junior college in Costa Mesa, taking courses to fill in what he believed were gaps in his personal development. “I learned to swim and took judo to build my strength,” he said. He also took ballroom dancing, psychology, algebra, world studies and philosophy.

He graduated from the University of California at Riverside in 1963 with a degree in French literature and a sweetheart named Sheila who would eventually become his wife.

At 21, he began teaching at Polytechnic High in Riverside. On his first day, a coach tried to kick him out because he looked too old to be a student and too young to be a teacher.

Georis' solution? “I bought a pipe and a tweed jacket with elbow patches.” He needed his “faculty room clothes” even more when The Sandals — the band he and his brother formed — started gaining popularity. Students brought his albums to school and asked for autographs.

He continued to pursue careers as a musician and teacher while earning his master's degree in French Literature, with the goal of teaching at the college level. The band recorded the music for the surfing documentary, “The Endless Summer.”

His professorial career eventually led him to MIIS,



Avid cyclist and restaurateur Gaston Georis outside La Bicyclette.

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# It's a dog's life (even if you're a cat)

THERE ARE more than 80 million dogs in our country. And judging by the streets of Carmel this week, most of them are here.

The Del Monte Kennel Club All Breed Show happens this weekend. Proficient pooches will compete for top honors. Of course, all dog owners think their pets are champions whether or not they win a dog show.

My little brother was afraid of dogs. Benny used to get bit by dogs the way other people got bit by mosquitoes. Once he even got nipped by an old dog that had no teeth. The dog died shortly afterward. The dog's owner blamed my brother for trying to pet him. My dad said to the dog owner, “Why blame my son? Your dog finally bit off more than he could chew!”

To help Benny get over his fear of dogs, Pop brought home a puppy from the pound, a mixed breed. Or as my father called the dog, “a cocker scandal!”

Schmendy was a cute little puppy. Then he grew up to be a Shetland pony. He became my brother's constant companion. Benny pretended to be the Lone Ranger, and the dog pretended to be Silver.

Benny idolized that dog. But the dog wasn't very smart. Schmendy never learned to fetch, roll over, or shake hands. Mom said the dog was a magician because he was only good at one thing — making food disappear. Once we left Schmendy home alone and he got into the cupboard. Pop asked what the dog had eaten. My mother said, “Everything but the dog biscuits.”

Our neighbors had a purebred German shepherd named Frieda. Smart as a whip. One day I went over there and saw my neighbor playing checkers with the dog. I was amazed. “Frieda's the smartest dog in the world,” I said.

My neighbor said, “Nah, she's not so smart. I've beaten her four games out of five.”

As much as we all loved Schmendy, he was not a pampered pet. Pampering was unheard of in our house, even for humans.

Of course, back then people couldn't buy all the luxury products for pets that are sold today. Dogs were lucky if they got a bone. A lot of people in our neighborhood used to ask the butcher for dog bones because they made such good mushroom and barley soup.

Pets today are a \$50 billion industry in this country. There are even more pet foods than there are sugary breakfast cereals. And upscale brands are the fastest growing category.

Several restaurants around the Peninsula offer gourmet doggie menus. Recently while having lunch on the patio of a Carmel cafe I overheard this conversation:

The owner of a little Pomeranian said to the owner of a rather bulky bulldog, “Your dog wouldn't have that problem if he ate more fiber. And fiber cuts cholesterol, too.”

The remark caught my attention because it sounded exactly like the conversation at my seniors coffee group.

“Tiffany is gluten free,” said the Pomeranian's person. “She sticks to free-range chicken, organic veggies, and mineral water. Otherwise she'd be as fat as your dog.”

“My dog isn't fat!” huffed the bulldog's owner. “Gaylord is just big boned. And anyway, he's due for his annual visit to the Golden Lawn Fitness Farm for Dogs.”

“You send your dog to a fitness farm?”

“A sort of Club Med for canines, strictly five-star. They have spa cuisine, 24-hour

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massage, four-legged yoga, and for neutered dogs there's even safe sex.”

“Sounds amazing! Where is this place?”

“In Baja. Gaylord flies out of Monterey, first class. He's got his own frequent flier program.”

“A place like that must be mucho expensive.”

“Well, Gaylord is like one of the family. No, actually, he's better than most of the family.”

Then lunch was served. The bulldog had a steak on the bone, medium rare, and a glass of house Pinot that he sent back. The Pomeranian had chicken scallopini with a side of locally sourced kale.

“How old is your dog? She still looks like a puppy.”

“Tiffany's going on 10.”

“You'd never know it.”

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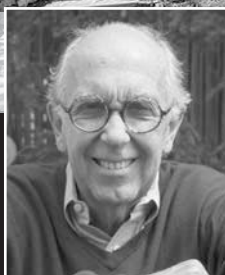
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## CONTEST

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guitar and vocals as she sings another song in Chinese.

Because the contest emphasized social media, Cayleigh also set up a blog where you can watch the video and follow their travels. It's at [capaldiadventures.weebly.com](http://capaldiadventures.weebly.com).

It was close to the deadline, but try as they might, the family couldn't upload the contest materials. They contacted the tourism commission in China, which had them email everything directly.

Through it all, Cayleigh never gave up. "She had this tenacity about making sure they at least saw the video," said Leigh.

First the family was selected as one of five finalists, and then they received the almost unbelievable news — they'd won!

"At first, we felt shock and disbelief and doubt," said Leigh. But they have their plane tickets and their visas, so there's tangible evidence it's really going to happen.

The tour begins at the end of July, and they'll return at the end of August. Only Cayleigh, Leigh and Domenick will go, as

the tourism board limited the group to the nuclear family, but Zimmerman remains one of Cayleigh's biggest cheerleaders.

For her part, Cayleigh is getting two weeks of tutoring for two hours daily, immersed in Mandarin. Leigh contacted the city council, which is preparing an appropriate official proclamation for them to present to the mayor of Hangzhou.

Leigh said, "We'd also like to shine a light on Carmel-by-the-Sea and build a cultural bridge." They'll also befriend the Chinese family and learn about Chinese culture and history.

The two families will be followed by camera crews, but Leigh said since they've all performed in front of large audiences, they're comfortable with that.

After Hangzhou, the tour stops in Dunhuang (China), Mykonos and Santorini in Greece, Dubrovnik (Croatia), Venice, Geneva, Paris, and then Boston and New York. It's all-inclusive with a portion of it on a cruise ship in the Mediterranean.

Needless to say, the Capaldi clan is looking forward to the trip. "We were looking for something exciting to do with Cayleigh," said Leigh. Looks like Cayleigh found it for them.

## MORE DESAL

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pany said it turned it off as a precautionary measure before it got that low.

While water authority executive director Jim Cullem called the delay a "timeline hiccup," Crooks said the test well has been successful.

"The test well itself is just proving that it works," Crooks said. "It pumps and has no real impacts inland. It has provided great data to date."

Though a group of Salinas Valley farmers contends Cal Am's full-scale desal project would contaminate its groundwater supplies, and filed suit against Cal Am, the 1,789-page environmental impact report for the project

released April 30 concludes that it "would not result in a significant impact to groundwater resources," including exacerbating seawater intrusion into the groundwater basin used for agricultural purposes.

When the test well was first turned on in March, it produced water that had about 72 percent salinity. At the time it was turned off, that number had increased to about 85 to 86 percent, a trend that Crooks said would continue.

The hope is that the well eventually pumps water that is about 95 percent salinity — which means it would be drawing almost exclusively from the ocean and not from fresh water aquifers.

Stedman said the company would be able to turn the well back on not long after coastal commissioners approve the amendment.

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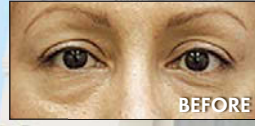


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## GRASS

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the planning commission and the forest and beach commission decided it was time to address the issue. They held hearings in June and recommended the city council impose a moratorium until policies for dealing with it are developed.

"Both commissions expressed concerns and noted the need for further study," Mullane said, so he drafted a 45-day "urgency ordinance" that would take effect as soon as the council approved it. According to state law, the temporary ban could be extended with another vote by the council for an additional 10 months and 15 days, and then for another full year with a subsequent vote. The immediate halt would give decision makers time to draft appropriate laws governing the use or prohibition of artificial turf.

Most people who spoke at the meeting supported the ban.

Peter Shaw, an arborist who teaches horticulture classes at Cabrillo College, explained that the excavation required to install artificial turf affects roots, causing the trees stress and making them vulnerable to the diseases and pests that eventually kill them.

Resident Hugo Ferlito called artificial turf an "abomination" and said allowing it would amount to putting "a really crappy product on top of precious real estate." And forest and beach commissioner Karen Ferlito pointed out that people have many other natural options for water-efficient landscap-

ing, including wood chips and groundcover. Further, she noted, anything described as "fake," "artificial," "plastic," or "faux" seems anathema to Carmel.

"This could create a big nightmare," Ferlito said. "It could devastate our urban forest."

Former Mayor Sue McCloud, who has spoken in favor of the use of synthetic turf in certain situations, said she hoped the officials would listen to "knowledgeable people on both sides presenting their views."

"The city has been the leader on so many things," when it comes to water conservation, she added.

Councilman Ken Talmage noted that a moratorium would provide time for researching the issue and drafting an ordinance to address it.

"I'm unlikely to change my mind, but I think we should get the facts before we jump to conclusions," he said.

Nonetheless, he added, "The idea of taking lawns out to replace them with artificial grass that damages trees is really short sighted."

Councilman Steve Dallas said the planning and forest and beach commissions should be the ones to develop and recommend policy for the council to adopt.

Burnett agreed that would be a reasonable process. "We don't allow grass, and why in the world would we allow fake grass?" he asked. "That doesn't need to be researched."

Although the ordinance only referred to applications for artificial turf in the residential district, the council decided it should apply citywide, and then unanimously approved it.

## GEORIS

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which was then called the Monterey Institute for Foreign Studies. Walter had already moved here and was running a photography studio.

His sister moved here after a divorce, bringing her boyfriend, a chef named Michel. The brothers had some money saved, so they opened La Boheme, where La Bicyclette is now, and hired Michel. It served only one meal a day, with a fixed price and a fixed menu.

It was a risky idea that caught on. Other European-style eateries, including Casanova, Fandango, and the Belgian Bakery soon followed for the family. They also had what Georis called a "hippie store" in town. Walter made handbags and sold them, and they did a booming business in Birkenstocks.

At one point, the brothers employed more than 400 people. They eventually began divesting themselves of some of their pursuits, including, for Gaston, teaching. He was reluctant, but his accountant pointed out that he spent more money creating curriculum than he made at the job.

He continued his life in music, including taking up the accordion while on a trip to the French Riviera. He's still recording, and released a 2012 album called "World Winds." And when he's not home in Carmel, or at work, you can sometimes find him on the rec trail, riding his bicycle to Marina and back.

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## WILDE

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"To tell you the truth, we had her eyes done. Since then, she acts like a new dog. Her shrink says it totally boosted her self-esteem. By the way, is that a fitness watch your dog is wearing?"

"Yes, Gaylord's personal trainer recommended it ..."

Just then, a couple strolled down the sidewalk in front of the cafe carrying a perfectly groomed Persian cat on a little sedan chair. The feline wore jeweled sunglasses and four tiny monogrammed velvet slippers.

As they passed, the two dog owners looked at each other and rolled their eyes. "Isn't that ludicrous?" one said to the other. "Carrying a silly cat around on a sedan chair! You'd think that cat was some kind of royalty or something!"

"I have never liked cat owners," the other said. "They're a bunch of pompous, pretentious, trend-sucking nut jobs!"

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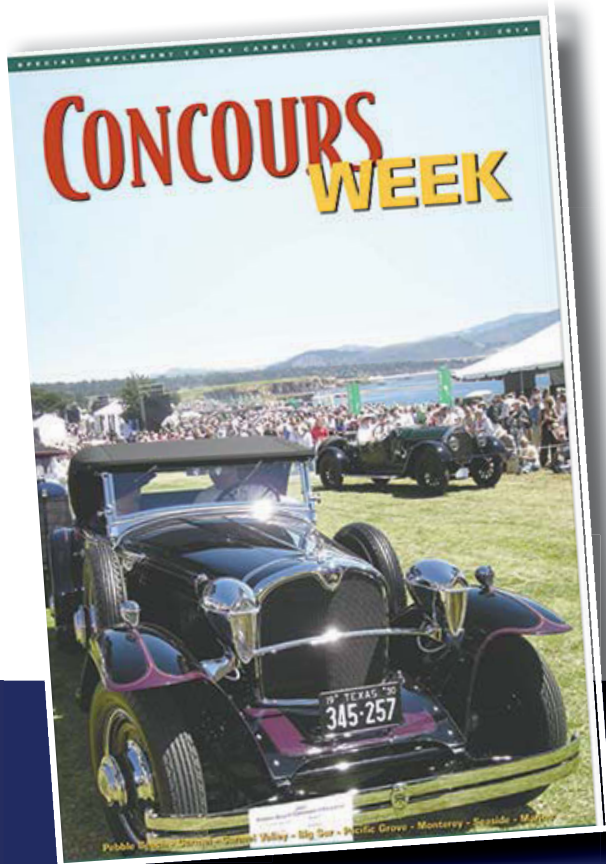
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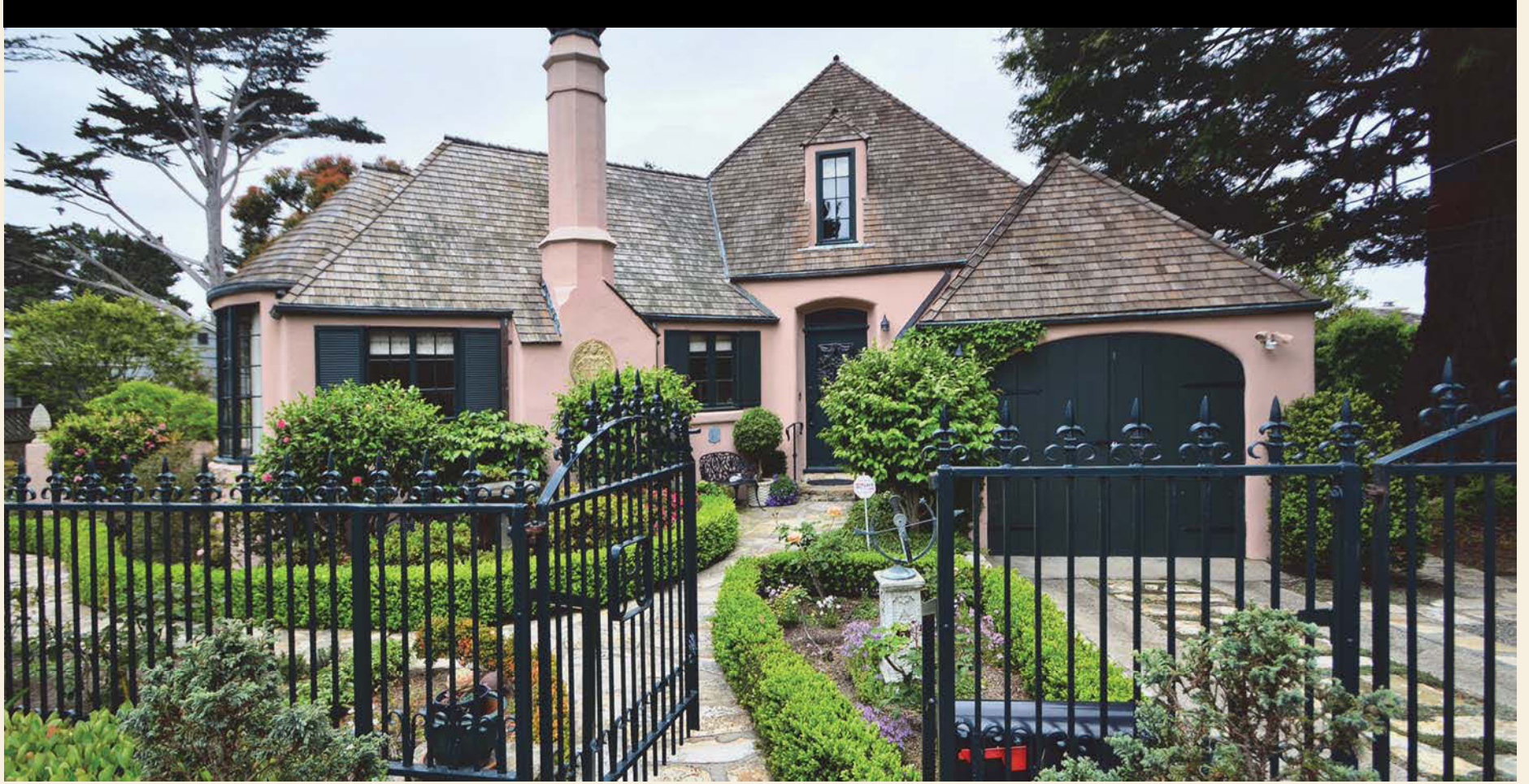
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