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Destination Carmel-by-the-Sea?

St. Augustine seems to have captured the meaning and pleasure of travel when he opined, "The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page."

Adventure—most of us seek it. We discover adventure in travel, in being a visitor or tourist to places in our dreams. The world travels. And there are times when some of our locals think the entire world is strolling on Ocean Avenue.

Let's be fair, tourists are innocents. They want to see. See Carmel, see the ocean, see the forest, and see the natives, although we're not sure the natives want to see them.

But, downright unfair. Visitors should be welcomed. They roam our streets and paths delighting in the natural beauty. And practically speaking, they dine in our many restaurants, and they shop our businesses. And they do it mostly with wonder, appreciation, and a smile.

Another couple of quotations:

"To travel is to live,"

"Take only memories - leave only footprints,"

"A tourist takes his prejudices with

him; a traveler is transformed by his journey."

We know who we are, we Carmelites. Many of us are here not only for the natural beauty but for the civilized life and the quiet. Some of us, perhaps more than some, are dismayed by the influx of strangers. We're not sure we want to share this 'Village in a forest by the sea.' In so many instances it's not that we're mean but that our 'quiet' has been breached.

And then someone (not *The Voice* for heaven's sake) will stand up and say "Get over it. Welcome visitors as you would hope to be welcomed to another destination in the world."

In fact, many of us, today's locals, were visitors at one time. There must have been plenty of welcoming smiles when we first viewed the sea from atop Ocean Avenue. The upshot: we pitched our tents, applied for a library card, and ordered a double espresso at La Playa. So, let's be honest, we really welcomed ourselves.

Many local people wherever they live view tourism as an irritation. A disruption in one's life. Which begs the question, did these folks ever consider themselves an irritant when they sat boldly slurping gelato on the Spanish Steps in Rome? How about pushing ahead in line to enter the Tower of London? (Anne Boleyn was in no hurry.) You're in a tiny neighborhood bakery in Paris. Several women are waiting behind you for service. Oh dear, you've bought the last baguette. Not a lot of smiles from those ladies. "Touristes Americains!" Terrible!

Well, if you're an anti-tourist person (and we hope not) then this below is for you. It's a quotation from the acerbic, witty, and glorious playwright, Noel Coward: "Why do the wrong people travel, travel, travel and the right people stay at home?"

Good fun but not what we believe most of us here in Carmel-by-the-Sea feel about our visitors. Let's set aside our prejudices and discomforts and our disrupted routine lives. People from all over the world have heard about us, our beach, our forest, and yes, our charm. How about we take that word "charm" personally?

CHARM: From the OED (Oxford English Dictionary): The power or quality of giving delight or arousing admiration.

CITIZEN of the Year

All About Tom – CRA's Citizen of the Year!

A pril 10th Tom Parks was celebrated for his 30 plus years of contributions to the culture of our Village and volunteering on both the Boards of the Carmel Public Library Foundation stage of The Cherry Center Theater with local performance artists and stage craft. His passion for both reading and writing was kindled in his youth and early career in Hollywood – we have benefited from.

To experience Tom's latest in theatrical wizardry in writing and in production, we invite you to check out "Age is only a Number" (a sequel) stage production in late May and June - details on page 8.









and the Carmel Residents Association. As frequent readers of this *The Voice* CRA publication, you know Tom as our Editor and prolific contributor over many years. We've all enjoyed reading his *Voice* personality profiles and relevant Community insights – with his literary unique style and wit. Over his three decades living in our Village – he has written and produced over 26 plays, predominantly performed locally on the Tom was recognized by the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea – by Dale Byrne - Mayor & Alissandra Dramov - Council Member, Monterey County Dist. 5 Representative – Kate Daniels, California St. Assembly Member Dist. 30 – Dawn Addis, California St. Senator Dist. 17 – John Laird's designee, US House of Representatives Dist. 19 – Jimmy Panetta virtually, close friend Phyllis Theroux, Mary Condry and Graeme Roberston. As Tom Parks joins our honor roll of many noteworthy Citizens of the Year, may his charm and character continue to entertain, influence and inform us in the years to come. Or should I say Cary Grant.

Find the celebration video, photos, certificates, program, and more back-ground/biography details on the CRA website. In closing and as Graeme says "Looking forward to seeing you around town."

CARMEL Journal A Beach Story – Is This You?

Everyone in Carmel knows that the Carmel Beach has two seasons. The summer beach attracts tourists, little children, and strong, young knights in wetsuits, who stride into the ocean with their "shields" to do battle with the breakers. The sand is soft and full of sandcastles. At sunset, people fall silent, like museum goers in front of a masterpiece, to stare at it.

The winter beach is a different story. The summer sand has been swept back into the ocean and the truth beneath it is revealed: massive rocks, shaped like whales or giant forearms reaching into the water. The beach narrows. The surf, always treacherous, advances toward the cliffs. The ice plant trembles for its future.

This is a winter beach story. It hap-

pened on February 14th. A 74 year old woman and her dog were walking with a friend at the south end of the beach. The waves were crashing close to the back wall,

but not close enough for her to worry. And perhaps she was right, but she broke the one rule she knew to keep never turn your back to the ocean. It was only for a moment, but long enough for a deadly "sneaker wave "to scoop her up and carry her toward the bottom of the

ocean. (Her dog had jumped to safety.)

Suddenly, a tall, light-haired man in his early 40's came crashing through the surf toward her. "Give me your hand" he



shouted, as she was being dragged away. He pulled. It wasn't enough. "Your other hand" he said. With both his arms, he pulled again. That time, the wave re-

> leased her. A moment later, bruised but alive, she was on dry sand. But her rescuer was gone.

"He saved my life," she said, "and I never got his name." Perhaps, I suggested, we could find him through this column. So please, sir, if you are not an angel, would

you step out of your life long enough to let my friend whose life you saved give thanks. Her name is Lynn. She was very worth saving.

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POINT of View

Another Villager's Life of Service

If Carmel-by-the-Sea had a civic hall of fame, Peter Mawdsley, originally from the village of Halsall, West Lancashire, England, would be near the top of the members list, for few Villagers have provided their generation, and future ones, with such enduring and impactful public assets.

Mawdsley, born in 1886, and wife Lucy, arrived in Carmel in 1922. He later opined "The beauty of the town fascinated me from the first moment I arrived. The white sands, the wildflowers, the pines---all made it the finest place to live that I had ever seen..."

Trained in the English civic service, Peter supplemented his municipal experience with studies in accounting and

real estate. Before leaving for America, he was employed by the Board and Rural District Council of the Chorley Union, where he received praise for having "a complete knowledge of the accountancy work and the preparation for taking minutes of the Board and Council, as well as the various committees."

The lure of California as told by Jack London in "Valley of the Moon" was a magnet to Peter and Lucy. In October 1920, they arrived in the United States via steamship, eventually making their way to Carmel-by-the-Sea. Seeking employment, Mawdsley performed accounting work for local businesses and became a realtor.

A studious and curious individual, his knowledge and demeanor led to his election as president of the 1929 Monterey Peninsula Realty Board. He was selected auditor for the Carmel Chapter of the American Red Cross the same year and in 1930 served as supervisor of Carmel's national census.

In the late 1930's, Mawdsley, Charlie Van Riper and others, would begin an effort to sever Carmel from the Monterey Union High School District, and for the Sunset School District to evolve into today's unified educational entity.

The dissolution with MUHSD meant

building a local high school. Mawdsley prepared and presented at a 1939 community meeting a "scholarly estimate of the implications" of Carmel going its own way. One attendee at that conclave later said of Peter's presentation that it provided

"AN ENGLISHMAN OF THE OLD SCHOOL." DAISY BOSTICK

Carmelites with "efficient and thorough knowledge of the figures involved (and) was of especial aid in answering difficult questions regarding finances."

Mawdsley eventually served as



City Clerk Peter Mawsdley at his April 1956 retirement dinner, held at La Playa. On his left is P.A. McCreery, and on his right is Fred Godwin, both having served as mayors during Mawdsley's thirteen-year tenure as city clerk.

Carmel Pine Cone - April 5, 1956

chairman of the new Carmel Unified School District Board of Trustees and was the key delegate in the selection of the Hatton Ranch property for the siting of Carmel High School. During his service, the facility was built. (Two other sites were considered for the school—the Mission Ranch and Paradise Park, west of Highway One, across from where the high school was built.) After his term expired, Peter was appointed by the Board to be the district's financial advisor.

In 1938, the elected city clerk of the Village, Saidee Van Brower, in office almost two decades, was "increasingly given to flights of majestic indifference to her office.... disappearing for days on end amongst the trees and undergrowth



along the Carmel River to escape the burdens of state." Concerned about the implications of Saidee's absences on the City's financial operations and budget, the Council hired Mawdsley as the advisor to the council's finance committee, noting in the appointment writ that Peter would be "entirely independent of the office of city clerk."

An effort, initially and quietly led by Mayor Herb Heron, commenced thereafter to have Mawdsley run against Van Brower in the 1940 municipal election.

> Mawdsley succumbed to the calls to serve and filed his nomination papers. Peter had the support of businesspersons and city councilors. Saidee, in office since 1920, was endorsed by residents such as the family of renowned architect Charles Sumner Greene. In the April election, the "quaint and whimsical" Saidee prevailed by 100 votes. The Council kept Peter as its financial advisor, he continuing to report directly to that body. In the spring of 1943, while serving in her sixth, four-year term of office, Van Brower died. Ten days later, Mawdsley

was appointed city clerk. Thirty-five years after Mawdsley

retired as clerk, his successor, L.D. Rose, penned "Peter was a man with all the respectable characteristics of a true English civil servant. His respect and pride for the venerable traditions of the Office of City Clerk, as it was regarded in England, was coupled with a fierce and autocratic determination that should be similarly regarded in Carmel. I knew him as the engaging Dickensian character he relished being."

One of Peter Mawdsley's Carmel legacies is a unified school district and a high school. His other significant contribution will be revealed in the next edition of *The Voice*.

IN CITY HALL & Your Neighborhood

Pitching In with City Hall – a Team Effort!

In recent times – individuals in our community plus your CRA Board Members are contributing in a big way to major projects/programs for our Village. And we are ever thankful to the many non-profits, their boards and membership throughout our Village.

Our sincere appreciation includes those residents who represent us on our City's Council, Commissions and Boards. This expands to those who are participating in other supporting efforts from Design Traditions Steering Committee, Affordable Housing Alternatives (AHA) group, and a new citizens effort The Addresses Group (TAG).

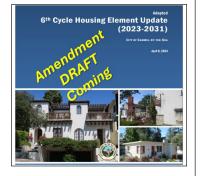
All of us are "pitching" in to support and extend the capacity of our City Staff and elected Council Members – bringing our considerable time, insights, residential views, and skills to the table. This work, in close partnership with Staff, produces recommendations and reports for final expanded reviews and decision making.



The DRAFT ... of our Housing Element Amendment

It's now in circulation for public review and comments from you, our Planning Commission, City Council and in the

months to come a refreshed certification with Sacramento (HCD). The AHA Team and City Planning Department Staff have been hard at work on the goal of removing the need for building affordable housing units at the Sunset Center and Vista Lobos City properties. With rarely fewer than 2 meetings per week, this has been a significant



effort by this team with all hands on deck.

With our fully built out City, creativity and researching alternatives have produced new plans for this State requirement

Are You Considering an ADU?

ADUs count in the 349 new housing units. Did you know that just last calendar year over 20 ADUs have been permitted in our Village? And many of these are conversions of existing space.

With many, but not all, of our *Voice* readers Village local home owners...have YOU considered increasing your property value by adding an ADU or what's possible in converting an existing ancillary studio into an official ADU rental unit?

Second home owners can benefit from having a renter on

of 349 new housing units in this 8 year period ending 2031. As has been briefed at City Council and in Community Workshops over the past 9 months, this draft includes both enhanced and new efforts for ADUs, churches, hotels & our downtown with a new "live/work" model proposed. These revised Amendment incentives and programs include commercial and residential property owners new ideas and streamlining of new market rate to affordable housing – ultimately welcoming new residents to our Village.

The amended portions of our Housing Element will include the updated Sites Inventory Appendix C and Programs Chapter 2. Your comments and questions are encouraged as

usual. With a few of our CRA Board Members heavily involved in this effort – we can answer your questions any time.

their property providing rental income but also providing the increased sleep-at-night benefit of watching over your property.

Our City's website has a newly updated "Considering an ADU in Carmel-by-the-Sea" guide with a Q&A of what is possible with the ADU process and resources all in one. Check this out at <u>ci.carmel.ca.us/post/housing</u>.

Addressing our Village?

Yes, another citizens team with City staff are researching a *possible* Village Standard Address approach. The investigation list is long – and work is already underway.

The team's questions include – not in any particular order: what are the potential assumptions, what numbering approach(es) should be considered, what are the pros/cons, how are stakeholders & constituents impacted (or not), what do we know about the possible implementation process and timing, can key Council decisions be made in phases, would there be costs to the city or property owners, etc.? These and additional "what if" items are being explored. As these finding details and implications are researched they will contribute to the coming decision making – at Council with continued critical feedback from our entire community. Watch this space.

VILLAGE Voices

Returning to her Regional Roots

Someone just moved in to our neighborhood and we thought it time she should be properly introduced as a member *The Voice* staff and a new regular contributor. (See page 2 bottom.) Her local families, including the Farrs. My father grew up with Fred Farr in Piedmont. When he decided to move down here in 1960, our two families reconnected. Now I consider his daughter, Francesca, and son,

name is Phyllis Theroux, and she is a writer with an impressive publishing background. And despite the fact that she has always lived somewhere else (mainly Washington, DC. and Ashland, Virginia) she has aways introduced herself as a Californian.

Hello, Phyllis Theroux and welcome. Not long ago you made the journey from the East Coast to California. There's a story there. Can you tell us about it, including the fact that you're no stranger to Carmel.

Yes, my roots are deep in the Monterey Peninsula. In the early 1920's, my great-aunt Marion Hollins came to Pebble Beach to work for Sam Morse and the Pebble Beach Land Company. She was an outstand-

ing golfer (winning the Women's Amateur National Championship twice), had a lot of ritzy East Coast friends who wanted to buy property along the golf course, and so their relationship was a natural one. Then, she went on to be one of the five founders of the Cypress Point Club, which didn't even admit women. But Marion was in a class by herself. And finally, she struck oil and used the proceeds to create Pasatiempo Golf Community in Santa Cruz. This was a woman who got an idea, and then did something about it.

I was too young to have much sense of her. She died when I was 5, but she was a force of nature and everywhere I go I find traces of her life that link my life to hers. At one time she owned 10,000 acres on the Big Sur, which was acquired by five



Sam, a big reason I want to be here.

When my family lived in Marin, I began to visit Carmel where my Aunt and Uncle had a summer place. We would play tennis all morning and get a hot dog at the Beach Club grill for lunch and then play more tennis in the afternoon. John Gardiner was the young pro who kept us all in line. I wasn't an ardent tennis player, but I liked the hot dogs and feeling fancier than I knew myself to be.

In the early 1960's, my father, John Grissim bought men's clothing store in the Pine Inn, from Howard Brunn, who became another one-off member of our family. But my father's last act was the best act of them all. He founded the country's first gleaning program in Salinas, feeding thousands of low-income senior



citizens with fresh produce. All the other gleaning programs began with his.

All this time, I was living in Washington, D.C., coming home for visits. But my brothers and sisters were raised in Carmel. Three of them, Peter, Tony, and Cynthia live here now. It is such a luxury to have them close by.

So why did you wait so long to return?

Life kept intervening. In Washington, D.C. I began to write, which introduced me to a life I could not have experienced elsewhere. Then, after a divorce which made it too expensive for me to stay in Washington, I moved south to Ashland, with absolutely no expectation of staying. But it was a wonderful community where I met my wonderful second husband. It was always the wrong time to move. Then, in 2020 when my husband died, I began to think it might finally be time to go home.

What was the main reason you wanted to return?

My family is here. I didn't want to be apart from them any longer. Also, my life on the East Coast felt complete, like a big satisfying book that had nevertheless ended. I wanted to begin a new book with new experiences.

Are you having these experiences in Carmel?

Yes, although not all of my experiences are rapturous. The culture, for example, is less community oriented, which I had forgotten. But I had also forgotten about the sea otters and the foggy mornings, and the way the waves thump like a mattress being turned, and how the light coats the fir trees with gold. Most mornings I wake up and think the same thought.

What's that?

"I don't have to leave."

ABOUT Town

In City Hall – "Cups Runneth Over!"

The tough FY 2025/2026 budget balancing act is scheduled with public reviews May through June – taking effect July 1. Preparing a conservative and thoughtful budget in these unpredictable times is especially challenging, commonly with a mid-year adjustment.

Community Feedback is always valuable on familiar and not forgotten topics coming up once again for approval and next steps in the weeks and months ahead. These include **Police & Public Works Building** Project, **Design Traditions** 1.5, **Harrison Memorial Library** centennial interior project, Forest Master

Plan, and there is always more. Plus, see page 4 mentions on Draft Amendment of our State



mandated Housing Element with its program next steps and our reoccurring Standard Addresses. Each of these topics has expanded information pages on the CRA website. Your comments are always welcome.

Sadly, It's Fire Season – Really

Although now almost year round – Fire Protection and Prevention are essential. Our Village and Villagers safety are always #1. As was mentioned in the last *Voice*, CRA hosted a February Emergency Preparedness Program – and has continued to update this page with added resources. Our Village Emergency and CERT Teams also collaborate for an early Summer and Winter storms "Carmel Prepares" workshop (date to be announced). Links to all of these resources on <u>www.carmelresidents.org/carmel-emergency-preparedness</u>.

Since the devastation down south – new requirements are surfacing for new construction and significant remodels, with existing structures recommending updates for added safety measures over time. We all will need to consider 5 foot defensible spaces - see the video and flyer information on the above webpage. Our City Planning and Safety teams will also be providing Village specific updates and guidance in various City meetings.

NOTE: This April and May, all Village property owners are receiving a Monterey Fire Department "Defensible Space No-tice" in postal mail. This is a check list of items to complete on your property, with a request you sign and return a self-compliance form. As always, follow any relevant local permit requirements (e.g., tree pruning). For questions on this check list call 831-646-3908, email fireprevention@monterey.gov or visit www. Monterey.gov/fire.

Soooooo Many Village Happenings – So Little Time

Recent Local Event YouTube Videos:

- Our Police Commander Todd Trayer Protection against Cyber Crime -<u>bit.ly/CyberCrimeProtection</u>
- Dedication of Chief Red Eagle Sign on San Carlos off of Ocean Avenue -<u>bit.ly/ChiefRedEagleSign</u>
- Devendorf Park Dedication of Barbara Livingston & Jan Reimers Benches - <u>bit.ly/BenchDedication</u>

NOTEWORTHY - City Special Meetings

- Tuesday May 20th Housing Element Amendment Workshop Joint Session with Planning Commission and City Council
- Wednesday May 21st Special City Council Workshop on the FY 2025/2026 Budget

So Much Music

- Friday May 16th 6:PM Free Terrace Hour at Sunset Center Flaco el Jandro
- Friday May 23rd 6PM Free Terrace Hour at Sunset Center Yeobo
- Friday May 30th 6PM Free Terrace Hour at Sunset Center Hovering Breadcat Duo
- Friday June 13th 6PM Free Terrace Hour at Sunset Center Harmony

Rising

- Friday June 20th 6PM Free Terrace Hour at Sunset Center Cement Ship
- Friday July 11th 5PM Free Summer Live Music at Carmel Plaza Money Band
- Saturday July 12th-26th Carmel Bach Festival Opening through Closing Night at Sunset Center and others
- Friday July $18^{\rm th}$ 5PM Free Summer Live Music at Carmel Plaza Chicano All Stars
- Friday July 25th 5PM Free Summer Live Music at Carmel Plaza Money Band

So Many Events – plus National Holidays

- * May 16th-18th Carmel Art Festival in Devendorf Park
- May 30th Pancakes with Carmel Police at Carmel Youth Center
- May 30th-June 7th Carmel Culinary Week around town
- June 7th-8th Carmel Surfabout at Carmel Beach
- June 19th Third Thursday at Farmers Market
- July 4th Monterey County Jazz in Devendorf Park
- July 17th Third Thursday at Farmers Market
- August 8th-17th Monterey Car Week & Concours d'Elegance ■

Celebrating Amazing Local Non-profits

We are honored and thankful for everything our Village nonprofits provide for our community over the decades – from charitable giving to amazing programs and much more. This year is the Centennial/100th year of the Carmel Woman's Club. Their big celebrations will culminate in September – visit their website for details. And two more organizations have already celebrated their 75th Anniversaries this spring. The value and contributions made

by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Rotary and the Carmel Foundation are significant and continuing with our unending appreciation. \blacksquare





Tourism & CRA's Annual Meeting

Thursday May 15th 5:30 at the **Carmel Youth Center** – At this year's Annual meeting we explore how the local business & tourism organizations are funded, how their efforts complement each other and how tourism and our residential community mix. Or not.

As residents we are ever-so familiar with the season upon us. We share everything our charming Village has to offer – especially with August's Car Week and July's Bach Festival. Learn more from our Q&A with leaders from Visit Carmel, Carmel Chamber and See Monterey – they want to hear from you.

This annual Members Only CRA program also includes introductions to our newest Board Members, highlights on our services, our membership, and our Board's engagements with City Staff, City Council, and our area non-profits. We present a local Business with a Certificate of Appreciation. All of this plus - finger foods, wines, and waters – with the best view of Point Lobos and our Village through the windows of the Carmel Youth Center at the corner of 4th and Torres. Join us!

New CRA Board Member – Ross Kaplan

Your CRA Board of Directors welcomes Ross to our team. Many of you know Ross and his wife Terri as they hosted our CRA's No-Host Gatherings and participated at many other CRA events, including our 2024 Feast in the Forest with great theme support. With an east coast graduate degree in Economics, he spent many years with E.F. Hutton in NYC. Ross then shifted gears and locations to California as he contributed to the evolution and sales growth of a new startup company. With 22 years residing in Sonoma County and an unplanned wildfire related departure, the Kaplans relocated in 2019 enthralled with the character and community of Carmel-by-the-Sea. If you've not met before, you can connect in person with Ross and Terri in their "island" attire at this year's Feast in the Forest September 13th!



Hula Anyone? - CRA's Annual Feast in the Forest

Saturday September 13th 4PM in the Indian Village at Pebble Beach – Save the date for our Members Only annual Feast in the Forest held every year in the great outdoors in the Indian Village of Pebble Beach. Once again you can expect a fun time, great food, wonderful company...plus an auction of great items and experiences from local businesses and more. We are encouraging attire of your best Hawaii shirts, puka shells and leis. Can anyone blow a conch shell?

If you can contribute an enticing auction item, gift certificates, or the like – please email jc_myers@outlook.com with our

CRA Membership Discounts & Offers

on't forget to use your discounts and offers in support of our great local businesses

for your summertime enjoyment. These include a free birthday cocktail, discounts on wine, dining, whale watching, haircut, gifts, clothing, art, shoes, furniture/decor, glass frames, groceries and...more! All current members have received their 2025 VIP Cards. These businesses love locals. Again, we thank these businesses and welcome your favorite local business to add to this listing.



CRA Goings On

Looking Back: Our CRA No-Host March 11th at Bar Napoli, our CRA Citizen of the Year April 10th where we honored Tom Parks – with photos, videos and more on the CRA website. Plus, our routine Farmers Market Community Table April 24th and CRA Beach Clean Up April 26^{th.} Plus, you've seen CRA Board Members contributing to many other Civic programs over recent months. **Coming Up:** Join us every 3rd Saturday at **CRA Beach Clean Up** 9:30 to noon on May 17th, June 21st, July 19th, and Aug. 16th. Stop by the **CRA table at Carmel's Farmers Market** every last Thursday monthly 10 AM -2 PM on May 29th, June 26th, July 31st, and Aug 28th. Plus, our CRA Annual Meeting and be sure register for our Feast in the Forest Saturday Sept. 13th.

Congratulations!

To Sandy Martinez of Carmel Valley as the recipient of the CRA Carmel High School Scholarship – as she

pursues her career in healthcare. With strengths in science



and caring for others, her interests are aimed toward varied technology specialties in radiology.



సాళా From Mary Ann Lloyd in memory of Skip Lloyd

thanks! CRA funds what we do and offer through your membership dues and this auction once a year. On the great food front – local chef/restaurateur Tim Wood

(of Woody's at the Airport, Del Mesa and CVA) will be preparing an "island" feast in support of our Polynesian theme. Be sure

we have your email address to make sure you receive event signup information for your registration. Or visit the CRA website for your sign-up.



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The CRA does not sell, trade, lend or in any other way share our members' information with any organization or company.

CHEERS & CHIDES

CHEERS You never know what you'll find in THE PIT. The Pit, that's at Dolores and 5th if you've never heard of it, which would surprise us. Rumor has it that there's been a curious, perhaps important, discovery made by the owner, the stranger from a tiny kingdom someplace. This is just speculation, but it seems at last that Jimmy Hoffa has been found. *The Voice*, as usual, has no comment--we never met Jimmy Hoffa.

CHEERS Hands down, Carmel's best gallery block is between Dolores and Fifth, that's of course including the Carmel Art Association. A stroll along both sides of the street will renew your pride in the Art of Carmel.

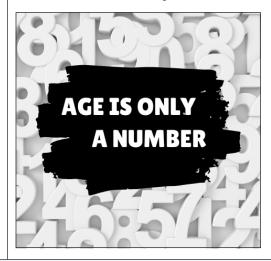


CHEERS Oh boy! The Post Office has a new decorator. Fab curtains on every window. The color? We'd call it utility gray. Word is out: *Architectural Digest* should be visiting soon.

CHIDES Is it possible that our beloved library will consider weekend hours? Not both weekend days, that's costly, but one of them. Access to working people would be such a generous gift to our citizens. Just asking.



CHEERS Speaking of tourism (see page 1) do our readers know that Carmel, our Carmel-by-the-Sea, is on the World's Travel Must-see List? That's right. And even if it weren't true we'd believe it anyway. Such modesty. **CHEERS** Our Tom Parks, your Voice editor and honored Citizen of the Year, in all of his copious spare time, has authored and produced an all new play/ sequel to "Age is Only a Number" – almost ready for curtains up. Reserve your \$35 each ticket by calling 831-624-7491. Shows run May 30 – June 22, Friday & Saturday at 7:30 PM and Sunday Matinee's at 2:30 PM – at The Cherry Center Theater on the NW Corner of 4th and Guadalupe.



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