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Virus cases few as shelter in place deepens



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Coronavirus cases on the Monterey Peninsula remain very few as changes to daily routines extend to all parts of life – from closed playgrounds (Forest Hill Park, top left), to shuttered churches (Carmel Mission on Easter Sunday, top right), to Scenic Road (lower right), where parking is now banned. But a shop on Dolores Street, Ruffle Me to Sleep, has lightened the mood with a whimsical window display (lower left) and its owner, Dee Borsella, is offering masks made from custom fabrics.

City shuts beach parking until end of month

■ Citizen patrol keeps everyone the required 6 feet apart

By MARY SCHLEY

PARKING WAS banned on Scenic Road and in the lot at the foot of Ocean Avenue after a meeting Wednesday between city administrator Chip Rerig and Police Chief Paul Tomasi.

Sunny weather Tuesday and Wednesday brought a lot of visitors to Carmel Beach and filled the city's beachfront parking, leading Rerig to extend the ban he initiated last weekend. The new closure lasts until April 30, and only applies within the city limits, not on Carmel Point.

"I have said I won't close the beach," Rerig said Thursday, the day the new parking rules took effect.

"We've been encouraging people to use the beach as a respite for exercise and to get outside."

Being able to take a stroll or run on the sand, or even just to stand and watch the surf, or to be in it, is a kind of therapy.

"But we do have people who aren't social distancing," Rerig commented. Police are responding to complaints about people not staying 6 feet apart and not wearing masks.

"We've been focusing on education and outreach. When our officers roll up, they talk about the dangers of not practicing social distancing."

Walk softly and carry a stick

A group of residents headed by Graeme Robertson is also out and about, wearing "City of Carmel

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Forest service tells campers to go home

By CHRIS COUNTS

CROWDS OF campers who are escaping the boredom of being stuck at home, rebelling against the strictures of living in civilization nowadays, or maybe just clueless are taking up residence in some of Big Sur's most isolated spots, raising concerns among local residents and leading the United States Forest Service to close eight roads and nine trails Thursday.

"Some of the roads, trails, and trailheads in the Monterey Ranger District are drawing increasingly heavy vehicle traffic and large groups of people, creating circumstances where social distancing is not possible," Andrew Madsen of the forest service reported. "Additionally, some are located adjacent to residential properties and could increase the risk among local residents of exposure to coronavirus."

The order by the federal agency, which will last through June 1, closed Tassajara, Milpitas, Nacimiento-Fergusson, South Coast Ridge, Plaskett

Ridge, Baldwin Ranch, Los Burros and Sycamore Canyon roads. It also closed the Boronda, DeAngulo, Kirk Creek, Prewitt Loop, Cruickshank, Soda Springs, Buckeye, Salmon Creek trails, as well as one that offers access to Sand Dollar Beach and Jade Cove.

Have app, will travel

While the rest of California hunkers down in response to a statewide shelter-in-place order to prevent the spread of coronavirus, it's somehow not surprising that some — labeled "Doomsday Campers" by one local — would rebel against the edict by getting in their cars and heading for Big Sur.

For weeks, some residents have complained about people camping along publicly owned dirt roads on Big Sur's South Coast. But other residents say they have been hesitant to sound the alarm because they're worried the news will just attract more

See CAMPERS page 22A

Health department offers scary projection of infections in county

■ But does it bear any relationship to reality?

By KELLY NIX

EVEN IF 70 percent of county residents follow all the social-distancing rules, Monterey County will have an astonishing 33,000 people sick with coronavirus in the next six weeks and its hospitals will be overrun with nearly 1,000 seriously ill patients, according to data county health officer Edward Moreno presented to the board of supervisors this week.

But Moreno's data also show that the county should have about 9,000 cases now and 300 hospitalizations, while his department has counted a total of 108 cases of the virus as of Wednesday, and just 22 people who've needed to be hospitalized throughout the crisis.

The discrepancy raised questions about the validity of Moreno's data and the necessity of the

shelter-in-place program he ordered into place last month. Tens of thousands of county residents have lost their jobs and their businesses because of the order.

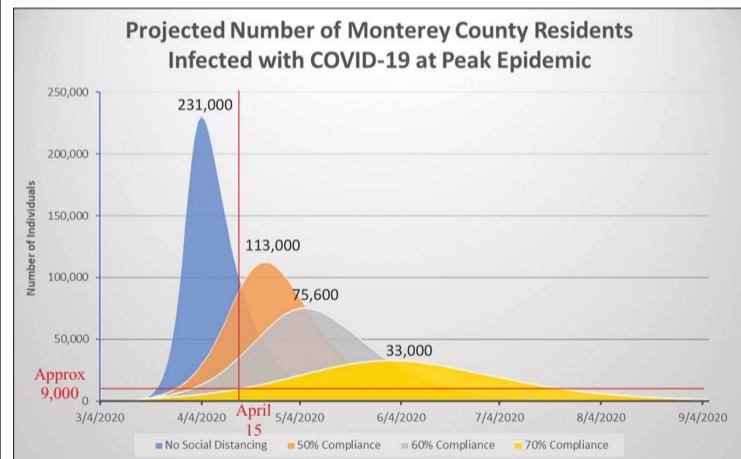
Though Moreno had previously warned of a "surge" of cases the county could get in the next several weeks, the public was likely not prepared to receive the bleak outlook he presented to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors Tuesday.

"If 70 percent of Monterey county residents and businesses complied with the shelter-in-place order we would have, at the peak, 33,000 residents sick by the first week of June," Moreno told the supervisors.

Crowded hospitals?

Of those sick people, Moreno said that "as long as we have good compliance with social distancing," 954 of them would need to be hospitalized simultaneously.

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SOURCE: MONTEREY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dr. Edward Moreno told the Monterey County Board of Supervisors this week that even under an optimistic scenario of public compliance with the shelter-in-place order he issued last month, the county would probably reach a peak of 33,000 coronavirus cases on June 4. But his graph also showed that there should be approximately 9,000 cases of the virus in the county now. His office has only confirmed a little more than 100, leading to the question, where are all those other people?

DA threatens prosecution of gardeners, contractors

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH THE county health officer apparently unwilling to back off his recent order that landscapers, gardeners, carpenters and other contractors can't work during the coronavirus shutdown except on projects that are for health and safety, Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine Pacioni issued a sternly worded warning this week that anyone found violating the new rules could be prosecuted.

"Violations of the April 3 order are subject to criminal and/or civil penalties," she warned. "Each day that a violation contin-

ues may be a separate violation. Both the contractor and owner of the building may be liable."

In a revised, stricter shutdown order he issued April 3, Dr. Ed Moreno said work could only continue on projects immediately necessary for essential infrastructure, those associated with health-care or affordable housing, essential public works projects, shelters and temporary housing, projects providing "critical non-commercial services" to the elderly and disadvantaged, construction necessary to ensure building sites are safe and secure during the shut-

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Sandy Claws

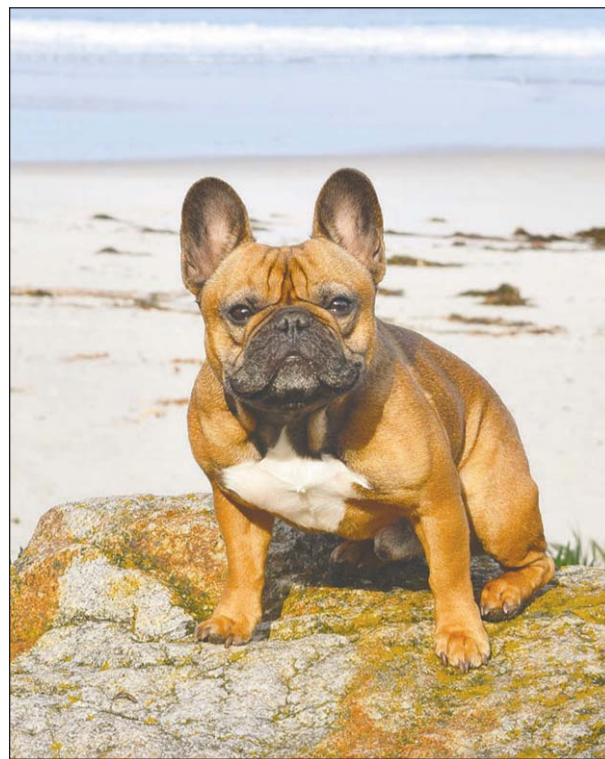
By Lisa Crawford Watson

Couldn't be cuter

THE TEENAGER had a little chicken farm in Carmel Valley and enjoyed selling the eggs her hens laid, but what she really wanted was a dog. Her parents gave her a choice. The chickens had to go.

She thought about getting a husky or maybe an Australian shepherd. Friends and family, who wondered how the busy, multi-sport teen would have time to care for a big, active dog, suggested something smaller, less active, without much bark and no bite. The French bulldog, which they say was bred for companionship, seemed to meet all the criteria.

"I immediately fell in love with the breed, and I don't even think there's an ugly Frenchie out there," she said. "We did a social media search and located a litter near San Francisco, so my dad and I went up



on the weekend."

As they sat in the parking lot outside Petco, they started to have second thoughts, but when the breeder showed up with a truck full of tiny puppies, one of them was a honey-colored 4-month-old whose other potential family had backed out. The teenager fell for him and named him Auggie.

"I absolutely love the book 'Wonder,' about Auggie, a little boy with facial differences who was, nevertheless, the most adorable little guy," she said. "Our Auggie, with all his facial wrinkles, couldn't be cuter. I just love his face."

Auggie gets to go on walks every day at Garland Ranch Regional Park, as an important part of his person's social distancing routine.

"He also likes the beach," his person said. "When my dad and I go swimming, he runs along the shore, parallel to us. He just wants to be close."

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MEALS ON WHEELS MEETS GROWING DEMAND AS MORE HELPERS STEP UP

By MARY SCHLEY

VOLUNTEERS ARE rallying and organizers are figuring out how to address increased demand for Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula's food delivery for seniors and shut-ins.

"We're still fielding many new calls a day and are helping as many as we can, given our current capacity issues," said Christine Winge, the new executive director of the Pacific Grove-based nonprofit.

Soon after the county-wide shelter-in-place order took effect March 18, Winge said demand increased by 25 percent, to more than 2,000 households, and the organization expanded the criteria for people it serves.

"We're seeing more people, for sure, and we're expanding our definition of 'homebound,'" she said. "We're helping people who are a little bit younger than we normally do," while continuing to ensure older residents on the Peninsula are still getting what they need.

"It's more people, and we've added a once-a-week supplemental nutrition bag with shelf-stable goods, like peanut butter and crackers," Winge said.

The organization is also trying to assist pet owners who need food for their animals.

The Food Bank for Monterey County and other charities have helped provide more food and supplies, and Winge said Stevenson School is allowing Meals on Wheels to use the coolers in its kitchen for overflow food.

"We've also installed a 10-by-10 shipping container around the side of the building to store overflow packaging," she said.

The organization and its corps of volunteers "have been trying to keep our changing daily protocols up to date to keep everyone safe and healthy," Winge added.

Which means they need plenty of disinfectant wipes, and paper bags with handles.

"Apart from those things, we're finding everything else we need, one way or another," Winge said.

'They don't have work'

While a portion of the organization's 300-plus unpaid helpers — some of whom have been with the organization for 45 years — have stopped doing deliveries during the shutdown due to their own health concerns, Winge said others who would typically be working and simply want to help have stepped up.

"Right now, people are coming in, because they want to be of service and they don't have work," Winge said. "It's a natural flow."

And those who have left for now "all say they want to come back," she said. "It's just a matter of when."

The work of volunteers has also changed with the pandemic. Delivery drivers now knock and drop off the food, rather than having their usual interaction with residents. The loss of that contact has its costs, since often, the volunteer is the only person a Meals on Wheels recipient will see that day, so they are now chatting with each other by phone, instead.

"We also have volunteers calling and making contact with them. It's more than delivering food," she said. "This is what we love to do. We want to be of help, so whatever that looks like, we're happy to be there."

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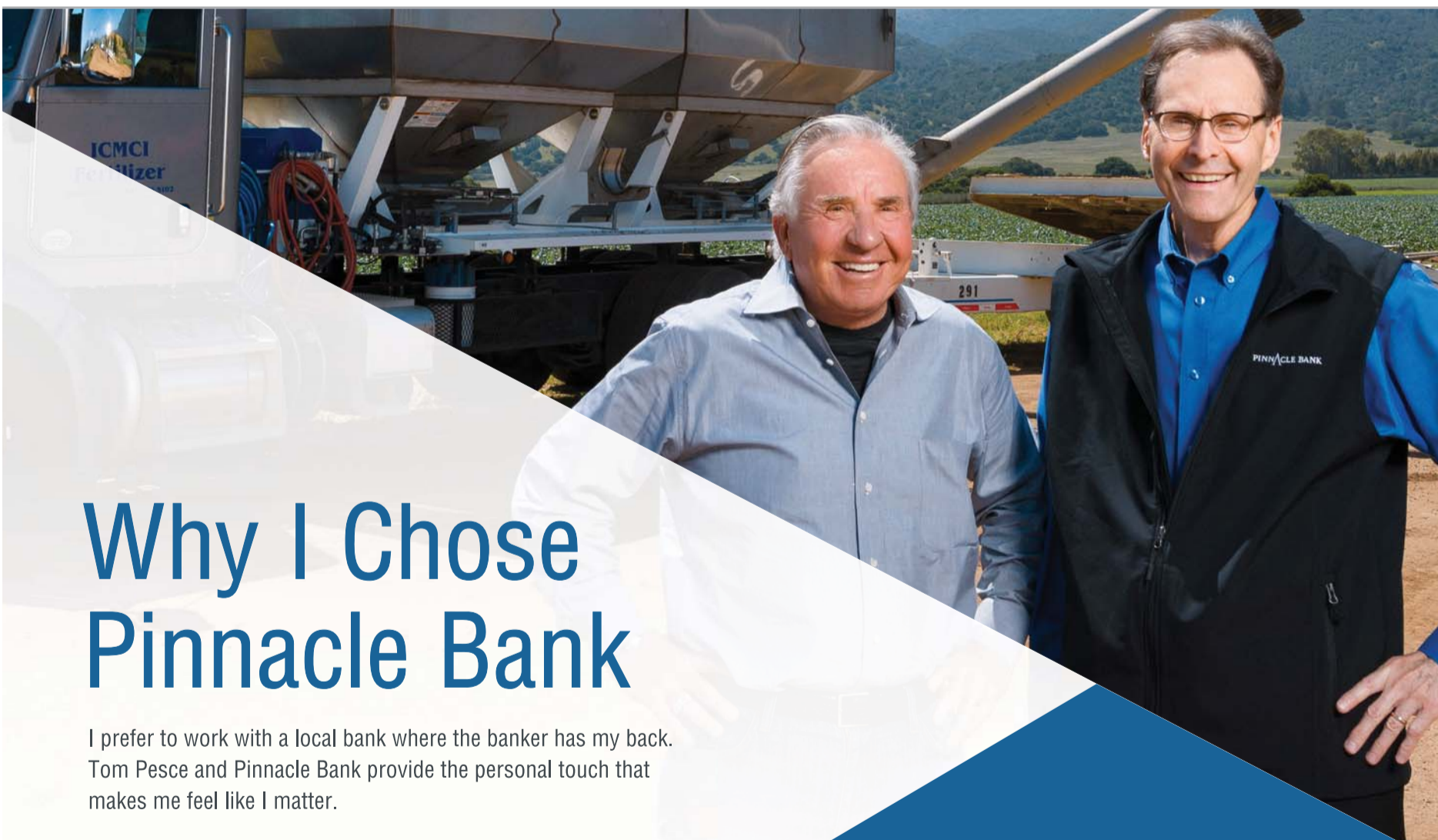
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object on Grand Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Accidental injury during a verbal altercation on Pacific Grove Lane.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

Pacific Grove: Theft from an unlocked vehicle on Bishop Way.

Pacific Grove: A citizen surrendered ammunition to the station to be destroyed.

Pacific Grove: Female placed on a mental health hold.

Pacific Grove: Possible fraud from a business on Forest.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle towed from Arkwright Court after an abandoned vehicle complaint.

Pacific Grove: A 30-year-old male was arrested on Wave Street at 2022 hours for driving under the influence of alcohol. Transported to Monterey County Jail.

Pacific Grove: Report of threats via telephone. Cannot determine that a crime occurred.

Carmel Valley: Online report of stolen property from a residence on Esquiline Road.

Carmel Valley: A parent reported her adult son as missing.

See **POLICE LOG** page 11RE in the Real Estate Section

MONDAY, MARCH 30

Carmel Valley: Carmel Valley resident reported a theft from his vehicle on Rancho Fiesta Road.

Carmel Valley: License plate theft on Carmel Valley Road.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a report of domestic violence against a male by a 67-year-old female, who was arrested.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded for a welfare check on West Carmel Valley Road.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dog bite to a person.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Officer responded to a concern of dogs barking and howling on Lopez near the Jane Powers Walkway. Contact was made with the owner and information discussed.

Pacific Grove: Theft on Lighthouse Avenue.

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Pacific Grove: Vehicle accident into fixed



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The gavel falls

Verdicts, pleas and sentencings announced by
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Feb. 18 — Regino Maciel, 53, a resident of Salinas, was sentenced by Judge Carrie Panetta to 46 years in prison for committing child molestation.

In April 2018, Jane Doe, age 29, reported that Maciel sexually abused her continuously from when she was around 4 or 5 years old until she was 14 years old. Maciel told Jane Doe not to tell anyone about the molestation on two different occasions. When Jane Doe was 14 years old, a family member walked in a room and saw Maciel exposing his penis to Doe. The family member and Doe's mother both asked Doe if Maciel was molesting her, but Doe denied any sexual abuse. Nonetheless, Jane Doe's mother immediately kicked Maciel out of the house.

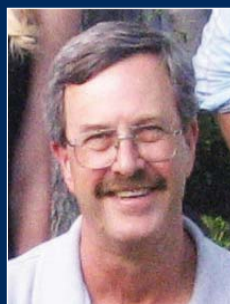
At trial, Jane Doe bravely testified about repeated instances of molestation occurring throughout her childhood. An expert in the psychological effects of child sexual abuse also testified that delayed disclosures of molestation are incredibly common due to numerous factors including the power imbalance between the perpetrator and victim, threats to not say anything, fear, and even affection for a perpetrator if he/she is a close family member, friend, or authority figure.

Feb. 26 — Juan Antonio Cervantes, aka "Chaps," a 31-year-old resident of Salinas, pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter for killing Adrian Carranza. Cervantes also admitted the allegations that he personally used a firearm in the killing which was committed for the benefit of the Sureño criminal street gang.

On September 2, 2008, at 8:30 p.m., Cervantes' father was murdered in the front yard of his home in south Salinas near Hartnell college. Less than two hours later Cervantes drove to Perez Street on the North Side of Salinas to an apartment complex that was known to be a predominantly Norteño area. Cervantes and an associate got out of a vehicle and targeted two individuals who appeared to have Norteño associations. Cervantes opened fire with a semi-automatic pistol injuring one and killing another. Cervantes fled the scene. Multiple .9mm and .40 caliber bullet casings were collected from the scene. The .9mm firearm was later located in the possession of a Hebron Street Gang member, the same subset of the Sureño Criminal Street Gang that Cervantes is a member.

The case went cold for a period of time and charges were ultimately brought against Cervantes in August of 2017. Between 2010 and 2017 Cervantes served two prison sentences for unrelated domestic violence and firearm possession. Once charged with the homicide, in 2017, Cervantes was housed in the Monterey County Jail where he proceeded to participate in a violent attack of another Sureño criminal street gang member. These types of gang related attacks are called removals since the purpose of the assault is to remove certain members from the gang. A jury found Cervantes guilty of the gang assault on October 3, 2019.

Judge Andrew G. Liu will sentence Cervantes to 35 years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitations.



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Getting fit now can help protect you from the coronavirus later on

By ELAINE HESSER

RIGHT NOW, it's hard to see anything good coming out of the coronavirus pandemic. It's one heck of a cautionary tale, though, and one people ignore at their peril — especially considering that even the most optimistic projections show that the virus will stick around for months, if not years.

While nothing is guaranteed to protect you from getting sick, there are plenty of things you can do to bolster your health against the coronavirus, if you happen to get it. And they're not rocket science.

Dr. Martha Blum, medical director for infection prevention at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, is board certified in infectious diseases and internal medicine. In addition to taking recommended precautions like handwashing, she said that your overall health is very important. And if you have one of those notorious "underlying conditions, try to get it under control."

"If you have diabetes, heart disease or chronic lung problems, check in with your doctor to make sure you're managing it as well as you can." Those conditions can put people at a higher risk for getting a disease and increasing its severity.

Simple advice

Dr. Richard Murtland retired last year, at age 94, from his life's work as a physician and surgeon, and he said that asthma is especially hard on people who contract a respiratory illness. But he said steroids, sometimes used to treat asthma and other conditions, can depress the immune system, so someone taking them should use extra caution around those who are sick — regardless of the disease.

Diabetes is another condition that can affect every part of the body and must be

controlled. Aside from issues of eyesight, kidney function and circulation, Murtland said, a flu or other virus can become much more severe for a diabetic.

Murtland also said obesity places a strain on the body's systems, particularly the heart, and losing weight can leave you better able to fight off a disease and avoid complications. "When you're obese, your heart is struggling just to push the blood through," he said.

Blum recommended, "Have a balanced, healthy diet with lots of fresh fruits and vegetables."

Get moving

Some people, because of a limited appetite, physical conditions or prescription medications, don't get all their nutrients from food. Studies show that people in those situations — often seniors — can benefit from vitamin supplements. For example, Blum noted there is evidence that vitamin C and zinc may help improve the immune system's response to disease, and Murtland — whose appetite has shrunk in recent years — also takes supplements.

Another avenue of defense is regular exercise. Murtland rides his stationary bicycle daily and urges others to do something similar. Getting the body moving has multiple, proven benefits — among them a stronger heart and reduced stress. And of course, stress is often implicated as a contributor to illnesses of all sorts, either helping to bring them on or making them worse.

Then, Blum said, make sure you get all the recommended vaccines, based on age and your doctor's advice — flu for example. "Can you imagine if you had one of those and got this virus on top of it?" she asked.

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Coyotes stalk people and dogs in P.B.

By KELLY NIX

A PACK of coyotes tried to attack two women last weekend in Spanish Bay as they were walking their dogs, according to one of the women, who said they narrowly escaped being bitten in the terrifying incident.

Pacific Grove resident Mariah Elyse, 27, said she was walking her golden retriever and her grandparents' two Labradors Sunday evening at Moss Beach near Spanish Bay when she heard in the distance, "howling and aggressive snarling and barking." A passerby then warned her to be careful because there was "some type of incident" between coyotes and dogs ahead.

Suddenly, she saw a woman in her early 20s with her two Labs run by her.

A girl, "quite literally running for her life, came tearing off the path into the street dragging her dogs along with her," Elyse said in a post on a social media site. "She was trying to get away from coyotes that were chasing her."

Circled by predators

In trying to help the young woman flee the pack of coyotes — there were as many as five of them, she said — Elyse yelled at her to walk on the ocean side of 17 Mile Drive while Elyse walked on golf course side, since, at that point, the coyotes seemed to be coming after her.

"They circled us and came way too close," said Elyse, who estimated the wild animals got about 10 feet from her.

After a few minutes, the other woman and her dogs were picked up by someone in a car and the coyotes left the area.

"I walked the rest of the way to my grandparents' with no issue," Elyse said. "Once we were back in the neighborhood, I felt safe."

After dropping off the two Labs, she fetched her car and drove around the beach area to warn other pedestrians what had just happened.

Elyse thanked some young men who witnessed what was happening and were armed with baseball bats and ready to spring into action. "They didn't get near the coyotes, but they were ready to help," she said.

Coyotes are not uncommon on the Peninsula, and they have been spotted all over, even roaming neighborhoods in Pacific Grove and other cities.

"I know we live in an area where wild animals intermingle with our daily lives, but the fact these coyotes were so close and aggressive was terrifying," Elyse said.



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Dog walker Mariah Elyse had a frightening brush with local wildlife when several coyotes tried to attack her and another woman.

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He discovered commonalities in fires, pandemics and misinformation

By DENNIS TAYLOR

ANY OF the rational fears felt by firefighter Scott Fenton when he confronts a burning building, or a natural disaster, or an accident in the middle of a busy freeway, are mitigated by the confidence he has in the protective equipment he wears, the extensive training he's had, and the experience he's accrued in 33 years in the profession.

More worrisome for Fenton, a captain with Monterey County Regional Fire, is the pandemic of misinformation and disinformation inhibiting our global struggle against COVID-19, the coronavirus affecting 2 million people in 234 countries and territories around the world.

The dangers of false information spread deliberately (disinformation), then subsequently shared through igno-

rance (misinformation), was the central theme of a 100-page thesis authored by Fenton at the end of the rigorous, FEMA-funded master's degree program he completed in 2019 at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey. The NPS program is conducted in conjunction with the Center for Homeland Defense and Security.

Fenton's work was honored with the program's Outstanding Thesis Award.

"For me, as a citizen, it was frustrating to see how much misinformation was out there, whether it was election meddling by the Russians or other things," said Fenton, who noticed similarities in strategies for fighting fires and epidemics, then used his thesis to suggest a similar approach to combat the spread of propaganda and false information.



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Fire Capt. Scott Fenton of Monterey County Regional Fire checks ambulance equipment. Fenton's thesis work at NPS focused on how disease and bad information can spread just like a fire.

"In the fire service we talk about the three components that have to come together to create a fire — heat, fuel and oxygen. If you're able to remove any of those three, the fire goes out," he explained.

Fenton's research revealed that epidemiology has a similar triangle consisting of an agent, a host and an environment.

"In the real world of epidemiology — the one we're looking at today — the agent is this virus, we are the hosts, and the environment is everything around us that promotes or potentially inhibits reproduction of the disease. If you're able to eliminate or impede the effectiveness of one of those sides of the triangle, theoretically you can stop or slow the progress of a disease."

'Be skeptical'

People who are intentionally spreading disinformation, or subsequently sharing that misinformation, compose the "agent" side of that triangle.

"Our free-speech laws allow people to say pretty much whatever they want to say, so it's hard to intervene on that side of the triangle," Fenton said. "As the hosts, we can make the effort to educate ourselves, be skeptical of things we read or hear, check the facts, and avoid spreading misinformation."

The third part of the triangle — the environment — is composed primarily of the internet, which spreads the vi-

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Del Mesa residents understand the true meaning of community life

By ELAINE HESSER

DEL MESA Carmel's residents love to walk, and they don't seem to mind the hills that run through the senior community of about 400 people just a short distance up Carmel Valley Road from Highway 1.

COVID-19 is a pretty steep slope all on its own, but according to resident Sis Connolly, "Everybody is being positive and making the best of it." Her friends and neighbors focus on the good, even while they're deeply concerned about the disease and its effects on the economy.

Many of the people at Del Mesa enjoy morning strolls or hikes, and during the shelter-in-place order, it's been one of the ways they check in with each other.

"We're social, but totally respectful — we stay 6 feet apart," Connolly said.

Normally, she is busy as chair of the community's enrichment committee, booking speakers and musical performers to come engage with the residents.

Instead, the 76-year-old said people are finding their own creative ways to spend the time, "Some of the people here are artists, and they say they're doing a lot of painting. Others are sewing and quilting."

Connolly, Ted Whitney, who is the vice president of Del Mesa's board of directors, and Richard Cox, the community's general manager, joined The Pine Cone for a conference call Tuesday.

Whitney said he'd typically be spending his days attending various committee meetings, but now he's reading to pass the time.

He has a wry sense of humor that's obviously helpful. When asked his age, he said, "Old enough to know better, young enough to try anyway." After a few minutes' more discussion, he amended that. "OK, young 80s."

Unthinkable

The group said that as retirees (except for Cox, who's 63 and lives in Pacific Grove), they're spared concerns about loss of income that tug at their adult children. "Going through this retired versus going through this raising a family is different, but everyone's still worried about the economy," Cox said.

A conversation he had with one resident who remembered the Great Depression and World War II summed up the bewilderment many people have when trying to take in the current situation. Said Cox, "One person was saying that back during that crash, here in the wealthiest country

in the world, people were starving. We could never have imagined that."

In the same way, nobody imagined what this pandemic would be like. Whitney said, "I never have seen an economy just stop like this." Connolly and Cox agreed. "We've never been here before with this combination of disease and the economy," Cox commented. All were happy that Del Mesa hasn't had to lay off any employees so far.

Landscapers — forbidden by county order to tame er-

rant rosebushes or otherwise spruce things up — are still busy clearing brush and other vegetation spurred on by late spring rains against possible future fires.

Dining room employees make meals to go. And that brings the three to a recurring topic: eating. Everybody seems to be missing daily meals with their friends. In fact, when this is over, the first thing they all want to do is go

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Jazz drummer stricken with virus is on the mend, gets unexpected visit

By CHRIS COUNTS

JUST TWO days after The Pine Cone reported local jazz drummer Andy Weis was hospitalized at CHOMP with a serious case of coronavirus, his daughter said her dad was conscious and able to communicate — and even received a visit from a friend that lifted his spirits.

“Dad has been off the ventilator for two days,” reported Audrey Weis April 12. “Today, for the second day, we have connected through video. He is mostly lucid. I can see him and hear him.”

While her father appears to be on the mend, Audrey described his breathing as “very labored.”

“His voice is breathy, sort of gravely, and very quiet, halfway a whisper,” she continued. “He is very emotional now. Through tears he expresses astonishment at the outpouring of support.”

Audrey had spoken with her dad by phone a few days earlier, and even sang to him. The song she chose was Nat

King Cole’s “Stay as Sweet as You Are.”

“This week I was able to ask if he had heard my voice while he had been sedated on the ventilator,” she said. Not only did he say he’d heard her, he told her, “It was the song we danced to at your wedding.”

‘He was touched’

When they talked, Andy mentioned to his daughter that he had heard someone had written a story about him. In response, Audrey read him the article from last week’s Pine Cone. “His eyes welled up with tears,” she recalled. “He was touched.”

Audrey also shared with him numerous online comments wishing him well. Many local musicians reached out to him via the internet, including John Nava, Brian Stock, Tamas Marius, Leon Joyce, Jaqui Hope, Donnie Dickman, Paul Contos, Lee Durley, Andrea Carter and many others. “He expressed astonishment at the outpouring of support,” she said.

On April 12, Weis saw a familiar face in his room, jazz drummer David Morwood, a plastic surgeon. Morwood brought along a pair of drumsticks for Andy.

“This morning brought Dr. Morwood, a dear friend and fellow drummer,” Audrey said. “His physician badge got him through.”

Despite his improving condition, Audrey said her father was shaken by his battle with coronavirus.

“I see how terrifying this has been,” she observed. “Though he knows improvement is there, I see him afraid to feel relief just yet.”

But Audrey told The Pine Cone she is also feeling very hopeful about her dad’s health. “Things have really improved,” she added.

Before the coronavirus shutdown, Weis was performing regularly at the Inn at Spanish Bay on Friday and Saturday nights.

REALTOR LAUNCHES FUNDRAISING EFFORT FOR VICTIMS OF VIRUS

By MARY SCHLEY

WHILE HE just recently introduced his fundraising effort, tagives.org, realtor Tim Allen said Wednesday he’s also starting another, carmelgives.org, because so many people have already come forward to partner with him to raise money for those who have lost their jobs and businesses during the coronavirus shutdown. Both efforts are collaborations with the Community Foundation for Monterey County.

“What I’m trying to do with that fund is not only hand out money, but be clever and creative,” Allen said. “I’m trying to follow up with clients and agents. I wanted to stress that if the Monterey Peninsula has ever been part of your life, this is the chance to come in and help.”

One of the top selling agents on the Peninsula, Allen dove headfirst into the effort to help by kicking off his fundraising efforts with a \$50,000 match to the Community Foundation and pledging 5 percent of his and his team’s real estate fees from all transactions this year to support local causes.

A three-pronged approach

Allen also recommended other ways people can help, and he encouraged residents and business owners to consider one, two, or all three measures.

“We feel a three-pronged approach is the best way to move forward,” he said, including supporting local businesses (by buying gift cards, ordering takeout or delivery, and shopping locally), by donating time and expertise to helping others in need, and by contributing to the fund.

“We’ve all been hit, but there are people who are really hurting,” he said, because they are suddenly jobless and stuck at home and having to teach their kids, since the schools are closed. They are saddled with worry about how to pay their rent and feed their families. Long lines at distributions organized by the food bank indicate how dire circumstances are for many.

“I’m trying to come up with ways to leverage the community we have and the services we offer to grow a bigger pot,” he said. “We’re just getting started. We need multiple support from the community — we just need to get the word out. At times like this, you need to step up and give back.”

Allen also encouraged anyone with “an organization, personal need, or any ideas of how we can work together to help the community” to email team@timallenproperties.com.

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Details emerge about virus fatalities

By KELLY NIX

THE 97-YEAR-OLD woman who died at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula from coronavirus in March was a Monterey resident with a long career in the beauty industry and liked to travel.

On March 30, Rosaleigh Marie George passed away from COVID-19. George was born in Aromas May 12, 1922. She attended elementary school and part of high school in Portland, Ore., before attending Watsonville High and Hollister High, where she graduated.

George had an extensive career as a licensed cosmetologist and taught cosmetology in several beauty schools, including in San Francisco. She also worked for beauty product manufacturers and traveled to several states teaching students how to perm and color hair.

“She loved swimming and traveling to Europe and Africa,” her obituary, published on Bermudez Family Cremations and Funerals’ website, said. “She liked attending church. She was a Christian.”

She is survived by a daughter, Dolene Joan Holmes, four grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and many great-great grandchildren. Her husband, Thomas

George, to whom she was married to for 26 years, preceded her in death.

Other COVID-19 victims

The Monterey County Sheriff’s Office confirmed several other people who died from COVID-19.

Rita Clausen, 92, was the most recent person to die from the virus, which has infected 108 people in the county. Most of them have not been hospitalized. Clausen, of Salinas, passed away April 7 at Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital.

A Monterey County man in his 50s who has not been publicly identified died at Watsonville Community Hospital on March 20 from the virus, Dan Brothman from Halsen Healthcare, the company that runs the hospital, said.

A fourth person, Mary Lou Vizcarra, 83, who died at Natividad Medical Center, was a resident of San Benito County. Because she did not live in the county, the Monterey County Health Department did not include her in its COVID-19 data.

“The data that our local health department publishes is data with respect to individuals who are considered residents in our county,” Elsa Jimenez with the health department told reporters April 6.

Nonprofits miss their senior volunteers — and it’s mutual

By ELAINE HESSER

BACK IN the good old days — about six weeks ago — when you could wander the Monterey Bay Aquarium or take in a concert at Sunset Center, you probably noticed that the vast majority of volunteers were seniors.

Those places are shut for the duration of the pandemic, but they’re not the only ones who have come to rely on retirees’ service. Community Hospital, for example, depended heavily on seniors for help.

Usually, when someone came in for a test or procedure, they would be checked in by a cheerful member of the CHOMP Auxiliary, according to Michele Young of Montage Health Foundation. Young oversees the volunteer force of 350 or so people and said that they do the work of 28 full-time employees — about 60,000 hours a year, all told.

She said that about half of them are older adults, while the other half are a combination of working adults and college- and high school-age students. The younger people, however, are not as available on

weekdays, and that’s where the seniors come in.

“Some of these volunteers are in their 80s, and they were pushing other people who are in wheelchairs,” she said. Young has taken at least one turn trying to fill in at the front desk.

“It was fun, but hard. I took more than 20,000 steps in one day,” she said. Like many other fitness-minded individuals, Young has a pedometer. And since doctors have a hard time getting their patients to take 10,000 steps a day, she knows she did a lot of walking.

CHOMP no longer has volunteers serving in any capacity, but initially, they just asked all those 65 and older to stay home, and that was hard enough on the hospital — and the volunteers.

“They kept calling, and they wanted to come in,” said Young. She told The Pine Cone that at the time, one man was relieved because he was 64 and could continue working, while another, in his 90s, tried to tell her he was 39.

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Nearly 200 inmates freed to prevent epidemic from breaking out in jail

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH A state emergency order reducing many criminal suspects' bails to \$0 and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office working with attorneys and the court to release inmates early in an attempt to reduce the risk of a COVID-19 outbreak, the population of Monterey County Jail has dropped significantly since the county-wide shel-

ter-in-place order took effect March 18.

Four weeks ago, the jail population was 803. As of Thursday, the number stood at 624.

"We did release some early, based on evaluation with the court, district attorney, public defender and probation department," sheriff's Cmdr. John Thornburg said Thursday.

Another 53 were released when their bail was elimi-

nated. Emergency court rules adopted by the state April 6 required that by close of business April 13, every Superior Court in the state had to implement a new Emergency Bail Schedule dictating that "bail for all misdemeanor and felony offenses must be set at \$0," except for "serious" and "violent" felonies — and people arrested for use of force against an officer, violation of a restraining order, witness intimidation, spousal battery or rape, threatening or perpetrating violence against someone protected by a restraining order, making terrorist threats, stalking, sex crimes, DUI, looting, or being a felon or convicted drug user in possession of a firearm.

The rules also allow the courts to let people with multiple misdemeanor warrants and those with drug charges out on their own recognizance, according to Thornburg. "We work with the DA when new people come in to see if they are eligible, which accounts for the last seven," people released, he said.

"All have combined to lower the number of inmates," he said.

Two weeks ago, a sheriff's official said releasing inmates would not only reduce the risk of coronavirus making it into the jail and spreading, it ensures every new person who has to be jailed can be quarantined for 14 days before joining the general population, and it provides space to separate anyone who becomes ill.

He made no mention of the increased crime that might result from the changes.

So far, Thornburg said, no one in the sheriff's department or at the jail has tested positive for coronavirus.

Monterey to lay off 84

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

WITH ITS sports center, parking garages, community center, library and conference center shut down since March 14 due to coronavirus, and tourism and retail business nonexistent since unprecedented county-wide and statewide shelter-in-place orders were imposed days later, the City of Monterey is grappling with an estimated \$10 million general fund deficit, city manager Hans Usler said Thursday.

As a result, he'll ask the city council to consider laying off 84 people and freezing 23 vacancies, which will save the city about \$956,000 per month, when the council meets April 21.

"The city cannot continue to spend general fund and other fund dollars to staff temporarily closed or non-existent programs, operations, and facilities, especially when the tax and program fees associated with funding these positions has, together with service needs, suddenly evaporated," he explained. "Layoffs are recommended now," with the understanding that the workers will be offered their jobs back when the facilities reopen and programs resume.

If approved, the employees would be notified immediately and terminated as of June 1, with medical benefits continuing through June 30.

CPD officers wear masks

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

CARMEL POLICE officers are now wearing masks when out on patrol, Police Chief Paul Tomasi said in a video message with city administrator Chip Rerig Tuesday, and city officials want everyone in town to do the same.

"I think the biggest thing we can do is social distancing," Tomasi said, but staying 6 feet away from everyone isn't always possible, so this week, city workers were ordered to wear masks. Masks don't prevent them from catching the virus, but they keep them from spreading it to others near them, in case they are carrying coronavirus and are unaware because they have no symptoms.

Rerig agreed. "And we're certainly encouraging residents to do the same," he said. "It seems to be more of a normal thing to do, now, and we should all be doing it."

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Entering college at 16, she graduated with a Nebraska teaching certificate but moved to San Francisco shortly thereafter. She thrived there and met her first husband, AJ Calley, who fathered her two children, Scott and Suzanne. They lived in Auburn for over ten years but the marriage dissolved and the Coast called her again. Norma moved with her two young children to Pacific Grove, where she finally used her teaching skills. She remarried Tom Keleher within a few years of moving to PG, and had a loving, enduring marriage until his death at 84.

They shared many hours on the road in their mobile home with their cat, Boo, and enjoyed traveling to exotic locales. Norma was a determined traveler and wasted not a minute. No museum, restaurant or significant landmark was overlooked. She loved to ride bikes, sky dive, ski, and Jazzercise.

Norma taught into her late 60s and had many life-long friends from this career, who recently shared her 96th birthday with her. Of special importance to her was Patty Brimie, a generous and loving friend of many years duration.

Her spare time was spent at the Discovery Cancer Shop, where her sales skills were honed. These were some of the friends that made up her community. She adored her children and shared a weekly dinner with her beloved Suzanne trying new restaurants and wines. When Suzanne was lost in the Pentagon plane crash on 9/11, her world crashed as well.

Christopher and Katie, Norma's grandchildren helped fill the void and she shared many hours with them offering words of encouragement and love. They were her pride and joy.

In her later years, she continued to travel with her friends, old and new, and her iPad (loaded with books) always looking for a good dance partner. She found love again at 90, and Bob put a sparkle in her eye.

Family, friends, food and wine filled her days, literally until the end. Survived by her son Scott, daughter-in-law Karen and grandchildren Chris (Jordan) and Katie.

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CHOMP gets major donation to fight virus

By KELLY NIX

A CARMEL couple inspired by local medical workers — who are putting their lives at risk by treating coronavirus patients — donated \$500,000 to the philanthropic



Paul and Helen Baszucki

ic organization that supports Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, officials said this week.

On Monday, Community Hospital announced that Paul and Helen Baszucki made the contribution to the Montage Health Foundation, which supports the hospital and its parent company, Montage Health. The couple's contribution was meant to be a challenge to others to donate money to the fund.

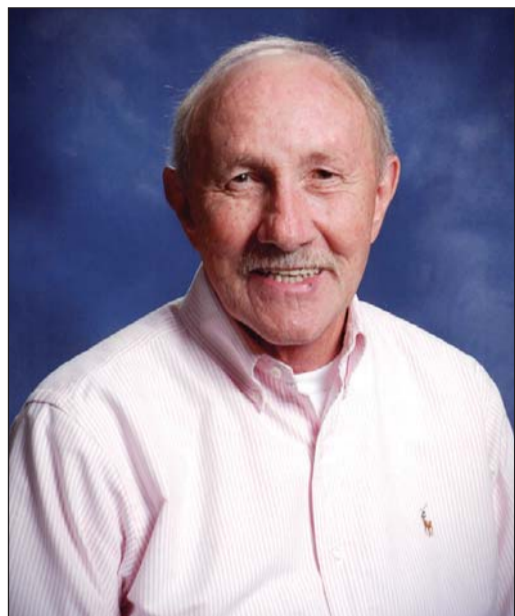
"We hope to inspire every person in our community to give what they can as well, to show you that we are in this with you," Paul Baszucki said in a statement.

Specifically, the couple's gift and other donations will

be used to purchase supplies such as masks, gloves and eye protection for healthcare workers and for medical equipment that will help seriously ill coronavirus patients. It will also be used to hire additional healthcare workers if the county gets a surge of coronavirus patients or the pandemic goes on longer than expected.

Foundation head Kevin Causey said the nonprofit was hesitant to ask the public for donations "when so many are facing economic challenges. But then the community came to Montage Health, offering support," he said.

Causey noted that the Baszuckis made their contribution as the first coronavirus cases in Monterey County were identified. Others followed, asking what they could do to help healthcare workers who are "bravely serving our community on the front lines of this crisis."



David L. Stainbrook

Oct. 21, 1937 - March 28, 2020


David Lynn Stainbrook, age 82, passed away peacefully on the evening of March 28th, 2020, in Carmel, California. He was surrounded by his three children.

David was born into a family of six boys on October 21st, 1937, in Meadville, Pennsylvania, to Stella and Neil. David attended Allegheny College where he played varsity basketball and received his Bachelor's in History. He then joined the Army and served in Germany for four years. After leaving the Army, David went on to be a police officer in Tucson, Arizona. He then moved to the Monterey Peninsula where he became a claims adjuster and private investigator. There he met Marilyn Kay Alexander, the love of his life and wife of 42 years. The two had three beautiful children — Tamara, Stacie, and David II.


David was a religious man — an active member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel for 40 years, many of which were spent as a youth group leader. In addition, he was a beloved coach in the Carmel Valley Little League for over 30 years — Go, Tigers! Among other things David loved watching sports, routine weekly meetings with old friends, was an avid crossword puzzler, and attended all of his children's and grandchildren's events. He was a kind yet sarcastic man and had a fantastic sense of humor. His love for his family was the strongest of all — never ceasing to be a committed father and granddad. He was loving, intelligent, witty, funny, and extraordinarily handsome.

David is survived by his brother, Elmer Stainbrook, and sister-in-law Pat of Palm Coast; three children, Tamara Hardisty of Carmel Valley, Stacie Tarsitano of Indio, and David Stainbrook II of Visalia; son-in-law Gerry Tarsitano of Indio; daughter-in-law Hannah Stainbrook of Visalia; 11 grandchildren, Brianna Lackey, Shane Lackey, Colby Tarsitano, Drake Hardisty, Troy Stainbrook, Miles Tarsitano, Taylor Stainbrook, Tucker Stainbrook, Michael Strawn, Alissa Strawn, and Rebekah Strawn, as well as many nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

David was laid to rest at a private burial. A mass and celebration of life will be held for David at Our Lady of Mount Carmel at a future point in time. Special thanks to Bermudez Family Cremation and Funeral for their extraordinary compassion and invaluable guidance.



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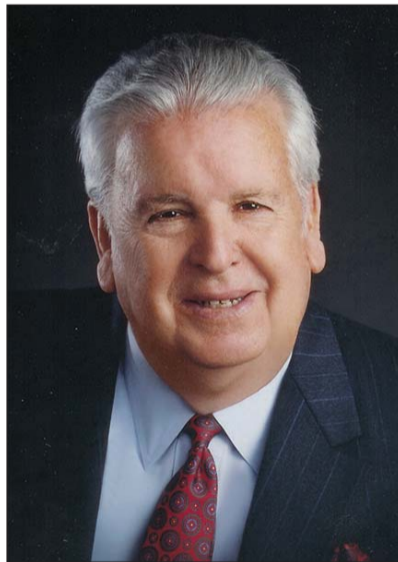
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ROBERT ANTHONY CRIVELLO

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Robert Anthony Crivello, age 94, passed away peacefully of natural causes at his home in Carmel on Saturday, April 4th. A lifelong resident of the Monterey Peninsula, Bob was born here on April 27, 1926, the son of Nino V. and Jane T. Crivello.



Upon graduation from Monterey High School, Bob immediately enlisted in the United States Navy. He served on a fletcher class destroyer, the USS Metcalf, in the South Pacific, where he saw extensive action at the peak of the conflict. When the war ended, Bob returned to Monterey and began a very long, colorful and fruitful sixty year career as a Real Estate broker. It was shortly after his return to Monterey that he met the love of his life, Edna Ellen Boldeson. They were married in 1953 and had two sons, Anthony Alan and John Robert. They remained constant companions until Edna's passing in 2012.

Bob was a very gregarious man who was fond of company and being sociable. He was always overtly friendly and thrived on the process of interacting with others in order to develop professional and social contacts. He was a natural networker who positively influenced countless lives over his career. His unbridled work ethic and a uncanny ability to craft a fair and equitable deal were keys to his successfully career. He was always generous with his time and loved to mentor people in need of direction. Bob was a "beauty" and will truly be missed by many.

Bob was survived by his two sons, Anthony Alan who lives in Bermuda Dunes, Ca., and John Robert who lives in Myers Flat, Ca. He was preceded in death in 2016 by his younger brother John A. Crivello of Monterey. Bob was a loving son, wonderful husband and caring father.

Bob's family would like give a special thanks to Dr. Micheal A. Plaise of Carmel for helping make Bob's last few days painless and dignified. We would also like to thank personal caregivers Lynn Botschin and Macrina Palafox as well as the VNA Hospice team for the great job they did in making Bob as comfortable as possible right to the end.

Due to the Covid-19 crisis there will be no formal service for Bob at this time. Bob's urn was interred at the San Carlos Cemetery on April 14th. An "extremely large" celebration of life event is being planned for this summer, details will be announced at a later date. It is the family's request, in lieu of flower or gifts, that donations be made to the "Casa Pacheco Preservation Foundation" at 602 Abrego St., Monterey, Ca. 93940.



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FAA gives more than \$1B to California airports

■ Monterey gets nearly \$12.7M

By MARY SCHLEY

TO HELP offset the impacts of the precipitous drop in air travel due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Federal Aviation Administration this week announced it would be distributing more than \$1 billion in taxpayer funds to 188 airports throughout California — and Monterey Airport is set to receive \$12,664,025.

Because they are smaller and don't serve commercial aircraft, airports in Marina and Salinas will receive far lesser sums — \$30,000 and \$69,000, respectively.

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao announced the distribution of \$1,088,980,881 as part of the \$2 trillion CARES Act Tuesday, explaining the funds will "support continuing operations and replace lost revenue resulting from the sharp decline in passenger traffic and other airport business due to the COVID-19 public health emergency," and can be used for capital expenditures, operating expenses like payroll and utilities, and debt payments.

'A lifeline'

Mike La Pier, executive director of Monterey Airport, said the money is critical to continued operation of the airport, which relies on revenues generated by traffic and activities there, not local tax dollars.

"These funds are a bit of a lifeline for the airport," he said. "Those revenues are being challenged as the result of the current economic and pandemic crisis, so it is great to know these funds are available to provide the backstop we will need until the economy recovers and people are comfortable flying again."

The amount awarded to Monterey considerably exceeds its \$9.5 million annual operating budget, and La Pier said he plans to figure out how to stretch the dollars as far as he can over the coming year.

"The funding will be used to help ensure we can continue to operate the airport in a safe and efficient manner," he said, adding that he expects its 2020-2021 budget — which is in the planning stages now — to be "significantly less than normal" due to the steep reduction in air travel and an anticipated slow recovery.

The CARES Act also provides money to fully fund FAA grants that would normally require a match from the airport, so that could help with capital projects at Monterey, too. Last year, the airport was granted more than \$15 million in federal tax funds under the Airport Improvement Program and supplemental discretionary grants.

"Under normal circumstances, AIP grant recipients contribute a matching percentage of the project costs," Chao said in the announcement. "Providing this additional funding and eliminating the local share will allow critical safety and capacity projects to continue as planned, regardless of airports' current financial circumstances."

VOLUNTEERS

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Of course, with almost no visitors allowed, there are fewer people coming to the reception desk, but volunteers also worked with patients, bringing magazines and newspapers around. Others worked in the gift shop, which is still open for online orders. According to Young, volunteers normally perform more than 20 different functions at the hospital.

Christine Winge, executive director of Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula — where the drivers are sometimes as old as the people they're serving — told The Pine Cone the group was doing OK, because although senior volunteers were staying home to stay safe, people who were unexpectedly unemployed were taking up the slack.

The food pantry at St. Mary's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church in Pacific Grove is also down by more than 30 of its 50 to 60 volunteers. Coordinator Sara Schramm said the pantry remains open three days a week, but volunteers were pre-bagging food, rather than letting those in need make their own selections from the shelves.

For one recent week, they prepared 176 bags.

Schramm said they were lucky in the sense that local college students weren't able to go back to their campuses and have some time on their hands. About six of the 15 to 18 volunteers still working are brand new from that group, and there are a couple of folks in their 40s and 50s who aren't at work because of shelter in place and can therefore pick up some of the workload.

"They learn really fast," said Schramm, but she's looking forward to the day when everyone is able to come back. As is everybody else.

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He isn't the best javelin thrower, but he's definitely one of them

A WEEK ago we shared 15 Seconds of Fame from Martin Beaulieu, a Quail Lodge resident who, during his own heyday, was a 6-foot-5 high school basketball star, and used those skills through the years to teach his growing sons a few lessons in humility: He regularly thrashed

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

the whippersnappers in two-against-one games in the driveway.

Karma caught up a few years later, when Beaulieu's oldest, Eric, grew to 6-foot-6, became captain of his college team, and returned to thrash his dad 10-8 in a one-on-one game ... after spotting the old man an 8-0 lead.

This week's 15 Seconds of Fame is shared by Pacific Grove octogenarian Chuck Wilkinson, a former college javelin standout who tried to recapture some of his glory years almost six decades later.

Wilkinson started throwing the javelin when he was a student at Covina High in the late 1950s, spent a couple of years at Mount San Antonio College in Walnut, then enrolled at University of Redlands, where, as a junior, he placed ninth out of 12 javelin throwers at the 1960 U.S. Olympic trials. (He was recovering from a pulled hamstring at the time.)

Picking it up at 79

That summer, a healthier Wilkinson subsequently competed in meets against the three javelin throwers who had made the U.S. Olympic team.

World record-holder Albert Cantello won one of those meets, but Wilkinson beat out the other two Team USA throwers to take second place. In the very next meet (with Cantello absent), he took first place, outthrowing the same two Olympians.

As a senior at Redlands 1961 (a non-Olympic year), Wilkinson was the nation's No. 1-ranked thrower at the NAIA-level. He capped his college career by winning the NCAA Division I crown, then took third place that summer at the U.S. Nationals.

Almost six decades later, as he approached his 80th birthday, Wilkinson picked up the javelin again at the urging of a friend.

How'd that work out? Read on.

15 Seconds of Fame: World-class in a small world

By Chuck Wilkinson

I'm 83 years old now, but at one time I was a decent college javelin thrower.

When I was in my late 70s, a friend was competing in masters' (senior) track and field meets and suggested I might enjoy doing the same.

So I began throwing my javelin in my half-acre backyard, training for a competition.

After a bit, my friend asked how it was going, and I told him how far I had thrown my javelin in practice.

He sounded quite amazed at the distance and said my practice throw would immediately place me among the top 15 throwers in the world.

I went to the internet, looked up the rankings for my age division and discovered that, lo and behold, he was right!



PHOTOS/COURTESY CHUCK WILKINSON

P.G. resident Chuck Wilkinson, 83, was the NCAA Division I champion in the javelin throw in 1961, his senior year at Redlands University. Almost six decades later as a great grandfather, he decided to give the sport another try.

The distance of my practice throw did, in fact, rank me 15th in the world. What an upper!

But I quickly plunged into the downer mode: My deeper investigation revealed that only 14 other people my age on planet Earth were throwing the javelin.

So it goes.

What's your tale?

Did you fight the town bully in a Toughman competition in a smoky bar? Were you the runner-up in a pie-eating contest at your church picnic? Did you whip your big brother, the high school basketball star, in a game of H.O.R.S.E.?

In 600 words (give or take), tell us the story of your 15 Seconds of Fame. Name names if you want, exaggerate if you must, be descriptive (brownie points for local flavor), and provide us with a photo, vintage or otherwise, if you can. Send it to Dennis Taylor at scribelaureate@gmail.com.



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Airplane hangar gets new life, singer livestreams from Cypress Inn

WHILE THE lights have dimmed on stages at local music venues during the coronavirus lockdown, there's one stage in an old airplane hangar that is helping to keep the beat alive until people can be in the same room with each other again.

Located between Monterey Airport and Monterey Fairgrounds is Hangar Monterey, a production studio "striving to showcase the Central Coast's incredible talent."

"It literally is an airplane hangar," said singer-songwriter Razzvio, who doubles as the marketing manager for the studio, which is owned by her husband, Kevin Proctor. "We needed a space to store live sound equipment. We lucked out and got the space. We saw the potential in it, not just for us, but for the rest of the music

community."

Razzvio said her husband identified the need for a private production studio like the one he has established. She called it "an

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

incubator" of talent.

"There's a gap here on the Monterey Peninsula for a quality sound stage to produce music videos or record music," she told The Pine Cone.

Proctor leased the site in January and set to work building the studio. The space was insulated, and an assortment of high-tech equipment was installed. By March, the studio was ready for a video shoot with singer-songwriter Leche Malo.

Razzvio, meanwhile, is using the space to livestream performances and produce videos promoting her music. "I'm the Guinea pig right now," she said.

■ Getting 'visions off the ground'

Even after the stay-at-home order expires, Razzvio doesn't believe the local music scene will return to normal right away. "I don't anticipate us going right back into crowded night clubs and bars," she suggested.

But the lack of live venues will mean that online concerts will continue to be a vital way for musicians to connect with their fans. The studio plans to offer more online music in the coming months. "We're hoping to

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PHOTO/KEVIN PROCTOR

Singer-songwriter Razzvio livestreams a performance from Hangar Monterey, a production studio recently opened by her husband, Kevin Proctor.

Artist surprises church with painting

WHILE WATCHING an Easter morning service that was livestreamed last Sunday by Carmel Presbyterian Church, worshippers were treated to a little unexpected beauty and generosity — courtesy of local painter and gallery owner Simon Bull.

A few days earlier, Bull — whose Meuse Gallery is located at Ocean and Monte Verde — woke up before sunrise and assembled his paints and brushes on the deck of his home at Carmel Point.

The sun's rays were just beginning to creep over the horizon, and the thermometer had yet to hit 40 degrees. But the birds were chirping, perhaps encouraging the artist.

With his daughter filming the action on her iPhone, the artist poured tubes of thick acrylic paint onto a canvas, and then, using

a roll of paper towels as a brush, he painted a stunning sunrise scene unfolding to the east.

"It's a technique I invented and perfected over the years," said Bull. "I'm the only one who does it. It's a great way to paint — you can create tremendous effects with

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

paper towels."

If you can get them, of course.

■ 'Emotional and pure'

The completed video, which is complimented by an audio track of Steffany

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As a fundraiser for Carmel Presbyterian Church, Simon Bull woke up early last week and painted the sunrise from his deck. His daughter filmed the action, and a video of it accompanied a live-streamed Easter morning service.

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Bakery gives back, hotel fundraises for workers, and cocktails to go

WHEN PAUL and Johanna Wainscoat, owners of Pavel's Backerei on Forest Avenue in Pacific Grove, had to cancel their March vacation to Seattle because of coronavirus, they opted to stay open and use the money they would have spent to help their community.

"At first, we thought we could still go on the trip, but then it got really serious up there fast," Paul Wainscoat said this week. "So we decided we should stay home and stay open."

Using the refunds they got from their canceled trip, the couple first focused on helping to feed kids in the Pacific Grove Unified School District, which was waiting to re-

ceive funding for kids' meals. "We did breakfast and lunch for two days," and then after the district received its funds, they decided to keep preparing breakfasts while the school district took over lunches.

Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

"We took our vacation money and put it back into our food costs, and that's how we're able to continue on with feeding the students," he said.

As the virus and resulting shutdowns continued to disrupt daily life, the Wainscoats also learned many of their regular customers suddenly had no incomes.

"We decided we should do something for them," he said, and since the bakery's seeded farmers bread is so popular, they began giving free loaves to people who'd lost their jobs.

"We're in a fortunate situation where we have our house paid off, we don't have bills, and we can do this for a few months," he said. "That's how we're able to do it."

Wainscoat, whose dad was also a baker, said his parents taught him about doing "charity through food," because everyone needs to eat, and when times are tough, they are needy, too. Customers are also answering the call.

"On Saturday, we had our regulars coming in and handing us \$50 and \$100 bills and saying, 'Put it toward the bread,'" he said. But he advised them to donate their money to the Food Bank for Monterey County, where a \$1 contribution nets \$5 worth of food, and simply asked them to keep coming in and buying tasty baked goods, which are all made onsite from scratch.

"The community is unbelievable," he said. "They care, and when things are bad, they want to help."

After the shutdown ends, the Wainscoats plan to bake bread for P.G. schools to use for the kids' sandwiches.

Their bakery is located at 219 Forest Ave. Call (831) 643-2636.

online ordering service called Spot On is waiving all fees for restaurants through the end of the year. Setup is free, and monthly charges are forgiven until next January. In addition, spoton.com charges no commissions for orders. Any restaurant owners or managers interested in checking it out should contact Daniel Park at (831) 747-7230 or email danpark@spoton.com.

Fundraising for hospitality employees

Classic Hotels, which owns La Playa and Hotel Carmel, has started a fundraising effort to help its furloughed employees here and in its home state of Arizona. President and CEO John Grossman, whose parents founded the company, launched the effort at gofundme.com and secured a \$50,000 match to help support the 80 percent of the company's workforce who are now on unpaid leave.

"Many of these associates have been with our family-run business for decades," he said. "The Classic family and I are heartbroken and doing everything we can to help, but it is not enough." With the match, he pointed out, any amount makes a difference.

And if you live locally and like beer, mixed six-packs of beer are available at Brophy's Tavern at San Carlos and Fourth for \$10 each, with the proceeds going to the employee relief fund. The beer deal is available with any purchase of food to go. Hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Call (831) 586-5566 or visit brophystavern.com. To donate to the fund, go to gofundme.com/f/ClassicHotelsEmployeeRelief.

The company also announced this week that it's donating 250 two-night stays at La Playa to healthcare workers. Nominate someone at classichotels.com/hospitality-4healthcareheroes by May 15.

Cocktail boxes to go

The bar might be closed, but Pearl Hour on Lighthouse Avenue in Monterey is selling Cocktail Boxes delivered to customers' doors. Each box comes with cocktail recipes and all the necessary ingredients, of course.



Know a healthcare worker who would benefit from a two-night stay at the beautiful La Playa hotel and deserves it for free? The owners are seeking nominations.

Well Boxes of a dozen vodka tonics or gin tonics sell for \$30 and \$35, respectively, while Classic Cocktail Boxes include Bee's Knees (\$75 for 12 cocktails), Cali Old Fashioned (\$40 for 12), Boulevardier (\$100 for 25) and a dry Negroni (\$100 for 25). The bar's half-dozen House Special Boxes run from \$60 to \$125.

For details and to order, text (831) 229-4132 or email people@pearlhour.com.

P.G. chamber helps restaurants

To support the 25 downtown Pacific Grove restaurants that remain open for takeout and to show appreciation for essential businesses, the P.G. Chamber of Commerce bought 50 gift certificates for \$50 worth of dining and plans to distribute them to them to hardware stores, mechanics, CPAs, laundromats, hotels and inns, and physicians and other medical practitioners.

The certificates expire in two weeks to ensure people will use them now. Chamber president Moe Ammar said the goal "is to keep the restaurants open during this difficult time and thank the essential business owners for their continued support of the local community."

Ammar said the chamber is buying and distributing the gift certificates because restaurants "are a major contributor to the city's sales tax revenues," and due to the shutdown, are relying almost entirely on locals for business. He plans to do it again in another two weeks.

Open on North Fremont

Several restaurants in the North Fremont area of Monterey also remain open for takeout and delivery during the coronavirus shutdown. For a list that includes operating hours and other useful information, go to northfremont-monterey.org.

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Gretzinger singing "Endless Alleluia," accompanied two Easter morning services that were livestreamed April 12. Because he and his family attend services at Carmel Presbyterian Church, he wanted to do something special for it.

"Carmel Presbyterian is a very friendly and welcoming place," Bull said. "We love the openness, the Bible stories, and the worship — it all works very well for our family."

Pastor Tim Yee said he was "honored" to screen Bull's video during the Easter services.

"We continue to get a consistent stream of praise for the video of the painting," he added. "It was emotional, pure and inspirational."

Titled "Endless Hallelujah," the painting was quickly sold, and all the money was donated to the church.

The fine art of science

If you've ever been tempted to delve into the fine art of scientific illustration, here's your chance.

The latest in its online offerings, Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History will livestream a class by artist and illustrator Erin Hunter Saturday at noon. "We'll learn how she got her start, what she's up to now, and how she's teaching her children the marvels of science illustrated," reads a description of the event.

Besides making highly detailed color illustrations of flora and fauna, Hunter has also illustration a number of children's books.

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get live-streams going on Thursdays and Sundays to showcase local artists,” she explained.

Before the shutdown, the studio began livestreaming events from Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley. And one of its newest clients is Razzvio’s father, who teaches marine biology at Stanford University. The studio is now helping to bring his curriculum to students.

“We’re trying out new ways that livestreaming media is going to be important in the coming months,” she added. “Our goal has been to solve problems for the community and provide resources. We’re open to hearing from others how we can help get their visions off the ground.”

For more about the business, visit hangarmonterey.com.

■ Your weekly dose of nightlife

For those seeking to experience the charms of downtown Carmel remotely, Debbie Davis’ livestreamed cabaret shows at Cypress Inn just might do the trick.

The performances are free, but you can leave a tip. According to Davis, the shows have been a big hit with watchers, who have tuned in from as far away as Australia. A few, meanwhile, enjoyed the music from outside the inn.

“Our first one had 10,000 views,” the singer told The Pine Cone. “People are getting together to watch the show through Zoom parties. Last week we had people dancing outside in the street.”

Davis, who has been performing at the landmark downtown inn for the past decade, began livestreaming her shows from inside it five weeks ago. “I show the fireplace and the piano, so there’s no doubt it’s in the living room at Cypress Inn,” she said.

Remembering a sweetheart

The show by Davis always includes something from the late Doris Day’s catalog of songs. The singer co-owned the landmark inn with Denny LeVett, and the inn is must-visit for many of her fans.

While Davis sings along to a prerecorded instrumental track, her grandson Tristan livestreams the concerts through Facebook. He also responds to live comments, and passes along to the singer requests for specific songs, or birthday or anniversary dedications.

“He does the filming and production,” she explained. “He handles all the requests.”

Davis has also enjoyed reading the comments, and reconnecting with regular visitors around the world who can’t be in town until the threat of coronavirus passes.

“So many of these people have been coming here for so long,” she said. “Denny is looking forward to all of them coming back.”

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safety of residents, employees or the public.” Wanting to maintain a garden and make it look pretty don’t qualify.

Preserving value is OK

A major exception, deputy district attorney Emily Hickok said, is that even businesses not deemed essential are allowed to maintain their grounds, buildings and inventories, so they don’t fall into disrepair or lose their value, which is why Pebble Beach Co. can have crews working on its golf courses and grounds, and hotels that are closed can still employ landscapers to prevent plants and trees from dying.

“If they are just legitimately keeping up the golf course because the value of the course would suffer, I would suspect that would be OK,” she said.

Specifically, the order states that as long as everyone involved stays at least 6 feet away from each other as much as possible, they are allowed to do the “minimum necessary activities to maintain and protect the value of the business’s inventory and facilities; ensure security, safety, and sanitation; process payroll and employee benefits; provide for the delivery of existing inventory directly to residences or businesses; and related functions.”

But, Hickok said, “purely cosmetic landscaping and gardening would need to be postponed” — a glaring inconsistency in the order, since even homeowners have the value of their homes to protect.

Monterey Fire Chief Gaudenz Panholzer said that while the order allows tree work and other maintenance for the purpose of reducing fire risk, hiring someone to replace a dead bush with a new plant or to otherwise keep a garden looking tidy may not qualify.

“There will probably be people who have yard work done under the premise that it’s wildland safety work, even if it’s really not,” he said, but it’s not his or his department’s job to make that call. Panholzer said he does not believe keeping a lawn mowed or potted plants pruned is essen-

tial for fire safety. However, with the dry season looming, overgrown grass is universally recognized as a fire risk, especially in high-fire-danger areas.

Firefighters will be doing inspections in the coming months to ensure people’s properties are safe, including making sure the owners have cleared brush and other vegetation away from buildings and have trimmed trees, “and certainly anything we ask people to do will be exempt from any restrictions, should these restrictions be in place for much longer,” he said.

Panholzer also said anyone with questions about what work should be done can contact his department “We’re happy to come take a look and say, ‘Yes, do this,’ or ‘It can wait,’” he said. “We’re happy to work with people to help guide them, and I’m sure that’s true for all my counterparts at other agencies in the area, as well.”

Investigations underway

So far, Hickok’s office, the DA’s consumer protection division, has received 28 complaints of businesses violating the county health officer’s shelter-in-place order, and 14 of those involve construction. The reports are coming from law enforcement agencies and individuals.

“Are they just making sure the site is safe and secure, or are they doing more?” she asked. “People can send us information, and hopefully the information is detailed enough that we can investigate.”

Hickok said one of the reasons the DA’s office has pledged to pursue such cases is because it’s unfair to people who comply with the order — and suffer the devastating economic results — when others keep working and making money. That, she said, is unfair competition.

And, she pointed out, “If people are doing nonessential work, it’s not just one person who’s affected — it’s the whole supply chain,” because when they go to stores to purchase products, they are coming into contact with other people and creating more potential for the virus to spread.

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Editorial

Tough questions

ONE WORD comes to mind when you take a look at the predictions presented to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors this week by health officer Edward Moreno about the severity of the coronavirus epidemic in this county over the next six weeks. That word is “wrong.”

A different word comes to mind for the way the county supervisors reacted to Moreno’s predictions. “Clueless” is what the supervisors obviously were.

And when it comes to the tens of thousands of county residents who’ve lost their jobs and businesses as the virus has spread, the only thing you can think of is, “hapless.”

Way back when the effects of the coronavirus were first being felt, hair-on-fire predictions were being made by everybody, and you really couldn’t blame them. Back then, nobody understood how contagious the virus was, or how deadly, or who would be most at risk. The death toll in this country, we were told, might even be in the millions. But now we know that infections, hospitalizations and deaths are much lower than were projected — so much lower that barely six weeks into the epidemic in the United States, elected officials and health experts from Sacramento to Albany are talking confidently about the worst being behind us and being able to restart the economy in the not-too-distant future.

But not here. Perish the thought that our health officer would talk forthrightly about the threat to Monterey County residents and what can be done to protect their economy as well as their health, or that he would only make predictions firmly rooted in empirical data about the county’s experience so far and the factors that make this county different from other places. Instead, he uses scare tactics to make everybody think the worst is yet to come — and that it will be far worse than what we’ve seen so far.

For some reason, the supervisors seemed to buy Moreno’s predictions, even though they were ridiculous on their face. The health officer’s own data claimed there should be a total of about 9,000 people infected with the virus so far, a number which cannot even remotely be true. If it were, a lot more than the 108 cases his office say it’s confirmed would have come to the health department’s attention. But nobody among the supervisors seemed to notice this obvious discrepancy, much less question it.

Moreno’s charts and graphs also showed that about 300 people should be in the county’s hospitals with coronavirus right now. The actual total to date is just 22. So how will there be 900 at the beginning of June?

We understand that there are still serious risk factors. A senior community could suffer a major outbreak, or one of the state prisons could. A lot of seasonal farmworkers will be arriving in Monterey County over the next few weeks, and it’s certainly possible some of them will get the disease and spread it among family members and co-workers. But even if all of those things happen at once, Moreno’s predictions are wrong, because his starting point is wrong.

Nevertheless, our economy is at a standstill, and many people are experiencing the helplessness of not being able to pay their bills or care for their families. Even gardeners — one of the most socially distant professions imaginable — have been told they have to stop working.

Obviously, the shutdown order should not be continued one second longer than it has to be. And that means our political leaders need to start asking tough questions of the health “experts” about what justifies keeping it in place today, not to mention how long it needs to continue.

BEST of BATES



“Sir, I can’t find anything on affordable housing. Have you tried fiction?”

Letters to the Editor

Don’t be fooled

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your frequent updates on the situation in Monterey County.

I am concerned with a growing opinion on social media that Californians were exposed to coronavirus earlier in the late fall/early winter. This belief relies on the low number of those infected and low death rates in California compared with New England. This is extremely unlikely and it is not something you should gamble your health on.

If this were true, there would have been a great many mysterious cases of people in the ICU’s all over the region requiring ventilation. Many (most) would have been negative for all of our standard tests and it would have been all over the news. Medical professionals would have been on very high alert and they would be investigating these cases.

There was a high prevalence of Influenza A and B this last flu season, which people may be believing/assuming to be an untested case of COVID-19. It would be foolish to believe that because you had flu-like symptoms that you are immune to this new disease.

This rumor is extremely unlikely to be true and is an unscientific excuse to get back to business as usual.

It is also dangerous to spread any story that would reinforce people’s belief or influence them to think that they may be immune.

The reason why California is not reflecting what is happening in New England is because of our early institution of sheltering in place.

As a frontline healthcare worker at Natividad it is reassuring to me that our hospital has many empty beds at this point. We must continue to shelter in place in order to have the capacity to care for the rising numbers of people infected in our area.

Ryan Jung, RN, Natividad Medical Center

Apology on the way?

Dear Editor,

I don’t understand how Edward Moreno can estimate that 33,000 Monterey County residents will be affected by the coronavirus without telling us what model he used or how he came up with that number.

Also perplexing is that not one supervisor questioned him about it. And since his announcement, Moreno has not been forthcoming with any additional information to substantiate his claim.

Right now, we have 108 verified cases in the county and we are probably on the backside of the pandemic. If we get to 330 cases when this ends, his estimate will have been off by 99 percent. If we get to 3,300 cases he will still be off by 90 percent!

If his input carries a lot of weight on when the shelter-in-place is lifted, we are in trouble, because he will probably want us free of the virus for six months before we can come out of hiding. If we get close to his estimate, I will be the first to offer an apology, but if his numbers are off by 90 percent or more, then Moreno owes an apology to the citizens of Monterey County for creating additional unwarranted stress during this unprecedented time.

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The stuff of stoic endurance and fanciful stories grows here

WHILE THE Monterey cypress has been successfully planted in many parts of the world, it is believed to be indigenous to this area, with only two native stands: one along the coast at Point Lobos and the other between Cypress and Pescadero points in Pebble Beach.

For nearly two centuries, these stately trees and their uniquely twisted silhouettes have inspired poets and artists. In 1870, Robert Louis Stevenson wrote, “they might figure without change in a circle of the nether hell as Dante pictured it.”

Despite its isolated native range, the Monterey cypress has become very popular with humans, who have planted it from Great Britain to New Zealand. The cypress also been a favorite in many parts of the Peninsula. In the late 1800s, Chinese families planted several near Stillwater Cove on land they leased for a fishing village. The majestic trees reminded them of their homeland. Poet Robinson Jeffers and his sons planted several near their home on Carmel Point and shaped them into a labyrinth.

The origin of the tree is explained in an ancient legend. Ovid, a Roman poet who lived in the first century B.C., tells the story of Cuparissus, a Greek boy who, saddened after accidentally killing a grand stag, asks Apollo to make him cry forever. Apollo obliges by turning the boy into a cypress tree, which seemingly lives forever and weeps sap nearly all year long.

The real story

In more recent times, science has provided more plausible versions of the origins of the Monterey cypress. The Horticultural Society of London studied some of the local trees, which they grew from seeds gathered by botanist Aylmer B. Lambert. The society’s 1831 study concluded that the Monterey cypress was different from all other known varieties.

Its scientific name was first proposed in 1846 by German botanist Karl Hartweg, who also collected plants for the London Society. He named it *Cupressus macrocarpa* — macrocarpa for the relatively large cones. In 2009, botanists Robert Adams, Jim Bartel and Robert Price reclassified

History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

our cypress as *Hesperocyparis macrocarpa*, determining it was not an old-world cypress (*Cupressus*) but rather of a genus of western cypress (*Hesperocyparis*).

Regardless of the science, Maggie Downing Brainard’s 1919 book, “The Monterey Cypress,” tells of another ancient legend, this one about Buddhist monks and the Bo-Tree.

Buddha gets involved

Brainard was a noted horticulturist and co-editor with her husband of a magazine devoted to plants. On a tour of 17 Mile Drive with Hotel Del Monte carriage driver Alex Early, she heard how the cypress trees along their route had been planted centuries earlier by holy men who had brought seeds from the sacred cedars of Lebanon. Intrigued by the fanciful tale (she knew the trees were not cedars) she took a sprig for further research.

Her research led her to Dr. Leodi Mazziniananda, who received his master’s from Oxford and doctorate from Heidelberg, Germany. In 1915, he was Bishop of the Buddhist temple in San Francisco and head of the Buddhist Educational Bureau at the Panama-Pacific International Exhibition. He concluded that her cypress sprig was a match to the legendary Bo-Tree in India under which the Lord Buddha had received enlightenment.

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A trail ends, a new career begins

ARE CERTAIN things meant to be? Noelle Nichols may have scientific reason to think so. Both parents and one grandfather were artists. Both grandmothers were fashion designers.

Nichols, who spent 35 years in the medical profession, suspects her own artistic talent is somewhere in her DNA.

“I believe in genetic predisposition,”

For Nichols, creating art also was a catharsis that helped with her grieving process. She had been desperately in love with the career that had ended so abruptly.

“There was a lot of crying every day, and, for me, it was one of those be-careful-what-you-wish-for lessons,” she said. “I can remember being a 35-year-old nurse, telling people I wanted to retire at 55. And when I was 55, I really wanted to work into my late 70s. Then came the accident and I didn’t have a choice anymore.”

Her nursing career also had an unscripted beginning. Nichols was just 28 when her marriage ended in 1970. With two young daughters to feed, she enrolled in nursing school on the same day her divorce became final.

After earning her degree, she quickly became smitten with the job.

“I loved that nursing commanded every aspect of my being, physically and intellectually. It touched my soul,” she said. “I enjoyed being an advocate for my patients, I loved the camaraderie of my team. I worked in almost every phase of nursing over the years, and it turned out to be more fulfilling than any career I could have imagined.”

When her disability made nursing impossible, artwork emerged to fill the void.

Nichols specializes in watercolors, but occasionally uses acrylic, oil, or graphite to create brightly colored work that varies between impressionist and realism. Flowers, fruits and vegetables, and still lifes are favorites, but she also has a passion for painting children at play, dogs, seascapes and other subjects.

“It’s a very diverse kind of art,” she said. “Most of the traffic at the Monterey Peninsula Art Foundation Gallery 425 Cannery Row in Monterey is from tourists who are interested in ocean paintings, but I paint whatever I want.”

‘Statements about life’

Her art is occasionally influenced by world events, said Nichols, citing her recent watercolor, entitled “Breaking Out in Easter,” depicting a package of marshmallow Peeps. One of the colorful candy chicks has pecked its way through the cellophane — a commentary, said Nichols, on the notion that the nation’s “shelter-in-place” orders would be lifted for Easter Sunday.

“A lot of my paintings become statements about life,” said the artist, who said she feels a deep sense of pride toward nurses who are selflessly treating COVID-19 patients.

Nichols spent some of her earliest years, in the 1940s, in Carmel-by-the-Sea with her mother, Micheline Ayais Robinson,

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Carmel’s Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

declared Monterey Peninsula Art Foundation painter, co-opting a medical term that typically describes an increased likelihood of developing a specific disease based on a person’s genetic makeup.

Perhaps there’s also something to be said for destiny.

Nichols was 55 years old, riding her bike down a Big Sur mountainside, when fate changed the trajectory of her life.

“The trail in front of me suddenly came to an end, there was a cliff, and I had to brake with both wheels,” she remembered. “I went over the (handlebars), landed hard, and crushed the bones and ligaments in my right hand. The accident ended my nursing career after 35 years.”

The help of a doctor

The hand was frozen, all but useless, for the first five years. That’s when a talented surgeon transplanted bone from her wrist and put her in a cast for six months, during which the demolished bone grew back.

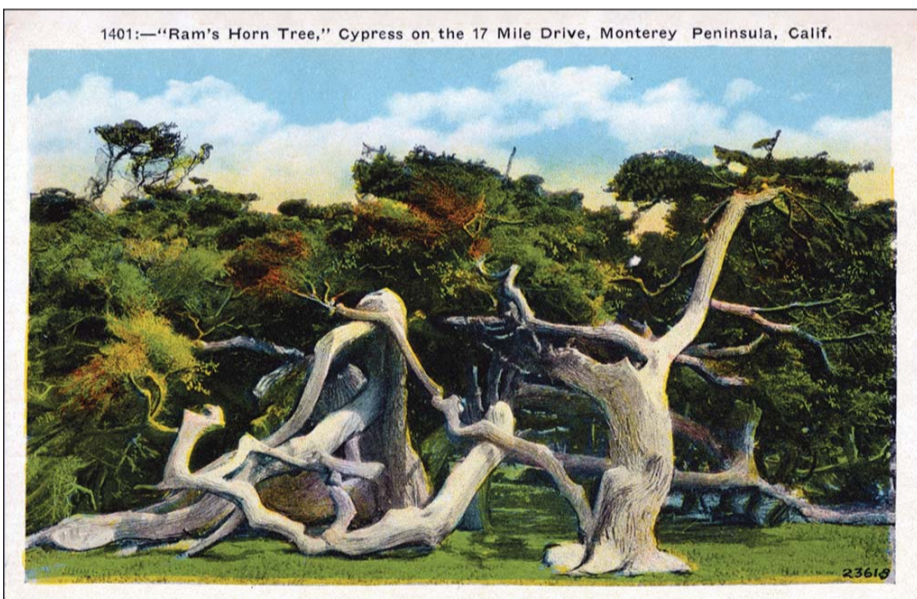
Though she hadn’t created art since her teens, Nichols had a small studio built in the backyard garden of her Pacific Grove cottage, complete with skylight, two windows, electricity and heat, and she began to paint with watercolors.

“It was the only thing I could do to keep my mind off the pain,” she said. “I was very determined. I painted every day, and little by little, over the next 10 years, I regained almost complete use of the hand.”



PHOTO/JANA AHL

Pacific Grove resident Noelle Nichols became a professional artist after using art as rehabilitation therapy.



1401:—“Ram’s Horn Tree,” Cypress on the 17 Mile Drive, Monterey Peninsula, Calif.

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This early postcard of The Ram’s Horn Tree errantly states an old legend on the back: “This species of cypress grows in no other part of the world with the exception of the Holy Land.”

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VIRUS

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The county has only 678 licensed hospital beds to care for patients, which means the hospitals would soon be overrun with sick people, according to Moreno. Local hospitals are treating very few coronavirus patients, however.

Confusing model

Moreno's predictions — which he said relied on a COVID-19 model developed by the University of Pennsylvania — were based on Monterey County's population, demography, level of compliance with social distancing measures and other factors, he said.

Using the best-case scenario, Moreno also told supervisors that toward the end of May, the county would need about 235 licensed critical care hospital beds, even though the county only has 33. And while the county's four hospitals have a total of 158 ventilators, there would be a need for about 210 of the expensive machines. Moreno did not respond to numerous questions from The Pine Cone about why his predictions depart so widely from current data.

But he acknowledged that the model he used to make forecasts for Monterey was intended for large cities.

"The models were developed for areas with large populations with a high burden of disease," he told the supervisors Tuesday. "When these models, when applied to smaller areas like Monterey County, the information might not be as reliable."

Later during the presentation, Moreno said the models have to be "utilized and interpreted carefully," and may "overestimate" the scale, but do "reflect local effects of social distancing."

Supervisors did not seem surprised by Moreno's presentation and did not question the validity of the figures.

Moreno reiterated that social distancing is "really important," and has said that's the

reason for the low number of cases here.

He also said that if there had been no mitigation to stave off COVID-19 in the county, "the number of cases would double every two days, which is exactly what we saw when we first started having cases here in Monterey County." However, it is not what the county is experiencing now.

Meanwhile, in the event the county's four hospitals are overrun with coronavirus patients, hospital and county officials said they'll be prepared.

The county has lined up an "alternate care site" at the Marina airport in the form of a 55,000-square-foot tent that could treat from 250 to 300 people with the virus. Joby Aviation agreed to provide the tent, which a spokesman said would take a few weeks to build.

Office of Emergency Services manager Gerry Malais said the county has also identified "alternate home sites" at the Monterey County Fairgrounds and San Lorenzo Park in King City that will be used for people who are infected with the virus but don't need hospitalization, or are suspected of being infected.

They will live in trailers on those properties provided by the state.

Malais, who also said his office is looking at booking hotels to house people, if necessary, declined to say how much taxpayers are footing for the alternate sites, since the agreements are not yet final.

The health department has contacted about 550 people who were likely exposed to the patients who tested positive for the virus, and they have been "ordered" to home-quarantine.

Not 'business as usual'

Moreno said he recognized the impact social distancing has on social, emotional and economic aspects of life in Monterey County, and he touched on the possibility of easing some of the harsh restrictions in his shelter-in-place order.

"Because of how long this epidemic could possibly last, many of us in public health believe it's not feasible to continue this level of restriction throughout the

pandemic," he said. "So we are starting to have discussions on how we might start to reduce some of the restrictions in California."

Moreno did not indicate what an easing of his shelter-in-place order might look like, but said when shops and restaurants

reopen, it would not be "business as usual."

"It will be a few more activities, a few more services that are allowed, but you'll have to adhere to social distancing; otherwise, the surge we're trying to avoid would happen anyway, and we don't want to get into that situation," he explained.

CAMPERS

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campers fleeing the places where they live during the shutdown.

"There have been waves of ill-prepared 'recreational campers' moving around Big Sur for the last few weeks," resident Butch Kronlund wrote in a letter to forest service officials. He urged them to take action. "These people are using new applications that direct them to places they should not be going, setting up camp in the middle of private roads, building campfires in the middle of public trails, and posing a health risk to those of us following the guidance of our state and local authorities in order to survive the pandemic."

Bold theft

President of the Big Sur Community Association, Kronlund said he caught one of the campers trying to steal gasoline from his yard. He said the incident reminded him of theft that occurred during the Soberanes Fire.

"I caught a guy walking up my driveway with a 5-gallon can of my fuel, stolen from behind a screen shielding my backup generator.

He had to ignore my no-trespassing sign and figure out how to get around a locked

gate to do so. This is the kind of behavior I witnessed during the last big fire. It is unnerving and the last thing any of us need now. Once I straightened him out, he admitted he had been car camping up on Plaskett Ridge."

Road becomes campground

Resident Brendon Shave, meanwhile, has drawn attention to the problem by posting images of the campers online. He told The Pine Cone he counted 30 cars parked along Plaskett Ridge Road one morning. Some had campfires.

Locals have long complained about dispersed camping, which means camping on public land outside of a designated campground. The practice has previously been blamed for starting fires here and elsewhere, and many would like to see it banned in fire-prone areas like Big Sur.

While late rains have possibly delayed this year's fire season, by this time next month, that won't likely be the case.

Dispersed camping in Big Sur has also led to complaints about unsanitary disposal of human waste and litter.

Also backing the temporary closures were Congressman Jimmy Panetta, top Los Padres National Forest official Kevin Elliott and Monterey County Supervisor Mary Adams, who represents the district. The Big Sur Community Foundation also endorsed the closures.

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Volunteer Beach Patrol" badges around their necks and carrying a 6-foot-long stick between them to illustrate what the government has determined is a "safe distance" for people to keep from each other in order to avoid spreading COVID-19.

"People are taking our picture and thanking us for the visual of what 6 feet looks like," said Lesley Miller, who volunteers for the patrols with her husband, Chris Manke.

Resident Rob McClurg told The Pine Cone he has "gotten really concerned because we're leaving our beach open and


other places like Santa Cruz are closed, we're getting a huge number of people."

"It's Wednesday, and it looks like a summer day down at the beach," he said. McClurg complained that people are not wearing masks and are behaving "like there's nothing going on."

"We need to take control of our town here and close the beach and send people back home again," he said.

Rerig believes the parking restrictions will help.

"This is really out of an abundance of caution for safety because the weather is improving and people are not being 100 percent vigilant," he said. "People will still be able to enjoy the beach. You can walk there, but hopefully it's going to decrease any desire to make it a party atmosphere."




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FENTON

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rus of misinformation until it becomes a pandemic of its own, he said.

A hazardous environment rife with false information can make a crisis more difficult to combat, said Fenton, who tries to keep the dangers of his profession in proper perspective.

“My personal opinion is that our job as first responders isn’t any more dangerous than it’s ever been. There are always opportunities for us to expose ourselves to danger, whether it’s going into a burning building or working in the middle of a highway at a vehicle accident,” he said.

“The threat of communicable diseases also is nothing new,” Fenton added. “We’ll always face dangers that people in other jobs aren’t exposed to on a regular basis.”

Minimizing risk

The current pandemic, though, has accentuated the need for safety, he said. Standard personal protective equipment for even routine calls nowadays includes goggles, gloves and a mask, plus either a gown or coveralls. Dispatchers now routinely ask pertinent questions on incoming calls about possible COVID-19 symptoms, then share the information with first responders, enabling them to take additional safety measures, if appropriate.

Protocol requires firefighters to check their temperature twice daily to help monitor any possible health concerns. When they return from a call they typically disinfect their

boots, scrub their hands, and change into clean clothes to avoid contamination. They clean their living quarters frequently.

“We do take precautions and follow procedures, but this is an invisible threat, we’re learning more every day about viral spreading, things that can happen before you present any symptoms, things that can still happen after those symptoms have gone away,” he said.

“I really don’t feel like there’s any way to completely eliminate the risk, but hopefully, with the procedures we have in place, we minimize any risk of exposure to our families and each other.”

At this point, Fenton says no first responders in Monterey County are known to have contracted the coronavirus. Five Hollister firefighters who treated a COVID-19 patient were quarantined for 14 days in March (none subsequently tested positive for the virus), and 13 San Jose firefighters and eight in Long Beach have tested positive. Approximately 20 percent of officers of the New York City Police Department are on sick leave.

“I don’t know if it’s because we’re doing a better job, if our shelter-in-place measures are working here, or if we’re just waiting for the wave to hit us,” said Fenton, a Carmel High graduate (Class of ’82) who was 23 when he joined the Carmel Valley Fire Department as a volunteer fire captain in 1987.

After 18 years as a volunteer, he was hired in 2005 by Carmel Valley Fire, which consolidated in 2011 with Monterey County Regional Fire. He is based at the department’s Carmel Valley Village station.

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SENIORS

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out to eat.

“I don’t like cooking seven days a week,” said Connolly. “I thought I was done with that.” Whitney said that Irene, “the beautiful woman” he’s been married to for 40 years, is a great cook. He’s in charge of the grill and made a leg of lamb for Easter that came out well.

And then he did another thing that seems to be occupying people’s time nowadays. He and his wife Skyped with their kids and grandkids, who live in Pacific Grove. In fact, Connolly said that she’s been hearing from many people who have learned to use Zoom, the online meeting app. “They say they’re spending more time with family than they had before,” she observed.

Connolly, Whitney and Cox laughed at the way the tables have turned — they used to fret over their kids’ safety, and now their adult children are calling them on the carpet, respectfully. “They’re making sure we don’t do anything they don’t approve of. They tell us, ‘Don’t you dare’ do this or that — in a nice way,” Connolly said.

No bowling zone

Regardless of that admonishment, they’re still shopping for necessities — mostly during early morning hours some retailers have designated for seniors.

“We take turns going to the grocery and CVS,” Connolly said. In addition to comparison-shopping for green beans and organic chicken breasts, they measure stores’ appeal in how well they protect patrons.

“At Trader Joe’s, they only let in 30 people at a time and they sanitize each cart for you,” said Connolly approvingly. Sometimes, spouses dictate additional precautions. “We go to the store, but my wife won’t let me go in,” said Whitney. “I have to wait in the car.”

Another thing Whitney is waiting for is a dentist’s appointment. He’s got a bum tooth that needs to be pulled, but as with so many things people once would have labeled necessary, prudence dictates postponement.

Many residents also eagerly await the day when they

can return to lawn bowling. Whitney said about 45 people turn out three days a week for the sport, and Cox added that there are national champions among the residents.

While it seems like that sport should lend itself to social distancing, Connolly said, “We get a little chummy, so it doesn’t.”

People in general are structuring their days as best they can. “We get up and get dressed every day,” said Whitney, and Connolly agreed.

They now look forward to nighttime binge-watching. At the Connollys’, that means the political thriller, “Designated Survivor.” For Whitney, it’s “Inspector Morse,” a late-’80s detective series from Great Britain.

Cox was concerned about long-term effects on the community. “Isolation affects mood, health and outlook on life. After a month, it can start to affect some people physically. When will it end?”

Whitney, Connolly and their neighbors also take that threat seriously, staying in touch with each other and calling those who don’t get out and socialize as much.

But they feel like they’re all going to get through it. Together.

PROTECT

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You can also follow the example of healthcare workers on the front lines — get enough sleep, and make some time to take care of yourself, away from the onslaught of 24/7 news cycles.

Murtland is energetic as ever and attributes part of that to regular, uninterrupted sleep, along with short rests when needed throughout the day.

Finally, Blum wanted to remind people that “The No. 1 best advice for how to prevent getting exposed and to stay healthy is to follow social-distancing recommendations, perform excellent hand hygiene, stay home when ill, frequently disinfect high-touch surfaces, and so on.”

It’s the same thing doctors have been trying to get folks to do every flu season, albeit not quite to this extent. Maybe this time, it’ll sink in.

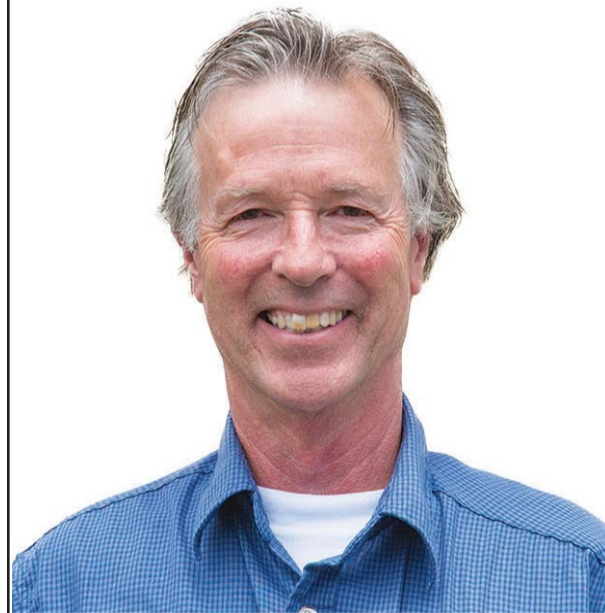
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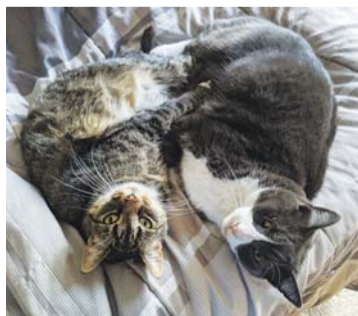
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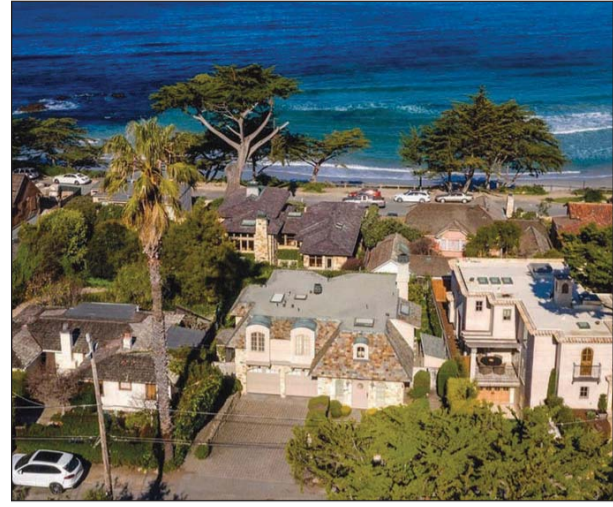
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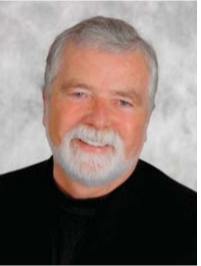
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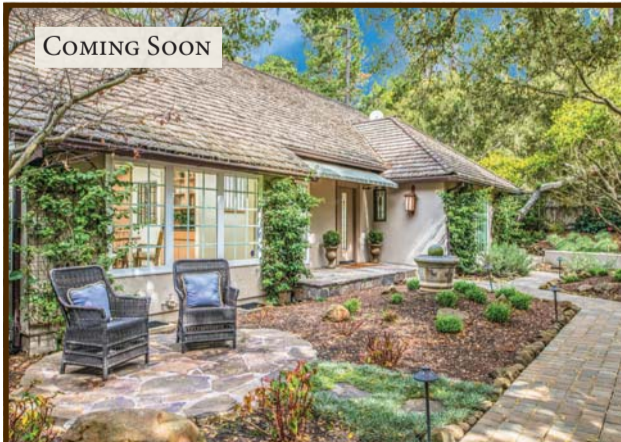
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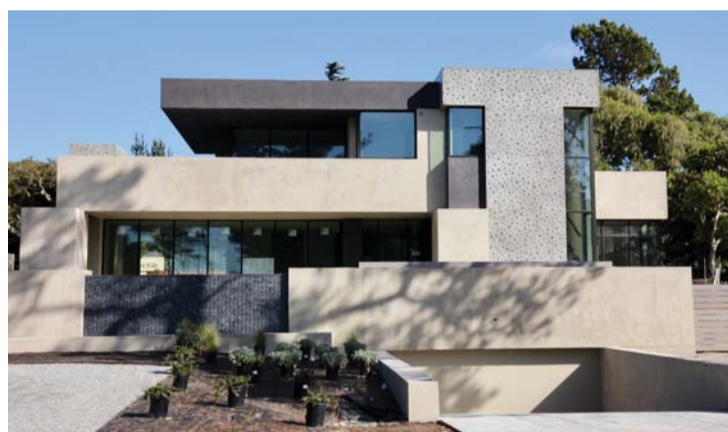
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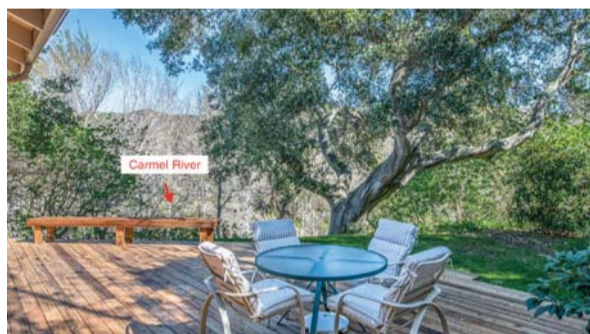
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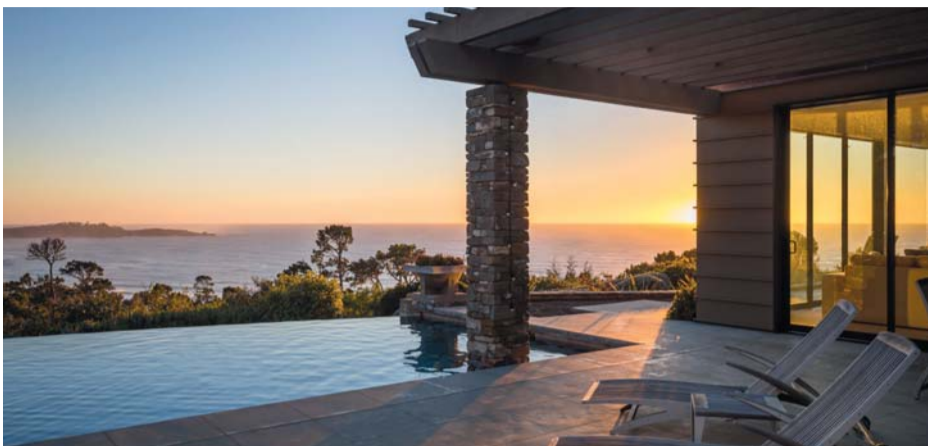
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Trying to make time speed up during the age of Sheltering at Home

“TEMPUS FUGIT,” wrote that old Roman, Virgil, back in 19 BC (before coronavirus). But time didn’t flee while I sat through Latin IV classes in high school.

As I recall, his 10,000-line epic poem, the *Aeneid*, was about a Trojan who, after building a huge wooden gift horse, left Troy and went to America to make condos. Or something like that. Who can remember such things when your mind is on hold because of the government’s order to SIP (Stultify in Place)?

Remember that early TV show, “Beat the Clock”? It was a very low-budget show hosted by Bud Collyer. Contestants performed physical speed or dexterity challenges involving common household props such as cardboard boxes, balloons, dishes, cups and balls of almost every type, and sometimes, someone got whip-creamed in the face. It should have been named “America’s Got No Talent.”

Nowadays, beat the clock means something entirely different. Filling time is what we corona convicts, sentenced to house arrest, are trying to do. I’ve learned there is a finite amount of time I can spend on crossword puzzles and word games before my mind becomes so scrambled I start looking

forward to seeing what kind of scarf Deborah Birx is wearing during the coronavirus press briefings on TV.

Beach police

It is Easter Sunday as I write this. I had every intention of going to the beach to see how the closure of Scenic Road affected beach walkers, but the rainy, gloomy weather dictated I shelter in front of my fireplace. I thought of signing on to join the city’s volunteer beach patrol to make sure beach walkers are social distancing while searching for seashells by the seashore. Fortunately I tested negative for *stupid* so it was left to others to join the beach police.

The city wants to make sure people are social distancing unless they are members of a family unit. But do family units have to show papers to prove they’re related? Wouldn’t the volunteers need to be closer than 6 feet to check birth certificates and marriage licenses? Do you need to wear a mask to address people who may not be members of the same family and are closer than 6 feet? Do the volunteers need some kind of verification that they’re acting in an official capacity? I mean, something to let the beach walkers know whether the volun-

teers were from Oceania, Eurasia or even Eastasia.

A great look

I was hoping the volunteer beach patrol would be issued uniforms. Perhaps they could dress up as Puritans. I would look great in one of those big wide-brimmed showy hats as I wandered Carmel beach nagging, pestering and annoying walkers while handing out pamphlets that warned: No Fun Allowed.

These are the kinds of thoughts that help one beat the clock while sheltering in place counting the number of sheets on a dwindling supply of toilet paper and watching ESPN to see the Rose City Rollers win the 2019 Women’s Flat Track Derby Association championship. By the way, Gotham’s (runner-up team) Bonita Apple Bomb was selected as tournament MVP.

We went through a second viewing of all three seasons of “The Crown.” I liked the earlier Princess Margaret better than the second one. I also liked the second Prince Philip better than the first. Both Queens were excellent. I wonder if we will still be sequestered when Season 4 is released. Emma Corrin of “Pennyworth” plays Lady Diana, and Gillian Anderson (Dana Scully of “The X-Files”) is Margaret Thatcher. I was wearing my Roger Ebert mask when I wrote that last paragraph. Yes, I watch the daily corona press conferences on television. Sorry, Dr. Fauci, I’d have more faith in your expertise if you were making tri-tip sandwiches at Bruno’s. I do

enjoy Deborah Birx, who’s a better dancer than Ginger Rogers and has a graceful way of waltzing around a question without truly answering it.

And then there is food. The nicest lady

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVAISE

in the world had been making fresh scones that are so good they constantly test the expandable waistline on my Haggar slacks. Our recipe for Billionaire’s Meat Loaf is as good as a \$2 trillion stimulus package. We’ve partaken of the direct meat sales at 7D Steakhouse and savored their filets that cut like *buttah* and taste heavenly.

I am a habitual early riser whose constitution requires immediate sustenance to flatten the curve between last night’s dinner and this morning’s breakfast. It is 43 days since we’ve enjoyed dining with friends. Thankfully my super daughter, Christy, a nurse by day, becomes a food caterer by night, braving the corona-torn battlefields to keep us in comestibles with the steadfastness and love of de Bergerac delivering a *billet-doux* to Roxanne.

I yearn for the consolation of a four-hour baseball game to while away the day. I take comfort in imagining a black-clad umpire bending low, waving his arms in a sweeping motion, and declaring: “Safe at home.”

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ARTIST

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and stepfather, Douglas Robinson.

Robinson, (who, by the way, was the son of Helen Rebecca Roosevelt, half-niece of FDR), died in 1964, and two years later Micheline married a longtime acquaintance, Jack Geisen, who had managed the Palace Hotel in San Francisco.

Jack was the son of an actress, and Micheline, a native of France, had acted in films in Paris during World War II.

In 1978, Noelle fulfilled a longtime dream — allowing her two daughters to graduate from Carmel High — by moving back to Carmel from San Diego. Her moth-

er and Geisen were still living here at the time, and living large.

“They were very well known in Carmel. They had dinner parties almost every day of the week,” she said.

The Geisens eventually left Carmel and retired in the South of France.

Noelle’s firstborn, Micheline Daly (Carmel High, Class of ’82), followed her into the nursing profession and currently works at Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital. She is the mother of Noelle’s twin grandsons. Her younger daughter, Christiane Nichols (Carmel High, ’84), followed the footsteps of her father and became a school teacher.

Nichols’ art can be found online on Instagram ([noelledominie](https://www.instagram.com/noelledominie)) and the Monterey Peninsula Art Foundation website at www.mpaaf.org.



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HISTORY

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Mazziniananda, who before his Western training had studied under the Dalai Lama, knew of an ancient report of five Buddhist monks who in 420 A.D. set out from India to seek the "Land of the Western Paradise" where they would spread enlightenment.

In reviewing the ancient Buddhist document, Mazziniananda concluded the holy men had landed at Point Lobos and planted trees along the two peninsulas north and south of what we now call Carmel Bay. A similar Chinese legend, is found in great detail in "Fusang" (1875) by Charles LeLand, and summarized in the first chapter of "Chinese Gold" (1985) by Sandy Lydon.

A worthy nickname

After all that, along came Harry Greene (1852-1933), "Tin Can Harry," as he was known locally. Greene was a successful 19th-century stockbroker in San Francisco who built a large Moorish-style, Victorian mansion at 361 Lighthouse Avenue in New Monterey as a summer home. He moved there in 1890 for his health and used the property to indulge his horticultural interests.

His nickname came from encouraging children of all ages to start trees in tin cans and then plant them to reforest the nation — a informal program that led to the cre-

ation of the Federation of Tree Growing Clubs of America.

In a Nov. 19, 1926, article in the Pine Cone, Greene lamented the proliferation of "fantastic stories" about the origin of the Monterey Cypress, and noted that yet another had emerged that it was a "Japanese yew, having mysteriously found its way to the Monterey Peninsula."

Working to preserve

Greene gave no credence to any of the legends, and said he believed "our cypress grew naturally in many parts of the northern hemisphere and is probably the parent of all other existing cypresses." He worked to have the two native groves made national monuments.

He especially called out the Ram's Horn Tree near Cypress Point along 17 Mile Drive, which he estimated to be 1,000 years old and said "should be visited by all nature lovers." Current botanists, like Jim Bartel, acknowledge the Monterey cypress can look old, but view Greene's estimate as just another legend. They say the *Hesperocyparis* is not as long-lived as the *Cupressus*. They theorize the native trees might live 350 years, or at most 500; cultivated Monterey cypress are unlikely to reach 200 years.

Native stands of the Monterey cypress in both of its native areas are now protected. The state purchased 348 acres at Point Lobos in 1933 to create a nature reserve. Near Cypress Point, Pebble Beach found-

er S. F. B. Morse dedicated the 12-acre Crocker Grove in 1952. It is now part of the holdings of the Del Monte Forest Conservancy. The legendary trees that have fascinated visitors for more than a century are

assured to remain for future generations.

Neal Hotelling has been researching and writing about Monterey County history for more than three decades. His email is nbhotelling@msn.com.



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The Lone Cypress on 17 Mile Drive in 2014 after a major storm caused it to lose a limb. Despite the damage, it remains the most famous Monterey cypress in the world — and with good reason.



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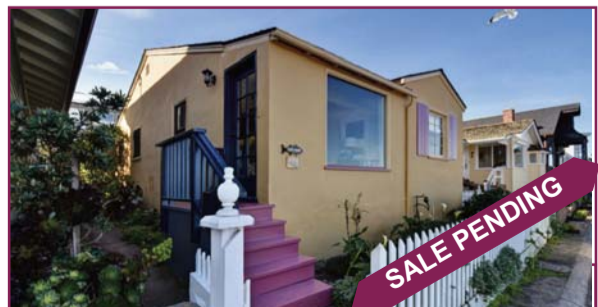
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File No. 20200567
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Registered Owner(s):
Bridge Home Health Central Coast LLC, 3636 Noble Drive, Suite 450, San Diego, CA 92122; CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A
S/ Joseph Montesorte, CFO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 11, 2020
3/27, 4/3, 4/10, 4/17/20
CNS-3351901#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication dates: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2020. (PC323)

A. Present name: ROLANDE KETCHAM VAUGHM
Proposed name: ROLANDE KETCHAM
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.
NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: May 8, 2020
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
DEPT: 15
The address of the court is 1200 Agujaito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.
(s) Lydia M. Villarreal
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: March 13, 2020
Publication dates: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2020. (PC325)

false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars. **I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).**
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 26, 2020.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication dates: April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2020. (PC402)

Monterey.
Name of Corporation of as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: SANTA LUCIA VENTURES III, 3 Goodrich Trail, Carmel, CA 93923.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.:
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2020.
S/ Rachel Quiring, Manager
March 11, 2020
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars. **I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).**
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 3, 2020.
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Publication dates: April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2020. (PC403)

Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2020. (PC407)

(See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2020. (PC407)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20200593
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
LAMPLIGHTER LLC, 255 E. Bolivar Street, Salinas, CA. 93906, County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s):
Millennium Housing Corporation, 611 Anton Blvd. Ste. #890, Costa Mesa, CA. 92626.
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A
MILLENNIUM HOUSING CORPORATION
S/Lori Carraway, Vice-President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 16, 2020
3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10/20
CNS-3352989#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication dates: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2020. (PC324)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20200615
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CARMEL WELLNESS AND AESTHETICS, 26135 Carmel Rancho Blvd., F-21, Carmel, CA 93923.**
Mailing address: 1840 41st Ave., Suite 102-325, Capitola, CA 95010.
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.
Name of Corporation of as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: JAY PENNOCK, MD a professional corporation, 1840 41st Ave., Suite 102-325, Capitola, CA 95010.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/ Jay Penneck, MD, President
March 24, 2020
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20200587
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
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Registered Owner(s):
Rosalia Moon Webster, 216 Granite Street, Pacific Grove, CA 93950
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 01/01/2020
S/ Rosalia Moon Webster
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 16, 2020
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CNS-3358180#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication dates: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2020. (PC403)

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Publication dates: April 17, 24, 2020 (PC406)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 20CV001049
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, ROLANDE KETCHAM VAUGHM, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20200629
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CAMPFIRE CONCERTS, 417 Alvarado Street, Monterey, CA 93940.**
Mailing address: 3 Goodrich Trail, Carmel, CA 93923.
County of Principal Place of Business:

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20200629
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CAMPFIRE CONCERTS, 417 Alvarado Street, Monterey, CA 93940.**
Mailing address: 3 Goodrich Trail, Carmel, CA 93923.
County of Principal Place of Business:

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

T.S. No.: 2019-03497-CA A.P.N.:010-011-014-000
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Duly Appointed Trustee: **Western Progressive, LLC**
Deed of Trust Recorded **10/13/2006** as Instrument No. **2006091102** in book --, page-- and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Monterey County, California.
Date of Sale: **06/09/2020 at 10:00 AM**
Place of Sale: AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 168 W. AISAL STREET, SALINAS, CA 93901

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More fully described in said Deed of Trust.

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A.P.N.: 010-011-014-000

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The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: **\$ 548,322.23.**

Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt.

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Publication dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 2020 (PC405)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 on or after the hour of 4:30 p.m., the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will hold a **Public Hearing** in the Council Chambers located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California for the following purpose:

Proposed Action: Consider the adoption of the master fee schedule for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. The purpose of the hearing is to gather public input prior to taking action on the proposal described in this notice. The City Council will consider adopting a master fee schedule that adjusts the existing fees charged by the City for services provided by Administrative Services, Community Activities, Community Planning and Building, Public Safety and Public Works. The proposed fee adjustments will become effective on July 1, 2020.

Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 has allowed local legislative bodies to hold public meetings via teleconference and to make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the local legislative body. Also, see the Order by the Monterey County Public Health Officer issued March 17, 2020. The health and well-being of our residents is the top priority for the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea. To that end, this meeting will be held via teleconference and web-streamed on the City's website ONLY.

All interested persons are invited to attend via teleconference at the time and place specified above to give oral or written testimony concerning this matter. Written comments may be submitted to the City Clerk at City Hall located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921 or P.O. Box CC, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921 or by email cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us prior to the meeting. With respect to written comments, please submit them at least 2 hours before the meeting in order to ensure they are provided to the legislative body and made part of the record. Comments received after that time and up to the end of the public hearing will be saved as part of the record but may not be provided to the legislative body prior to or during the public hearing.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 66016 a copy of the draft report regarding the proposed fees will be available for inspection on the City's website www.ci.carmel.ca.us 10 days in advance of the meeting.

The staff report and relevant documents will be available at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting on the City's website at <http://www.ci.carmel.ca.us>. The Council meeting will be televised live on the City's website and archived there after the meeting. For more information regarding City Council meetings, please contact the City Clerk's office at (831) 620-2016.

Britt Avrit, MMC, City Clerk

Please direct questions about this item to:
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Publish Dates: April 17, 2020 and May 1, 2020 – The Pine Cone

Publication dates: April 17 and May 1, 2020 (PC404)

POLICE LOG

From page 4A

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male reported seeing multiple subjects at his construction site on Camino Real north of Ocean through a security camera. A check of the site did not reveal anything suspicious. A tree trimmer next door was contacted and determined to be the one on the property. Tree trimmer explained he was looking for someone at the site to ask for a piece of scrap wood to block the tires of his trailer. Tree trimmer did not find anyone and took it upon himself to go on the construction site and take a few pieces of scrap wood. The caller was later contacted on scene and did not want prosecution, but wanted the suspect warned about trespassing. A trespass warning was given to the suspect and he understood.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Two subjects were given a trespass warning at a business on Junipero near Third.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a civil dispute between neighbors on Lasuen regarding garbage going onto the neighbor's property. Issue was determined to be caused by wildlife. Both neighbors were contacted via telephone and counseled on the issue.

Pacific Grove: Forced entry to a vehicle on Presidio Boulevard.

Pacific Grove: Adult Protective Services referral on Forest Hill.

Pacific Grove: Fraud on Arkwright Court.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle repo on 19th Street.

Pebble Beach: A female reported suspicious circumstances on El Bosque Drive.

See SHERIFF page 13RE



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From page 4RE

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SHERIFF

From page 11RE

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a dead bat that possibly was captured by a resident cat on Lincoln south of First.

Pacific Grove: Juvenile issue on Pine involving a 14-year-old.

Pacific Grove: Male reported losing his wallet at Country Club Gate. All cards were canceled.

Carmel Valley: Subject was transported by ambulance to a hospital for a 72-hour mental health/medical evaluation.

Carmel area: Theft from mailboxes on Highway 1 reported.

Carmel area: A 34-year-old male on

Highway 1 was found to be in possession of burglary tools.

Carmel area: A residential burglary was attempted by an unknown person who caused damage on Shafter Way.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

Pacific Grove: Subject did not receive goods from someone she entrusted.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

Pacific Grove: A 21-year-old male was booked into Monterey County Jail for felony grand theft, misdemeanor violation of probation, two counts of misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance and felony burglary.

Pacific Grove: A 19-year-old male was arrested for battery on Grove Acre.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to re-

port of a deceased person at a residence on Ridgeback Road.

Carmel area: A wallet was stolen from an unlocked vehicle on Oliver Road.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded after reported of two subjects trespassing at a residence on East Carmel Valley Road. A 40-year-old male and a 48-year-old female were arrested for multiple criminal charges.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a home on Birch Place for a report of a violation of restraining order which had not been served. Information only.

Carmel Valley: Deputies were contacted about an 18-year-old male adult selling marijuana to three males, ages 11, 14 and 9, on Cachagua Road.

Pacific Grove: Adult Protectives Services information report on Sinex.

Carmel area: Victim on Palo Colorado Road reported harassing phone calls from a

restrained party.

MONDAY, APRIL 6

Carmel area: Deputies responded to report of shots heard on Morse Drive. Expended fireworks were located.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A report of property found, possibly left behind by a homeless male, on Hatton Road. The male was contacted, and it was confirmed to be his property. The male was warned for the local and state violations.

Pacific Grove: Subject reported suspicious circumstances on Ocean View Boulevard.

Carmel Valley: APS referral on Valley Greens Circle.

Pebble Beach: Resident reported someone entered an unlocked garage on Cormorant Road and stole items.



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Market marches along nicely, then falls off the coronavirus cliff

1st Quarter 2020 Report

ON MARCH 19, the day after the county issued its “shelter in place” order, the local real estate market fell off a cliff, in sync with just about every other sector of the local economy. Hence, we can take no comfort in the fact the quarter looks good on paper. We will review here some of the highlights revealed by the accompanying charts while admitting they have little or no bearing on what is on the immediate horizon, apart from our unique Market Barometer.

House Talk

By Paul Brocchini and Mark Ryan

with Monterey and Pacific Grove leading the pack at 14 and 11, respectively. We expect most of the buyers will complete their purchases in the second quarter, although some may get cold feet and drop out.



The barometer is an exception because it gives us a snapshot of the number of properties under contract on April 1. On that date there were 73 properties in escrow

with Monterey and Pacific Grove leading the pack at 14 and 11, respectively. We expect most of the buyers will complete their purchases in the second quarter, although some may get cold feet and drop out.

Gross dollar volume

The first quarter of last year hinted at weakness that never materialized. In our 2019 year-end report we declared our astonishment at the amazing fourth quarter, and the market did not slow down in 2020, racking up more than \$325 million in sales from January to March, a 15 percent increase over the same time period in 2019.

During the first quarter of this year, the huge increase in Carmel Valley was largely due to the blockbuster, \$17 million sale of a large ranch.

The two luxury markets of Carmel-by-the-Sea and Pebble Beach both suffered declines.

Prices and number of sales

All eight markets registered increases in median sales prices. The total number of sales was a virtual break-even, with 202 last year and 203 this year. The biggest drops were in Pebble Beach, down 11 transactions, and Seaside and Carmel, off eight and seven respectively.

Affordability issues retained their formidable presence. There was a grand total of two properties sold on the Peninsula under \$400,000 while 57 percent of transactions topped \$1 million.

For the moment, keep your seat belts fastened for the bumpy road ahead.

Median sales prices (dollars)

	2019 (full year)	2019 (Q1)	2020 (Q1)
Carmel-by-the-Sea	1,912,000	2,620,875	2,265,000
Carmel Highlands	1,945,000	1,300,000	6,488,889
Carmel Area	1,600,000	1,417,500	1,652,500
Carmel Valley	1,005,000	797,746	1,280,000
Monterey	820,000	790,000	877,000
Pacific Grove	965,000	915,000	940,000
Pebble Beach	1,773,975	1,213,000	1,600,000
Seaside	540,000	520,000	622,500

Monterey Peninsula Home Sales Market Barometer

in escrow		
Date	/listed	%
Carmel-by-the-Sea		
4/1/20	9/34	26%
1/1/20	10/33	30%
10/1/19	13/53	25%
7/1/19	5/54	9%
4/1/19	11/42	26%
Carmel Highlands		
4/1/20	6/23	26%
1/1/20	3/24	13%
10/1/19	1/31	3%
7/1/19	6/26	17%
Carmel Area		
4/1/20	11/73	15%
1/1/20	22/87	25%
10/1/19	20/126	16%
7/1/19	13/128	10%
Carmel Valley		
4/1/20	8/51	16%
1/1/20	9/49	18%
10/1/19	9/63	14%
7/1/19	11/61	18%
Monterey		
4/1/20	14/61	23%
1/1/20	18/60	30%
10/1/19	25/87	29%
Pacific Grove		
4/1/20	12/42	29%
1/1/20	10/35	29%
10/1/19	19/60	32%
7/1/19	18/60	30%
Pebble Beach		
4/1/20	5/70	7%
1/1/20	2/44	5%
10/1/19	11/94	12%
7/1/19	16/91	18%
Seaside		
4/1/20	11/28	39%
1/1/20	11/27	41%
10/1/19	27/52	52%

Distribution of home sales — 1st quarter 2020

	up to \$399K	\$400K-\$699K	\$700K-\$999K	\$1M-\$1.49M	\$1.5M-\$1.99M	\$2M-\$2.99M	\$3M and up
Carmel-by-the-Sea	0	0	0	5	0	7	5
Carmel Highlands	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Carmel Area	0	0	4	14	12	7	11
Carmel Valley	0	1	6	4	3	2	1
Monterey	0	8	21	10	3	1	1
Pacific Grove	0	2	13	9	1	1	1
Pebble Beach	0	0	0	7	4	1	3
Seaside	2	22	8	1	0	0	0
Total	2	33	52	50	23	19	24

Average days to sell

	2019 (Q1)	2020 (Q1)
Carmel-by-the-Sea	86	88
Carmel Highlands	224	97
Carmel area	113	127
Carmel Valley	69	133
Monterey	64	73
Pacific Grove	53	54
Pebble Beach	124	85
Seaside	47	35

Gross dollar volume

	2019 (Q1)	2020 (Q1)
Carmel-by-the-Sea	66,035,750	48,482,595
Carmel Highlands	3,700,000	6,800,000
Carmel area	37,739,748	108,751,321
Carmel Valley	15,972,446	36,687,000
Monterey	45,216,057	46,050,695
Pacific Grove	27,874,435	29,811,175
Pebble Beach	62,434,100	28,935,000
Seaside	22,716,330	20,475,600
Total	281,688,866	325,993,386

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Number of real estate sales (by quarter)

	2018 (Q3)	2018 (Q4)	2019 (Q1)	2019 (Q2)	2019 (Q3)	2019 (Q4)	2020 (Q1)
Carmel-by-the-Sea	19	13	24	26	25	23	17
Carmel Highlands	4	5	3	6	4	3	2
Carmel Area	48	46	20	42	43	52	48
Carmel Valley	26	19	17	27	16	18	17
Monterey	59	49	44	60	58	48	44
Pacific Grove	37	30	27	38	46	42	27
Pebble Beach	31	21	26	32	31	33	15
Seaside	49	38	41	41	42	51	33
Total	273	221	202	272	265	270	203

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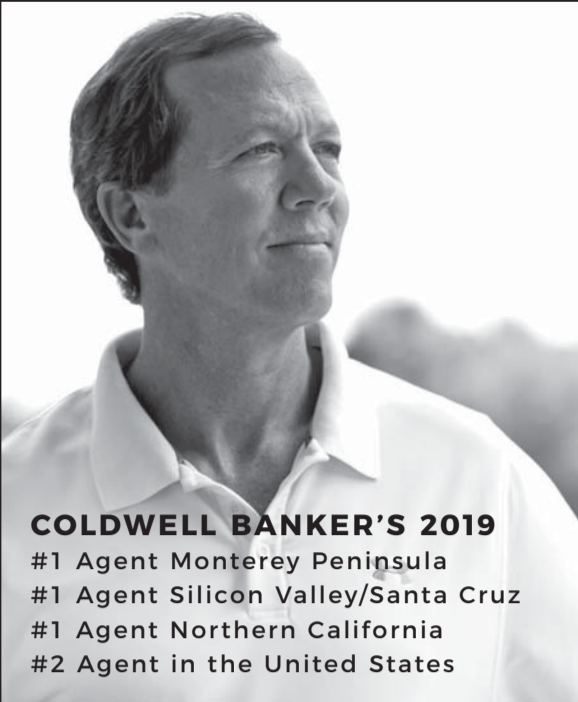
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