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OUTREACH TO AG WORKERS, BIG DEMAND FOR TESTS



(Clockwise from above) SVMH nurse Brittnee Sandoval with workers in a Salinas Valley field, where she says her biggest obstacle is convincing the workers — whose jobs often require them to crowd together — that coronavirus is real and they have to protect themselves from it. At MPC Wednesday, a health care worker takes a sample from one of the hundreds of people who wanted to be tested for coronavirus.

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‘Reopening is on the horizon,’ county exec says

■ Restaurants could get OK next week

By KELLY NIX

RESTAURANTS AND retail stores are among the types of businesses in Monterey County that could get the green light to reopen as early as next week, according to the county’s administrative officer, who said officials are working to comply with a litany of state requirements to allow that to happen.

County administrative officer Charles McKee said Wednesday the goal is to show the Monterey County Board of Supervisors that the county has met the state’s benchmarks to move into California’s second stage of economic reopening. If the supervisors and health officer Ed Moreno approve the document, it will be sent to the state for its endorsement. A special supervisors meeting is set for May 26.

Pet grooming and car washing

McKee told The Pine Cone Wednesday that it’s “possible the state would post Monterey County’s attestation and variance request” — the document showing the county meets the reopening criteria — “as early as next week, and businesses that comply could open promptly thereafter.”

McKee said “retail, restaurants and schools,” are the types of businesses that could reopen for customers since

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Big Sur campgrounds, trails could open June 1

■ Those who can’t wait risk fines

By CHRIS COUNTS

IN DEFIANCE of the California’s shelter-in-place order, large numbers of people from outside Monterey County have poured into Big Sur, where not a single case of coronavirus has been detected — and many locals would like to keep it that way.

But even as county officials discuss cracking down on the renegade tourists, the United States Forest Service is preparing for the possibility it will open its campgrounds, day-use sites, dirt roads and trails in Big Sur June 1.

Forest service officials, who manage most of the land in Big Sur, reacted to the surge of illegal visitors by closing all campgrounds, day-use areas, backcountry trailheads and publicly owned dirt roads by early April.

But the onslaught of tourism persists — on a recent afternoon, 27 cars were sighted parked along Highway 1 at the Salmon Creek trailhead just north of the county line. And with the various orders that closed campgrounds, trails and roads set to expire June 1, it’s only a matter of time before Big Sur is crowded again with tourists.

‘Crazy numbers’

Andrew Madsen of the forest service told The Pine Cone his agency had to close some areas because the large crowds that showed up made social distancing impossible. And it wasn’t just in Monterey County.

Madsen reported that an estimated 1,000 people were seen in one day a couple weeks ago along a trail to a popular swimming hole in Ojai. “We’ve had crazy numbers,” he told The Pine Cone. “What’s happening in Big Sur is happening elsewhere.”

A few sites along the coast like Pfeiffer Beach and Sand Dollar Beach have quietly reopened for county residents to use on a daily basis, but all others who visit such sites risk getting a shelter-in-place ticket that could cost up to \$1,000. “We don’t want to invite destination travelers,” Madsen explained.

State Pparks superintendent Brent Marshall said his staff has issued more than a dozen shelter-in-place tickets in recent days. In each case, the person cited was not only in Big Sur illegally, but was caught entering parkland that

has been deemed off-limits.

‘I’m very concerned’

At Tuesday’s board of supervisors meeting, Monterey County 5th District Supervisor Mary Adams brought up the topic of renegade tourists, and she asked her colleagues for help.

“I’m getting so many constituents who are calling me about the problem we have with illegal camping on High-

See CAMPING page 24A

Suspect’s bail set at \$4.7M following Scenic Road attack

By MARY SCHLEY

THE MAN accused of pistol-whipping and sexually assaulting a woman in the driveway of her vacation home on 13th Avenue near Scenic Road two weeks ago pleaded not guilty to charges of attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon, assault and rape last week. Isaac Garcia, the 20-year-old Salinas man who turned himself in after police identified him as the attacker with the help of witness accounts and images from the city’s surveillance cameras on Rio Road, remained in Monterey County Jail this week on \$4.7 million bail.

Gang affiliated

The brutal attack occurred May 4 shortly after 6:30 a.m., when Garcia, who is affiliated with a gang, according to police, reportedly approached the 61-year-old woman as she loaded items into the car. He pinned her against the vehicle and then beat her until she fell to the ground, after which he got on top of her, continued to hit her and raped her.

Witnesses told officers they saw him walking to his car and then heard the woman’s cries for help, and they stayed with her until law enforcement and the ambulance

See ATTACK page 17A

Farmworker safety obstacle: Convincing them virus is real

By KELLY NIX

FARMWORKERS IN Monterey County’s vital agricultural industry have been hit particularly hard by Covid-19, with 41 percent of infections occurring in people in that job sector. A nurse who teaches ag workers how to stay safe from the virus says her biggest challenge isn’t getting them to listen, it’s getting them to accept that the virus is real.

Monterey County health officer Dr. Ed Moreno and other officials say ag employees are disproportionately affected by the virus because many of them live and work in crowded conditions and are unable to distance themselves from their families and coworkers.

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TUCK BOX ORDERED TO CLOSE ITS DOORS

■ Judge says ‘the law is the law’

By MARY SCHLEY

A MONTEREY County Superior Court Judge Thursday morning approved a temporary restraining order to stop Jeff LeTowt from continuing to serve patrons at his Tuck Box restaurant in violation of the county health officer’s order barring all restaurant service except takeout. LeTowt, who reopened his restaurant a couple of weeks ago in defiance of the order and was charged with three misdemeanors as a result, has continued serving customers anyway. He has said the public health emergency was vastly overstated and that he needs to be open in order to pay his bills.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Pocket pit bull

FIGGY WAS found running around Fresno and delivered to Fresno Bully Rescue, a volunteer organization dedicated to finding homes for unwanted bully breed dogs. The little pocket pit bull, typically a hybrid of the American pit bull terrier and the Patterdale terrier, was just what the family that adopted her wanted.

Having had pit bulls before, the couple was interested in getting another, but this time they wanted a smaller version, and mostly they wanted to find a dog who needed them.

Figgy came to her new home near the Carmel Mission on Easter Sunday, and she's turned out to be quiet and loving and calm, though insecure enough that she follows her person around, just to be sure where she is.

At first her name was Kate. Her person couldn't connect with it and decided she wanted something softer, sweeter, that ended in a y. It's hard to get mad at a dog whose name ends in a y-sound, she said. Like Figgy.

Her family started every sentence with "Figgy," and within a week, she knew her name.



Figgy loves to go for walks, and her people typically take her throughout their neighborhood or along Scenic Road, where a bench was placed in memory of a son they had lost in a drowning accident. But Figgy rarely gets down to the beach. Her reputation as a pit bull precedes her, so her people are very mindful of her presence when out in the community.

Her collar, a wreath of flowers and pearls, lets people know she's demure.

"I understand people's fears and concerns. I've heard all the same stories," her person said. "It really depends on the particular dog and its training and care. You have to take time with any dog – loving, patient time. When Figgy looks at us with those kind eyes, we know what a good dog we have."

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Dill-Varga out as school superintendent

By MARY SCHLEY

CARMEL UNIFIED School District superintendent Barb Dill-Varga was suddenly forced out of her job this week, even though her contract doesn't expire until June 2022. The school board voted unanimously Wednesday night, and without a word of discussion, to approve the "mutual consent agreement" severing their relationship. She will continue to be paid her full salary until May 2021.

Last week, the board appointed Trisha Dellis, the district's chief HR officer and an experienced educator and administrator, to serve as acting superintendent.

A 180-degree switch

Nobody is saying a word about why she is leaving, and the departure is quite mysterious, considering that just last July, Dill-Varga received a \$7,500 raise, bumping her annual salary to \$270,000, and was heaped with praise from the board. "She is one of the hardest-working human beings I've ever met," board President Karl Pallastrini said at the time. "She really puts in the time and is really on top of a lot of stuff." Dill-Varga, who came to work for the district in July 2017, had received a raise the previous year, too.

But according to the agreement approved by the board May 20, the district and Dill-Varga "believe that it is in their mutual best interest to sever their employment relationship and avoid any dispute" regarding her departure.

Her resignation is effective June 30, but she is "unable to work" and will therefore be using her sick time until that date, though she'll "be available" to respond to questions from the board and district staff if needed. She "shall have no other day-to-day responsibilities to the district and shall not engage in conducting any district business."

The agreement also requires Pallastrini to provide a letter of reference if Dill-Var-

ga seeks employment elsewhere, and the board on Wednesday approved that document, as well.

In the letter, Pallastrini says Dill-Varga "first brought fresh leadership to the high school with the hiring of a new principal and supported improvements to all site and district leadership teams with the onboarding of 11 new administrators."

The letter lists other accomplishments during her three-year tenure, including improved communication with parents and the community, labor negotiations, new technology, curriculum improvements at Carmel Valley High, a master facilities improvement plan that was only sidelined by coronavirus, and work with local community colleges to create opportunities for students. He also writes that she "managed the sudden challenges of the recent pandemic calmly as the shift occurred to remote/distance learning."

He noted that the middle school, high school and district received awards from the state and, most recently, the U.S. Department of Education.

No info

As is typical when it comes to personnel issues, no one on the board or staff said anything about why Dill-Varga is being forced out of the superintendent position, and those who waited hours for the item to come up during the meeting received no satisfaction, as the agreement was simply unanimously approved without any discussion.

In the absence of information, parents and others speculated about what transpired and questioned the board's decision, and even its "viability," as one parent put it. They all praised Dill-Varga for being hard-working, effective, caring, communicative and responsive.

"For very good reason, parents and concerned citizens are questioning the board's

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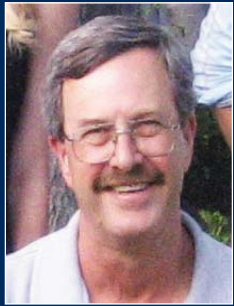
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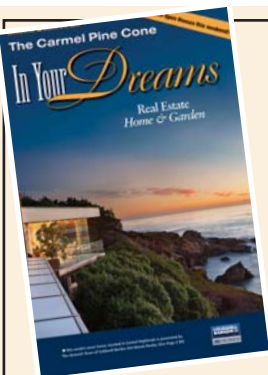
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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

Unknown person(s) moving things

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

TUESDAY, MAY 5

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Drill found in roadway at Santa Lucia Avenue and San Antonio Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Resident reported a lost ID and keys.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A suspicious person was seen on video surveillance walking around a home on Palou north of Casanova. The home was unoccupied, and the suspicious person was not identified at this time.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Sunset Drive reported two stolen bicycles.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Sunset reported a stolen bicycle.

Pacific Grove: A vehicle was repossessed on Forest. Owner is aware of the repo.

Pacific Grove: Report of two subjects fighting on Lighthouse. No prosecution desired by either party.

Carmel area: A female on Aguajito was placed on a 5150 mental health hold.

Carmel area: Highway 1 resident has repeatedly called dispatch making unfounded reports about subjects on her property. Case closed.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Commercial burglary alarm activated on Ocean west of San Carlos at 0058 hours. Business had property damage, and the owner was notified. No suspect information.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Elderly resident at Dolores and Fifth reported suspicious circumstances in her apartment. Resident thinks unknown person(s) is moving personal items around in her apartment. Resident reported nothing missing but said it's an ongoing issue. During inspection of the apartment, there were no indications of forced entry. Resident also stated there have never been any indica-

tions of forced entry. No investigative leads.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Theft of a bicycle reported at Dolores and Seventh. The bicycle was later recovered.

Pacific Grove: Theft of a bicycle reported on Mermaid.

Pacific Grove: Gun turned in by a Caledonia Street resident for destruction.

Pacific Grove: Abandoned bicycle on Grand Avenue. Bicycle was taken to the city yard for safekeeping.

Pacific Grove: Out-of-county warrant served on a 41-year-old female. Subject was cited.

Pebble Beach: Tools stolen from a residential construction site on 17 Mile Drive. Perpetrators were identified as a 37-year-old female, a 32-year-old male and a 34-year-old male.

Pebble Beach: Residential burglary on Bristol Curve. Suspects were a 37-year-old female and a 32-year-old male.

Carmel area: Mail theft reported on Viejo Road.

Pebble Beach: A male on Laurel Lane requested an informational report regarding an incident involving Uber.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a disturbance at a residence, and a female was subsequently placed on a 5150 hold [danger to self or others].

THURSDAY, MAY 7

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subjects were contacted at Carpenter and Lower Trail at 0011 hours for a shelter-in-place violation, and the 49-year-old male driver was arrested for possession of meth and burglary tools. Field cited.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 38-year-old male was arrested on San Carlos south of Seventh for possession of burglary tools and identity theft. Subject was cited and released.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Investigation of a vehicle-versus-pedestrian collision on Forest Road.

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in the Real Estate Section



The gavel falls

Verdicts, pleas and sentencings announced by
Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine Pacioni

March 13 — The district attorney's consumer protection unit entered into a stipulated judgment with Massage Envy Franchising LLC and Massage Envy FLW LLC (collectively, "Massage Envy") to settle an incident that occurred in January of 2018, in which Monterey franchisee's members' credit cards were collectively charged a total of approximately \$30,075 after the Monterey location closed for business. The judgment requires Massage Envy to pay \$205,075 in restitution, civil penalties, and investigative costs.

As part of the settlement, former Monterey Massage Envy members who had outstanding accrued services as of November 22, 2019, will have an extended period of time, through and including July 7, 2021, to redeem their previously accrued services. Massage Envy mailed letters to these former Monterey franchisee members informing them of this extension and the number of outstanding accrued services.

March 13 — Gerald Sherman Warner, 79, a resident of Seaside, pled guilty to embezzlement. Warner was sentenced to three years of probation and ordered to pay approximately \$57,000 in victim restitution. The plea was taken by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Mark E. Hood.

Warner, a licensed real estate broker, owned and operated a property management business in Carmel named Carmel Rentals. Carmel Rentals' primary business was managing long-term and short-term property rentals in Carmel. Between approximately 2014 and 2017, Warner failed to remit rental

proceeds to a number of his clients and failed to remit security deposits to a number of his clients' tenants. The California Department of Real Estate previously revoked Warner's broker license as of September 25, 2017.

March 13 — Mazzin Hussam El-Hosseiny, 48, a resident of Lake Tahoe, pled guilty to two felony counts of taking a vehicle without the consent of the owner (in violation of Vehicle Code section 10851), felony conspiracy to violate Vehicle Code section 10851, and felony conspiracy to violate the rules regulating private property tows (in violation of Vehicle Code sections 22658(1)(1)(A) and (1)(1)(E)).

El-Hosseiny will also pay approximately \$88,000 in victim restitution. The plea was taken by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Mark E. Hood.

Between April 2016 and October 2017, El-Hosseiny owned a security company, Integrity Protective Services, which performed security at Salinas-area homeowners associations. At the same time, he also co-owned a towing company, A-1 Towing, which performed tows at the same HOAs where El-Hosseiny provided security. During this time, El-Hosseiny personally authorized hundreds of tows as an IPS security guard, which were then performed by A-1 Towing. Residents contested the basis for many tows, alleging that cars legally parked were being towed, and that required warnings were not provided before vehicles were towed.

El-Hosseiny faces three years of formal felony probation, and up to 365 days in jail.

Zero bail keeps criminals out of jail

By MARY SCHLEY

TO REDUCE jail populations in an effort to avoid coronavirus outbreaks among inmates and people awaiting trial, the state ordered bail for most misdemeanors and many felonies to be eliminated, so people arrested for committing burglary, theft, drug crimes and other offenses are simply booked and then released back onto the street. And sometimes they commit crimes again.

That's what Carmel Valley resident Becky Rheim learned when her husband's tools and equipment were stolen from a construction site in Pebble Beach earlier this month.

"They found some of his tools and they arrested the three people who stole them," Rheim said the day after her husband reported the break-in at the building site near Spanish Bay May 6. "I guess that they have arrested them multiple times, but they only stay the night in jail, get released with no bail, and then are back to stealing the next day."

Monterey County Sheriff's deputies arrested 37-year-old Christina Boatwright, 32-year-old Anthony Enders and 34-year-old Jeffrey Walker for the burglary. According to their reports, Boatwright and Enders also burglarized a home on Bristol Curve that same day.

"The sheriff told Tim they are addicts and sell tools at pawn shops," she said. "By noon the next day, they had already sold many of the tools."

Rheim also said the building site on 17 Mile Drive where her husband has been working has been broken into three times.

Fifteen arrested again

Last week, John Mineau with the Monterey County Sheriff's Office said that at least 15 criminals who were let out of jail because of the coronavirus — either due to the state's zero-bail policy or because of the sheriff's department's efforts to reduce

the inmate population there — have been arrested again.

To create more space in the jail to quarantine incoming prisoners and enable deputies to isolate sick inmates from others, the sheriff's office began working with the court and prosecutors about two months ago to identify those who could be released earlier than their sentences dictated. While the jail population had been hovering around the low 800s, it is now down in the low 600s.

According to Mineau, five of the 58 inmates who were released early and 10 of the 61 suspects who were out on zero bail have been re-arrested after allegedly committing more crimes.

Mineau also said last week that 20 inmates had been tested for the virus, and that so far, no prisoners or deputies have come down with it.

Crime on the rise

While he couldn't provide any specific examples where people released from jail early or without bail committed crimes in town, Carmel Police Chief Paul Tomasi said that overall, break-ins, thefts and drug-related incidents have increased since the shutdown order took effect more than two months ago.

"Burglary, drugs and theft are all on the rise as criminals take advantage of the shelter-in-place order," he said. They have targeted closed businesses and building sites, especially during the month the county health officer made most construction illegal.

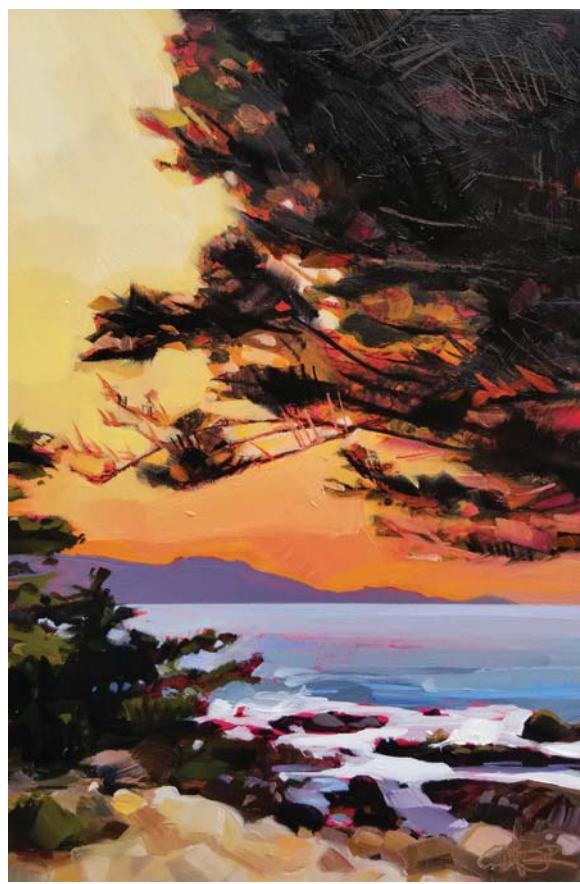
"Getting arrested and having no bail puts criminals back on the street to continue to victimize our communities," Tomasi said. "We have busted multiple people coming here to victimize our community over the past nine weeks."

Officers have arrested people for drug possession, carrying illegal weapons, pos-

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From ambulance rides to permit appeals, budget includes major changes in fees

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH CITY revenues plummeting because of the shutdown, when the council approves the city budget for next year, it will change dozens of fees the city charges for various "services," like issuing permits for moving a sign (was \$50, will be \$125) and getting a new roof (was \$505, will be \$245), to changing the name of a business (was \$15, will be \$20) and contesting a decision of the community activities commission (was \$0, will be \$740).

Council members reviewed the fees at their May 5 meeting and authorized most of the changes, which were suggested by a consultant who reviewed every city charge to see whether the costs are recouped from the people needing the permits or services, and if not, what it would take to make that happen.

That includes some charges going up and others decreasing, mostly due to improvements in efficiency, according to budgets and contracts director Sharon Friedrichsen. Revenue & Cost Specialists, the company hired to review the fees five years ago, was brought on to do the task again last fall and provided its recommendations on more than 150 fees in March. The consultant interviewed city workers to determine how much time it takes to provide each "service" and then calculated the cost based on the employees' salaries.

Friedrichsen estimated the charges for fees and services will generate \$2 million during the 2020-2021 fiscal year, "although it is possible that this revenue will be significantly less, depending on the magnitude of the ongoing impacts of Covid-19."

Trees can wait

Among the most significant recommended increases were fees for evaluating a tree (from \$0 to \$330), permits for pruning a tree (from \$235 to \$600) or removing one (from \$235 to \$1,170), and contesting a decision on a tree application — from \$1,375 to \$2,315 plus outside costs when a staff decision is appealed to the forest and beach commission, and from \$1,375 to \$2,050 plus outside costs when a decision of the forest and beach commission is taken to the city council in an attempt to have it overturned.

"Do you have any idea why our process is so expensive?" councilman Bobby Richards asked, particularly regarding the

tree removal permit requiring 5.5 hours of staff time, including four hours of the city forester's time, and a half-hour each from the public works director, the public works superintendent and a senior maintenance worker.

Resident Karen Ferlito said she was "absolutely shocked by the fee" for taking out a tree. "I find that an onerous amount," she said. The consequences could be encouraging people to cut down trees without permits and discouraging them from planting new ones.

"I'm skeptical," commented councilman Jeff Baron. "There's something wrong with our process."

The council decided the forest and beach commission should review the tree-related fees before they are included in the new budget.

As for the others, the council was largely in support. Baron suggested charging \$1,600 per year to people who park their cars in the Norton Court garage at Dolores and Fifth instead of the recommended \$1,525, which would have been a \$25 increase, and other than that, council members made no changes.

Ambulance, other rate changes

After a decade of offering a discount to Carmel-by-the-Sea residents, Carmel Fire Ambulance will begin charging the same rates as the county. A basic ambulance ride to the hospital is increasing from \$1,247 to \$2,558, and a ride requiring more intensive lifesaving measures — and lights and sirens — will rise from \$1,363 to \$2,558. An ambulance trip can also include dozens of other charges for drugs, equipment and supplies, from \$1.16 for an aspirin, to \$441.89 for intubation.

Other significant changes include a \$2,045 increase in the cost of having the planning commission do a preliminary review of a project and provide feedback, from \$1,300 to \$3,345. (In both cases, 50 percent of that is credited to future application fees.) And while the city used to subsidize applications for a Mills Act contract — an agreement between the city and the owner of a historic home that assures rehabilitation and preservation in exchange for a tax break — that will no longer be true. As a result, the application fee is increasing from \$1,350 to \$3,440.

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Reclamation a ‘feasible alternative’ to desal plant, agency claims again

By KELLY NIX

THE MARINA water district that’s waged a fierce battle to stop Cal Am from building a desal plant said this week that a consultant it hired says water reclamation could provide all the water the Peninsula needs until 2040 — a claim Cal Am has long rejected.

Marina Coast Water District said Monday that consultant Peter Mayer of Boulder, Colo., found that expanding the Pure Water Monterey recalculation project would not only supply enough water without the need for a desal plant, but could even end the moratorium of new water connections on the Peninsula that’s been in place for almost 30 years. Mayer also said the reclamation project would allow Cal Am to comply with a State Water Resources Control Board order to stop pumping most of its water from the Carmel River by the end of 2021.

“California Coastal Commission staff have correctly concluded that the Pure Water Monterey expansion project provides an available, feasible water supply alternative for Cal Am,” Mayer opined in his report.

‘Two forecasts’

The reclamation project has already been OK’d to produce 3,500 acre-feet of water per year, and an expansion would have allowed it to produce an additional 2,250 acre-feet.

The report comes three weeks after the board of directors for sewer district Monterey One Water — one of two agencies sponsoring the reclamation project — voted against certifying an environmental report that would allow the project to produce the additional water. The project was originally intended to provide supplemental water to Cal Am’s much larger desal plant, which has not yet been approved.

Mayer used two demand forecasts for the study. The first assumed current per-person-per-day use would continue without any increase in efficiency or extra conservation reductions. The second forecast accounted for “probable impacts” of state conservation directives and Cal Am programs to reduce consumption.

“Under either forecast, the report concludes that coastal commission staff correctly determined that expansion of the reclamation option would meet future water demands for the Monterey Peninsula,” according to Marina Coast.

The state’s Public Utilities Commission and Cal Am, though, contend the reclamation project would not provide enough water and would not allow the utility to comply with the state water cutback order.

The City of Salinas, Monterey County Farm Bureau, Monterey County Water Resource Agency and others are also opposed to expansion of the reclamation project, saying it would use agricultural wastewater as a source — a source they say is used by farmers, ranchers and the produce industry and is necessary to slow saltwater intrusion.

‘Not realistic’

Cal Am spokeswoman Catherine Stedman noted that the report from Mayer does not represent a “serious or realistic picture of the Peninsula’s long-term water needs.” Mayer, she said, is also not a licensed engineer in California

“The CPUC’s analysis was conducted by licensed engineers, as were our own projections and the independent peer review we procured” from Cal Am consultant Hazen and Sawyer, which “found many serious issues with the vision of future demand promoted by the Monterey

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Drive-thru virus testing starts at MPC, site 'overwhelmed' with demand

By CHRIS COUNTS

A WEEK after free testing for Covid-19 started at two sites in the Salinas Valley, free drive-through testing began Monday at Monterey Peninsula College — but the demand was so great that some were turned away and a whole day of scheduled testing had to be cancelled.

Monterey County Fifth District Supervisor Mary Adams said the test site was overwhelmed.

"It was packed," Adams said. "People want to know if they have it — they're afraid."

The site can only test about 100 people each day — and that many had lined up by 10 a.m. Tuesday. By Wednesday, supplies were running low, so testing was cancelled for Thursday, and is set to resume this Tuesday.

"Due to the great response from our community these last few days, we have exhausted our testing supplies," county spokeswoman Maia Carroll said.

Administered by staff of the local Planned Parenthood office, the site at MPC was at initially set up for first responders and essential workers, but Adams said demand for testing "led to a change of plans, with all being welcomed for testing from Day 1."

She urged everybody to be patient. "I thank you for showing up and for bearing with us," the supervisor added.

The county's health officer, Edward Moreno, mean-

while, is urging all residents to take the test, regardless how well they are feeling.

Testing will be offered at the MPC site Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 4 p.m. Although there is no charge for the test — and those without health insurance will not be turned away — patients are being asked to bring proof of health insurance, as well as a photo ID.

Children can be tested, but parents must give consent. All patients must remain seated in cars while tested.

Waiting for an hour

The tests, which are being done in MPC's Parking Lot D, are offered on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Lupe Rodriguez of Planned Parenthood told The Pine Cone 62 people were tested the first day, and she is hopeful that as many as 120 can be tested each day. She said wait times should be between 45 minutes and an hour.

City lets restaurants apply for outdoor seating

By MARY SCHLEY

DOWNTOWN RESTAURANTS can apply to the city for permits to set up tables on the sidewalk or parking spaces, or both, to accommodate customers they won't be able to serve inside due to social distancing and other Covid-19-related restrictions, city administrator Chip Rerig said Wednesday.

Applications won't cost anything and will be handled by Rerig and planning director Marnie Waffle as quickly as possible. The restaurant owner has to provide a site plan showing the layout and how customers would be separated from pedestrians and protected from cars. The applicant must also agree to defend the city against any lawsuits related to the use of the outdoor spaces, and permits would be valid through the end of the year.

"I want to get this going," he said, explaining his use of his authority to approve the permits without discussing the issue with the city council again. "I don't want to have a protracted debate on design."

But that doesn't mean anything goes. "I don't want any plastic chairs from Target out there — I want it to be done well," he said.

Designs must keep sidewalks open, and "in the parking spaces, I want to make sure they have some sort of large

"We're trying to expand our capacity," Rodriguez told The Pine Cone. "We're seeing a lot of excitement. We hope the testing times will go down as we meet the need for more tests."

The tests use a nasal swab, and results take about 48 hours.

Free Covid-19 testing was first offered in the county May 6 at the Greenfield branch of Monterey County libraries and at Alisal High School in Salinas. The Alisal High site will move to the county ag commissioner's office at 1432 Abbott St. in Salinas May 26.

While there is no coronavirus testing being offered in Big Sur, some would like to see a testing site established down the coast. Sharen Carey, executive director of the Big Sur Health Center, reported the clinic "is exploring options" for offering coronavirus tests. She is asking local business owners for the number of employees they have who might participate in such testing.

potted plants or bollards or benches to protect people," he said.

The businesses will be responsible for sweeping the areas and keeping their tables and chairs clean, and they'll be in charge of making sure their patrons honor social distancing and follow other rules. "We're not going to go out with a tape measure and say, 'You need to be 6 feet apart,'" he said.

Know the rules

It's also up to the operators to know whatever rules apply, including the state's alcohol laws, public health requirements, and other regulations. The city won't be doing their homework for them.

Restaurants without street fronts, like Il Tegamino and Stationary, could work with the city to come up with possible spots. "They would need to have their eyes on it as much as possible," he said.

Applications will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis, so blocks with a lot of restaurants, like Dolores Street, could find themselves in competition with each other — or they could share.

Rerig said he is accepting applications now, and the permits will be effective as soon as they're issued. He's also hoping the planning commission, once it starts meeting again, will come up with some design guidelines and standards for outdoor dining.

"I want it to be done safely and reasonably attractively," he said.

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Should we stay or go? Couple weighs post-coronavirus options

By DENNIS TAYLOR

PLAN A is to stay positive and optimistic, outlive and outlast the Covid-19 pandemic, and find a portal back into the Norman Rockwell painting that, until a few weeks ago, was their idyllic life in Carmel Valley Village.

Plan B – which might only be a couple of months on the horizon — is to sell everything and move to a place that’s more affordable.

On March 15, the day California Gov. Gavin Newsom issued a statewide stay-at-home order, Jeffrey and Randi Andrews — husband and wife for nearly 48 years — locked the doors on the small businesses they own two doors apart in the Village’s Center Street Marketplace.

Randi’s is Avant Garden and Home, an 18-year success story “where whimsy meets romance and imagination.” The shop offers handmade jewelry, hand-crafted fountains and lighting, local artwork, and other one-of-a-kind gifts and indulgences.

The Carmel Valley Business Center, Jeff’s place,

opened in August to provide villagers with a resource for printing, shipping, faxing and retail office supplies.

As if their story needed any more small-town flavor, there’s this: Hudson, their 12-year-old fox red Lab (“everybody’s buddy,” according to Jeff), meanders happily between the two venues greeting customers, or naps in

front of Jerome’s Market, waiting for somebody to bring him an apple.

“How are we? We’re challenged: I think that’s a good word to describe it,” Jeff said. “Neither of us is working

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Jeffrey and Randi Andrews, husband and wife, own separate small businesses – both shut down during the pandemic – at Center Street Marketplace, where their dog, Hudson, greets customers.

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Tim Allen founded the Carmel Gives Fund of the Community Foundation for Monterey County to support these projects. *“We have donated and will match up to \$50,000 in donations from our friends, colleagues, clients and community to raise funds for local projects. We have also pledged to give 5% of our real estate fees from all transactions for the balance of 2020 to support local causes, and would love to partner with other agents and businesses.”*

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Rancho Cañada subdivision is back, supes OK effort to update EIR

By CHRIS COUNTS

MORE THAN two years after a judge overturned the environmental impact report for a project to create 130 building lots at the former Rancho Cañada Golf Course in Carmel Valley, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors approved an agreement last week between owner Rancho Cañada Venture LLC, and Rincon Consultants, which will prepare an updated EIR.

While the topic was on the supervisors' May 12 consent calendar, and as a result, didn't receive much attention, the action caught the eye of the Carmel Valley Association, which successfully argued in 2018 that the subdivision's EIR didn't provide an adequate description of what would be built, and its analysis of alternatives did not "satisfy" state environmental law.

The CVA sent out word this week that the project is back.

"It looks like we are in for additional battles with Rancho Cañada and the county," reported CVA President Priscilla Walton in an email to members.

Walton also hinted at legal action. "Please contribute generously to continue this fight."

Not over until it's over

The return of the project isn't a big surprise, since developer Alan Williams said he would continue to seek permits after the 2018 court decision.

"It isn't over until it's over," Williams predicted two years ago. "I'm not going away."

The plan calls for creating 130 unbuilt lots on land where Rancho Cañada's West Course was once located. It

also includes building 25 rental units for local workforce housing, establishing flood control measures that would benefit 400 homes and businesses, and creating a critical trail link for hikers.

Williams, who is appealing the 2018 decision that found flaws in the EIR, told The Pine Cone he had hoped to offer the home sites for as low as \$400,000, but said the added cost of lawsuits and delays will push prices closer to \$500,000.

But he added that he's confident the updated EIR will address the court's concerns, and he said it offers more alternatives to the subdivision, including building a 175-unit hotel. He said the site's zoning would allow for a hotel.

The project was first proposed by the late Nick Lombardo 16 years ago. The supervisors approved it in December 2016, and the lawsuit was filed the following month.

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Reopening our community is a shared effort. The State of California has laid out criteria that all counties, including ours, must meet. Many of these requirements – testing, PPE for hospital workers, housing for the unsheltered, medical surge capacity – are measured at the county level, and the county health department is close to achieving those goals. But some of these criteria are reflections of our personal diligence: stable hospitalization rates coupled with either low positive test rates, or fewer than 25 new cases per 100,000 people in the last 14 days — about an average of 8 cases per day for Monterey County.

It is our community's collective actions that will determine when we reach those goals, and that we continue to reach them in the future. In order to lift the sheltering order, we need to follow the directions laid out by the Health Officer. We must all take personal responsibility for the collective good: wear face coverings when near others, postpone nonessential travel, and avoid gathering in groups. We must do everything we can to avoid creating situations in which one asymptomatic individual could infect dozens of people. This is behavior that ultimately saves lives.

To our regional leadership, of which we are a part: We need to work together to find ways of reopening that keep all of our residents and our essential workers safe. With increasing traffic to the beaches and parks, we hear residents voice their fear that the growing number of people makes us all less safe. With increasing traffic in our downtowns, we hear residents voice their concern that so many unmasked faces make it impossible to safely navigate our sidewalks. Elected leaders' consistent message of "safety first" is not just a platitude but a commitment to others. Now more than ever, this message will reassure not only our residents but also the visitors who are already returning to our regional attractions. Heeding this message will save lives.

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Downtown restaurants providing daily meals for kids during school shutdown

By MARY SCHLEY

TO HELP feed children who are no longer getting their breakfast and lunch at school every day, Ken Spilfogel and the crews at Flaherty's and Village Corner restaurants have been busy turning out hundreds of meals a week.

"It's 380 kids, and they may or may not be from the area," he said. "It's just about feeding kids."

Every Monday and Wednesday, parents head to Carmel Middle to pick up meals for their school-aged kids, and there are no requirements to qualify for the free food.

The Carmel Unified School District receives federal subsidies of around \$2 for

each breakfast and less than \$4 for each lunch, and donors are covering the rest of the costs through Carmel Gives, the fundraising and community effort launched by realtor Tim Allen in collaboration with the Carmel Residents Association, the chamber of commerce and the Community Foundation for Monterey County.

"There's not a lot of money in it, but I feel good about it," Spilfogel said. "We have the time and it brings back some employees who weren't able to get unemployment, so they're happy to be here."

They've been at it for about three weeks and always make sure to change up the menu. The food has to be edible cold or easily reheated, and it has to meet certain

nutritional requirements, like including vegetables. "For instance, we did a breaded chicken cutlet with fusilli pasta with tomato basil sauce," Spilfogel said. "We like to upgrade it. We try to elevate the sauces."

Breakfast might be a bagel or croissant with a small cheese omelet. "We've done burritos, breakfast burritos, deli sandwiches with roasted turkey and ham with cheddar on brioche."

The school district still provides milk, snacks and other items, and distributes the meals twice a week. Each child gets

enough breakfasts and lunches to cover the week — two days' worth on Mondays and three days' worth on Wednesdays.

Allen said the effort is one of many supported by carmelgives.org, which has already raised more than \$100,000. "We're hoping this is just the start," he said. "We're hoping to create something that will keep going. We have so many people who care about Carmel."

By using donated funds to work with local businesses, he said, contributions go a lot farther.

Help for depression because of epidemic and the lockdown

By KELLY NIX

COVID-19 HAS caused illness and death in Monterey County, but it's also caused an awful lot of stress. As the seemingly never-ending lockdown continues, the county's mental health department is offering online seminars to help people cope during the crisis.

Called the Forward Together Initiative, Monterey County Behavioral Health is offering free bilingual sessions — accessible online or by phone — to help people who are stressed or depressed as a result of the virus and its peripheral effects. Many of the sessions allow participants to connect with others.

"We just started a few weeks ago in response to the Covid crisis," Monterey County Behavioral Health director Amie Miller told The Pine Cone. "Sessions have been well received, especially our session on mindfulness and self-care. Our aim is


just to make something open and accessible to provide additional support during this challenging time."

There are other sessions for parents, teens, teachers and seniors. Seniors, for instance, can feel particularly "isolated and worried" during the pandemic. The program allows seniors to contact Alliance on Aging staff directly on Wednesdays for support over the phone.

"Understanding how to meet our own needs is crucial to enjoy a healthy lifestyle," according to a description of the mindfulness and self-care session seminar that Miller mentioned.

Behavioral health provides mental health services to about 13,000 people per year. "We have had community members join that we have never made contact with in the past who are seeking support," Miller explained.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20200671
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Le Devine, 383 Van Buren St., Monterey, CA 93940, County of Monterey

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File No. 20200689
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: LAMPLIGHTER SALINAS, 255 E. BOLIVAR STREET, SALINAS, CA 93906

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File No. 20200684
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Style Sommelier, 471 Archer Street, Monterey, CA 93940, County of Monterey

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File No. 20200705
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: ATM365, 0 Torres NW 9th, Carmel, CA 93921.

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File No. 20200716
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Direct Roots, 150 Main Street, Suite 500, Salinas, CA 93901, County of Monterey

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.

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File No. 20200712
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File No. 20200758
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: HOLISTIC LIFESTYLE DESIGN, 1118 Rosita Road, Del Rey Oaks, CA 93940.

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File No. 20200758
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File No. 20200718
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Sunset Tropicales USA, 83 Las Casitas Dr Salinas, CA 93905, County of Monterey

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20200718
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Sunet Tropicales USA, 83 Las Casitas Dr Salinas, CA 93905, County of Monterey

ness under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A. S/ John Mazzei, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 24, 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20200739
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: SPRKD Apparel, 720 Via Del Lomas Aromas CA 95004, County of Monterey

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 20200754
Filing type: ABANDONMENT: County of Filing: Monterey Date of Original Filing: June 5, 2018 File No.: 2018115

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declares as true any material matter 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 (\$1,000). 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).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20200777
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20200717
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File No. 20200752
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File No. 20200796
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File No. 20200805
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NOTICE OF BUDGET ADOPTION PUBLIC HEARING 2020-21

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Big Sur Unified School District's 2020-21 Budget will be available for public inspection from May 22, 2020 at the Pacific Valley School's Office, 69325 Highway 1, Big Sur, CA between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

A public hearing of the 2020-21 Budget will be held June 9, 2020, 5:30 p.m., at the Pacific Valley School's Main Building, Room 1, 69325 Highway 1, Big Sur, CA.

Dr. Deneen Guss
Monterey County
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Publication dates: May 22, 2020 (PC532)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

PRELIMINARY BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2020-21

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 28, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. the Cypress Fire Protection District, Board of Directors will meet at the District's fire station located at 3775 Rio Road, Carmel to consider adoption of the Preliminary Budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Preliminary Budget is available for inspection at the District's fire station located at 3775 Rio Road, Carmel, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. after May 28, 2020.

DATED: April 22, 2020
Theresa Volland, Secretary of the Board
Publication dates: May 15, 22, 2020 (PC504)

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Publication date: May 15, 22, 2020 (PC526)

REOPEN

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the lockdown order went into effect March 18.

“But there could be some other businesses that people have been looking for, such as pet grooming and car washes,” McKee explained. “Those kinds of activities might also be considered if we have the right plan in place and the state approves it.”

According to the state, shopping malls and swap meets could also open under an expanded stage 2 reopening, while schools could open with “modifications.”

Dining al fresco

For restaurant dining, McKee said the county “might look at trying to push some of that out to the streets” to ensure patron distancing while dining. Gov. Gavin Newsom has prioritized outdoor restaurant seating.

To help facilitate it, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Monday adopted an emergency ordinance to allow outdoor restaurant seating, without the need for a permit. For every chair removed from inside a restaurant, two will be allowed outside, in addition to existing seats outdoors, according to the ordinance.

The move by the water district requires Monterey County health officer Dr. Ed Moreno’s OK. The Pine Cone asked Moreno Thursday whether he would accept the changes, and health department spokeswoman Karen Smith said Moreno was working on the documents that would decide that.

Businesses not allowed to reopen or occur during stage 2 include nail salons, gyms, museums, libraries, bars, live sporting events, concerts and hotels and inns for tourism.

Many conditions

Though there is no firm date on reopening, the possibility of life slowly returning to normal is good news for business owners and employees who have been out of work for more than two months.

Monterey County was not able to meet earlier state con-

ditions that would have allowed it to open up more quickly until this week, when Newsom revised the requirements that applied to larger counties.

“Once the governor changed those metrics on Monday, we had to gear up and get everything ready to see how quickly we could get something before the board for their approval next week, and for the county health officer to potentially attest we’ve met the criteria,” McKee said.

McKee said it’s unclear whether the revisions would “slow” the reopening process. Some counties are requiring businesses to post notices showing the safety protocols and guidelines they’re taking — mandates that could take time to comply with. However, other California counties that have met the state’s criteria were cleared quickly to reopen.

Many milestones met

While McKee acknowledged that residents want “to be able to resume some semblance of normalcy,” he weighed in on business owners who are flouting county rules — such as the Tuck Box — and are opening up before they’re allowed to.

“I understand the pent-up demand, and there are busi-

nesses that are really hurting,” McKee said. “The risk that we have here is if businesses open up before the state authorizes it, the state could come in and try to impose sanctions on us.”

California has issued threat letters to other counties, warning it will withhold emergency services and other funds if businesses in those jurisdictions continue to open prematurely, McKee said.

Among milestones the county has already met are a stable or decreasing hospitalization rate for Covid-19 patients, performing at least 651 tests per day, testing availability for at least 75 percent of residents, and adequate capacity in the county’s four hospitals.

As of Tuesday, among the milestones the county had yet to meet were showing that skilled nursing facilities have on hand a 14-day supply of personal protective equipment, showing hospitals have “robust plans” to protect their workforce with PPE, employing at least 65 contact tracers (the county health department has about 45 now), and guidelines showing how employers will protect essential workers.

Of the state’s 58 counties, 39, including nearby San Benito County, have filed attestation forms with the state.

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SAFETY

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Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital registered nurses Brittnee Sandoval, Ivanna Garcia and two others get up before dawn and go to the fields and packing plants to educate workers on how to prevent being infected with and spreading Covid-19.

"I think that the biggest challenge for us has been breaking down the barriers related to whether Covid is real or not," Sandoval, 29, told news reporters during a May 15 press briefing. "I think that a lot of individuals have

this belief, that because we haven't seen so many cases here in our county like other places, like New York, they're doubtful."

Of the 355 people in Monterey County who have been infected with the novel coronavirus, 281 of them are Hispanic and 145 work in the ag industry. Thirty percent of everyone who's contracted the virus in the county are between the ages of 24 and 34.

In an interview with The Pine Cone Wednesday, Sandoval said that while she's met farmworkers who are virus "skeptics," most of them are merely uninformed about Covid-19. Ignorance of the dangers of the virus is compounded by their unfamiliarity with local laws — such as wearing masks and distancing — which are intended to

prevent infection.

"The majority of workers we meet have guest-worker visas, so they come from Mexico," Garcia, 25, said. "They are not aware of the county's regulations and the county's resources. So we are there to support them and let them know," "this is what we are doing in our county."

Explaining the impacts

To help them understand the seriousness of the respiratory disease, the outreach team begins with a "debriefing," which includes going over the county's Covid-19 statistics.

We "let them know, 'OK this is how many cases we have today, and this is who is being affected,'" Sandoval explained. "I think it makes it a lot more relatable."

Many of the laborers speak little or no English, but the bilingual nurses say they still manage to convey the importance of everyone protecting themselves at work and when they're shopping. They also focus on preventative measures to minimize the danger of people passing the virus to their spouses, children or roommates.

"A lot of these individuals live in households with a lot of other people, so it's important that they understand how to protect their families by washing hands, wearing masks, maintaining social distancing and having a designated area in their house where they can remove their clothing, wash and take a shower," Sandoval said. "And after that is when you can maybe sit on the couch and spend time with your family."

The education program, a partnership between the Grower-Shipper Association of Central California and the county's hospitals, started at the end of April. Sandoval and Garcia said they've spoken to more than 6,000 farmworkers since then.

The program also supports ag industry workers who have tested positive for Covid-19 and are being quarantined in county hotel rooms because they're unable to self-isolate. Nurses bring them food, medicine and supplies, and check up on them. The recipients have been overwhelmingly grateful for the outreach.

"They take the opportunity to personally thank us as they get back to work," Garcia said.

New perspective

It's not only the farmworkers who have benefited from the outreach. Garcia and Sandoval's grandparents came to California during the Bracero program — which promised Mexican migrant farmworkers adequate living conditions and a minimum wage in the 1940s through the early 1960s.

Meeting and talking to the immigrants has illustrated in real life the type of hard work their forebears did decades ago, and has given them a new perspective.

"This is how I came to be where I am," Garcia said. "My grandparents made sacrifices going to the fields. They were the ones working the long hours in the sun and early mornings. They did that to give us a better life, and that's exactly what these workers are doing for their families."

The experience — which has them endure the early-morning Salinas Valley cold and then the afternoon heat — has also been humbling.

"It's been so rewarding," said Sandoval who grew up part of her life in Soledad. "We've had times where we get really emotional and are even in tears just being able to give back to our community."

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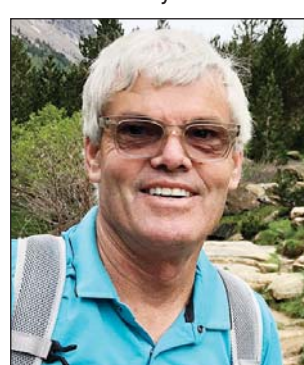
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On May 14, 2020, Dr. Norman Dorr Nelson, loving husband and father, died suddenly at the age of 79, due to an accident while spending time with his beloved horses.

Norm was born on July 3, 1940 in Austin, MN to Herbert and Lotus (Witt) Nelson. He was a graduate of DePauw University and Washington University School of Medicine. Norm completed his medical internship at Great Lakes Naval Hospital and his residency at Naval Medical Center San Diego. He retired from the Navy as a Captain and 28 years of combined service.

Norm specialized in obstetrical medicine at Health Care for Women in Salinas, CA, delivering more than 5,000 babies during his career. His passions were his family, patients, friends, and community service. Norm was authentic and humble. He found the interests of others, interesting; making them feel important and heard. Norm was an avid horseman, skier, traveler, tennis player, reader, and music lover; accomplished on trumpet, guitar, and vocals. He was known for his quick wit and compassionate spirit. He is survived by his wife, Corinne, and children/stepchildren; Michael Nelson (Laura), Jill Nelson (David Kingston), Judy Nelson (Shannon Watters), Jessica Cohen (Leeor), Matthew Nelson (Jennifer), Elizabeth Harvey (James), Amy Nelson, Elizabeth Pickart (John), and Matthew Eaton; 15 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; his sisters, Liz and Lotus; and niece Jennifer and nephew Aaron.

A celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital (Obstetrical Mother/Baby Unit), Christine Marie Star Riders, or Encuentro de Vaqueros.



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TUCK BOX

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While attorneys and Superior Court Judge Lydia Villarreal discussed the issue in court, a 41-year-old man was arrested for robbery after getting into an argument with a protester who was picketing outside the Tuck Box and stealing her signs, according to Carmel police.

Unfair competition, health hazard

In a Monterey courtroom, deputy district attorney Emily Hickok argued LeTowt's actions endanger public health, since he is also not enforcing social-distancing requirements, nor asking people to wear masks as the county has ordered, and that being open while others are closed constitutes unfair competition.

But LeTowt's attorney, Bilal Essayli, said the threat to public health is only speculative, and he pointed out that restaurants are already opening in other counties. He also noted his client lost tens of thousands of dollars while his restaurant was shut down, and he asked the judge for more time to go over the district attorney's filing and develop a thorough response, "so the court can make an informed decision, and not one that's rushed."

Essayli questioned the district attorney's allegations of unfair competition, and regarding health risks, he said the effectiveness of wearing masks to slow the spread of coronavirus is debatable and that the numbers of illnesses and fatalities are so low in Monterey County that they don't constitute an "imminent public health crisis."

Therefore, he argued, county health officer Dr. Ed Moreno's orders shutting down many businesses and mandating social distancing and face coverings are no longer necessary.

But Hickok said the fact the Tuck Box is open and making money while restaurants that are following the rules are not is exactly why the allegation of unfair competition

is valid.

"Unlawful conduct by a business constitutes unfair competition," she said. "This is a classic case where one business is violating the law at the detriment of all other businesses that are complying."

Regarding the refusal to follow Moreno's health orders, she said, "irreparable harm will result if the restraining order is not granted."

'Excessive and disproportionate'

Essayli countered that the district attorney's response to LeTowt's keeping his restaurant open "is excessive and disproportionate."

"The DA's office is spending considerable resources to go after business owners who are simply trying to make a living," he said, even as "dangerous criminals" are released from jail during efforts to reduce the population, and therefore the chances of coronavirus spreading among inmates.

His client, not the public, is the one suffering irreparable harm, he said.

Villarreal, however, was unconvinced.

"The defendant's position is essentially saying that the laws are unfair and should not exist, and certainly there is a way to challenge those laws, and the defendant is free to challenge the propriety of those laws," she said. "But as we currently sit here, the laws are what they are, and the court is persuaded. The court is going to grant the request for the temporary restraining order."

Essentially, the order requires LeTowt to shut down until Moreno changes or rescinds his orders. Failing to do so could have him arrested and taken to jail.

The D.A. is also asking the court to assess a \$2,500 penalty per violation, or an amount "not less than the revenue defendants earned while operating in violation of the emergency health orders," as well as whatever "relief" the court finds appropriate "to ameliorate the effects of the unlawful and/or unfair acts," and the costs of the suit.

The next hearing in the case is set for June 5.

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April 29, 1932 – May 5, 2020

Dolores (Dolly) Kennedy Albright of Carmel Valley, CA passed away peacefully at the age of 88 on May 5th, 2020, surrounded by her four children and is now reunited with her husband Dr. George Albright (predeceased in February 2020). Born in Coraopolis, PA on April 29th, 1932, Dolly was the daughter of Gene and Marie Kennedy. After graduating from Mount Mercy



College (now Carlow College) with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Home Economics, she began her career as a teacher at Moon High School in Moon Township outside of Pittsburgh, PA.

Soon after she met and married the love of her life George Albright of Crafton, PA, a medical student enlisted in the U.S. Navy and completing his internship at Bethesda Naval Hospital. While stationed in Hawaii, Dolly gave birth to Karla and twin boys David and Doug. Soon after a move to Rochester, MN, their fourth child Greg was born.

After living briefly in Long Island, New York, Dolly and George moved their young family to Los Altos Hills, California. While George worked at Lockheed Missiles and Space, Dolly was fully engaged in raising four children. She oversaw the harvesting of countless fruits and vegetables and made sure that all of her children were kitchen proficient. Dolly was keenly perceptive and as the family grew up it was not uncommon for visiting friends to benefit from wisdom and support in their own life journey. Over the years, she was reminded of the positive impact of this quiet guidance from the many holiday and birthday cards she would receive.

Dolly was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother and her commitment to the strength of family will be a lasting legacy. Dolly always made her family a top priority and she cherished the times when everyone could be together especially at Christmas – an important annual tradition. Dolly and George shared a passion for travel and used it to create lasting memories by taking the entire family on cruises to exotic locations including Istanbul, Barbados, Athens and Venice.

As a devout Catholic, Dolly's faith played an important role in her life. She held a firm belief in the power of prayer and the possibility of miracles like when she found the strength to quit smoking after visiting the shrine of "Our Lady of Guadalupe" in Mexico. Later in life, Dolly took joy in creating connections as a docent with visitors at the Carmel Mission and other local Museums.

Dolly had a discerning eye for beauty. The fine art she collected from her many travels were meticulously displayed in all of her homes. She loved antique clocks, early American furniture, Chinese porcelain and Persian rugs. While Dolly was blessed with natural beauty and was often compared to Jackie Kennedy, it was her infectious smile and life-curiosity that opened doors for her.

Dolly is survived by four children, Karla Albright of Los Gatos, CA, Doug Albright of Rocklin, CA, David Albright of Garrison, NY and Greg Albright of Washington, DC, four grandchildren (David Burkhart, Alex Burkhart, Katherine Albright, Michael Albright), and brother Edward Kennedy of Palos Verdes Estates, CA.

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ATTACK

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The victim was taken to Community Hospital.

Witnesses described the attacker and his car, and police found images of the vehicle on their Rio Road camera indicating he drove into town at 6:32 a.m. and left at 6:56 a.m. The camera also logs license plate numbers, and officers traced the Nissan sedan to Amarillo Street in Salinas, where it was impounded and searched by forensics experts. Interviews and evidence collection led to the search of a house on the same street. Within 48 hours of the attack, they had figured out who the attacker was, and Garcia turned himself in the afternoon of May 7.

Despite the early hour and the fact Garcia spent such a short time in town, which could suggest the attack was planned, Carmel Police Chief Paul Tomasi said Garcia did

not know the woman.

“As of now, we are confident that there is no connection between him and our victim,” he said. “We still believe this was a random act of violence against her and haven’t uncovered anything that would lead us to think otherwise.”

The apparent randomness and lack of a clear motive have police concerned. “This is what makes this particularly frightening,” Tomasi said. “We would like to find out if there is something else related to this case, but as of now, it doesn’t appear there is.”

He said he is not worried about similar attacks occurring here, “but we do want to caution people that even though we live in a relatively safe community, we should always be aware of our surroundings,” he said. “What we have seen is an increase in burglaries, drug activity and strange behavior during this pandemic.”

He advised residents to keep their doors locked, not to leave valuables — or anything that looks valuable — in their cars, and to install security cameras not just because

they can be useful during an investigation, but because they also serve as a deterrent.

A judge is set to schedule a preliminary hearing in the case June 17.

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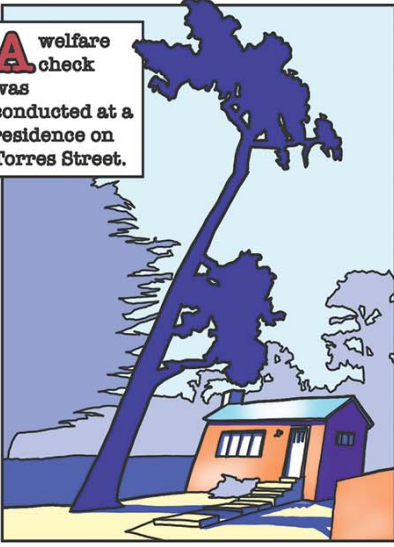
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Esalen eyes July 5 reopening, but with no tubs, rubs or hugs

By CHRIS COUNTS

FAMOUS FOR its sulphur baths and personal growth workshops — and known as a place where hugs long ago replaced handshakes — Big Sur's Esalen Institute faces a unique set of challenges as its leaders plan for a July 5 reopening while keeping staff and guests safe from the coronavirus.

The birthplace of the Human Potential Movement in the early 1960s, and now a workshop center and hot springs retreat, Esalen is located on Highway 1 about 40 miles south of Carmel.

Before it can reopen, Esalen will need to meet an assortment of emerging county and state guidelines. But Esalen CEO Terry Gilbey told The Pine Cone he's confident it can be done.

"We will take all measures to create a healthy environment," Gilbey said. "We are focused on implementing the latest cleanliness protocols."

Working together, dining apart

While Esalen is closed, Gilbey and 22 staff members who are living on site are preparing for the reopening — and keeping their safe distance from each other, even at dinner.

"We all dine at separate tables," Gilbey said. "I want to give kudos to staff — they are taking this very seriously. They've worked hard during the closure to ensure people can return to Esalen with confidence."

So what will Esalen look like in the post-coronavirus world? Rooms will be available for singles, couples and families, but shared accommodations with strangers — once a hallmark of Esalen's ultra-social culture — will no longer be offered. Bunk beds and sleeping bag space also won't be available.

At first, Esalen will probably offer just one two-day weekend workshop at a time, followed by one five-day workshop during the week. Under normal circumstances, it might offer three or four every weekend, and the same number during the week. "We will open at substantially reduced numbers," Gilbey said.

No massage, at least for now

Also, no massage classes or individual sessions will be offered, at least for now. "We have to figure out how to do them in a way that's safe for people," Gilbey explained.

With fewer guests and less revenue, will Esalen have to raise its prices to cover its costs? Gilbert said a rate hike isn't a certainty. He noted that rates haven't been raised since 2017, and he's hopeful the workshop center will continue to offer at least some discounts — like it has in the past. "We can't say until we understand what the new normal looks like," he added.

WWI Memorial Arch restoration complete

By MARY SCHLEY

A MULTIYEAR effort to raise enough money, find the right stone and obtain the necessary city approvals to restore the World War I Memorial Arch in the median at San Carlos and Ocean finally came to a close this month.

More than three dozen stones in the arch, which was designed by architect Charles Sumner Greene and built nearly a century ago, had deteriorated due to weather and wear, while dirt had built up around the steps at its base.

A small group calling itself the Friends of the Memorial Arch raised nearly \$47,000 for the project and, after getting permission from the city to restore the arch, was also cleared to remove two little oak trees that had been growing next to and over the arch, dropping leaf litter and moisture that contributed to the damage. The trees were cut last July, and work got underway in the fall.

Restoration efforts continued sporadically until the coronavirus pandemic forced almost everything to shut down, including construction. But project proponent Ian Martin said last week that stonemason Brian McEldowney — whose grandfather built the arch — finished replacing the stones last week, after the county health officer relaxed restrictions on construction in his May 1 order.

For the final step of the project, McEldowney and contractor Michael LePage, who has also been involved in the arch project and serves on the city's planning commission, worked together to clear out the soil from around the base of the arch.

"Now, for the first time since the 1950s, the whole memorial is above ground and visible," Martin said.



PHOTO/IAN MARTIN

With donors contributing nearly \$47,000, the years-long effort by a small group of locals, including the American Legion post, to restore the World War I Memorial Arch at San Carlos and Ocean is finally complete.

Nonprofits say no thanks to thrift items for now

By ELAINE HESSER

IF YOU'VE been using your time under shelter-in-place to do a long-overdue house cleaning, that means you probably have a pile of stuff to get rid of.

Unfortunately, many charities that depend on such donations to stock their thrift shops, such as the Yellow Brick Road, SPCA and Goodwill, are closed because of the virus. Still, they're asking people to hold onto their donations of used clothing, furniture and the like, until they're ready to reopen.

Krissy Houston, store manager of the Yellow Brick Road — part of Carmel Presbyterian Church's outreach — said that on March 16, "we just closed the door and

walked away." When she went back into the Carmel Rancho shop last week, there were 53 messages on the phone from would-be shoppers and donors.

The store's executive director, Teuta Yengst, said they're getting ready to reopen as soon as they're allowed.

"We're putting a checklist together to have a safe and clean place," she said. "We've been decluttering, disinfecting and reorganizing, and we hope and pray that we're going to open June 1," she added.

The shop's proceeds go back to the community in the form of grants to local charities totaling around \$35,000 monthly. Thirteen paid staff members kept their jobs at the

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After being dark for nearly two months, Firok Shield's Bistro Giovanni on San Carlos south of Fifth turned the lights and stoves back on for takeout at lunch and dinner. And unlike many of the establishments in town that close at 7 p.m., the restaurant stays open until 8, providing an option for folks who can't eat earlier.

Bistro Giovanni's extensive menu of appetizers, salads,

Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

flatbreads, raviolis and other pastas, and main courses can be found at carmelbistro.com, with orders accepted between noon and 8 p.m. at (831) 626-6003 or in person. "We maintain a policy of masks and social distancing for those entering the restaurant to order or for pick up," Shield said, adding that Bistro Giovanni will continue offering takeout even after it reopens for in-house dining.

Mulligan Public House on Dolores south of Ocean is now open for takeout Wednesday through Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. Order calamari, chicken sliders, Cobb salads, fish and chips, pizza, Philly cheesesteak, burgers, tacos, fries and other items by calling (831) 250-9510.

Meanwhile, Carmel's Beach Grill, formerly Villa Sombreros, was open for takeout but is now closed, with the sign taken down and menus removed from the window.

Cottage of Sweets

It's not a restaurant, but it could provide your favorite meal of the day. Ocean Avenue's much-photographed iconic candy store, Cottage of Sweets, now accommodates one or two customers at a time and fulfills curbside orders of its house-made fudge, wide range of bulk candies, and imported bars and other sweets from all over the world. The shop is small, but the selection is mighty. Hours are noon to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday through Sunday. To learn more, go to cottagesweets.com.

Coffee coffee

Two downtown coffee shops also recently reopened. Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Co. is taking orders from 7 a.m. daily at its shop on Ocean between Lincoln and Monte Verde at the door and by phone at (831) 626-2913 and is open until 5 p.m. The takeout menu can be found at carmelcoffeeasters.com/locations.

And Carmel Coffee House on Ocean between San Carlos and Dolores is now open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for walk-ins. Carmel Coffee House is the only company in the city that roasts its coffee onsite, and all the beans are organic. Visit carmelcoffee.com.

In P.G. and Monterey

Pierre and Marietta Bain reopened their Fandango Restaurant on 17th Street in Pacific Grove for takeout daily from 4 to 7 p.m., offering their extensive menu, including favorites like lamb, cassoulet and sand dabs.

"We have so missed all of you and would love to serve you yet again," they said in their announcement.

Wines and cocktails are 35 percent off, and Fandango's latest deal includes a free bottle of house white or red or a free dessert with the order of two entrées. Orders are taken ahead, as is payment by credit card, at (831) 372-3456. See fandangorestaurant.com for the full lineup.

Cult Taco and Sushi Fly, both on Alvarado Street in Monterey, also reopened, as did Melville Tavern a couple of blocks away on Washington Street.

Featuring tacos and burritos for breakfast and lunch, and take-and-bake meals like enchiladas, as well as margaritas, Cult Taco is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Go to cult-taco.com.

Down the street, Sushi Fly debuted its takeout options over the weekend and is serving sushi to go on Fridays and Saturdays from 3 to 8 p.m. See sushiflymonterey.com to order.

And at 484 Washington, Melville Tavern is again selling sandwiches, pizzas and other popular pub fare, as well as bottled beer and wine, daily from noon to 8 p.m. Visit melvillettav.com for information and to order, and be prepared to provide credit card information over the phone.

Help restaurant workers

The Monterey Bay Chapter of the American Culinary Federation can't host its 46th President's Gala and Chef of the Year dinner this year, but organizers are hoping supporters will rally now more than ever to help their friends and family in the restaurant business who have been going without paychecks since their workplaces closed more than two months ago.

"The impact of the coronavirus on the hospitality industry, forcing most restaurants to close, has created an immediate need for funds to help these kitchen workers. They are the employees who prepare your favorites when you dine in our local restaurants," president and chef Soerke Peters, who owns Mezzaluna with partner Amy Stouffer, said. "Many of them worked two jobs to survive on the Monterey Peninsula. They need your help now."

The ACF Monterey Bay established a Covid-19 Culinary Relief Fund and is matching the first \$6,000 in contributions dollar for dollar, according to Peters. To help, go to acfmontereybaychefs.org/covid-19-culinary-relief-fund.



The owners of Cottage of Sweets reopened earlier this month after receiving confirmation their business, which sells homemade fudge, dozens of varieties of bulk candies, and sweets imported from all over the world, is essential.

Village's new coffee bar

A new coffee bar set up a trailer next to Meg's Chevron in Carmel Valley Village and is open weekdays from 7 to 10 a.m. The 939 Coffee and Tea bar serves coffee and espresso drinks, and hot and cold teas, and accommodates pre-orders and walk-ups.

Orders can be placed online at 939coffeebar.com, with options ranging from the featured coffee (this week's was shade-grown Ethiopia, medium roast) hot or iced, to cinnamon bun lattes, mochas and The Shot — two shots of

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Fields of unfulfilled dreams lie silent, battle over fees ensues

SOME AMONG us might remember those days when we'd gobble our breakfast of champions, hang our Joey Amalfitano-autographed glove from the handlebars, and ride off to some gopher-infested cow pasture, where one kid would throw a ball and another kid would hit, all the

and officially called off its season a few weeks later, in early April.

The two organizations are entirely separate and very different, with distinctly dissimilar circumstances, which has created a lovefest within the softball family and a bit of a firestorm for the baseball gang. The softball group has refunded all money for the lost season to parents and sponsors. The baseball bunch has not. Here's why:

Carmel Youth Baseball has contracts that require them to maintain three facilities: Larson Field (next to the Carmel Mission, Carmel Middle School, and Dampierre Park in Carmel Valley Village). That upkeep includes taking care of bathrooms, wells, water pumps, and sprinklers, paying the water bill, and making sure the fields are safe and playable.

Refunds

The biggest chunk of the money for that maintenance comes from fees that are collected in advance from the parents of each of the 340 kids in the program — between \$140 and \$250 per player.

"We collect up front, and about 80 percent of that mon-

ey also gets spent up front," explained Steve Radowicz, vice president of Carmel Youth Baseball. "For example, we spent \$10,000 for dirt we needed to upgrade fields that were in bad shape. We thought we were going to have a season when we spent that money, of course, and when everything was shut down, we wished we hadn't spent it."

Doing the math

With the prospects of a youth baseball season looking uncertain at best, a good percentage of the baseball parents — no surprise here — want their money back. Since most of that money already has already been spent, and because an abbreviated season might yet be played, Carmel Youth Baseball has so far balked at issuing refunds.

"If you do the math, refunding 340 player fees at up to \$250 a pop is a huge chunk of money that we frankly don't have," Radowicz said. "If we were to issue all of those refunds, we would have no operating capital at all for next season, which would be our worst-case scenario: We'd have to get people to donate the money or fold up the program."

Predictably, some baseball parents are upset. Adding to

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

way to dinnertime. Simpler times.

Life is more complicated for kids in the summer of coronavirus, when social distancing has cut their fun short. Hearts are breaking and heads are aching over decisions to suspend or cancel this year's baseball and softball seasons due to concerns over the virus.

Carmel Youth Baseball held its player assessments and draft in February, celebrated Opening Day on March 7, and played four practice games and one official game for a regular season that was expected to last through early May, followed by an all-star season that often extends through July.

Then came the shelter-in-place order from California Gov. Gavin Newsom, which gave league officials no option but to suspend play indefinitely. The league's board of directors will meet again in mid-June to decide whether reopening for an abbreviated baseball schedule is a feasible option, or whether the season will be cancelled.

Love and fire

Meanwhile, Carmel Youth Girls Softball — the only softball-only organization on the Monterey Peninsula — suspended play on March 12, two days before its Opening Day festivities,



Carmel Youth Girls Softball players (left) learn to pitch during a preseason clinic at Carmel Middle School. Coach Frank Melitia teaches at this year's preseason clinic for Carmel Youth Baseball players. Seasons ended before they started, igniting controversy for parents who have already paid their kids' fees.



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the anger is the fact that Carmel Youth Girls Softball immediately refunded all of the fees and sponsorship money it collected.

A big reason they were able to do that, said league president Aimee Dahle, is the flat-fee arrangement the girls softball league has with Carmel Middle School to use the playing field on that campus. When the Carmel Unified School District closed all of its facilities through June 5, the softball program found itself without a venue and reluctantly canceled its season a week before Carmel Youth Baseball suspended play.

"We weren't happy about it, but it's important for us to play nice with the school district, because they've worked out a very fair arrangement for us," explained Dahle, whose organization broke away from Carmel Youth Baseball and became independent 21 years ago. "We rent the facilities from the school, but if we don't use the field, we can get our money back. The school district mows the grass, maintains the field, and handles all general maintenance, because it's their facility. We just clean up after ourselves when we use it."

A catastrophe

Another difference, Dahle said, is that the board of directors for the girls softball league took measures a few years ago to establish and maintain a reserve fund designed to keep the program afloat for at least one full season in the event of a catastrophe.

"The catastrophe happened — we're in a pandemic — and we definitely took a financial hit, but we were in position to handle it," she said.

The softball program not only quickly refunded all player fees to the parents of the 135 kids in the league, but also is refunded \$5,000 last week to team sponsors, the majority of which are small, family-owned businesses.

"We wanted them to know we were thinking about them," she said.

What's more, Dahle personally packed up and mailed (or hand-delivered) jerseys and uniforms to every player in the program — a souvenir of the lost season. Many parents shot photos of videos of the often-tearful moment when the uniforms arrived.

Radowicz and Dahle both have children of their own in the programs and have seen the emotions close-up.

"My son, who is 11, plays in our baseball league, and my daughter, who is 13, was in Carmel Youth Softball, and they were both bummed about the shutdown," Radowicz said. "He's especially upset, because baseball is his game. My daughter's favorite sport is basketball, and she's now hoping all of this goes away before winter, so that season doesn't get canceled, too."

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Superior Court jury trials to resume June 1

By MARY SCHLEY

CRIMINAL JURY trials that were suspended for 60 days by a California Supreme Court Chief Justice because of coronavirus will resume June 1, according to court executive officer Chris Ruhl. With the statewide suspension set to end May 22 and local courts urged to conduct trials as soon as possible — provided that can be done in a safe manner — Ruhl said the important work of the courts should resume, “because it lies at the heart of the rights guaranteed by the U.S. and California constitutions.”

But, in order to accommodate social distancing, members of the public might not be able to attend the trials, even though that is their right, according to the court.

“Because empaneled juries will need to be seated and spaced around the entire courtroom to ensure social distancing, members of the public may be precluded from attending jury trials in person,” explained public information officer Stephanie Fathy. “Public call-in lines have

been created for each courtroom so that members of the public can call in to listen to jury trials and other court matters that are open to the public.”

The lines are listen-only and court officials reminded everyone that recording or broadcasting any proceedings can’t be done without written permission from the judge.

Juror summons for the week of June 1 were mailed in late April, and the court is implementing “an array of measures” to ensure jurors, court staff, defendants, attorneys and judicial officers are safe and protected. Social distancing will be maintained throughout the trial process, from jury selection — which will take place in a larger space than the courtroom where it’s typically done — through deliberation, and face coverings will be worn by everyone.

In addition, fewer trials will take place at the same time, in order to reduce the number of people in the courthouse.

Nonetheless, summoned jurors who have health concerns related to Covid-19 will be allowed to defer their service to a future date, according to Fathy.

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Said Dahle, “I have three daughters. My oldest is the reason our family got involved with this program, and this would have been her final year. She’s not a crier, by any means, but this loss was very hard for her. She’s moving on to the high school next season and hopes to play there.”

It’s worth noting that the boards of directors for both organizations are all volunteers, and board members often can be found doing much of the heavy lifting — all the way down to weekend weed-pulling at the ballparks — to optimize the experience for the players and their parents. A glamorous job, it isn’t.

If the board of Carmel Youth Baseball decides next month to salvage part of the season, it will probably take place in July and August on a much smaller scale than normal.

Watch the websites, Facebook and Instagram pages of each organization for updates.

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FOOD

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espresso poured over a layer of caramel and topped with whipped cream. The new coffee bar also offers several hot and iced teas.

Julia’s a High Road Kitchen

Julia’s vegetarian restaurant on Forest Hill is one of more than a dozen High Road Kitchens in the state, providing meals to low-wage and essential workers, and to community members in need, based on a sliding scale. The High Road Kitchens initiative helps feed those in need while keeping restaurant workers and owners in business.

Orders can be placed online for pickup at juliasof-pacificgrove.com, where supporters can also pay it forward by donating a meal to someone else, and the restaurant is open from noon to 8:30 p.m. daily.

“We’re just kicking off the program and sincerely appreciate any help in spreading the word so we can get food to those who need it,” said Rachel Thompson. “We’re also reaching out to local essential workers to set up meal drop-offs next week as a thank you for all of their hard work.”

Paris picnics to go

Paris Bakery at 270 Bonifacio Place is encouraging folks to picnic — even if only in their yards during lockdown — and is making it easy by offering “a little grab-and-go lunch for everyone age 21 and up to enjoy, whether you’re eating at home, enjoying a patio picnic, or dropping something special off for a loved one.”

Picnic offerings and drinks can be tailored for every taste. Call (831) 646-1620 or go to parisbakery.us.

Make MEarth’s garden productive

With their green classroom building closed and no students coming to visit the habitat project, and with many among the growing ranks of the unemployed worried about feeding themselves and their families, the team at MEarth decided to rehabilitate the project’s 1-acre organic garden to produce fruits, vegetables and herbs to donate to community members in need.

To make that happen, organizers are seeking cash contributions to help pay for building materials, compost, seeds and other necessities.

A donation of \$240 can cover the cost of building one garden bed, but gifts of any size are welcome. Visit mearthcarmel.org/donate.

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Editorial

Urgent at last

IMAGINE A country where 38 million people are suddenly unemployed, more than three million are behind on their mortgage payments, hundreds of thousands of businesses are on the verge of bankruptcy, schools and churches are closed, Disneyland is empty, the NBA and MLB seasons have been shut down, and the airline industry has been brought to its knees — and then imagine somebody calling all of that an “inconvenience.”

Until this week, that bland word was the strongest one we’d heard anybody in Monterey County government use to describe the economic shut-down that’s laying waste to local jobs and incomes, not to mention people’s hopes and dreams. Since the epidemic began, all of the energy at the health department and among county supervisors seemed to be focused on fighting the virus, and very little of it on figuring out ways to let people start going back to work.

But finally, at this week’s board of supervisors meeting, we started hearing the words we’ve been waiting for — things that finally express some alarm about the county’s 2-month-old shut down.

Gov. Gavin Newsom understands how important it is for the economy to get moving again. On Monday, he unveiled a new set of standards to make it easier for retail stores, restaurants and other California businesses to start welcoming customers again. Fifty-three of the state’s 58 counties should already be able to meet them, Newsom said.

The standards he announced for reopening may have come as a surprise to the public, but they were no surprise to county health departments around the state; they’d been given a draft of the rules in advance, which explains why almost 40 counties not only met the new standards, they were able to file the paperwork to qualify for the next phase of reopening almost immediately — and many were quickly approved. In Napa, for example, restaurants have already started welcoming hungry customers back for inside dining.

The Monterey County Health Department had the new criteria in advance, too, but unfortunately wasn’t quite as prepared to explain to state officials how this county meets them — which, in all but the most technical aspects, it certainly does. Instead, health department officials said they still had some t’s to cross and i’s to dot before they’d be ready to proceed. No surprise there — our health department is good at taking its time.

But where things did change, and where a new urgency seemed to be evident, was at the board of supervisors meeting on Tuesday, when everyone, from county administrator Charles McKee, to south county supervisor Chris Lopez, to our own representative on the board, Mary Adams, said they wanted reopening to happen as quickly as possible.

“Because of all the displaced workers that we have in our county, it’s important for us to move forward,” Adams said. “And we’re doing everything in our power to do so with expediency.”

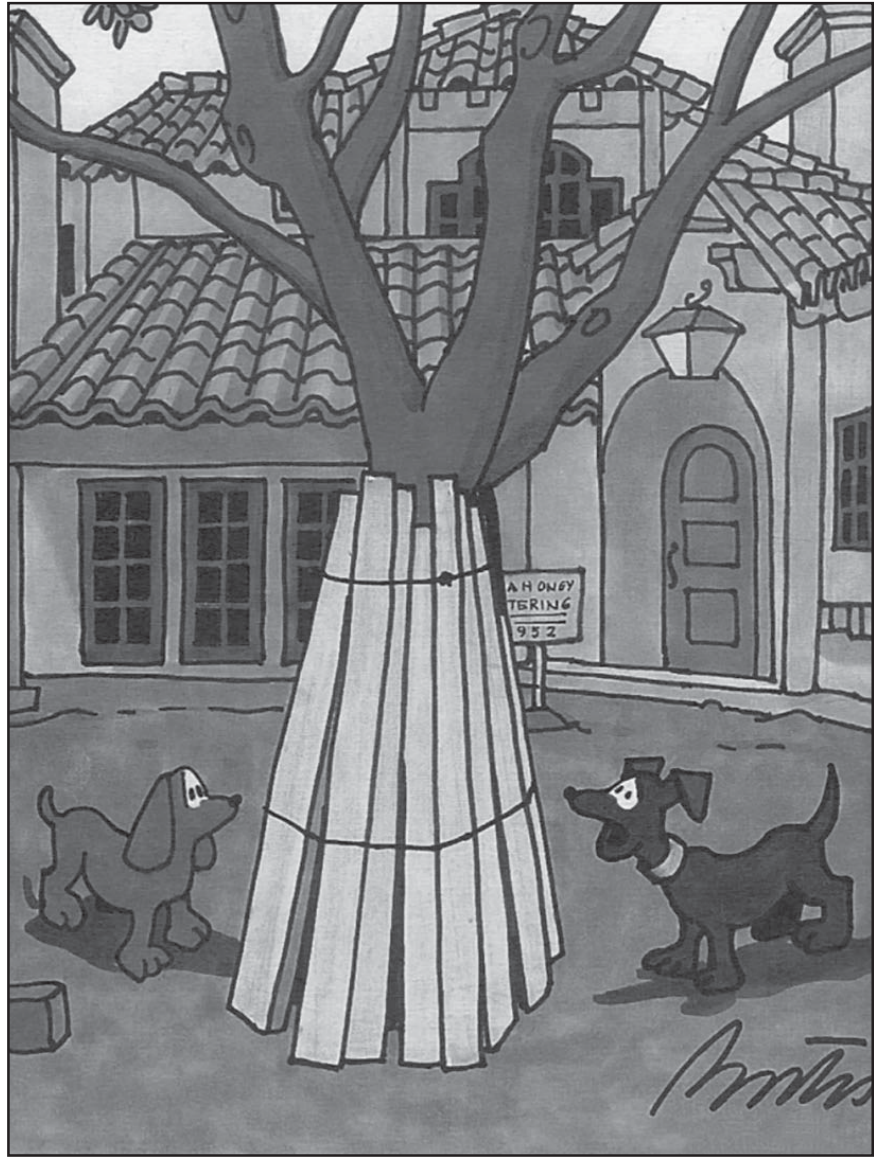
“We want to make sure any reopening plans are done quickly,” McKee agreed.

And Lopez, who’s chair of the board right now, promised to call a special meeting at any time, “day or night,” so the board could take action on whatever paperwork needs to be submitted to the state to get the reopening of more Monterey County businesses approved.

“I have already called for a special meeting next Tuesday, and if a meeting is needed before then, I won’t hesitate to call that either, and I just want the community to know that we’re working diligently to get this done as soon as possible.”

Amen to that. It is impossible to keep the economy shut down any longer. All of us have to play our part in keeping the virus under control as much as possible, and especially to protect our county’s vulnerable populations. But it’s time — way past time, in fact — for everyone to get back to work.

BEST of BATES



“Carmel’s not the same any more.”

Letters to the Editor

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‘Businesses are suffering’ Dear Editor,

I recently sent a letter to county health officer Ed Moreno telling him that I could no longer stand by and wait. Our business community is suffering. Our residents are losing jobs, patience and hope. All of this while our economy is being decimated.

I understand that nobody has magic cure; however, Moreno does have the ability to communicate. He can help develop systems and protocols, allowing some small sectors of business to open.

I have assembled several leaders in different industries who are willing to meet with him. They can talk about some of these innovative and creative ideas specific to their industry. But will he meet with them? Time is of the absolute essence.

I believe Moreno has a responsibility to work with these groups and figure out a way to open up responsibly, respectfully, safely and timely. I am certain with these newly developed protocols, and his

willingness, positive strides will be made. With the current guidelines and latitude the governor has given county health officials, possibilities are out there.

It is not right to just put these people on the shelf until a general set of state data says we can dust them off. There are solutions and Moreno needs to work with the professionals to figure them out. I am willing to be at these meetings and I am certain these business owners will be gracious, grateful and appreciative. They are happy to work within the guidelines. They just need some advice, guidance and a tiny bit of empathy. How can we set up a meeting?

My fear now is we will have an uprising of bad actors and defiant shop owners who are feeling backed into a corner. We can avoid this rogue behavior if Moreno helps.

Bobby Richards,
Vice Mayor, Carmel-by-the-Sea

Protecting everyone’s health Dear Editor,

It is nice to see that Monterey County is getting closer to reopening. It is none too soon, and a lot of people have been working hard to make that a reality.

The “Restoring Commerce While Protecting Lives” plan that the business coalition presented to the board of supervisors is quite good.

It covers everything from workplace safety protocols and standards, to how to maintain social distancing in businesses, maintaining cleanliness in workplaces, and the importance of providing PPE to employees.

I ask the supervisors to take the plan

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They built it, and people came for movies, art and hardware

MANZANITA HALL was a central part of life in early Carmel, yet it is unlikely that there is anyone still alive who remembers it. The large barn that stood at the southwest corner of Mission and Ocean (Lots 1 and 2 of Block 77) was removed sometime before August 1930. A description of the site in The Pine Cone that month noted that a “board fence encloses a vacant lot that used to be Carmel Hall, later known as Manzanita Hall from the club of business men that met in it.”

According Sydney Temple’s 1987 book, “Carmel-by-the-Sea,” the hall had been the oldest building in town and stood on land once owned by Monterey County pioneer Honore Escole. The earliest reference that I have found to its use as a hall was in a May 1896 Salinas Californian newspaper, which carried an item about a “dance at Carmel Hall on the 29th to which all the people here have been invited.”

Its use as Carmel Hall likely began with the “Carmel Athletic and Social Club” that was organized in early 1895, about the time Escole sold more than 35 full blocks of Carmel (including Block 77) to investor Dr. Walton Saunders. Whether the use of the barn was at the invitation of Escole or Saunders is not recorded. Nor was any ownership by the club. The club’s initial officers included three of Elizabeth Martin’s sons who had been reared on the old Mission Ranch.

Changing uses

In June 1906, the casual group officially incorporated as the Carmel Hall Association. Among its directors was Joseph Stewart, one of Martin’s sons who had formed the earlier group. It appears the incorporation was a measure to clear up some issues with the property ownership.

Saunders sold his holdings to Frank Powers in 1900 and in 1902 Powers sold the Ocean Avenue frontage between Mis-

sion and San Carlos to Mrs. E. A. Foster (of last week’s column). In December 1905 she sold the lots to San Jose-based real estate broker Perry Tyhurst, whose plans to develop them put whatever rights the club might have had in jeopardy.

The members of the cash-strapped club worked out a deal with Powers that en-

History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

abled them to hold on: They bought Lots 1 and 2 from Tyhurst and then sold them to Powers’ Carmel Development Co. From then on, news stories indicated the upper floor of Carmel Hall became a community meeting room, with a private men’s club, the Manzanita Club, using the lower level. The Carmel Hall Association oversaw the operation of the building, but by 1917 the common name had become Manzanita Hall.

Dances and elections

“The old Manzanita Hall ante-dates me,” recalled Perry Newberry in a 1934 Pine Cone article. “It was an active organization when I arrived in Carmel. Club rooms were under the hall proper, and one entered at the back by steps that led down to the door. Inside was a large room with a billiard table and pool table, several round green-topped card tables, and a score or so of chairs. The upstairs hall was the gathering place of mass meetings, fraternal organizations, and civic affairs of size. Parties too large for private homes were pulled there.”

In the early years, there were dances almost every Saturday evening upstairs, and an annual masquerade ball was a favorite event. The hall served as the polling place for elections as early as 1914, which was

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In a photo from about 1920, Delos Curtis and his pony cart pulled by “Peanuts” promoted Movie Night at Manzanita Hall. The hall, which was at Mission and Ocean, is in the background.

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An ancient ruin was her playground — and then became an inspiration

THE VOLCANIC eruption from Mount Vesuvius in 79 A.D. buried Pompeii and left ruins a half-mile away in Herculaneum. The rubble became a playground for Kathleen Crocetti in 1976, when her father, Ferruccio, was stationed in Italy with the U.S. Army.

“We’d go into those ruins and play

around the parking structure on each level. Crocetti has invited any artist who would like to participate to help create those mosaics.

And local high school art students will be invited to design mosaics that will decorate multiple stairwells throughout the interior of the parking garage.

Carmel’s Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

“house,’ or ‘town,’ or whatever, and as the oldest of our gang of kids, I got first choice of the ruin I wanted,” remembered Crocetti, a 3D artist whose work has been represented by the Carmel Art Association since 1988. “I picked one that still had a floor and two walls, and there was a mosaic still intact on each. Those three mosaics are still very vivid in my memory.”

The fact that ancient artwork in Herculaneum still exists almost 2,000 years later carries special importance for Crocetti, whose focus in recent years has been creating ambitious and community art projects designed to leave a lasting imprint.

The former Pacific Grove school teacher has recruited her students and community members in recent years to create public art in Watsonville (where she’s lived for the past 20 years) and Santa Cruz (where she teaches middle school), and currently is supervising her largest project yet — transforming the parking structure at Watsonville City Plaza into a massive work of art to honor the community.

Crocetti will collaborate with various artists to create individual, full-color tile mosaics for 184 separate spaces — each 4 feet tall by 8 to 12 feet long — all the way

The project, entitled “Un Watsonville Brillante,” also will feature four enormous, vertical, black-and-white images created by celebrated professional artist Juan Fuentes, a Watsonville native now living in San Francisco. A centerpiece, entitled “The Strawberry Picker,” is Fuentes’ homage to the fieldworkers who have provided decades of labor for Watsonville’s agriculture industry.

Unsung heroes

“By putting ‘The Strawberry Picker’ up there so large (towering from ground level to the top of the five-level structure), we’re making a new archetype for all of those people whose families have been so important to that industry over the years,” Crocetti said. “We’re saying that your dad, your brother, your mom, your uncle ... they’re all doing important work. These people are heroes in this community.”

The rewards of creating community art, she said, include knowing that numerous people contributed to a project that will have a lasting impact — similar to the ancient artwork she saw among the ruins as a child.

“The people who will be helping us create these mosaics will have their hand in something that will last until the building falls down,” she said.

The five-year project is under the direction of Community Arts & Empowerment, a nonprofit organization that includes two business partners, Rinaldi Tile and Marble, which specializes in stone installations, and Fireclay, a nationally recognized handmade tile company.

Years of work

Although “Un Watsonville Brillante” is the most audacious challenge of Crocetti’s four-and-a-half-decade art career, she said she’s not intimidated. She’s a veteran of large community art pieces. Her students have created mosaics at different locations in Santa Cruz for eight consecutive years, and her commissions are on permanent display at six other venues.

One notable project, “Ebb & Flow,” includes 700 square feet of mosaics,



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Carmel Art Association Kathleen Crocetti works with Juan Fuentes on “Un Watsonville Brillante” community art project.

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LETTERS

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seriously, review it carefully, and take action to open up Monterey County. I would remind Dr. Ed Moreno that his department is responsible for all public health — not just the health of Covid-19 patients. I would remind the supervisors that they are responsible for our county's medical, social and economic health. Already 100,000 businesses in this country have gone into bankruptcy, and the list of those heading that way is growing daily. It is time to act in order to save those that remain.

By all means; implement the safety protocols and build up the ability to do contact tracing and isolation in place, but let's get our county opened up again!

Rudy Fischer, Pacific Grove

'Reopen only if it's safe'

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the news bulletins and nightly statistics about the spread of Covid-19 in Monterey County. They are the most up-to-date and complete I've seen anywhere. I do wonder about your interpretation, however. Every evening you bemoan the caution being exercised by Ed Moreno. Yet the number of countywide cases has not begun to decline. How can you say we have "handily" met the governor's criteria to reopen when the increase in hospitalizations in the last week (10.87 percent) far exceeds the 5 percent standard? You note that an exception is to be made for small counties if "a single new hospitalized patient could cause a significant percentage jump." Monterey County is the 21st in the state by population; 37 counties are smaller. An increase of one person hospitalized equates to a 2.2 percent jump. So, the county clearly does not qualify for the exception.

That said, I truly am anxious for the day when all businesses, restaurants, and hotels in Carmel and Monterey County can reopen — safely. I had high hopes that that would be possible soon, but only a tiny percentage of people on the streets or at the beach wear masks. People totally ignore the signs that picnics and gatherings are not allowed. Apparently, people care more about their own pleasure than they do about the lives of their neighbors and healthcare providers.

I suggest you devote more energy and space to emphasizing what we can do to help keep each other safe and less to criticizing people who are trying to save lives. Reopening will bring back customers, tourists and diners only if they are confident they will be safe.

Susan Bjerre, Carmel

'Live smart, but live'

Dear Editor,

I find it incredibly unrealistic for our community to continue to shut itself down.

I am in favor of the Tuck Box opening. I believe if his staff is safe, and they have taken the necessary sanitary requirements for their kitchen are social distancing, so they should open up.

How can this be an argument when you see hundreds of people in Safeway, Home Depot and Trader Joe's? What is the difference? Because he doesn't have permission?

What difference is a date going to make?

If next week we are allowed to go to restaurants, shops, and hair salons, how is that different than today? You as an individual can decide what you want to do! If you don't want to visit these establishments, then don't! If you wish to continue to wear a mask and gloves as time goes by as you visit these establishments, then do!

The hardest aspect of this disease is that we don't walk around with the scarlet letter indicating — this person is infected! So we take the precautions we need to as we see

them.

This is the challenge! But that challenge will be with us for many, many months to come.

So in the meantime, what happens? We live smart, but we live.

Susan Elwood, Monterey

Defeating the hydra

Dear Editor,

A report from a different local news outlet quoted local law enforcement, stating there has been an increase in "defiant" and "bizarre" behavior towards them. What I think we may actually be witnessing is the populace losing faith in our institutions. For instance, we are seeing, across the state and counties, felons being released without bail. Meanwhile, citizens are being arrested for things like kayaking alone in the ocean or walking on a beach. In the case of Carmel, we have a local businessman being hassled and fined simply for trying to keep his long-running business afloat.

This is all made worse by the tribalism surrounding these lockdowns, as you have a wide spectrum — from people believing we should stay home essentially indefinitely to conspiracy theorists who contend the pandemic is a hoax. With regard to The Tuck Box issue in particular, the venom I've seen spewed at Jeff LeTowt on social media, in some cases referring to him as a potential murderer, is quite disturbing.

Personally, I take this disease seriously. Though I'm young and healthy, I have parents over 60 and I would be utterly devastated if they became ill. I think it's the responsibility of us all to take reasonable precautions and avoid unnecessary risks. However, I see the collapse of public confidence in our establishments as just as big a threat. One need only look at history — the French Revolution, the breakdown of the Roman Republic, etc. — to know how dire a situation can become when institutional integrity evaporates. I don't think we are quite at the point of any of the above-mentioned events. Yet, expect this disobedience to continue and strengthen over time as more and more people lose confidence.

I don't know what the right answer is. Perhaps this pandemic is a hydra. We slice off the virus's head only for it to be replaced by economic ruin, degradation of civil liberties, food shortages and institutional breakdown. But policy-making is often about weighing bad options against worst ones. I believe we will eventually beat this disease. My fear, though, is at what cost?

R. M. S. Thornton, Carmel

When tourists arrive

Dear Editor,

I have read your editorial and many of the letters to the editor are in the same line of thought — that Carmel and the Monterey Peninsula should fully reopen for business as usual. While I am empathetic to the reality that so many small businesses are severely stressed and may even have to shut their doors because of the huge economic downfall this extended shelter-in-place order is creating here, the big question is this: What happens when people start flooding into the Peninsula from all over the place, the states, and countries beyond? What will then happen with the spread of the virus locally?

Since the main industry here is tourism and hospitality, hotels, restaurants, boutiques, art galleries, just how safe will it be for all those who work in such venues to be in close contact with folks from the states, Europe, China, etc.? No one is talking about that part.

The virus, according to scientists, is not going to be gone by July. So where is the balance? Obviously, the extended closure is destroying the local tourist economy, but the Peninsula also cannot just reopen to people who live in this county, so there need to be creative solutions to find a

balance between the local economy and the ongoing threat of the pandemic.

The Carmel City Council talking about streets for dining only is an excellent idea, for one. Carmel was becoming a traffic jam during peak summer and high season times before. Perhaps this can be a creative opportunity to help restaurants while taking Carmel back to a healthier time in ways. Perhaps the galleries could open in conjunction and even have their artists painting out front, limit the number of people walking in, etc.

Dante Rondo, Pebble Beach

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CAMPING

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way 1 and other places in Big Sur," Adams said. "This issue has been exacerbated by the shelter-in-place order, and I'm very concerned."

The same day, Adams' chief of staff, Yuri Anderson, reported that the supervisor is asking for "additional resources" so authorities can "crack down on illegal roadside camping" and issue "stiffer fines."

While many want to see a crackdown on the renegades who are vacationing in Big Sur while the stay-at-home order is still in effect and non-essential travel is banned, Madsen said it's quite possible the forest service's various orders won't be extended beyond the end of this month. "We really want to open things up as soon as we can," he added.

All state parks campgrounds and day use areas remain closed, but Marshall reported this week that the agency "is in the process of evaluating the timing of and exact locations of areas that will open first once a decision to ease restrictions is made."

Park district juggles safety and access

With local state and federal lands closed to people during the coronavirus shutdown — and the demand for places to hike exploding — the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District is doing a juggling act, keeping some parks open so the public can exercise, and shutting others down because social-distancing isn't possible there.

At Palo Corona and Garland Ranch regional parks, the trails are busier than ever. At Palo Corona on a recent afternoon, hikers formed a line next to a narrow bridge crossing Carmel River because only one person can cross safely at a time.

A little farther up the trail, a steady stream of hikers could be seen snaking their way up toward Inspiration Point, which offers sweeping views of Carmel and Point Lobos State Reserve. Many were regulars, while others were discovering the park for the first time.

"We've been crowded," park district general manager Rafael Payan told The Pine Cone. "We're one of the few entities that hasn't closed all its trails. It's been a tough time, and we want to give people an outlet."

Besides Garland Ranch and Palo Corona parks, the Frog Pond Wetland Preserve in Del Rey Oaks is also open, thanks to a creative social-distancing measure.

"We made it a one-way loop," Payan explained. "It's working out great."

'No way to keep people safe'

Unfortunately, the park district had to close other sites where social distancing isn't possible, including Dampierre Park in Carmel Valley, which is not only home to a pair of Little League fields, but offers access to trails, picnic spots and a swimming hole.

At first, the park district kept Dampierre Park open, and put up signs and barricades to encourage safe behavior. But after some of those were taken down by the public, the park was closed.

"The actions of a few resulted in a penalty for everybody," Payan said. "It broke our hearts, but unfortunately, there was no way to keep people safe."

Also closed is Cachagua Community Park. Payan said the presence of playground equipment and picnic areas made it impossible to keep the park open. Some complained on social media about the decision, but others supported it. Several, meanwhile, noted that the closure of most parks and trails in the region is putting enormous pressure on the sites that remain open.


Recognizing 'unsung heroes'

Despite the challenges the agency is facing, Payan is hopeful he and his staff can strike a balance between offering people recreational opportunities and keeping them as safe as possible. He is asking everybody to help out by following all rules and guidelines.

"We welcome all visitors and request their help in protecting each other and our natural and cultural resources," he continued. "We are optimistic that our newfound visitors will join us in creating a more environmentally literate society by being gentle, careful and responsible in how they enjoy their public lands."


Payan also praised those who are working to keep Garland Ranch, Palo Corona and the Frog Pond parks "open and safe." "They're the unsung heroes," he added.

Besides Garland Ranch and Palo Corona parks, and the Frog Pond Wetland Preserve, several county parks are open for "limited uses" like hiking, including Jacks Peak and Toro parks.



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DONATIONS

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insistence of the shop's board of directors, and they're working hard to get things in order again.

But while donations are on hold and shops are closed, Beth Brookhauser, spokesperson for the SPCA, says its secondhand store near the Yellow Brick Road's has been offering shopping during shelter in place by sending photos of high-end or unusual items to people on the organization's email list.

One of the best things about thrift shopping is finding unexpected treasures, and Brookhauser said it's still possible. Customers can call the shop at (831) 624-4211 using FaceTime, and the employees will walk the phone to the jewelry counter or a bookshelf for a few minutes of browsing. Once they find that special thingamajig, they can pay with a credit card and pick it up curbside.

The shop's three employees are still being paid, but 30 volunteers haven't been allowed to come in.

The shutdown caused plenty of lost revenue just as other sources of income — like pet vaccinations and behavior training classes — have dried up as well, so

the SPCA is hoping to get back to normal soon.

Goodwill had already been doing online sales for some time when the pandemic hit, according to local vice president of retail Alan Martinson.

Martinson is responsible for stores in Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Luis Obispo counties. There's a 15,000-square-foot warehouse and outlet at the Salinas airport, as well. But all of them are closed.

'Buy it now'

He said that shopgoodwill.com receives information about items from all 159 chapters of the organization nationwide and resells them eBay-style, with auction items like an accordion (high bid \$260.50) and "buy it now" selections like a 3/4-carat diamond ring (\$1,363). The group also uses other virtual retail outlets to sell its wares.

Martinson said online sales bring in more than \$50,000 monthly for this area, which goes primarily toward helping people find employment.

He also said he's very optimistic about reopening as early as next month.

"We already have sneeze guards up and markers showing where to stand on the floors," Martinson said, "We're asking people to have a little area where they stack up stuff for Goodwill, to donate when they reopen."

WATER

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Peninsula Water Management District and Marina," Stedman said.

She also pointed to what she said were "glaring errors" in the report, including inaccurate water production figures.

"There is only one demand projection that has been through the rigorous review of the CEQA process and been certified," Stedman said. "No matter how many times other agencies repackage the same old in-

formation, it is the same old information."

Meanwhile, water district directors Monday voted 4-3 to adopt a document published last year by the agency that sparked the debate that the reclamation project, if expanded, could supply enough water for the Peninsula.

In a May 14 letter to the water district, the city managers from five Monterey Peninsula, including Carmel, Pacific Grove and Monterey, said the report isn't a blueprint for the future, but instead a "manifestation of a status quo water poverty resulting in elitist exclusivity for a few and fewer opportunities for all."

FEES

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Appealing a staff decision to the planning commission or a commission decision to the city council is rising from \$1,420 to \$2,000.

"Adopting" a public bench and putting a plaque on it will be a little cheaper — \$300 plus the cost of the bench, down from \$390 — and getting permission to temporarily park a crane or other large vehicle in the public right of way will also be cheap-

er, dropping from \$370 to \$210. Getting a duplicate business license is increasing by \$5, to \$10. And fees for police responding to false alarms will go up from \$60 to \$100 for the first time, from \$110 to \$120 for the second response, and from \$160 to \$180 for the third and subsequent responses.

Most other Peninsula cities charge nothing for the first false alarm, with higher fees for subsequent responses, except for Seaside, which charges \$183 each time. False alarms are cheapest in Monterey.

The whole list of fees was included in the May 5 city council agenda packet online at ci.carmel.ca.us.

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HISTORY

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also the year the Saturdays became movie nights. Douglas Greeley was just 17 when that October he began the operation, with friend Walter Warren operating the projector. In January 1915 they showed the moving pictures made of the 1912 Forest Theater productions of “The Toad” and “Alice in Wonderland;” Greeley had played the caterpillar in “Alice.” The boys left for college in the fall, but the movies continued. Members of the Manzanita Club managed the operation.

Delos Curtis, the village’s extraordinary candymaker, managed the theater operation and the snack concession; Ralph Hicks ran the projector. The association contracted M. J. Murphy to make improvements to the hall. With renovations completed, beginning in January 1916, cushioned seats welcomed patrons for two or three nights a week.

Mobile billboard

The extra revenue from the theater led the association to re-acquire the barn from Powers in September 1916. Cementing its importance to the town, that same year The Pine Cone declared, “One of the most important meetings in the history of Carmel was held in Carmel Hall” — the meeting where Carmel became a city. Proposed officials were nominated in the hall just a few weeks before the Oct. 26 election there that approved incorporation and elected the city’s first office holders.

As the young city grew, Manzanita Hall continued to be a multi-function venue, with dances, parties and speakers on various topics.

Getting the movie reels on a regular basis proved to be a challenge. As movie nights became erratic, whenever a new film arrived, Curtis would drive his small horse-drawn cart around town, with a sign that read “MOVIES TO-NITE.”

Cabinet shop

In 1924, Ted Kuster opened his Theatre of the Golden Bough at Ocean and Monte Verde. While created for education in dramatic arts, it marked the beginning of the end of Manzanita Hall.

The Carmel Hall Association sold the hall to M.J. Murphy in May 1925 and filed for dissolution in July. Murphy leased the movie operation to Gerald Hardy and movies continued at Manzanita Hall until 1928, when Kuster leased the Golden Bough to Hardy. Hardy then closed the Manzanita theater operation.

Murphy moved the old barn, intact, to his lumberyard on San Carlos Street just south of Ocean. There it served multiple purposes over several years. In the 1930s, The Pine Cone leased it for its print shop; later it was the Denny-Watrous Gallery, and still later, Murphy used it as his cabinet shop.

The old barn was demolished in 1965 to make space for Wells Fargo Bank, but what a part it played in the early days of Carmel.

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CROCETTI

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33 medallions, trees standing 17 feet tall, and a 160-foot river. Another, “1111 Soquel Ave.,” is a mural — 126 feet long, 6 feet high — created by third-through-12th graders from 11 schools, plus community members. It is composed of 3,200 tiles.

“I feel like I’ve been preparing for ‘Un Watsonville Brillante’ for so long that I’m ready: I have the estimating of time, materials, and costs down to a science,” she said. “On the other hand, I finally felt myself let my breath go now that it’s actually underway and working. I didn’t realize I was holding that kind of tension inside, but I must have been. Now, I’m just giddy with excitement.”

Growing up in a military family enabled Crocetti to see much of the world and gave her a desire to establish her own roots after graduating from Notre Dame High in Salinas while her father was at Fort Ord.

An epiphany

Although she earned a fine art degree from Mary Washington College in Virginia, the opportunity to settle on the Monterey Peninsula — originally in Pacific Grove — was an attractive option for a person with artistic leanings. Both Crocetti’s mother (Sharon, a former secretary at Carmel Art Association) and her grandmother were painters, and she initially intended to follow their lead.

“One semester at Mary Washington I took both painting and sculpting, and decided, ‘Oh, my God ... 3D art is my thing!’” she said. “So I called home and said, ‘Mom, I’m bringing you all of my paints and brushes. I’m done painting — I’m a 3D artist.’”

Crocetti subsequently studied at the Academy of Art in San Francisco, worked six months at The Foundry in Seaside, and worked as a secretary for nine months at the Carmel Art Association. That’s where she met renowned sculptors Ken Wiese, Gordon Newell, and Dennis Handy, and painters Gerald Wasserman and Bert Conahan, who became impressed with her 3D creations and championed her for membership.

Leap of faith

“At that point I had a choice to make: I wasn’t allowed to be an employee at the association and also a member, and I was a single mom and needed a job,” she said. “That’s when I quit my job as a secretary, started substitute teaching, and discovered I loved it.” She also became the group’s youngest member.

In addition to personal fulfillment, Crocetti’s teaching career provided her with a means of support while she pursued her artwork part time. After 28 years of teaching (mostly part time for the past 12), she expects to retire in five years to pursue art full time.

Among the multiple awards and honors she has received through the years was the 2017 Rydell Award from the Santa Cruz Community Foundation, a \$20,000 prize that enabled her to study for two months in Spain, Morocco and England.

Images of her work and additional information can be found on her website at kathleencrocetti.com. More information about “Un Watsonville Brillante,” including instructions for community artists who would like to participate in the project, can be found at communityartsempowerment.org.

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MORE LETTERS

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‘Publish the formula’

Dear Editor,

Having failed miserably to forecast accurately a surge of coronavirus cases and deaths for May, the county health department has now moved the goal posts. Now the surge is supposed to happen by late summer and fall. Why then and not now? Could it be that they need ongoing threats to keep the population fretting about catastrophes that will never materialize? Do they need the gloom and doom to continue the lockdown, and therefore further increase unemployment and diminish life savings?

Defending the lockdown, Ed Moreno, says that “the outcome is based on our local data and formula that we didn’t create.” Well, the local data look pretty benign at this point, so the problem must be the formula. Why not publish the formula, including the data values inputted, so we might view the creation of the “surge” that will

seal our fate as we go toward fall? It’s not secret, is it? If the county didn’t create the formula, why not ask the smart people of Monterey County to compete to submit a better formula, one that will actually work?

Thomas F. Lee,
Monterey

‘Absurd’ switch

Dear Editor,

Thank you to The Carmel Pine Cone for being a reasonable counterbalance to the “surge is coming” health officials that have far too much control over our lives now. By any statistical measure that would have been established in March, we have flattened the curve enough to at least allow those under 45 to resume economic activities while observing desired social distancing. It is absurd that “flatten the curve” has morphed into “avoid the surge.”

Grossly exaggerated, dire predictions and a lack of transparency are not effective policy-making tools. The citizens of Monterey County deserve much better. Is it beginning to seem that Moreno meant it when he said that shelter-in-place should be in effect until there is a vaccine?

Greg Baldridge, Pebble Beach



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VARGA

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credibility, judgment, transparency and overall ability to uphold our families' trust and expectations," said former CUSD parent Emily Bauer.

Parent Heather Craig said continuing to pay Dill-Varga would negatively affect the district's finances, and that her resignation will impact "public perception of the district and politics thereof, and the civility of the administration and the district." She asked that the public have the chance to weigh in on the superintendent's leaving.

Parent Mary Rice pleaded for information. "Could you please explain what warrants such extreme action without input from the public and justifies placing the district without experienced leadership in the middle of a pandemic?" she asked.

And Mark Stilwell, Rita Patel and John Ellison, former school board members who were part of the committee that hired Dill-Varga in 2017 "after an exhaustive nationwide search," wondered how the person they had considered "ideal" to lead the district could be leaving.

"She's an outstanding, doctorate-level educator whose principal focus is always on what's best for our students," they said in an email to the board. "Her work ethic and follow-through are of the highest levels. She's compassionate and empathetic. She's of the highest integrity and smart as a whip. Finally, she has the courage of her convictions, unafraid of the potential fall-out from doing what she thinks is right for the students and the district."

They speculated the fact she is not "a great 'politician'" might have led to the break-up. "She's always been far too honest and direct to play games or make decisions based on political favor," they wrote, suggesting that the board was too weak to support her.

Their comments, and those of several others, apparently carried no weight with the board, which will find itself embarking on a search for its third superintendent since longtime superintendent Marvin Biasotti retired in 2015. Prior to Dill-Varga's arrival, Scott Lawrence served in the role for a short time before leaving in spring 2016.

BAIL

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session of stolen property and burglary tools, being under the influence of drugs, DUI, robbery, battery, public intoxication, violation of probation and parole, providing false information to officers, and other offenses, including the man accused of beating and raping a woman in the driveway of her vacation home near the beach. They are also on the trail of two people who broke into Carmel Drug store in the middle of the night.

And, of course, they have cited and contacted a lot of people for violating the shelter-in-place order.

BUSINESS

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right now, and we have two separate businesses that are bringing in nothing.

"We had a little bit of savings when the shutdown came, but that past tense — 'had' — is important, because our savings is quickly decreasing. We're getting by mostly by cutting back on our spending," he said.

The we're-all-in-this-together spirit of the tightknit Village also has been a plus, said Jeff, who, with Randi, has served for 14 years on the board of directors for the Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce (she is a past president), and they're involved with the Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee, of which he is the current president. Residents are supportive of each other. And payments on the vehicle and business equipment he leases have been waived for now. They also got a two-month pass on rent from their shared landlord at Center Street Marketplace, Jeff said, but that bill will come due in full after six months.

Nobody to talk to

Government assistance also receives spotty reviews. "Randi and I received our stimulus check, and we've seen part of the unemployment benefits we're supposed to get, but trying to get through the whole application process has been ridiculous," he said. "I've written to the unemployment division nine times now, and I've only received one response: That was from a woman you said, 'You can try calling this number ...'"

When he called, Jeff said he got a recorded message that provided a little information, but "it's been impossible to talk to a real person."

Despite those frustrations, Jeff said their stress level has been remarkably manageable.

"I'd say we're coping with it very well. I can sometimes be a bit short fused, so we've had a couple of small blowups, but Randi, on the whole, has been really patient with me," said Jeff, who says they've spent their shelter-at-home time working on their house and garden, becoming better organized on the business side, and bonding as a couple during long walks. "What I've come to realize even more since we've been sheltering in place is that I really enjoy being with her."

Not that there hasn't been a quantifiable toll. In the weeks since the shutdown order, Jeff has been diagnosed with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease — stress related, doctors tell him — for which he now carries an inhaler.

"I never had that problem in the past, but actually I feel surprisingly laid back about it. It is what it is," he said.

That affliction, along with the reality that husband and wife are past 65 years old, place them in the immunocompromised category during the pandemic. Although its shipping service makes Carmel Valley Business Center an "essential business," Jeff has mostly stayed away from his shop as a health precaution. Randi also has played it safe: She opened Avant Garden for a short time on May 8 — the day before Mother's Day — delivering curbside service to about a dozen longtime customers.

"Avant Garden is a very touchy-feely kind of business, so everybody who came was a customer who already knew what we had in there," he said. "Both Randi and I agree with the social distancing. We're not ready to reopen either business."

For how long? He can't say. "I'm optimistic, but I don't know what the solutions are," he said. "If we have to stay closed for a couple more months, that might be pushing the envelope a bit. If this goes on for a year, I don't see how we can possibly survive."

Arrest at Tuck Box

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A WOMAN protesting against the Tuck Box Thursday morning was accosted by a man supporting owner Jeff LeTowt's decision to open his restaurant and serve diners on site, according to Carmel Police Sgt. Jeff Watkins.

"The two confronted each other, and the guy started screaming and yelling and cussing at her," Watkins said. "She started to get scared, and he grabbed her signs and ripped them out of her hands and ran down the street. So he basically robbed her of her signs through force or fear and took off."

While one officer went to the scene, the other took off after the car the man, George Cost, was reportedly driving, and stopped it at Junipero and Ocean. Police found the signs in a nearby trash can, arrested Cost for robbery and took him to Monterey County Jail.

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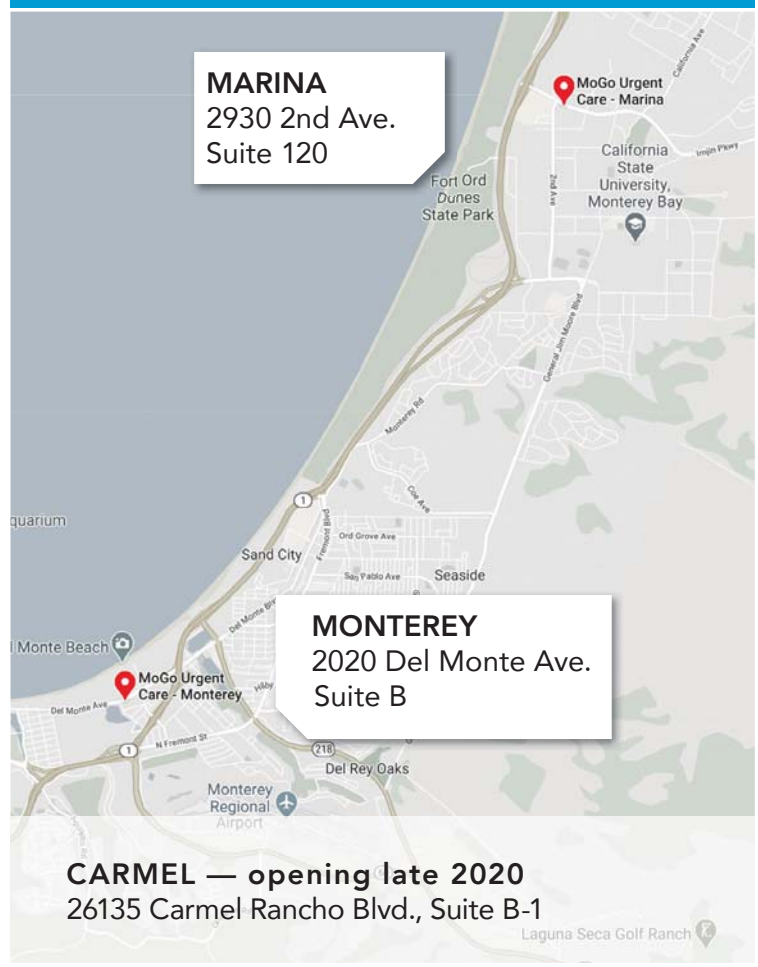
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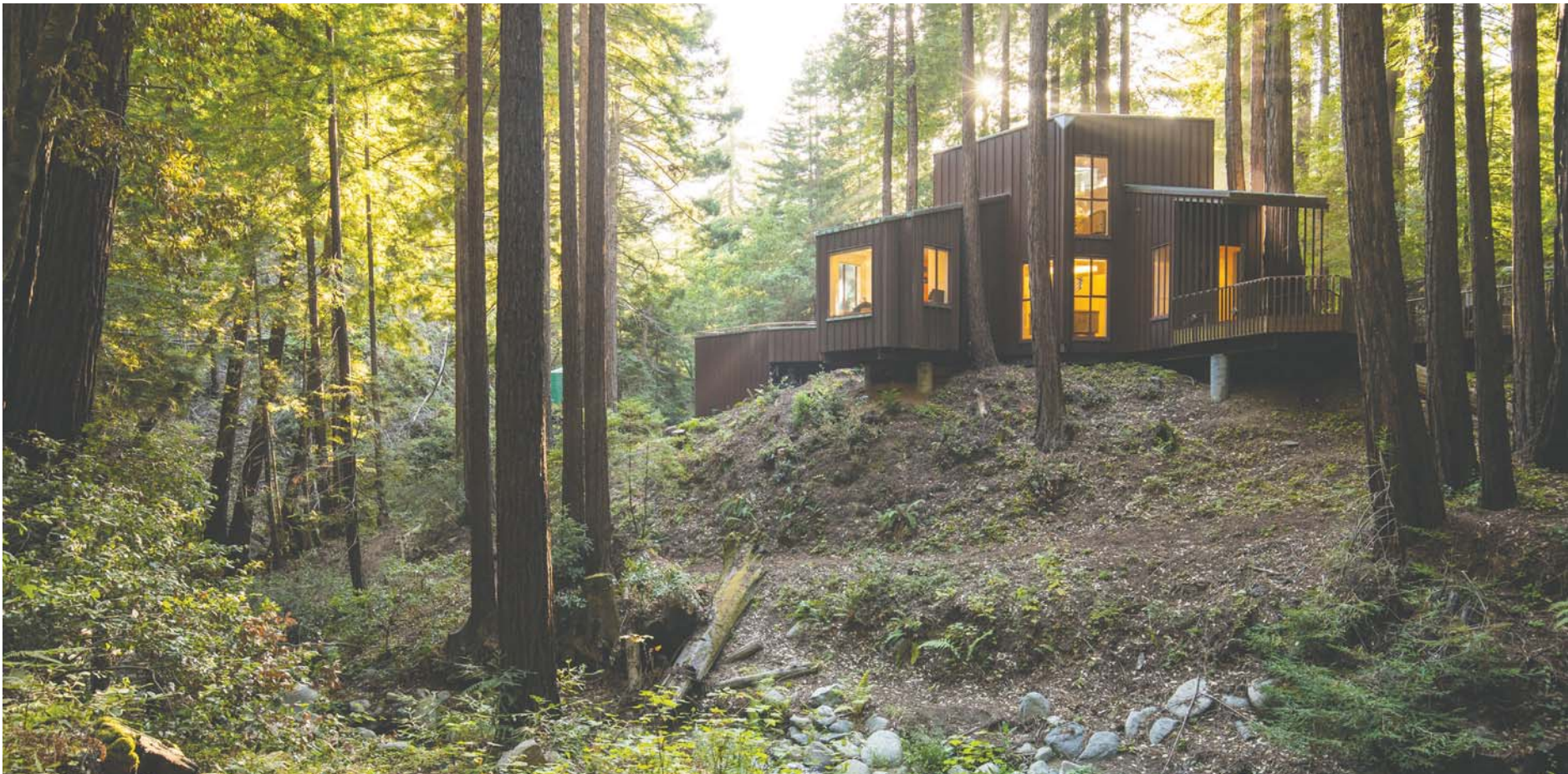


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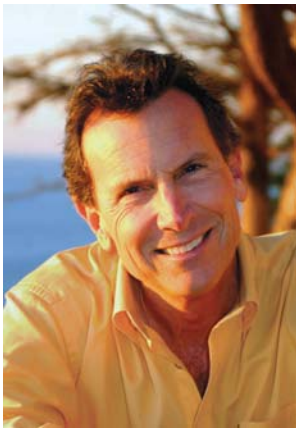
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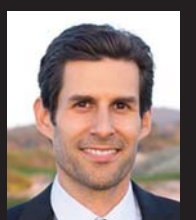


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Going for a drive and discovering two teenagers making out in the back seat

AS THE lockdown continues it gets harder and harder to maintain one's sense of humor. I've been trying to do that by making up silly jokes. Here are a few. Please don't throw fruit or vegetables at me until you've sprayed them with disinfectant

and washed your hands for 20 seconds. A report in the L.A. Times indicates that Monterey County is reopening more slowly and being stricter than Gov. Gavin Newsom says it has to be. I've been obeying

the lockdown orders for so long that I've achieved "Trusty" status. This gives me special privileges, such as hot food and ice cream. If Dr. Ed Moreno extends the shelter in place for another 30 days, I get one day knocked off my sentence for every month served.

so long and shaggy that a lady shopper told the store manager she saw Bigfoot in the pasta aisle walking backwards and loading up on carbs.

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

The regulations for using Carmel Beach stipulate that you must keep moving. No standing still or lying down on the sand is allowed. An unfortunate incident occurred when a man walking with his wife tragically had a heart attack and died. In order to avoid a \$1,000 fine, his wife had to hold him upright for 15 minutes and keep his feet moving until the EMTs arrived.

My daughter who lives near Palm Springs told me she bought gas for \$1.48, half of what we pay here. Our high gas prices are probably due to the Monterey Peninsula being a tourist mecca thriving on the hospitality industry. I wish the gas stations here were as hospitable as the ones in Palm Springs.

Sure, I'm worried that sheltering in place will be extended for another month. But I'm more worried that I'll have to listen to another round of celebrities droning through John Lennon's whiny "Imagine," without some lyric changes:

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No sheltering in place.
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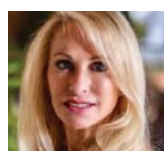
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28021 Barn Way, Carmel Valley — \$1,740,000

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1489 Elm Avenue to Dillon Roach
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POLICE LOG

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THURSDAY, MAY 7

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen brought a found dog to the Carmel Police Department for safekeeping. The owner was contacted via a dog license tag on the collar. The dog escaped from a residence at First and San Carlos due to a service company leaving a gate open. The dog was later returned to the owner with a warning.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found credit cards on Ocean and Dolores.

Pacific Grove: Non-injury information exchange after a collision on Funston.

Pacific Grove: A female reported a theft from her vehicle on Sea Palm.

Pebble Beach: Report of a civil issue and possible domestic violence incident on Ortega Road.

Pebble Beach: Deputies responded to a peace disturbance/suspicious circumstance on Cypress Drive.

Carmel area: Bank manager at a Carmel Rancho Boulevard branch was injured with a door by a customer.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a report of vandalism on Paso del Rio.

Big Sur: Subject had additional information to provide regarding a previous child molestation case.

Carmel area: Unknown subject(s) drove

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up to a residence on Camino del Monte and stole mail from the mailbox.

FRIDAY, MAY 8

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 48-year-old unemployed male was arrested at 11th and Torres at 0907 hours for a parole violation. Released to Natividad Medical Center due to Covid-19 symptoms.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Citizen reported a lost hearing aid.

Pacific Grove: Welfare check on Forest Avenue.

Carmel Valley: Possible child porn was reported at a Ford Road location.

Pebble Beach: Adult Protective Services referrals at residences on Wranglers Trail and Padre Lane.

Carmel area: Reckless vehicle reported and located on Ford Road, and the 40-year-old female driver was determined to be oper-

ating the vehicle under the influence of alcohol and was arrested.

SATURDAY, MAY 9

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A traffic enforcement stop on an erratic driver at Torres and Sixth at 0327 hours resulted in the driver being arrested for DUI, a violation of the shelter-in-place order, and possession of several open containers. The 38-year-old male construction worker from San Pablo was lodged at county jail, and his vehicle was stored.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from Torres and Ocean for registration expired over six months. Vehicle had been parked at same location for over three weeks, with spiderwebs on the tires and tires going flat.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Business on Dolores north of Seventh was contacted and found to be in violation of the shelter in place orders. Forwarded to the DA's office.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle parked in a tow-away zone at Scenic and Eighth and subsequently removed from the roadway.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Two suspicious subjects were arrested at Ocean and Dolores at 2112 hours for outstanding warrants, viola-

tion of shelter in place, probation violation and misappropriation of lost property. The 34-year-old female had two outstanding warrants for presenting false information to an officer, and the 43-year-old male had an outstanding warrant for trespassing. Both subjects, who are unemployed and listed "general delivery" in Monterey for their addresses, were lodged at the county jail.

Pacific Grove: Montecito Avenue resident reported an ex-neighbor dumping refuse nearby, due to the belief he was bullied 40 years ago.

Pacific Grove: A bicycle was stolen from a carport at a residence on 20th Street.

Pacific Grove: Contacted a male in violation of shelter in place at Lovers Point at 1623 hours, resulting in the arrest for receiving stolen property and probation violation. The 47-year-old male was transported to county jail.

Pacific Grove: Theft of a bike on Light-house Avenue.

Carmel area: Male subject at the Crossroads falsely represented to be a police officer.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a report of a person living in an attic in a res-

idence on Pilot Road. All access to the attic was locked and too small for a grown person to fit into. All claims the resident stated had no merit, and the resident was referred to Adult Protective Services.

SUNDAY, MAY 10

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Theft from a vehicle on Santa Rita south of Fifth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a business on Dolores north of Seventh in violation of shelter in place.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Transient property collected from the sidewalk in the area of Mission and Sixth. Backpack contained several books but no identification information. Also, a large brown blanket.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicles towed from the no-parking zone at Scenic and Ninth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Theft from a vehicle on Perry Newberry south of Fifth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 48-year-old male was contacted on Carpenter south of Second at 2010 hours and found to be intoxicated in public, in violation of his parole. Subject was

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Once movie theaters are back in business, Hollywood will be ready with some exciting new releases such as "Dr. Fauci and Mr. Hydroxychloroquine," "The Seventh Veil," starring Deborah Birx, "Shutter Island" with Andrew Cuomo, and "Coronablanca," in which a cynical American epidemiologist struggles to decide whether or not he should help his former lover and her fugitive husband escape French Morocco or keep them sheltered in place in a popular gin joint.

Most of us want to see things open up. We look forward to dining in restaurants, attending church services and going to baseball games and concerts. Yet many people will do those things reluctantly, still harboring fears of coming down with the virus. It reminds me of that old song by Alison Krauss and the Cox Family, "Everybody Wants to Go to Heaven, but Nobody Wants to Die."

Years from now, people will be telling their grandchildren about the hardships of being confined at home with nothing but Netflix, Hulu, computers, smartphones, Zoom, iPads, iPods and groceries delivered to their front door. And, horrors of horrors, they had to walk barefoot uphill (both ways) to get to and from the hot tub on the patio.

Contact Jerry at jerrygervase@yahoo.com.

LOG

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placed under arrest for obstruction, public intoxication and violation of parole, and transported to county jail. [This same suspect was arrested May 8 and was displaying Covid-19 symptoms.]

Pacific Grove: A 27-year-old male was arrested on Lighthouse Avenue at 0330 hours for outstanding warrants for spousal battery and violation of a protective order. He was lodged at Monterey County Jail.

Pacific Grove: Unknown subject(s) vandalized the front door to a gas station on Forest Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Subject on David Avenue reported annoying text messages.

Pacific Grove: Subject fell on public property on Ocean View Boulevard.

Carmel Valley: Deputies dispatched after report of a suicide attempt.

Carmel Valley: Deputies assisted a parent in counseling their child at a Canada Way residence.

MONDAY, MAY 11

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fall on city property at Junipero and Third at 0946 hours.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost/stolen cell phone on Scenic.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Wallet lost on the beach Saturday.

Pacific Grove: Rental scam on 15th Street.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Workman reported a neighbor destroying landscaping.

Pacific Grove: Theft on 17th Street.

Pacific Grove: A 60-year-old female on Crocker was cited for a traffic warrant for

failing to appear in court.

Pacific Grove: Single-vehicle collision with a stop sign on Crocker. Vehicle towed.

Carmel area: Report of a theft from an unlocked vehicle on Carmel Knolls Drive.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a report on Carmel Rancho Boulevard of threats received via telephone.

Carmel Valley: Subject was placed on a 5150 hold [danger to self or others].

Carmel Valley: Online report of loud music on Nason Road.

Carmel Valley: Landlord/tenant dispute and battery on El Caminito between a 54-year-old female and a 51-year-old male.

Carmel area: Verbal domestic incident on Rio Road. Case continues.

TUESDAY, MAY 12

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Shelter in place violation at a restaurant on Dolores north of Seventh. Sitting and serving customers.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Civil issue involving a customer and retail business on Ocean east of Monte Verde.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person bit by a dog in the owner's yard on Scenic south of Ocean.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Cell phone lost.

Pacific Grove: Runaway juvenile reported at 0102 hours.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Buena Vista turned in a found flare gun.

Pacific Grove: Fraud reported, no investigation requested. Adult Protective Services cross report.

Carmel area: A 43-year-old male was arrested on Rio Road for trespassing, prowling, obstruction of justice, and battery on a peace officer.

Carmel area: Patient was transported to CHOMP for mental health evaluation. Case closed.

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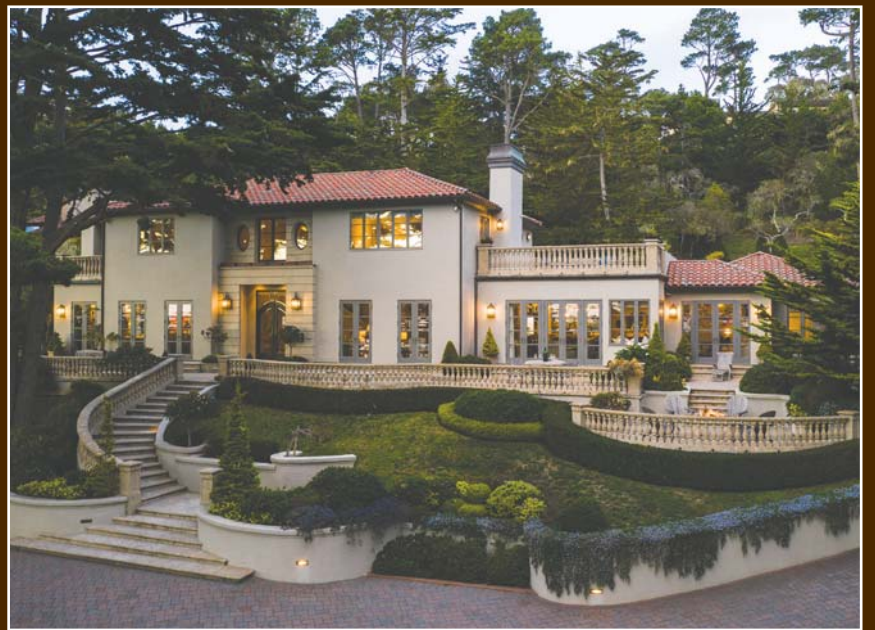
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