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Realtors: Hot market driven by urban refugees



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A big crowd gathered — though mostly safely — on world-famous Carmel Beach Monday. Realtors say these days it's the city's isolation and unhurried, small-town lifestyle that are also attracting hordes of people interested in living here.

■ Busy streets not what they used to be

By MARY SCHLEY

THE NATIONAL economic picture may be grim because of the coronavirus shutdown, but there's a real estate boom underway on the Monterey Peninsula with local realtors saying they are as busy as ever and prices staying high.

"My phone's been ringing more, and I've been getting more emails from buyers from out of the area due to the pandemic," said realtor Tim Allen. "People are wanting to get away from more densely populated areas."

Carmel, Pebble Beach, Carmel Valley and other highly valued Peninsula locations are "ideal" for their low density and outdoor space and activities.

"We're getting inquiries from buyers across the board — not just vacation homes, but permanent, and from people who were planning to buy anyway," he said. The inter-

est is "across all price points," too.

After sheltering in place for more than two months, many people have realized they can work effectively from home and are now looking for houses with space for an office, for instance. Same goes for fitness: Those who worked out at gyms now want to set up their own, instead.

Becoming full-time residents

Realtor Debby Beck, who recently launched her own business, Platinum One, agreed.

"I think now demand is stronger from people who are in the San Francisco Bay area," she said. "Zoom has really changed the way people will now be doing business. A lot of those folks who have part-time homes here are transitioning to full time here."

Becky Jones, managing broker at Sotheby's, said people are definitely fleeing urban areas throughout the state,

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Many art galleries ready for Monday reopening

By CHRIS COUNTS

AS SOON as what's being called Stage 2.5 of Monterey County's plan to reopen some parts of the economy goes into effect, the Carmel Valley Art Association will be among those who are ready to welcome back customers, as long as too many aren't in the gallery at the same time, and everybody is wearing a mask.

"We have 40 artists who have been at home making amazing work," owner Shelley Aliotti told The Pine Cone. "It's like flowers are blooming everywhere, and you can't pick them."

One at a time

In recent weeks, Aliotti started welcoming back her clients, but only one at a time, and by appointment only.

Despite the limitations, the move succeeded beyond her expectations. One woman bought eight paintings by Peggy Hutton, while others spent almost as generously. The

few sales paid for two months' rent at the gallery, which is located just steps away from Jerome's Market in Carmel Valley Village, Aliotti said.

While art galleries are not deemed to be essential businesses — and therefore couldn't open earlier — Aliotti noted that galleries like hers do offer the community something essential. "We feed the souls of our clients," she added.

Michele MacDonald Jayson of Dawson Cole Fine Art, which carries sculptor Richard MacDonald's work, said the downtown gallery opened for curbside deliveries two weeks ago. "We had a client pick up some things that he had purchased before all this broke loose," Jayson explained.

Jayson said she's wondered why art galleries haven't already been allowed to open. She noted that the gallery is large, and the number of visitors at any one time is min-

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Tale of lost dog in Big Sur has happy ending in Pasadena

By CHRIS COUNTS

FIVE DAYS after losing their beloved Aussie, Canela, along Highway 1, a Big Sur couple reported Thursday afternoon that the dog had been found safe in Pasadena more than 300 miles away, and they were on their way to pick her up.

The ordeal started Saturday around noon when Libby Barnes drove into Carmel from their home near Garrapata Beach, and Canela — unknown to Barnes — tried to follow her down the private road they live on.

"She didn't have her collar because we had just brushed her," she told The Pine Cone.

Later, after Barnes and her wife, Daniela De Sola, discovered the dog missing, they put out word of the disappearance on social media. They also caught a break when a neighbor's security camera captured footage of Canela walking down the private road and

arriving at Highway 1.

A truck and trailer can be seen in the video stopped at the same site before slowly backing up and turning up the private road. But just minutes later, the truck and trailer can be seen coming back down, and when the truck reached Highway 1, it turned right and continued its northbound journey.

More video

To learn more about Canela's whereabouts, Barnes and De Sola searched for more surveillance footage. "We contacted Carmel Highlands Gas Station, and they have video of the truck and trailer passing at 12:28 p.m.," Barnes reported.

The couple speculated the dog was picked up by the driver of the truck, who first tried to return her, but realized the dirt road

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Shops, restaurants poised to reopen

■ Elaborate preparations and waiting

By KELLY NIX and MARY SCHLEY

AFTER ALMOST 11 painful weeks of Monterey County being shut down, the board of supervisors OK'd a document Tuesday to allow — with some restrictions — many businesses to reopen, including retail stores and restaurants.

State consent is still needed, but supervisors agreed unanimously that the county should get back to business as soon as possible and approved health officer Dr. Ed Moreno's roadmap for reopening, officially dubbed the "attestation and variance request." The state could grant the county's request at any time and has quickly approved other reopening plans, county officials have said. But two days later, the California Department of Public Health has not OK'd it.

Vague timeline

Asked Thursday morning how long it would take the state health agency to process and post the county's attestation form, a health department representative would not provide a timeline, only telling The Pine Cone that "forms are continually being reviewed as they are received."

County health department spokeswoman Karen Smith also said Thursday that while the department has not heard how long the state's approval process will take, "we have heard that things have been moving along."

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COUNCIL WANTS MORE SAY IN OUTDOOR DINING

By MARY SCHLEY

FOLLOWING THE rush of restaurants serving customers on sidewalks and in nearby parking spots over the busy holiday weekend, the city council wants to weigh in on the success and failures of that aspect of the city's effort to get its economy going again. A special meeting of the city council has been scheduled on the topic May 29 at 10:30 a.m.

City administrator Chip Rerig announced last week he and acting planning director Marnie Waffle would be approving temporary permits for outdoor restaurant seating to encourage takeout, and to help establishments serve more customers once they are allowed to have people dine in. Within a few days, they OK'd 15 applications, with another 11 in the pipeline. But with the rush came some problems, according to Rerig and some council members who want assurance restaurants that have taken advantage of the opportunity are following the rules.

"I think it's worked, but a couple of guys out there don't know what 6 feet looks like," said Mayor Dave Potter, who requested the meeting. "I called for it because I was

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Canela, who got lost Saturday in Big Sur but was found five days later in Pasadena, is pictured here with her owners' child Olivia, who passed away last year.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Sheltering by the sea

THEY ONLY intended to foster him, but Pali — a resident at a foster-based rescue organization in Los Angeles that focuses on small-breed dogs — was waiting to be noticed.

A young couple had seen the cute little cockapoo and taken him home, agreeing to the minimum commitment of two weeks. But he turned out to be not only stubborn and independent, but fearful and unpredictable, and the result was known as a “foster fail.”

And that’s when his real family adopted him.

“We understood a stray like him would have a recovery phase,” his person said, “so we started working with a dog trainer for his fear and behavioral issues. While putting so much time and effort into Pali, we got super attached to him.”

Pali became their forever friend — so much so that when the couple broke up, he got custody, but she got babysitting and borrowing rights.

Every time she drives up from Los Angeles to visit her mother in Carmel Woods, Pali keeps his paws perched on the window so he can watch the ride, and then he gets excited when he sees the cypress trees. He knows he’s near.

This time, Pali and his person came to shelter



by the sea, so they really have no idea how long they’ll be in town. That seems to suit Pali just fine.

His favorite activity of the day is when mother and daughter take their evening stroll along Scenic Road, overlooking the sparsely populated Carmel Beach.

“Pali’s scared of strangers, but because of social distancing, that’s not a problem,” she said. “A couple of times we’ve gone down onto the sand toward the end of the beach to let him get in the water, but we don’t let him off leash. The ocean’s this big moving thing he doesn’t really get.”

Parking enforcement to resume Saturday

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

WITH BUSINESSES beginning to reopen and late spring sunshine drawing more people to town to patronize them, Carmel P.D. will begin enforcing parking rules in town again starting May 30, Police Chief Paul Tomasi said this week. Shortly after the first countywide shelter-in-place order took effect March 18, effectively shutting down most businesses and forcing people to stay home as much as possible, city officials decided to stop sending officers out to ticket cars that were parked in the same place longer than the two-hour limit imposed on most downtown streets and in the 30-minute green zones.

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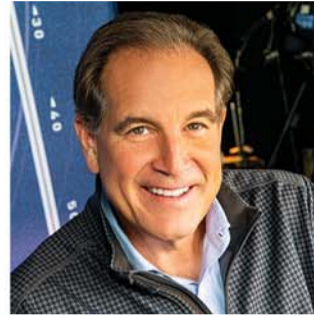
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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

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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.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Theft of a bicycle in the area of Mission and Fourth. No suspect information.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Peace disturbance on the beach at Scenic and 11th. Subject was contacted and taken into custody but later released from custody with no charges.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Three adults at San Carlos and Fifth were cited for various drug-related charges. One was also cited for making a false police report.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle-vs.-house hit-and-run traffic collision on Dolores north of Fourth.

Pacific Grove: Feeding wildlife violation on Pacific Grove Lane.

Pacific Grove: Theft from an unlocked vehicle on David.

Pacific Grove: A non-injury collision occurred on public property on Del Monte.

Pacific Grove: A female reported possible child pornography on social media.

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

Carmel area: A male was placed on a 5150 W&I hold [danger to self or others].

Carmel Valley: A violation of a restraining order on Via Contenta was reported.

Carmel area: Suspect contacted the victim on Hawk Court in violation of restraining order. Case continues.

Carmel Valley: Person was transported to CHOMP on a 5150.

THURSDAY, MAY 14

Pacific Grove: An injury collision occurred on Ocean View Boulevard.

Pacific Grove: Theft of shoes in the area on Lighthouse Avenue. Victim requested trespass admonishment.

Pacific Grove: Collision on Sunset Drive.

Pacific Grove: Theft of a package on Lighthouse Avenue.

Carmel area: Lower Trail resident wished to have an incident documented.

FRIDAY, MAY 15

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person reported signs of possible habitation in a hotel room at San Antonio and 13th with no signs of forced entry.

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The gavel falls

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

March 13 — Dr. Gary Klugman entered a no contest plea in both the child pornography and the illegal firearm, cases before Judge Julie R. Culver.

In December 2015, the Monterey County Sheriff's Office received tips concerning search histories for child pornography on Klugman's computers. The source of these tips were family friends as well as informational systems company which was employed by Klugman for computer services.

On January 15, 2016, a magistrate of the Monterey County Superior Court granted sheriff's office detectives permission via a search warrant to search the Klugman home and dental office for electronic devices that contained child pornography.

On January 19, 2016, both sites were searched by a law enforcement team composed of representatives from the sheriff's office, the district attorney's office, the San Jose Police Department, the Santa Clara Sheriff's Office and the FBI.

As a result, Klugman was charged with possession of child pornography with an enhancement for the possession of over 600 images.

During the searches, Klugman was found to be in possession of 35 firearms which caused sheriff's detectives to obtain a Firearms Emergency Protective Order from the court. This order required Klugman to surrender all firearms. After the defendant complied, it was discovered by the Department

of Justice, Bureau of Firearms, that one of the firearms had an illegally threaded barrel. Klugman was subsequently charged with the possession of an illegal assault weapon.

Klugman fought the validity of the search warrants for the child pornography in Monterey County Superior Court, the Court of Appeals, 6th Appellate District as well as the California Supreme Court. All appeals were denied.

Klugman will receive a suspended prison term of five years, be placed on felony probation in each case, face up to 365 days in the Monterey County Jail, be ordered to register as a sex offender and forfeit all electronic devices as well as firearms.

March 24 — Luis Chavez, 33, was sentenced to seven years in prison for the burglary of C&N Tractor of Watsonville for the benefit of the Norteño Criminal Street Gang. Jose Yanez, 36, of Castroville, was sentenced to six years and eight months in prison for the burglaries of Marina Club and C&N Tractor for the benefit of the Norteño Criminal Street Gang. Judge Andrew G. Liu presided.

On May 29, 2019, Yanez along with two North Side Castroville Norteño gang members used crowbars to break into the front entrance of the Marina Club card parlor in the City of Marina. An ATM was stolen from the business. Camera footage showed the burglars entering the business after hours, with

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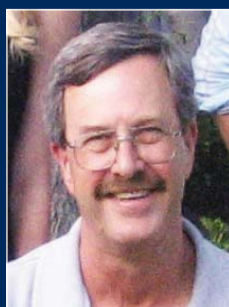
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Big Sur surveillance tower sparks debate over viewshed and privacy

By CHRIS COUNTS

IN BIG Sur, where skepticism about the intentions of big government is practically a pastime, locals are sounding the alarm about the arrival of a “remote surveillance tower,” which the United States Customs and Border Protection agency plans to install along the coast south of Esalen near Lucia.

The tower would be 80 feet high and located on private property. Its intent would be to identify, and ultimately deter, illegal coastal landings in Big Sur, where smugglers from Mexico have been caught bringing in illicit cargoes.

The solar-powered tower would be equipped with radar and an infrared camera that could detect boats from as far away as 25 miles.

Because federal law trumps state law and county regulations, the customs and border protection agency contends it doesn’t need permission to put its tower in Big Sur. Nevertheless, the tower was the topic of discussion at recent South Coast Land Use Advisory Committee and Monterey County Planning Commission meetings.

Bad for your health?

At a South Coast Land Use Advisory Committee meeting May 12, the customs and border protection agency made a presentation about the tower, and locals responded with concerns about their privacy and the potential for adverse health impacts.

According to the minutes from the meeting, federal officials were asked if the tower could be used to surveil local residents. The response from the officials was yes — but they said that wasn’t the intent of the tower.

The same officials dispelled any health

concerns about the tower, which they said would emit a level of radiation similar to a boat’s radar.

Some locals also said they are worried about the tower’s impact on the critical viewshed, and at the hearing, a computer simulation showed it would be seen from at least four nearby properties, as well as two sites along Highway 1.

A member of the South Coast LUAC, Connie McCoy, took exception to the committee being told they weren’t allowed to make a recommendation on the tower, like with they do with other projects. “Does customs and border protection have reason to believe their project will be approved without the sanction of the very constituents amidst whom the proposed tower will sit?” she asked in a letter to the planning commission.

Diehl, Daniels ask questions

The tower was the last item on this week’s Monterey County Planning Commission agenda. The commission also has no authority to approve or deny the tower, but there was still a lively debate, with two planning commissioners who represent Big Sur, Martha Diehl and Kate Daniels, each pushing back against the notion that locals shouldn’t have a say.

Diehl observed that the tower is not being placed on federal land, but on private land “not controlled” by the federal government and “normally governed” by local zoning regulations.

She also noted that the Big Sur Land Use Plan is stricter than state law, and she said the coastal commission should rely on the former’s standards when reviewing federal projects because the state watchdog agency certified the local plan.

Daniels said she’s concerned the cus-

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TRASH HAULER PLANS 30 PERCENT RATE HIKE — AND PROBABLY MORE

By MARY SCHLEY

GREENWASTE RECOVERY, the company hired by the city five years ago to collect trash, recycling and yard waste under a contract that runs until 2030, is seeking rate hikes ranging from nearly 29.5 percent to just over 42 percent, boosting the least expensive residential service from \$29.32 per month to about \$40 month. The city council is set to discuss the rate hikes — which are the result of a consultant's extensive analysis of the what it costs GreenWaste to provide the services — at a special meeting June 1 and then vote on them at its regular meeting June 2.

Garbage service in Carmel is unusual in that residents don't have to take their bins out to the curb. In fact, they are told not to. Instead, trash haulers collect bins from wherever the owners keep them — driveways, side yards, backyards — and then return the cans. That premium service carries a premium price.

In addition, the Monterey Regional Waste Management District increased the fees it charges to haulers for dumping garbage there and imposed a new fee for recyclables, since those materials have lost so much of their value in recent years.

And, at the behest of the city, GreenWaste provides other services, including downtown pickups starting at 7 a.m. instead of 4 a.m. "to minimize impacts on businesses and hotels," according to the report prepared by environmental compliance manager Agnes Martelet.

While it's up to the city council to the review proposed rates, Martelet wrote, she, waste management district staff and the garbage hauler's consultant concluded the proposed rate hikes are "accurate and consistent with the city's agreement."

She said the council can approve the new rates for the basic and supplemental services, it can approve the basic rates but deny the supplemental services (which

would mean reducing the number of people working on the garbage trucks and therefore extend their collection hours, which could disrupt traffic downtown) or approve the new basic rates and defer a decision on the extras until "the shelter-in-place order is lifted and the economy begins to recover."

The contract with GreenWaste also brings in money for the city. In the 2018-2019 fiscal year, 13 percent of gross receipts for trash hauling garnered \$329,939 for the city for "staffing costs and expenses associated with contract management, coordination with GreenWaste Recovery, the Monterey Regional Waste Management District and regional partners, customer support, compliance with state regulatory requirements, public outreach, etc."

The last rate hike was a 2.1 percent increase adopted by the council on June 5, 2018. No rate hikes were sought last year because the consultant's analysis of the "cost-based rate adjustment" process took more than a year.

GreenWaste also wants to raise rates for garbage service in Pacific Grove, and is set to propose the changes to the city council and the public next month.

Fire contract, budget

Other items up for discussion and votes at the June 2 meeting include authorizing city administrator Chip Rerig to notify the City of Monterey of plans to terminate the contract for fire services "and pursue a new agreement for fire services through a competitive bidding process." Since 2012, Monterey Fire has run the downtown department, and the contract is set to cost nearly \$2.4 million this year. The agreement is set to automatically renew on June 30, 2021, but Rerig wants to end it, instead.

"It is the intent of the city administrator to re-evaluate the services identified in the current agreement with the City of Monterey and to begin the competitive bidding

process for a new agreement for the purpose of providing fire protection services in Carmel-by-the-Sea," according to the report.

Monterey Fire Chief Gaudenz Panholzer told The Pine Cone he understands and respects the city's need for due diligence, but having recently undergone a similar process with the City of Pacific Grove, "only to end up very close to where we were before going through the process," he would recommend beginning with "simple negotiations."

"I would encourage that approach as a first step," he said.

While the council was initially set to vote on the 2020-2021 budget, which is predicting a nearly \$6 million drop in revenues due to the coronavirus shutdown, a

decision probably won't happen until later in the month, but the council will receive an update Tuesday.

Other council business includes approving an emergency ordinance to avoid increasing the fee downtown developers pay when they can't include parking in their projects to \$105,044 per space, as required by the calculations in a 54-year-old city law, from the current rate of \$54,080, and accepting a pay cut from Rerig, who has agreed to a 10 percent reduction in his salary, \$19,665, for the next year, "in an effort to contribute to the city's necessary attempts to cut costs."

For full agenda packets and information on how to participate in the online meetings June 1 and 2 at 4:30 p.m. or submit comments, go to ci.carmel.ca.us.

Greek Orthodox church carries on

By ELAINE HESSER

EPISCOPALIANS AREN'T the only ones used to congregating at All Saints' church at Dolores and Ninth. St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox church rents space there for its congregation, too.

Most people know the group from its annual festival at Custom House Plaza on Labor Day weekend, with music and dancing, art and iconography (religious images), and of course, delicious Greek food. Covid-19 may put a damper on that event, but the church itself remains strong, according to its priest, Father Ion Coman.

"It is an opportunity for us to learn more, to grow, to have the courage to go out into the world and the courage to give to those in need," he told The Pine Cone. Of course, "going out into the world" means something a bit less literal right now, as the congregation keeps in touch via telephone, being especially attentive to those who live alone. There are also Zoom meetings, along with livestreamed worship twice daily.

Yes, you read that correctly. Every morning at 9, and every afternoon at 5 (the schedule is different on Sunday), the Pacific Grove resident enters a chapel at All Saints' that has been decorated with images of saints and other Christian symbols and leads a service. He's often joined by his younger son and his wife, who assist with readings and chanting.

It's all part of the Eastern Orthodox tradition, which adherents date to the time of Jesus' apostles. "To bless, praise, and glorify God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is the fundamental purpose of the Church. All her activities, even her doctrinal formulations, are directed toward this goal," reads the church's website (stjohn-monterey.org).

"We emphasize spiritual life and prayer," Coman said, so the daily services are important.

Coman — who is originally from Romania — said that his flock comprises about 70 families and individuals of all ages, from diverse backgrounds. Some come to the church from DLI and NPS, as well.

'Just obedient'

As for the Greek Festival, the 34th celebration is still scheduled for Sept. 5-7, but Coman said he's not sure how it will work. "I'm struggling. I don't see it being the magnitude of the past," he said. He is unsure what the county's policies will dictate by then, but said that normally, cooking for the event would begin next month.

"They make things a little bit at a time and freeze them. Our festival is very small, but it is still a lot of work for such a small community." He compared it to Greek festivals in San Jose and Oakland, which he said were "10 times bigger" than St. John's.

Nevertheless, he said the event usually raises between \$40,000 and \$50,000 for the church, so he's hopeful that it will proceed in some form.

Mainly, he looks forward to returning to in-person services, but Coman said he doesn't believe it's his place to say whether the county is moving at the right pace. He also answers to his denomination's bishops and said "I am just obedient. I'm just fine celebrating services online."

He did note that when services are permitted, St. John's "will meet and exceed" whatever requirements the county has. He's already looked into what sorts of cleaning and disinfecting supplies would be needed.

"We hope that life will go back to normal," he said. "We want to get back together again."



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Military relocations are a fact of life — even during a pandemic

By ELAINE HESSER

MEMBERS OF the armed forces put up with regulations that would drive ordinary Americans nuts. Rules about what to wear from head to foot; being on-call 24/7 — the devil is in the details and people on active duty take them for granted.

Where to live is also on that list, and that includes when to move. In response to the coronavirus pandemic, the U.S. Department of Defense issued what it calls a “stop movement order” through June 30, vastly reducing the number of people relocating to new duty stations.

However, it doesn’t apply to newer service members traveling for basic and advanced training. Students at the Defense Language Institute continue to graduate and move on, while new ones come to take their places on the Monterey Peninsula.

Natela Cutter, public affairs officer for DLI, said that three groups of students have recently arrived. The first group of 49 came directly from basic training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri and landed in Monterey on Friday, May 8.

Defense Language Institute Chief of Staff Steve Collins said in an email that although they haven’t been tested for the virus, the soldiers were “trained inside a Covid-free ‘bubble’ at basic training.”

They boarded sanitized buses in Missouri, got on a sanitized airplane, landed in Monterey and took sanitized buses and vans to the Presidio.

Photos posted on social media show soldiers wearing masks as they filed off the buses and into their barracks.

Two additional groups — about 40 students each — following the same protocols, arrived May 11 and 12. However, not all service members at DLI come directly from basic training. Some are officers, many with families. The same is true of the Naval Postgraduate School, which also welcomes international students.

Collins said that at DLI, “Anyone who arrives by means other than sanitized transportation goes into 14 days of self-restricted movement.”

Cutter said that applied mainly to officers, most of whom live off post and can self-isolate at home. Outbound service members are given a medical evaluation with a temperature and symptom check before they leave.

At the Naval Postgraduate School, David Nystrom, di-

rector of strategic communication, outlined similar procedures. It’s a little different there, as there is no on-base student housing, and some previous graduates have not been able to go to their new assignments since the Department of Defense’s stop movement order.

“Those who graduated in March are still here,” he said. That’s 170 officers, who are being put to work in various areas at NPS. The school, like DLI, made the switch to virtual classrooms back in March.


Leaders at both facilities said that online learning is working, but doesn’t replace the ideal of face-to-face instruction and discussion, whether it’s about scientific or strategic issues at NPS or learning a brand-new language at DLI.

See **TROOPS** page 23A




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New students arrived at DLI earlier this month after traveling directly from basic training on sanitized buses and planes.



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Marina hangar idea is no more

By KELLY NIX

MONTEREY COUNTY is no longer considering using a 55,000-square-foot airplane hangar built at the Marina airport for a possible surge of Covid-19 patients, the emergency services manager told The Pine Cone Thursday.

Joby Aviation had agreed to allow the county to use the hangar as a makeshift hospital based on county health officer Dr. Ed Moreno's projections that the county's four hospitals would be overrun with coronavirus patients and would need an extra space to treat them. Moreno's estimates have not come to fruition.

"The Marina Airport site is no longer viable as [Joby Aviation] needs to open for business before we need it," Gerry Malais explained. "We are exploring other options." He did not identify those options.

Malais said the county had not paid Joby Aviation anything, but spent staff time negotiating use of the site.

The Monterey County Fairgrounds, which was elaborately set up weeks ago to house Covid-19-positive people who do not need hospitalization, has yet to be used by a single person, he said.

The facility cost taxpayers about cost \$450,000 to establish and was expected to cost about \$265,000 per month in operating costs.

The county decided on the airplane hangar and fairgrounds site after the health department, using a University of Pennsylvania model, figured that 33,000 county residents would be ill with the novel coronavirus and that 954 of them would require hospitalization simultaneously by the end of this month.

As of Thursday, there were 469 people in the county with Covid-19, and 55 have had to be hospitalized.

Malais said the county now expects a surge of coronavirus patients to occur in summer or fall.

Meanwhile, county health department director Elsa Jimenez explained this week why the county stopped using the data table that tracked the progress of the virus and replaced it with a series of bar charts and graphic displays.

Jimenez said the old table required "a lot of staff time" to put together, while the new tables, which are done with Microsoft's Power BI analytic software, are "much more efficient" to compile.

Golf at Pebble for frontline heroes



PHOTO/SHERMAN CHU

At Pebble Beach Thursday, 180 healthcare providers from local hospitals were treated to a round of golf, lunch and chance to win a future stay at one of the Pebble Beach hotels. Each hospital CEO – Steven Packer from CHOMP, Gary Gray from Natividad Medical Center, and Pete Delgado of SVMH – greeted their respective golfers on the 1st Tee as they prepared to hit their first shots. Above, Packer looks on as two CHOMP employees putt on the iconic 7th Green.



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NEIGHBORHOOD VACATION RENTALS IN PACIFIC GROVE ARE HISTORY

By KELLY NIX

THOSE WHO own vacation rentals in much of Pacific Grove are now barred from renting them — although there has been little such activity since the county's isolation order went into effect in mid-March.

Under a ballot measure approved by voters in November 2018, 94 homes in the city's residential zone are no longer allowed to be rented short term. That rule went into

effect Wednesday.

The ban doesn't apply to rentals downtown or in the coastal zone, which means that of the 165 previously licensed short-term rentals, 71 will be allowed to continue because they are in the exempted areas.

The city is warning homeowners who continue to advertise and rent their homes not to violate the city's vacation rental ban.

See RENTALS page 23A

P.G. council may ask for sales tax increase

By KELLY NIX

EVEN A global pandemic and a collapsing economy can't prevent tax hikes, and Pacific Grove is considering doing just that.

The city council last week heard a report from city manager Ben Harvey, who wants to place a measure on the November ballot asking voters to welcome a sales tax boost from 8.75 percent to 9.25 percent. The council directed Harvey to provide the council in July with documentation to consider the proposal.

"I — like the majority of the council — supported giving the voters the opportunity to decide on the sales tax increase," councilwoman Jenny McAdams told The Pine Cone. "I also suggested that the .5 percent increase be delayed to start in June 2021 or later."

Pacific Grove follows Carmel and Monterey, both of which in March upped their sales tax rates from 8.75 to 9.25 percent. Seaside, Del Rey Oaks and Marina also have the same rate.

"The proposed revenue initiative would provide the city much needed revenues, without exceeding tax rates imposed within neighboring Monterey Peninsula communities," according to Harvey's report.

In the last fiscal year, the sales tax revenue generated \$4.1 million for Pacific Grove. A .5 percent increase "could potentially" yield an additional \$1 million, although sales tax receipts — because of Covid-19 — are expected to be down as much as 30 percent in the next fiscal year.

"The city's anticipated yield from the potential sales tax increase would be less, approximating \$700,000 to \$840,000 in fiscal year 2020/21," Harvey reported.

The extra cash would help pay for city services, such as fire, police, library, public works and the recreation department and would provide for infrastructure repair and park maintenance. The city council must decide on the increase no later than July for the item to be placed on the November ballot.

An analysis last year, the city said, indicated a tax increase wouldn't have much effect on Pacific Grove citizens because about 70 percent of such revenue is derived from sales to visitors, not residents. Harvey also concedes that "this payment pattern may change, at least in the near term, due to the Covid crisis."

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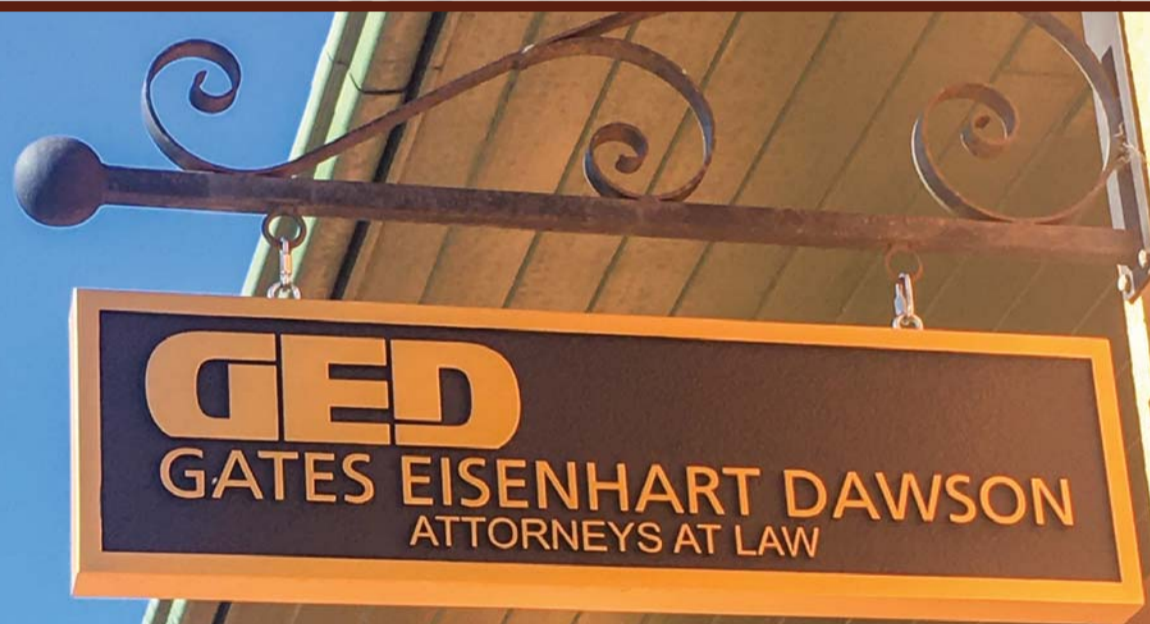







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Elections chief: Mail ballots are a go

By KELLY NIX

THE COUNTY registrar said his office will be well prepared to handle Gov. Gavin Newsom's order calling for every registered voter in the state to receive a mail-in ballot for the Nov. 3 general election.

On May 8, Newsom signed an executive order directing counties to issue mail-in ballots and offer limited places for in-person voting because of the novel coronavirus. According to the order, every registered voter will be mailed a ballot 29 days prior to election day, with military and overseas voters getting theirs even earlier.

Monterey County registrar Claudio Valenzuela said his department will have no problem issuing and processing an increased number of mail-in ballots.

"Monterey County Elections is well prepared to respond to this challenge," he told The Pine Cone. "Our department recently completed an upgrade to a new voting system and procured a mail ballot processing system."

However, Newsom is also calling for "providing as many in-person voting opportunities, on and before election day, in a manner that is safe for both voters and election workers," according to secretary of state Alex Padilla. In-person voting is

intended for voters "who need assistance or need access to same-day voter registration."

While an expanded vote-by-mail system wouldn't cost county taxpayers significantly more than usual, Valenzuela said the costs associated with in-person voting — coupled with other new requirements — "could be substantial."

"In addition to the rental fees to use large venues, we may have the cost of connectivity upgrades, the cost of all the personal protection equipment, and in general the cost of making these facilities safe for our voters, poll workers and our staff," Valenzuela explained.

Padilla said thousands of new poll workers throughout the state would need to be hired, and "new, safer voting locations," would also need to be identified.

Monterey County voters will be able to use a service called BallotTrax, which allows them to track their ballots from the moment they're printed, as they go through the mail system, and when they're delivered.

The system also allows voters to find out if county elections has received their ballots and when they're counted.

Valenzuela said his office plans to launch an outreach campaign to inform voters of the changes.

C.V. vandals aren't making any friends

By CHRIS COUNTS

PROVING THAT some people really don't like to be told what to do, someone this week tried to destroy a new solar-powered speed-warning sign along Carmel Valley Road just east of the Village — the third time such an incident has happened since the sign was installed in 2019.

The latest act of vandalism comes less than a year after donors spent \$14,000 to install two speed-warning signs on both sides of the Village. The Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee led the effort.

This week, after someone tried to wreck the sign again, Jeffrey Andrews of the improvement committee took aim at the culprit.

"Are people really this inconsiderate or just morons?" Andrews said on social media.

Unlike the last time, when someone shot up the sign, those responsible simply "yanked the wires" out of the device to render it inoperable, Andrews said.

The cost of fixing is sign about \$1,200, he said, plus any volunteer labor involved. The sign wasn't the only casualty of

village vandalism in recent weeks. "The bench across from Boekenooen Winery tasting room got kicked and broken by another of you mindless idiots," reported Andrews, who noted that the bench was paid for by a local woman as a tribute to her late husband.

Andrews questioned the upbringing of whoever broke the sign. "Did your parents not teach you any scruples?" he asked.

Crosswalks coming soon

Andrews told The Pine Cone his group plans to set up a security camera to deter future vandalism or catch the perpetrators, and they've also reported the incidents to the Monterey County Sheriff's Office.

While the new speed warning sign located just west of the village has received less attention from vandals than the one to the east, Andrews noted that someone drove a car into it shortly after it was installed.

Despite the challenges they face protecting the speed-warning signs, Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee volunteers plan to soon get started on another project to add more crosswalks in the Village, Andrews added.

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WORK TO REPAIR SINKHOLES COULD BEGIN SOON

By KELLY NIX

IT WILL take about three months to repair a pair of sinkholes found at a well that's an important component of the new water reclamation project, according to officials from the sewer district.

Workers in late March discovered the holes at the base of one of the reclamation project's shallow injection wells in the sand dunes east of Gen. Jim Moore Boulevard in Seaside. The gaps, one of which was about 3 feet square, were filled, and the well was shut down as engineers determined the best course of action.

Mike McCullough, a spokesman for the sewer district, which is now called Monterey One Water, said the well needs to be shored up before they can continue to operate. Once the repair work begins, it shouldn't take more than three months to complete.

"We do not know the actual cost of the repairs because we haven't finalized the design plans," McCullough told Pine Cone last week.

Stabilization needed

Pure Water Monterey program manager Dave Lindow on May 14 told the sewer district that "structural improvements will likely be warranted to stabilize the wells before shallow well injection resumes."

Lindow also said that possible reductions in well capacity have led to consideration of building a third deep well, and that the agency would perform tests to determine that. The deeper wells for the reclamation project — which were not affected by the two sinkholes — account for 70 percent of injection for the project. The project has already pumped more than 100 million gallons of purified water into the ground.

Pure Water Monterey must build up a reserve of 1,000 acre-feet of water, or about 326 million gallons, before utility California American Water can deliver the purified wastewater to its customers. While that is expected to happen sometime in summer, McCullough has said he doesn't believe the holes will cause any delays.

The reclamation project was intended to supplement Cal Am's desal plant, but the City of Marina and water activists opposed to the desal solution contend it alone could provide enough water for the Peninsula, a suggestion that Cal Am and business interests reject.

New DLI gate under construction

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

CONSTRUCTION IS well underway on a new gate into the Defense Language Institute from Highway 68 across from the SFB Morse gate to Pebble Beach, but the new gate will only be used for emergency access, according to Caltrans.

A spokesman for the Presidio of Monterey did not return a message about the new gate, and other U.S. Army officials would not comment.

The new gate will add to the Pvt. Bolio gate, Franklin gate, High Street gate and Taylor gate at the DLI.

The construction at the emergency access point on Highway 68 is separate from the road work on Highway 68 that's being done by Caltrans to widen the shoulder and perform other improvements.

Sudden Oak Death volunteer 'blitz' starts Saturday

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

JUST AS they do each spring, researchers and volunteers will chart the spread of Sudden Oak Death in Carmel Valley by organizing a "blitz" of volunteers this weekend. But because of the coronavirus shutdown — and the many logistical challenges people are facing — they've extended the effort from one day to four days starting Saturday, May 30, at 10 a.m..

Before volunteers begin looking for signs of Sudden Oak Death and collecting samples, they will need to watch an online video about the pathogen that is killing so many oaks.

To prevent the spread of coronavirus, volunteers are required to distance themselves from one another and observe safe practices — particularly when picking up or returning materials to the Palo Corona Discovery Center, where a station will be set up outside.

Sudden Oak Death continues to pose a mortal threat to one of California's great natural treasures, its oaks.

"In 2019 alone, more than 1 million trees were killed by SOD. The presence of new SOD strains is alarming and the SOD blitzes are the best, if not the only, program to intercept them before they spread," researcher Kerry Frangioso reported.

Call (530) 219-1575 or visit sodblitz.org.

Museum celebrates bugs and bogs

THE PACIFIC Grove Museum of Natural History continues its virtual offerings this weekend. Friday at noon, "Bug Out with Bree" features naturalist Breanna Machuca, who will be discussing dragonflies and damselflies, and how to tell the difference between them.

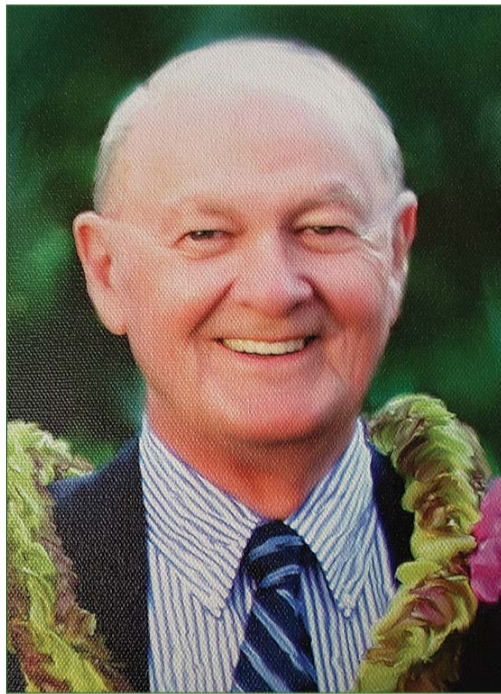
Saturday at 10 a.m., learn more about local wetlands, including those in Palo Corona Regional Park and Elkhorn Slough. In addition to learning about the various kinds of life in and around those areas, presenters say there will be "a fun game" for people to participate in.

All presentations and additional information about the museum can be found by visiting pgmuseum.org.

DAVID EDWARD CONKLIN

September 7, 1928 • May 11, 2020

Our beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend, David Conklin, passed away on May 11, 2020, at the age of 91. He lived life fully with great enthusiasm that was apparent to all who knew him. He was born September 7, 1928 to Gwendolyn and Edward Conklin in Summit, New Jersey. He graduated from Madison High School, and received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Cornell University in 1951, where he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. During his senior year at Cornell he joined the Air Force ROTC, and after graduating, he served in the U.S. Air Force with the rank of Second Lieutenant.



David married Jacqueline Tyner in June 1952. Upon completion of his military service, they moved to Southern California. Dave spent his entire career with Northrop Corporation from 1953 until his retirement in 1992. He was not able to discuss his work with family or friends due to security restrictions, but the projects he worked on took him to Saudi Arabia and Iran. In his last assignment with Northrop, Dave served as a Vice President responsible for overseeing development of

the flight guidance system for the B-2 Stealth Bomber. Dave and Jackie raised their two children, Karen and Scott, in Palos Verdes Estates. They were active members of the Neighborhood Church, where Dave was a member of the church choir. He also sang with the South Bay Barbershop Chorus.

Dave and Jackie were avid sailing enthusiasts, and were members of the Channel Cruising Club.

In 1996, Dave lost his wife to cancer. In 1998, he met and married Patricia Berry Sherry and began the next chapter in his life with her in Carmel, California. Dave's new life in Northern California, was filled with his favorite pastimes, including golf and bridge. He was a member of the Monterey Peninsula Country Club, the Old Capital Club, and the Beach and Tennis Club. He also sang with the Cypressaires Barbershop Chorus.

Dave and Pat bought a home in Rossmoor in Walnut Creek, and lived there, part-time, until several years ago when they moved there permanently.

Dave is survived by his wife Pat, his daughter Karen Peterson (John), son Scott Conklin (Vicki), grandsons Pierson and Micah Conklin, sisters Shirley Veale and Nancy Styer, stepdaughters Jayne Mordell (Mark), and Annette Robison (Doug), and five step-grandchildren. Dave's family would like to thank his caregiver, Oscar Yu, for his loving assistance to Dave over the past four years.

The family will gather in Carmel this summer to honor Dave's life.

PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20200871
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
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2. Servpro of Watsonville - Hollister
3. Servpro of Marina - North Salinas, 11345 Commercial Parkway, Castroville, CA 95012.
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.
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State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 8, 2020.
S/ Steven E. Carrillo, President
May 18, 2020
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 20, 2020.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication dates: May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2020. (PC543)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
To Levy and Collect Annual Carmel Valley Recreation and Park Maintenance Assessment District Assessments for Fiscal Year 2020-21
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **June 10, 2020 at 6:30 pm** or as soon as thereafter as may be heard, the Board of Directors of the Carmel Valley Recreation & Park District will hold a **Public Hearing** to consider levying and ordering the collection of the assessments for the Carmel Valley Recreation and Park Maintenance Assessment District for Fiscal Year 2020-21. The Board will accept public comments and questions, and consider ordering the maintenance of improvements, confirming diagrams and assessments and the levying and collection of assessments.
This hearing will be held at 29 Ford Road, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.
A Resolution of Intention to Levy and Collect Assessments for the above referenced Park Maintenance Assessment District was approved by the Board of Directors of the Carmel Valley Recreation & Park District on May 13, 2020 by Resolution 2020-03. The fiscal year 2020-21 assessments shall be levied and increased by 3% over that which was levied in the prior fiscal year.
Information regarding the Final Engineer's Report for the Park Maintenance Assessment District may be obtained from the Carmel Valley Recreation & Park District by calling (831)659-7275. It can also be read on the website cvrpd.specialdistrict.org.
Any interested person may file a written protest with the Board of Directors prior to the conclusion of the Public Hearing, or having previously filed a protest may file a written withdrawal of that protest. A written protest shall state all grounds of objection, and a protest by a property owner shall contain a description sufficient to identify the property owned by such property owner. At the Public Hearing all interested persons shall be afforded the opportunity to hear and be heard. The address to file a written protest is P.O. Box 334, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.
Dated: May 27, 2020
Published: May 29, 2020 & June 5, 2020
Publication dates: May 29, June 5, 2020 (PC542)

HAPPY

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was too narrow for his vehicle and trailer and continued on to his destination. Barnes said tire marks left in the dirt show how difficult it had been for the truck to turn around. They later shared the video online.

Much more than a pet

Barnes didn't offer too many details about how Canela was found in Pasadena, but she credited a group called the Northern California Australian Shepherd Rescue

for playing a key role in tracking her down.

For Barnes and De Sola, Canela's disappearance was particularly heart-wrenching. They lost their only child, Olivia, to an incurable pediatric disease last year. She was only 9.

"Canela and Olivia were best friends," Barnes said before Canela was found. "They were inseparable. When Olivia returned home from the hospital for the last time and entered hospice care at our home, Canela climbed into bed beside her, comforting her in her final days and hours. Canela is not only our precious link to our daughter Olivia, but a steadfast companion during a time of deep grief."

RONALD CHARLES FUERSTNER, M.D.

Ronald Charles Fuerstner, M.D. (Ron) passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at home having gracefully navigated the challenges of Parkinson's Disease and cancer at the end of a life well-lived. Dr. Fuerstner was cherished by his family, but also by so many others whose children he brought into the world, lives he saved, or otherwise touched. He was loved by his patients, and respected by his colleagues for his exceptional clinical skills, his quiet leadership, and his outstanding medical ethics, integrity, and selflessness.



Dr. Fuerstner was born with his twin sister Fiona in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil but moved to San Francisco as an infant, where he made lifelong friends and graduated from Lowell High School in 1953. He earned his B.A from Dartmouth College in 1957, and his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Basel, in Switzerland in 1964, where he met his beloved Brigitte.

Upon graduation, he and Brigitte returned to the United States, where he completed his internship at Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland, Oregon and then joined the U.S. Navy, serving as a medical officer on a hospital ship and troop transport during the Vietnam War (while Brigitte cared for their two baby girls who were 13 months apart). After the war, he completed his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Stanford University, launching his private practice and joining the staff at the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula (CHOMP) in 1972. The following year, his son Philip was born at CHOMP, and he practiced here for 43 years, finally retiring in 2015 at the age of 79. No one in the family could go far on this Peninsula without meeting a patient/former patient/nurse or colleague who loved him. In fact, before we could organize his retirement party, his wonderful patients did it for us, celebrating the many years of care, the deep listening, and the family calendars he had shared with them.

Dr. Fuerstner was honored as Physician of the Year by the Monterey County Medical Society (2004), received the medical staff's Physician Recognition award (2001), and was CHOMP Chief of Staff (1985-86).

He also taught his family the value of community leadership, always stepping up to help his community and patients. He served on the boards of Planned Parenthood Mar Monte, CHOMP, the Monterey County Medical Society, and on the Monterey County Delegation to the California Medical Society for many years. He also served 20 years on the medical society's Medical Review and Advisory Committee, represented Peninsula-based specialists on the board of the Central Coast Alliance for Health (which he was instrumental in founding), and was a member of the Monterey County Medical Trust Fund Distribution Committee, which provides scholarships to local nursing and medical students. He used his advocacy skills to fight state regulations he felt harmed his patients (such as the effort in 1977 to require a 14 day waiting period for sterilization) and to stand up for women's health.

Dr. Fuerstner is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Brigitte, and their three children: Bernadette Fuerstner Casey (Keith), Stephanie Fuerstner Gillis (Jim), and Philip Fuerstner (Juliane), as well as his sister Fiona Fuerstner, and his seven grandchildren Kaitlin, Nicholas and Allison Casey, Neil and Todd Gillis, and Liam and Jonah Fuerstner.

The family is exceptionally grateful to the professional angels who cared for him with us at the end of life, including all of those at Hospice of the Central Coast, the physicians, and all who supported us during these difficult weeks.

Those wishing to make a contribution in his memory can direct support to Hospice of the Central Coast, Planned Parenthood Mar Monte, or CHOMP.



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Leslie Geyer

8/8/1939 ❖ 5/18/2020

Leslie Geyer passed away peacefully in her sleep on May 18th, with her son and daughter near, just after midnight. She always was a night owl.

Leslie was born in Sumatra Indonesia, where her father, Lester Geyer, managed the Goodyear rubber export/import to the US. They escaped before the war broke out and moved back to the US where her mother, Jessie Geyer, bought a lemon ranch in Carpinteria, CA.

A few years later they built a house and settled in Carmel, CA where she was a worthy advisor of the Rainbow Girls, junior class president and graduated from Carmel High.



Leslie attended USC where she met the love of her life, Gerry Mowat, earned a BA and later 2 MAs. They lived in Alhambra, CA, where she taught high school English literature and had 2 children, Tracy and Charlie. She was director of Indian Maidens, an organization made up of 220 mothers and daughters. She was president of Presidents Circle (1,000 members) where she organized 60+ fundraisers and events including a 450 person black tie dinner to benefit USC.

She was selected Outstanding Young Woman of America, a national honor and a PEO member. Leslie and Gerry accumulated rental properties, which they later sold and moved to Palos Verdes, CA. While living in PV, she was involved in National Charity League, another mother/ daughter organization, and worked at Volt Technical as a purchasing manager.

She later moved to Santa Barbara, CA where she hosted numerous charitable and social events and was leader of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club's team Shebob. She worked at Hughes Aircraft Santa Barbara research as a buyer of high reliability materials for their spacecraft payloads, a training coordinator training others how to buy, and an HR retirement benefits counselor. She was enthusiastic about the Symphony and the arts, particularly Oriental arts and she was Chairman of the Board for Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic.

After returning to Carmel, consistent with her lifelong goal of learning something new every day, she entered the digital age and was Director of the Library Media Center at Salinas High. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, a national honorary teaching association. Leslie was a fierce advocate for the vulnerable and was actively involved with Legal Services for Seniors, Coalition for Homeless Women, and American Red Cross Disaster Relief. She was twice the head of 210 volunteers at the ATT Golf Tournament and was very proud of her membership in the National Society for Colonial Dames. Her 12X generation grandfather John Clowes served two terms in the Pennsylvania Legislature in the 1630s.

Leslie had a big heart and her mission was always giving back through service, to whatever community she lived in. Leslie received the 2015 United Way Lifetime of Service Award, their highest honor; 2014 Junior League Community Impact Award, their highest award; and the 2013 Monterey County Outstanding Woman of the Year.

Leslie was an avid world traveler with 5 trips across the US by car, 9 trips to Europe, 4 trips to Asia, including six weeks in India by herself. She traveled to Africa and Australia and participated in several medical/ humanitarian missions to Haiti, Guatemala, Honduras, and Russia.

She instilled her strong sense of family, faith in God and love of travel to her children and grandchildren. She was often quoted as saying "When the family was all together and we loved each other."

She was involved in more groups than are able to be mentioned. More than all the work she did though, she was a good friend with a bold, infectious laugh, who loved a good party, had a great sense of humor and always saw the best in people. She had a way of connecting with people and finding common ground. She had the heart of a lifelong learner and of a mentor to other women. Everything she did, she did with excellence, always striving, with her enormous capacity to make things better. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her two children, Tracy (an ultrasound technician) and Charlie (a pilot for United Airlines); three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Monterey County Fund for Homeless Women at www.cfmco.org/FHW or via check mailed to Community Foundation for Monterey County, 2354 Garden Road Monterey, CA 93940.

At her request, cremation services were provided by Bermudez Family Cremation & Funerals of Monterey. Ashes will be released at a later date. Our dear Mom, GML (grandma Leslie), GGMA (Great grandma) is in her heavenly home where there are no more tears, sorrow or pain. She lived her life well and we would love to hear your uplifting stories and fond memories of this remarkable lady. They can be written at Bermudezfamilyfunerals.com for family and others to enjoy. Blessings to you.

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GALLERIES

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imal. “You have less risk coming into an art gallery than going into a grocery store,” she suggested.

When state and county officials give the go-ahead, the gallery will reopen its doors.

“I’m looking forward to seeing doors open again,” she added. “It’s been sad to drive down streets and see everything closed up.”

Shutdown inspires window show

Located along Dolores Street next to Piccadilly Park, Gallery MAR Carmel was set to unveil a show of locally themed miniatures before the coronavirus shutdown, so when owner Thomas Cushman had to close his gallery in March, he turned the exhibit into a window display.

Cushman placed about 30 miniature paintings by Cristall Harper, Glen Hawkins and Lane Bennion in the gallery’s four large windows. The gallery was even able to offer curbside service to several clients.

“People have been strolling by, and if they want to see something, I bring it out while keeping my distance,” he explained. “I’ve sold two pieces and have four more on hold.”

Cushman is unsure when he will be able to reopen, but as soon as he can, he will.

“It’s been tough, but we’re making it through,” Cushman added.

At the Center for Photographic Art, executive director Ann Jastrab is preparing to reopen after having to close not long a dazzling exhibit of cyanotype photographs went on display. “Winter Blues,” which which opened at the end of

February, is still hanging, and it likely will be for a couple weeks, which is great news for anybody who wants to see it. “It was supposed to come down Monday, but will likely stay up until the middle of June,” Jastrab said.

Like Allioti, Jastrab welcomed a few clients with masks into the gallery during the shutdown, and masks will be required once the gallery is open again.

Located at San Carlos and Ninth, the center will soon see people again, but its lecture series will have to stay online for now. Upcoming talks include one by photographer Meg Griffiths June 4 at 1 p.m., and another by photographer and former CPA executive director Brian Taylor June 11 at the same time.

While many privately owned galleries are ready to open, the Carmel Art Association and the Pacific Grove Art Center will take their time before welcoming people back.

CAA general manager Nicki Ehrlich said the downtown gallery won’t be reopening until at least two weeks after it is allowed to, and perhaps longer. Ehrlich said the decision to reopen will be made by the nonprofit’s board.



Peggy Hutton’s new series of boat paintings includes “Calm Morning Row” (above).

“We want our staff and our clients to be safe,” she explained. “That’s going to take some work and preparation.”

The CAA is currently focusing on internet sales. “Right now, we are doing everything we can to get an online presence,” she added.

The Pacific Grove Art Center also isn’t ready to reopen.

“Even though galleries may be able to open this Monday, the art center is not ready to open until July 3, when all new exhibits will have been installed, including

the ‘Tiny Treasures’ benefit exhibit,” Patricia Hamilton of the art center told The Pine Cone.

When it does open, gallery manager Kim Moreno said the art center will stick to its regular hours — Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. — until at least August, which means they aren’t planning to stay open late for the July First Fridays event. Moreno said it’s uncertain if the art center will join the August First Fridays gathering.

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Determination drove him to overcome his fears and inspire others

THROUGHOUT HIS formative years in Carmel Valley and Carmel, and into his college days, Chris Cope said he was never in a physical altercation of any kind.

That might sound like an ironic confession from a guy who, 10 years after graduating from Carmel High (Class of

people as a motivational speaker,” Cope said. “I’ve always been comfortable with public speaking, and the idea is to become another Tony Robbins. That might sound a bit off the wall to some, but, for me, everything in life is about reinvention.”

Although he dabbled in martial arts throughout his youth — karate lessons as an 8-year-old, progressing to tae kwon do and kempo, and then kickboxing as a teenager — his passion was always for team sports, and he had no appetite for combat.

“I was raised in utopia — this perfect place where there’s zero crime, all of the downtown shops are pristine, amazing cars are everywhere, and you think every golf course must be like Pebble Beach,” Cope said.

“I was truly fortunate to grow up there, but when you leave, you figure out that’s not reality,” he said. “I went from Carmel and Pebble Beach to taking guys across the

Mexican border to fight in Tijuana. That world is the polar opposite.”

Facing fear

For Cope, the transition began when he stumbled upon a quotation from Alexander the Great on the topic of fear: “Those who have the courage to conquer it are made free, and those who are conquered by it are made to suffer until they have the courage to defeat it.”

“I read that and said to myself, ‘OK, if I keep walking away from my fear, it’s going to keep growing.’ And that’s when I got into the fight thing,” he said.

In 2004, at age 21, he won the International Kickboxing Federation’s California cruiserweight championship, and subsequently began training more intensely in MMA.

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Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

2001), earned a contract to compete in the Ultimate Fighting Championships, the major league of combat sports, a world populated by the toughest, meanest, most skilled, and most intimidating mixed martial artists in the world.

For Cope, it was the unlikeliest of career paths.

“Fighting always scared me,” he said. “If I was at a high school or college party, and a fight broke out, I had to watch it — I was drawn to it — but if that fight potentially involved me, I was petrified. I wanted no part of it.”

Different worlds

There have been many versions of Cope, who played varsity baseball and basketball for the Padres, earned a degree in sociology from UC Santa Barbara, got famous on a reality TV show, conquered alcoholism, fought world-class gladiators in jam-packed arenas, did paralegal work for a San Diego law firm, became a celebrated physical trainer, and now, as a 37-year-old husband and dad — son Bodhi is 17 months old — is undergoing yet another professional metamorphosis.

“I want to take the brand I built for myself as a fighter and use it to inspire



Chris Cope and wife Sherri (above) are pictured at Christmas with son Bodhi, now 17 months old. (Right) Cope got into the Ultimate Fighting Championships after playing varsity basketball and baseball at Carmel High.



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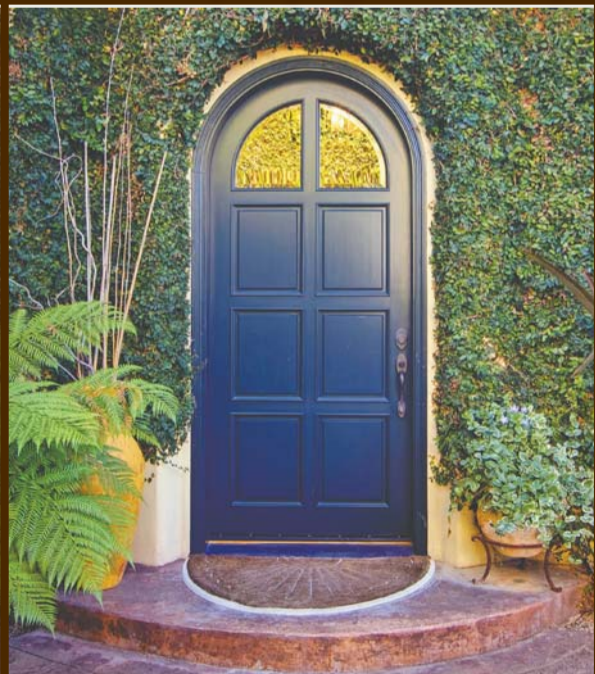
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REOPEN

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While Moreno said dine-in restaurants, shops and hair salons should reopen as soon as possible, it was also his “suggestion that businesses don’t rush” to open.

“I know there is an eagerness to open, but businesses really need to look at for the particular [guidelines] that the state has issued in terms of reopening,” Moreno said at the supervisors’ meeting. “Rushing to reopen services without preparing the plans and training employees is probably going to lead to complacency.

That, the health officer said, could lead to “unnecessary exposures,” which will make “customers sick.” Moreno told reporters Wednesday that a Mother’s Day gathering caused numerous infections.

“As the result of one person showing up to a Mother’s Day gathering infectious, other people were exposed and other people became infected as well,” according to Moreno. He claimed privacy laws prevent him from disclosing how many were infected at the event, and where it was held.

State health officials Monday announced that places of worship could resume religious services and funerals if they limit them to 25 percent of building capacity or 100 people, follow distancing guidelines and other measures. Moreno said they could reopen if they follow distancing protocols and other guidelines.

What’s next?

In preparation for businesses reopening, Carmel city administrator Chip Rerig said he would work to ensure the town returns to its “traditional village character,” with the removal of lots of temporary signs and banners, and that parking enforcement will resume May 30. The City of Monterey also announced this week that paid parking will resume June 1.

Considering the death toll and incident-rate of the virus in Monterey County were far lower than initially predicted, Rerig noted, after more than 10 weeks of being in lockdown, many residents and business owners are frustrated. But he advised caution as everyone plans to accept customers in their stores again.

“People are going to have to try to be patient and not try to catch up on lost revenues from the last 10 weeks,” he said.

Todd Tice, owner of The Club and Luciano Barbera clothing stores on Ocean, along with Club di Lusso on Lincoln, said he planned to reopen Thursday and is more than ready. In fact, all safety protocols and

practices were in place a week ago, when he originally hoped to open in time for the Memorial Day weekend, but the county’s delays in filing its attestation variance with the state scuttled those plans.

“They should have prepared, and they didn’t do it, so that’s on them,” he said. “How many millions of dollars did that cost to business owners in the county? And hundreds of thousands of dollars in business in the city,” not to mention tax dollars.

At his stores, employees and customers will undergo temperature checks and be required to wear masks, and the number of shoppers will be controlled to ensure safe distancing. Also, all clothes tried will be steam cleaned to kill any virus, and dressing rooms will be sanitized each time they are used. Chairs in the shops have been separated by at least 10 feet and will only be used for trying on shoes.

Reopening means 11 out of 13 employees who have been out of work will be able to return, according to Tice. While bolstered by a payroll protection program loan through Fremont Bank and some breaks in rent negotiated for two of the three shops, Tice’s businesses suffered huge losses during the shutdown, making the return to work all the more urgent.

Debra Cirilov, owner of the high-end Debra C clothing store at the Crossroads, said she is also ready to welcome shoppers back, with intensive cleaning and sanitizing measures in place.

And, she said, a sign reminds people, “We love everybody, but no hugs, handshakes or kisses for the time being.”

Unlike many forced to close, Cirilov kept all of her nine employees on the payroll. “I never laid anybody off,” she said.

After contending with nearly three months with little to no business, city councilwoman Carrie Theis, whose family owns the Hofsas House hotel, said she is frustrated by the lack of any indication when people will be free to book rooms at her hotel again. Of the city’s nearly four dozen hotels, 20 remain closed, and many that remain open have very few, if any, guests.

“How long can you go on without any income and expect to reopen? I don’t care if it’s a hotel or a restaurant or a retail store,” she said. “And hotel taxes go directly to the city — they aren’t shared with anybody.”

The Carmel Innkeepers Association and Visit Carmel, the city’s tourism group, developed extensive protocols for ensuring their properties remain clean, and even wrote a pledge they are all willing to take. Carmel is distinctive because its hotels are small, with guest rooms that have doors to the outdoors, and very few shared hallways and elevators.

“We all serve a continental breakfast, so we’ve had to rethink that — it’s not buffet style anymore,” she added. At Hofsas House, guests will be given breakfast trays to take to their rooms, and groups will be checked in one at a time. “We are insisting that everybody wear masks,” and of course surfaces will be frequently cleaned.

As other businesses begin to reopen, Theis wondered how long it will take the county to get to Stage 3, when bans on all but essential travel are lifted. “The county hasn’t given us any indication,” she said.

Moreno said the state hasn’t made available any guidelines for Stage 3 reopening,

DINING

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concerned the council had opinions on the way things occurred or had heard complaints regarding enforcement, nor had the public really heard about it.”

Councilwoman Carrie Theis said that doing business during a pandemic requires creativity, flexibility and a willingness to experiment.

“What people have to keep in mind is we’re going to have to be creative because of having to do business differently, and we’re going to be trying things out, and this is an example,” she said. “We tried it out for a few days, now let’s go back and see what’s working and what’s not working.”

Councilman Bobby Richards said he believes several restaurants set up outdoor seating without permits, even though the permits are free, the use of the space is free, and the turnaround is very quick.

“They put the city in a liable position, because you have to indemnify the city and you have to have insurance,” he said.

Signs and alcohol

Rerig identified several problems that popped up over the week, including extra signs and extra seating, amplified music, tables and chairs placed too close to each other, inadequate barriers protecting patrons from cars, and unattractive setups.

He plans to dial back the permission he gave to restaurants to hang banners and have A-frame signs on the sidewalks, both of which are not allowed under regular city rules. “The banners are coming down,” he said. “We’re going to get our arms back around attractive, well-done signage.”

He asked business owners to “be respectful” when city officials ask them to get rid of their outdoor speakers or haul away the extra chairs and tables they’ve placed outside.

and that he’s focused on making sure Stage 2.5 is approved.

Meanwhile, as his department moves toward allowing more businesses to reopening, Moreno said vulnerable residents, which include elderly people and those with respiratory problems, should continue to stay home unless it’s absolutely necessary.

“As we continue to release restrictions and allow reopening with modifications, those individuals should still be staying at home and only leave when they need to,” such as going to a doctor’s appointment or grocery shopping.

Another issue, he said, is restaurants failing to ensure patrons are following the rules when it comes to drinking their cocktails to go and glasses of wine, and not leaving to sip them while walking down the street a la New Orleans.

He has asked the restaurant owners to “self-police,” to ensure the rules are followed. “I know that’s probably asking too much for some,” he added.

The state’s Alcoholic Beverage Control board relaxed many of its standards during the coronavirus pandemic, including limits on drinking in public.

The permits issued by the city state, “Consumption of alcoholic beverages is NOT permitted unless approved by Alcoholic Beverage Control; verification of ABC approval shall be submitted to the community planning and building department.”

Rerig fielded requests from tasting rooms, which are set to reopen soon, for outdoor seating and sipping, and from Sade’s owner Parker Logan, since the ABC allows facilities without kitchens to sell drinks to go if they partner with a restaurant, caterer or other business for food service.

“ABC is allowing bars like mine who offer food to sell cocktails to go,” Logan said.

But Rerig said he has no plans to grant permits to the wineries or bars.

“The winetasting rooms want to open on the street, as well, and I’ve said, ‘No,’ to that — it’s too far reaching,” he said. “We need to get our arms around just the outdoor seating in the restaurants first.”

Selling takeout won’t necessarily save a business, but it has helped keep some workers employed, he pointed out, and he thanked the restaurateurs for sharing their creative ideas with him.

For information on watching the meeting and how to call in to participate, go to ci.carmel.ca.us.

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WITHIN A day or two of city administrator Chip Rerig's announcement that he would be approving the use of parking spaces and sidewalks for outdoor dining in an effort to encourage and accommodate more business, dozens of the little "parklets" with potted plants, tables and chairs had popped up all over downtown, just in time for the Memorial Day weekend.

Despite shelter-in-place orders still being in effect, crowds flocked to Carmel to enjoy its charms, and the new outdoor dining spots were busy with customers eating from takeout containers and drinking their wine and cocktails out of plastic cups. Some customers even received table service despite the fact it's not yet allowed (but should be soon).

Rerig and acting planning director Marnie Waffle have so far approved 15 applications for outdoor dining areas and are in the process of reviewing 11 more, according to Waffle. He also said he will ask the planning commission to come up with some design guidelines and other rules for parklets, which may be a feature of the city until the coronavirus is under control.



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At Grasing's, customers take advantage of tastefully socially distanced tables in one of the parking spaces next to the restaurant to enjoy their takeout food.

■ From Scratch to go

Long known for its generous breakfasts and lunches, From Scratch in the Barnyard shopping center recently reopened to offer takeout daily from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. with made-to-order omelets, several versions of eggs Benedict, numerous breakfast specials, waffles and French toast, salads, soups, sandwiches, sides and several items for kids available through online ordering. From Scratch is also selling brunch cocktails like Bloody Marys, Bourbon & Cream Coffee, Mimosas and Screwdrivers as well as bottles of beer, wine and Champagne.

Many of the dishes and drinks are reasonably priced. For more details and ordering, visit fromscratchrestaurant.com.

■ I. Brand's Summer Starter Pack

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Locals can pick their orders up curbside at the tasting room at 19 E. Carmel Valley Road between 1 and 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. To order, email monica@ibrandwinery.com or call (831) 298-7227.

"Really, call us," they said. "We'd love to hear from you. Unusual times call for good wine, and we can help."

■ Grasing's new wine director

Eric Ewers has replaced Chris Edmonds as the wine director at Grasing's at Mission and Sixth, and is now overseeing the restaurant's extensive wine list and events, including wine dinners and tastings — currently only happening virtually via Zoom, of course.

"Grasing's offers a truly exceptional wine list and a long-term commitment to its wine program, as well as myriad innovative ways to engage its members in fun, educational and delicious activities," he said. Grasing's hosts "wine club" events that are open to everyone.

Ewers and his wife recently moved here from Colorado Springs, Colo., where he ran the wine program at the Penrose Room in the Broadmoor Hotel, and prior to that assisted with wine programs at oth-

er Colorado venues.

"In the interest of expanding my horizon within the wine service industry, I have chosen Grasing's in Carmel-by-the-Sea as the perfect step forward in my chosen career," he said.

Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

■ Savor market moves again

After a couple of weeks in front of Pescadero, Colleen Logan of Savor the Local is moving her pop-up farmers market back to San Carlos north of Sixth near Stationary. While the setup provided more space for shoppers, former customers weren't making their way there, so she is returning to her former location on Saturday.

Logan's markets are held Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, visit savorthelocal.com.

■ Patria reopens for takeout

Miles away in downtown Salinas on South Main, Patria restaurant, owned by the man who started Taste in Pacific Grove and then Café Rustica in Carmel Valley before moving to the other side of the county, also reopened for takeout Tuesday through Sunday from 4 to 7 p.m.

The to-go menu includes some of chef/owner Paolo Kautz' most popular dishes, including handcrafted pizzas, various pastas, and "farm plates," like Jaeger Schnitzel, New York steak, lamb shank au gratin, and mushroom risotto and ratatouille. A few desserts are available, too.

Call (831) 424-5555 to order.

■ Soup lessons

Carmel Valley resident Mary Chamberlin, author of "The Traveling Soup Pot," has been offering free cooking lessons and live Q&A sessions online for the past several weeks in an effort to help people sheltering at home create great food on their own. Soups are ideal, she says, because they're easy to make, nutritious and delicious, and can often be frozen, even for as long as several months.

On Thursdays from 2 to 3 p.m., Chamberlin shares two recipes from her soup cookbook, tells stories and answers questions from people who call in. Anyone interested should pre-register by emailing brickman@brickman-marketing.com to receive the week's recipes and call-in instructions.

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and even beyond. Cities suffered worse during the epidemic, and with their lower population densities, small towns have become increasingly attractive.

“It’s the flight out of the city,” she said. “I think they’re coming and looking at what’s important to them and quality of life, and the Monterey Peninsula is a place people have wanted to come to — and now people are saying, ‘Let’s do it.’”

She’s seeing more buyers from Texas, as well as interest from those who want vacation homes within an eight-hour drive of their full-time residences.

“People are a little more hesitant to get on a plane now than they were,” she said.

And areas like the Santa Lucia Preserve, Tehama, Monterey and Carmel Valley are popular because they offer homes on larger properties. “They have land and distance

FOOD

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“What makes this valuable experience unique is that Mary will be ‘live’ on the phone and will be able to answer questions,” said publicist Wendy Brickman. “She also shares beautiful ‘making of’ and actual photos of the prepared featured weekly soups, favorite cooking tools and best cooking practices.”

Find more information about Chamberlin’s books at marychamberlincookbooks.com.

Med Market matron dies

Carla Cecilia Lepori Pacini Coniglio, known by many longtime locals as the force behind the former Mediterranean Market at Ocean and Mission, died this month at the age of 93. Born in Pittsburgh east of San Francisco Bay, she moved to Carmel at age 14 with her mother and stepfather and attended Carmel High School, graduating in 1944.

After college and finishing school, she married Philip Coniglio, her childhood sweetheart, in 1950, and they owned and operated Med Market, the city’s first Italian delicatessen and an especially popular place with high school kids who could get really good sandwich fixings for a couple of bucks and picnic in nearby Devendorf Park.

They had three children, all of whom they raised here, and traveled extensively to Europe, even undertaking a round-the-world tour on the Concorde.

“Everyone basked in her welcoming smile and the aura of happiness that surrounded her,” her family said in a tribute to her. “Strongly committed to her family, she had an indomitable spirit and touched everyone she came into contact with. As her mother used to say, ‘She lived until she died.’”

And the family legacy continues. In an homage to the Med Market days and the Coniglio heritage, a pair of her descendants opened Coniglio Bros. Italian Deli on Cannery Row late last year.

Mezzaluna at farmers markets

Mezzaluna Pasteria & Mozzarella Bar in Pacific Grove is now selling pasta, sauces and other key ingredients at farmers markets in Carmel Valley and Pacific Grove. The market at Mid Valley Center takes place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sundays, and the P.G. market is held at Central and Grand Mondays from 3 to 7 p.m.

Pastas include penne, campanelle, rigatoni, and spinach pappardelle, and some of the sauces available are Bolognese, marinara, puttanesca, and buttera, a sauce of Italian sausage, tomatoes, peas and heavy cream. Chef Soerke Peters is offering duck liver paté and house-made mustard, as well.

Retail and to-go items are also at mezzalunapasteria.myncrsilver.com. The restaurant is located at 1188 Forest Ave. For more information, call (831) 372-5325.

from their neighbors,” Jones said. “They have become very popular. People are looking at more remote places.”

No discounts

Regardless of where people are looking, prices haven’t responded much to the dire economic news that has propelled some markets downward, and houses are still being snapped up fairly quickly — especially since the county health officer’s May 1 order removed a prohibition on showing occupied and furnished homes. Now, showings are limited to two people and the realtor, and the residents can’t be on the premises.

“The prices have not dropped — I’m not seeing that,” Jones said. “Our inventory is still pretty low, as it always is on the Peninsula, so we’re not seeing the price adjustment.”

Allen said one of the factors is that some buyers are relatively immune to the trajectory of the economy, either because their incomes are fixed or because they have enough wealth to weather the storm, and Jones said about half of her transactions have been in cash, with no financing at all.

“Our market will do well in this type of environment, because there are still people who are doing OK out there and can afford to buy homes,” Allen said. Helping is the fact that those who need financing can get historically low interest rates. “That makes affordability so much better for so many people.”

Easy if you have good credit

Ken Baker, vice president of mortgage lending at Guaranteed Rate Affinity, has been handling loans in Carmel for 30 years and said he’s been busy helping people refinance but has also seen a lot of new mortgages. Last week, he said, a 30-year fixed refi for someone with solid credit could be had for 2.99 percent interest and no points.

“The process has been really smooth,” he said. “For people who have strong credit, lenders are lending.”

Those who can’t assure lenders their jobs are secure have had a bit of a tougher go.

“What we’re running up against is borrowers who are being furloughed, borrowers who are being laid off, and borrowers who are not telling us up front” about either, he said. “But they have to sign an affidavit at the end that says they don’t foresee being furloughed” or being unable to make their monthly payments.

Self-employed borrowers face some hurdles as well, he said, because they have to prove they were productive before Covid-19 shut everything down and are still active in their field.

Jumbo loans, defined as \$672,750 or higher, are tougher to get, he said, and are requiring 20 percent down, and second mortgages often carry much higher interest rates.

“No one wants to be in second position when someone might lose their job,” he said.

Baker advised potential buyers to get preapproved for a loan before they start shopping, especially since they now have to jump through a few hoops — including signing a form acknowledging CDC guidelines — just to look at a

house in person.

“I think every possible buyer should get a preapproval before they go look at a house, to save time — including their own,” he said.

Baker predicted an increase in sales through the “buying season” and beyond. “I think we’re going to finish the year strong,” he said.

Allen said he believes it’s “a great time to get into the market,” whether as a buyer or seller.

“It’s a balanced market,” he said, adding, “it’s a good time to be a real estate agent.”

Beck said analysts are predicting a strengthening market, too, with inventory getting snapped up quickly — though that’s not necessarily new.

“Since this started, I have been closing escrows consistently,” she said. “So nothing has really stopped for me.”

TOWER

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toms and border protection agency will put up the tower even if the coastal commission determines it’s inconsistent with state law. She also suggested the Coastal Zone Management Act gives locals authority over such a project.

More comments sought

A number of residents have spoken out against the tower, including Kate Novoa, who in a letter to Monterey County Supervisor Mary Adams called the public process “a dog and pony show” after a presentation was made by officials from the customs and border protection agency at the South Coast Land Use Advisory Committee meeting Feb. 11. Like the planning commission this week, the LUAC could only make recommendations.

“I understand that any vote is advisory only, but it must be of some import, or there would be no point in having a LUAC at all,” Novoa wrote. “If the decision was a forgone conclusion, why call the LUAC together to ‘legitimize’ the decision.”

In a letter to the coastal commission and others, resident Ashley Seefeldt questioned the need for the tower.

“I would also like to point out that it has been a few years since there have been any reports of cartel boats along our coastline, so feel it’s safe to assume something else is going on here,” Seefeldt said.

Also objecting is the nearby New Camaldoli Hermitage.

“Our retreatants come here for personal and spiritual solitude and privacy, and to enjoy the unbroken beauty of Big Sur’s natuescape,” wrote hermitage official Rich Veuj to the planning commission. “Having a surveillance tower nearby would seem counterproductive to those pursuits.”

The California Coastal Commission is seeking comments from locals about the tower.

“We want your input,” Richard Simon of the coastal commission said at Wednesday’s Monterey County Planning Commission hearing.

The coastal commission had originally planned to make a decision on whether the tower is consistent with state law by June 15. But they extended that deadline to July 15.

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Editorial

Good schools, clean air, safe streets — and a functioning economy

LATELY WE'VE been hit with some pretty vehement charges of bias, not only because our editorials have been so strongly in favor of reopening the economy, but because the attitude has supposedly crept into our news stories and bulletins.

Actually, we freely admit that it has. But why shouldn't it? Reopening the economy is so critically important there really aren't even two sides to the issue.

That may sound like a weird thing to say, considering how public opinion polls show a high percentage of Americans don't want the coronavirus shut-down to end. However, it need hardly be pointed out that even a widespread belief can be completely wrong. And some issues are so unmistakably one sided, there really isn't even room for debate, which means there also isn't any need for the media to be "fair" to both sides of those issues.

Take free speech, for example. In many parts of the world, the American concept of free speech is unknown, and so is the idea of a free press. Indeed, in more than a few countries (China is a glaring example), it not only isn't considered the media's role to "speak truth to power," as some media types like to put it, reporters and editors are considered culturally and morally obliged, if not legally required, to actively support the government's agenda. Likewise, in many countries, individual citizens who protest something their fearless leaders are up to can expect to be jailed or worse. In those places, free speech would be a very controversial topic.

But here, it would be strange for any credible media outlet to devote a single iota of space or moment of broadcast time to the idea that free speech is a bad idea. In this country, the First Amendment rights of American citizens don't require "unbiased" coverage.

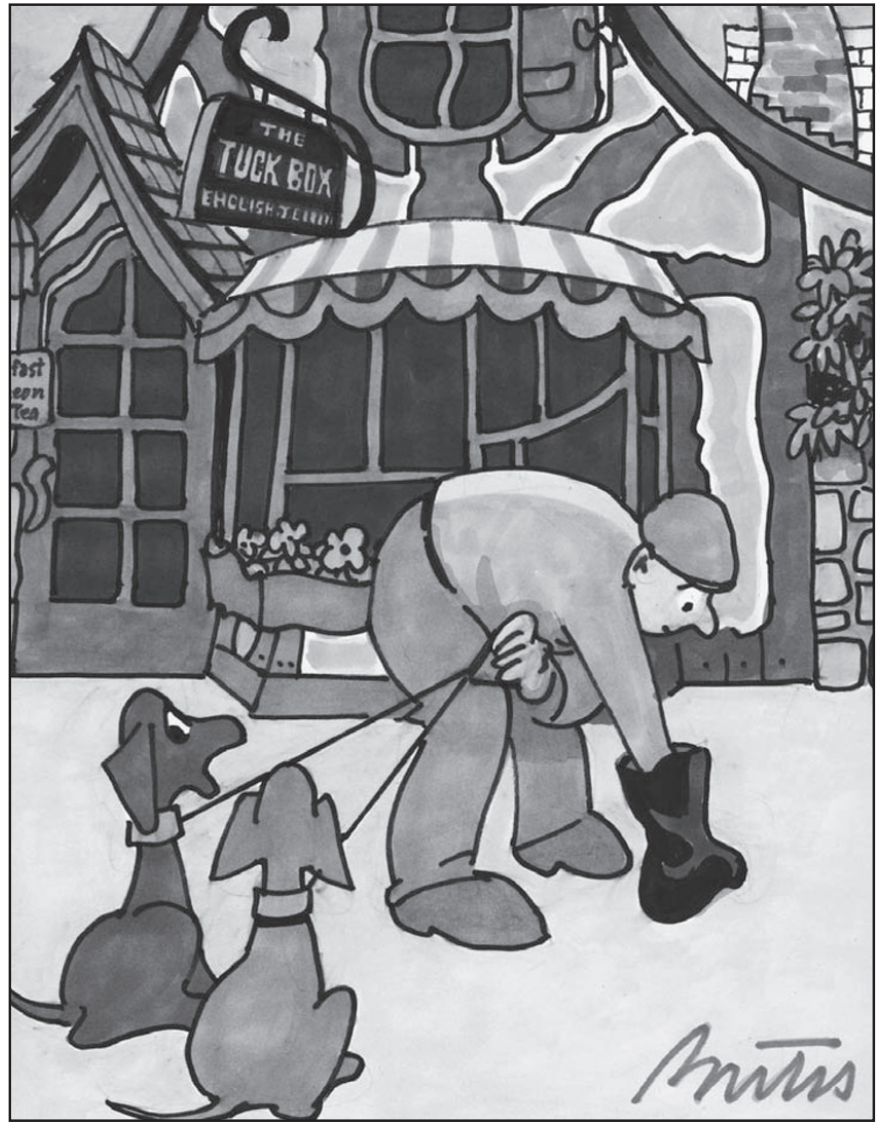
The same thing is true of many other topics. Millions of people, even in the United States, may believe 9/11 was perpetrated by the U.S. government, the Holocaust never happened, the moon landing was faked, contrails are a mind-controlling chemical experiment, etc., etc.

But just because those beliefs are common, is the New York Times or CBS obliged by some standard of fairness or objectivity to take them seriously? We hardly think so.

Likewise, the importance of things like good schools, clean air, safe streets, etc., is so unmistakable, there's no need to report any other side of those issues. And we are not exaggerating when we say that bringing back millions of jobs as quickly as possible is that important. So are revitalizing productivity and restoring the flow of tax dollars.

We've devoted plenty of space to covering the seriousness of the coronavirus pandemic, and we have more than amply aired views that the shut-down should continue. But if you think you detect, even in our news pages, an underlying attitude that the economy has to reopen as quickly as possible, you're right. It must be done — there is no question about it.

BEST of BATES



"I don't know why he does it. We wouldn't do it for him."

Letters to the Editor

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Coronavirus and CalPERS

Dear Editor,

The people in our political class have designated themselves "essential" workers and have continued to work and collect a salary, plus a stimulus payment, throughout this lockdown. No pay cuts or furloughs for them. Since I am not "essential" like them, I am in an involuntary lockdown. So, I have had a lot of time on my hands to do research on some topics, like government workers' pension benefits and salaries. What I found is very disturbing.

Government workers in California are exempted from paying the 6.2 percent Social Security payroll tax, because they pay a payroll contribution into their CalPERS pension plan. And, their payroll contributions are invested by CalPERS Union Officials into equity markets that earn a much higher level of return than do our Social Security payroll tax contributions, which are used to fund our massive federal government debt. In fact, the \$3.1 trillion

Social Security Trust is the largest single holder of our nearly \$30 trillion in federal debt. The rate of interest that we are currently being paid for our decades of Social Security contributions is something less than 1 percent.

CalPERS retirees are paid a pension based upon their highest salary year, including overtime, multiplied times either 3 percent for safety workers, or 2 percent for other workers, and times the number of years they have worked. Safety workers can retire at age 50 and immediately start collecting their pensions. Newer safety hires have to wait until age 57 to start collecting. If that does not please the retiree, he/she was until recently able to purchase up to an additional 5 years of service credits. There is no upper limit on your CalPERS pension. There are CalPERS retirees being paid upwards of \$500,000 per year, for their lifetime, and then the life of their survivor. Regrettably, CalPERS is as poorly managed as is our entire state and federal government and has a massive unfunded liability. I believe that the odds of CalPERS renegeing on its pension promises are very high. Locally, Carmel-by-the-Sea's CalPERS pension plan is underfunded by \$20-plus million, but for years the city council has only given lip service to addressing this problem.

The highest possible annual Social Security pension is currently \$36,100 at age 65, but it would be higher if you delayed your retirement a few years. The overall average Social Security pension is said to be about \$18,000 per year.

This pension inequity versus what gov-

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Pandemic accounts will include the closure of a beloved school

TODAY'S EVENTS become tomorrow's history.

The coronavirus epidemic we're going through will someday be that history, and part of it, we recently learned, will be the closure of an institution, the Junipero Serra School, that has been part of Carmel for longer than many of us. Its demise made me want to look back to its beginning.

It is interesting how hard times become

The gift of the villa was to Field's lifelong friend, Sister Mary Angelica, who in turn gave it to her order. It was dedicated on July 17, 1930. Construction of the Carmelite monastery behind it began soon after. The villa, a large Spanish-style 14-room house with a chapel, was built from designs by artist Jo Mora who also created for it a unique statue of Our Lady of the Angels which stands in a niche above the villa's altar.

Lacking space for a school at the Mission, plans were made to use Villa Angelica. In January 1943, the first ad appeared: "The Sisters of Notre Dame contemplate opening a grammar school for pupils of all denominations, boys and girls, on Feb. 15, 1943. Parents interested in the matter may obtain information by calling upon Sister Superior, Villa Angelica, Carmel, Calif." The sisters adapted space into classrooms and six sisters were brought in as teachers and lived at the villa.

Reconstruction
On Feb. 15, 1943, the school welcomed its first 48 students. At the end of the first day, the students were joined in the chapel by their parents, members of the Junipero Serra Mothers' Club, and O'Connell, who led a brief service before introducing Field, then age 68, to the group.

Classes continued to be held at the villa until 1945. In January 1945, construction, or we might say reconstruction, of the school at the Mission began. In 1931, the diocese had brought in Harry Downie to begin proper restoration the old Mission. Downie had also identified the earlier foundations of the building which had housed children during the Mission era. He reused them in construction of the new classrooms in the Mission style, "in every detail a replica of the original building," according to Downie.

Classrooms designed to educate as

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History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

a catalyst for change. It was in 1933, during the Great Depression, that the Carmel Mission was established as a separate parish. Until then, it had been part of the Monterey parish. The Rev. Michael D. O'Connell was its first priest. A decade later, it was O'Connell, in the midst of World War II, who led the establishment of Carmel's Catholic school.

O'Connell looked to the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur for assistance. A teaching order, the sisters ran schools all over the world, including 14 in California; the nearest of their schools to Carmel were in Salinas and Watsonville. The order, however, had a local base at Villa Angelica, near the Carmelite Monastery on Highway 1 just south of town.

Munras estate

Villa Angelica had been a gift of Monterey's Maria Antonia Field. Field was the last of the Munras family, which had played a key role in Monterey's Spanish-Mexican era and received several land grants. Maria Field's home in Monterey was built by her great-grandfather, Don Esteban Munras, in 1824 and was still an expansive estate in the 1930s. She sold it in 1941 to Jack Dougherty who converted it into the Casa Munras Hotel. Both Field and her mother had been educated by the sisters at San Jose.



PHOTO/COURTESY DIOCESE OF MONTEREY ARCHIVES

With the Mission in the background, clay tiles and adobe bricks are stacked and ready for construction of the Junipero Serra School facilities in the 1940s.

Moved by waves of inspiration

PAINTINGS, GRAPHITE drawings, and sculptures tend to evolve organically for biomorphic abstract artist Joe Adams, whose free-flowing creative process often pulls him capriciously, like the ocean currents, until the artwork decides to reveal its own identity.

"For me, creating biomorphic abstract art is like walking a beach and coming upon a cliff, knowing there's something

work at museums, reading up on the artists," said Adams, who also taught art for three years at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Ore. "All of those things you'd do if you went for a four-year college degree in art history, I've done on my own, so I'm basically self-taught."

In the process of transitioning his career to fine art, Adams' last corporate job brought him to Santa Barbara and reacquainted him with the ocean in 1987.

"I've spent years exploring nature on beaches in Washington, Oregon and California, then creating abstract work based on those

Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

on the other side that you can't see: Maybe there's a town ... or more cliffs ... or another sandy beach," said Adams, who was represented at a Dolores Street gallery in Carmel-by-the-Sea from 2012 to 2016. "So you swim around it, or climb over it, not knowing what you're going to find. That's the fun of it. That's what makes it exciting."

Nature is his muse, and the ocean is a passion for the artist, who lives nowadays on a 32-foot Ericson sailboat that takes him from Southern California to Oregon in search of artistic inspiration and various ecological pursuits. He often sketches from the back of his boat, and also rents studio space in an old elementary school in Camarillo, a building that is home to about 40 other artists who are part of the Studio Channel Islands Group.

Adams was a kid from Minneapolis when he fell in love with the ocean during a two-week family vacation to Hawaii. That would be his last glimpse of the sea for a lot of years, but his affection for water and nature grew as he explored Minnesota's lakes and rivers, including the 2 billion-year-old rock formations around Lake Superior.

Ventana sculpture

Those excursions also impacted his direction as an artist. Biomorphically, according to one definition, draws upon the organic shapes of plants and animals, rejecting the rigid structures of geometric abstraction in favor of something much more free flowing.

"My abstract artwork started with drawings of the water surface I did from a canoe in Minnesota. Biomorphically abstracts have been the central focus of my art ever since," said Adams.

"My big thing is combining what I see in nature with the way water moves, and how the light reflects through it," he said. "I'm also interested in the way an eroded rock face looks in and out of the water, and marine life in the ocean, and dead marine animals you find on the beaches."

Adams learned to mix his own oil paints as a child, studied commercial art at a vocational-technical school for two years, then spent more than three years doing independent research on Old Masters painting techniques at the University of Minnesota.

"I've learned so much through all the research I've done — studying art-

ideas," he said.

Although his main focus has been drawing and painting, along with some fine-art photography, Adams' most recent attraction is to sculpture. One piece, entitled "Sun Stone," a 2017 commission for Ventana Inn in Big Sur, is a 1,600-pound limestone "sunburst" that rotates on a concrete base.

"I'm really digging sculpture right now, but it's really expensive," he said. "I'm trying to get a \$12,000 grant to buy a 10-to-12-ton piece of limestone for an 8-foot-high, by 4-by-3-foot sculpture based on the biomorphic drawing I do."

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PHOTO/JOE ADAMS

Multimedia artist Joe Adams, who lives on a 32-foot sailboat, creates abstract drawings, paintings and sculptures.

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LETTERS

From page 20A

ernment workers are paid is not fair to those of us who have paid into Social Security for our entire working career. Government workers should not have retirement benefits that are superior to Social Security. It's about time we fix this inequity.

David Quinnert, Carmel

'Freedom is the answer'

Dear Editor,

Having spent my entire life around computers, databases and datasets, and after seeing the gloom-and-doom projections from "the experts," I built my own coronavirus data model based on numbers supplied, not projections. From the beginning, the numbers thrown out to us by the national news media were not adding up and appeared to be a one-sided story, for the obvious reason.

Since early March, I have followed your editorial page, watched the comments from your readers and have concluded we don't need overpaid county officials to drag out the prolonged debate on what to do. The answer has been right under everyone's nose all the time.

Freedom is the solution. If you're afraid, just stay at home, video conference, order curbside or delivery and wear a mask and/or gloves. But if you're not afraid, go to work, go to school, shop at stores, eat at restaurants, worship at church, travel and vacation, go to ballgames, fish and hunt, take kids to parks, host/go to parties, and enjoy life. Problem solved. End of debate. Open up our local business now.

Calvin E. Clack, Carmel

Beach access for all

Dear Editor,

Chip Rerig said that his reason to keep Carmel Beach open to the public is California's Coastal Act, which provides access for all. In addition, no wood-burning fires are allowed in order to prevent gatherings. While it should not

have taken this horrible pandemic to recognize our right to access, people with breathing problems impacted by wood smoke can finally go to the beach to enjoy the sunset. As Mayor Dave Potter noted, the beach is for everyone's well-being.

The city recognizing the Coastal Act is a first. Ignoring it has "allowed" city councilors to block access for years by getting rid of people instead of the smoke. The city must stop treating us like second-class citizens — what the Coastal Act is intended to prevent. Let's permanently end wood-burning on the beach. The law is on our side.

Lynn Ross, Carmel

'Surge' reminiscent of WMDs

Dear Editor,

On March 20, 2003, we went to war with Iraq to confiscate its arsenal of WMDs. More than eight years later, at a cost exceeding \$2.3 trillion and 190,000 lost lives, we walked away without ever uncovering a single WMD. Ed Moreno seems to be heading down a similar path with his fantasy of the "surge" and Monterey County's expected 33,000 Covid-19 cases. Rather than simply admit that he made a mistake and used an obviously incorrect model, he is now clinging to a new fantasy that unlike every other county in California, Monterey County has not seen its "surge" yet and it won't occur till the fall.

Every day the Los Angeles Times posts a detailed analysis of Covid-19 across the state, including a graphic presentation of the Covid case curves for every county in the state along with the current case doubling time for each county. Our curve does not look much different from any other county and our doubling time is 25.3 days vs. L.A.'s doubling time of 25.1 days, nearly identical. At our current case number of 328 and our current doubling rate it would take nearly seven doubling periods to break 33,000 cases. That is 177 days or 6 months, which I would call a trickle rather than a surge. Under the same doubling assumptions, L.A. county would have just under 10 million case by then, essentially its entire population, while Monterey would still have less than 8 percent of its population affected.

More importantly, a recent study in NYC showed that 66 percent of recently diagnosed patients claimed that they had been locked down at home and never left the house or interacted with anyone for in excess of a month.

Based on that data it does not appear that the lockdown has done anything but tank our economy. I believe it is well past the time to abandon this ill-conceived and failed socioeconomic experiment before we truly kill the patient. Moreno needs to go the direction of the dodo bird, but we will need to recall our complacent board of supervisors to accomplish that. I strongly urge everyone to contribute to the Monterey County For Civil Liberties Legal Fund to help rid our county of this cancer.

Gary Feldstein, Carmel

Too much bias

Dear Editor,

I've greatly enjoyed The Pine Cone's daily news bulletins about the comings and goings of the coronavirus in our county. The information you've provided has been helpful in a very difficult time, and the emails are quaint in a way I've found heartening.

I have to say, though, that I've grown weary of your obvious bias against the lockdown, which you called "ridiculous" in a recent post. For older, more vulnerable people like me, the lockdown has been anything but ridiculous. I think it's safe to say it's been life-saving for many of us, and many of us feel trepidation about the reopening. (Which is not to say it shouldn't happen, but with great care. I'm a big fan of Mr. Moreno.)

Please, go ahead and express your opinions in an op-ed. But I'd appreciate if you'd go back to unbiased reporting in your daily emails. The facts speak for themselves, and are stronger without bias.

Trish Deitch, Monterey

Avoiding another spike

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank The Pine Cone for sending the electronic Pine Cone bulletins. We find the breaking news reports helpful.

As has been expressed by others, we have difficulty understanding how our actual county hospitalizations data supports health officer Ed Moreno's dire conclusions. We hope for more transparency with the underlying data so that we can better understand where we're really at with infection trends. We look forward to the next step in re-opening as we would like to see more local businesses have a chance to recover and to avoid permanent closures.

That said, the re-opening must follow the published guidelines (distancing, masks, etc.). We were quite dismayed looking around Carmel (Ocean Avenue, our beach, etc.) during the Memorial Day weekend. We have never seen so many people. We noticed that many were out-of-towners, and most people were disregarding distancing and mask requirements.

We were happy to see the Carmel police issuing citations to the people that were brazenly ignoring the no-parking signs. We would encourage the police to call out all the violations of the safety requirements. This holiday weekend's result should serve as a warning of what we don't want as we move into the next phase of re-opening. We encourage all our fellow citizens to do their part in adhering to guidelines so as to avoid another spike in hospitalizations and deaths.

Gil & Aprille Lucero,
Carmel

Parker says thanks

Dear Editor,

I want to thank those mayors and city council members who demonstrated calm, steady, responsible leadership in their letter to the editor last Thursday. (Pacific Grove councilmembers Jenny McAdams, Amy Tomlinson and Joe Amelio; Carmel City councilman Jeff Baron; Seaside Mayor Ian Oglesby; Seaside council members Dave Pacheco, Jason Campbell, Jon Wizard and Alissa KisPersky; Del Rey Oaks Mayor Alison Kerr; Marina Mayor Bruce Delgado, and Marina councilmembers Gail Morton, Adam Urrutia, Lisa Berkley and Frank O'Connell.)

The coronavirus pandemic has created unprecedented challenges for our community. We must continue to work together in a measured, thoughtful manner as we begin to re-open so that we minimize the risks to the residents and workers who will be called back to their jobs.

Health officials are working hard with policy makers to navigate a very complex and difficult situation. Expressing appreciation to everyone in the community, including our health officials and Dr. Edward Moreno, for their professionalism in meeting the state's requirements for reopening, is a class act and the kind of leadership that will help us emerge from this crisis as a healthy community, working with one another for the benefit of all.

Jane Parker,

Monterey County Supervisor, District 4

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TROOPS

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DLI's top academic officer, Robert Savukinas, said while technology has facilitated teaching and learning, "online teaching and learning do not replace the in-per-

SPORTS

From page 16A

In 2011, he was among a group of fighters invited to audition for a spot in the 13th season of "The Ultimate Fighter," a Spike TV reality show built around a tournament to create a new star for the UFC.

Cope was among 14 mixed martial artists handpicked to move into "the fighter house" in Las Vegas, where they put their lives in front of the TV cameras 24/7 throughout the competition.

While living in that goldfish bowl, Cope also was in the process of kicking a serious alcohol problem.

"I quit drinking in December of 2010 and they put me on the show in January, so I basically got sober while I was living in the Ultimate Fighter house — my detox facility and my reality TV facility were the same place. That was difficult, because their whole ambition as reality TV producers was to try to get me to drink, because they had seen how crazy and wild I could be when I was drinking."

'You made it'

Cope not only stayed sober, he exceeded expectations in the tournament with upset victories over Javier Torres in the opening round and Shamar Bailey in the quarterfinals. He finally was eliminated in the semifinal round when he lost by technical knockout to Ramsey Nijem.

Despite that defeat, he was offered a dream-come-true contract to compete in the UFC and made his debut on June 4, 2011, in Las Vegas against heavily favored Chuck O'Neil, another Ultimate Fighter 13 semifinalist.

"I was a 2-1 underdog at the sportsbook for that fight, and I was real nervous because everybody thought it was a complete mismatch. They all thought Chuck was going to walk right through me," Cope said. "Right before the fight, my coach said, 'Look, Chris, win or lose, I'm proud of you because you made it to the Big Show.' When he said that, I felt all the pressure lift off me. I really had made it to the big leagues, and this fight was the celebration. I went out there and had a blast."

He stunned O'Neil by unanimous decision, but his success in the UFC ended there. Five months later, in November 2011, he was beaten by Che Mills, then lost again the following February to Matt Brown. After the back-to-back defeats, he was released from his UFC contract.

Cope fought four more times on a regional circuit, then walked away from MMA with an 8-4 professional record and no regrets. He had avoided any serious physical injury or brain damage during his seven-year career, his UFC encounters had made him a sports celebrity, and he had some money to invest.

Life or death

Cope became part owner of a large gym in Long Island, N.Y., where he began training clients, one of whom connected with him after a serendipitous meeting at a hospital in May 2013. Thomas Firshing was being treated there for obesity after reaching a life-threatening peak of 702 pounds.

"He recognized me from the Ultimate Fighter show," Cope said. "He still weighed 650 pounds, and I just bluntly asked him, 'Do you want to live, or do you want to die?'"

Firshing said he wanted to live. Cope began training him, at Firshing's home in the early days, then later at the gym, along with other trainers. Two-and-a-half years after their first meeting, Firshing weighed 230 — a loss of 420 pounds — and was featured on the local TV news in Long Island.

"I mostly just yelled at him and called him names to motivate him, but I think his story inspired a lot of people," Cope said with a laugh. "The sad part is that those years he carried so much weight caused permanent damage to his heart: He had a heart attack and passed away about six months ago."

Cope maintains a financial interest in the Long Island gym but looks forward to utilizing the same motivational skills he deployed to help Firshing in a new career, he said.

"I really feel like I was put on this planet to motivate and inspire people. I think the life coach type of thing is my niche," he said.

Cope and his family live in Corona, near Riverside, where he's working on a digital-marketing plan to launch the next phase of his life after the coronavirus pandemic passes.

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son classroom atmosphere, immersive environment, and human dynamics," of language training.

But for now, it's the safest way to teach. "The NPS military culture is very disciplined about following prevention guidelines. Protecting our people, and consequently the communities where we live, has remained a DoD priority from the start," Nystrom said. He added that like the Presidio, NPS is also adhering to California and Monterey County policies during the pandemic.

Conservative masks

The NPS summer quarter is scheduled to begin July 8, and the school is proceeding as if all 400 expected new students will be able to come here when the stop-movement order expires June 30. The plan for now is to continue with online learning.

Nystrom also referred to the school's frequently asked questions at nps.edu/covid19. They include guidance on wearing face masks, and since there hasn't been time to manufacture them specifically for the military, it notes that they should be "conservative in appearance" and not "offensive," with this comment: "If you find yourself wondering if the mask is appropriate, it likely isn't."

RENTALS

From page 9A

"Please also be advised that even one booking per month — unless the booking is for a 30-day stay — constitutes an illegal unlicensed short-term rental," the city says on its website.

Violators could face penalties of 100 percent of the revenue earned through illegal hosting. Penalties are assessed the day the illegal rental activity begins and accrue until the violation has stopped. Those who break the rules repeatedly could have liens placed on their rental properties.

Vacation rentals throughout the county effectively ceased on March 18, when Monterey County health officer Dr. Ed Moreno implemented his lockdown order that prohibited people from staying in such rentals. Exceptions included essential workers and those unable to isolate themselves from people who tested positive for the coronavirus. That ban is still in effect, although it could be lifted soon.

GAVEL

From page 4A

their identities concealed with hooded jackets, pants and masks. Yanez was seen on surveillance video driving the get-away vehicle that had been taken the night before from Williams Roofing yard in Castroville.

On June 3, 2018, Yanez and Chavez entered the C&N Tractor store in Watsonville after having smashed the front window with a brick while the business was closed. A safe and tools were taken by Yanez and Chavez. Later that day, Yanez and Chavez were observed trying to sell the stolen tools by a good Samaritan who reported it to the Monterey County Sheriff's Office.

Marine honored for rescuing woman

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

IT'S BEEN about 17 months since Marine Sgt. Cole Ellis stopped to help out at the scene of a crash on Highway 1 in the Carmel Highlands.

On Jan. 7, 2019, south of Fern Canyon Road, Ellis saw a two-car crash and pulled over. According to a press release from the Presidio of Monterey, "On stopping, he encountered an unconscious woman trapped in the driver's seat of a vehicle billowing smoke. Ellis, aided by a fellow good Samaritan, broke the glass window and pulled the woman to safety."

An accident photo showed the Mustang that the woman was driving, almost completely crushed, and blackened by the fire.

On Thursday afternoon, May 28 at the Presidio, Ellis, who is assigned to the Defense Language Institute, received the Navy and Marine Commendation Medal for his actions. The still-unnamed "fellow good Samaritan" was reportedly a local physician who also stopped to help.

According to the Presidio, the medal "is reserved for those who distinguish themselves by heroic action, outstanding achievement, or meritorious service," and was given to Ellis for "life-saving actions" that day.

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SECTION RE ■ May 29-June 4, 2020

The Carmel Pine Cone

Real Estate



■ This week's cover property, located in Santa Lucia Preserve, is presented by Lisa Guthrie of La Tierra Home & Ranch (See Page 2RE)



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David and Jannell Anthony to Kimberly Gilbreath
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24667 Dolores Street — \$1,149,000
Jonathan Ramos to Katherine and Christopulos Procida
APN: 009-102-009

Carmel Valley

142 Del Mesa Carmel — \$700,000
Douglas, Madeline and Robert Carver to Richard Helsten
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Kineon Walker to William Milton
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22200 Parrott Ranch Road — \$850,000
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HOME SALES

From page 2RE

Highway 68 (con't.)

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Charity Properties LLC to Casey Keegan
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14450 Roland Canyon — \$2,495,000

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North Bay Trading Company Inc. to Powers Associates LLC
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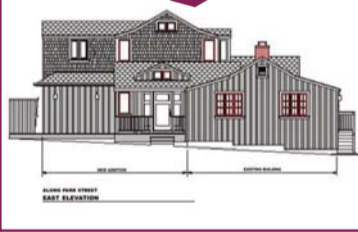
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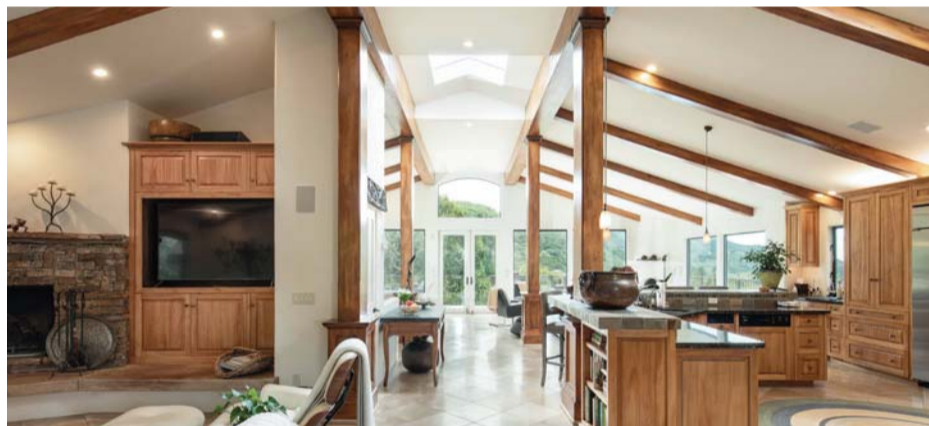


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There is a quiet place beneath a tree where even pandemics cannot tread

WHERE ARE the quiet corners of your life where beauty can sink in and you can forget the frenetic pace of life? A friend asked me that question several years ago. We need escape, places of refuge to help us reconnect with

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

our core of inner peace. During the pandemic, a little bit of chaos has infected us all, which reminded me of her question. Distractions such as the Holderness Family, whose song parodies you can find on their website and on YouTube, can save your sanity, but solitude and reverie can be the prescriptions for serenity.

“Stone walls do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cage,” penned the lovelorn Richard Lovelace in 1642. Me thinks the love-struck Lovelace never sat through a pandemic. At times, four walls do make a prison. We need getaways, like the sanctuary provided by open churches. Carmel Beach offers the freedom to seek out quiet corners. Strolling the silky sand and breathing in the salty air is therapeutic.

‘Beyond the hedges’

A library, if it is our Harrison Memorial Library (and it is open), can be a repository of knowledge and a place of solace. A library invites you in, and for the modest asking price of silence allows you to enjoy many of the comforts of home. It is so home-like that I am sometimes guilty of nodding off in one of the comfy easy chairs.

Devendorf Park is a few baby steps from the busy Ocean Avenue sidewalk. Within its confines you are surrounded by enough greenery to make you forget that some serious business is taking place beyond the hedges. It is a meadow for people to graze and to laze on its lush lawn.

The same friend who asked me the above question gave me directions to her quiet corner. She moved to Europe but not before bequeathing me her secret spot, an old Carmel cypress tree that overlooks the ocean. I wrote about the tree several years ago. Its tranquility is worth mentioning again. The tree has a low, bench-like branch extending out towards the ocean. I remember the first time I went looking for the tree. I knew it was on Scenic Road, but it took me three drive-bys to find it.

Hawaii in the way

The tree is all that my friend described. The location cannot be better. It sits above a rocky cove where an insistent ocean constantly tries to pull the land back into the water.

Cypress trees go back a long way. In Genesis God commands Noah to build the ark out of cypress wood.

I stepped over a low barrier to reach the tree. It was one small step, but one that seemed to traverse time as well as space. The buzz of car engines was overcome by the sounds of splashing waves and gull screams. I approached the bench-like branch tentatively, but soon had the feeling it was waiting for me. My cares wafted away with the sea breeze within minutes of sitting down.

That first time I visited the tree was a day when huge waves were breaking on the shore. The day was clear, so I had a direct view of the links at Pebble Beach. I sat on the limb with closed eyes and let my imagination run free. I let it soar with the shorebirds until I thought I could see all the way to Japan. I couldn’t because Hawaii got in the way. That’s some imagining. This spot will do that to you. I wondered who else besides my friend and myself had

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POLICE LOG

From page 4A

FRIDAY, MAY 15

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen found a loose dog at Monte Verde and 13th and brought it to the department for safekeeping. Shortly after, the dog owner called the department to report their dog escaped through a fence. The dog was returned to the owner, and repairs will be done to the fence.

Pacific Grove: Theft from a vehicle on Cedar.

Pacific Grove: Suspicious incident on Spruce.

Pacific Grove: Theft of an unlocked bicycle on Central.

Pacific Grove: Juvenile issue on Maple Street.

Pacific Grove: Fraud on Junipero.

Carmel area: Report of identity theft on Camino Real.

Carmel Valley: An email scam was reported by a Quail Canyon Lane resident.

Carmel Valley: Deputies were dispatched to a verbal domestic on Schulte Road.

SATURDAY, MAY 16

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A subject on Ridgewood was placed on a 72-hour hold. A firearm was taken for safekeeping.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A resident at Dolores and Seventh reported a lost credit card.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Attempted shoplifting at a local business at San Carlos and Seventh. Suspect gone on arrival.

Pacific Grove: Peace disturbance on Ocean View Boulevard. Fight in a public place.

Carmel Valley: Victim on Jeanette Road reported tools being stolen.

Carmel area: A female was placed on a 5150 W&I hold for a mental health evaluation.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a report of a residential burglary in progress on Red Wolf Drive. Suspect was a 27-year-old male.

Big Sur: A 32-year-old male was in possession of a controlled substance and paraphernalia. He was cited and released from the scene on Los Burros Road.

Big Sur: Suspect sent an obscene threatening message to the victim by use of Facebook Messenger.

Carmel Valley: Unknown subject stole numerous items from an unlocked vehicle while it was parked at the victim's residence on Southbank Road overnight.

SUNDAY, MAY 17

Pacific Grove: Report of suspicious circumstances on

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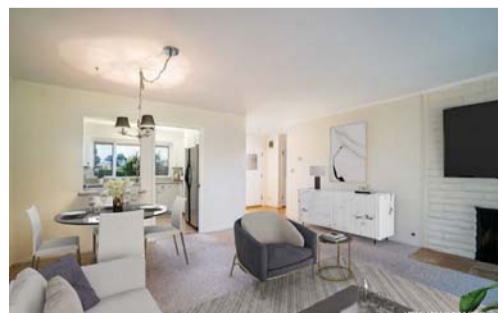
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SHERIFF

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Benito Court.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a lost men's wallet.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 32-year-old female was arrested on Mission south of Seventh for possession of drug paraphernalia, providing false information, and possession of lost or stolen property.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Multiple reports of construction on Mission south of 13th in violation of applicable CMC sections governing permitted days and hours. No violations observed by CPD officers; associated party contacted at the site and advised of regulations. Caller was unwilling to sign a citation and was advised of enforcement options by CPD, code enforcement and planning and building. Ongoing and known issue. Forwarded to city hall for follow-up.

Pacific Grove: Suspicious circumstances on Montecito Avenue.

Pacific Grove: A 42-year-old male on Ocean View Boulevard was found to be driving without a license.

Pacific Grove: Property damage to a vehicle on Sunset Drive.

Pacific Grove: Noise complaint on Light-house Avenue involving a 10-year-old juvenile. Ongoing issue.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Miles Avenue reported unauthorized computer access.

MONDAY, MAY 18

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a male adult yelling angrily within a business at Junipero and Sixth. Subject was contacted and given a trespass advisement.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Suspicious person on private property on Monte Verde south of Ocean. Trespass warning given to the subject per request of the homeowner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Verbal dispute between acquaintances resulted in one feeling threatened. One desired that the other be warned about trespassing at a business at San Carlos and Fifth. No further action requested.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a dog

barking outside of a house on Dolores south of First. An officer responded and observed the barking coming from a small dog. Follow-up made with the dog owner, and possible solutions were discussed.

Pacific Grove: A 38-year-old male on Ocean View Boulevard was arrested for trespassing and harassing protected mammals. He was also arrested for possession of unlawful paraphernalia, being under the influence of a controlled substance, and refusing to leave a school.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Lawton reported what she believed to be attempted fraud.

Pacific Grove: Subject reported two stolen bicycles on Ransford.

Pacific Grove: Attempted theft of a bicycle on Sinex.

Pacific Grove: Subject at Country Club Gate reported a court order violation regarding custody.

Pacific Grove: Missing person located at Country Club Gate.

Pebble Beach: Report of theft from an unlocked car on Fergusson Lane.

Carmel area: Online report of lost property on Palisade Drive.

Carmel area: Victim reported a burglary on Rio Road. Case closed.

TUESDAY, MAY 19

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female on Mission north of Eighth reported her ex-husband hacked into her old dating profile. She stated she created the profile when she and her ex-husband divorced but discontinued using it. She stated her dating profile had become active the morning of May 19 when she received an email welcoming her back to the website. She stated when she logged on, her profile had pictures from her Facebook account that were never uploaded to her dating profile until it become reactivated. She stated her ex-husband was the only other person to have her login information and was the person to have done this. She stated she wanted this documented. She stated she had already contacted the dating website to have her account deleted.

Pacific Grove: Subject using a fraudulent

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ADAMS

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He's also pursuing national public sculpture commissions, worth anywhere from \$30,000 to \$500,000.

And Adams is creating a series of 20-minute instructional art videos for students from the third grade through high school, as well as adults. Some are already being used in Camarillo public schools.

He plans to sail his boat to California's Channel Islands to do underwater photography and cinematography for a project called "Kelp Forest Preservation," and has an art project in the works as for Stanford University's Hopkins Marine Laboratories, where he serves on the board of directors for Friends of Hopkins.

"Every two years I'd like to bring a group of artists together with the scientists," he said. "They'll talk, and then the artists will have two years to create art for a biennial art exhibition."

Much of his work is designed to raise

CALLS

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plate on another vehicle. Filed with the DA's office.

Pacific Grove: Bike kept at city yard for safekeeping following a medical detail. Bike returned to owner.

Pacific Grove: Ammunition was turned in to the police department lobby for destruction.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle parked on Pacific was scratched.

Pacific Grove: A dog was found wandering around on Sunset. No microchip was found and no tag information. Dog was taken to the pens at the city yard. Update: Dog was reunited with the owner.

Pacific Grove: Battery at Country Club Gate. No prosecution requested.

Pacific Grove: Damaged city sign was located on Central. Cause of damage unknown, and no leads at this time.

Carmel Valley: Report of lewd acts and sexual abuse to a minor on Carmel Valley Road.

Carmel Valley: El Hemmorro resident reported prowling.

ecological awareness, he said. "The environmental crisis threatening our planet right now is absolutely killing me," Adams said. "I've actually worked on some environmental initiatives in the past, and to watch the current administration destroy 40 years of work by people who have been trying to clean our water and air is an absolute travesty."

Adams' paintings, drawings, sculptures, and fine art photography can be seen online at joeadamart.com. He also expects to show his work in Carmel at Gallerie Amsterdam in the coming months.

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GERVASE

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sat on this tree limb. I wondered if they, too, had fallen under the spell of the wind, sea and waves coming together to form a perfect quiet corner. The tree may have been too young for Robinson Jeffers to sit on but the view is the same. The words of one of his poems came to me while I was sitting there:

*I admired the beauty
while I was human,
now I am part of the beauty.
I wander in the air,
being mostly gas and water,
and flow in the ocean;
Touch you and Asia
at the same moment;
Have a hand in the sunrises
and the glow of this grass.*

I have been back to this special place enough times to feel that, I too, am part of the beauty. I feel as if I can wander in the air, touch Asia, and have a hand in the sunrises. I can see the things that are invisible to the eye. I have found my quiet corner.

And yet, as comforting as my cypress tree is, my true contentment comes from the faces I love to see. I miss them during this time of confinement, as I'm sure you do. They reside where no pandemic can reach. In the quiet corners of my mind.

Contact Jerry at jerrygervase@yahoo.com.

SERRA

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many as 200 students at the Mission were opened for students in the fall of 1945. Classrooms were only the first phase of moving the school to the Mission. The 1945 plans called for adding other buildings for the school as part of the overall restoration of the Mission complex. New rooms planned for future buildings included a principal's office, a library, a music room, a cafeteria, and a nurse's room.

Growth of Carmel's school was going so well, that the local parishes agreed to support a Catholic high school, and in 1950, O'Connell led the dedication of the Junipero Serra Memorial High School in Monterey on Church Street (the site of today's San Carlos School).

Back at the Mission, O'Connell arranged an open house in November 1951 to show off the construction at the grammar school and thank the community for its support. The Mothers' Club served as host, and the program featured more than 100 students performing plays and music concerts for the appreciative audience. The student emcee of the program was 13-year old Leon Panetta, already recognized for his leadership skills.

Still, reconstruction of the school and the Mission complex was not complete. In December 1952, O'Connell hosted another open house, to allow the public its only inspection of the just-completed liv-

ing quarters for the teaching sisters. The 7,000-square-foot convent included 10 sleeping cubicles, two visiting parlors, a kitchen, dining room, laundry and rooms for study and sewing. The next day, the sisters moved from Villa Angelica to the Mission.

In 1958, Bishop Harry Clinch was appointed to replace O'Connell as administrator of the Mission and the school. In meeting with neighboring parishes, he determined a larger Catholic high school was in order. After exploring possibilities, in February 1960, the diocese purchased 27 acres south of Aguajito Road for the site of the new Central Catholic High School.

'Always forward'

But that was then, and this is now. The new high school was never built, and the earlier high school closed after the 1969 school year. And now, with declining enrollments, and the economic impacts of Covid-19 shutdowns, the diocese has announced closure of the lower school as the current academic year comes to a close. Citing St. Junipero Serra's directive, "Always forward, never back," Bishop Daniel Garcia reaffirmed a commitment to "the availability of a Catholic education" within the diocese. Nevertheless, it seems unlikely that Junipero Serra School will be a part of that, and a local institution will be relegated to history.

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Famed mission preservationist Harry Downie inspects the work during construction of the Junipero Serra School in the 1940s.

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