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Some businesses may have to close again as cases exceed threshold



The sudden increase in coronavirus patients at county hospitals is bringing new challenges to their medical staffs, as these photos of nurses at Salinas Valley Memorial illustrate. (Above) Yesenia Fowler wears full PPE gear so she can enter a Covid-19 patient's room. (Top right) Fowler and nurse Claudia Quirarte prepare to enter a negative pressure isolation room at the hospital. (Right) Registered nurses Maria Rodriguez, Anna Linn, and Crystal Uribe reviewing the care plan for a coronavirus-positive patient.

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■ Hospitals treating dozens of Covid-19 patients

By KELLY NIX

MONTEREY COUNTY was added Thursday to the state Department of Public Health's "watch list" of counties that have exceeded Covid-19 thresholds for business reopenings, and it faces the risk of having to re-close its bars and dine-in restaurants, wineries and tasting rooms, and other sectors in an effort to slow the infection rate.

The county, the watch list says, is "experiencing elevated disease transmission" caused by community transmission as more people leave their homes for work and services, and "workplace transmission followed by household transmission."

Meanwhile, the county is seeing a peak in the number of hospitalized virus patients, with 35 people being treated as of Thursday, down one from Wednesday.

Monterey County's addition to the state watch list followed health officer Ed Moreno's news Monday that the county, for "at least a week," had exceeded the 14-day cumulative number of cases per 100,000 people. That number was 28.6 when the county submitted its attestation

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With holiday looming, beach closures pile up

By CHRIS COUNTS

IN A coordinated effort to slow the spread of coronavirus over what promises to be a very busy Independence Day weekend, city and state beaches around the Monterey Peninsula will be closed July 3-5.

County spokeswoman Maia Carroll called the move "extraordinary" and said it was done by the cities of Carmel, Pacific Grove and Monterey, the Pebble Beach Company and California State Parks in response to anticipated crowds.

"Crowding is a danger and can increase the spread of coronavirus both in the local community and for people coming to visit and then returning to their communities," Carroll said.

City-owned beaches will be closed in Carmel, along with the Del Mar parking lot at the bottom of Ocean Avenue.

"We've worked really hard at keeping our beaches open," city administrator Chip Rerig told The Pine Cone. "It's part of the public trust. But with the three-day weekend, we didn't think we could keep visitors safe with our limited staffing."

In Pacific Grove, Lovers Point Park and turnouts along Ocean View Boulevard will also be closed. A small beach west of Lovers Point will remain open only so surfers, div-

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CUSD superintendent promises reopening plan

By MARY SCHLEY

A PLAN for bringing kids and teachers back to Carmel Unified schools in the fall is set to be discussed at a special school board meeting July 15, acting superintendent Trisha Dellis said at a town hall meeting last Thursday night that was viewed by hundreds of parents. A week after that, the board will vote on the plan.

The announcement came amid an outcry from parents after a poll sent out by the district did not include full-time in-classroom teaching as an option in the fall, and one of them started a petition that now has nearly 900 signatures.

'Set off a firestorm'

During the town hall, Dellis acknowledged that the survey "set off a firestorm," but said the only reason full-time in-classroom learning wasn't listed on the survey was that everybody already knows that would be the preferred option.

"We did not put the full-time option on the survey, because that's what we want to do, and that was something we didn't feel should be called out because of course that's

the best option," Dellis said.

Instead, she said, the purpose of the survey was to find out what sort of hybrid or distance-teaching models parents would prefer, even though some parents consider the whole idea "an abject failure."

Having to immediately adapt to new modes of teaching and learning when shelter orders shut schools down

A lawsuit accuses CUSD of illegally barring public comment during online meetings. See page 7A.

in mid-March amounted to a "crisis" for teachers and students, she acknowledged, but gains have been made since then in terms of technology, technique and standards. If a shelter order is still in place when school starts — "which is quite likely," Dellis said — teachers will be ready, and

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BIG SUR WOMAN FACES LONG ROAD TO RECOVERY AFTER HEAD-ON HIGHWAY 1 CRASH

By CHRIS COUNTS

A CAR accident caused by an impatient driver has left a Big Sur woman, Heather Caylor, hospitalized with serious injuries.

The accident happened along Highway 1 south of the Carmel Highlands Friday just after 9 p.m. Caylor was driving a 2005 Mercedes southbound when a northbound motorist, Marcos Daniel Lopez of Salinas, who was driving a 2016 Kia Forte, tried to pass at least one car across a double-yellow line and hit her head-on.

Caylor's car was damaged so badly that rescuers had to use the jaws of life to get her out of it.

"She was taken by ambulance to

the Natividad Hospital Trauma unit and underwent surgery on Saturday," her mother, Barbara Cox of Big Sur, told The Pine Cone. "She had a partially collapsed lung, which resolved itself, a slight tibia fracture on her left leg, eight fractured ribs on her right side, a deep laceration on her right knee, two broken bones in her right heel, and a dislocated ankle which caused an arterial blockage causing reduced blood flow to her foot."

California Highway Patrol spokeswoman Jessica Madueno reported that both drivers suffered major injuries, along with a passenger in Lopez's car. The cause of the acci-

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PHOTO/BAY AREA STRINGER TV VIA FACEBOOK

The scene of Friday night's car crash in Big Sur, which sent three people to the hospital.



Heather Caylor of Big Sur, who works as a manicurist in Carmel, remains hospitalized after Friday's collision along Highway 1.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Ferdinand the bulldog

KATHERINE WAS No. 1 in the family until kids came along. While the toddlers were learning to walk, Katherine kept knocking them down. Some say she was trying to play with them, while others wonder if maybe it was on purpose. Katherine couldn't say.

Either way, the 50-pound hunk of muscle had to go.

Fortunately for Katherine, a neighbor has always had an affinity for English bulldogs, the very first breed she had as a child.

"When I was 2 or 3 years old, my mom found my room empty," she said. A woman called and said, 'Do you have a toddler and an English bulldog?' That dog was my big brother. He was by my side every step of the way. Katherine is like that, too. She's my little bodyguard."

The dog's name had been Kira, but her new person, wanting to keep the K-sound but shift to something more English, changed it to Katherine. "She's Catherine the Great," her person said, "and she couldn't care less about the spelling."

Now 11, Katherine's still a hunk of muscle, but she doesn't use it to push people around.

"She's very friendly and loves attention," her person said. "She also loves to eat, sleep and just hang out. She loves to get in among the bushes and blossoms, like a little 'Ferdinand the Bull,' who just wants to take her time to smell the flowers."

Katherine also accompanies her person to Bird



Rock near their Pebble Beach home, or to Carmel Beach for their daily walk along the shore. She stays in step with her person without need of a leash.

"Katherine waddles through life with a 'Here I am' disposition," her person said. "But she's a sweet, gentle dog who loves people. When she looks up at me, it seems like she's smiling. But it's probably just because her wrinkles are falling back."

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Supes OK \$250K more for food bank

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH UNEMPLOYMENT suddenly surging because of the coronavirus shutdown, the Food Bank for Monterey County is serving so many clients — 60,000 per month, compared with 13,000 before the pandemic hit — that it's depleted six months' worth of food in seven weeks and needs \$3.4 million to get through the next six months, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors learned last Tuesday.

Through the board, taxpayers have already given the food bank a half-million dollars since the coronavirus shutdown started, and the county has allocated other funds to it as well. At the June 23 meeting, social services director Lori Medina recommended writing a check for another \$500,000. She also recommended the county do more oversight — not only to make sure the money is well spent, but to increase the chances of getting state or federal reimbursement.

Peak unemployment

To illustrate just how many people might need help in the future, consultant Elliott Robinson presented a dismal forecast of unemployment and poverty levels in the county.

"The economic fallout of the shutdown for many households is likely just beginning," Robinson said, and probably won't be fully felt until the \$600-per-week additional unemployment benefit expires at the end of July, and other state and federal programs end later.

He predicted peak unemployment in Monterey County, which was just over 10 percent in 2018, is likely to range from 27 to 33 percent, depending on how long shelter-in-place orders remain and whether some of the recent reopening of the economy is rescinded. As a result, poverty rates could rise to 26 percent — nearly double the 2018 number.

"It is estimated that more than 54,000

additional Monterey County residents are losing enough income that they will fall into poverty in the current year," Robinson said.

He also described the numerous federal and state programs created to ensure needy people are getting enough food, including those funneling more money to the food bank.

Supervisor Luis Alejo was clearly frustrated by the food bank's apparent unwillingness to provide numbers about where its money comes from and the cost of the services it provides.

"I would appreciate getting that info — we're talking about transparency, here. We've been a good partner to the food bank and provided significant funding," he said. "Several of us have raised this continually, and it shouldn't be that way. When we ask for information, we should just get it, because we have the fiduciary responsibility to safeguard dollars for our community."

Food bank executive director Melissa Kendrick thanked the board for its ongoing support and talked about how many people the organization served and its 40 weekly pickup locations, but did not discuss dollars and cents.

'Cutting off at the knees'

Supervisor Mary Adams, who represents the 5th District, recommended giving the food bank \$500,000 with no strings attached.

"I wouldn't want to make it contingent," she said. "I feel like that is not what we need to do at this point for the people who need to have food."

But supervisor Jane Parker disagreed, because the food bank has to provide necessary data "if we want to be eligible for any reimbursement, which we may or may not get."

Alejo agreed and asked for a written agreement to assure the information is

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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

Pair arrested for unreported theft

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.

MONDAY, JUNE 15

Pacific Grove: Subject fell off a public bench on Lighthouse Avenue, causing injury.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Fourth Street reported missing a delivered package.

Pacific Grove: Officer was contacted by a female about a found cat in her garage on Maple Street. Officer went to the residence and picked up a locally owned cat that has some medical conditions. Returned the cat to its owner and included a collar for the owner to put proper ID on the cat. The cat has been seen currently by their veterinarian and is being treated for its hyperthyroid condition. Nothing further at this time.

Pacific Grove: Report of suspicious circumstances on Central Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Resident reported a vehicle burglary on Highway 68 at Haul Road while the resident was jogging in Pebble Beach. Entry was made via window smash, and a purse with credit cards was taken.

Carmel area: Deputies received a report

of fraud on Marguerite Road.

Pebble Beach: Resident on Lake Road reported losing a vehicle license plate.

Carmel area: Adult Protective Services referral on Whitman Circle.

Big Sur: Male lost his wallet while hiking on the McWay Canyon Trail.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

Carmel area: A 32-year-old male was taken into custody for two outstanding warrants. Case continues with the deputy district attorney.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: At 0253 hours, officers arrested two suspects, a 24-year-old male Carmel resident and a 23-year-old male transient at Ocean and Carpenter, for theft and burglary. Subjects were in possession of stolen property possibly from vehicles. They were also arrested for identity theft and possession of burglary tools. Suspects were lodged at Monterey County Jail.

Big Sur: Male was reported missing from a Plaskett Ridge Road residence. He contacted his parents after a report was already taken. Case closed.

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The gavel falls

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

April 27 — The district attorney's environmental protection unit has reached a settlement with Monterey Peninsula Engineering stemming from alleged violations of environmental laws in Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties, including the improper disposal of asphalt emulsion.

The stipulated judgment requires that MPE pay \$27,500 in civil penalties, \$27,500 in costs, and \$25,000 as a supplement project to the Central Coast Ambient Monitoring Program – Groundwater Assessment Protection, a program focused on the assessment and protection of surface water and groundwater.

MPE has also agreed, at its own cost, to remove large amounts of concrete, asphalt, and other debris on the beach below MPE's construction yard on Tioga Avenue in Sand City, the result of decades of erosion. Removal is expected to improve beach access and enhance the Monterey Bay coastline's scenic beauty. Before commencing work, MPE will submit a coastal development permit application to the California Coastal Commission for approval.

May 13 — The Honorable Pamela L. Butler sentenced Josh Guevara, age 40 and a resident of Salinas, to 20 years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Guevara previously pled guilty to first degree robbery and admitted special allegations for personal infliction of great bodily injury and personal use of a knife. He also pled guilty to assault with a

deadly weapon and admitted a special allegation for personally inflicting great bodily injury. His pleas in this case qualify as two violent strikes under California's Three Strikes Law.

On August 17, 2019, Victim 1 had just finished driving his taxicab when Guevara got in his vehicle and stabbed him in the face and back of his head with a long knife or screwdriver. Guevara told Victim 1, "Give me your money and everything you have." Victim 1 said that he gave Guevara his wallet and began honking his horn. Victim 2 heard loud arguing and a honking noise coming from his driveway, stepped outside, and saw a man assaulting Victim 1 inside Victim 1's taxicab. Victim 2 ran out to help Victim 1 and Guevara stabbed Victim 2.

When officers arrived on scene, they saw Victim 2 lying on the ground with large amounts of blood coming from his stomach area.

Upon lifting Victim 2's shirt, officers noticed that Victim 2 had three stab wounds to his left chest and rib cage.

Both Victim 1 and Victim 2 suffered significant injuries. Victim 1 had multiple puncture wounds to the neck and Victim 2 suffered three stab wounds to chest area which required staples to close.

Officers arrested Guevarra at a nearby restaurant and located a partially loaded gun magazine on his person as well as Victim 1's wallet.

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Policing, trash cans, outdoor dining on city council's next agenda

By MARY SCHLEY

IN LIGHT of nationwide calls for reform and even "defunding" law enforcement, Carmel Police Chief Paul Tomasi will discuss his department's use-of-force policies at the July 7 city council meeting. Also on the agenda that afternoon are a vote on the kinds of trash cans to replace the old wooden ones — the planning commission last month recommended a "metal ribbon" style that accommodates recycling and garbage — and the latest round of discussions on outdoor dining.

According to Tomasi's report, California has been on the leading edge when it comes to implementing changes to reduce the use of deadly force, and he plans to discuss how CPD's policies and procedures follow former President Barack Obama's "Police Use of Force Project" and the "8Can'tWait Campaign," which include deescalating volatile situations, banning chokeholds and carotid restraints (in which blood flow is momentarily cut off from the brain, also known as the "sleeper hold"), requiring officers to intervene when their colleagues use excessive force, prohibiting shooting at moving cars, and other mea-

asures.

His report will not require any action on the part of council members, but they will have to vote on the next item, which will feature options and recommendations for a new design of trash can for downtown.

Rules for dining

The city's commercial center largely lacks recycling receptacles, and the longstanding wood trash cans, while charming, with images of squirrels branded on the side, are expensive to maintain and replace, and don't hold much. To increase the rate of recyclables kept out of the landfill, and to use the \$120,364 grant the city received from state recycling fees, the old cans are slated for replacement. Last month, the planning commission reviewed several options and recommended the dual-sided metal ribbon design for its durability, cost effectiveness and looks. The city council will have the final say.

Finally, after deciding how the city forester should format her monthly reports and what should be in them, the council is set to make some final rulings on outdoor dining — specifically, whether bars and wine-tasting rooms

should also be allowed to serve customers outside on public property because social distancing has reduced their indoor capacities. Outdoor seating for bakeries and coffee shops, some of which have already set up tables in parking spots and on sidewalks under the existing outdoor-dining program, is also set for further discussion.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m. and will be streamed through the city's website, ci.carmel.ca.us, where a full agenda is also available. Those who want to comment can email city clerk Britt Avrit at bavrit@ci.carmel.ca.us at least two hours before the meeting or call in as instructed on the agenda.

Richmond steps down from Carmel academy

By CHRIS COUNTS

IN A series of moves that will transform the local dance scene for youngsters, Carol Richmond is retiring from running the Carmel Academy of Performing Arts. Her nonprofit, Dance Kids of Monterey County, will be become a foundation providing scholarships for young people in the arts.

The academy, meanwhile, will cease to exist as a dance studio, but its students will be accepted by another studio, the Dance Center. The latter is owned by Tia Brown and Laura Jeselnick, who once worked with Richmond at the Carmel academy. Richmond said the Dance Center will offer her students a safe and stable place as they "learn and grow" as dancers.

The academy's studio manager, Nicole Costa, will join the Dance Center's staff, as will instructors Abbie Soltis and Gabby Flanders.

For 26 years, Dance Kids has staged a performance of the ballet, "Nutcracker," at Sunset Center during the holidays, while Monterey Peninsula Ballet Theatre has presented a competing "Nutcracker" for the past three years, also at Sunset Center. Now, there will be just one "Nutcracker" at the downtown performing arts center.

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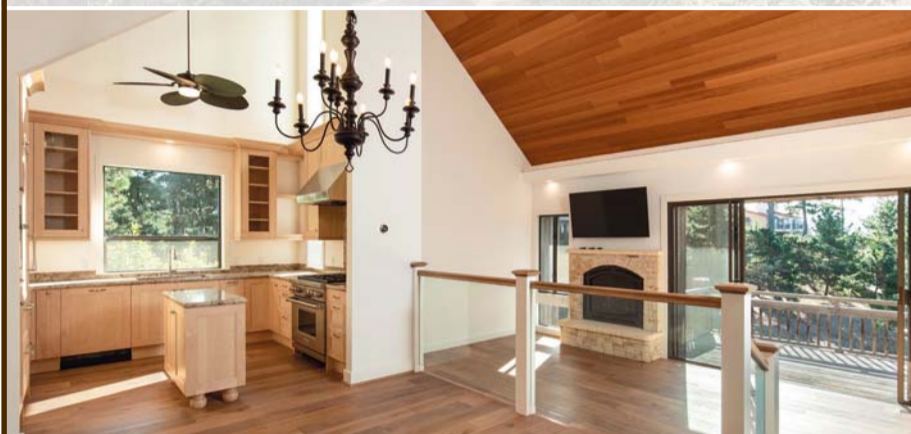


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Lawsuit: CUSD ‘illegally’ barring public comment during meetings

By KELLY NIX

COMPUTER PROGRAMS that allow people to participate in public meetings held online are ubiquitous these days, but a new lawsuit alleges that Carmel Unified School District violates state law when it refuses to let parents and other members of the public comment or ask questions during its meetings.

In a complaint filed June 23, attorney Charles Shivers, who lives within the district’s boundaries, contends CUSD has repeatedly blocked “actual participation” in violation of the Brown Act, the law that regulates public meetings in California.

CUSD “has implemented an illegal practice of forbidding public participation in its public meetings since the Covid-19 pandemic and Gov. Newsom’s emergency order allowing meetings to be held telephonically,” according to the suit by Shivers, a criminal defense lawyer.

Since April 29, the district has streamed its board meetings on YouTube for the public to watch, but Shivers said it only allows comments to be submitted in writing. It does not, he maintains, permit public comment while the meeting is occurring, either by telephone or online, and that, he argues, is in “flagrant disregard of the language and clear intent of the Brown Act” and Gov. Newsom’s emergency order.

In writing only

Carmel Unified chief technology officer Paul Behan told The Pine Cone that the school board does permit the public to comment while the meeting is in session, but only in writing.

“For each meeting, there has been an opportunity for the public to submit written comments via an online form in advance of the meeting and in real time,” he

said. “The comments are read into the record during the meetings.”

Behan conceded that “some members of the public have expressed dissatisfaction with the written comment system. We are always open to feedback to improve how we serve our community. We are all learning as we go in these unusual times.”

Still, Shivers said CUSD must accept real-time comments from the public “and cannot continue to only allow written comments.” Newsom’s order regarding meetings says the public must have the ability to “observe and address the meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically,” which Shivers said is intended to mean that people should be able to call in via telephone or use a program like Zoom.

‘Dismayed’

He also notes that other local jurisdictions have “easily transitioned” to allowing real-time public comment.

“Thus, any justification CUSD attempts to provide for its inability to also allow public comment should not be given any weight,” Shivers’ lawsuit says.

Shivers “has been dismayed at the district’s continued refusal to provide any sort of public participation in its board of education meetings,” Shivers’ Carmel attorney, Krista Ostoich, who filed the complaint on his behalf, told the Pine Cone.

The school board on July 22 is expected to discuss several issues, including whether students will attend school on campus, and Shivers claims parents and others will be “greatly prejudiced” if the district is allowed to make any changes without allowing public comment.

He’s requesting that the court issue a temporary restraining order and an injunction preventing CUSD from holding future meetings “in violation” of the Brown Act.

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Pacific Grove sacrifices parking spots for dining

By KELLY NIX

TO PROMOTE more al fresco dining in the age of coronavirus, several restaurants in Pacific Grove are expanding their dining rooms into the street, and more are certain to follow.

Café Ariana, Victorian Corner, and Wild Fish Restaurant on Lighthouse Avenue are jointly funding an outdoor dining area on the street in front of their restaurants to allow for more dining outside. The cordoned-off areas, called parklets, will have tables and chairs and replace six parking spaces in front of the three adjacent businesses.

"We also have other applications from Jeninni Kitchen + Wine Bar and Passionfish to also install parklets", city manager Ben Harvey told The Pine Cone. "The city is waiving the fees and public hearing process for these

encroachment permits."

The three Lighthouse restaurants, which Harvey said are hoping to have their parklet built by July 4, will be equipped with heaters, wind protection and concrete-filled steel bollards.

"We don't want somebody to be struck by a car" while dining, he said.

'Makes sense and is safe'

Peppers Mexicali Café on Forest Avenue already has such a protected dining area in the parking lot on the side of the restaurant. And Happy Girl Kitchen on Central Avenue opened its parklet years ago.

Though the public hearing process for the dining areas will be waived, restaurant owners must submit plans to the city's building official, John Kuehl, who has the final word on design.

"The building official works with them on a design that makes sense and is safe," Harvey said.

The move toward more parklets in P.G. comes after Harvey closed off two portions of Lighthouse Avenue to vehicle traffic in June to promote shopping and outdoor dining. But the plan was unpopular with downtown business owners, which led the city council to axe the idea and reopen the street to traffic.

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Lawsuit: Mobile home park ‘illegally rezoned’

By KELLY NIX

RESIDENTS who live in Pacific Grove’s only mobile home park have filed suit against the city over a zoning dispute that they fear would make a strip of land that goes down the middle of their nearly 11-acre private property a park that might eventually be opened to the public.

A 25-page complaint filed April 17 by residents of the Monarch Pines Mobile Home Park challenges a finding by the city that a roughly 50-foot-wide undefined strip in the mobile home park — which used to be a railroad right of way — is actually zoned open space, not residential like the rest of the park.

The city maintains the error was discovered on a zoning map and that it should be “corrected.”

However, residents of the park at 700 Briggs Ave. argue that no portion of their property has ever been designated as open space, and that a city map outlining open space zones “clearly shows” that. They accuse the city of “fabricating and retroactively imposing a de facto re-zoning”

of the park.

Pacific Grove has “falsely and fraudulently misrepresented zoning maps and similar documents in the public record, in conscious disregard of the rights” of the mobile home park residents, according to the lawsuit filed in Monterey County Superior Court by Palo Alto attorney David Lanferman.

Monarch Pines also contends that the city, since 1994, has prepared many zoning maps that show the entire property is designated for residential use.

1986 initiative disputed

City attorney David Laredo, though, called the Monarch Pines’ lawsuit “premature.” He said the city is merely trying to determine how a 1986 voter-approved initiative affected the mobile home park’s zoning designation. The fundamental questions the city is looking into, he said, are “What was the zoning in 1986, has it changed since then, and what was the basis for the change?”

The 1986 initiative said that any property zoned as

open space could only be changed through voter approval.

“We are not proposing to change the zoning,” Laredo told The Pine Cone April 21. “From our perspective, whatever the zoning was set in 1986 — we have to respect the voters’ decision.”

The mobile home park property occupies the historic site of the Pacific Grove railroad station.

The park’s residents say the city’s actions “are unlawful, and their false assertions have caused, and continue to cause, irreparable harm.” Monarch Pines wants a court order preventing Pacific Grove from pursuing further efforts toward rezoning the portion of its property as open space. It’s also seeking monetary damages.

Laredo said he had planned to meet with Lanferman to discuss the row.

“It’s disappointing, quite frankly, that we have to start expending dollars to litigate at a time when we a lot of other issues on our plate,” Laredo said.

Mayor Bill Peake told The Pine Cone April 2 that city has “no desire, plans or authority” to allow the public to access the former railroad right of way.

Monarch Pines has 103 resident-owned mobile homes, according to the complaint.

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Controlled burn backers launch group to promote practice they say is safe

By CHRIS COUNTS

IN PARTS of California where the wildfire risk is severe due to the build-up of dense and dry vegetation, the idea of using prescribed or controlled burns to reduce the fuel that can feed a devastating wildfire is gaining acceptance, despite the obvious risks the practice entails.

Cal Fire recently gave a \$380,000 grant to create and maintain a group that would promote prescribed burns in Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito counties — and promote cooperation among ranchers, land managers and agencies. The money will be used to fund a part-time position — prescribed burn coordinator — for three years, and pay for equipment and training.

The group is modeled after the Humboldt County Prescribed Burn Association, which formed after the 2018 fire season — the deadliest and most destructive in California's history. The association brought together people who have differing views but share a common goal of using burns to make communities safer.

A long history

Using fire to improve game habitat or expand grazing land has long been done by humans. Monterey County's Native Americans and early homesteaders did so. But by the early 20th century, development had expanded into areas more vulnerable to wildfires, particularly where it is steep and dry — and suppressing fires not only became an endless task but made many rural communities less safe over time due to the dangerous buildup of vegetation that resulted.

Devii Rao of Hollister, who works for the University of

California promoting sustainable ranching practices, said she believes prescribed burning can be a safe and efficient way of reducing the threat of wildfires. Rao is working to get the local prescribed burn association off the ground.

"It's an amazing tool that's been used historically throughout the state," she told The Pine Cone. "It's becoming more accepted, and people are seeing the value in it."

Tough guidelines

Endorsing the idea of a prescribed burn association is Christy Wyckoff, the deputy director of the Santa Lucia Conservancy. Wyckoff said she believes the task requires

considerable cooperation between people and groups, which the association will be set up to do. "Put simply, together we are stronger," Wyckoff said.

The Santa Lucia Conservancy, which manages 18,000 acres of open space, wants to burn "several hundred acres." But first they'll need permission. "We'll start the environmental process this year, and the hope is to burn next year," she explained.

Wyckoff said the increase in big, destructive wildfires in the past few years is a wake-up call.

See BURNS page 19A

Seaside counts on public to enforce fireworks rules

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE SEASIDE City Council Monday night voted on an emergency ordinance to immediately ban all fireworks between 10 p.m. and 10 a.m. and to allocate \$5,000 to a program rewarding people who report anyone who's using illegal fireworks, which are not uncommon in Seaside, one of the few cities that allows safe and sane fireworks in its neighborhoods.

"Fireworks are an important part of the celebration of freedom for the holiday. However, to protect the livability of our residents, the City of Seaside has full intent to enforce our zero-tolerance policy for illegal fireworks and has instituted several avenues of extra enforcement to curb illegal firework use," assistant city manager Lesley Milton

announced Tuesday.

Because of coronavirus, the city canceled the annual July 4 fireworks show it debuted at Bayonet Black Horse Golf Course not long ago in an effort to curb the use of illegal fireworks among residents. The city also uses drones, extra police officers, public outreach, an anonymous tip line and a hefty \$2,500 citation as deterrents.

Now, civilian enforcers are being added to the arsenal. Any resident who witnesses illegal fireworks and provides information that leads to a citation will receive \$50 per case, up to five. The person must be willing to sign a declaration on a citation, or if appealed, testify at the appeal hearing. To report illegal fireworks, call (831) 718-8777, text "SSPD TIPS" plus the message to 274-637, or go online to tinyurl.com/SeasideTip.

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Bowling alley scene of ‘hate crime’

By KELLY NIX

A BLACK man who said he was the victim of a brutal racially-motivated attack two years ago at a Monterey bowling alley in which his jaw was broken has filed a lawsuit against the people he alleges assaulted him.

In a complaint filed July 2, Dirrick Williams, 61, contends he was trying to leave the Monterey Lanes bowling alley on July 6, 2018, but found Noah and Tricia Boewer — whom he did not know — blocking the exit. Williams, who grew up in Pacific Grove, said “excuse me” and walked around the Boewers before he said the pair made several statements “that included the ‘N’ word,” according to the suit.

When Williams turned and asked Noah Boewer, “What’s the problem here?” Williams said Boewer took a fighting stance “like a boxer,” put his fists up and took a swing at his face. Williams said he blocked the swing, pushed Boewer back several feet and turned to walk away.

Boewer, 49, then tried to kick Williams in the groin but he blocked the move. That’s when, according to the lawsuit, Tricia Boewer jumped on Williams’ back.

“As soon as Williams was able to get

Tricia Boewer off of his back, Noah Boewer again attacked Williams, punching him in the face,” the complaint, filed for Williams by Monterey attorney Andy Swartz, says. “This punch by Noah Boewer broke Williams’s jaw in three places.”

‘Unprovoked and vicious’

While Boewers told Monterey police that Williams grabbed Tricia Boewer’s buttocks prior to the melee, Swartz told The Pine Cone that Williams did not touch her. The attack, Williams said, was entirely unprovoked.

“The only basis for defendants’ unprovoked and vicious attack was Williams’ race and color,” his suit alleges.

Williams is a licensed and ordained minister and has authored two books. He had been at the bowling alley to check on a sign-up sheet for a children’s fundraiser he organizes every year, Swartz said. Among the damages Williams is seeking is \$25,000 for violations of his civil rights.

The Monterey County District Attorney’s Office in December 2018 charged the Boewers in the attack, and they have a court date next week to set a trial date. The Boewers do not have an attorney listed for them in the civil case.

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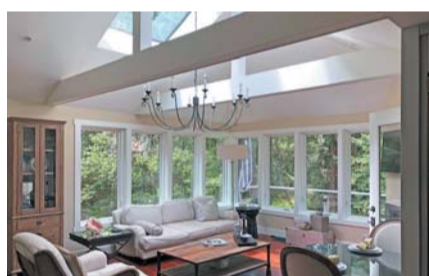


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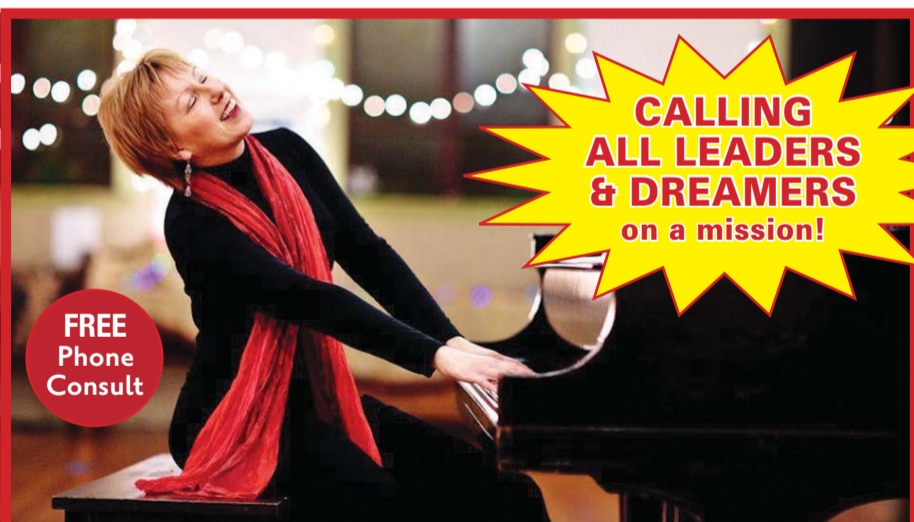


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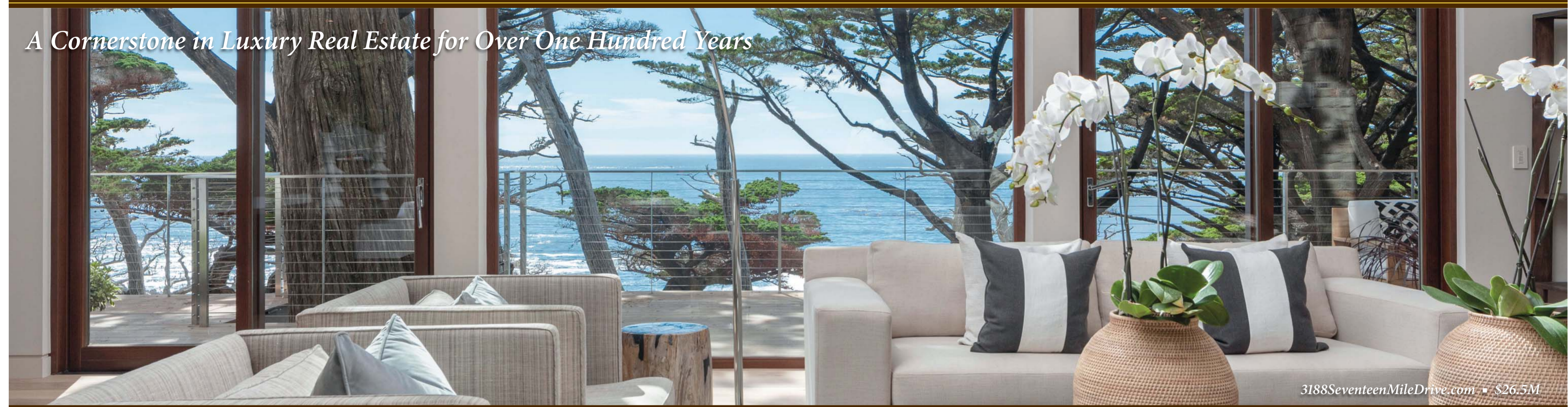
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Youngest Covid victim had no other health issues

By KELLY NIX

A 47-YEAR-OLD Salinas man is the youngest person in Monterey County to die from coronavirus, the Monterey County Sheriff's Office told The Pine Cone this week.

The man died at Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital Monday. According to Monterey County Health Department spokeswoman Karen Smith, he had no underlying medical conditions that would have put him at greater risk from the virus.

"Based on the information I have, yes, he is the youngest" person to die from the virus, sheriff's office spokesman John Thornburg told The Pine Cone Tuesday.

The unidentified Hispanic man's death marks the 15th coronavirus-related fatality in the county since the first death reported on March 21. Another person, a 60-year-

old Hispanic man, died in Salinas on June 26.

The age group in Monterey County most affected by the virus is 25-34, with 425 cases, while there have been 362 cases of those between 35 to 44.

Those 65 and older have accounted for only 102 cases, but more people in that group have died from the virus in the county.

Still a low rate

As of Thursday, Monterey County had accumulated 1,748 cases of infections with coronavirus, with 135 hospitalizations and 15 deaths.

The county's fatality rate per 1 million residents is 33.3, according to Real Clear Politics, which also said California's deaths per 1 million is 156.1, while in hard-hit New York, it is 1,652.3.

Two test positive as virus finally reaches Big Sur

By CHRIS COUNTS

WITH TOURIST traffic down the coast rising fast — and many people from near and far acting as though they are oblivious to the risks of getting Covid-19 — Big Sur saw its first two cases of the virus this week.

"Yes, it finally arrived — as we always knew it would," the Big Sur Health Center reported.

The health center confirmed that two people "who live or work in Big Sur" have tested positive for coronavirus.

"The Monterey County Health Department is taking action with contact tracing, and all the Big Sur businesses are working hard, taking the appropriate steps to keep everyone safe and healthy," the facility announced.

Health center executive director Sharen Carey told The Pine Cone that both people who tested positive had symptoms, but did not require hospitalization.

'False sense of security'

While there has been much chatter in Big Sur about who the two patients are and where they work — officials haven't said — Carey suggested what's more important is recognizing that the virus is here. She said it's time for everyone to step up by wearing masks and keeping their distance from others.

"With all the tourists coming back to Big Sur from a variety of areas, and many not following precautions, we're vulnerable if we don't take extra precautions," she explained. "It's a false sense of security to think we're isolated here."

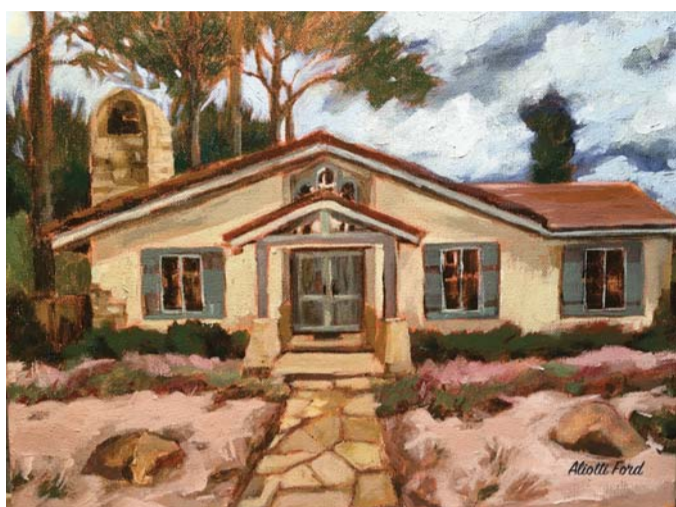
Carey said she is impressed by the steps Big Sur businesses are taking to keep their employees and customers safe.

"The business community has been very responsible and responsive," she suggested. "Before reopening, several business owners contacted us and asked for guidance."

But Carey fears it will be some time before the dangers of coronavirus pass.

"As far as I'm concerned, we're still in first wave," she said. "We've never gone down other side of slope — I expect a second wave to come in the fall or winter."

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The Monterey County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency is requesting comments from the Monterey County Community on the draft RFP for Ambulance Services. The draft RFP may be viewed on the EMS Agency website at www.mocoems.org.

The goal of the RFP is to obtain a qualified provider of ambulance services under a 10-year contract for ambulance services within the Monterey County Exclusive Operating Area. The Exclusive Operating Areas covers all of Monterey County except for the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Carmel Valley, and Fort Hunter Liggett.

Residents and all interested people are encouraged to review the RFP for ambulance services and to provide feedback on the RFP.

The comments and suggestions will be reviewed and used to further inform EMS Agency staff regarding community thoughts about the RFP for the next ambulance contract and an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system that will serve the people of Monterey County for 10 years.

The closing date for public comments on the RFP has been extended until July 9, 2020 at 12:00 Noon. Comments must be submitted in writing to:

Gina Encallado, Management Analyst I
Monterey County Contracts and Purchasing
1488 Schilling Place, Salinas, CA 93901
Email: encalladogl@co.monterey.ca.us

The Public Comment Form will be available with the draft RFP on the EMS Agency website at www.mocoems.org. The form may be completed and submitted on the website. The form may also be downloaded and mailed or emailed to the contact person listed above.

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Mercantile no longer the last chance — for now

By ELAINE HESSER

PERHAPS THE ultimate thrift shop for the Peninsula, the Last Chance Mercantile off Reservation Road in Marina (OK, at the dump) closed its doors during the pandemic, but like some other businesses, it's uncertain when or how it will reopen.

Zoë Shoats, the Monterey Peninsula Waste Management District's director of communications, said that the store has always operated at a loss.

It started out as a series of auctions of usable materials at the facility back in the early 1990s, and as Shoats said, "The auctions were successful. Then the district repurposed an old outbuilding for couple of years. In the mid-90s, it moved to its present location," a large building near the end of the driveway into the waste management facility.

However, she said that the shop has never been eco-

nomically viable on its own. "The district has some operations that create a surplus and some of that surplus was being spent on operating the Last Chance Mercantile. The store was not designed to be a money-maker. It lost approximately \$500,000 per year."

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She emphasized that the store is not closing permanently. The district is just taking some time out after the coronavirus closure to figure out how to move forward. "In the coming months, staff will be assessing options for an eventual reopening. Those options will come to our board for consideration and approval," she explained.

In the meantime, Shoats recommends taking your gently used items to another thrift or benefit shop to keep them out of the landfill, and maybe help a worthy cause.

BEACHES

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ers, kayakers and others can access the ocean.

In Monterey, not only are beaches closed for three days, but those who defy the law could receive a \$100 ticket.

"We have a very compelling reason to close beaches with the spike in COVID-19 positive cases in the county and the anticipation of large crowds coming here," Monterey city manager Hans Uslar said.

In Pebble Beach, all beaches, beach parking and turn-outs will be closed to visitors, residents and guests, along with 17 Mile Drive.

Uslar said cooperation between the cities will make the closures more effective. "It sends a strong message to potential violators that we are serious about protecting the public health of our community," he said.

Brent Marshall of California State Parks said all its beaches in Monterey County will temporarily close, including Carmel River State Beach and the beaches at Garapata and Andrew Molera state parks.

RICHMOND

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In 1989, Richmond, a single mother of three, bought Carmel Ballet Academy from founder Joanne Nix's estate, renaming it the Carmel Academy of Performing Arts in 2005. Nix had started the school in 1954.

In 1993, Richmond founded Dance Kids.

For Richmond, the whirlwind of moves offers her an opportunity to reflect back on what she and others have accomplished with the academy and Dance Kids. She said the focus on dance has been less important than the focus on children.

"I loved being a small part of the growth and realization of children that you can do anything if you work hard enough," Richmond told The Pine Cone. "The goal was always about holding a child's hand while they found their direction. I could have been a history teacher — dance was the vehicle just because I had talent in that department."

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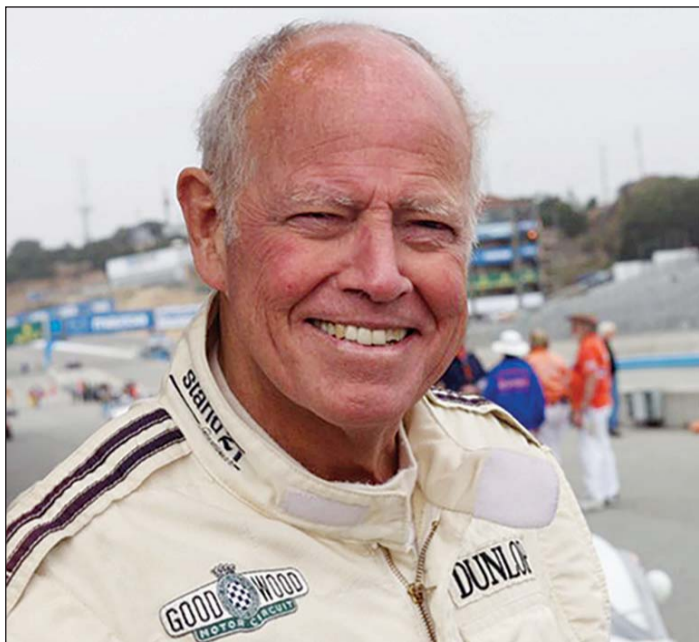
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Donald Bruce Orosco

March 18, 1944 - May 28, 2020

Donald Orosco was a maverick of vintage motorsport, icon of retail real estate, great father, and all-around hero. Don lived 29 courageous years with bone marrow cancer as multiple myeloma's longest living survivor. Two months after his 76th birthday, Don left his body to become truly larger than life.

Don was born in 1944 to Josephine Orosco, an elementary school receptionist with an ear-to-ear smile, and Louis Orosco, a produce vendor with a penchant for storytelling. The younger of two boys, Don grew up in El Cerrito where paper routes paid for go-karts ordered out of comic books. Don's adolescence chronicled the origins of American hot rodding. At age 14, Don began restoring his first Model A Ford. Upon earning his learner's permit Don and his mother were cited for cruising the streets of Richmond (mom hiding in the back). After organizing his share of clandestine drag races, Don graduated from Harry Ells High School in 1961.

At Cal, Don was king of revelry as Social Chair at Theta Delta Chi fraternity. After graduating from UC Berkeley in 1966 with a degree in Economics, Don went to work as a salesman for Xerox. Promotions took him to Fresno in 1970 where, in 1972, he joined Coldwell Banker as a commercial real estate broker. In 1976 Don launched his own company, DBO Development. DBO (later, 'The Orosco Group') became known for building well-designed shopping centers throughout California's Central Valley and Central Coast, including Sand City's Edgewater, Stone Creek Village, and Seaside City Center.

Don got his first taste of road racing in 1976 and set a goal: upon completing each real estate project he'd reward himself with a 'trophy'. Decades later, Don's trophy case represented one of California's most noteworthy collections of hot rods, and sports race cars from the 50s and 60s. Pioneer of the 'barn find', Don unearthed monumental classics including his tour-de-force: the 1957 Reventlow Scarab.

Don was an absolute terror on a racetrack. He perpetuated the Scarab's legacy by winning nearly every race he finished from coast to coast. In Europe Don lived out his childhood dream, befriending racing legends like Stirling Moss, and competing at circuits such as Silverstone, the Nürburgring, Monaco, Spa, and Goodwood. Don's six times driving Italy's famed 'Mille Miglia' 1000-mile rally included three with his sons as co-drivers. After competing in the Historic Automobile Races at Laguna Seca for years, Don moved his family and business to the Monterey Peninsula in 1990. Don retired from racing at age 71 after winning his last six races and setting his fastest lap time.

Don was pivotal in elevating hot rods as a form of moving art and thrice captured First Place at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. But Don never let the accolades go to his head. He was equally as happy at a Turlock swap meet as at the Monaco Historique. A true gentleman, Don volunteered his time freely in long conversations with automotive aficionados from all walks of life.

Don was 47 when he was diagnosed with terminal cancer and given two years to live. But Don had no 'quit' in him. Don was a warrior. Throughout his life, he demonstrated profound inner strength and dogged determination to persevere. He and his doctors bravely experimented with new protocols, which are now helping multiple myeloma patients today. Amid his battle with the disease, Don routinely went out of his way to help fellow cancer patients with a message of hope and self-actualization. His 'can do' attitude was infectious.

Don married his college sweetheart, Mary Kay Webber in 1968. Together they raised three sons whom they taught to look after each other and live with conviction. Don's strength made them feel safe, his intelligence taught them to think for themselves, his lofty standards pushed them to reach beyond their limits, and his love of family inspired seven grandchildren. Don and Mary Kay separated in 2009.

Don went on to marry his best friend and soulmate Kelley Carpenter, with whom he shared many joy-filled years.

In all circles, Don was loved for his wicked sense of humor and a knack for mischief. Favorite memories among his sons include Don yelling "Rémy Julienne!!!" (the French stunt driver) just before hitting the gas and yanking the wheel of the family Wagoneer, sending it pirouetting across frozen parking lots into snowy embankments. He never missed an opportunity to invite laughter into the lives of others. Don had a wild, indomitable spirit. He lit a fire in all he touched.

Don is survived by his wife Kelley; his sons and their wives: Patrick (Mandy), Chris (Lisa), Brian (Michele); his grandchildren Élan, Reid, Briggs, Tyler, Xander, Josephine and Luci; his former wife Mary Kay; and his brother James. Those wishing to honor his memory may consider supporting multiple myeloma research via The Don Orosco Tribute Fund at The City of Hope (866) 683-4673. Plans for a celebration of life are pending.



Tegan Cloud Speiser

1957-2020

It is hard for any one person to get an understanding of the contours of Tegan's life. She was a good friend to a great many, yet she was self-possessed and didn't broadcast her thoughts. If you wanted to know her, you had to be there. Many were and many did. If one were lucky enough to know her in the last period of her life, one could get a clear glimpse of Tegan as she battled the cancer to which she would eventually succumb.

Tegan was planning her early retirement when she was surprised by a diagnosis of late-stage cancer. Surprised but undaunted; she fought the cancer ferociously, learning everything about her condition and treatments from genetic tumor typing to qi gong. She recruited allies among the practitioners and fellow patients. She raised money for patient support and advocacy groups, including WomenCARE and Prideville. She practiced self-care and did the internal work that extended her life long enough to do more of the things she wanted. She hammered away at her bucket list: traveling, experiencing new things, and exploring philosophy and spirituality. With a relish made more exquisite by the shortness of time, Tegan practiced the culinary arts, soul collage, and unbridled joy. She shared her time with old friends and new. She showed us what an insatiable quest for knowing looks like. Anything left undone was not for lack of trying.

Tegan was born on February 3rd, 1957 to Imogene and Zane Speiser in Berkeley, California. The family subsequently moved to the San Joaquin Valley for a few years, before finally settling in Carmel Valley, CA. Tegan attended public school and swam competitively with the local swim team. At Carmel High School, she was active in student government and served as the song-leading mascot for Carmel High School at sport events (which required wearing a heavy grey wool robe with a thick hemp rope belt and a gigantic paper-mache Padre head). After high school, Tegan continued her civic engagement and developed a critical social perspective in the emerging women's and gender studies programs, first at Scripps College, then SUNY Binghamton, and finally UC Santa Cruz. While attending Merrill College at UCSC, Tegan was introduced to the progressive feminist LGBTQ community, who welcomed her with open arms. Santa Cruz and then finally Capitola became her home, where she lived as part of an eclectic community, who shared her passions for progressive politics, human rights, and good living.

Complementing her social justice work, Tegan undertook the first of many roles in transportation planning with Santa Cruz Metro. She then branched out into leadership roles at the Temple Beth El Jewish Community Center and Santa Cruz Community Credit Union, before returning to public service as a transportation planner for Santa Cruz County. There she led or contributed to several critical projects, including the transition of the Santa Cruz Regional Transportation Commission to an autonomous agency, setting up the Cruz511 traveler information and RTC websites, and managing the Transportation Demand Management program.

Throughout her life, Tegan was socially connected and immersed in a rich civic life, while remaining a fiercely independent and private person. In her presence, we felt celebrated by her open heart, challenged by her tirelessly inquisitive mind, steered by her diplomatic demeanor, and tagged by her sharp wit. We will miss Tegan while we continue to celebrate her legacy.

Tegan is survived by a wide community of family, friends and admirers including her mother, Imogene, and three siblings, Benjamin, Tara, and Sabin.

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CRASH

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dent remains under investigation, but Madueno said alcohol or drugs do not appear to have been a factor.

Cox said Caylor texted her before the accident and said she would be home in 15 minutes. The two live on the same property in the Palo Colorado area. When the daughter didn't return home, the mother became concerned that something was wrong, so she got in her car and headed for Highway 1. When she arrived at the scene of the accident, the Mid-Coast Fire Brigade was there, along with the California Highway Patrol and Cal Fire.

'God and air bags'

Cox credited "God and air bags" — along with the safety features of her daughter's Mercedes — with saving her life. While Caylor faces a long recovery, her mother is feeling hopeful.

"The doctor told her that she would be in a wheelchair for several weeks, if not months, as she cannot put any weight on either foot for a long time," Cox reported. "That said, we still count the precious blessings that she is alive and that her life is not in danger. She has an amazing support team and so many prayers are being offered for her that however long it takes, she will make a full recovery — her spirits are good and her determination is strong."

Caylor was set for more surgery Wednesday evening, her mother said.

"She will remain in hospital until she is cleared by a physical therapist, and then she'll be transferred to a rehabilitation unit," she explained. "She will continue physical therapy for several months, and probably won't be able to work for a year."

A crowdfunding campaign has been started at GoFundMe.com. Organizers urged others to help Caylor, who works as a manicurist at Hands Up Nail Boutique on Mission, and only two weeks ago resumed seeing customers. "The bills will continue to come in and she will need our help now more than ever," organizers posted.

Karen Marie Love

May 21, 1943 ❖ June 16, 2020

Surrounded by her loving family, Karen Marie Love, age 77, passed away peacefully in her home June 16, 2020. She succumbed to a stroke suffered two days earlier. Born in Red Bluff, California to Herman Pankratz, a camp psychologist for the CCC, and his wife, Francella Winchell, a school teacher, Karen would go on to graduate from Iowa State University in 1967 with degrees in both Home Economics and Journalism.

Returning to California to enjoy a post-graduation holiday, Karen fell in love with the Monterey Peninsula, and soon found jobs at the recently opened Macy's, and then the Monterey Court House. She would later serve as an employee of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea for an unprecedented 44 years, doing everything from payroll to caring for Lucky, Carmel's resident stray cat. As the city's business license officer, Karen was well known throughout the community, and worked with numerous notable figures including Hugh Bayless and Clint Eastwood.

In 1968, Karen met Gary Love, whom she would marry in the spring of 1971 at Saint Francis Church in Seaside, California. The first of their two lovely daughters, Rebecka, would arrive in 1973, and the second, Kate, in 1978. Karen would joyously become a grandmother in April of 2014, when Kate welcomed her daughter, Scarlett, into the world.

Settling in the hills near downtown, Karen frequently spoke of the paradise she had found within the Monterey pines surrounding her home. Much of her free time would be spent enjoying the birds and squirrels occupying the oaks, and battling the steady march of Genista across her backyard. Biographies and sports rounded out the field, with many hours devoted to reading and rooting for the 49ers, A's, Phil Mickelson, and her beloved alma mater, the Cyclones.

Karen is survived by her husband, Gary; daughters, Kate and Rebecka; granddaughter, Scarlett; sons-in-law, Cory and John; sister, Nanette; nieces, Lisa, Kathleen, Karen, and Kristen; and nephews, Kent and Kevin.



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Robert Finley Newell

September 1, 1955 – June 24, 2020

Robert Finley Newell, 64, of Pebble Beach, RCA passed away on June 24, 2020. He was born to Robert James Newell and Helen Finley Newell in Harvey, IL. He received his degree in Computer Programming which he thoroughly enjoyed, and was employed in various programming jobs.

He had a real passion for building and creating things with his hands. Picnicking with family was very important to him. He enjoyed astronomy and being out in nature, surprising loved ones with flowers, and he always had a special place in his heart for animals.

Bob is predeceased by his loving father, Robert James Newell. He is survived by his loving mother, Helen Finley Newell of Pebble Beach, CA; his sister Barbara Priest (Frank) of Webster, NY; nephew Aaron Newell Priest and his niece Kara Lynn Priest of Webster, NY. He is also survived by aunts, an uncle, and many cousins.

Arrangements are being handled by The Paul Mortuary. No services are planned. Donations will be welcomed to The SPCA for Monterey County, P.O. Box 3058, Monterey, CA 93942.

James Benjamin Clifton

"Ben"

James Benjamin Clifton or as everyone knew him as "Ben," passed away June 22, 2020, of a sudden cardiac arrest in his home. This came as a shock to his family and friends and puts into perspective how precious life is.



He was born March 3, 1959 to Barbara and Charles Clifton in Monterey California. Ben is one of four children his eldest sibling Charles Jr., then his two younger brothers Robert and Keith. From a young age he loved working with his hands, tearing down and rebuilding things to see how they worked. Starting with working on his own bicycle and eventually working on vehicles, he had truly found his calling and passion. He spent the majority of his life around vehicles and he was always at home under a hood with grease on his hands. Except for a few years while he was going to college and falling in love with his soul mate, Jody.

Ben married his wife, Jody Clifton, on June 21, 1980. They celebrated their 40th anniversary the day before he passed away.

Ben met Jody on July 2nd, 1977, and they both realized immediately that they were soulmates. They met in Denver, Colorado and they welcomed their only son, Travis, in August of 1989. His wife and son were his entire world. He was a family man in every sense of the word, there was not a

day that would go by that he wouldn't welcome a chance to wrap his wife or son in his memorable bear hug. Ben graduated Denver Automotive Institute in 1978 and then graduated Universal Tech Institute in 1979. After that he worked in the automotive industry for over twenty five years and it was truly his passion being able to fix vehicles and help people. There was never a problem too small or too big that he would not take head on, he loved any and all challenges.

For a 12 year period Ben worked with his family business running the office, he took great pride in everything he did and he helped everywhere he could. He always believed in hard work and his work ethic always shined through. He truly was a people person and made lasting impacts on everyone he encountered. If anyone ever needed anything he was always available anytime anywhere, he was a "yes" man.

Ben loved spending time down the coast at one of his closest friends' property. Whether it was chopping wood, creating and building, planting crops, clearing roads or just having some drinks and a good time around the fire. He truly was at peace in the outdoors and it brought him so much joy to be able to spend time with family and friends.

Ben was a very proud man and his motto was, "if it's worth doing, it's worth doing it right the first time." That is how he lived his life, to the fullest and never took anything for granted. His values, work ethic, and love for life are unparalleled, he was one of a kind.

Ben will forever be missed by his wife of 40 years, Jody; his parents Chuck (father), Bobbie (mother); three brothers Chuck, Rob, and Keith; son Travis; daughter-in-law Diane; two grandchildren, Axel, Claire, and all of his family and friends.

In lieu of flowers the family has started a GoFundMe (<https://gf.me/u/ybixcw>) to help raise money for his wife during the tragic and unforeseen passing.

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VIRUS

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form to the state so shops, restaurants and services could reopen, but as of Thursday had increased to 141.7.

Moreno said he expects the figure will climb.

"That continues to be the indicator that we continue to surpass, and is one that I still think will go up and down but should trend up over time because that's the nature of a pandemic," he said.

Monterey County and the other counties were added to the state health department's watch list because they surpassed state metrics showing they have increasing numbers of coronavirus infections and hospitalizations. Counties on the list for three days — meaning their Covid-19 statistics continue to worsen — are ordered to close business sectors which also include indoor movie theaters, zoos and museums, family entertainment centers and cardrooms. The order is in effect for three weeks.

According to the state health agency, the "key actions" necessary to slow the infection rate in Monterey County include increasing testing capacity in areas with low testing rates; continuing case and contact investigations; coordinating with local hospitals, clinics and nursing facilities to ensure surge response readiness; and focusing on additional outreach and messaging in areas where the population has been disproportionately affected by Covid-19.

Moreno said Monday that four of the county's 16 skilled

nursing facilities "reported a case" within the last 14 days, which had put the county at its 75 percent threshold. But the health department Thursday reported that the number of no new cases at such facilities was 56 percent, which exceeds the threshold. Moreno refused to tell The Pine Cone how many cases the county has had — and currently has — in its nursing facilities.

The health officer said Monday he expected Newsom to include the county on the watch list.

More hospitalized

Just one day after Moreno told the press on Monday that the "positive" news was that there had not been an increase of hospitalized Covid patients, his department said the county had indeed surpassed the seven-day average. The county, currently at 9 percent, had a rate below zero several weeks ago.

The number of Covid-19 patients receiving medical care has increased at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, which reported Wednesday that it had eight patients before the number dropped to seven Thursday. All the patients are being treated in the ICU, even those that don't require ICU-level care, hospital spokeswoman Monica Sciuto explained.

"Should we receive a greater amount of patients, we would reserve a hospital wing — as we have done in the past — to care for positive patients not in need of ICU-level care," Sciuto explained.

Dr. Martha Blum, the hospital's infectious disease specialist, said the increase of Covid patients on the Peninsula occurred during the last two weeks. Of the 65 people with the virus the hospital has cared for, almost 60 percent of them have been diagnosed since June 13.

"The percentage of positive tests has increased in that same period of time, indicating that the increase is not related simply to testing more people," Blum told The Pine Cone.

"We are now seeing approximately 3 to 4 percent of all tests positive, whereas in the weeks prior we were seeing 1 percent or less of tests positive," she added.

Addressing the increase in infections, Blum said "with the virus circulating more in the community, unfortunately we are again seeing people more vulnerable to severe disease needing hospital-level care."

Senior care facility has coronavirus case

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A STAFF member at Westland House — a senior care facility run by Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula — has tested positive for coronavirus, CHOMP spokeswoman Monica Sciuto confirmed Thursday. The employee had symptoms but was not hospitalized, she added.

In response, Sciuto said the hospital is following all state protocols regarding testing, quarantining and notifi-

Even Mee Memorial Hospital in King City, which went months without a single case, reported Thursday it was caring for three virus patients, hospital spokeswoman Elsbeth Wetherill said.

Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System CEO Pete Delgado Thursday called the growing number of cases "concerning" and said he's worried Monterey County residents are not following the "guidelines for masking and social distancing as seriously as they should be."

The county health department this week also reported three more deaths, including one person who died in April but whose death had not been recorded because of a staffing error.

"We hadn't clicked the box in the computer system to convert it into a death, so we corrected that," Moreno said.

Another person, a 60-year-old man from Salinas, died June 26. The unidentified victim — who is the 14th to die of the virus in the county since June 14 — did not have any underlying health conditions that could have made him especially susceptible to the virus, according to his family.

"It's a reminder that it's not just people who have diabetes or heart disease or lung disease who are dying," Moreno said. "There are adults that were previously healthy before they got exposed and have succumbed to this virus."

Youngest victim

The Monterey County Sheriff's Office said that a 47-year-old Salinas man, also died. The unidentified man — who also had no underlying health issues — is the youngest person in the county to die from the virus.

As of Thursday afternoon, the county had 1,748 cases, 135 hospitalizations and 15 deaths. The health department said it had confirmed 57 more cases of the virus among county residents, including 46 in Salinas and the Salinas Valley and five in the Monterey Peninsula and Big Sur.

California has had more than 240,000 cases and 6,100 deaths.

If there is any good news, it's that the county's four hospitals all have enough personal protective equipment — masks, gloves and clothing — to last 14 days, another one of the metrics that the state evaluates in deciding whether to modify the county's reopening status. The health department also reports that the virus doubling rate is at 26 days, far from the county's eight-day threshold.

cation of other staff members, patients and their families.

"We are taking temperatures when people come in, we're screening people and taking every precaution to reduce the spread of Covid-19," she told The Pine Cone.

Despite the positive coronavirus test, Sciuto said it's safe for patients to visit any of the hospital's facilities, although visitors are mostly not allowed, at least for now.

According to Monterey County statistics, 44 percent of the county's skilled nursing facilities have had a new coronavirus case in the last 14 days.

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SCHOOLS

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technology “boot camps” are in the works. According to the majority of the 1,588 parents who responded to the survey, if schools can't reopen full-time, the preferred alternative would have their kids attending on alternating days or pairs of days, while the least popular option would be to have kids do distance learning at home all the time.

Other options include alternating weeks or alternating morning and afternoon sessions. Responders identified their top priorities as health and safety, consistency, in-person learning, having a regular fixed schedule, and academic rigor.

Results also showed that, given the shutdown, enrollment in Carmel area public schools could drop by 12 percent, with 7 percent saying they “are definitely not returning in the fall,” and 5 percent saying “they most likely won't,” Dellis said.

Most teachers and staff indicated they plan to come back to work.

‘Because we love it’

Teachers union representative Bill Schrier — who has repeatedly bristled in response to parents' critical comments about the inadequacies of distance learning and what some of them saw as a lack of attention and effort by many teachers during the past three months — told parents everyone wants to be back in school.

“We teach because we love being with students, not being at home looking at a screen, and that hasn't changed,” he said. “We can't wait for the day we're with our students again, and we want it to be safe.”

The rest of the two-plus-hour town hall focused on parents' concerns about masks and how wearing them might affect kids' learning and socioemotional development, what athletics and recess will look like, whether distance learning will follow a more organized schedule with more livestreaming sessions, whether after-school

programs will be available, the budget and numerous other issues.

Administrators from all the district's schools participated in the town hall and answered questions as best they could. Carmel River School principal Jay Marden said that while teachers will do their best to encourage kids to keep themselves clean and safe, no one will be punishing anyone for failing to social distance on the playground.

Laura Dunn said infant care and preschool will be offered as usual, because there's plenty of space, but that after-school and other programs are still in the works.

CHS principal Jonathan Lyons said plans are underway to allow student athletes to participate in informal practices, and he's working to figure out how teenagers who come to school to see their friends as much as they do to learn can continue socializing in safer ways.

Dellis said she plans to form committees of stakeholders representing each school so they can come together and collaborate on the best ways to move forward.

“We'll be reaching out again and having more town halls if it works for people,” she said. “I'm honored and blessed to be here — this is an incredible place.”

FOOD

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forthcoming. He and Parker both suggested giving the food bank \$250,000 now and \$250,000 later.

Adams fought that idea and suggested putting together “some sort of ad hoc committee to work with them right away,” but the others rejected that idea. She then said she would vote no, “because I'm just fearful we're cutting them off at the knees,” Adams said.

“I am going vote yes, optimistically hoping that we can expedite the delivery of this information,” Lopez said, and with that, the motion passed 4-1.

BURNS

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“Recent large-scale wildfires are raising real concerns about how to keep people safe in a changing climate while managing the natural California landscape we all enjoy,” she warned.

While she suggested that controlled burns can be done safely, Rao said training is essential. Her group plans to offer “on the ground and live” training at several sites throughout the county in the coming months.

“You only burn when the conditions

are within your prescription, when you're within a certain temperature range, and the wind and humidity are below a certain level,” Rao explained. “This is not to say we'll never have a situation where a burn gets out of control, but thousands and thousands of acres are burned safely in other states without problems.”

Controlled burns benefit more than just ranchers and land managers. “Not only will developing a prescribed burn association help many landowners achieve their diverse goals, from improving forage for livestock, to reducing fire hazards and enhancing habitat for native plants and wildlife, but it will also make the entire region safer,” Rao added.

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Dear Larry

BY LARRY MESLER

DEAR LARRY: My grandmother gave me a painting on a plaque of a beautiful woman with the initials KPM on the back. Any information that you could give would be appreciated. - Donna in Carmel Valley.

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Editorial

Grappling with reality

THE NEWS about the coronavirus epidemic and the economy is coming so fast and furious, it's impossible to keep track of it. Just today, if you did any channel surfing, your head would have to be spinning as you tried to make sense of some people warning about the "explosion" of Covid-19 infections around the country, even as others are celebrating the boom in the stock market and the steep decline in the unemployment rate. Are we supposed to be gloomy and miserable right now, or optimistic and hopeful?

To help answer this question, we think it's best to go back and reexamine what's happened over the last three months, and how the impact of the coronavirus has changed as the disease has become better understood, and the nation's healthcare system has become better equipped to deal with it.

When the virus first appeared on the global scene, it was something most people didn't see as even a distant threat to themselves or their families. In January, amid all the talk of a "wet market" somewhere in a Chinese city you'd probably never heard of, nobody could have imagined that just six months later the virus that came from Wuhan would kill tens of thousands of Americans, shut down about half the national economy and throw the entire nation into turmoil.

And even in early February, after the virus claimed its first victim here (somebody in Everett, Wash.), hardly anybody foresaw the dire impacts that were just around the corner. Remember the days when President Donald Trump was calling it "the flu" and New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo was refusing to even consider a shutdown of New York City? "Fear is as or more contagious as the virus," Cuomo opined as late as March 21.

And then, Wham! New York and its neighboring states got crushed by coronavirus infections, which killed tens of thousands in New York City alone. The population density of the place was a major factor, of course. So was New York's standing as a major destination for international travel, which meant the city was "seeded" more than once. But another factor was simply the bad luck of New York getting hit so early, long before anybody could recognize the threat, much less be prepared for it. Remember all the fear about people dying in hallways because of a shortage of ventilators?

But as the weeks went by, their death toll became our learning curve, so that when the virus finally started spreading in California, the state was ready to respond, not only with measures to keep people from becoming infected, but by isolating and treating them when they did.

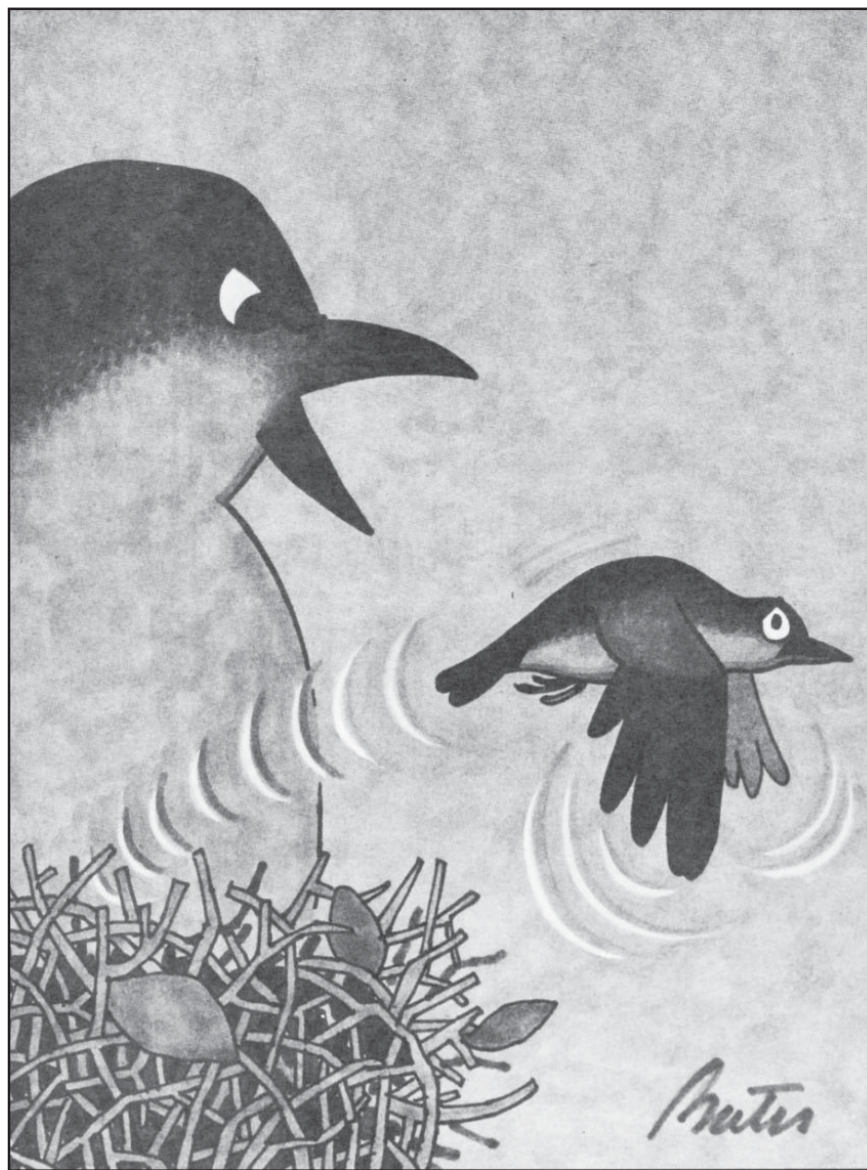
As of this writing, more than three months into the epidemic, New York's coronavirus death toll per 1,000,000 residents is 1,653, while California's is 156 — less than one-tenth as much. And there's not the slightest chance ours will ever get that big.

Why? Because so much more is known about the virus now — how it spreads, how to isolate people who have it, and how to treat those who are seriously ill.

So while coronavirus and the disease it causes, Covid-19, are definitely things to be wary of, they're not nearly as dangerous as they were three months ago. And that means they're not as much to be feared.

Last week, in a front-page story, CHOMP's head of infectious diseases, Dr. Martha Blum, warned everybody about the dangers of "complacency." Obviously, that warning was warranted. We must be cautious. But there's also no reason to panic.

BEST of BATES



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'We love our memories'

Dear Editor,

As a CHS alumni, class of 1963, I am adamantly opposed to changing the mascot for Carmel High School. My sister and I grew up in Carmel, went to Carmel High, I played on the football team and the baseball team, my family lived in Carmel on Rio Road. The Padre mascot is part of our memories, our history, the history of Carmel High and Carmel-by-the-Sea. Why do people think they can destroy someone else's past, our fondest memories, attack our Catholic religion, just because they don't like it? There are many things I don't like about the past, but I don't try to force my beliefs on others and destroy their memories.

Looking at the history of St. Serra: He endured much hardship in establishing the missions and erecting the cross that would mark the establishment of the second mission in California — located near the Monterey Presidio beside the Bay of Monterey.

When the Indians started to feel that Serra was a part of the Presidio (where some soldiers were treating the Indians badly) and expressed opposition, he moved the mission to its present site in Carmel, where it eventually became the headquarters for Serra and all the missions and he oversaw the building of seven other missions in California. He labored with his Indian friends until his death in 1784, and he is buried at Carmel Mission.

History is defined as an account of what has or might have happened in the form of a narrative, story or tale. It is important because history helps us understand the past to predict the future and help in creating it. Studying history gives us wide opportunities to get better understanding of our past experiences to count on the great achievements and avoid mistakes. You can't take our memories (history) away from us. They stay in our minds and in our hearts.

We love our memories about the Carmel Padres.

Mike Oakey

(Class of '63), Jacksonville, Fla.

'What is world coming to?'

Dear Editor,

As a former resident of Carmel and a graduate of the Carmel Mission School and Carmel High School, I am appalled at the ridiculous petition that a group has presented to the school board, asking that the Padre be removed as the mascot. What are these people thinking? Are they that bored and have nothing better to do than come up with this garbage?

I am a Catholic and served mass at the

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Mediterranean Market flavors and smells linger in memories

OVER THE past two weeks I've given you some history of the Carmel Dairy, for which the building at the northwest corner of Ocean and Mission was built in 1932. While only a few Carmelites remember the dairy, lots of people fondly recall the Mediterranean Market that moved into that building in 1953 and remained until 2001.

Of particular enjoyment is the description provided by Marj Heyduck one of her 1956 travel columns for The Journal Herald of Dayton, Ohio: "That's the place where

acting with locals and tourists, giving them something unique that they loved. He also loved the search for fine foods and wine and bargaining with wholesalers."

Bileci successfully ran the business until 1959, when divorce forced him to sell it. The new owner, Philip M. Coniglio, was born in Monterey in 1925, and like Bileci, had deep Sicilian roots. His father, Oratzio, immigrated from Sicily in 1911; his mother was Mary Ferrante, the daughter of Pietro Ferrante, the Sicilian immigrant credited with revolutionizing Monterey's fishing industry in 1906.

After graduating from Monterey High, Coniglio became a successful watermelon farmer in Arizona

for a few years. He returned to Monterey in 1950 and married his childhood friend, Carla Lepori. Her Swiss-Italian father was a banker who died on his honeymoon. Her maternal grandfather was Sicilian immigrant fisherman Paolo Cutino.

The Coniglios bought the Mediterranean Market from Bileci on November 7, 1959. The purchase included the business, the building, the name, the inventory and the goodwill associated with the market. It also included a commitment that Bileci would not open a competing business in the Carmel area for five years. Coniglio worked at expanding the variety of inventory while maintaining the unique atmosphere developed by Bileci.

Rattlesnake

All was fine until Bileci returned to Carmel and opened the City of Florence, a similar shop, at Ocean and San Carlos. Co-

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History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

the odors of cheese and wine are so strong they're like a curtain at the door and you have to almost physically push your way in. Quail eggs and Burgundy snails, hampers of dried mushrooms, caviars, more olives than you can imagine, sour French breads, piled on the counters, cheeses and salamis strong enough to walk alone, marinated artichoke hearts, lime marmalade and — but naturally — Major Grey's chutney."

Watermelon farmer

Of course, if you remember the Med Market, you did have to push your way inside through the wooden beads from Majorca hanging in the doorway, as Doris Day did in the 1956 movie "Julie." In a brief sequence of screen time she pulls up to the market, enters through the beads, makes a call from a phone booth in the store, gets directions from a clerk, and runs out the back door. These few seconds capture a wonderful reminder of the landmark retail store that attracted visitors from far and wide, but especially catered to locals.

The Mediterranean Market was begun by Joseph Bileci. He was just 12 when he came to Monterey in 1930 from Sicily. Growing up, he worked with his father, Salvatore, at the family's Roma Market on Calle Principal. Bileci joined the Army in World War II and in Italy was especially useful as a translator. After the war, he settled in Pacific Grove and returned to the family business, which he continued to run for a few years after his father died in 1949.

In 1951, Bileci opened the Mediterranean Market on the west side of San Carlos just north of Sixth. He moved to the market to the building on Ocean Avenue in late 1953 and built a solid clientele and a wonderful reputation for the eclectic store. His son, Joseph Jr., told me, "He loved going to work in the morning, inter-



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Philip Coniglio in 1967 taking inventory of the wine storage at Mediterranean Market.

Sculptures that have warmed many a home — one way or another

THERE HAVE been times — probably 17 or more, he said — when Craig Lauterbach has wandered into an online forum populated by fellow artisans from all over the world, some of whom were teachers and college professors imploring their students to visit his website, study his sculptures, and "figure out how he does it."

"It's really kind of cool when that happens," said the 72-year-old craftsman, whose distinctive creations are sold at Venture Gallery, which recently reopened

sticks during the winter might be a perfect fit again when summer arrives. That's also the reason Lauterbach's carefully-crafted shapes — intricate mosaics of contrasting pieces of wood — often slump over the minute he turns his back.

'Flabbergasted'

Indeed, one of his signature pieces, "Monterey Jazz" (a depiction of a piano keyboard shaped like a spiral staircase) was so uncooperative that the frustrated artist exiled it to a corner to gather dust for almost three months.

"It just wasn't working. It drooped every time I turned around," he remembered.

"And then, when I finally picked it back up, everything just came together. I was flabbergasted."

Such valuable lessons often result from perseverance, but Lauterbach's reward came less than an hour after he posted a photograph of the sculpture on his Facebook page.

"A friend from grade school, a fellow I hadn't talked to in 60 years, contacted me right away," he said. "He had grown up to become a music teacher, and decided he wanted the sculpture the minute he saw it. That was such a good feeling."

Lauterbach was reared in Wisconsin, and was only 10 years old when he discovered an aptitude for working with leather. He has a purse today that he crafted for his mom as a grade-schooler ("It's actually pretty darned good, I think ... I'm not even sure I could do that today," he said), and in recent years he's received photos from old friends of long-forgotten wallets and purses he made for them 60 years ago.

"I mostly fiddled around with art until right after college, when my wife and I moved to the Monterey Peninsula and opened a gallery, The Inquisitive Eye, on Fifth at Dolores," said Lauterbach, who was just 20 years old at the time. He later opened a second gallery with the same name on Cannery Row.

Costly bronze

His focus during the 1980s and '90s was mostly "functional furniture designed with the stacked, laminated process," he said. In the 2000s, he transitioned to ornate wall art, shaping assorted woods into "waves," usually around mirrors. He also fashioned elegant sculptures using bronze — "a costly process if the piece fails to sell," he said, explaining why he prefers to work with wood.

"I cut everything on a table saw, and what's amaz-

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Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

to the public in Monterey's Portola Plaza. "And sometimes I'll get a phone call or an email from somebody saying, 'OK, I've got tons of wood. Tell me exactly how to do it.'"

That's easier said than done for Lauterbach, whose sculptures, pendants, wall décor, bowls, vessels, and custom furniture represent 51 years of trial and error. He is entirely self-taught, his methods and processes are his own, and they didn't come painlessly.

"It took years to figure out how to do the things I do, and I've made a whole bunch of expensive mistakes along the way," said the artist. "I work with about 30 different types of wood — some domestic, some exotic. Woods like ebony, cocobolo, ziricote or koa cost close to \$150 per square foot, so if I mess up, I'm pretty upset ... to put it lightly."

Every kind of wood breathes differently, contracting and expanding with the weather, he said, which is why a door that



PHOTO/REGENA LAUTERBACH

Craig Lauterbach works on an intricate wooden sculpture called "Monterey Jazz" in the studio of his Jacks Peak home.

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niglio sued in 1962 for breach of contract, but the dispute was resolved amicably with a slight shift in inventory at Bileci's new shop.

A 1967 feature story in Game & Gossip magazine about Mediterranean Market referenced Coniglio's "enormous variety of foods; some 3,000 different kinds being in stock at all times." Among the more unusual items were snails, squab in aspic, and rattlesnake meat. His staples were specialty meats and cheeses, many of which hung from the ceiling to age, while imbuing the shop with pungent odors. In the back, specialty salads were made in the kitchen and storerooms were stocked with the extra inventory. A climate-controlled room provided storage of fine wines; some were special ordered for clients, others to age before he put them out for sale. In addition to the storefront, he shipped his foods to customers all across the country and supplied local restaurants.

Times change

When he acquired the business, he recalled Carmel as a "sleepy village" where \$50 in sales was a good day in the winter. In the decade that followed, the town and its tourism grew and kept him and a staff, that included his younger brother John, busy all day.

In later years, Coniglio's children worked with him at the Market. It was a true family affair that lasted for more than 40 years. Philip Jr. not only worked at the Market, he served for a time on Carmel's planning commission and was elected to the city council in 1992.

Sadly, times change, even for landmarks. Business fell off as the make-up of Carmel changed to be more and more transient. At the same time, the market rate for rents

had climbed. For five years the Coniglios declined offers to rent the building for other businesses at more than the business was making in net profits.

In early 2001, however, the Coniglios announced they would be closing the Mediterranean Market and renting the location to a furniture store and an art gallery. Over the last two decades, the 1932 building hosted a variety of businesses and continues to be a recognizable landmark in downtown. Still, for many longtimers, Carmel has just not been the same since the Mediterranean Market closed.

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(Top) A scene from the 1956 film, "Julie," shows a youthful Doris Day being dropped off at the Mediterranean Market. (Right) This 1950s photo shows the seemingly endless selection of delectable foods available at the market.

PHOTOS (TOP) WARNER BROS., (RIGHT) COURTESY JOSEPH BILECI JR.



ARTIST

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ing, I guess, is that I still have all 10 of my fingers," Lauterbach said with a laugh.

"I'll often fall asleep at night trying to figure out how to make something," he added. "There are probably at least 20 different processes I have to go through, and it's not unusual for me to get to a certain step and say, 'Well, that's not going to work.' Then I'll throw it away and start on something else."

Still thrilling

His curvaceous sculptures are created using epoxy to affix small, carefully cut pieces of wood — multiple kinds — to a flexible skeleton that can be made from thin, flexible plywood, cork, Styrofoam, metal, or plastic.

"I wrap the piece with different woods, which takes me about a month to do," he said. "What I do is 90 percent patience. Whenever I try to skip a couple of steps, it winds up in the fireplace."

It all happens in the studio at his Jacks Peak home, a Carmel address Lauterbach has shared for 45 years with his wife, Regena (a school teacher for 30 years, a school board member for 12), and where they raised their two sons, Cory, 46 (Carmel High Class of '93), and Toby, 44 (Class of '96).

"It's still a thrill to sell something, even after all these years. When somebody buys a piece of my artwork, I feel like they've basically purchased a part of my soul, and I think most artists probably would say the same thing," Lauterbach said.

Additional information and images of his art can be found at craiglauterbach.com or venturegallery.com. His work can be seen from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays at Venture Gallery, 260 Alvarado St.

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Elimination of OT for ambulance crews delayed

By MARY SCHLEY

POLICE CHIEF Paul Tomasi is delaying a decision to stop paying for overtime as of July 1 — which would have left the city's ambulance parked at the firehouse and unable to respond to some medical emergencies — until ideas for reducing the estimated \$300,000 cost of that overtime can be discussed further.


After Tomasi notified the EMTs and paramedics last week that OT would no longer be covered when employees can't work their regular shifts, an attorney representing the Carmel Fire Ambulance workers and Monterey Fire Department said that change couldn't be made without meeting and conferring with the union, first.

Attorney Stuart Adams also said the Monterey Firefighters Association objected to the suggestion that during shifts when only one ambulance employee is able to work, the Carmel paramedic and necessary equipment could respond to medical emergencies on the fire engine.

Adams said Monterey Fire "will take all steps necessary to preclude Carmel personnel from being placed on City of Monterey staffed engines" until city officials meet with that union, too.


In response, Tomasi put off the change that was supposed to take effect when the new fiscal year began Wednesday.

"We will be holding off putting these into place until the matter can be discussed further," Tomasi said in his email to the ambulance association. "Thank you for your understanding and cooperation."



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LETTERS

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Mission until I was 18 years old and I feel this group is racially motivated against the Catholic religion. And how could someone named Mosolf be involved? For many years George Mosolf was coach of the Carmel Padres and those Mosolf kin should be ashamed to dishonor his name and the school's tradition by circulating such an idiotic petition.

Karl Pallastrini and the board have enough to do just trying to educate and safely take care of the students during this worldwide Covid-19 pandemic problem and should throw this petition in the trash. What is the matter with these people? They should be proud to be a graduate or a current Carmel Padre. I am sure that there are a lot of former students and teachers that would agree. Enough is enough!

Is the next petition coming to take down all statues of Jesus himself? What is this world coming to?

Mike Brasher, Woodlands, Tx.

'Proud to be a Padre'

Dear Editor,

I write in hopes that the school district and residents of Carmel will not succumb to demands to eliminate the Padre as the mascot of Carmel High School. Efforts to erase all vestiges of the past that don't conform to present-day values and beliefs are truly Orwellian. I suppose I, according to today's beliefs, should have been offended that our mascot was a Catholic figure, while I was a Protestant. I guess I didn't take "offense" that quickly — which surely dates me. (That the Padre is associated with the Spanish/Hispanic Community is conveniently ignored, as it doesn't fit the current narrative).

As a historian, I see the perils of presentism: judging the past according to the mores of the present. This standard, quite obviously, demonizes all who went before as ignorant, racist, sexist or whatever. Let us welcome the changes that always occur in dynamic societies, but don't use our present-day beliefs to condemn those who came before.

The ultimate irony of the present situation, and what most of the myopic protesters cannot see, is that their own ideas, inevitably, will be roundly condemned by later generations as being as wrong-minded, evil, reprehensible, as those they currently employ to lobby for removal of the Padre as the CHS mascot.

I attended Carmel schools, including from K-8 at Sunset, and my secondary education at Carmel High School, and was Senior Class President of the Class of 1960. I played sports (All-CCAL in football and basketball) and was always proud to be a Padre!

Toby Edson, Bend, Ore.

'Right the wrongs'

Dear Editor,

Whatever the reason, it is nice to have the Father Serra carving removed from

its perch at Serra and Camino del Monte. Our children all learn the history of the missions and their devastating effects on the Rumsen tribe who lived here. What are we celebrating with this statue? It is a poignant reminder of the oppression of colonial powers operating in the name of religion.

Let's replace Father Serra with a monument to the Rumsen who lived within our ecosystem instead of overwhelming it. We have much to learn from them if we plan on inhabiting this place in a sustainable way. We must right the wrongs of our fathers.

Daniel Emerson, Carmel

'Humans worth more'

Dear Editor,

With the challenges facing Black Americans and the powerful, complex, vibrant and diverse responses to these challenges the nation is witnessing, it is alarming your take-away is fear of statues being removed, mascots getting changed or county officials promoting social distancing but — gasp — also voicing solidarity with Black Lives Matter demonstrators.

The Pine Cone's position on who deserves scrutiny and who is taken at face value is bizarre. County health officials' Covid analysis is scrutinized and often mocked, Black Lives Matter and a broader conversation about U.S. history is only tangentially addressed in terms of public officials' messaging on social distancing or how history will judge statue removal as a "big mistake." We read about "angry mobs" removing statues "they deem offensive."

Meanwhile, city administrator Chip Rerig "catches some social media traffic" and pre-emptively removes a statue. At a paper that sometimes take strong positions against government intrusion into private matters, is he questioned about which city staffers were getting paid to monitor social media accounts for credible statue threats or whose accounts were being monitored? Did you voice concern about angry mobs gathering at an Orange County health official's private residence to protest Covid policy? Or is it only a "mob" if they're protesting certain things?

Instead of aping right-wing talking points to discredit an important social movement, I hope you can go to a BLM demonstration and listen and reflect on who deserves scrutiny and cynicism and who deserves to be listened to in good faith rather than focusing on strategically re-framing the debate or demonizing a movement. Focusing on silly side issues does not make the society's problems go away and human beings are surely worth more concern than statues.

Gabe Abeyta Canepa, Seaside

Statue's 'rightful position'

Dear Editor,

I'm saddened to learn that the Father Junipero Serra statue has been removed from its longtime home at the intersection of Camino Avenue and Sierra De Monte.

Father Serra is a very important historical figure who left his imprint on Carmel and coastal California. He did a lot of

good during his life, resulting in his being canonized as a saint by the Roman Catholic Church.

Unfortunately, as evidenced by recent events, much of our country's public policy is now being dictated by domestic terrorists, hoodlums, rioters, looters and arsonists who have no knowledge of history. It's alarming and disappointing to see Carmel cave into these anarchists.

Sooner or later the sensible majority in our country must strongly resist the mob destruction of statues and those who use threats and coercion toward public officials to achieve their goals.

Hopefully, in due time the Serra statue will be returned to its rightful and longtime location.

Ron Banducci, Carmel

'Trees are good'

Dear Editor,

There was much misinformation in your recent article on the eucalyptus trees.

Trees are people. Little children know that. Trees are intelligent, relational, aware, and wise. Studies have shown plants, and by extension trees, care about other species and humans. They feel pain. Killing a tree is killing a person.

Eucalyptus species were "native" to the Americas millions of years before their fossils are found in Australia. It's possible they lived in North America but were killed by the ice ages. Coast live oak is a newcomer to California — only 10,000 years — and U.S. Forest Service research shows it will die out in a few decades.

Eucalyptus trees are fire resistant due to being reservoirs of water in contrast to highly sappy trees such as Monterey pines. Official investigators found eucalyptus trees actually prevented the worsening of the Oakland Hills fire and were not the cause.

All trees fall and drop limbs. Monitoring tree health is important. Compare a eucalyptus bark and leaf fall to humans' debris — dead skin, hair, urine, feces, physical trash, emissions from autos, pollution from energy production, mining, oil, and industrial pollution to create human products; sewers and trash collection are human denial systems. Eucalyptus' biodegradable leaves and bark nourish and cover the earth, keeping in moisture, and provide habitat for salamanders and others. Who's dirty? There is no comparison.

These trees are older than all of us, with well established ecosystems. They provide oxygen, important habitat for birds, reptiles, and insects, critical winter food for bees and butterflies, and their leaves and oils are powerful medicines. These trees protect the Earth.

Western mechanistic anthropocentric ideologies have devastated the living earth and humans' essential relationship with earth and its trees. If someone doesn't like the neighborhood or residents, there are other places to live. Pseudoscience, prejudice, and projected guilt are illegitimate reasons for killing trees. These old, resilient, beautiful trees deserve honor, respect and love. Protect them.

Nina Beety, Monterey




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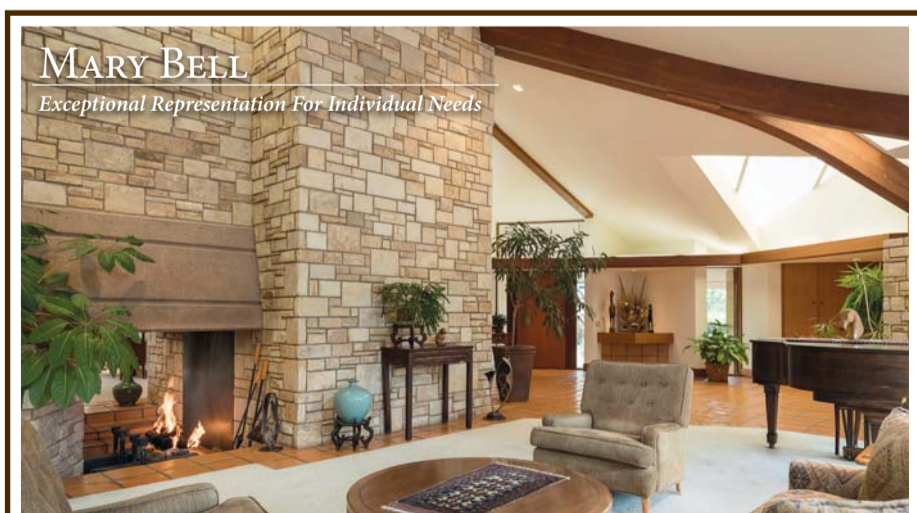
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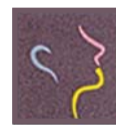
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Section 2

Star athlete has strong skills, good judgment and lots of patience

A YEAR or two can feel like a long time to wait on a dream, but one of the best athletes in the history of Carmel High has placed patience and sensibility above his eagerness in choosing where to display his talents this coming season.

honorably mention Sufyan Elkannan (12.3 points). This year's team figures to be a powerhouse.

But a bigger factor probably was West Valley coach Danny Yoshikawa, who said exactly the right thing during the recruiting process.

"He told me he believed in me, believed in what I could become, and that's what I needed to hear," Lee said. "He impressed me as a good guy and a straight shooter, and when he said that, I knew it was the right spot for me."

Yoshikawa endured his own growing pains at the junior college level, as opposed to jumping directly into the NCAA Division I fire. He was a standout point guard at Lincoln High School in San Jose before enrolling at West Valley, and led the Vikings to a 29-win season and a state tournament appearance. That's how he won a scholarship to UC Davis, where, as a senior, he was the conference

Player of the Year.

After graduation, he returned to West Valley as an assistant coach, then replaced Hall of Famer Bob Burton as head coach, leading the school to a 144-47 record and three straight conference championships, and two state tournament appearances over five years.

A different dream

He spent the next 13 years as an assistant coach at UC Santa Barbara, the University of San Francisco, St. Mary's University, and professionally in Japan, before returning to West Valley as head coach last season.

But playing community college basketball wasn't the outcome Lee envisioned after a high school career during

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Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Kai Raine Lee, a two-sport sensation for the Padres, said he'll pass on an invitation to try to make the NCAA Division I basketball team at UC Davis as an invited walk-on — a non-scholarship athlete — and instead will play the 2020-21 season at West Valley, a community college in Saratoga.

Although playing at the Division I level — the top rung of NCAA basketball — has been Lee's goal since his middle school days, his decision was carefully considered, based on multiple factors.

Powerhouse

West Valley's 2019-20 team won the Coast Conference South Division championship with a roster populated by nine freshmen (all returning this year), including conference MVP Ben Baker (19.2 points, 8.3 rebounds, 2.6 assists), first-team all-leaguer Adam Afifi (17.5 points, 9.8 rebounds, 2.6 blocks), and



PHOTO/QUINN SPOONER (LEFT), KERRY BELSER

A standout in multiple sports at Carmel High, Kai Lee was pursued by NCAA Division I recruiters as a quarterback, but opted instead to play his favorite sport, basketball, this coming season at West Valley College.

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which he helped Carmel High win back-to-back Central Coast Section titles. In his junior year, when the Padres were 23-5, Lee averaged 13.7 points, 6.2 rebounds, 3.1 assists, and 2 steals.

As a senior, when Carmel was 26-5 and made it to the NorCal title game for the first time in school history, he scored 16.5 points, grabbed 5.3 rebounds, dealt 3.4 assists, and stole the ball 2.3 times while playing in all 31 games.

Although the team also featured 6-foot-5 junior center J.T. Byrne (arguably the best all-around athlete in the Pacific Coast Athletic League, Carmel coach Kurt Grahl suggested that Lee, a 6-4 guard, might be more attractive to Division I basketball recruiters.

And the recruiters came ... but for the wrong sport.

"I drew more interest for football," said Lee, a three-year starter at quarterback who, as a senior, was intercepted only once in 261 pass attempts. (Fun perspective: In 2010, Patriots quarterback Tom Brady threw 492 passes and was picked four times, an astounding interception percent-

age of 0.81. Kai's percentage – 0.0038 – was a whole lot better.)

He threw for 2,643 yards and 19 touchdowns in 10 games, numbers that drew interest from Nevada Las Vegas, San Diego State, University of San Diego, Fresno State, all Division I schools.

But basketball? Besides the offer to walk on at UC Davis, Lee's only other Division I nibble came from Princeton University, which, as a member of the Ivy League, doesn't offer athletic scholarships. "Princeton wanted me to come to the East Coast and enroll for a year in a prep school, which was like a fifth year of high school," he said.

Second guessing

The apparent dearth of basketball interest had Lee second-guessing whether he should continue to pursue that route in college. Then came the overture from Yoshikawa, which got him excited again.

"As a former Division I guy, and a coach who also has worked with high-level players overseas, I think Kai is a steal for us," said Yoshikawa, a late entrant into the Kai Lee sweepstakes because he expected the player to be doggedly pursued by Division I scouts. "He's a really good player from a great family, and I think he's absolutely going to take off."

Yoshikawa said the opportunities for high school basketball stars to get noticed during the spring of 2020 were limited, partly because pandemic forced the cancellation of campus visits.

"The most I got was a Zoom call," Lee lamented with a laugh.

It was a disappointing way to conclude what otherwise had been a magical ride for the two-sport star.

As a three-year starter at quarterback for Coach Golden Anderson, Lee threw for 4,360 yards and 65 touchdowns, was intercepted just 16 times, and led the team to three playoff victories. In his four varsity

basketball seasons, during which the Padres went 85-28, he scored 1,204 points and contributed to 11 postseason victories.

"Most of us were teammates for seven straight years, and a lot of us were together in elementary school. We saw (the success) coming way back then," he said. "Playing at Carmel High was something I looked forward to as a little kid, way back to when I saw my first PG-Carmel game, where the atmosphere was just electric. I knew then that I wanted to be a part of it someday."

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City's July 4 celebration canceled

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CITY canceled its annual Independence Day celebration typically held in Devendorf Park and on Sixth Avenue, due to state and county restrictions on events because of the coronavirus pandemic, just as several other Peninsula cities — except Pacific Grove — have already done.

And as with many of those cities and the county, fireworks of any kind are illegal here.

In light of the draw the beach is sure to be, with the holiday falling on a Saturday and many public offices shut Friday, Police Chief Paul Tomasi said Tuesday he is imposing a two-hour parking limit in the Del Mar lot at the foot of Ocean Avenue Friday through Sunday, and will also prohibit parking on the east side of San Antonio Avenue those days. Parking along Scenic will be as usual.

City officials also reiterated their warning that people should "recreate, not congregate" at the beach.

The "Beach Rules During Covid-19" have not changed even though travel bans have loosened, but they have gone unenforced recently, as groups have flocked to the beach and set up tents, coolers, chairs and other gear to spend a few hours or a day on the sand.

Nonetheless, the city's rules urge people to "stay close to home" instead of taking a road trip to the beach, to "leave it at home — the use of coolers, umbrellas, shade tents, beach equipment, BBQs or chairs is not allowed," and to "keep it moving." "Passive recreation (group activities/sports, sitting/lounging, picnics, sunbathing, BBQs/campfires) are not allowed," according to the city.

"Only active recreation (walking, running, swimming, surfing) is allowed," and all of that should be done while maintaining a 6-foot distance from others. Also, gatherings "that bring together persons from multiple households at the same time are prohibited," as are beach fires of any kind.

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Dazzling piece of jade gets lifted from P.G. gallery, art center reopens

PROVIDING A striking example of the challenges galleries and retail shops face during the coronavirus crisis, a man wearing a mask stole a museum-quality piece of jade that once belonged to the late diver and sculptor **Don Wobber** from Artisana Gallery in Pacific Grove June 20.

The incident happened between 2 and 3 p.m. when a thief was captured on the gallery's security camera stealing the specimen.

In the video, a young man is seen picking up the piece, glancing over his shoulder, and stepping behind a rack of clothes before wrapping it in what looks like a bandana or piece of fabric.

The suspect is described as measuring between 5-foot 6 and 5-foot-8, and weighing about 180 pounds, with dark hair and a prominent tattoo on the back of his neck.

The gallery, which is located at 612 Lighthouse Ave., is asking the public for help in retrieving the striking, polished piece, which is a little over 6 inches wide and about 5 inches tall.

Wobber etched his name into the piece, which is owned by his family. It was for sale, with an asking price of \$1,300, at the time of the theft.

"We are still on the lookout for this perp," the shop is telling people. "Please help us find the stone and thief."

In 1987, National Geographic highlighted Wobber's work, calling him "among the best of the world's contemporary jade sculptors." The longtime Pacific Grove resident died in 2014 at 86.

Those with information about the piece or the suspect are urged to call the Pacific Grove Police Department at (831) 760-0609.

First shows since March

Just a short stroll down Lighthouse from Artisana Gallery, the Pacific Grove Art Center will open its galleries to the public for the first time since March Friday.

The nonprofit gallery will unveil new exhibits by painter **Vanessa Martin** and textile artist **Sherard Russell** ("Pacific Palette"), a group display by members of **The Monterey**

Bay Plein Air Painters Association, "Plein Air to Studio," a collection of work by those who have studios inside the art center, and the art center's annual summer fundraising sale of miniature paintings, "Tiny Treasures."

The fundraiser includes pieces donated by more than 70 artists, including Martin, **Christine Crozier**, **Adrienne Jonson**, **Lesley Anne Spowart** and many others. Raffle tickets are \$5 each — or five for \$20 or 15 for \$40 — and can be purchased at the art center. Each piece in the raffle will have a box beneath the tickets. The drawing is set for Aug. 28, and winners don't need to be present.

The exhibits continue through Aug. 27. The art center will be open Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

The art center is located at 568 Lighthouse Ave. Its website is pgartcenter.org.

CPA unveils new display

Introducing a new show for the first time since the pandemic began, the Center for Photographic Art hosted a virtual opening Saturday via Zoom for its Members' 2020 Juried Exhibition. The exhibit includes work by 45 fine art photographers.

Using her laptop as a camera, executive director **Ann Jastrab** strolled through the nonprofit center's gallery

and gave a tour to people from as far away as Florida and Maine.

If you're interested in seeing the show in person, the gallery is open Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m., although only five people are allowed in at a time, and masks and distancing are required.

The exhibit was juried by Jastrab and **Laura Sackett**

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

— the co-founder of the online photography magazine Lens Culture — and **Bootsy Holler** earned Best of Show for "Kona 2019." The winning artists also included **Rebecca Zeiss**, who took second place for her image, "Solace VIII, 2019," and **Jamie Johnson**, whose Going to the Fair won third place. **Judi Iranyi**, **Jo Babcock**, **Karen Klinedinst**, **Manuello Paganelli** and **Rebecca Sexton Larson** took home honorable mention awards.

"We had about 1,500 entries," Jastrab told The Pine Cone. "Laura and I whittled that down to 90 photographs."

The exhibit will be on display through Aug. 2. The gallery is located in Sunset Center. Visit photography.org.



A museum quality jade specimen (above) was stolen from Artisana Gallery June 20 by a young man with a distinctive neck tattoo (right). The gallery is asking people for help recovering it.



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A coffeehouse's new mural, wine for dieters, and donuts for fire supporters

CARMEL VALLEY Coffee Roasting Co. isn't offering dine-in service yet, but when the Ocean Avenue shop reopens to customers, they'll find a new mural covering one of the walls. The work was designed by visual arts teacher Steven Russell and is being painted this week by a group of Carmel High School students.

"I noticed a painting he had done of some rocks with some beautiful waves, and I thought, 'That's what I want on my wall,'" owner Janet McAthie said. Her daughter, Emie, attends CHS, and she and several other AP students

Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

sketched the design, which features the city's coastline and the company's slogan, "Lifting Fog & Breaking Waves," on the wall, and then started painting it this week. The room is too small for all of them to keep safe distances from each other, so they're taking turns.

"Since the word got out that we're doing this, he's had a couple of other businesses contact him," McAthie said of Russell, and in appreciation of his and the students' efforts, she is donating money to the CHS visual arts program.

McAthie, who has always had a collection of art on the walls of her shops, looks forward to reopening so people can enjoy the new mural while they have their espresso drinks and baked goods. Until then, they can use the outdoor tables and peek through the windows.

■ P.G. shop sold

The same is true for the C.V. Roasting shops at the

Barnyard and the Crossroads, where ample outdoor areas makes social distancing with coffee easy, but she recently reopened the East Village Coffee Lounge for in-room dining because it's spacious enough.

"We kept the roasting going and then slowly opened one store at a time," as the shelter order was loosened and businesses reopened, she said. "Certainly, we are not doing the business we were before," she said. "But we're being careful with our expenses."

While the company closed the mid-valley and Seaside locations awhile ago, McAthie said the owners of Goodies deli in Pacific Grove bought the Lighthouse Avenue store and its contents after their own building was sold last week.

"We hadn't reopened that store yet because of the lack of traffic and business in the city," she said. "Our plan was to downsize, so it just sped up our process a little. We went ahead and sold the business to Goodies."

McAthie said she was happy to sell the business to "such a reputable family."

"It all stayed in the community, and they're a beloved family," she said of Miriam, Hong and Sarah Jung.

■ State of the wine industry

Not surprisingly, the coronavirus pandemic and the resulting shutdown negatively affected the wine industry on a significant level, but Monterey County Vintners & Growers Association executive director Kim Stemler said Monday that tasting rooms are doing their best to accommodate their customers and recover some of their losses.

Gone are the days of wandering in with a group of friends, spending as much time as you like, and then mov-

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A Carmel High student working on a mural at Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Co. on Ocean Avenue.

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ing on to the next, deciding on destinations as you go. With social distancing and other requirements, capacity is severely limited, so in general, customers need to make reservations for tastings and should plan on wrapping up their experience in 45 minutes, which gives tasting room staff 15 minutes to clean and disinfect before seating the next group. Guests are asked to stay seated as much as possible, and to wear their masks when they're not.

Wineries have also seen major losses in sales due to restaurants and tasting rooms being closed for three months. And, of course, the grape harvest is also suffering. The California Association of Winegrape Growers anticipates losing \$437 million in sales from this year's harvest due to the virus, and with Monterey County producing 7 percent of the state's harvest, that number translates to nearly \$31 million in losses here, a 17 percent drop from 2019, according to Stemler. Last year saw a 25 percent decline from 2018, from \$248 million to \$186 million, mostly due to strong harvests that resulted in a grape glut.

■ Village Wine & Tap Room

The Village Wine & Tap Room at 19 E. Carmel Valley Road will reopen July 3, with food from Joseph Talley's 831 Catering and four Alvarado Street beers on tap, including Monterey beer, the light, easy-drinking lager derived from a 90-year-old local recipe. Discretion Brewing out of Santa Cruz and other craft brewers are sharing their beers, too, and the tap room sells many others in cans.

Two house wines — a sauvignon blanc and a petit verdot — are also on tap, and local wines can be purchased by the glass or bottle.

Talley, formerly with the now-closed Nancy Dean's in Monterey, will be offering jalapeño hush puppies, fried pickles, tri-tip fries, burgers and a few vegan options. He's also in the process of building a food truck and plans on

catering events — once they're allowed, that is.

The tap room will be open Friday through Sunday from 1 to 8 p.m., though owners Jessica and Michael Trask hope to add more days soon.

■ The Pocket

Carmel's newest restaurant, The Pocket, located on Lincoln Street between Fifth and Sixth avenues, has been open for just over a month and has been drawing a good-sized crowd since then.

The current menu created by chef and sommelier Federico Rusciano is shorter than those posted online and offers a few starters and salads, pasta dishes and main courses, and the wine list has some good depth in terms of pricing and selection, with interesting domestic and Italian wines ranging in price from affordable to more of a splurge.

The signature cocktails tend toward the sweeter side, so fans of drier drinks might want to stick with the reliable classics. A limited sampling of the menu revealed the signature radicchio salad with slivered toasted almonds, thinly sliced apples, gorgonzola and warm bacon was well presented and nicely dressed in a Dijon vinaigrette that let all the flavors shine through, while the seared day boat scallops topped with a dollop of chipotle aioli and placed on top of toasted baguette with a bit of crème fraiche were perfectly cooked and flavorful. A shrimp and octopus cocktail was found to be a bit heavy on the garlic.

The desserts, interestingly, are all imported from Italy, which is hardly a selling point in a market where "local" is considered better. Perhaps with time, the owner will decide to do business with one of the many skilled pastry chefs or bakers here.

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■ Donuts to help MFD

MY Museum can't host its usual July 4 pancake breakfast to raise money for the Monterey Firefighters association, so the nonprofit kids' museum organized a donuts-to-go effort instead. For \$15, a supporter gets a bag of a half-dozen donuts from Red's, fruit from Trader Joe's, a small American flag and a couple of necklaces.

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■ Fund for chefs and others out of work

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CUISINE

From previous page

■ New wines on the market

Twisted Roots, which has a tasting room in Carmel Valley Village, released its new albariño, a crisp Spanish white wine, just in time for the heat of summer. Made from grapes grown in Bokisch Vineyards in Lodi, the Twisted Roots 2019 albariño is fermented in stainless steel tanks



The Pocket, on Lincoln between Fifth and Sixth, is downtown's newest restaurant, where one of the specialties is seared scallop on a bite-sized piece of toated baguette (above), and another is an Aperol spritz (right).

for a crisp, clean wine, and is available for \$30 per bottle. The new wine can be picked up at the tasting room at 12 Del Fino Place anytime between noon and 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Go to twistedrootsvineyard.com to learn more.

Scheid Vineyards also released a new wine aimed at calorie counters. Sunny With a Chance of Flowers is the Monterey County powerhouse's latest label and focuses on highly drinkable wines that happen to be low calorie and lower in alcohol, making for a healthier pour. The new line features a sauvignon blanc, a chardonnay and a pinot noir. Visit sunnywines.com for more information.



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Publication dates: June 26, July 3, 2020 [PC631]



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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CARMEL AREA WASTEWATER DISTRICT DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. Sewer Service Charges.** Sewer service charges for services rendered are hereby adopted and levied upon all fiscal years hereafter until the charges established herein are modified or this ordinance is repealed, at the same rates set forth on Exhibit "A" which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.
- 2. Collection on Tax Roll.** Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code §5473, the District hereby elects to have the aforesaid sewer service charges for services rendered by the District collected on the tax roll in the same general manner, by the same persons and at the same time as the collection of general property taxes by the County of Monterey.
- 3. Duration.** This ordinance. The service charges established hereby and the collection procedure elected herein shall continue in full force and effect until either: a) the said sewer service charges are revised, or b) this ordinance is otherwise specifically amended or repealed.
- 4. Publication.** Following adoption, this ordinance shall be published once in a newspaper published in the District.
- 5. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect and be in force one (1) week after the date it is published in the newspaper, or July 1, 2020, whichever is later.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Carmel Area Wastewater District duly held on June 25, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: BOARD MEMBERS: PRESIDENT WHITE, DIRECTORS: D'AMBROSIO, TOWNSEND, RACHEL AND SIEGFRIED
 NOES: BOARD MEMBERS
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(s) Ken White, President of the Board
 ATTEST: Domine Barringer, Secretary of the Board

Exhibit "A"
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 Publication dates: July 3, 2020 (PC701)

Book recalls sculptor who once taught Jeffers' kids, created P.G.'s granite whale

By CHRIS COUNTS

ONE ARTIST pays tribute to another in "Gordon," a new book that celebrates the legacy of the late sculptor Gordon Newell.

Written by longtime Big Sur sculptor Jim Hunolt, along with co-author Jeff Garner, the book seeks to capture the "essence" of the artist and his work. "To reach for an expression of who he was, and what he represented to virtually everyone he met, we had to assemble many voices,"

Hunolt told The Pine Cone.

Newell first came to Carmel in the late 1920s after completing his studies at Occidental College and UC Berkeley. At the latter, he married a fellow student, Gloria Stuart. He moved here with his new wife and began sculpting large pieces of wood and stone, along with teaching sculpture to poet Robinson Jeffers' children. Newell's wife, meanwhile, began working for the Carmelite newspaper and performing in plays.

The sculptor's wife soon caught the attention of the fledging film industry, and before long, she was headed to Hollywood. Six decades later at 87, she earned an Academy Award nomination for Best Supporting Actress for playing Rose DeWitt Bukater in "Titanic."

A studio and a butterfly

The couple split, and Newell stayed behind in Carmel, where he befriended Jeffers, photography icons Edward Weston and Ansel Adams, writers John Steinbeck and Henry Miller, and many others. Newell helped Miller build his Partington Ridge studio.

In 1964, the sculptor carved a butterfly out of black granite and installed it in Lovers Point Park in Pacific Grove.

In 1969-70, at the suggestion of President Lyndon B. Johnson's wife, Lady Bird, Newell built the Haupt Fountains, which are located on the Ellipse between the White House and the Washington Monument. The installation was designed by famous architect and Big Sur resident Nathaniel Owings.

After spending much of his later years in Darwin — a "near" ghost town located on the edge of Death Valley — Newell died in Carmel in 1998.

The book is being sold at the Phoenix Shop, Henry Miller Library and Coast Big Sur.



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A butterfly made of black granite by sculptor Gordon Newell has stood watch at Lovers Point in Pacific Grove since 1964. A new book looks at the artist — who died in Carmel in 1998 — and his legacy.

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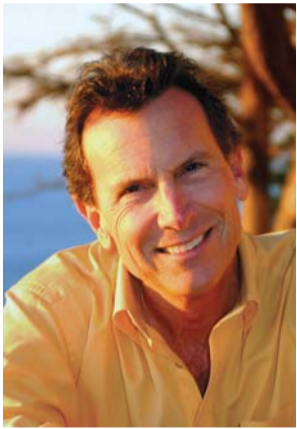
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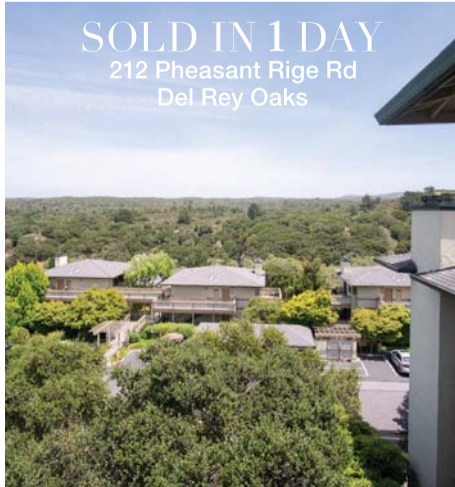
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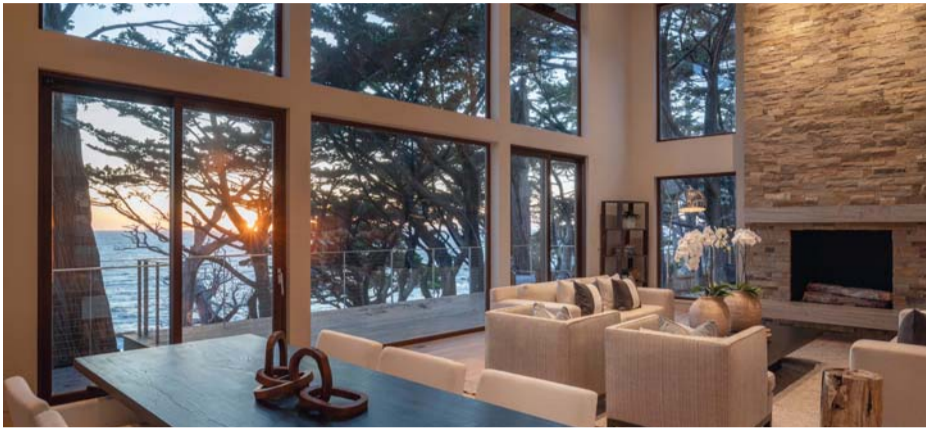
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POLICE LOG

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TUESDAY, JUNE 16

Pacific Grove: Private property DUI collision on Ocean View Boulevard.

Pacific Grove: A 56-year-old female on 17th Street was arrested for DUI after a non-injury collision.

Pacific Grove: Vandalism to a power box at a park on Ocean View Boulevard.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A male was arrested on Casanova Street and booked into county jail for hit and run, being unlicensed, and unsafe backing.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female on Ocean south of Seventh reported she believed a male subject was inappropriately touching himself in public. She wished the incident documented, wished to remain anonymous and would not provide her information.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Officer responded to a barking-dog report on Monte Verde and observed frequently repeated barking from two dogs. Information obtained and preventative options discussed.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of battery on a person on Lincoln.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Victim at San An-

tonio and Second reported several personal items were taken from her vehicle.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male reported losing his wallet while visiting Carmel Beach.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Victim on Monterey Street reported sexual abuse and sexual exploitation.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A traffic stop at Ocean and Hatton at 2118 hours led to the arrests of two subjects for an unreported theft that just occurred. A 43-year-old male from Salinas was arrested for outstanding warrants for driving on a suspended license and possession of a controlled substance, and new charges of false tabs on a vehicle, possession of stolen property, possession burglary tools and driving without a license. A 35-year-old male from Salinas was arrested for possession of a meth pipe, possession of burglary tools and theft. Both subjects were lodged at county jail, and the vehicle was stored. Property was returned to the owner.

Pacific Grove: A 23-year-old male on Eighth Street was contacted at 0525 hours and found in possession of a broken meth pipe.

Pacific Grove: A warrant citation was issued to a 23-year-old male on Ocean View Boulevard.

Pacific Grove: Report of subjects sleeping in Jacobson Park at 0835 hours. Refused

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A thousand questions on the Fourth of July 2020 about stopping the madness

JUST WHEN I was counting my blessings for living in a rational community that recognizes the insanity of the current cancel culture, along comes a petition from more than 1,300 people to rid Carmel High School of its 80-year-old Padre mascot.

The dumping of the padre may seem like a small matter compared to what is happening across our country, but it presents a serious problem. I have a question regarding the cancel culture pandemic. Is there a line not to be crossed?

My first problem with the petition is that it's based on prejudice against Catholics, and criticizes the padre mascot as "an obviously Catholic figure." But Catholicism isn't something to be ashamed of. Even historic figures like Pope Gregory XVI in 1839 and Pope Leo XIII in 1888 condemned slavery and the slave trade.

He had virtues, too

Sure, the padre mascot represents a follower of Junipero Serra, a man undeniably of the 18th-century cultural

landscape. Although his own poverty, suffering, courage and vision outweighed the racism that he grew up with, he is now smeared by the semi-educated as a veritable mon-

ster.

Serra did introduce Jesus to much of California. Maybe that was not a good idea. Progressive extremists could see that there is a lot to be suspicious about Jesus' life. Teachings from The Sermon on the Mount could even be seen as virtue signaling — something that undoubtedly made Jesus a popular figure on the loaves and fishes cocktail circuit. But they also inspired generations of devout Christians — including almost all the important figures of the

emancipation and civil rights movements, from Abraham Lincoln to Dr. Martin Luther King.

One monk debunker also argued that since the padre is a male figure, it "inherently excludes the female sports teams it represents." Who better to represent both male and female athletes than an old chubby guy wearing a dress?

Will we ever see them again?

Another disheartening local expression of cancel culture is the removal of two Junipero Serra statues because of threats on social media. They could never be protected 24/7, so will we ever get to enjoy the statues again unless they are placed behind protective shields?

Does anything about the cancel culture make you uncomfortable? Is it more demoralizing to lose the Serra statues, or to keep the padre mascot? Would the petitioners have called for the removal of the mascot if all this social

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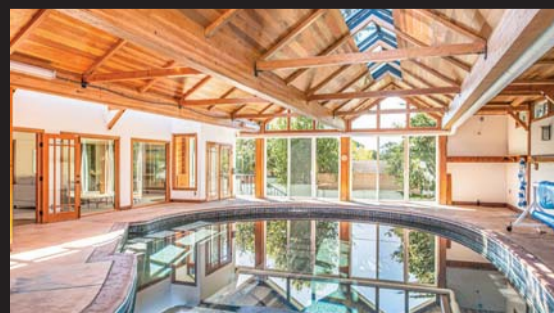
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SHERIFF

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to leave and continued to sleep. The 25-year-old male and the 23-year-old male were cited.
Carmel area: Property was found at Point Lobos.
Carmel area: A 23-year-old male was arrested on Rio Road for public intoxication.
Carmel Valley: Adult Protective Services referral at a Valley Greens Circle residence.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject was arrested for multiple charges after he was found

to have been prowling on private property in the area of Mission and Sixth. The 51-year-old Edgefield Place resident was booked on charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of unlawful paraphernalia, loitering, destroying evidence, and violation of probation, all misdemeanors. He was transferred to Monterey County Jail.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: At 1934 hours, a 54-year-old male was found intoxicated in a public place in the area of Lincoln and Sixth and was unable to care for his own safety or the safety of others. The subject was lodged at county jail.
Pacific Grove: Theft from an unlocked vehicle on Carmel Avenue.
Pacific Grove: Vandalism to a vehicle on Ridge Road.

Pacific Grove: Structure fire on Lobos. Two residences damaged.
Pacific Grove: Non-injury collision on Sunset Drive. Information exchange.
Pacific Grove: Theft of a bicycle on Forest.
FRIDAY, JUNE 19
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found cell phone on Dolores Street.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle-vs.-parked motorcycle hit-and-run reported on Ocean Avenue, with suspect information.
Pacific Grove: Controlled substances found on Lighthouse Avenue and submitted to evidence for destruction.
Pacific Grove: Notified of a vehicle re-possession on Buena Vista.
Carmel Valley: A woman called to report attempted mail theft on Calle de los Ositos.
Carmel Valley: A woman on Ned Lane reported finding her roommate deceased.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

found on Scenic Road and held for safekeeping.
Carmel Valley: Deputies conducted a welfare check at Mid Valley Center and found a missing person.
Pacific Grove: Non-injury collision on private property on Lighthouse.
Pacific Grove: Theft of a bicycle on Monarch Lane.
Pacific Grove: Hit-and-run collision on Sinex.
Pacific Grove: Vehicle stop on Congress at 2243 hours determined the driver was unlicensed. The 20-year-old male was cited.
Carmel Valley: A female resident of El Caminito was placed on a 72-hour mental health hold.
Carmel area: Deputies received a report of mail theft on Aguajito Road.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A traffic enforcement stop on Carpenter Street at 0142 hours for vehicle code violations resulted in the 20-year-old female driver being cited for driving while her license is suspended.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: A traffic stop was conducted on San Carlos Street, and the driver was found to have a traffic warrant out of Madera County. The driver was cited and released on scene with a court date.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Wallet found. The owner's phone was left a voicemail and a text message sent.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 20
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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost cell phone reported by owner.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female on Lincoln south of Ocean reported someone removed the registration tab from her vehicle.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from Scenic for creating a road hazard.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Driver's license



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LOG

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Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a possible suicide attempt by drug overdose on Dorris Drive.

Carmel Valley: Unknown subject entered

a locked motorcycle trailer on Camino Escondido and stole items.

Carmel area: Subject on Mentone Road found stolen mail and Amazon packages.

Pebble Beach: A female on Mestres was placed on a 5150 W&I mental health evaluation [danger to self or others].

Carmel area: A female on Fisher Drive was placed on a 72-hour mental health evalu-

ation hold after she made suicidal statements and battered her elderly mother.

Big Sur: A male was reported missing.

Carmel area: Domestic violence between a dating couple on Lower Trail. A 29-year-old female was arrested.

MONDAY, JUNE 22

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop at Carpenter and Third at 0220 hours led to the arrest of a 24-year-old unemployed female from Salinas for identity theft (10-plus victims), possession of stolen property, possession of methamphetamine for sale, possession of drug paraphernalia, DUI (while

addicted to drugs), driving without a license and a probation violation. A 42-year-old male from Marina was also arrested for a probation violation.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Guadalupe Street resident reported her neighbor across the street was upset and began yelling and calling her and her mother derogatory terms. The neighbor was upset that he was unable to pull into his driveway due to the female's vehicle being parked on the street. The resident stated her neighbor came out of his home a second time and began to yell angrily to her and her mother while he held an unknown object in

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GERVASE

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unrest hadn't broken out? Is this a committed protest, or political conformity? Will the symbolic gesture have any effect on race relations? How soon before we have to change the names of Padre Lane, Junipero Street, or the dozen or so streets beginning with San or Santa? What is the line not to be crossed? What statue comes down next? What freedom has to be stripped? Due process? Freedom of speech? When is enough, enough?

Peak insanity

Sadly, I don't think peak insanity has been reached. Statues of Christopher Columbus have been defaced and/or toppled in several cities. Naturally, Italian-Americans are offended by the disrespect shown someone they revere. As one of those Italian-Americans, I worry that those destroying statues of Christopher Columbus will find ways to eliminate the entire Italian culture. Have you ever looked closely at tortellini? They look just like little nooses. Tie a tortellini to the end of a strand of spaghetti and you got yourself a noose that would earn you a lifetime ban by NA-SCAR.

This was going to be a column about

how the Fourth of July is my favorite holiday, with fresh corn slathered in butter, burgers on the barbie, tomatoes, ice cream and anyone who mentions carbs gets sent skyward attached to a bottle rocket. It should be a day when it is politically correct to be shamelessly patriotic. You can show the flag, wear your American Legion cap, and pledge allegiance to God and country without Michael Moore making a docudrama about you.

Recent events have pretty much nullified such thoughts. Patriotism may be hazardous to one's health. I want to be a loyal American, but I also want to respect the feelings of my countrymen who are offended by the Stars and Stripes because the flag represents a country that has brutally suppressed them into a standard of living that is the envy of the world.

The final question to pose is simply this, what would it take for you to say that the cancel culture has crossed a line? Aleksander Solzhenitsyn said, "To destroy a people, cut them off from their roots." Isn't this what the cancel culture is doing? It is not about a silly mascot. It is about mob mentality. It is about bullying us into submission if we dare disagree with any of the hashtag hordes. Enough is enough. It will not end until individuals personally commit to stopping it.

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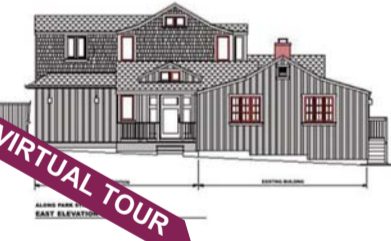
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CALLS

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his hand. The neighbor then went back inside his home. The resident requested the incident be documented as the incident has happened in the past on numerous occasions.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female came into the police department to report her concern on how her stepson would react if he found out he was left out of her late husband's will. She stated she has not had contact with her stepson in over 20 years but stated she was concerned due to his unstable mental health and violent behavior. She stated her stepson has not threatened her but wanted her concerns to be documented.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Wallet left at a Dolores Street establishment months ago was turned over to the police department. Attempts to contact the owner were unsuccessful.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Wallet found on Dolores and turned in to the police department. The owner contacted via text.

Pacific Grove: Contacted two subjects on Eighth Street with previous no-trespass

warnings. Moved along. Business provided with trespass form.

Pacific Grove: Report of domestic violence between a couple. No charges wanted; info only.

Carmel Valley: Deputies received a report regarding a civil dispute over an alleged easement on Vista Ladera.

Pacific Grove: A backpack found on Sunset was turned in to the station as found property. Owner information is known. Backpack is being held for safekeeping when the owner can pick it up. Update: Owner came and retrieved her backpack.

Pacific Grove: A girl reported sexual assault involving a victim age 14 or younger on Ocean View Boulevard.

Pacific Grove: Items taken from a vehicle on Bayview while the subject was moving.

Carmel Valley: A 28-year-old female was arrested on Carmel Valley Road for domestic violence and child endangerment of a 5-year-old female and 7-year-old male.

Pacific Grove: Report of a verbal domestic argument between a separated couple on Lighthouse.

Pacific Grove: Theft of jade art from a store on Lighthouse.

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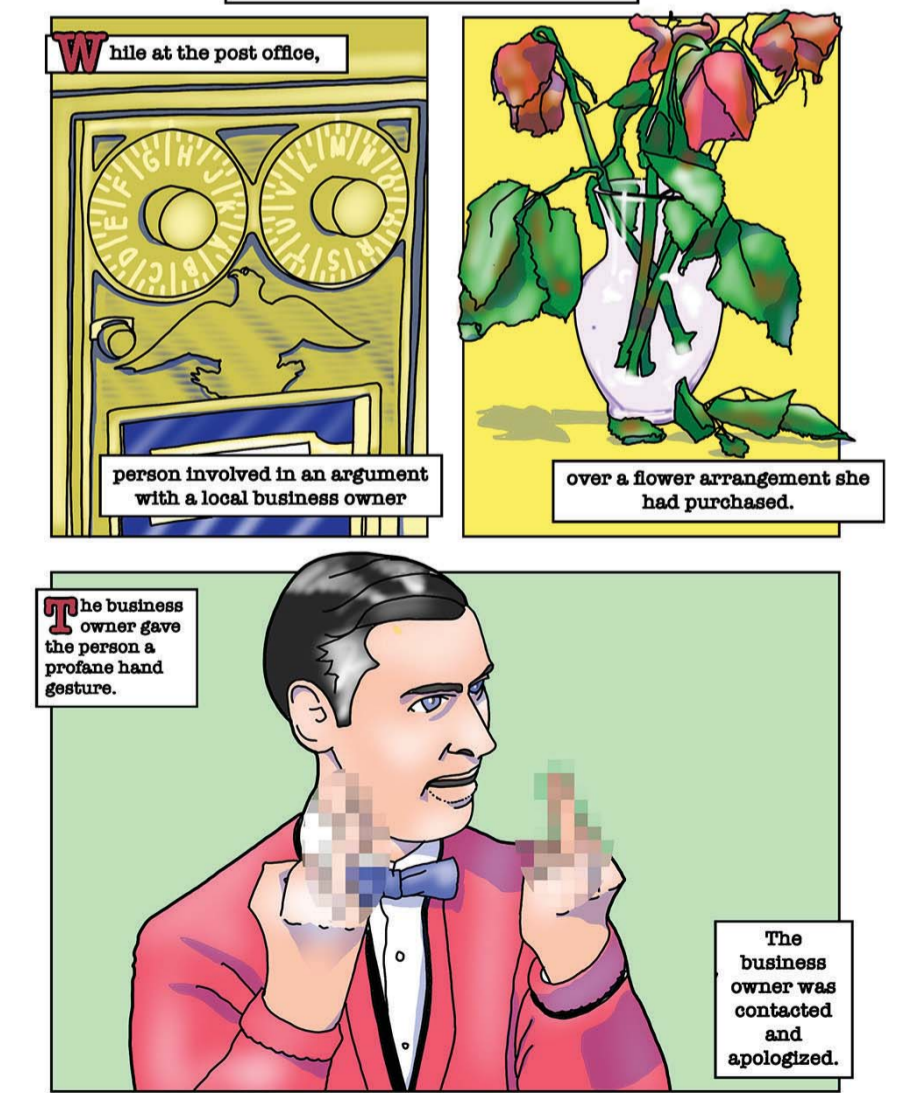
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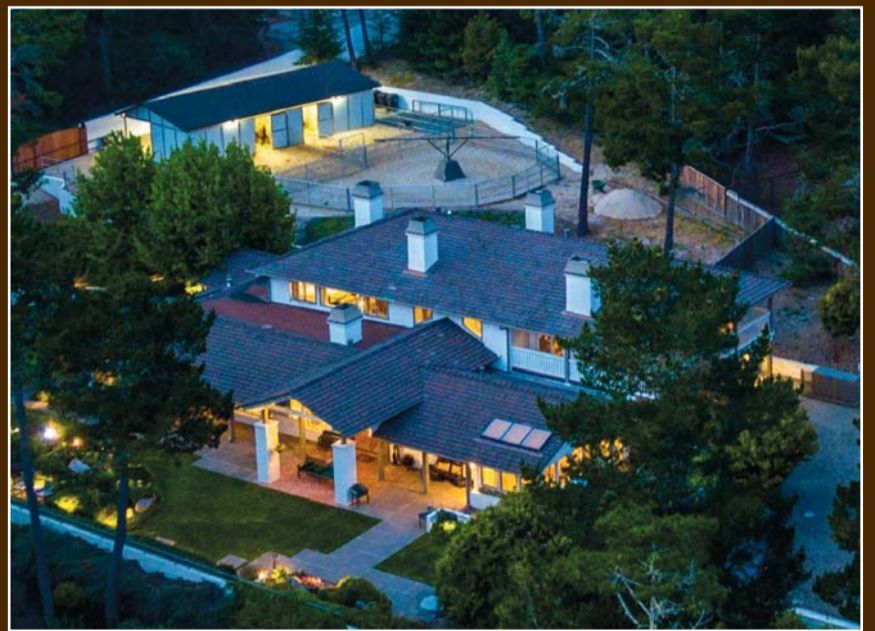
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