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Nature puts on show in sky and backyards



PHOTOS/(LEFT) MICHAEL TROUTMAN, DMT IMAGING, (ABOVE) FACEBOOK

Comet Neowise (left) has been wowing late-night stargazers in the northwest sky, including this view from Ribera Road taken Saturday. And a young black bear was seen passing through several neighborhoods last week, and even took a detour into a backyard in Monterey (above).

Comet in NW sky; bear tours county

By CHRIS COUNTS

The brightest comet visible in the Northern Hemisphere in more than two decades made its closet approach to Earth Tuesday and can be spotted this weekend (if you can find a clear sky) just below the Big Dipper, according to ace comet photographer Michael Troutman, who has been chasing the celestial object on clear nights for the past two weeks.

"It has a nucleus three miles wide and the tail is more than a million miles long," Troutman observed, "and it won't be back for 6,766 years."

No long lens was required to photograph a black bear with a serious case of wanderlust that went on a ramble last

week from Carmel Valley to Marina.

The young adult black bear generated a buzz when locals who saw it passing through their neighborhoods posted online video and photos.

The bear was first spotted at San Clemente Rancho in Carmel Valley. "He started off here on Wednesday," owner Bruce Dormody reported.

Dormody's security camera captured footage of the bear as it strolled along a trail near his home. He described the bear "as a young guy, with jet black hair and a brown nose."

The next day, he was spotted ambling along Robinson Canyon Road.

A woman reported the bear was seen on a trail at Palo

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SCHOOL BOARD OKS PLANS FOR REMOTE TEACHING

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH THE revelation this week that public and private schools in Monterey County won't be allowed to reopen anytime soon, the Carmel Unified School District board of education didn't have much choice but to OK a plan Wednesday calling for districtwide remote learning.

At the July 22 board meeting, interim superintendent Trisha Dellis and her staff went into detail about how they will handle distance teaching, as well as other scenarios once kids and teachers are allowed to be in the same rooms at the same time.

Learning at home

Unlike the spring, when teachers and students were suddenly thrust into distance learning, school administrators assured the board and parents they will be ready to offer organized online teaching sessions, combined with one-on-one discussions, pre-recorded videos and other tools and methods, when school starts in a few weeks.

According to the plan presented July 22, the youngest kids will have pre-recorded video lessons and receive interactive learning materials "to practice, work and play through the skills and themes of the video lessons." They'll also have small Zoom sessions with other kids once a week.

Elementary schools will have structured weekly and daily schedules focusing on core academics and other subjects, and Captain Cooper kids will have access to the River and Tulareitos classes, too. Teachers will use "research-based distance learning best practices" and common online platforms, and will take daily attendance to assure their kids are tuned in. They'll use instructional videos for lessons and have daily small group tutorial sessions.

Carmel Middle will follow similar practices, with structured schedules, attendance, live interaction with teachers

daily, office hours, and ongoing feedback to parents and students regarding their performance.

At the high school, "course work will be consistent with the same standards-based curriculum as in an onsite setting," and each 90-minute class will have at least 30 minutes of live instruction, while Carmel Valley High will have three one-hour classes each morning.

Wednesday's presentation also included detailed plans for hybrid teaching, with two groups of students alternating between the classroom and learning at home on a daily and weekly basis, and in-classroom teaching — both with

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City to start citing mask, restaurant violators

By MARY SCHLEY

"STOP! OR I'll yell 'Stop!' again," goes the joke.

After repeatedly asking restaurateurs to follow the rules for outdoor dining, with only partial effectiveness, officials are hoping the ability to write them \$100 tickets might bring about more cooperation.

City administrator Chip Rerig said he'll ask the city council next month to approve an emergency ordinance giving them that power.

Besides being used to enforce rules limiting the number of chairs in outdoor seating areas and requiring propane heaters and umbrellas to be put away at night, the new law would also allow city officials to issue the \$100 "administrative" citations to people who refuse to wear masks while in public.

Unlike citations for violating the county health officer's order, which are misdemeanors that require written reports from police officers and are left to the district attorney's office to prosecute, administrative citations would be in-

Sewage tests show coronavirus spikes

Holiday crowds brought it

By CHRIS COUNTS

ONE WAY to detect how much coronavirus is present in a community is to test the wastewater, and officials from the Carmel Area Wastewater District said they noticed a spike in the presence of the virus in local sewage after recent holiday weekends — suggesting that visitors brought the virus with them.

"It's very interesting," CAWD general manager Barbara Buikema told The Pine Cone. "We see an impact on holiday weekends. You can see a spike after Memorial Day."

The sewage plant reported July 5 that a concentration of more than 90,000 particles of coronavirus were found in each liter of sewage — a count that fell to only 17,000 one week later.

At the beginning of each week, an automated system at the facility takes water samples over a 24-hour period. The samples are sent to a lab, where they are analyzed.

The facility plans to keep up the testing for at least six months. It is one of about 400 around the country working weekly with a company called Biobot Analytics to test sewage for coronavirus.

Public health officials said testing for coronavirus in

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Bad week in county as epidemic worsens

By KELLY NIX

THE SURGE of coronavirus cases in Monterey County has continued to accelerate, with daily records for new cases set on Wednesday and Thursday and four new fatalities this week, including a 67-year-old man from Greenfield.

According to Dr. Ed Moreno, the county's health officer, the growth of cases makes it inevitable that Monterey County will stay on the state's "watch list" for several months, which not only means restaurants will have to keep indoor dining rooms closed, it means schools won't be able to reopen.

"I can't see that there is a potential for a trend downward to get us off the monitoring list" soon, Moreno said at a news conference Monday.

The county, he said, is among more than 30 that continue to exceed state guidelines, including the 14-day cumulative number of cases per 100,000 people, a figure that was 28.6 when the county was given

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fractions, similar to a minor traffic violation.

The ordinance "will allow people that I deputize to issue citations for not wearing masks and to restaurateurs who are not following the conditions of approval under which the encroachment permit was issued," Rerig told The Pine Cone Tuesday.

\$100 to \$1,000

In addition to code enforcement officer Bo Grunde, who has spent considerable time trying to bring restaurants into compliance, Rerig said he and some other members of the executive team might have the power to write citations. He's planning to confer with Police Chief Paul Tomasi on that and pointed out police officers have that authority, too, of course.

While the first citation would be for \$100, repeat tickets would increase to \$200, \$500 and then \$1,000, which would constitute a misdemeanor. Rerig said he has also

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Struggling with social distance

OLLIE IS a 7-year-old Labradoodle who spends a lot of time with his person. Both dog and human are gentle, soft-spoken guys who feel content in each other's company. But when his person's wife walks in, Ollie is all about her.

She is, after all the one who didn't give up until she found Ollie, the one who was determined to find the rare black-and-white version of the breed known as a parti-doodle. When she finally found 4-month-old Barnaby, she renamed him Oliver.

"I spend more time with Ollie, but when his mama walks in the room, he doesn't even remember who I am," his person said. "She's his gal."

When Ollie first came home, his people took him in for a little training. His teacher told them he was a B- student at best, one who really wouldn't amount to anything.

"Yet, throughout the years, Ollie has been the best dog ever," his person said. "He listens, he obeys, he just loves to be with his people. He always wants me to take him along in the car, kind of a, 'I don't want to be home unless you're there,' attitude."

Ollie was born in Tennessee, but he's grown up



dividing his time between downtown Carmel and Truckee.

"Ollie spends a lot of time at Lake Tahoe and at Carmel Beach," his person said. "I see all these Labs that love to swim, but the doodle in him is not interested in getting in the water. He'll hang out by the shore, and as long as he's with me or can see me, he's content."

These days, Ollie's just happy to hang out. "He's very good at sheltering in place, but he's very poor with social distance," his person said. "He struggles with the concept of 6 feet. It's much too far to reach for a pat."

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Five lose jobs as layoffs at city hall finalized Friday

By MARY SCHLEY

CITY LEADERS followed through July 17 with their pledge to cut more than a half-million dollars from the 2020-2021 budget by laying off five people.

The workers who lost their jobs, thanks to a steep decline in revenues due to the coronavirus shutdown and the resulting blows to hotel and sales taxes, include a maintenance worker (\$74,785 in salary and benefits), a full-time library assistant (\$78,037), an administrative coordinator for public works (\$84,616), and a project manager (\$124,440).

A community activities assistant (\$105,896) was also on the list but has seniority, and therefore kept her place on the payroll by bumping an administrative assistant in the planning department onto the layoff list and taking her place. A part-time library assistant was also set to be terminated, but the circulation supervisor retired, which spared the assistant.

Trying to find a plan

Receiving the bad news were Yvette Oblander, who started as a temp during the Stilwell administration and was subsequently hired as an executive assistant before moving over to public works, and Shawn Aguirre, who joined the city as a maintenance worker in public works earlier this year, only to see his new job cut. Library assistant Patricia Sand lost her position, and project manager Robert Estrella was laid off, since the budget includes no capital projects for him to manage.

Longtime city employee Margi Perotti, who has worked in community activities for the past several years, was on the list but kept her place on the payroll by using a "right to return" provision in the city's lay-off policy, which was adopted in 1992. According to that policy, an employee on the

layoff list can ask to be reassigned to a position she previously held, so Perotti has replaced Safarina Maluki, an administrative coordinator in the planning department.

City administrator Chip Rerig this week lamented the job cuts — which were called for in the budget approved by the city council last month — and said he'll be updating the council in September, when he hopes to determine how to "not be under a constant state of siege for the next year, worrying about every nickel while trying to provide a high level of service and protect residents and visitors."

"How do we plan this out?" he asked.

With just under \$18.7 million in revenues, the 2020-2021 budget anticipates about \$5.6 million less in income than what was predicted in the 2019-2020 spending plan, due to the pandemic. During preliminary budget discussions this year, Rerig anticipated having to eliminate 17 jobs.

Virus testing site may come to town

CITY ADMINISTRATOR Chip Rerig is hoping to use some of the federal tax dollars due the city because of the pandemic to pay for a coronavirus testing site in town, he said this week.

"We're going to get about \$50,000 in CARES Act funding, and what I've heard is it's \$15,000 per day — and that's only for 100 tests," he said.

Rerig said he doesn't know whether the testing site would be run by Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula or a private lab, and that he's working with 5th District Monterey County Supervisor Mary Adams on the project.

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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

The beach chair saga continues

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.

SUNDAY, JULY 5

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A mountain lion was sighted going into the bushes about 200 meters from Rio Road in the Mission Trail park. Officers dispatched to place signs in the park.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost credit card and driver's license. Someone attempted to use the card but the bank declined the purchase and canceled it. No report requested.

Pacific Grove: Found pet on Hillcrest.

Pebble Beach: Citizen on Viscaino was placed on a W&I 5150 hold [danger to self or others].

Carmel area: Lost property was turned in on Carmel Rancho Boulevard.

MONDAY, JULY 6

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Outside assist/courtesy report involving theft from an elder on Via Carmelita.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Welfare check requested on a male sending suicidal text message and having a mental health breakdown. The male was discovered to have self-committed to a mental health facility prior to the attempted contact. He was contacted over

the telephone and confirmed to be receiving mental health treatment.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A vehicle license plate was found in the parking lot of the police department and booked into the evidence locker. It was placed there by an unknown person.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A report of vandalism (stickers) on city signs in various locations near the beach and around the city.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Theft from a vehicle on Casanova north of Ninth. Items taken were three garage door entry clickers. No suspect information.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A residential alarm was reported at a construction site on Casanova south of 10th. A trailer was stolen from the site.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A mannequin was reported and observed in place of a city-owned memorial statue at Camino del Monte and Serra. It was determined there was no property damage or vandalism to the memorial. City public works was called, and the mannequin was removed from the site.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found driver's license and credit card on Dolores south of Ocean. Owner contacted. She said the ID card and other items were stolen from her home in Seaside. She canceled all her cards but needs her ID.

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The gavel falls

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

June 18 — Noel Ledesma, 39, a resident of Watsonville, was sentenced to 5 years 8 months in the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for driving under the influence and causing injury with a special enhancement for causing great bodily injury and a prior strike pursuant to PC 1170.12(c).

On June 30, 2019, California Highway Patrol officers responded to a report of a collision with injuries. Officers arrived at the scene and met with the parties involved, subsequently identified as the defendant, Noel Ledesma, and the victim. Officers spoke to the victim, who told them she had been traveling westbound on Blanco Road at approximately 50 mph. She stated she observed the defendant's vehicle on the right shoulder of the road, and that as she approached, the defendant suddenly made a U-turn directly in front of her.

She stated she was unable to stop and struck the defendant's vehicle on its left side. Officers noted while speaking with the defendant that he displayed signs of intoxication. The defendant was administered field sobriety tests, which he was unable to successfully complete. After additional testing, it was determined that the defendant was under the influence of cannabis and methamphetamine, which was

confirmed with a chemical blood test.

The victim suffered extensive injuries in the incident, including having her hip broken in several places, requiring surgery and the insertion of pins and screws in the hip. She also suffered bilateral rib fractures, a fractured right hand, tendon tears and bruises. The victim, during the sentencing, explained to the court how the defendant's poor choices impacted her life, her career, her family and how she was lucky to be alive.

The defendant has prior strike crime from 2013 in Monterey County for a conviction of assault with a deadly weapon. The defendant will have to serve 85 percent of his sentence before he is eligible for parole.

June 22 — Fernando Aparicio, 61, a resident of Salinas, pled no contest to two felony counts of lewd and lascivious acts with a child under 14.

In November 2019, Jane Doe 1 (age 9) disclosed to her mother that the defendant had touched her inappropriately. It was immediately reported to law enforcement and Jane Doe 1 disclosed that Aparicio, who is the husband of her babysitter, touched her chest and private parts a few weeks earlier

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Hundreds of aquarium workers lose jobs or take pay cuts

By KELLY NIX

THE MONTEREY Bay Aquarium said this week it's laying off or furloughing nearly 40 percent of its workforce, while executive employees making more than \$100,000 per year will face a 10 percent cut in pay — moves the aquarium said are necessary to keep it afloat.

Specifically, the aquarium will lay off 93 employees and furlough 128 others, which amounts to a 38 percent reduction in its workforce. It will also require executives to take a 20 percent pay cut.

Executive director and founder Julie Packard — who earned \$358,141 in salary, benefits and other compensation, 2018 tax records show — called the decisions “painful.”

“This action ensures that our resources will cover essential staff who remain in place to maintain the health and welfare of the animals, and that the facilities continue to receive the required level of maintenance,” Packard.

A spokesman said the aquarium would not answer questions from The Pine Cone or provide further comment on the staff reductions.

However, the nonprofit said it is facing a minimum of a 60 percent revenue shortfall through the end of the year, amounting to \$40 million, because of the prolonged closure of the Cannery Row attraction due to the coronavirus pandemic.

According to the aquarium's 2018 tax documents, it reported nearly \$125 million in total revenue and more than \$28 million in net revenue after expenses. Salaries, benefits and other compensation for employees amounted to nearly \$47 million that year, records show.

Upon closing its doors to the public March 12, the aquarium paid all its employees for six weeks. Employees affected by the new reductions were given another two weeks notice and may be eligible to apply for unemployment benefits.

Since closing, the aquarium said that more than two million people have visited its website, while interest in its 10 live webcams, which showcase sea creatures and other animals, increased to more than seven million views.

“Staff continues to provide an array of engaging virtual guest experiences across social media platforms,” the aquarium said.

Laguna Seca hosts blood drive

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

WEATHERTECH RACEWAY Laguna Seca will hold a blood drive from noon to 4 p.m. July 25 at the on-track Natividad Medical Center facility. Donors won't have to pay the \$5 day-use entry fee for the Laguna Seca Recreation Area and will receive a free Friday ticket to the Hyundai Monterey Sports Car Championship races Oct. 30, assuming spectator events are allowed by then. Donors can also have a free

coronavirus FDA-approved antibody test, if they want.

All staff and donors will be required to wear face coverings. “While donating blood is a valiant and strongly encouraged act of selflessness, if you are experiencing any symptoms of Covid-19 (such as dry cough, extreme fatigue, fever or shortness of breath), please refrain from participating at this time,” organizers said.

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Doctors face the ever-changing challenges of an emerging pandemic

By DENNIS TAYLOR

THE DIRECTOR of the emergency department at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula said he's personally treated only about five Covid-19 sufferers with "severe" symptoms, but what he's witnessed has been chilling, and should be enough to convince anyone to take seriously all of the precautions recommended by the Center for Disease Control.

"It's an illness to be respected. It's really scary when you see how sick people get," said Dr. Casey Grover, who was hired at CHOMP in 2012 and became head of the hospital's emergency department in January of 2019. "How we determine if a patient is 'severe' versus 'not severe' depends on whether their lungs are affected enough to require oxygen support. And it's alarming to see how quickly a patient can go from needing just a little bit of oxygen to a lot of oxygen."

The Monterey Peninsula has been fortunate, so far, to avoid a rapid spread of a virus that has infected 4.1 million Americans and killed more than 146,000. Monterey County had 3,700-plus confirmed cases of the virus since March, along with 21 deaths.

Among those people who have been checked for the virus at CHOMP — more than 4,300 — only 123 have tested positive, and about 40 were sick enough to be hospitalized. Two of them have died.

When the illness is that bad, it's a difficult thing to see, Grover said.

'Like a sponge'

"A normal lung is like a dry sponge: It's lightweight and very porous," Grover said. "When a person is severely infected with coronavirus, the lungs fill up with fluid and become like a soggy sponge — very heavy."

"Imagine trying to breathe when fluid is filling your lungs," he said. "I can tell you it's not easy."

Some people gasp for air. Others might breathe very quickly. A patient also might become confused from the

lack of oxygen, the doctor said.

A ventilator can push oxygen into the fluid-soaked lungs with enough force to help a patient to breathe, but medical professionals are still exploring ways to effectively deal with the multiple effects of coronavirus disease. Many of the effects of the virus, including its long-term complications, are still largely a mystery.

"Somebody who has been on a ventilator will likely suffer some lung scarring, and might not be able to breathe well enough to exercise, or be active in the same capacity as they were before," Grover said. "We're also seeing neurological issues, problems with confusion, problems with nerves. People are getting kidney damage. Coronavirus can also infect the heart muscle, so we see people who look like they're having a heart attack, but actually it's the virus, which seems to affect almost every organ in the body, and there's a possibility that each organ will be damaged."

Indeed, virtually all aspects of coronavirus disease (which was first detected in the U.S. in January) are an ongoing education for the medical world, which is discovering new things daily about the virus and how to deal with it.

"I'll steal a phrase I heard from another emergency physician, Dr. Ron Waldman at George Washington University, who said, 'We are building this plane in midair as we are flying it,'" Grover said. "We've all been tuning into podcasts and lectures, we're reading blog posts from other physicians ... we've kind of gathered information piecemeal. I never had a class in medical school that covered what to do if we have a pandemic with an illness that nobody knows anything about."

Yet another impact of the pandemic, for both patients and their caregivers, has been post-traumatic stress disorder. Grover said many people who have endured a severe case of the virus develop PTSD afterward.

Likewise, front-line medical professionals often have difficulty dealing with the suffering they've witnessed, the relentless challenges of helping patients feel better and

their own worries about contracting the disease.

"I think a lot of my doctors and nurses were coming to work feeling really scared, especially at first," Grover said. "Fortunately, we have people at the hospital who have been busting their behinds to make sure we have the protective equipment and supplies we need to stay safe."

Finding therapies

Finding effective medications to treat Covid-19 is another ongoing quest. CHOMP physicians have treated some patients with convalescent plasma — injecting blood from someone who has recovered from coronavirus into an infected patient, hoping to give the sufferer antibodies that will battle the disease. An inexpensive steroid called dexamethasone, used for its anti-inflammatory and immunosuppressant effects, has helped some critically ill patients. Another called remdesivir has shortened recovery time for some patients. Both medications are being used at CHOMP.

The search for treatments and a coronavirus vaccine is, by necessity, a long process, said Grover, who has authored and published research studies in the past.

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Dr. Casey Grover, Medical Director for CHOMP's Emergency Department, laments that protective masks prevent COVID patients from knowing when a doctor or nurse is smiling.

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Buyers snap up record number of Monterey Peninsula homes

By MARY SCHLEY

ECLIPSING THE 48 homes totaling nearly \$79 million that sold on the Monterey Peninsula during the week of July 5-11, last week saw deals close on a record-breaking 72 houses worth a combined \$103,356,000, according to Monterey County records. The pace has even veteran realtors a bit perplexed, though they have plenty of theories about what's driving the run on the market — including the coronavirus epidemic that's motivating people to leave cities for rural areas and small towns.

"I sense an urgency when talking with both buyers and sellers that the pandemic has made them take a close look at what they value in life — a feeling that life is too short and it's time to live their dream," said independent real estate broker Cheryl Heyermann. "To live in a breathtaking coastal environment and feel a sense of being part of a smaller community seem to be a driving force behind their decisions."

She called the ongoing rush of sales "a strange phenomenon."

"I just keep shaking my head," she said. "In the midst of the economic impact and many people out of work or hunkered down and afraid to make a change, we have this uptick in sales."

She speculated pent-up demand from the spring and the lowest interest rates in 55 years are also helping.

Of her last half-dozen deals, Platinum One real estate broker Debby Beck said some involved moving here from urban areas, especially since people can now telecommute or are able to retire.

"I feel most are wanting calmness, and they certainly can find that on the Monterey Peninsula," she said.

Broker associate Ben Heinrich of Coldwell Banker Del Monte Realty said he's seen an unusual sense of "immediacy" in

many of his clients.

"All the buyers I have been working with have given lots of time and thought to a move to our area," he said. "I think the unsettled nature of our environment has compressed their time horizon."

'Pull the trigger'

The coronavirus pandemic, "with its frustrations and constraints in urban areas, has clearly moved people to take action," observed Bill Mitchell, managing director and broker at Carmel Realty.

"While many may have had long-term plans to someday live here, Covid-19 has motivated them to pull the trigger," he said, especially with the ability to work from home.

"These folks want to be out of crowded, angry, filthy cities and into a safer, healthier environment at a slower pace," he said. "They seek the very high quality of lifestyle that we enjoy in a kinder, gentler community. They are impressed with our public and private schools and are anxious for their kids to grow up in this environment."

Mitchell said he's also seen more locals wanting to get in on the surge. "Under normal conditions, this much demand would have dried up all of our inventory," he said, but eager sellers have kept the options coming. "The outcome is that we are observing a well-balanced market for both buyers and sellers. At both Carmel Realty and Monterey Coast Realty, we are experiencing an 80 to 100 percent increase in transaction numbers for each of the last few months."

Younger buyers who can now work from home are seeking "coastal living, good schools and less density," observed Becky Jones, vice president and brokerage man-

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‘It’s a miracle he wasn’t killed,’ says mom after SUV crashed into bedroom

By KELLY NIX

THE DRIVER of an SUV who plowed into a Pacific Grove house Sunday and injured a 13-year-old boy — then fled from the scene but was caught and charged with felony hit-and-run — was released from jail about 24 hours later.

Pacific Grove police said that at about 11:40 a.m., Watsonville resident Felix Palmerin, 31, was driving recklessly when he crashed into a house on the 300 block of Eardley Avenue before leaving the scene. The teenager and another person were inside the house at the time. Photos posted on social media show the brown SUV completely inside the trashed building after it crashed through a white picket fence.

“Investigators believe he was speeding down Pine Avenue when he made an unsafe turn and lost control of the vehicle,” PGPD police administrative services manager Jocelyn Francis told The Pine Cone. “The incident is still being investigated by both Pacific Grove and CHP officers.”

Monterey police officers caught Palmerin about 25 minutes later in New Monterey.

The impact of Palmerin’s 2012 Volkswagen Touraeg

SUV hitting the house injured Christian Vaughn, who was airlifted to a San Jose hospital. An unidentified passenger in Palmerin’s VW SUV was also hurt and taken by ambulance to a local hospital for treatment.

Although Pacific Grove police took Palmerin to Monterey County Jail on suspicion of two felony counts of hit-and-run, reckless driving and possession of a controlled substance, jail records show that he was released about 24 hours later.

“He posted bail,” Francis said.

Pinned against the wall

Christian’s mother, Mary Vaughn, said on social media that her son was on his bed playing a video game when the SUV suddenly came barreling through, trapping him against a wall and knocking him unconscious.

“He was pinned under the car against the wall,” Vaughn

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PHOTO/SOCIAL MEDIA

A teenage boy somehow managed to escape serious injury when a driver of an SUV barreled through his bedroom Sunday.

Two more say they’ll enter race for city council

By MARY SCHLEY

AG BIOTECH CEO Mo Massoudi and orthopedic surgeon Dr. Ron Chaplan picked up papers from city hall Monday to enter the Nov. 3 city council race. So far, no one has come forward to challenge incumbent Mayor Dave Potter.

Incumbent councilman Bobby Richards is well on his way to getting the required signatures to secure a spot on the ballot, and last week, longtime resident Graeme Robertson pulled papers, as well.

Only Richards and Potter have also filed the required state form 501 to officially declare their intent to run for office.

Massoudi, the former owner of Cafe Carmel on Ocean Avenue, was appointed to the forest and beach commission in 2016 but did not seek reappointment when his term was up. He holds a Ph.D. in plant molecular genetics and a master’s in plant science/agronomy, and is president and CEO of Ag-Biotech Inc., a Monterey agricultural genom-

ics company founded in 1997.

A Carmel resident since 1995, Massoudi, who will be 60 this year, has a home on Guadalupe near Third. According to Monterey County Elections, he registered in 2004, has no party preference, and has sporadically voted in elections, most recently in 2018.

Chaplan, a longtime orthopedic surgeon with a practice on Cass Street in Monterey, obtained his medical degree from UCSF in 1975 and received certification from the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery in 1982. While he hasn’t participated on any city boards or commissions, Chaplan, 71, is a member of the Carmel Youth Center’s board of directors and has long been active in the community. He lives on Fourth Avenue and first registered to vote in the county in 1999. He is a registered Republican who has voted in all recent elections, according to county records.

Candidates need at least 20 signatures of Carmel-by-the-Sea registered voters to qualify for the election. Because councilwoman Jan Reimers is not running for reelection, the filing period will remain open until Aug. 12.

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Stevenson targeted in hack, personal info stolen

By KELLY NIX

COMPUTER HACKERS stole the personal information of Stevenson School alumni, parents and others, according to the private school's director of advancement.

In a July 18 message, Amy Elmore informed Stevenson parents and alums that an online company it uses to store files had been hacked by someone who demanded ransom to not release the data. The company, Blackbaud, told the school July 16 about the hack, which began months earlier.

"Blackbaud has also informed us that the cybercriminal did manage to remove a copy of our backup file containing some of your personal information," Elmore said in a letter. "This occurred intermittently between Feb. 7 and May 20."

No credit cards

Elmore said Stevenson did not store credit card numbers, bank information or Social Security Numbers in the data file that hackers stole. "That said, the file that was removed does contain your contact information and a history of your relationship with Stevenson, such as donation dates and amounts," Elmore said.

Blackbaud, Elmore explained, paid the ransom demand and confirmed that the stolen copy of Stevenson's file had been deleted. According to news reports, Blackbaud, which is based in South Carolina, refused to say publicly how much it paid the hackers.

"We are continuing to investigate Blackbaud's report to us, and we will advise you of the findings of that investigation should they differ materially from what they have told us thus far," Elmore said.

She declined to answer questions from The Pine Cone, but said Blackbaud's services are used by more than 25,000 organizations and schools, "so I expect that many other institutions will send similar letters in the coming weeks."

According to Elmore, Blackbaud told the school that it's taking steps to "help prevent a similar attack from happening in the future and to protect your data from any subsequent incidents." She said Stevenson notified its community so members could take "immediate action to

protect yourself. Ensuring the safety of our constituents' data is of the utmost importance to us."

"We sincerely apologize for this incident and regret any inconvenience it may cause you," Elmore said.

In a statement about the security breach, Blackbaud said hackers attempted to block access to its system and encrypt its files, but that the company discovered the attack and prevented it from happening.

Scenic assault case delayed to September

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE SALINAS man arrested for attempted murder and rape after he allegedly attacked a 61-year-old woman in the driveway of her vacation home on 13th near Scenic in early May remained in Monterey County Jail on \$4.7 million bail this week, while the next hearing in his case was pushed to September.

A preliminary examination — when the prosecutor presents evidence for the charges against the defendant, and a judge decides whether enough exists to proceed with the case — was originally scheduled for July 17 but was rescheduled to Sept. 4, Monterey County Chief Assistant District Attorney Berkley Brannon said.

Gary Thelander, Isaac Garcia's defense attorney, asked for more time to prepare, according to Brannon, and the judge granted it, setting the new date for early September.

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Historic board wants project to be less modern

By MARY SCHLEY

A NEW facade proposed for a retail building that stretches mid-block between Sixth Avenue and Ocean Avenue would be too contemporary to fit in with the “downtown conservation district,” the historic resources board decided Monday.

The building, which formerly housed Zantman art gallery and includes Hedi's shoes and other businesses, is not historic, but the downtown district contains a lot of buildings that are, associate planner Evan Kort explained at the July 20 meeting. Therefore, the board should review the project to make sure it would fit in and wouldn't detract from any nearby historic resources.

“The city recognizes that Ocean Avenue and the commercial properties that surround this corridor contain some of the most memorable and important commercial buildings in Carmel,” Kort said in his report. “The design character and ambiance created by these buildings are an essential part of the Carmel experience and critically important to the economy of the city. This area also has one of the highest concentrations of historic buildings in the city.”

While Kort was fine with the changes proposed to the Ocean Avenue side — replacing doors, installing tile wainscoting in place of stone, and laying clay tiles in the entryway — he suggested the changes for the Sixth Avenue side wouldn't work well, especially next to the firehouse, which is historic.

Specifically, he said, the entryway is too large and includes too much glass. The plans drawn by architect Thomas Hood, himself a member of the historic resources board, also call for removing the brick front and replacing it with stucco, removing the copper awnings and installing tile wainscoting. Kort said the contemporary look isn't consistent with the downtown district.

Hood did not appear at the meeting, but architect Brian Congleton, who also worked on the plans, said the design

reflects the building's original look, which was more “early 20th century loading dock,” before it was clad in brick and adorned with copper awnings.

“We felt this was the appearance that should be reflected in the building,” he said. “It's a very nondescript building, the way it originally was.”

Congleton also pointed out the design isn't attempting to mimic a historic style and that it would complement the firehouse.

“What we're proposing is in keeping with traditional Carmel,” he said. “It doesn't make it look cute and old.”

“You may or may not like the approach on this,” he continued. “But it's very minor and certainly doesn't rise to the level of destroying the historic character of the fire station or of any of the historic buildings — I think quite the contrary.”

List of suggestions

Board member Kathryn Gualtieri acknowledged Hood's design “is a little more attractive than what is there now or even what was there originally,” but said the changes “have to be compatible with the historic building to the right of it and also with the Carmel Dairy building” around the corner.

“You have the opportunity to redesign and make it more compatible and fit in more with the conservation district,” she told Congleton.

Board member Karyl Hall had a list of suggestions, from facing the planters in wood, to using stone instead of tile for the wainscoting on both sides of the building and using different light fixtures.

All of the board members suggested the large window to the right of the front door be reduced, since it would be taller than the bays of the fire station next door, and they voted to have Congleton return with a revised design, after which the planning commission will consider the project. The building is owned by a real estate investment company based in Santa Monica.

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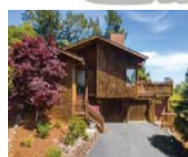
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Finding happy endings — tails of love in the age of coronavirus

By ELAINE HESSER

PUPPIES ARE great. Kittens are amazing. In fact, pets in general are darned awesome. Many people have been reminded of that truth since the coronavirus issues hit the litterbox back in March, and they've all but cleaned out the animal shelters around Monterey County.

For Margot and Tyler Baker of Carmel Valley, 2020 didn't look like a good year to bring a new animal into their home. Their cockapoo, Sadie, died in 2019 after 15 years of unconditional love. Still, back in January the couple was looking forward to celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with a year of special activities, and they worried they wouldn't be able to give a new dog enough attention.

They'd planned lots of travel — an epic road trip to Texas and back, by way of Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks and Sedona, a two-week trip to Tahoe with the whole family, and a two-week trip to France with friends.

As the world shut down, and they watched their itineraries topple like so many dominoes, Tyler started "sowing the seeds," as Margot put it, of getting a new dog. He cruised rescue websites and showed her pictures, even as the number of available pets began to dwindle.

Adorable or interesting?

Finally, at Animal Friends Rescue Project, they saw Pearl, a stray that had been picked up on a street by that name in Salinas. She was just a pup and weighed five pounds. The couple renamed her Scooter Pearl, because Margot said almost all their dogs had names that started with an s, and "Pearl just looked like a little scooter."

The couple wanted a smaller pet than the 30- or

35-pound dogs they'd had before. They're seniors and Margot — who said she never thought of herself as "at risk for anything" — worried that a big dog "could see a squirrel and pull me and I'm afraid I'd end up with a broken hip." Scooter has grown some since they took her in, and now is close to seven pounds — the kind of "little foo-foo dog" Margot wasn't sure she'd ever take to. But she did.

"We are in love with this dog," she gushed. "We are the luckiest people in the world."

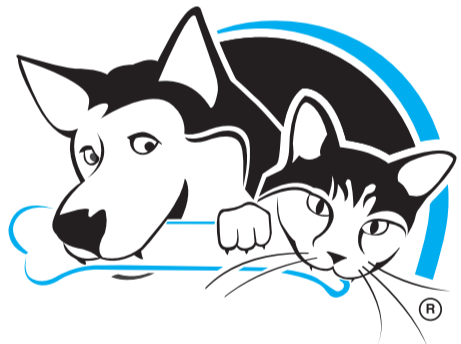
Some proud new pet parents were already thinking about adopting when the pandemic hit, like schoolteacher Dounia Bredes, now working from her home in Monterey. "I was going to get a cat sometime," she said, adding that she wanted to adopt an adult.

While she allowed that kittens are hard to resist, Bredes said, "Older cats have a personality already, they're inter-

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(Above) Mary and Patrick Casey were working from home when they decided to foster, then adopt, Autumn from Peace of Mind Dog Rescue. Meanwhile, Nancy Powers (right) made room for Juliette, a deaf kitty from AFRP.



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They can't talk, but they still might be asking you for help

By ELAINE HESSER

NOBODY LIKES going to the doctor, least of all your four-legged housemates. Cat owners know that there's nothing as unwieldy as a feline you're trying to get into a crate, and if tricking your dog into a car ride that ends at the vet's office makes you feel guilty, you're not alone.

Still, sometimes animal friends need an intervention, and it's up to humans to know when it's necessary. Karl Anderson, the veterinarian who owns the Animal Hospital at Mid Valley with his wife Lori, offered cat and dog owners some helpful

tips. Lori recently earned her license as a registered veterinary tech, which Karl said is the equivalent of a registered nurse.

"It's the highest level of licensure you can get, other than becoming a veterinarian," he said.

The first bit of advice the two shared was that if you're not sure whether to call the vet, ask yourself whether you would call a pediatrician for a child under the same circumstances.

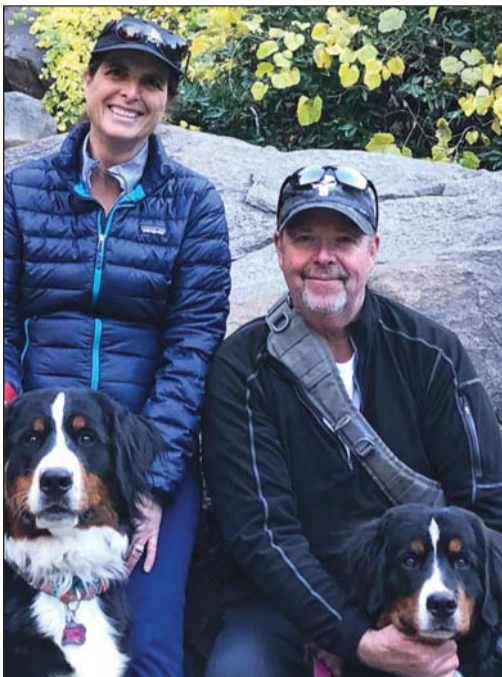
Something serious?

Another way to think about it, Karl said, is by exercising empathy. He and Lori said sometimes people will bring in an animal and say, "He's been limping for two or three weeks, but doesn't seem to be in any pain." Yet it could mean anything from a foxtail in a paw pad to a split toenail or more serious problems.

"When you're limping, aren't you in pain?" asked Karl. "Put it into a human context."

Some symptoms don't call for a doctor. Dogs throw up now and then, and cats cough up hairballs. It's unpleasant for all concerned, but probably not a big deal. (There are hairball remedies that can make everyone's life easier.) However, if it happens more than a couple times a month, or multiple times in a day, or if your pet is lethargic or loses its appetite, that means it's time to check in with a professional.

Other things to look out for include lumps or skin problems you might find while you're cuddling or



Karl and Lori Anderson of the Animal Hospital at Mid Valley with pals Montana and Skye in Yosemite.

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CAN YOU CATCH CORONAVIRUS FROM YOUR DOG? HERE'S THE SCOOP.

By ELAINE HESSER

AMONG ALL the rumors swirling around the coronavirus pandemic, you may have heard that pets can get it from people and vice-versa.

There are a lot of other questions, too — from how to keep your dog from being spooked by masks to what to do if a stranger pets your dog while you're out on a walk.

Beth Brookhouser, spokesperson for the SPCA for Monterey County, said, "It is not believed that coronavirus can be transmitted from a pet to a human." However, she added that the National Veterinary Service, a division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture located in Ames, Iowa, has verified three cases in which it appears that pets caught the virus from their owners.

The CDC also said that the risk of transmission of coronavirus from a pet — either one that has the virus or one that has been handled by someone with the virus — is low, and that the disease only seems to make animals mildly ill. However, it advises quarantining any pets that test positive for the disease, just to be safe.

Thinking ahead

By the same token, if a human in your household has Covid-19, isolation should include keeping them away from your dog or cat. And, Brookhouser said, "Have a care plan for your pet with more than one back-up in case you become hospitalized, and have a bag of your pet's food and a few favorite toys that a caretaker can use."

As for well-meaning people who

just want to scratch some soft, fuzzy ears, Brookhouser said, "If you are really worried about the health of someone who handled your pet, you can give your pet a bath using pet shampoo, but don't use disinfectant or bleach wipes as those can be dangerous." Ditto hydrogen peroxide. That part seemed to go without saying, but apparently, some people have been wiping animals down with stuff intended for cleaning the bathroom.

While it seems self-evident, putting a mask on your cat or dog is unnecessary

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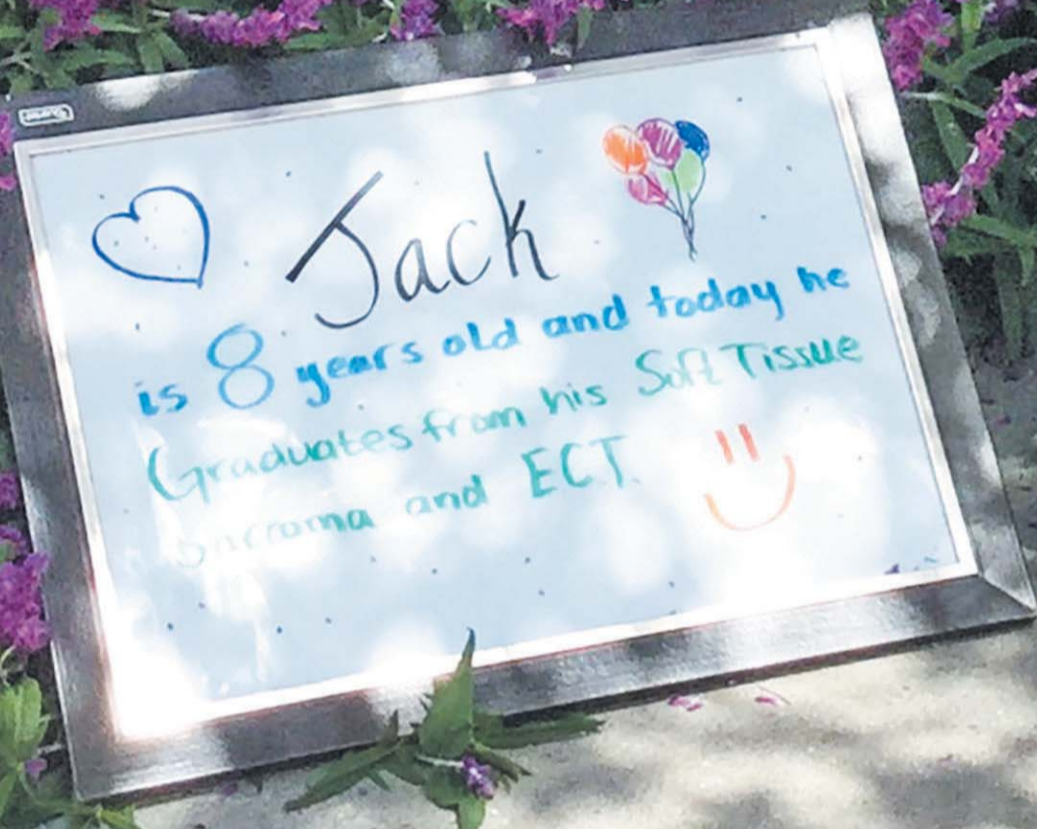
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Dogs need to go to the salon and get their hair and nails done, too

By ELAINE HESSER

PETS AROUND here approach the deified cats of ancient Egypt in terms of status. Why not? After all, longtime animal devotees like Betty White and the late Doris Day have both called this place home, and shops and restaurants are as welcoming to dogs as they are to people. Heck, the four-legged guests are probably nicer than some of the two-legged ones.

Unlike people, dogs (and even cats) can still get a haircut, blowout and mani-pedi during this incarnation of the coronavirus shutdown.

"Isn't that a bit frou-frou?" you might ask. Not really, according to Carmel Groomers' Tricia Barrett. In one of many strokes of bad luck for local business owners, Barrett bought the business on Dolores between Ocean and Seventh in March. It was part of the first round of coronavirus closures, and didn't reopen until June 1.

Waiting list

That was a long time for the business — and some of its clients. "We had a backlog

We just got through the waitlist at the end of June," said Barrett. Some dogs were in worse shape than others, and the problems weren't purely cosmetic.

"There's only so much you can do at home," Barrett said. "The doodles — Labradoodles, golden doodles — with their curly coats, and long-haired dogs like Yorkies and Shih Tzus, really need to be professionally groomed every four to six weeks."

Some breeds (Pyrenees, German shepherds, Pomeranians, malamutes and so on) have undercoats, layers of fluffy, lighter hair that help them regulate temperature. They're also tough to keep up with on your own. Even with daily brushing, the undercoat can become matted. On long-haired dogs, Barrett said, "Food gets in their beards and around their faces," and needs to be cleaned out.

Dirty, matted hair is just nasty. It can hide skin conditions and create what groomers and vets call "hot spots" — skin that gets irritated and that pets then try to lick or scratch, exacerbating the situation.

Even if they don't cause health problems, mats make animals uncomfortable

and attract cockleburrs, foxtails and the like. Barrett said if you must have your pet shaved because of a neglected coat, "It's uncomfortable for the dog and expensive for the owner."

Beach dogs

Nails can be a problem if you can't trim them at home and the animal's not wearing them down from walking and running. Dewclaws — the "thumbs" on the front paws and sometimes the back ones — can easily get too long. Barrett said that a lot of owners took their dogs to veterinarians, whose practices have been designated essential since Covid-related closures began, to get their nails trimmed.

While the dog is getting its manicure, groomers can have a good look at the paws and alert owners to any signs of trouble that may be there. In fact, Barrett said, the people who bathe, trim and brush out dogs get a close look at them, and are sometimes the first to notice ticks or other issues.

"There's some stuff you really wouldn't notice," said Barrett, but the groomers do because they have ideal lighting and get up close with every inch of your best friend.

Dogs living the beach life benefit from professional grooming, too. In fact, Carmel Groomers offers an express wash with conditioner, brush-out, nail buff, and towel-dry (\$30 to \$60, depending on the dog's size) that it says is "great

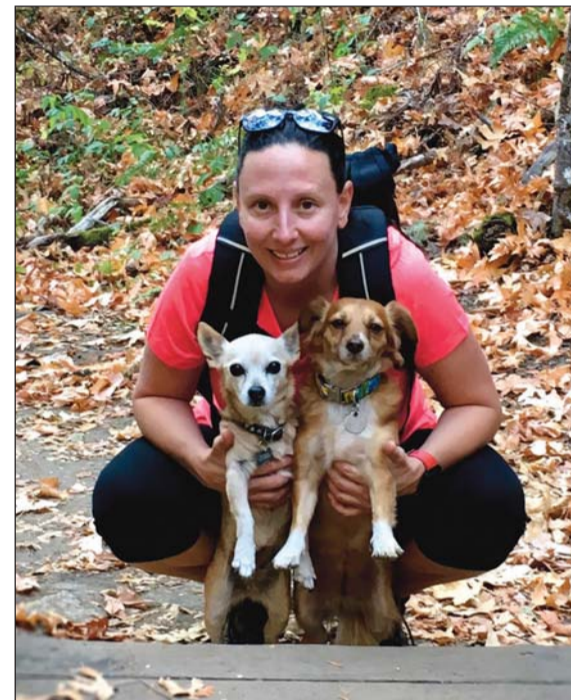
for warm days after the beach."

Ear cleanings and medicated flea and tick shampoos are also among the services the pros offer.

Barrett said that Carmel Groomers has a corral where you can drop your dog off, then, "We take them straight to the back and wash them."

Between appointments, Barrett recommended, "Buy a brush and brush out their fur. Maybe give them a bath here and there if you can."

And if you can't, it's important to find a groomer who can.



Groomer Tricia Barrett likes taking her dapper dogs, Lola and Esme, to Garland Park.



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grooming your pet. If you're refilling the water bowl a lot less often than usual or your buddy's appetite has increased or decreased, that can also be a sign that something's wrong.

Likewise, straining to poop or pee is problematic. Cats — males in particular — can get urinary tract blockages. They strain to urinate, but can't, and the Andersons said that constitutes a medical emergency. Increased water consumption and peeing are possible symptoms of diabetes.

And, especially in older pets, "stinky breath can mean a problem tooth that has gone bad," they said. That's often linked with heart problems, as bacteria can travel from the mouth to the rest of the body through the blood.

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— even if you could manage to do it. From a different perspective, some dogs dislike seeing humans in masks and may be frightened by all the weird-looking faces. The American Kennel Club recommends combining putting on your mask with pleasant situations like mealtime.

The club also encourages playing "peekaboo" or other games with the mask and of course, letting the dog sniff it. It also seems that dogs are at the same losses as humans with mask-wearing people. They can't see you smile and sometimes the mask muffles your words.

Reassurance for your bestie

The AKC suggested pairing a hand signal with pronouncements of "good dog" and a smile as you are praising your buddy at home, so that when you're out and masked, that signal reassures your friend he's still the best doggie.

Brookhouser noted that pets are great resources in times like these. "Pets are comforting during times of stress, which we are all under during today's circumstances. The general consensus among veterinary and animal welfare experts is that there is no reason to give up your pet during this pandemic. Snuggle your pets, take healthy walks, and practice social distancing," she concluded.

Happily, there are many things you can do to prolong your pet's healthy life. For the Andersons, that would ideally start by researching different breeds before you adopt, to make sure they fit your lifestyle.

For example, dogs need exercise, but a corgi can't go as far or fast as a golden retriever. Owners of Australian cattle dogs can tell you about hiking for miles with the erstwhile herders, while those with English bulldogs know a short jaunt around town is sufficient.

Various breeds of cats behave differently, too, and non-cat-lovers are sometimes surprised at the array of personalities. At a minimum, if you're not into daily brushing, skip the long-haired types.

No chocolate — or grapes

Talk with your veterinarian about diet. Karl said, "It's hard to find a single diet with the variety of micronutrients a pet needs. A healthy dog might eat more than one brand of food." He and Lori said that supplements have made a difference for their own dogs, just as taking vitamins helps some people maintain their health.

Animals should be kept away from some plants and foods. Dogs — which will eat just about anything — should never have grapes or chocolate, for example. Complete lists of potentially harmful substances can easily be found online.

If you can, the Andersons recommend regularly brushing your pet's teeth with toothpaste designed (and flavored) for pets. Lori said that she starts rubbing her dogs' gums when they're young so they tolerate brushing as they grow up.

Just like people, dogs and cats should be vaccinated against common illnesses. Karl explained that parvovirus, a bug that causes digestive issues and that can be fatal, is highly contagious and remarkably resilient.


"Your dog might never even see another dog and still get it. It can live up to a year on surfaces. A dog poops on a trail and the virus stays in the dirt. Your dog walks through the area and then licks its paw."

There's also a vaccine for bordetella, which is related to the virus that causes whooping cough in humans. It's sometimes called kennel cough, a nickname it earned by spreading rapidly through boarding facilities. Puppies and older dogs are particularly at risk if they get the disease.

Rabies vaccines are not just a matter of keeping your own furbaby well, they're important to public health. Besides, no one wants to live through "Old Yeller" in real life. Finally, it's important to give your pets lots of love.


"Think about what we get from them," said Karl. "They give unconditional love, affection and a sense of normalcy. They're not all wound up about Covid. It's a two-way street. Sometimes when you see a super-anxious dog, it's because people are super anxious."

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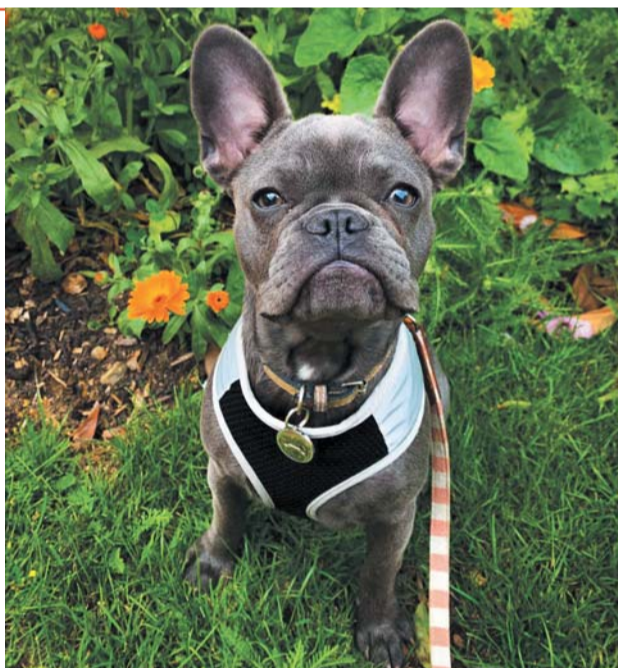
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esting." Penelope, a 5-year-old gray-and-black speckled tabby from the SPCA, has become a perfect companion.

"Cats don't mind sitting next to you on the couch all day," Bredes said. She added that her fiancé, who is more of a dog person, had to figure out that cats play differently, and learn the allure of wadded-up balls of aluminum foil.

Also, Bredes wisely put him in charge of feeding Penelope, which always scores points. She was happy that Covid-driven changes to her job gave her the opportunity to adopt. "It was good to be home for the adjustment period," she said.

Another kitty who had to adjust to a new environment, Juliette from AFRP, found a home with longtime cat lover Nancy Powers of Spreckels, who also has two energetic cattle dogs.

Unlike Bredes, Powers was sure she wanted a kitten — until she kept seeing an adult cat named Juliette on the AFRP website. As time passed, "I was surprised she was still there. She's so cute," said Nancy. Juliette is all white and deaf, which Powers believes was the reason she stayed available so long.

'Foster failure'

Other than understanding that the cat can't come when it's called and can't go outside (all-white cats are particularly susceptible to skin cancer and deaf cats can't hear traffic or predators), Powers said Juliette isn't much different from other feline housemates she's had. On the plus side, the Fourth-of-July noise couldn't faze her.

Juliette befriended the dogs, and Powers said she holds her own — "She runs with them and chases them." In fact, the cat is so inquisitive and playful that Powers said, "She's just like a kitten." And she believes

Juliette needs a friend, so she's thinking of adopting another feline to keep her company.

Mary Casey called herself a "foster failure" because both times she's tried to be a foster mom to dogs from Peace of Mind Dog Rescue, she's ended up adopting them. Most recently, that would be Autumn, who arrived at Mary and husband Patrick's Pacific Grove home in early April.

Gentle companions

Patrick is an attorney and Mary's a paralegal, though they don't work for the same firm. They've been working from home, and just moved into a new house with a yard, so it seemed like the perfect time to help a shelter and foster a pet in need. "By April, there weren't many that needed foster homes," said Mary, but Autumn — an Australian cattle dog and rat terrier mix — was featured in a Peace of Mind fundraising video and needed a foster family.

Two people tried to adopt her, but before Autumn came to the rescue group, she was hit by a car and can't move around as easily as other dogs, so it was hard to find the right place — until Mary realized Autumn was meant to be part of her family.

"She's such a gentle soul," said Mary of the senior dog. Peace of Mind specializes in working with and senior citizens and older dogs, so that people who become can't care for their pets anymore don't have to worry about them going to a shelter.

And the Caseys aren't giving up on being foster parents. "We'll be ready to foster again, as long as they get along with Autumn," said Mary.

Delaina Dickison found Lilypad (aka Lily) at POMDR, too. Dickison was lonely. Her husband died 18 months ago, and her 14-year-old dog died four months ago. Then, sheltering in place narrowed Dickison's world further. She has 2 acres in Prunedale, and desperately wanted a com-

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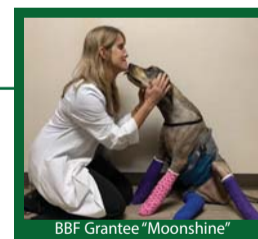
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wastewater makes it possible to quickly identify the source of an outbreak and take action. As a result, there's been a surge of interest recently in the field of sewage epidemiology.

While the presence of coronavirus in wastewater sounds scary, does it qualify as bad news?

The testing at the sewage plant shows that the virus is here, but so far, there hasn't been any spike in cases, hospitalizations or deaths among residents of the Carmel area, according to the Monterey County health department.

Playing it safe

At the sewage plant, which is located on the south side of the Carmel River, an automated system physically takes the samples, but staff members take numerous

safety measures against coronavirus, Buikema said.

"All precautions are taken," she explained. "We have N95 masks, shields and hazard suits — we don't want anyone to get Covid-19."

Buikema said she has no intention of alarming people with the news that coronavirus has made its way into our local wastewater facility.

"We are simply trying to inform the community that the virus is out there, that we have to be careful, and we have to get this under control," she said.

Despite the presence of pathogens in untreated wastewater, Buikema said people have nothing to fear from the recycled water that is produced at the sewage plant and used on local golf courses.

"The treatment process removes the virus," Buikema explained.

Former Mayor Ken White, president of the facility's board of directors, said testing wastewater provides valuable information at a low cost.

PacRep summer fundraiser online

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

DINNER TICKETS to PacRep Theatre's Virtual Midsummer Soiree Saturday are sold out, but an unlimited number of tickets are available to watch the festivities online, which you can do for free — or by donation. "Pay what you can!" PacRep suggested.

The show will include performances by recent cast members, PacRep alumni and student-actors — and a virtual walk-through by artistic director Stephen Moorer showing what the complete renovation of the Golden Bough Playhouse will look like. The theater group is hoping to get started soon on the second phase of the work.

Besides entertainment and the virtual

tour of the renovated theater, a fundraising auction features an array of enticing items, including framed Jo Mora prints, rare Carmel Theatre memorabilia, wine magnums, vacation opportunities, a sailing excursion, unique wine experiences, and much more.

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Pebble Beach reads The Pine Cone

"Testing wastewater can pick up an increase in viral concentrations in sewage before cases show up in the local population. As such, wastewater sampling may pick up the virus associated with the number of people who are infected but do not have symptoms of the disease," White wrote in a letter to The Pine Cone. "This makes wastewater monitoring a relatively

inexpensive and noninvasive tool to predict future outbreaks."

White said tests detect genetic fragments of the virus and are based on Center for Disease Control protocols.

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Corona Regional Park July 18, and 30 minutes later, he was witnessed meandering through the former Rancho Cañada gold course nearby. One report said it nearly caused a pileup when he crossed Carmel Valley Road.

The bear reached Monterey by Sunday. The next day, it was sighted in the area of Foothill School in Monterey and Jacks Peak. Overturned trash cans and bear scat were found in the area.

Later, the bear was seen near the equestrian stables at the former Fort Ord. The last reported sighting came from a bus driver who was passing through Marina Tuesday morning.

'Very big and furry'

Dormody said the bear is the second one to turn up at his place this year. He described the first one as "very furry and big," and weighing close to 400 pounds.

"That one was around for about a month," Dormody said.

Curiously, the bears at San Clemente Rancho have shown an appetite for Dormody's security cameras. "About once a year I'll lose a camera because they'll chomp on it," he said.

He is more concerned about the possibility that a bear will decide to take up permanent residence somewhere nearby his place. "My fear is that bears are going to become pests like they are at Lake Tahoe, where they break into houses and cars" Dormody told The Pine Cone. "I don't want to see them get too comfortable here."

According to California Department of Fish and Wildlife spokesman Ken Paglia, the latest bear is young and likely came from Los Padres National Forest to find a new place to live.

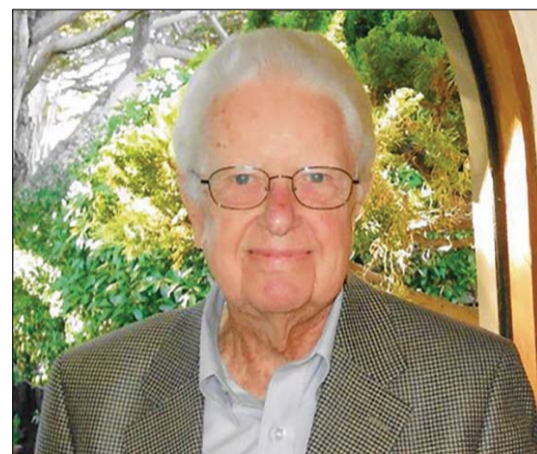
"We're hoping the bear will return home and we won't have to intervene," he explained.

"Intervening" comes with risks. In 2001, a black bear in Carmel was killed after it was shot in the leg with a tranquilizing dart while high up in a Monterey pine on Ocean Avenue.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife biologist Jeff Cann urged people to keep their distance from the bear — unlike a woman in Mexico this week who captured a selfie with one.

Cann also assured people that his agency is taking a hands-off approach. "We're not really looking for him as long as he doesn't get in trouble," he said.

Paglia urged residents to keep food and trash secure — and even keep it inside. "We don't want the bear to become habituated to trash," he added.



John Arnold Jamison

September 18, 1924 – July 1, 2020

John Arnold Jamison, 95, passed away on July 1, 2020, after a long illness. John was born in San Jose, California to a pioneer Santa Clara Valley family in 1924. His parents were Arnold and Neva Jamison.

He attended San Jose schools and San Jose State University prior to WWII. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1943 and was commissioned in 1944. He trained as a Combat Information Center Officer and served aboard the light carrier, U.S.S. Monterey as a flight director with the Third Fleet in the Pacific and other assignments until 1946.

After the war he resumed his studies at Stanford University and graduated with a BA in Economics in 1947. He received a MBA degree from Stanford Graduate School of Business in 1949. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

His career was always associated with food and agriculture. First with Hawaiian Pineapple Company in San Francisco and then with the California Fruit Exchange, where he became District Manager for its Santa Clara Valley region. In 1957, he returned to graduate study and research at the Giannini Foundation at the University of California, Berkeley, earning a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics in 1962. He then joined the faculty of the Food Research Institute at Stanford University. While at UC Berkeley and Stanford, he authored numerous publications on agricultural policy and food marketing as well as teaching and advising graduate students in those areas at Stanford. From 1961 to 1972 he managed family-owned pear orchards in the Santa Clara Valley.

John is survived by Barbara (Curry) Jamison of Carmel, whom he married in 1953 at The Church of the Wayfarer in Carmel, having recently celebrated their 67th anniversary; two children, Nancy Jamison of San Diego, and Thomas Jamison of Monterey; and four grandchildren, Alec Paul, Susanna Paul, Malcolm Jamison, and Olivia Jamison.

After moving to the Monterey Peninsula in 1977, he and Barbara enjoyed many years of travel throughout the U.S., Canada and Europe. They lived in Pebble Beach until their home was destroyed in the 1987 forest fire, after which they moved to Carmel.

John played tennis and golf since high school days, two sports he continued to enjoy into his 80s. He was an avid reader of U.S. and European history and biographies of historical figures.

He was a member of the Beach and Tennis Club, the Society of California Pioneers, as well as several Monterey Peninsula art, history and music organizations. John played golf for many years with a regular group of friends at the Laguna Seca Golf Course.

He is buried at the El Carmelo Cemetery, located in Pacific Grove, CA. The family wishes to thank Hospice of the Central Coast (2 Upper Ragsdale Dr. #D210, Monterey, CA 93940). The staff provided excellent care and support to John and his family throughout his illness.

SCHOOLS

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all sorts of protocols in place.

Since online learning sessions will follow the class schedules that would be used in a hybrid model, theoretically, switching from distance learning to a combination of both will be smoother for students and parents. And while the county could conceivably come off the state's watch list before the end of the first quarter, Dellis said, no changes would be made before the board and administrators meet again to discuss it after the quarter ends Oct. 9.

Committee to decide fate of 'Padre' mascot

By MARY SCHLEY

CARMEL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Board President Karl Pallastrini at a meeting Wednesday night raised the topic of Carmel High's mascot, which many feel is inappropriate because it's a male religious figure tied with some of the controversies surrounding the establishment of the California missions, and many others feel is a longstanding tradition that needs to stay.

"We have enough information on both sides of that issue to last us for quite some time," Pallastrini said, referring to the dozens of emails district officials have received. "So, tonight is not to take comments on that, but for the board to decide what to do about it. This has come up before but has never reached a school board agenda."

Policy change

The first steps are to revise a CUSD board policy on naming so that it includes mascots, and to establish a committee of stakeholders to take on the topic.

He also said Carmel High will have to be in session before discussions about changing its mascot proceed, and some speakers suggested alumni and students participate in the decision.

"I don't think we should be considering changing the name based on a few people with a problem with it," said CHS student Michael Graves. "But I think if we are going to, it should be by a vote of the students."

CHS alumna Evynn LeValley, one of the people who started the online petition to change the mascot, said she never felt comfortable cheering, "Go Padres," and she disagreed school needs to be in session to form the committee.

"We need the high school to participate," Pallastrini explained.

A few others weighed in on the process and asked that it be transparent, and that the committee include representatives of local tribes.

Board member Sara Hinds thanked people for their comments and said, "We are definitely hearing you, and we appreciate all sides of this very important topic."

Some parents commented that having their children learn entirely online, especially in families with more than one student, is unrealistic and might be impossible, and others urged the district to pursue a waiver from the state that would allow elementary schools to reopen in spite of the spikes in cases.

Dellis said she was disinclined to apply for the waiver, because even though the number of cases in the Peninsula is relatively low, parents might be working and teachers might be living in Salinas, where the numbers are higher.

"When we start bringing students and staff back into the buildings, there's likely to be exposure and outbreaks," she said. "We're grappling with, how do we make the best decisions for our community?"

After some discussion, the board unanimously approved the plan, and administrators will host site-specific town hall meetings online to address concerns and answer questions from parents. Plans are also in place to ensure all students have access to the necessary computers and internet connections — which are tricky in remote areas down the coast and in Cachagua.

Wednesday night, the board also approved a contract with Craig Chavez, who will become the district's chief human resources officer, with a salary of \$192,630, and authorized a new agreement with Dellis that names her interim superintendent through June 30, 2021. The contract calls for a base salary of \$245,000, plus sick leave, medical care and other benefits.

Get old job back

It also acknowledges that Dellis plans to apply for the permanent post, but if the board doesn't choose her for the job, "she shall have the right to revert to her former position as chief human resources officer or such other position as she and the board may agree upon, with a commensurate salary for such position, unless terminated earlier or extended as provided by the terms of this agreement or as required by law."

Board members praised Dellis — who moved here with her family a year ago to take the HR job and was made

interim superintendent after district head Barb Dill-Varga was pushed out in May for undisclosed reasons — for her hard work and dedication while serving as interim superintendent during a difficult time.

Number of infected inmates nearing 200

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH 529 Monterey County Jail inmates tested for coronavirus, the number of those coming back positive has reached 184, Monterey County Sheriff's Capt. John Thornburg said Thursday, and of 211 employees tested, 10 have the virus.

The outbreak was first detected a few weeks ago when an inmate was tested in advance of having surgery. It has since been found in several housing units. Monterey County Sheriff Steve Bernal told the board of supervisors on Tuesday that his agency is trying to control the virus' spread in the jail in part by putting inmates in the recently built jail expansion. "That portion has been completed," he said, and all the appropriate authorities gave the sheriff's office the go-ahead "to use that as a clean quarantine area for inmates."

The expansion provided much more room, and Bernal said incoming inmates quarantine by themselves for 14 days before joining the general population. He also said four had required hospital care at some point, but Thornburg reported Thursday none remain hospitalized.

Several speakers at Tuesday's board meeting called for making the outbreak in the jail the county's top priority, and one said everyone in juvenile hall and other youth detention facilities should be released.

The sheriff's office is planning on testing everyone in the jail and all the staff and contractors who work there, about 900 total.

Menko Rose, III

Menko Rose, III, of Carmel, Calif., a WW II veteran, loving husband and loving father of four daughters and grandfather of four grandsons, died June 23 at the age of 95. He was the husband of Helen Baird Rose.

Menko was born in New York City to Julia (Friedlander) and Menko Rose, Jr., and grew up with his sister, Doris, in Manhattan and Brooklyn. During WW II, he served in the Army and was wounded twice in Luxembourg in 1945 during the Battle of the Bulge, earning a Purple Heart and Bronze Star. After the war, Menko returned to his studies at Cornell University, receiving a B.A. in Economics. Education was important to him and he eventually also earned an M.S. in Educational Counseling from California State University at Hayward, and worked toward a Ph.D. in Learning at the University of Washington.

He was married to Margie DeWitt in 1954. They moved to Palo Alto in 1960 to raise their four daughters, Dona, Jessica, Sally and Dori.

Over the years, Menko worked in a variety of fields, including as a Wall Street broker and securities analyst, a professional folk singer and marionettist. He owned and ran a wholesale tool business, DeWitt Tool Company, in South San Francisco for 12 years. During that time he decided to go back to school, becoming a licensed marriage, family and child therapist.

Perhaps his greatest work passion was developing the idea of "Skilligence," a strategy for improving one's learning ability — it grew out of his research at CSU, Hayward, and University of Washington, and was inspired by his recovery from head injuries suffered during the war. He refined the idea into a manual for workshops, which he offered in Carmel and Monterey, and a book, *Intelligence Unchained*, which he published in 2019.

He enjoyed athletic endeavors. As a young man, he swam on club teams and was on multiple varsity teams in college including swimming and boxing. He continued exercising throughout his life, especially loving to swim, which he continued into his early 90s.

In 1990, after divorce, he moved to Carmel to be near his sister, Doris, with whom he was very close. He was also close to his half-sister, Helen Rose Platt, of Portland, Ore. While in Carmel, he became an active World Federalist and for several years presented programs on three continents.

He married Helen Baird in 1993. They enjoyed bringing their respective children and grandchildren together for many happy celebrations. They shared a love of dogs, a passion Menko also shared with his daughters and grandsons. He relished telling tales of his beloved German shepherd from his youth, Connie, who purportedly once saved his mother's life while he was away during WW II.

He very much appreciated spending time with his daughters and grandsons. He wrote in a memoir, "What makes me proudest by far to look back on are my four daughters. They are all happy people doing good, important work contributing to their community; and two each have two healthy, productive, progressing, loving sons."

A celebration of life will be planned for a later date, when we are able to gather again. If you would like to make a gift in Menko's honor, consider making a donation to NAACP or ACLU.



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CITATIONS

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adopted a three-strikes rule for restaurant owners violating their permits.

“We’re coming up on 60 days since these outdoor seating areas were permitted, and the planners have been working evenings and weekends really trying to get the permits approved and the designs approved,” Rerig said. “And some folks are being great, but we still have some recalcitrant restaurateurs.”

When he’s working Saturdays, for instance, Grunde will help move extra tables and chairs away, remove electric heaters and music speakers, and get rid of other items that don’t comply. But when he returns 90 minutes later, Rerig said, “the extra chairs will be back, the electric heater will be back, and the amplified music will be back.”

City officials aren’t trying to take a hard line just for the sake of causing headaches, he added.

Rerig fears that county or state officials who see people failing to follow the health rules while waiting to be seated or patronizing local restaurants, and who find owners violating their orders, will react by shutting down outdoor dining altogether.

“I’m prepared to go to the next step,” he said.

One restaurant owner who feels he has been unfairly targeted is Shaheen Alnuaimi of Mission Bistro. Last week, he sent a lengthy email to the city complaining about councilman Bobby Richards, who for a while was part of a committee on outdoor dining and was visiting restaurants around town to advise them of the rules.

‘Belligerent, demeaning and belittling’

Alnuaimi accused Richards of harassing him and of being “belligerent, demeaning and belittling,” and he complained Richards threatened to revoke his permit for outdoor dining “if we didn’t comply promptly, without any regards to our financial hardships.”

“These strong-arm, mob tactics cannot stand,” he said, adding that his employees are afraid they’ll lose their jobs because the bistro might get shut down. “I am afraid for my livelihood and my staff’s livelihoods.”

Further, he accused the councilman of bias because Richards owns a restaurant at Monterey Airport with Rich Pepe, whom Alnuaimi considers a competitor, and of being racist.

“After a written apology, I would like to have a formal investigation opened with regards to Mr. Bobby Richards’ behavior,” he said. “He has demonstrated that he is no longer fit to sit on the city council, or participate, in an unbiased manner, or be a rational voice for our respected citizens.”

Flashing lights added to crosswalk at Ocean

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

TO MAKE it safer for pedestrians to cross Ocean Avenue at Hatton Road, two solar-powered flashing beacons were installed July 13.

“Residents in the area are particularly concerned for the safety of students from Carmel High School, as this is the only crosswalk across Ocean Avenue for people, especially Carmel High students, walking from the neighborhoods north of Ocean Avenue,” 5th District Monterey County Supervisor Mary Adams told The Pine Cone.

Could have cost more

The cost to install the beacons was about \$15,000. Adams said the job would typically cost two or three times as much, but the contractor had the materials on hand from another job.

The money came from the county’s newly established community road maintenance program, which allocates funds for unplanned road projects in each supervisor’s district.

The county also plans to restripe the crosswalk in the coming weeks.

The contractor for the project was Cal-West Lighting and Signal Maintenance.

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Artists slowly return to Open Grounds Studios

LIKE OTHER local arts groups, Open Ground Studios is facing challenges surviving in the age of coronavirus. But artistic director Denese Sanders told The Pine Cone this week artists are slowly returning to their studios to work again, and she's feeling hopeful about the future.

When the pandemic hit, Open Grounds Studios closed its doors and moved its art classes online. While the online classes have become popular, the nonprofit is funded

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

primarily by the memberships of studio artists. Some pay \$275 to \$375 each month for private space, while others pay \$150 for shared space. "It's our bread and butter," Sanders told The Pine Cone.

Unfortunately, the shutdown took its toll on memberships, and three artists who had been renting private studios had to give them up. "We hadn't had any vacancies since we started in 2016," Sanders noted.

Despite being unable to even work in their spaces, other artists kept paying their rent — even though several had been laid off from their jobs. "It's a beautiful thing to see the artists committed to their spaces and to Open Ground Studios staying open," Sanders said.

For artists who might be interested in renting one of the vacant studios, Sanders said she's offering a "sliding Covid-19 scale," so there's room for negotiation.

The studio received another boost when its rent was lowered. "Our landlord gave us discounted rent for the rest of the year, and we're passing it down to the artists," she explained.

To keep the facility at 1230 Fremont Blvd. safe, a strict protocol is observed, and every artist cleans the surfaces they just worked on.

Until Sanders can find artists to rent the three vacant private studios, she's brought a printing press into one of them, and making it available to local printmakers who don't have access to presses — which is the case for some because schools are closed.

Sanders is also interested in developing a program that would offer a handful of local high school seniors and college freshman free access to the facility.

Even though artists are only trickling back in, Sanders is thrilled to see it.

"We're making art now," she added. "It's such a gift to the soul to be moving back into a space that's dedicated to our creative process."

For more information, visit opengroundstudios.com.

■ Donations sought for miniatures show

Just as it does each year, the Monterey Museum of Art is looking for donated paintings, photographs, prints, sculpture, and mixed media works to sell in its annual "Miniatures" show, which opens Nov. 12 and will be done online this year due to Covid-19.

From Aug. 12 through Sept. 2, people can make appointments to drop off art in a courtyard next to the museum, which is located at 559 Pacific St. Art can also be mailed in.

See ART page 30A

Drive-in at fairgrounds offers 'Mamma Mia'

By CHRIS COUNTS

NOT ONLY is the Monterey Fairgrounds' 'new' drive-in a hit with locals, but movie-goers are discovering that you know longer need to wait until sundown to watch a film — thanks to the wonders of modern technology. "Our LED screen is perfectly bright and clear at noon," the fairgrounds' event coordinator, Jenny Burkhardt, told The Pine Cone.

The fairground's Pattee Arena — where Jimi Hendrix, Otis Redding, Miles Davis and so many others have played — has been transformed in the drive-in. To keep moviegoers safely spread apart, only 60 cars at a time are permitted inside. Tickets are \$30 for each vehicle.

"We want to make sure there's plenty of room between vehicles for social distancing," Burkhardt explained. "Every car has plenty of space around it."

Moviegoers have done a good job so far of complying with Covid-19 precautions. "Everyone has been super respectful," Burkhardt said. "They are wearing masks and staying away from each other."

The fairgrounds kicked off the family-friendly film series in late June. Ticket sales were slow at first, but picked up fast. "We've sold out the last few weekends," Burkhardt reported.

See DRIVE-IN page 30A



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People enjoy "Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure" from the safety of their cars at the Monterey Fairgrounds' pop-up drive-in movie theater.



Printmaker Dora Lisa Rosenbaum is back at work at Open Grounds. For the first time in four years, the Seaside art center has studio space available for artists.



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Pacific Grove's surf shack, farmers market to go, and helping workers

IF YOU'RE in the mood for hot dogs, ice cream and other comfort foods, there's a new place in Pacific Grove that's just for you. Lucy's on Lighthouse, which owners Tamie Aceves and Joleen Green call a "surf shack," opened over the weekend and

"From the beaches, to the music and street art, to all the surfers, skaters, derby and paddlers — we love it all and celebrate the unique spirit it brings to Northern California."

Their new spot is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday through Monday.

Sue Rosenstock, who briefly owned Cream and Crumbles ice cream on Lighthouse in downtown P.G. but was forced to close

it due to the pandemic, said she stopped by Lucy's and found it "fabulous."

"They have incredible potatoes with all the fixings and Marianne's ice cream, with comfortable outdoor seating," she said. For more information, go to lucyspg.com.

■ Al fresco tasting

Several downtown tasting rooms are taking advantage of the city council's decision to let them use parking spaces to serve customers if they don't have another out-

door space.

Caraccioli Cellars, which specializes in sparkling wines, pinot noir and chardonnay, and Scratch, owned by Wrath winemaker Sabrina Rodems, have both set up little tasting areas on Dolores south of Ocean, while Albatross Ridge has done so in the first block north of Ocean. A couple of streets away, De Tierra Vineyards has a spot outside in front of the tasting room at Mission and Fifth.

A dozen or so others able to serve customers near their shops on private property pivoted quickly to that model, losing no time in moving operations outdoors. Carmel Plaza management allowed the shopping center's winetasting tenants, Blair, Wrath and Hahn, to take their operations outside.

While some, like De Tierra, are operating on first-come-first-served basis, with hours limited to Thursday through Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m. and groups limited to no more than four people, others are taking or requiring reservations, and some can accommodate more people, depending on their setups.

Contact information for wineries and tasting rooms throughout the county can be found at montereywines.org. Reach out to those you're interested in visiting to plan your itinerary and assure they have space and time for you.

■ Annex pours outdoors, too

Ashleigh Hutchison, owner of the Annex wine bar at the Crossroads, received confirmation last week from the ABC that she can serve customers beer, wine and food in an outdoor area in front of her store, as long as it's marked off from the public right of way and no one under 21 is allowed in, she said last week. She's not required to sell food alongside alcohol but said the state encourages it.

"We received Carmel Crossroads management's blessing to move tables out front to service guests, ensuring we allow plenty room for guests on the sidewalk," she added. "They graciously allowed us to set up two extra tables in front of the vacant storefront next to the Annex so we have four tables to serve out front."

Disposable menus listing wines available by the taste, glass and bottle, and other items, are available, everything gets cleaned regularly, and everyone is following the rules handed down by the county health department and state regulators, of course.

Hutchison thanked her regulars for their ongoing support and said she looks forward to seeing their "familiar 'smiling eyes' behind those custom-made face masks."

For information, visit annexcarmel.com.

■ The latest on Savor

After holding a pop-up farmers market in downtown Carmel when most businesses were shuttered due to the coronavirus pandemic, Colleen Logan, owner of Savor the Local farm-to-restaurant delivery, is bringing her products to customers in a different way.

Now, they can peruse the list of available fruits and vegetables, honey, cheese, eggs, yogurt, fresh pasta, pies, bread, granola and syrups at savorthelocal.com/market-items, order what they want, and then pick up their bags of goodies in the courtyard outside Stationary restaurant on San Carlos north of Sixth Wednesdays and Saturdays between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. Any bags left after that hour will be donated to people in need, though Carmel-by-the-Sea residents who want theirs delivered

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Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

serves all-beef, vegetarian and Polish dogs in numerous guises, like smothered in chili and cheese or wrapped in bacon, sides such as tater tots, mac 'n' cheese and chili, and Marianne's ice cream in scoops, shakes, sundaes, floats and splits.

The restaurant's space at 1120 Lighthouse Ave. is filled with skateboard and surf memorabilia, and the names of dishes on the menu reflect popular surf spots and skate tricks. Aceves is an "ocean addict," and Green is also into roller derby.

"We just dig it all," the owners say.



Tamie Aceves and Joleen Green have opened their new "surf shack" hot dog joint, Lucy's on Lighthouse, in P.G., while volunteers are helping the Food Bank for Monterey County and a group called All In feed hospitality workers in need during drive-through markets at Seaside High.

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on those days can pay an extra \$6 for the convenience.

In addition, Logan is still delivering boxes of Mariquita Farms produce, which can also be augmented with cheese, yogurt, eggs and the like, to Peninsula residents.

For all the details and pricing, visit savorthelocal.com.

Food for the jobless

The Food Bank for Monterey County and a group called All In Monterey have been organizing drive-through “markets” with free food for hospitality workers who have seen their jobs disappear due to shutdowns during the coronavirus pandemic. While many restaurants are offering take-out and outdoor dining, they require far fewer employees, and some places remain closed altogether, as do some hotels.

The third of the three drive-through events will take place from 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, at Seaside High School. People should enter on the Noche Buena side and bear right, according to the organizers, Melissa Kendrick from the food bank, and Tanya Kosta, founder of All In, which Coastal Luxury Management senior VP James Velarde said is “truly doing great work filling a need for our brothers and sisters in hospitality.” Volunteers, donors, English Ales Brewery, Change a Heart and MPUSD are all supporting the

effort. For more information, email mken-druck@food4hungry.org or All.In.Monterey@gmail.com.

Other help

Restaurants Care, a relief fund for food service workers facing hardship, issues grants for basic needs, such as groceries and rent.

Teddy Balestreri, who has been involved in the fund and its parent organization, the California Restaurant Association Foundation, recently offered to shave his head if a certain fundraising goal was met.

It was, and he did.

“The fund has helped those at the heart of our food family in the past, and it will be there when this crisis is over,” he said. “My hair will come back, unlike many jobs, so you can still donate to help our valued food family here: restaurantscare.org.”

Drive-in with the goodies

The Monterey County Fairgrounds host drive-in movies every Friday and Saturday — and lots of indulgent fair food to enjoy along with them. The gates open one hour prior to showtime, which provides more than enough time to grab food and drinks from the vendors at the arena, and people can pre-order a snack pack of popcorn, water, cotton candy, Red Vines and Junior Mints at montereycountyfair.com/pop-up-drive-in-movies and pick it up at the lem-

onade stand, too. A bar there sells El Jefe margaritas, red and white wine, canned cocktails and Sierra Nevada beer.

Movie-goers can also hit the Fair Food Drive-Thru open from 5 to 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays before the show. Drivers enter through Gate 6 to receive menus of what’s available — all the traditional fair indulgences like hot dogs, nachos, funnel cake, deep fried cookies and candy, popcorn, corn dogs and smoked turkey legs — and then follow the signs and directions on how to order and have the food brought to their cars.

Menus and information can be found at montereycountyfair.com/fair-food-drive-thru.

Tarpy’s, Rio family meals

To help make evening meals easier than ordering a bunch of different takeout dishes, Tarpy’s Roadhouse on Highway 68 at Canyon del Rey and the Rio Grill at the Crossroads shopping center are selling family meals to go.

Tarpy’s offers three family-style choic-

es, all of which are accompanied by fresh vegetables and garlic mashed potatoes, Gruyere scalloped potatoes or rice pilaf.

Cypress Family Style is \$30 per person and includes a choice of one starter and either chili-crusted chicken or classic meatloaf, while Cedar Family Style costs \$36 per person and includes a starter, a salad and two entrées — chicken, wood-fired salmon or baby back ribs — plus apple crisp. Homestead Family Style, at \$40 per person, features a starter, a salad, two entrées (Angus sirloin, salmon or prawn pasta) and chocolate cake.

The Rio’s family-style dinners include a whole smoked chicken with baby artichokes and potatoes and chili butter for \$50, a full slab of smoked ribs with yam gratin, coleslaw and BBQ sauce for \$50, and a taco kit for two (\$30), four (\$55) or six (\$80), with choices of red chili sirloin, carnitas, or lemon garlic chicken, accompanied by fire-roasted tomato salsa, avocado crema, beans, salad and tortillas.

All family-style dinners must be ordered 24 hours in advance. Visit tarpys.com or riogrill.com.

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CRASH

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said. “His mattress folded up like an accordion, which people later thought was a dog bed because of how small it looked.”

Two of their dogs, Vaughn said, tried to get into Christian’s demolished room when they heard him screaming. Firefighters had to use a chainsaw to cut the wall to remove Christian, who told them, “You’re doing a great job,” and, “Don’t hurt yourself, I’m a big boy,” Vaughn said.

A CALSTAR helicopter, which landed at Robert Down Elementary School on Pine Avenue, transported Vaughn to a pediatric unit in San Jose. Though doctors did not find any internal bleeding, she said

PALS

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panion to go for walks with her like her old dog, Sparky.

Enter Lily, whose owner had died. The 7-year-old mixed breed may have been grieving a bit herself, and each filled a void in the other’s life. “She alerts me if someone is on the porch or coming up the driveway, and she loves to chase balls and toys,” said Dickison. The two new besties enjoy plenty of walks, too.

“She’s been a lifesaver to me,” said Dickison.

But will they all live happily ever after? It looks that way. Beth Brookhouser of the SPCA for Monterey County said most adoptions have been successful — the animals are not being returned as people go back to work. In fact, “The number of animals returned to us has actually gone down significantly over previous years,” she reported.

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Christian suffered a broken leg.

“He is more mad about his PlayStation being in a million pieces and not being able to play his new game than he is about not having clean clothes or a bedroom anymore,” Vaughn said. “Awww, to be a 13-year-old boy.”

Besides the game system, Vaughn said that their house is heavily damaged and everything her son owned was destroyed. After locals asked where they could donate money, she started a fundraising page at gofundme.com. As of Thursday, it had raised more than \$9,000.

Vaughn praised God and called it a miracle he survived.

He’s banged up and walks with a cane, but he’s alive,” she said.

To donate to the [gofundme](http://gofundme.com) campaign, use this link: bit.ly/32JiZqB.

RECORD

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ager for Sotheby’s. “The older demographics are also looking at quality of life and asking themselves, ‘If not now, when?’”

Many, she said, are realizing the reasons they love living in the city — and pay highly to do so — are now inaccessible, such as theater and indoor dining. “We are finding that the people moving into places like Carmel Valley, the Santa Lucia Preserve, Monterra and Tehama are finding space to be the new luxury,” she said.

For more about the real estate boom underway in the Monterey Peninsula, see the *Paul Brocchini/Mark Ryan* column on page 18RE, and our home sales listings, which begin on page 2RE.

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He didn't know what it was, but lacrosse sure looked like fun

THE PAUL Bunyon-esque lacrosse legacy of Mario Enea began when he was a player at Stevenson School (Class of '90), then continued at Drew University in Madison, N.J., where he started as a freshman on a team that reached the NCAA Division III tournament.

year reunion of Enea's graduation class, but blueprints are being drawn for a celebration in the summer of 2021, he said.

Presumably, none of the aforementioned means much to 7-year-old Ritter Enea, who is playing for his father's pee-wee lacrosse team this summer in Oklahoma City.

"These are first-graders — Class of 2032 — and coaching them is absolutely fabulous," said Enea, whose daughter, Sofia, 15, played varsity lacrosse and basketball last season as a freshman at Santa Catalina School. "Going from coaching the Oklahoma Sooners to 7-year-olds has been interesting because they have an attention span of about 30 seconds, but I'm learning all the tricks to keep them moving."

Enea got his own introduction to the game as a middle-school kid when he and his father noticed a swirl of activity on an athletic field at Stevenson.

"What game is that?" he asked.

"It's called lacrosse, but all I know is that Jim Brown

was an All-American in lacrosse," Enea's dad told him, referring to the legendary NFL running back.

"Wow ... I'd really love to come here and play that sport," the boy daydreamed out loud.

'Best in the West?'

"I didn't get in through the front door at Stevenson — my family had to leverage a couple of friendships — but I was really blessed by the opportunity to go to school there," Enea said. "The teachers, the coaches, and the assistant coaches there saw my potential long before I saw it in myself, and that was so important to me in those early years of my development."

During his high school years (1986-90), Stevenson had the only high school lacrosse program on the Peninsula, and played an eight-game league schedule against four Santa Barbara-area schools. The Pirates would travel south

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Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

He transferred as a sophomore to UC Berkeley, where he became a two-time all-conference midfielder, a two-time team captain, "Most Inspirational Player," and helped the Golden Bears to a 56-5 record over three seasons.

He played in the North-South Division I Senior All-Star Game, then became the third-round draft pick for the Charlotte Cobras of the Major Indoor Lacrosse League.

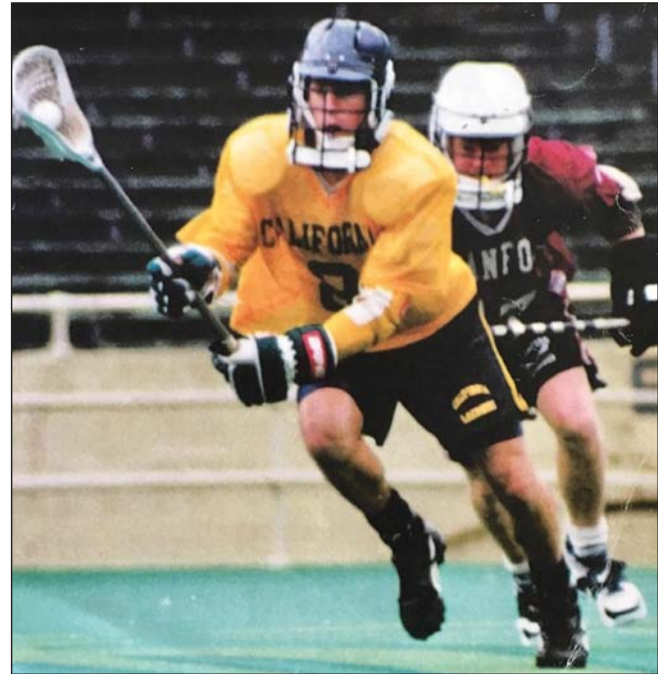
But that was only the start. Enea returned to his alma mater from 1998-2001 as an assistant to Jeff Young, his former head coach at Stevenson. During two of those seasons, he also commuted daily — 82 miles in each direction — for another two-hour practice at Santa Clara University, where he served as head lacrosse coach.

Between 1997 and 2002, he founded more than 50 lacrosse programs all over Northern California, including programs at Carmel, York, Pacific Grove, Santa Catalina (where Enea coached for five seasons), Palma, Salinas and San Benito high schools. In 2013, after his second season as head coach at Palma, Enea was named U.S. Lacrosse High School Coach of the Year.

Peewee player

In 2017, he was hired as head coach at the University of Oklahoma, where he spent three seasons. He was named "Coach of the Year" in the Lone Star Alliance after guiding the Sooners to a 12-3 record in his first season, then took the team to a 13-4 mark the following year.

Three years ago, he was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at UC Berkeley, and this summer Enea and two former classmates, Brian Bajari, and Matt Olin, were to be enshrined into Stevenson's Athletic Hall of Fame. The coronavirus pandemic curtailed plans for the induction ceremony, along with the 30-



Sofia Enea, shown (left) with her father, Mario, played varsity lacrosse and basketball last year as a freshman at Santa Catalina. Mario Enea (above) was a three-year standout at UC Berkeley, which inducted him into its Athletic Hall of Fame in 2017.

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Editorial

Not all trees are created equal

AFTER NUMEROUS editorials in a row about the coronavirus epidemic, we'd like to turn to a more familiar subject: trees.

Several weeks ago, the forest and beach commission considered an application from a beachfront resident to cut down a grove of very old and very large eucalyptus on her property, and some of the comments made during that meeting were so remarkable they cannot be allowed to pass without analysis.

While humans love trees and almost always plant them wherever they decide to live, it's important to remember that some trees are better than others — not only for the environment, but for commercial, aesthetic and safety reasons. Eucalyptus flunk on all counts.

They are bad for the environment because they are imported and have a peculiar talent for driving out native species. They have little value as a crop because their wood isn't suitable for lumber. They are ugly and drop too much debris on the ground. And they can unexpectedly clonk you on the head when one of their heavy branches falls, and make it much more likely your house will burn down during the next major fire.

From every logical point of view, eucalyptus are bad trees. This point becomes obvious when you consider how the forest and beach commission would react if somebody proposed to plant a bunch of them in town.

Still, some people insist that nothing in Carmel should ever change — that the town should stay just the way it was when they discovered it. And funnily enough, their blind loyalty to the way things are now even extends to the miserable eucalyptus. They fought to prevent removal of the huge grove that loomed over Fourth Avenue, and now they're speaking out to protect the one that still dominates the north end of the beach. The trees are an insult to their surroundings, yet their defenders love them for the simple reason that they are already there.

Hence, the comment from one member of the forest and beach commission that when one group of eucalyptus was removed last year, it reminded him of the "Sahara desert," and the comment from another that the property where the trees had been removed had become an "eyesore." Dear commissioners: Please think about the future, and not just what meets your eye when you happen to drive down San Antonio Avenue.

Here on the Monterey Peninsula, we are blessed with native trees that are some of the loveliest species on earth. These trees deserve not only the special protections they've been granted under the law, but the zealotry of their defenders. Same thing with other flora and fauna, and our magnificent scenery.

But not the eucalyptus. They should all go, and the sooner, the better.

BEST of BATES



"It's pitch canker, Mr. Jones. You've got to stop hugging trees."

Letters to the Editor

Ballot measure needed

Dear Editor,

With almost 3 million Californians out of work, the unemployment rate is now at least 16 percent, and the governor has again ordered much of the state to shut down.

Businesses around the state — and all over the Monterey Peninsula — are in danger of closing for good. Meanwhile, despite spending \$54 billion more than the state will take in this year, our Legislature fails to fully fund the needed testing, contact tracing, and costs of isolation to get us past the coronavirus outbreaks.

On a radio show recently, a Democratic legislator admitted that they have not taken responsibility for how the economy is running; they're leaving that to the governor.

With this lack of action on the part of our state's leaders, I think a citizen's initiative is in order for the 2022 election that would prevent the state to close down businesses and schools for a period of more than 30 days without the approval of three-fourths of the state Legislature, and limit the pay of all elected state, county, and local officials during the shutdown.

Maybe sharing in the pain the people of California are experiencing will push the Legislature to come up with plans and funding to address future emergencies. It would also ensure that the governor does not have unchecked dictatorial powers to shut and open the economy unilaterally on a whim. While we do need to beat the vi-

rus, we also need a functioning economy.
Rudy Fischer, Pacific Grove

CUSD and public comment

Dear Editor,

Although a correction about CUSD and public comment at board meetings was printed in the last edition of The Pine Cone, there is more to the story.

We moved to a live meeting format because we are always looking for ways to best serve our community. Many community members suggested that we consider the idea. We agreed that a live format would provide more authentic interaction with the community. The district has experienced inappropriate images and potential intrusion of live discussion known as Zoom bombing. As a result, we have been cautious using Zoom. The district notified Mr. Shivers of this change in format. Nevertheless, one week later, on July 9, Mr. Shivers' counsel demanded that CUSD show up in court, regardless of our commitment to live public meetings.

Judge Lydia Villareal denied the request for a temporary restraining order. CUSD has and continues to comply with the Brown Act, and the governor's Emergency Order N-29-90.

It is one thing to sue the district for perceived violations of the Brown Act. It is another to continue with the suit a week after the district's intentions were known, forcing us to incur costs to defend this frivolous lawsuit.

Further, for attorney Krista Ostoich to report a false outcome of the hearing to The Pine Cone is disappointing to say the least.

Karl Pallastrini,
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The city started to tank early on, and it really fouled up the beaches

A REFERENCE to the “sanitary board” in a previous column led to some questions from readers on its history and purpose.

The Carmel Sanitary District was formed in August 1907 to install a sewer system for the fledgling community wanting to advance beyond outhouses and cesspools. In April 1908, the sanitary board announced plans to place a bond measure on the ballot to pay for a sewer system. This led A.A. Canfield, owner of the Carmel Hotel, to challenge the legitimacy of the district. He claimed it had been formed without the knowledge of the majority of local landowners. The court agreed with Canfield.

The suit caused only a slight delay,

13th from San Carlos to San Antonio. From there the line went south on San Antonio to Santa Lucia, and then in odd angles to the Carmel River Beach, where a large septic tank was built. Two items in the original plans were not completed. The tank was to have a maintenance line to clear any blockages, and an outfall was to extend to the Carmel Point for release of the liquid overflow into the ocean.

Contamination

Carmel incorporated as a city in 1916, but the sanitary district continued to manage the sewer system, some of which was outside the city limits. In the early 1920s, the city passed a \$40,000 bond measure and added lateral sewer lines to accommodate the city's growth.

Sewage spills onto the beach in 1924 made it obvious that an outfall was needed. Unable to get permits for an outfall, the district developed a new plan.

In May 1926 there were 240 sewer connections serving 1,200 people. At a cost of \$2,000, the district reconstructed the septic tank, added two partitions, and installed a filtration bed. This increased the system's capacity to serve up to 2,500 people. Still, it was only a temporary fix.

Over the next few years, the district board worked to develop a more permanent solution. This good-faith effort brought leniency from the state as the old system often led to contamination of the beach and adjoining waters.

In 1933, the board announced plans to build a sewage treatment plant south of the river. A 20-year bond issue, assessing 15 cents per \$100 of valuation to pay for the \$83,700 project, was placed on a March 1934 ballot. The board also anticipated a \$15,600 grant from the federal government's Public Works Administration.

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History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

however. Officials quickly created a legal sanitary district based on an 1891 California law. An election of officers was held in July 1908 and, on Aug. 19, the new board approved plans and estimates prepared by civil engineer H.B. Fisher to build a main sewerline and septic tank for \$12,500. They called for a vote on the issuance of bonds in October.

Odd angles

The bond measure passed, but action was delayed by another suit challenging the legality of the board and its work. This time the court ruled in favor of the district, and the bonds went on sale in March 1909. Buyers, however, did not rush in. It was not until April 1911 that sufficient bonds were sold to move forward.

Following the plans, the original sewer lines were built down Ocean Avenue from Junipero to Monte Verde and then south where they joined another line built down



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This view looking south from what is now Carmel River State Beach (with the Carmel River lagoon on the left) shows the town's early attempt at sewage treatment. The sign reads: “The public is warned to keep off these premises – the beach is contaminated.”

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Creativity is valuable right now

THIS ONCE-in-a-century pandemic has taken its toll on the local art industry, shutting down galleries, curbing tourism, canceling shows and festivals, and curtailing the money-making opportunities of the artists themselves, many of whom host workshops for aspirants hungry to learn their secrets.

In 2013, plein air painter Rich Brimer realized a dream when he and his partner,

next month due to shelter-in-place limitations. The positive news is they plan to move forward by reimagining their business in creative ways.

“I'm a little melancholy about the whole thing, but satisfied that this is the best decision moving forward,” said Brimer, who scheduled 18 workshops for 2020 before the coronavirus arrived in Monterey County. “We'll do our first virtual workshop Monday with Angus Wilson, who was originally planning to teach in person for three days, but instead will teach virtually, using Zoom, over four days.”

The workshop is limited to a dozen students. Check availability at carmelvisualarts.com/angus.

Also still on the schedule at Carmel Visual Arts — but sold out — is a retreat-style workshop at Asilomar Conference Grounds in October featuring Eastern European portrait artist Alex Kanevsky, who is based in Philadelphia.

The status workshops featuring Calvin Liang, Terri Ford, Jim McVicker, Karl Dempwolf, Matt Smith, and Alan Ross and Ted Orland (together) are still to be determined.

The only significant change he anticipates for 2021 will be the absence of his Barnyard location, said Brimer, who still expects to host world-class artists for plein air workshops, and at selected indoor venues.

“I'm still as committed to this community as I've been for the past seven years, but this pandemic has made me see the need to be more nimble and flexible, without the strong financial ties to a brick-and-mortar building,” he said.

Brimer, 57, lived in the Southern California city of Dominguez through his junior high school years, graduated from Rowland High School in the San Gabriel Valley, then earned a fine arts degree from California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks.

“I took photography, painting and drawing, but what I didn't learn in school was how to make a living in the art industry,” he said.

Moving on

He found work as a graphic designer, then became the art director for a magazine.

“I also worked four and a half years for a biotech company, and when they laid me off, I joined an art center in Camarillo called Studio Channel Islands,” said the artist, who rented a space there from 2010-2013. “That was the first time I had ever been part of a big colony of artists. There were about 40 of them there, including Carol

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Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

photographer Carol Henry, opened Carmel Visual Arts, a multi-faceted business that brings elite artists — some from as far as Europe — to Carmel's Barnyard Shopping Village to teach their craft in high-end, boutique workshops.

'A little melancholy'

Distinguished artists who have taught workshops at CVA over the years include Steven Assael, Kim Lordier, Mary Whyte, Ray Roberts, Daniel Keys, William Wray, Peggi Kroll-Roberts, Marc Dalessio, Mary Whyte, Max Ginsburg, Sean Cheetham, Lori Putnam, Robert Liberace, Shelby Keefe, Kerik Kouklis, Randall Sexton, Brian Booth Craig, Charles Muench, Larry Moore and Theresa Oaxaca, among others.

The business also hosted demonstration nights, painting parties featuring live models, and other activities, as well as a gallery.

The first two years were “start-up time,” Brimer said. “For the last five, business has been going like gangbusters.”

Those good times ended in March, and Brimer and Henry say they'll shut the doors to their brick-and-mortar operation



PHOTO/CAROL HENRY

Rich Brimer is a plein air painter who, with his partner, Carol Henry, opened Carmel Visual Arts in 2013. In the wake of the pandemic, they're taking the center's classes online.



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The bond issue failed 350-184. The opponents wanted a cheaper outfall system, refusing to believe the board's declaration that it could not be permitted. The next week the entire board of the sanitary district — including three who had just been reelected — resigned, leaving it to Gov. James Rolph to appoint a new board.

Instead, Rolph reappointed the old board, and in June, it petitioned the state to reorganize the district under a newer state law to keep pace with booming population of California cities and emerging technology to handle the sewage all those people generated. That fall the board and the city made an agreement that the district would take responsibility for all the sewer lines. Otherwise, no new ideas to handle the waste arose.

In March 1935, three new members were elected to the board, including Pine Cone publisher Ranald Cockburn, who was named secretary. Builder Hugh Comstock, a holdover from the 1934 board, was named president. Re-invigorated by the new members, the board worked with engineers to develop the best solutions.

Resigned and reelected

In July 1936, Comstock announced that the only viable solution for Carmel was still a land-based sewage system, expandable to grow with community needs. Dissenters persisted, but the board was unanimous. In September 1936, the entire board resigned just prior to an election. The message: "Vote us back in and we will proceed." The voters reelected all five.

Firming up plans and building support took most of 1937. They would fund the \$105,000 project with a \$47,000 public works grant and, under the State Assessment Act, use direct assessments to avoid a bond vote. Negotiations to buy the land delayed construction. It took until July 1938 to negotiate purchase of the 7-acre site just south of the river and west of Highway 1. It took until September to obtain rights to an access road.

With a few more hoops, the contract for construction was finally awarded to F.S. Stolte of Pacific Grove in February 1939. At the same time, W.J. Tobin company of Oakland was contracted to build the sewer lines for Hatton Fields, which had been added to the district. The construc-

tion was deemed complete at a meeting of the board on Sept. 7, 1939. The final costs came in at \$113,980 with \$62,730 to come from property owners.

In November 1939, invoices were sent to property owners based on the board's calculation of \$1.10 per \$100 valuation. A typical home, then valued at \$1,500, would have been billed \$16.50. The more expensive commercial properties along Ocean Avenue were assessed much higher. Many individuals owned multiple lots.

A series of suits by a group of commercial property owners delayed payments, but in August 1943, the court ruled in favor of the district and ordered the property owners to pay the assessments.

In the end, we can thank the farsighted leaders of the district for developing a sewer treatment plant that could be expanded — and has been numerous times. In January 1990, the Carmel Sanitary District changed its name to Carmel Area Wastewater District, which is now celebrating 112 years of continuous service.

GROVER

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"Usually it takes a year or two, start to finish, to have a study published," he said. "You do the research and follow-up. You might observe people for your study for a year or so. You write your article and submit it to a journal. It goes through a peer-review process, where several colleagues make sure your information seems accurate and the methods were good. If it gets through that process, the study gets published.

"With coronavirus, we just don't have that kind of time," Grover said. "People are dying. We need something."

Wearing a mask in public, said the doctor, is something the public needs to universally embrace until the pandemic is under control.

"Covid-19 is a two-way street. If I'm irresponsible, I might contract the disease myself, and I also might give it to someone else," he said. "I'd love it — and my nurses would love it — if all of us could go back to work without a mask again, and our patients could see when we're smiling at them, but there's no science to support the notion this virus will simply go away. I don't think anybody can predict how long this will last or how it will end."

ARTIST

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Henry."

Henry, a fine-art photographer, and Brimer mutually decided to dedicate themselves full-time to art and began to shop for an ideal place to relocate and launch a business.

"We considered Santa Fe, Portland, Laguna Beach, Seattle, and four or five other spots, but finally decided on Carmel," he said. "I immediately fell in love with Point Lobos, which, to me, is the most inspirational painting spot I've ever seen."

Brimer places landscape legend Edgar Payne (1883-1947) and modern-day realist Len Chmiel at the top of his list of inspirations.

"I love the way Payne used muted tones, with enough contrast to make everything stand out," he said.

"But Chmiel is the biggest inspiration for my current style. His perspective gave me a whole new way to look at the design of a painting."

Teaching art also is a favorite activity for Brimer, who serves as chair of the Monterey County chapter of the California Art Club.

"I really enjoy sharing whatever knowledge I've picked up from all the workshops I've gone to, and hosted, and experienced as I've watched other artists working. I've learned a lot of different ways to paint," he said. "I can see pretty clearly where somebody is struggling, and I can usually give them guidance to help them past that scary spot — that moment when they're totally lost and don't know what to do. I enjoy seeing people become illuminated and watching them get excited about their painting again."

The couple recently purchased a second business — an 1871-vintage, Italian-style manor in Kentucky, the Wildflower Ranch Inn, a bed-and-breakfast where art workshops also will be on the menu for visitors.

Brimer's art can be seen online at richbrimer.com. Henry's photography is at carolhenry.com. Updates for workshops at Carmel Visual Arts can be found at carmelvisualarts.com.

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DRIVE-IN

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This Saturday, two screenings of "Grease" are sold out. But tickets are still available for "Mamma Mia, Here We Go Again," which plays Friday at 6 and 9 p.m., and "Sing," which will be shown Saturday at 3 p.m.

'Deep-fried Oreos?'

A drive-in wouldn't be complete without a snack bar, and this one is stocked with old favorites like cotton candy, popcorn, corn dogs and nachos, along with some creative alternatives (deep-fried Oreo cookies!), and an assortment of refreshments and adult beverages. "Don't come here if you're on a diet," Burkhardt joked.

Four weeks after its debut, Burkhardt said the drive-in has generated quite a buzz — and seen quite a few return customers.

"The response has been very positive," she added. "Once people come, they love it."

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Lawsuit against Carmel Valley winetasting room over ‘dog bite’

By KELLY NIX

A MOTHER who says a Carmel Valley man’s dog “viciously” attacked her young son last year has filed a lawsuit against the pet owner and the winetasting room in Carmel Valley Village where she said it happened.

The July 13 complaint filed by Giovanna Jurow alleges that a Rhodesian ridgeback owned by Paul Wylde “aggressively and viciously” bit her then 5-year-old son, Jacob, on the top of his head on Aug. 30, 2019, while they were at The Wine House on E. Carmel Valley Road.

“Wylde’s dog was not properly restrained, and as a direct result of the lack of restraint, the dog viciously attacked Jacob, causing severe injuries and permanent scarring,” alleges Jurow’s lawsuit filed in Monterey County Superior Court. Wylde, the suit says, was negligent because he didn’t control the dog.

The complaint, which seeks an unspecified amount in monetary damages, does not detail the extent of the boy’s injuries or the circumstances that led up to his being bitten. Jurow’s San Mateo attorney, Brian McSweeney, wouldn’t say whether the boy provoked the dog or was petting him when he was bitten, but told The Pine Cone that Jurow and her son were “invitees of The Wine House at the time of the attack.”

The complaint alleges The Wine House was also negligent because it allowed Wylde’s dog on the premises “and

failed to adequately warn or prevent the vicious attack,” according to the suit. McSweeney said Jurow filed the complaint after “extensive and repeated efforts” to resolve the matter informally with The Wine House were unsuccessful.

The Wine House and its insurance carrier, McSweeney said, denied liability for the attack and “shifted all blame to the dog owner.”

And because Jurow was present when her son was attacked, “she suffered severe emotional distress,” her lawsuit claims.

Paul Wylde’s social media page contains numerous photographs of a Rhodesian ridgeback named Ralph, though it’s not clear if it is the same hound the Jurows allege was responsible for the attack. He did not respond to messages seeking comment.

SPORTS

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each week to play two of those schools in back-to-back games, then host the same schools for back-to-back games the following weekend.

After playing as a freshman at Drew University, Enea was convinced to transfer to Cal by former Stevenson classmate Yuri Hauswald (Class of ’88), who was playing lacrosse for the Golden Bears.

In 1995, Enea and teammates made the cover of Lacrosse Magazine, which featured a story with the headline, “Is Cal the Best in the West?”

“Playing at Cal was wonderful. We lost the championship game in my sophomore year and vowed as a team to come back the following season in better condition,” he said. “We won the conference when I was a junior and senior.”

Only defeat

Cal finished his senior year with a season-ending St. Patrick’s Day road trip to Boston, where they beat Holy Cross and lost to Boston College — the only defeat of the year for the Golden Bears.

In subsequent years, Enea founded the Tribe Lacrosse Club in Pebble Beach and BraveHeart Lacrosse, an elite travel team in Pacific Grove. He also has owned and operated several lacrosse-focused retail stores in San Rafael, El Cajon, Dublin and Lafayette.

He recently celebrated his 7th wedding anniversary with his wife, Whitney, an Oklahoma native who attended Briarcliff School (now Stevenson Lower School) while Enea was at All Saints Day School in Carmel Valley. Both graduated from Stevenson high school.

“We met at a Young Life activity and were boyfriend/girlfriend as seventh- and eighth-graders,” he said. “We re-

connected at our 20th high school reunion.”

Enea is a real estate advisor for Engel & Volkers in Oklahoma City. Friends can reconnect with him at mario.enea@evrealestate.com.



PHOTO/COURTESY MARIO ENEA

Ritter Enea, 7, is playing on a lacrosse team coached by his dad.

GAVEL

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while she was at the babysitter’s house. She stated that the touching was both over and under the clothes. However, she did not disclose any substantial sexual conduct.

Subsequent investigation by the Salinas Police Department uncovered a second child, Jane Doe 2 (age 4), who disclosed that Aparicio touched her inappropriately in the past. Jane Doe 2 also disclosed that Aparicio touched her private parts over and under the clothes when she was also being babysat by his wife. When Aparicio was interviewed by the police, he denied the allegations. Other children who were babysat at the same home were interviewed and did not disclose any inappropriate touching.

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Take me out to the ballgame — even the game they're playing this year

SPOILER ALERT: This is a baseball column. If you (especially ladies) hate baseball, quickly turn to the Police, Fire, & Sheriff's Log. But if you do, you'll miss things you never knew about baseball, which can cost you in a game of Trivial Pursuit.

Who's on first? Nobody, because spring came without baseball. The game resumes this week and WHO may not be on first, but WHAT is definitely on second, because of a new rule Major League Baseball has added to tweak the game. Many of the new rules have been inserted to make the game safer in the hopes that mighty Covid will strike out. The curmudgeon in me doesn't like some of the changes, especially ones to speed up the game.

Man on second

For instance, extra inning games will start with the "at-bat" team having a runner on second base. Baseball stats from 1993-2010 show that teams that had a runner on second base with zero outs scored at least one run 63.7%

of the time. (www.quora.com: What is the percentage of leadoff doubles that score?) So the chances of a tie game going beyond 10 innings are substantially reduced. If shortening the game is the goal, why not start the extra

inning with no outs, the bases loaded and a 3-0 count on the batter. Or the same situation, only remove the pitcher and put the ball on a tee. Better yet, in order to make the game more progressive if it ends in a tie, give each team a win along with a participation trophy and a fizzy beverage with a biodegradable straw.

This year the National League will incorporate the designated hitter. Ugh! The DH was installed to generate of-

fense. Last year the American League with the DH scored 11,859 runs. The NL without the DH scored 11,608 runs, a difference of 251 runs in the 4,858 games played between the two leagues. Wow, that's some offense. I'm no whiz at math, but I think it amounts to less than one run per game. Say, it ain't so, National League.

Bad habits

Spitting is prohibited at all times in clubhouse facilities and on the field, including but not limited to, saliva, sunflower seeds, peanut shells, or tobacco. There is no mention of scratching. Showering will be discouraged — which may increase the need for scratching.

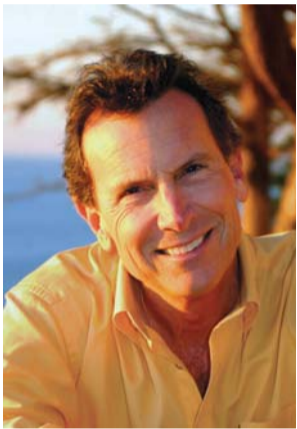
Players cannot touch their faces to give signs. What? There goes most of the third base coach's game of charades. Touching an ear, nose, rubbing the chin, scratching a cheek are all part of giving signs. Hands to the face are as

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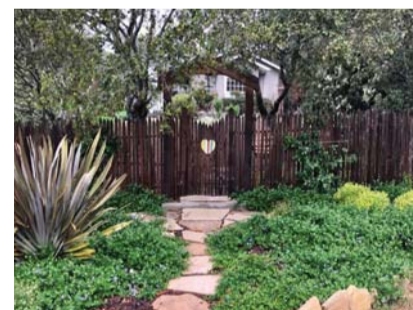


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POLICE LOG

From page 4A

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle theft from Casanova south of 12th.

Pacific Grove: Illegal dumping activity reported on Lighthouse.

Pacific Grove: Elder fraud on Del Monte Boulevard.

Carmel Valley: A woman reported illegal dumping of horse manure on her property on Canada Drive.

Carmel area: A woman reported that her car had been burglarized on Highway 1.

Carmel Valley: Theft from unlocked vehicles on Vista Verde.

Carmel Valley: Subject on Carmel Valley Road reported her license plates had been stolen.

Carmel Valley: Citizen reported picking up a hitch hiker on Laureles Grade under unusual circumstances.

TUESDAY, JULY 7

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A purse was found on an outdoor table in front of a restaurant on San Carlos south of Fifth. The purse was collected for safekeeping.

Pacific Grove: Domestic violence restraining order and probation violation on Pine. A 34-year-old male was arrested.

Pacific Grove: Suspicious circumstances involving juveniles on Laurel Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Unknown subject(s) vandalized a city sidewalk on 19th Street.

Pacific Grove: Temporary restraining order on Pine.

Pacific Grove: Intoxicated subject fell on Moreland.

Big Sur: Male subject committed suicide by jumping off a bridge on Highway 1.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 40-year-old male from Salinas was arrested at Monte Verde and 11th for soliciting a lewd act and misdemeanor probation violation. Transported to

county jail.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female reported losing a bracelet in the business area.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Unattended ring found in the Del Mar lot. Ring was placed into safekeeping.

Pacific Grove: Subject reported vehicle tampering on Hillcrest at 0004 hours.

Pacific Grove: Dogs at large on Eardley.

Carmel Valley: Theft from a vehicle and a mailbox on Wawona Road.

Pebble Beach: Resident on Laurel was referred to the hospital for an evaluation.

THURSDAY, JULY 9

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A female fell while walking in the commercial area at Sixth and San Carlos.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle vandalized on Second Street.

Pacific Grove: CHP requested assistance with a stolen vehicle and burglary report. A 37-year-old male was arrested on Ocean View Boulevard.

Pacific Grove: Theft of a bicycle on Eardley.

Pacific Grove: Theft of a bicycle on Bentley.

Big Sur: Grand theft from a construction site on Highway 1.

Carmel Valley: Check forgery reported on Selfridge Lane.

Big Sur: Possible suicidal subject traveling through Big Sur into San Luis Obispo County.

Carmel area: Deputies responded after report of domestic violence at a Highway 1 location. A 61-year-old male was arrested.

FRIDAY, JULY 10

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Caller reported a lost briefcase and laptop in the area of Sixth and Dolores.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a theft from a hotel at Camino Real and Eighth.

Carmel area: Deputy was dispatched after a phone call request regarding lost property at the Crossroads.

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intrinsic to baseball signaling as dots and dashes are to the Morse code.

When I was warming the bench in high school we had a coach who had one

ear — and his name was Vincent. Vinnie Mufaletto. When Vinnie touched his available ear it was the “hot sign,” the sign that turned on the signals. For you casual fans out there, the motions made by a third base coach are meaningless until he “turns on” the signs by grabbing his belt, or touching the bill of his cap, whatever. That’s the hot sign that alerts the batter and base runners

to look for the real sign.

Our signs were simple. Vinnie was a coach/cheerleader. He was Horatio Alger urging his team of Tattered Toms to rise above our modest skills by clapping his hands to send us encouragement. “Stand in there, kid.” Clap, clap. Or “Way to go, kid.” Clap, clap.

Easy to fool

So, tug ear, one clap was the bunt sign. Tug ear, two claps meant steal a base. Ear tug, three claps was the sign for hit and run. You would think the other team could steal such simple signs.

Most of the time we weren’t talented enough to pull off what the sign meant, so it was easy to fool them.

Among my favorite memories of baseball are the altercations between managers and umpires. This year, managers who argue with umpires must remain 6 feet apart or face immediate ejection. That means no more drama from the likes of Lou Piniella,

who brought theater to getting thrown out of a game. Lou usually threw things like the bases, and often ended an argument by kicking his hat around the field.

But Baltimore Manager Earl Weaver’s classic face-to-face with umpire Tom Haller is baseball’s “Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf,” as Weaver and Haller went at each other like Burton and Taylor. Haller was wearing a microphone because the game was part of a forthcoming documentary. Weaver’s histrionics and every juicy phrase are preserved on YouTube.

Starting the month of April without an umpire yelling, “Play Ball!” left a hole in my baseball heart that Phil Niekro could throw his dirtiest knuckleball through. The game is back with an abbreviated season and with some changes I’ll learn to live with.

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Carmel Valley: Canada Drive resident reported illegal dumping of waste.

Carmel area: Deputies investigated a trespassing incident on Valley Way.

SATURDAY, JULY 11

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a subject with possible mental health issues causing a peace disturbance in front of a business on Ocean west of Lincoln. Subject was contacted but she did not meet criteria for a 5150 mental health evaluation. Subject was asked to leave the business front, and she left without incident.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Caller reported a lost phone in the area of Scenic and Del Mar. Report is for information only in the event it is turned in to law enforcement.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Trespassing warning on Ocean east of Lincoln.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A report of tree trimming on public property in front of a restaurant on Mission south of Ocean. Contractor stated he spoke with city officials regarding the project but did not have a permit.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject was contacted after it was reported she was staying at her home at Casanova and 12th which was previously red tagged by the city building department and county health department. Subject was warned and advised she could not be at her home without the presence of a cleaning crew. Subject understood and was given contact information for the building department and county health department for follow-up. Subject left the residence without incident.

Pacific Grove: Buena Vista resident reported found on his property. The bike was subsequently transported, processed and stored at the city yard for safekeeping.

Pacific Grove: Report of a deceased person at a Marino Pines Place residence.

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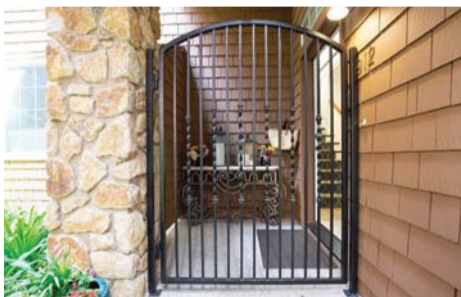
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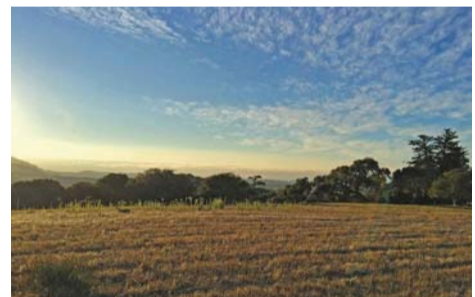
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Monterey (con't.)

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APN: 013-241-019

Hannon Avenue — \$805,000

Steven Mast to Benjamin Freudberg
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722 Belden Street — \$918,000

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APN: 011-466-028

901 Major Sherman Lane — \$1,125,000

William Dwyer to Darius Mohsenin
APN: 001-741-008

922 Monterey Circle — \$1,325,000



111 Spray Avenue, Monterey — \$1,715,000

Norma Kunnas to David Holland
APN: 001-473-003

111 Spray Avenue — \$1,715,000

Jason Gordo to David Patterson
APN: 011-462-018

Pacific Grove

542 Lighthouse Avenue — \$440,500

Monterey Capital Pacific Grove Founder LLC to
Monterey Capital LLC
APN: 006-179-018

610 Carmel Avenue — \$695,000

James Rice to Scott Soifer and Allison Plyer
APN: 006-531-011

533 Melrose Avenue — \$786,000

Alfred and Kathleen Sciuto to Lyle Somerton
and Lyndsey Taylor
APN: 006-431-020

212 Carmel Avenue — \$825,000

William Dwyer to Darius and Denise Mohsenin
APN: 006-274-004

2916 Ransford Avenue — \$861,500

Randall May to Christine Sleeter
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135 Forest Avenue — \$1,240,000

William Boosman to Thomas and Bonnie Post
APN: 006-157-015

592 Central Avenue — \$1,275,000

Anthony and Pauline Pearsall to Paul Boyd
APN: 006-165-012

1111 Ripple Avenue — \$1,389,000

Elizabeth Mirante to Randall and Mary Woolwine
APN: 006-054-010

950 Lighthouse Avenue — \$1,837,500

William and Nancy Phillips to Dennis and Natalie Griffin
APN: 006-134-014

1398 Pico Avenue — \$2,295,000

Donald Redgwick to Edward and Julie Divita
APN: 007-061-019

Pebble Beach

Los Altos Drive — \$720,000

Beverly Doten to Yanghong Yi and Frederick Finnegan
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3132 Stevenson Drive — \$1,825,000

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Pebble Beach (con't.)

1071 Spyglass Woods Drive — \$2,150,000
 Spyglass Woods LLC to Donald Bottomley
 APN: 008-561-012

1007 Ocean Road — \$2,638,000
 John and Agnes Heaney to David and Sandra Wilson
 APN: 007-302-012

1456 Riata Road — \$5,400,000
 Francis and Lynda Abrams to Douglas Whitman
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3141 17 Mile Drive — \$7,000,000
 Timothy and Patricia Duran to 5B SMD LLC

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 Anthony Welch to Martin De Gier
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1467 Judson Street — \$713,000
 Gene Morris to Luis Hernandez
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1116 Olympia Avenue — \$1,000,000



1398 Pico Drive, Pacific Grove — \$2,295,000

City of Seaside to Broadway LLC
 APN: 012-191-003

1325 Fremont Blvd. — \$1,400,000
 A Strouse & Son Glass Inc. to The Aragon LLC
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From page 10RE

- Pacific Grove:** Traffic collision on Central.
- Pacific Grove:** A 59-year-old female was arrested for DUI after a collision on Central Avenue.
- Pacific Grove:** Theft of personal property reported from the front porch of a residence on Pine.
- Pebble Beach:** Deputies responded to a report of a missing person from a Broncho Road residence.
- Carmel area:** The Upper Trail resident stated someone attempted to steal mail during the early morning hours.
- Carmel Valley:** Deputies responded to a report of disturbance of the peace on Village Drive.
- Carmel area:** A 55-year-old female violated a domestic violence protective order on Fisher Drive.

SUNDAY, JULY 12

- Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Citation issued to a 42-year-old female for felony perjury and felony fraud to obtain aid. She had a valid CDL on her person. No photo taken.
- Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Citation issued to a 31-year-old female for having a chair on the beach at Scenic and 13th.
- Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Cited a 44-year-old male for having a chair on the beach at 11th and Scenic.

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CALLS

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Cited a 50-year-old male for having a chair on the beach at Scenic and 10th.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report taken for a found wallet at Dolores and Ocean. Owner located and the wallet returned to its rightful owner.

Pacific Grove: Fraud reported on Fountain.

Pacific Grove: Unknown subject(s) took an iPhone on Lighthouse.

Carmel area: Report of a shoplifting at the Crossroads.

Pebble Beach: A male Ortega Road resident was discovered to be a victim of a fraud.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to report of battery between mother and daughter at a Mission Fields residence. Daughter, age 59, was arrested for elder abuse and violating her probation terms. Emergency protective order granted.

MONDAY, JULY 13

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dating couple was contacted in a hotel room at San Carlos and Seventh at 0003 hours after a possible domestic was reported. Both parties were contacted separately and confirmed no crime occurred and they had a verbal argument only. Both parties were provided opportunities to leave the hotel separately but declined.

Pacific Grove: Fall on public property on Ocean View Boulevard.

Pacific Grove: Dog vs. dog bite reported

on Central.

Pacific Grove: Child custody issue on Prescott Lane.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a verbal domestic on Nason Road.

Big Sur: Hikers wished to turn in found property from North Coast Ridge Road.

Big Sur: Resident turned over a wallet that was found in Big Sur. The wallet was later returned to the owner.

Carmel Valley: Female on Del Fino Place reported she lost her wallet.

Carmel Valley: Female on Carmel Valley Road reported an unknown person stole her rings.

Carmel area: Report of harassment on Via Mar Monte.

TUESDAY, JULY 14

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Gun turned in for destruction.

Pacific Grove: Suspicious circumstance on Olmstead.

Pacific Grove: Ongoing dispute between husband and wife on Grand Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Suspicious person reported on 17 Mile Drive.

Pacific Grove: Family disturbance on 13th referred to Child Protective Services.

Pacific Grove: Suspicious circumstances on Ocean View Boulevard.

Pacific Grove: Fight in public on Grove Acre.

Carmel Valley: Theft reported on El Caminito.

Big Sur: Fraud on Highway 1.

Carmel area: Deputies responded after report of burglaries of two vehicles parked in the same area on Highway 1.



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Second quarter report: Buying frenzy breaks out in local real estate

EYES BULGED and jaws dropped as local real estate agents got the biggest surprise of their professional careers in late May and June. After seeing their industry entirely shut down for all of April and most of May, when the door opened just a crack, buyers raced in.

Who would've think?

We were and continue to be flooded with a frenzy of buying, as Mary Schley reported in a front-page story in the Pine Cone on July 15.

Although we publish here our normal numbers, there is one chart that deserves serious attention: The Market Barometer, which reflects the hottest ongoing market in the last 30 years.

The numbers are amazing. The barometer shows the percentage of listings in escrow. Our benchmark for

a good market is 20 percent of the listings under contract. The worst number on July 1 was a robust 26 percent in Pebble Beach. Six of the eight markets posted readings over 30 percent.

The barometer indicates the third quarter may be the strongest quarter in the history of the Monterey Peninsula

real estate.

Why the surge? It seems we are living at a historic turning point, one aspect of which is a revolution in the number of people working remotely.

Fleeing the cities

As agents, we are witnessing the flight of people out of the San Francisco Bay area and Los Angeles. There are even Texans showing up — a bit of a surprise because in the past when buyers from the Lone Star State have arrived in significant numbers, they've been major players in an oil boom.

What's going on makes sense if you have the financial means. Why live amid the stress and mess of urban en-

vironments when you can work remotely and live on the Monterey Peninsula?

With the market on complete shutdown for about six weeks, the quarter's numbers have less importance to current market health than normal. The Gross Dollar Volume chart provides one example.

You will see that sales volume topped \$433 million in the second quarter of 2019 Peninsula, and then dipped to \$285 million this year, a decline of just short of \$148 million, or 34 percent. That would normally be a scary number, a harbinger of disaster for sellers and the real estate industry here.

But our reaction, amid the current surge, is: "So what? Look what is happening now!"



House Talk

By Paul Brocchini and Mark Ryan

Median sales prices (dollars)

	2019 (full year)	2019 (Q2)	2020 (Q2)
Carmel-by-the-Sea	1,912,000	1,868,750	1,797,500
Carmel Highlands	1,945,000	1,860,000	5,147,500
Carmel Area	1,600,000	1,737,500	1,295,000
Carmel Valley	1,005,000	1,100,000	1,214,000
Monterey	820,000	851,559	829,000
Pacific Grove	965,000	1,097,500	845,000
Pebble Beach	1,773,975	1,749,500	3,050,000
Seaside	540,000	522,500	552,500

Monterey Peninsula Home Sales Market Barometer

in escrow		
Date	/listed	%
Carmel-by-the-Sea		
7/1/20	14/38	37%
4/1/20	9/34	26%
1/1/20	10/33	30%
10/1/19	13/53	25%
7/1/19	5/54	9%
Carmel Highlands		
7/1/20	10/26	38%
4/1/20	6/23	26%
1/1/20	3/24	13%
10/1/19	1/31	3%
Carmel Area		
7/1/20	29/101	29%
4/1/20	11/73	15%
1/1/20	22/87	25%
10/1/19	20/126	16%
Carmel Valley		
7/1/20	22/56	39%
4/1/20	8/51	16%
1/1/20	9/49	18%
10/1/19	9/63	14%
Monterey		
7/1/20	27/71	38%
4/1/20	14/61	23%
1/1/20	18/60	30%
Pacific Grove		
7/1/20	20/55	36%
4/1/20	12/42	29%
1/1/20	10/35	29%
10/1/19	19/60	32%
Pebble Beach		
7/1/20	19/74	26%
4/1/20	5/70	7%
1/1/20	2/44	5%
10/1/19	11/94	12%
Seaside		
7/1/20	18/30	60%
4/1/20	11/28	39%
1/1/20	11/27	41%

Distribution of home sales — 2nd quarter 2020

	up to \$399K	\$400K-\$699K	\$700K-\$999K	\$1M-\$1.49M	\$1.5M-\$1.99M	\$2M-\$2.99M	\$3M and up
Carmel-by-the-Sea	0	0	0	3	5	3	3
Carmel Highlands	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Carmel Area	0	0	1	12	3	5	2
Carmel Valley	1	0	4	6	1	2	1
Monterey	0	7	10	11	0	5	1
Pacific Grove	0	3	18	6	1	1	0
Pebble Beach	0	0	0	4	2	2	10
Seaside	0	21	3	0	0	0	0
Total	1	31	36	42	12	19	20

Average days to sell

	2019 (Q2)	2020 (Q2)
Carmel-by-the-Sea	62	48
Carmel Highlands	26	162
Carmel area	65	49
Carmel Valley	80	39
Monterey	60	62
Pacific Grove	53	13
Pebble Beach	70	104
Seaside	33	12

Gross dollar volume

	2019 (Q2)	2020 (Q2)
Carmel-by-the-Sea	49,992,500	28,432,500
Carmel Highlands	11,724,000	20,095,000
Carmel area	94,138,010	50,426,812
Carmel Valley	32,312,296	21,872,000
Monterey	66,726,731	46,221,606
Pacific Grove	44,717,000	29,096,100
Pebble Beach	112,184,388	75,676,146
Seaside	21,309,500	13,823,000
Total	433,104,425	285,643,164

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Number of real estate sales (by quarter)

	2018 (Q4)	2019 (Q1)	2019 (Q2)	2019 (Q3)	2019 (Q4)	2020 (Q1)	2020 (Q2)
Carmel-by-the-Sea	13	24	26	25	23	17	14
Carmel Highlands	5	3	6	4	3	2	4
Carmel Area	46	20	42	43	52	48	23
Carmel Valley	19	17	27	16	18	17	15
Monterey	49	44	60	58	48	44	34
Pacific Grove	30	27	38	46	42	27	29
Pebble Beach	21	26	32	31	33	15	18
Seaside	38	41	41	42	51	33	24
Total	221	202	272	265	270	203	161

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