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Dolan Fire arson suspect declared fit for trial

By MARY SCHLEY

THE COUNTY continued to lift evacuation orders and warnings this week as the Dolan Fire held steady at 128,417 acres and 46 percent containment. Burning most-

ly in rugged, inaccessible terrain, the fire — which was allegedly started by an arsonist the night of Aug. 18 but is still officially “under investigation” as to its cause — destroyed 14 homes and five other buildings, many of them in the early days of the fire.



As the Dolan Fire waned in Big Sur this week, hoses at a Cal Fire base in King City were coiled and ready for their next job, severe damage was seen at a location rich with archaeological artifacts at the south end of Los Padres National Forest, and a golden eagle surveyed his domain near Fort Hunter Liggett.

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According to the U.S. Forest Service, which is in charge of firefighting efforts, helicopters dropped water on hot spots along the northeastern border Wednesday, since firefighters “are not able to access this portion of the fire to put in direct line, due to the challenging and rugged terrain.” Hot, dry weather is persisting and is expected to intensify over the weekend, and firefighters have been using infrared technology to find hot spots along the fire perimeter and near buildings near Highway 1, which reopened to through traffic earlier this week after more than a month. Los Padres National Forest, however, extended its closures through Oct. 1.

During an update to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors Tuesday, Gerry Malais, director of the county's office of emergency services, said no new evacuation orders or warnings have been needed, and only one inland zone remains closed. The acreage of the fire is unlikely to change, he speculated, even though it will

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Push to help restaurants survive winter

By MARY SCHLEY

CONVINCING GOV. Gavin Newsom to let Monterey County restaurants reopen for indoor dining as soon as possible — regardless of the restrictions imposed by his color-coded tier system, which has the county at the worst and most restrictive level — has become a top priority for a group of local politicians and business owners.

And in Carmel, specifically, a committee led by Mayor Dave Potter is looking at ways to make outdoor dining spaces more hospitable during grim winter weather and seeing if they can accommodate more people, perhaps by installing plexiglass partitions between tables.

Potter, who has also been working with Monterey County 5th District Supervisor Mary Adams and others to get the message to Sacramento that restaurants need to be able to reopen here, said counties should be allowed to decide for themselves what's best.

“Each county is different,” he said. “We have a better understanding of what we need.”

Potter said he hopes the political will exists in Salinas to push at least for letting Peninsula restaurants reopen, considering infection rates are so low here.

In the last two weeks, for example, Carmel-by-the-Sea, Carmel Valley, Pebble Beach and Big Sur have had zero cases, while Salinas and the Salinas Valley have had 856.

“We've been pushing for some level of indoor operations, because our numbers are not the same as some other areas of the county,” he said, adding that he hopes the “lev-

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School board candidates weigh in on reopening

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH LAST Tuesday's announcement by county health officer Dr. Ed Moreno that a drop in the average number of coronavirus cases allowed his office to begin accepting applications for waivers to resume in-classroom teaching for younger schoolkids, most of the nine candidates for Carmel Unified School District board said they support a return to school, though some were more reluctant to take that step than others.

Helping kids learn

He's in a unique position as an incumbent running for reelection to the school board while serving as its president, but Karl Pallastrini said he supports reopening when-

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State bigwigs to help reduce county infection rates

By KELLY NIX

CALIFORNIA'S ASSISTANT director of public health and representatives from two other state agencies were planning to meet Monterey County health officer Dr. Ed Moreno Thursday to discuss ways to reduce coronavirus infection rates in the county, especially among workers in the ag industry in Salinas and the Salinas Valley.

Moreno told the board of supervisors Tuesday that assistant health director Susan Fanelli and officials from the state departments of food and agriculture and social services would work together to implement “strategies that are known to reduce the spread of Covid-19” — especially

in areas where the county's infection rate is high.

“I hope that maybe we can identify strategies that have been implemented and worked well in the San Joaquin Valley counties that maybe we haven't fully implemented here,” Moreno said.

The county health officer also said he hoped state officials would offer “enhanced or additional strategies” to help the county reduce the spread of the virus, including during the winter months when farmworkers are “spending more time at home with family.”

Moreno's meeting with the state officials comes after

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Market gets another boost with \$25M sale

Prices rising all over Peninsula

By KELLY NIX

AN OCEANFRONT home in one of Pebble Beach's most treasured spots sold earlier this month for nearly \$25 million, another indication that real estate sales on the Monterey Peninsula have ramped up — big time — during the pandemic.

The owner of the six-bedroom, six-bath oceanfront estate at 3188 17 Mile Drive near Cypress Point hired Shelly Mitchell Lynch with Carmel Realty Company to market the home. The buyer is from the East Coast but is unidentified.

The 7,650-square-foot, modern two-story home — designed by Kevin Chick from Chicago — sits on about 1.5 acres and has three fireplaces, an artist studio, hobby room, wine cellar, chef's kitchen, mud room, three-car garage, generator and other posh features.

“This sale was unique because it was the first brand-new oceanfront home to be offered for sale in Pebble Beach in decades,” Lynch told The Pine Cone. “It has a warm coastal modern home design to take advantage of extraordinary indoor-outdoor living and features huge windows that offer a perfect vantage for the ever-changing theater of oceanfront living.”

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Not everyone can have a view like the one from a \$25M home that sold last week in Pebble Beach, but a whole lot of people are deciding to move to the Peninsula.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Southern charmer

MAISIE GRAY absolutely loves the beach and gets to go fairly often, but always has to stay on her leash. It's not that she gets aggressive by any means, her person said. It's that she just might escape.

"Maisie Gray just gets so excited," her person said. "She's a little explorer. Although she looks like a grandma's little pup and is sweet as pie, she's adventuresome."

Her person guesses she's a little Maltipoo mix. Rescued from the side of the road by her person's boss's sister, she looked so much like her person's previous dog, they thought she'd be perfect for her.

"We agreed, she's an adorable little 8-pound wonder, but we didn't think she'd be able to make the industrial hikes we take," her person said. "On the contrary, she's a little powerhouse."

Maisie Gray's name, which is bigger than she is, grew out of her person's desire to come up with something Southern sounding.

"I wanted something with a little twang, a little ring to it," her person said. "A lot of people in my family use Gray in their names, and then I came

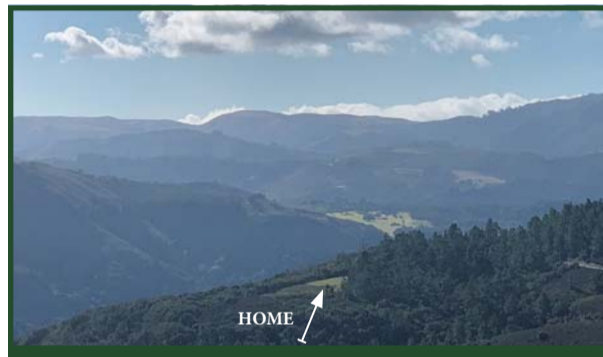


across Maisie, and it fit. Maisie has a lot of nicknames, and I really only use her whole name if she's in trouble."

Maisie, now 2, lives in Markham Ranch near Corral de Tierra, where she seems quite popular in the neighborhood. She's just so cute, her person said.

"When we first got Maisie, she screamed like the dickens when I wouldn't let her sleep on the bed," her person said. "She seemed befuddled about the aspects of household dynamics. So, I told my boss I needed time off from work to bond with her."

She also told her husband to let her spend money on dog collars and toys, since they don't have kids, and there's no Stanford tuition bill coming. Stanford doesn't take you just because you're cute.



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Removal of dead trees critical to town's safety, candidates say

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH THE worst wildfires in state history causing hundreds of millions of dollars in losses and widespread destruction of natural resources, and displacing thousands of people — including hundreds of victims of recent fires in Upper Carmel Valley, the Salinas Valley and the South Coast — candidates for Carmel mayor and city council acknowledged this week that fire prevention and planning are vitally important.

Prevention vs. suppression

Mayor Dave Potter, who is running for reelection Nov. 3, said that despite its heavily forested environs, the city is in good shape when it comes to preventing and fighting wildfires, though some changes would certainly benefit the town and its residents.

Carmel has its own downtown fire station, which is run by Monterey Fire Department and therefore entitled to all its resources, and the city is surrounded by Cal Fire stations in Pebble Beach and the mouth of the valley, assuring help is always just minutes away. Community volunteers trained to respond to disasters are ready and willing to assist, too.

And new city forester Sara Davis has been doing an excellent job of identifying dead trees and having them removed, Potter said, adding that one of the questions he and Mayor Pro-Tem Bobby Richards asked prospective forest and beach commissioners this week focused on their approaches to forest management in light of wildfire risks.

Potter also said builders and others involved in construction should use fire-safe materials wherever possible. And while interior fire sprinklers, which are required in all new projects, help put out fires once

they start inside, the “emphasis should be on prevention, rather than suppression.”

“I don’t think you can ever let down your guard,” he said.

‘Not enough’

Judy Refuerzo, who is challenging Potter for the mayor’s seat, said city officials must be diligent in pursuing brush clearing and other efforts to get rid of fire hazards.

“The risk of a catastrophic wildfire in Carmel is a very real concern,” she said, especially in areas like Pescadero Canyon — which includes city property, but also Pebble Beach land — Mission Trail park and around Flanders Mansion, where dead and fallen trees, dense foliage and grass could fuel a fire.

“A proper fire mitigation plan must be followed to keep it maintained,” she said. “A lot of work has been done by the city and volunteer groups. However, it’s not enough, and those areas still have too much fuel to feed a devastating wildfire.”

Hiring goats to graze away the combustible brush could help, she said, and the city should work with PG&E to ensure that trees intertwining power lines are properly maintained.

“The city has been removing dead trees which are on city property,” she continued. “However, we are falling short of making sure dead trees on private properties are taken down and removed.”

Money might be tight, but the budget has to fund a wildfire mitigation plan, according to Refuerzo. “This is not something that we can delay in addressing,” she said.

‘Regularly inspect downtown’

Recent wildfires have made it abundantly clear that forest management is imper-

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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

OK, maybe just don't sing loudly

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a vehicle burglary on Highway 1.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male was detained at San Carlos and Seventh at 0100 hours and released per 849b PC [a police officer may release a person who was arrested without a warrant].

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Necklace with a pendant found at Del Mar.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Wallet found at Dolores and Fifth. Owner contacted and will pick it up at the station.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury accident on Lincoln Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury accident on San Carlos.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found credit card on Ocean was dropped off at the station. The owner was contacted and will pick it up.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Verbal altercation on Mission south of Fourth.

Pacific Grove: Theft of a bicycle on David. No suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Non-injury collision with city property on Pico.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Wallet was lost in the Barnyard area this afternoon. Courtesy report taken.

Pacific Grove: A citizen came into the lobby and asked PGPD to serve a civil restraining order.

Pacific Grove: Report of a past-tense weapon brandishing on Monarch Lane.

Pacific Grove: Unlicensed driver, a 19-year-old female, on Ocean View was cited and released.

Pacific Grove: Theft of property on Presidio Boulevard.

Carmel Valley: A male on El Hemmorro Lane reported being struck by his brother's wife but declined to press criminal charges.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a report of a battery on Carmel Center Place.

Big Sur: Responded to Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula for a report of a 5150 [person who is a danger to self or others].

Big Sur: Deputies received a report about

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The gavel falls

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

Aug. 11 — Monterey County Superior Court Judge Mark E. Hood sentenced Tobias Ruiz Jimenez, 37, a resident of Gilroy, to 11 years in prison for committing child molestation.

In July 2019, Jane Doe 1 reported that when she was 13 years old, Ruiz Jimenez attempted to lift her shirt on one occasion, and he inappropriately touched her over her clothes on another occasion. Jane Doe 2 reported that when she was between 10 and 11 years old, Ruiz Jimenez inappropriately touched her two times over her clothes and two times under her clothes. Ruiz Jimenez committed these offenses when no other adults were around.

On June 9, Ruiz Jimenez pled guilty to committing an assault with the intent to commit a sexual offense on Jane Doe 1, and to committing a lewd or lascivious act on Jane Doe 2. Both offenses are violent felonies and are considered strikes under California's Three Strikes law.

Jane Doe 1 and Jane Doe 2 wrote victim impact statements describing how Ruiz Jimenez's conduct has had a long-term impact on them. At the sentencing hearing, Judge Hood noted that Ruiz Jimenez's crimes are egregious and stated that he has confidence that the victims will work through the healing process and move forward with their lives. In addition to the prison sentence, Ruiz Jimenez is required to register as a sex offender for life. A restraining order was granted prohibiting Ruiz Jimenez from contacting both victims for a period of 10 years, the maximum term under the law.

Aug. 25 — Johnny Estrada of Gonzales, 58, Daniel Estrada of Gonzales, 22, and Saldivar Geronimo Estrada, 24, of Salinas, were sentenced to prison for a group assault with force likely to cause great bodily injury for the benefit of the Norteño Criminal Street Gang.

On June 30, 2019, police officers responded to a residential neighborhood within the City of Gonzales for a man who had been attacked. The Gonzales police investigation revealed that the victim knew his attackers and had been drinking at local bars with them the preceding night of June 29, 2019. After a night of partying at establishments within the cities of Soledad and Gonzales, the victim was accused by the Estrada family Norteño criminal street gang members of being a Sureño rival gang member.

After the night of drinking, the victim went to Johnny and Daniel's house, who are father and son, respectively. The victim was repeatedly attacked and interrogated by the Estrada gang members about his gang affiliation.

After several beatings, the victim was allowed to fall asleep on a couch but fled from the house the next morning to notify the authorities.

The Honorable Pamela L. Butler sentenced Johnny Estrada to eight years, and Daniel Estrada and Saldivar Geronimo Estrada each to four years, in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Johnny and Daniel Estrada's convictions are considered strikes under California's Three Strikes laws.

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Texas businessman sentenced to home confinement for sex crimes

By MARY SCHLEY

THE VICTIM of a sexual assault in a Pebble Beach hotel room and her parents told Monterey County Superior Court Judge Rafael Vazquez last week about the impacts of being attacked by David Osborne, who was initially charged with rape and three other felonies after his May 2019 arrest but pleaded guilty last July to lesser charges of sexual battery by restraint and false imprisonment.

“Jane Doe described the traumatic effects of the crime and how it has impacted her life. She also thanked the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office and the DA’s office for supporting her through this process,” Monterey County deputy district attorney Lana Nassoura told The Pine Cone this week. “Jane Doe’s parents spoke generally about how Osborne’s actions have inflicted damage to her that cannot be undone, but they commended their daughter’s strength and resilience.”

According to Monterey County Sheriff’s investigators, Osborne, now 49, flew on a private jet with a couple of “high-profile friends” for a weekend of golf at Pebble Beach, where they shared some rooms at the lodge, and on May 7, 2019, he sexually assaulted two women.

After investigating, detectives obtained a warrant two weeks later and traveled to Austin, where they worked with local officers in the sexual assault unit to arrest Osborne at his office. He was jailed on charges of assault with intent to commit a felony, sexual penetration by foreign object, forcible rape and false imprisonment

by violence, and was later extradited to Monterey County.

A plea bargain led to Osborne’s July 28 appearance before Vazquez, when he admitted committing two misdemeanors, and the other charges were dismissed. At that hearing, Nassoura said the victim was satisfied with the plea.

“Based on facts and circumstances of this case, the risk of a jury trial, the defendant’s acceptance of responsibility, and after numerous conversations with Jane Doe about her preferences and desires, we believe this is a just resolution in this case,” Nassoura said at the time.

A year at home

In his Salinas courtroom Sept. 15, Vazquez sentenced Osborne to 364 days of electronically monitored home confinement and five years’ probation, along with lifetime registration as a sex offender. During his probation, he must attend counseling, allow searches without warrants, not use any drugs unless his probation officer allows it and not hang out with drug dealers, not drink alcohol, submit to sobriety and drug testing, not move without telling anyone, get an AIDS test, and report any new violation, arrest or citation to the court and the DA’s office within 24 hours.

A 10-year protective order bars him from contacting Doe, and he can’t own, use or possess any firearm for 10 years.

Osborne will also have to pay restitution to the victim, and Vazquez is set to determine the amount at an Oct. 6 hearing, when he will also provide proof he has relinquished his guns.

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PHASE 1 CLEANUPS AT CARMEL, RIVER AND DOLAN FIRES TO START MONDAY

■ Owners can opt out by Friday — but they shouldn't

By MARY SCHLEY

THE FIRST phase of removing hazardous materials from properties damaged or destroyed in the Carmel, River and Dolan fires will begin Sept. 28, Monterey County officials announced Wednesday, and those who want to opt out of the free government-run process and hire a private contractor to do the work must do so by Friday, Sept. 25.

The Phase 1 cleanup focuses entirely on removing hazardous materials from burn areas and includes testing the ash for harmful substances. Only after it's completed can property owners embark on the second phase of cleaning

out the ash and debris left in the wildfires' aftermath. Federal and state experts led by the U.S. EPA are embarking on the first phase in teams and have the equipment and training to remove car batteries, herbicides, pesticides, propane tanks, asbestos siding, paints and e-waste, and to safely dispose of them, since they can't go to the landfill.

'Cradle to grave'

As long as the government knows a property has been damaged — as indicated with photos, address and other information on the county's "damage assessment" map found by clicking the yellow banner at the top of the co.monterey.ca.us website — it's automatically enrolled. If a damaged or destroyed building doesn't appear on the map, the owner should call Freda Escobar with the county resource management agency at (831) 784-5689 or email

escobar@co.monterey.ca.us as soon as possible.

County officials strongly warned homeowners during a town hall meeting Tuesday night that opting out of the government-sponsored debris removal program would be a bad idea. Not only might it be very expensive and complicated, but it will disqualify the property from the Phase 2 cleanup and debris removal to follow.

Kelsey Scanlon from the county office of emergency services said the cleanup will take four to six weeks, which is "extremely expedited."

"All the hurdles for private cleanup are overcome by going through the government program," she said. "If you want to use a private contractor, which is not recommended, that will automatically disqualify you from Phase 2 debris removal, and there is no way to go back once you enter your property and disturb the hazardous waste. The property owner assumes the liability and cost and appropriate removal of that waste."

Those who go private are responsible for the ash and other hazardous waste "from cradle to grave," she said. And without proof it was done properly, the county may not issue permits to rebuild. "I highly recommend you seriously consider what it takes to clean it out with a private contractor," she said. But anyone who still wants to opt out can contact Escobar by phone or email.

Wearing moon suits

Speaking at the virtual town hall meeting moderated by Monterey County 5th District Supervisor Mary Adams, Steve Calanog of the U.S. EPA said the teams doing the cleanup would be safe and efficient, and would be mindful of people's properties and anything valuable they come across.

"Our teams will be dressed in all white Tyvek and full-face respirators," he said. "We do this to make sure our workers are safe. If we find anything, we will share that with you."

Another map on the county's wildfire webpage will show which properties have been cleaned, so owners can track the progress, and the teams will also send letters and post placards at each site.

"There will be an indication we've completed our work and it's ready for the next step," he said.

But several officials' strong warnings against entering the "ash footprint" of burned buildings and possibly "disturbing" the ash and any hazardous contents had many fire

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P.G. business owners honor longtime chamber employee

By KELLY NIX

FRIENDS AND coworkers of a beloved Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce employee who died Monday following a lengthy illness remembered her this week for her kindness, loyalty and tireless devotion to the job.

Chamber relationship director Heather Hubanks, 53, passed away Monday after succumbing to ovarian cancer. She worked for the chamber for nearly 16 years but stepped down in late March to focus on her health.

Chamber employees and members this week remembered Hubanks, the popular liaison between the chamber and its members.

"In addition to being the most professional and productive team member I ever worked with, she was the nicest person I ever met in my entire life," chamber President Moe Ammar told The Pine Cone. "She treated members like family and supported them by doing business with them. In my mind, her biggest accomplishment was her ability to balance her professional and personal life."

Always positive

Lynn Johnson, a senior health plan advisor for Aspire, said she admired Hubanks' ability to remain positive, even in the face of her grim health diagnosis. The two women, whose sons attend Stevenson School, developed a friendship and would meet occasionally to talk about what was going on in their lives.

"She worked hard and fought hard to

make sure chamber members received maximum value for their membership," Johnson said. "Her business relationships became friendships. She became someone who you could trust and enjoy spending time with, beyond work. Heather was one of a kind. My life was enriched by knowing her."

Vivolo's Chowder House owner Julie Davis said Hubanks was an inspiration and an excellent representative for the chamber.

"As membership director, she exceeded our expectations and was always so kind and considerate to all," Davis said. "She was a champion fighter and did so for very many years — still working when she was not well."

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owner Adrienne Jonson said she met Hubanks in February 2008 when she was looking for a space in Pacific Grove to open her shop.

"She was so warm and accommodating at that time," Jonson said. "Over the years we became friends and shared many close conversations, hugs, a few tears and many laughs. She was one of the greatest champions for the P.G. Chamber and community. We will miss her so much and hold loving thoughts of her in our memories for a lifetime."

Cannery Row Company director of marketing Erik Uppman said he was aware

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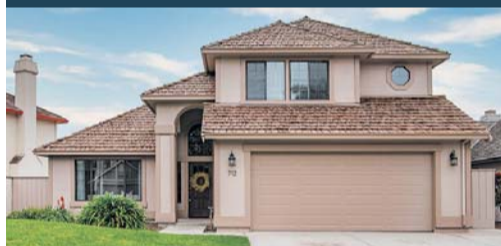


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Men arrested after heroin OD at hotel on Mission Street

By MARY SCHLEY

ONE 29-YEAR-OLD man was taken to Monterey County Jail and another was cited for outstanding warrants and released late Monday morning, hours after their friend overdosed on heroin at an inn on Mission Street and was saved by a Carmel police officer, according to Sgt. Jeff Watkins.

The men — at least four in all — were staying at the Wayfarer Inn, and early Monday morning one of them “called 911 and said his friend was OD’ing,” Watkins said. “They dragged him out to the sidewalk.”

As police arrived, the other men in the group left the area. Officer Mike Bruno got there around 3:45 a.m. and administered a dose of an opioid antidote via nasal spray and “brought him back to life,” he said, adding that the officer “did a wonderful job getting there, identifying what the problem was and administering it.”

All city police officers carry Narcan in their cars to treat overdoses, and Watkins said the officer’s actions worked.

“I don’t think he was breathing when we got there,” he said.

An ambulance took the man to the hospital, while the officers stayed behind to keep an eye on the hotel and wait for the men who had left to return. Some of them,

it turned out, had criminal records.

“We watched all the parolees and guys on probation take off, and then watched them milling around and going in and out of cars,” Watkins said. He didn’t know exactly how many were staying there.

Five warrants and four

As police prepared to contact the men at their room later that morning at around 11 a.m., several got into a car and drove away, but an officer stopped the vehicle near Santa Fe and Third.

“One had five warrants with no bail,” Watkins said, and another had four outstanding warrants. One of the passengers was the guy who had overdosed and nearly died hours earlier.

Detective Joe Martis arrested David Case, a resident of the Rippling River low-income government housing complex in Carmel Valley Village, for possession of drugs and unlawful paraphernalia, providing false information to an officer and violation of felony post-release community supervision, which is similar to probation. He also had four bench warrants for failing to appear in court and remained in jail Thursday.

The other man, Andrew Danes, was cited for his outstanding warrants and given a date to appear in court, and was released.

Open Letter to My Friends,

I’m so filled with memories my heart is bursting. I treasure the nostalgia of days gone by. For over a half century I traveled the world. In my youth, I devoured the stories of my heroes: those bold men and women that discovered ancient civilizations. I wanted to follow in their footsteps to make my own discoveries. The beckoning call of the east could not be ignored.

When I first arrived in Istanbul, the landscapes seemed so foreign to me, but somehow I knew I had been there before. And then I discovered Iran, and Isfahan took my breath away. I was 10 when I was lost in the pages of Scheherazade. And now, before my eyes, I lost myself in the magic and mystery of this new world. Thousands of cups of tea later, in the great bazaars and souks, I was led into a world more exotic than I could ever imagine. Soon I found myself totally immersed in new cultures that held me captive. I yearned for connection into their world that was silently disappearing. I had to learn their languages which eventually led to simultaneous translation with the UN. My first posting was the interpreter for Dr. Henry Kissinger.

Reminiscent of the thousand and one nights, another story was there to be told. I was no longer just turning the pages; I was totally spellbound by my discoveries. Transported into this realm of magic and mystery, I lost myself in the world that I fit into better than the one that I came from. My new teachers were mystics and Sufis, Geomancer’s, Agents de Provocateur’s, and beggars. My visions expanded.

I soon began to build a bridge between these two existences. Intoxicated, I began to connect the gossamer threads that would allow me to bridge these continents. I filled my pockets with small treasures, and then my backpack. And soon, the heavily laden camels became too numerous to count. When I arrived on western shores with all this mystery, enchantment and splendor, I created my own bazaar. The joy was to share the passion of the stories. I love the delight of someone discovering for themselves a sacred object that would transport them to my faraway world.

So now as dust of the journey settles into its last caravansary, I ask myself what’s the most important lesson I’ve learned thus far. Vanishing ways of life, truth, dignity, and respect for all encountered along the way, I pray I have time enough to return all the kindness shown to me by perfect strangers in foreign lands. If you wish to witness or to take some part of this other world with you, Conway of Asia will open this pandoras box of treasures. I will slowly unfold one container at a time and new items will appear every day until each and everyone finds its new home.

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Suit: Dust control, horn could have prevented fatal train crash suit

By KELLY NIX

THE FAMILY of an agricultural worker killed last year in Castroville when a train slammed into a truck she was driving has filed a wrongful death lawsuit alleging that excessive dust made it impossible for her to see the oncoming train and that the engineer didn't sound the horn in time for her to hear it.

Isabel Montes, 50, was driving a 1998 Ford flatbed truck full of lettuce for her employer, Tanimura & Antle, on Sept. 25, 2019, on a private dirt road parallel to the Union Pacific Railroad off Highway 183 before the accident occurred. But the truck caused "a great cloud of dust to form," which blocked her vision as she crossed the tracks.

"As Montes crossed the railroad crossing, the train engine and train crashed into Montes' vehicle, killing her," the suit says.

Montes' sons, Alfredo Montes, Edgar Espinoza and Alex Lopez, filed the suit against Union Pacific Railroad, State of California, Monterey County, City of Salinas, JLAS Properties, LLC, Sally Strohn Trust and Gregorio Jacobo. They allege the defendants didn't control the dust on the road — with water or another method — in violation of a county ordinance.

"The private dirt road required dust control and needed periodic care and maintenance to prevent the dirt from becoming a visual hazard," according to the lawsuit, filed for the sons by Los Angeles attorney Federico Sayre.

The complaint also claims Montes never heard the train approaching.

"The engineer driving the train in this accident failed by failing to sound the horn continuously from the time that he was no more than a quarter mile from the crossing up to the time that he reached the crossing," the suit alleges.

Montes' sons are seeking compensation for their mother's medical expenses, loss of earnings, earning capacity and "the loss of aid and comfort in society" because of her death.



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The Ferrari Challenge is set for Sept. 25-27, the MotoAmerica motorcycle races are scheduled for Oct. 23-25, and the IMSA Hyundai Monterey Sports Car Championship will run Oct. 30-Nov. 1.

But the races will be televised — and people can still book campsites for those weekends — so all is not lost. For more information, visit weathertechraceway.com.

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LOST: ONE ELEPHANT, GRAY IN COLOR, LAST SEEN IN CAR HEADED SOUTH

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

THE QUAN family was ready for a break. Anthony, an executive director in the medical industry, and Chantel, a nurse on hiatus to stay home with their three young daughters, needed a change of scenery. So, on Sept. 12, the San Jose couple, along with Emma, 9, Parker, 3, and Hadley, 1-1/2, in the car, came here — along with Ellie, the stuffed elephant that has lived in Parker's clutches since the little girl was 3

months old.

Together, the family strolled the streets of town, stopping inside Kris Kringle of Carmel to experience the enchantment of Christmas. They took in Scenic Road and the beach, and visited what they could of the Carmel Mission, where they purchased a magnet in the gift shop bearing the words, "Always go forward & never look back."

They drove to Bixby Bridge, where they got out to stretch their legs before everybody climbed back into the car to go back

home. Everyone was accounted for — except Ellie.

Unsure just where and when the petite pachyderm was lost, the family retraced their steps, but to no avail. When they got home, Chantel posted the story on social media, inviting readers in this area to keep an eye out for Ellie. She even offered a reward.

Meanwhile, Sunday morning dawned slowly for Lisa Chappell. The date was heavy with emotional significance — the anniversary of her brother's passing, and her parents' wedding (her mother had also died) — and the Carmel resident was idly scrolling on her computer when she saw Chantel's post about the errant elephant.

"I knew the odds were slim that I was going to find a little stuffed elephant somewhere between Bixby Bridge and Carmel," said Chappell. "And I knew the garbage collector had already made a clean sweep of Carmel that morning."

Chappell prayed, invoking the help of her late brother and mother, and set out on her search.

Feel-good moment

"When I saw the elephant," she said, "it took a moment to register that I had just found it. There it was, propped on top of a classic Carmel waste can, in front of Kris Kringle of Carmel. Call it a 'Christmas' miracle or a gift from my mother and brother; all I know is that it was the feel-good moment I really needed."

She contacted the Quans, and the family — not willing to wait another moment — piled into the car and drove back here, while Ellie got a nice bath to ensure she was safe and ready for her little

person. They were reunited right in front of the shop where Chappell found Ellie.

The Quans offered Chappell a reward, but she declined, saying that the experience had been exactly the gift she needed. Instead, they gave her their Mission magnet, bearing the message to look forward, not back.

"As long as we can keep track of it, this elephant will probably go off to college with Parker," said Dad. "Finding it was a long shot, and we're so grateful to this Carmel resident for caring enough to look for it."



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Parker Quan and her dad, Anthony, celebrate a reunion with Ellie the Elephant, thanks to Carmel resident Lisa Chappell.

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Training scheduled for potential emergency response volunteers

By MARY SCHLEY

RESIDENTS OF Carmel interested in helping themselves and their neighbors during a disaster or emergency — like a wildfire or flood — are invited to volunteer for the Community Emergency Response Team, which is overseen by Carmel Police officer Rachelle Lightfoot. Training sessions begin next month.

CERT basic training is limited to 20 students per class and, during the coronavirus pandemic, is offered in a half-dozen three-hour online sessions, plus a one-session mandatory FEMA class. A day of in-person skills training, oath-taking and graduation will wrap up the training, after which volunteers will be cleared to help out with everything from traffic control to triage.

The course assures CERT volunteers will be ready to respond to disasters and emergencies by teaching them about the hazards that may impact the area and training them in basic disaster response skills, including fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. CERT offers a consistent approach used in volunteer training and organization used nationwide, so professional responders know they can rely on

team members during dynamic and critical situations when they need to focus on more complex tasks.

Carmel Gives is sponsoring the class, so it's free for volunteers, and completing all sessions is necessary for graduation. The online trainings will take place every Saturday in October and the first Saturday in November, with each session running from 9 a.m. to noon. The mandatory free online FEMA course will cover the incident command system used by fire departments and others to communicate with each other during emergencies.

The final session, scheduled for Nov. 14 or Nov. 21, will be held outside and will cover how to use a fire extinguisher, how to communicate via radio, how to use the ICS to deploy a team, how to free a victim trapped by heavy rubble, search and rescue techniques, basic triage at a mass casualty incident, disaster psychology, how to treat life-threatening and less critical injuries, how to splint a limb, how to move a victim, and other valuable skills and information. It will take all day.

For information or to sign up, contact Carmel CERT Captains Wanda Vollmer at (831) 915-3148 or Scot Smythe at (650) 804-8767.

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SUNSET CENTER is hosting another drive-in affair in the north parking lot, but this time it will involve music instead of films. Performing Oct. 3-4 at 3 and 7 p.m. both days, Andre Thierry will present "An Accordion Soul, Zydeco-Pop Party," for up to 40 cars at each show. Organizers say Thierry is "masterful on all accordion types," and plays "with a force few can match."

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deliver energetic performances, blending his own electrifying sounds with stirring dance beats, exhibiting elite accordion style," they said. "It's feel-good music that captivates the audience every time."

The concert will run 75 minutes, and guests will have fun options for food and drinks, too, from the Big Sur Taco truck. Tickets are \$65 per vehicle, with up to four passengers. For tickets, which will sell out quickly, go to sunsetcenter.org.

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months of disproportionately high infection rates among Latino and Hispanic residents in Salinas and the Salinas Valley. As of Thursday, more than 77 percent of all infections have affected people in that demographic, while nearly 24 percent work in the agricultural industry — more than any other job sector.

By comparison, the Monterey Peninsula has had very few infections.

Hotspots still hot

Moreno also told supervisors the total number of coronavirus cases in the county has been on a downward trend since Aug. 1.

“We do see an overall trend declining,” according to Moreno, who said state health officials are also reporting a similar downturn in cases throughout the state.

There was a relative surge of new cases for several days last week. On Monday, the county reported only 18 new cases but two new deaths. On Tuesday, that number increased more than four-fold, with 77 and one more death, marking a total of 69 fatalities in the county due to the virus. On Wednesday, there were 56 new cases but no deaths and only three new hospitalizations, and Thursday there were 71 new cases and four hospitalizations.

A total of 536 infections were reported in the past seven days. The majority of those, 418, occurred in Salinas and Salinas Valley. The Monterey Peninsula had only 34 infections during that time, including four in Pacific Grove and two in the Carmel area. Big Sur, Carmel-by-the-Sea, Pebble Beach and Carmel Valley had no new cases.

Monterey County Sheriff’s spokesman Cmdr. Derrel Simpson said a 62-year-old diabetic man with the virus died of respiratory arrest, congestive heart failure and liver failure. An 81-year-old with dementia also died, as did a 66-year-old man with several preexisting conditions. The three men lived in Salinas.

Moreno went on to tell county supervisors about 54 percent of ICU beds in the county’s four hospitals are free, which is a good sign.

“We have had a trend downward, not just in the number of cases, but a trend downward in the number of people who are hospitalized on any given day,” he explained.

In order for the county to advance to the next tier of reopening, it must have a seven-day average per 100,000 people of 7.0 or less and remain there for two consecutive weeks.

The adjusted rate as of Sept. 12 was 9.0, Moreno said. Tier 2, as it’s known, would, among other things, allow all schools to offer in-class instruction.

“Overall, the trend is the case rate is moving toward the Tier 2 threshold,” he said.

The county’s test seven-day positivity rate also dropped to 5 percent. That metric also has to remain “below the threshold for two weeks in order for Monterey County to be considered to move into Tier 2,” Moreno said.

Another requirement created by Gov. Gavin Newsom for the county to start reopening its economy is something called “health equity,” which means the county must “establish health equity measures that demonstrate an ability to address the most impacted communities.” However, the state has not defined how that would be measured.

More messaging

Meanwhile, Nick Pasculli, who operates the marketing firm hired by the county to inform residents how to prevent the spread of coronavirus, told supervisors the county is moving toward a “new phase” of public messaging, with more emphasis on testing.

“We are working closely with the county health department on refining messaging,” which he said would be introduced in the next couple weeks through social media and other digital platforms.

Pasculli said he also plans to issue public service announcements about the importance of getting flu shots and reminding people not to gather in large groups.

“We obviously know that social gatherings contribute to the spread of this pandemic,” he said.

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Drive-in jazz festival delivers a bonus — Clint’s classic films

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

IN ‘PLAY Misty for Me,’ Clint Eastwood’s directorial debut, he played a disc jockey at a local radio station. This year, the tables are turned as the Monterey Jazz Festival presents that film and “True Crime” as after-shows for this year’s first-ever drive-in version of the event at the Monterey County Fairgrounds.

The festival began Thursday and runs nightly through Sunday, Sept. 27. Tickets for each evening are \$75 per car and will include “virtual and archival performances” from artists like Herbie Hancock, organizers said.

“True Crime” will be shown after the music on Friday night. Saturday, Sept. 26, in a “Conversation with Clint Eastwood,” the festival’s artistic director, Tim Jackson, interviews the actor about “Play Misty for Me” and jazz — one of Eastwood’s avocations — and the film will be shown at the end of the night.

Admission to the movies is an additional \$30 per car, and considering what theater prices were before the pandemic, that’s a cheap date.

Sunday night’s film is the goofy ’80s sci-fi parody, “Spaceballs,” which has nothing to do with Eastwood, but is still a lot of fun. To learn more or buy tickets, visit montereyjazzfestival.org.

MORE THAN TWO DOZEN APPLY FOR BOARD POSTS

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

AN IMPRESSIVE 25 people applied for appointments to the forest and beach commission, planning commission, historic resources board, library board, the community activities commission and the board of appeals, Mayor Dave Potter said this week. Between the four boards, there are eight vacancies to be filled in October: six with terms that are ending and two that are already open.


Potter and Mayor Pro-Tem Bobby Richards reviewed

the applications and interviewed all the candidates as they worked to identify the people they want to propose to the rest of the council for appointment.


“Since there were so many interested, Bobby and I are going to go back and reinterview people,” he said Wednesday. “We’ve never had this kind of diversity. I don’t know why it’s happening now, but it’s interesting.”

Potter and Richards are set to present their chosen appointees to the boards and commissions for ratification by the rest of the city council at the Oct. 6 meeting.

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GEORGIANNE E. MATTHEWS

1939 ❖ 2020

Georgianne E. Matthews, a long-time resident of the Monterey Peninsula, passed away at ACCURA Healthcare in Ames, Iowa, on September 11, 2020.

Georgianne was born in Chicago, Illinois, on April 23, 1939, to George Fredrick Matthews and Katharine Christine (Spilger) Matthews. In her adult life she moved to Carmel to be close to her mother. She attempted to co-found an orphanage in Vietnam. She was the co-founder and joint managing trustee of the GEM-Bach Mai Foundation Trust (India) and co-founder of the KAM Centre for Educational Therapy and teacher of the "Untouchables" in Bombay, India. She was the founder and president of The Alma School Foundation, principal and teacher of Alma School in Salinas, California and the Alma Mobile School for Mexican-American Migrant Children in Salinas and Holtville, California and the Alma Choice Encounters in Carmel, California. She was a former president of the Salinas Monterey Guild and served as a member of the Monterey Symphony Board at the time that Clark Suttle was chosen maestro of The Monterey Symphony Orchestra. In her retirement Georgianne was the creator and publisher of over 80 Classical Great Minds and Children's miniature books which she hand-produced. She recorded her life story in a manuscript titled *Life's Journey*. She loved her family, her students and a variety of pets that included her four dogs Klineist, Psalm, Twenty-third and Mamie.

In 2015 Georgianne moved to Ames, Iowa to be closer to family.

She was a Pacifist and a Free Choice Thinker that believed in the search for that which is good and truthful and to seek to express it in one's actions.

Georgianne is preceded in death by her parents, sister Coral Scherba and brother-in-law Dr. Gerald Scherba, sister Katharine M. Shambaugh and one infant great-niece, Lily Katharine Tondra.

Georgianne is survived by her sister Elizabeth E. Middleton and brother-in-law Larry R. Middleton of Ames, Iowa; brother-in-law Dr. George E. Shambaugh, III and his wife Roberta of Atlanta, Georgia; ten nieces and nephews and fourteen great-nieces and nephews who live in different parts of the world.

Due to Covid 19, memorial arrangements under the direction of Grandon Funeral and Cremation Care in Ames, Iowa will be at a later date.

Online condolences may be directed to:

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Rosemary Brown

1933 ❖ 2020

Rosemary Brown, age 86 of Carmel Valley, California passed away on September 10, 2020. She was born on November 2, 1933 in St. Paul, Minnesota to Swedish immigrants, Jennie and Luther Josephson. She had many fond memories of the years that she spent growing up there with her four siblings.

After graduating from Murray High School, she began work as a secretary for Northwest Airlines. The travel perks that she received sparked a love for travel that she enjoyed for the rest of her life. After visiting her sister Ruth in California, Rosemary fell in love with the West Coast and moved to San Francisco where she worked as a travel agent and eventually took a job at Coyote Creek Golf Course in Silicon Valley. It was there that she met the true love of her life, professional golfer, Bill Brown. They married in 1966. Together they lived a full life that included much travel around the world, especially during the years that Bill worked in management for American Golf and Pebble Beach Corporations. These experiences led her to a new career leading golf tours to Scotland and throughout the United States.

After Bill passed away in 1996, Rosemary remained in Pebble Beach where they had settled. She continued as an active member of the Monterey Peninsula Country Club and could be found golfing, dining or playing bridge with the ladies. She stayed active playing golf, walking along the beautiful coast of Monterey, and leading her golf tours for many more years, primarily to Hawaii. She also traveled to Sweden on a few occasions to keep in touch with cousins and the Swedish heritage she cherished. She moved to Carmel Valley Manor in 2011, and enjoyed the community and friendships that she made there. Until macular degeneration significantly inhibited her sight, she was a ringer for the many putting tournaments held at the Manor.

Family was very important to Rosemary, and she stayed close to her siblings and their families, Bill's children, his siblings and their families, her cousins in Sweden, and the friends that she had made throughout her life. She was loved for her gentle, warm, and unassuming demeanor as well as her dry sense of humor. She will be missed by many. She was predeceased by her husband Bill and his siblings, George (Marilynn) and Harry, siblings Roy, Ruth, Roger, and Renee, and dear friends Bill West and Dick Heuer.

She is survived by Bill's children, Janice (Richard Seidenberg) and Bill Jr. and Bill's three grandchildren, David, Lauren, and Nathan. She also leaves behind nieces and nephews Karen, Janet, Suzanne, and Daniel, six grandnieces and nephews, Christina, Angelina, Hanna, Emily, Sarah, Roy, and many cousins in Sweden.

ARSON

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probably continue burning within its lines until rains come.

The county's staff is also evaluating whether they need to keep the evacuation assistance center at the King City High School gym open daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

"The numbers have significantly declined from what they were in the first two weeks," Malais said.

In addition, he noted, almost 400 people who suffered damage in the county's three recent fires have registered with the Federal Emergency Management Agency for public assistance, and the deadline to ask for help from the federal government is Oct. 21.

"About \$230,000 has been received by residents of our county, mostly for rental assistance," he said.

Not insane

Meanwhile, the man accused of starting the Dolan Fire remained in Monterey County Jail this week on multiple felony and misdemeanor charges after a judge ruled Wednesday morning that he's mentally competent and the criminal case against him can proceed. The psychological health of 31-year-old Ivan Gomez, who was arrested Aug. 18 near the area where the fire started close to Esalen, was called into question in early September, but a report filed Sept. 22 led a judge to determine Sept. 23 that he is sane enough to stand trial.

The next hearing in his case is set for Oct. 21. Gomez is accused of arson, throwing rocks at firefighter and marijuana cultivation, all felonies, as well as misdemeanors for battery and brandishing a deadly weapon.

While Gomez reportedly said at the time of his arrest that he'd lit the fire to get rid of dead bodies, Monterey County Sheriff's Cmdr. Derrel Simpson said Thursday that investigators found no signs of that.

They recovered weapons, he said, but no human remains.

"They were out there for a few days — they had cadaver dogs and several detectives — and there was nothing to indicate there were any bodies," he said.

Last week, a deputy arrested 37-year-old James Stacey for allegedly vandalizing the store at the Lucia Lodge by using a metal bar to break several windows and then climbing in to steal candy bars, bottled water, peanut butter and other food, according to Simpson. "He also punched a hole in a canvas photo," he said.

"The CHP found him" down the highway near the hermitage road after the break-in and called Monterey County Sheriff's deputy Jesse Villasenor, who discovered Stacey had the stolen goods with him. Stacey was charged with felony commercial burglary, felony vandalism, and looting during an evacuation due to a forest fire, according to

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JOHN WILLIAM SAAR

May 19, 1947 • September 1, 2020

John William Saar of Monterey, California, died peacefully on September 1, 2020, at the age of 73. John was born in Keokuk, Iowa, to John William Saar, Sr. and Dorothy Saar Jarvis.

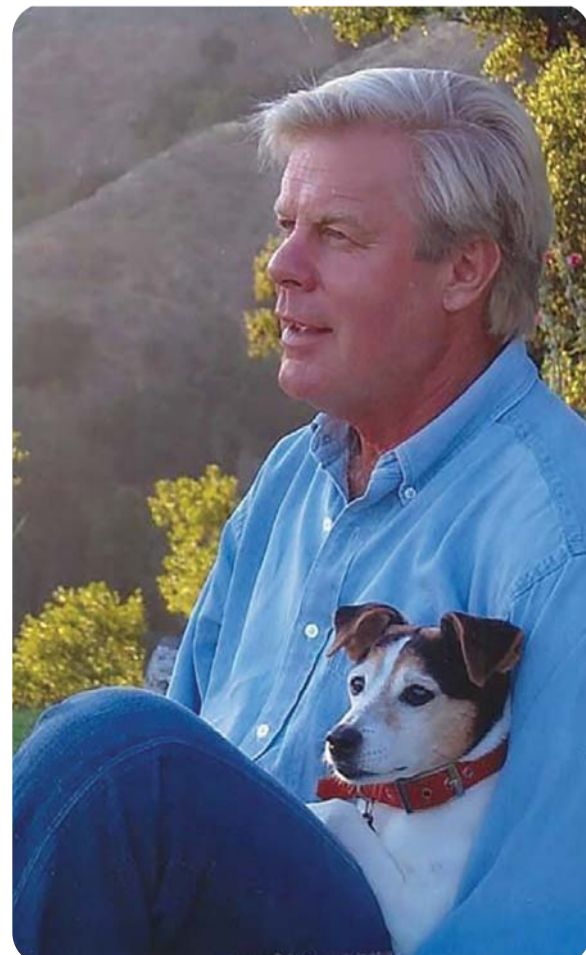
John attended UC Santa Barbara and Humboldt College, attaining a degree in Oceanography. After college, John joined the U.S. Coast Guard and was appointed Deputy Captain of the Port of Honolulu where he oversaw the safety of the waters around the Hawaiian Islands for much of the Vietnam War.

Returning to the mainland after duty, John first joined the fitness industry where he found that he enjoyed working with people and had a knack for selling. John's real love, however, was real estate. The beginning of John's real estate career was with RE/MAX Realty in Newport Beach. John later followed his artist mother, Dorothy, and his stepfather Robert Jarvis, to Carmel when they opened Saar Jarvis Art Gallery on Dolores Street.

John soon founded John Saar Properties which was a premier real estate sales firm on the Peninsula. The visually stunning ads that John personally laid out and photographed undoubtedly helped his many loyal clients sell their beautiful homes. John listed and sold the Adler Ranch twice — most recently being a part of the return of this iconic land to the Esselen Tribe of Monterey County.

John loved the ocean and delighted in fishing, hiking, camping and all things that included being with nature. John is survived by his son, Jack Saar; sister, Kristen Rundquist Saar Innocenti; loyal dog, Ally, and many loving friends.

John's kind and loving presence will be missed. At John's request, no services will be held.

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Simpson. He pleaded not guilty at his arraignment Sept. 18 and was released from jail without having to post any bail. Stacey is supposed to be in court again Oct. 6.

Helping helpers

After several weeks of providing medical care to firefighters at camps during morning and evening sessions, the staff at the nonprofit Big Sur Health Center is now moved to "on call" status for medical help, since the fire camp relocated to King City as the most active areas of the fire burned east of the coast.

The U.S. Forest Service hired the health center. "They know of us from having participated in previous fires," explained the center's executive director, Sharen Carey. "The fire broke out Tuesday night, and Thursday, they were on the phone asking if we could come out to the base camp and hold clinics in the morning for shift change and in the evening for shift change. So that's what we did."

Carey and other medical staffers treated firefighters at their northern camp at Pfeiffer state park every morning for a couple of hours and then did the same each evening at the south end of the fire.

"It was exhausting but so rewarding to be able to help these folks and let them get some relief and get some sleep before they got back on the line," she said. "We were so very happy to be able to do that."

Over the course of a couple of weeks, the Big Sur Health Center treated more than 300 firefighters, 90 percent of whom went in for help with poison oak.

"I always say Big Sur is the poison oak capital of the world," Carey said. "Because firefighters will come here and say, 'I've been with the fire service for 15 years and have never had it like that.'"

They also treated a couple of strains and sprains, and some infections and lacerations — but nothing respiratory, which is a first and is especially important in the middle of the coronavirus pandemic.

She attributes that to the fact the forest service set up the camps differently due to coronavirus. Firefighters usually share a lot of common areas and eat together in large tents, but this time, they were well spaced out, and food orders were distributed so they could go back and eat with

the small groups they worked with in the field, but no one else.

"I was really impressed that the forest service, from my perspective, really took the Covid-19 situation very seriously," she said, noting that an outbreak would seriously disrupt firefighting efforts.

Those changes also meant there were no cases of what's usually referred to as "camp crud," the respiratory viruses

that typically spread through fire camps, where hundreds, if not thousands, of firefighters have come from all over the place to work together.

"There was no camp crud this year," she said. "The safety officers made note of that."

Now that the fire seems to be winding down and the crews have mostly moved inland, she said, "We're on standby mode in case they need us."

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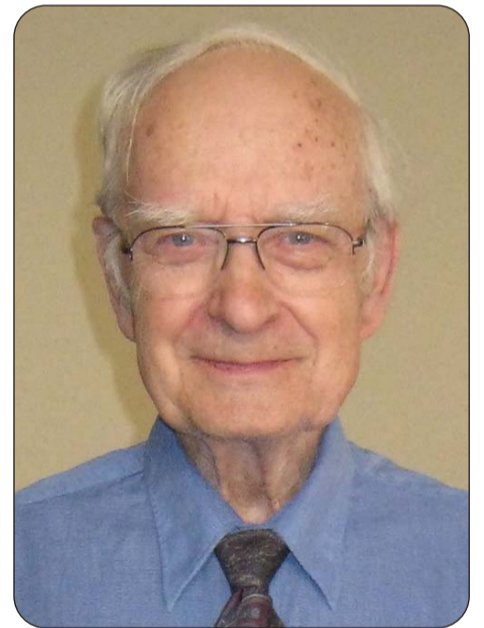
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Lawrence (Larry) Eugene Finch

1933 • 2020

Lawrence (Larry) Eugene Finch was born in Dallas, Texas, in 1933 and passed away peacefully on September 12, 2020 at the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula. Larry was a gentle soul: thoughtful, kind, a hard worker, and a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. A scientist and a diplomat, Larry was well-read in history and politics. He was an excellent writer and a life-long learner who lived in a house full of books. One of his favorite activities was to browse the shelves of used book stores, though he never had enough time to read all the books he accumulated.

Larry was the only child of Gladys (Pratt) Finch and Lawton E. Finch. His father, who had to leave school after the fifth grade to help support his family, and his mother, a high school graduate, were entrepreneurs who owned a bakery in Oklahoma, and a bakery and farm in Kentucky. They later moved to the mountain town of Salida, Colorado, where they built a lodge on the outskirts of town. Larry started high school there, and met his future wife, Ria James, whose family had also just moved to Salida. Larry was fourteen and Ria was thirteen when she went up to him at study hall one day and asked him to a swim party. They became high school sweethearts and married in 1954. Ria and Larry went to college in Colorado, where Larry joined the Air Force ROTC. After graduating, Larry was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and assigned to the Pentagon, where he worked on programming for an early digital computer. Ria and Larry lived in Arlington, Virginia, and joined the Unitarian Church in 1959 after the church had received bomb threats for inviting an African-American minister to come speak to the congregation.



In the early 1960s, Ria and Larry — now the parents of two children — moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan, where Larry, as an Air Force officer, completed graduate studies in nuclear physics at the University of Michigan. After their third child was born, the family moved back to Arlington and Larry returned to the Pentagon to work in technical intelligence, including several memorable days during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He was responsible for interpreting satellite images at potential missile sites. After leaving the Air Force, Larry moved to the Department of State, where he worked at the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA) as a nuclear arms control specialist, serving in Washington and on delegations, including the SALT-II Treaty negotiations, in Geneva, Switzerland.

In 1982, when all their children were in college, Ria and Larry moved to Rome, Italy, where Larry served as the Science Counselor at the American Embassy. After Larry retired from the Foreign Service, they decided to continue living in Europe. They moved to Paris, France, where he worked as a consultant to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Later, they moved back to Italy — this time to Verona — so Larry could take a job as the director of a graduate school of technology management.

In the late 1990s, Ria and Larry returned to Arlington, and Larry became a full-time volunteer, working for the preservation of Arlington's natural areas. He led work to create the Donaldson Run Walkabout and chaired the county's Urban Forestry Commission, the Natural Resources Joint Advisory Group, and the regional Urban Forest Roundtable. Larry was a mainstay of the organization Friends of Arlington Parks. A colleague of his during those years wrote, "There are so many reasons that Arlington is a better place because of him. And I might also add that many people are better people because of him."

To be closer to their children and grandchildren, Ria and Larry moved to Carmel and joined the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula in 2014. Larry is survived by Ria, his wife of 66 years; son Warren Finch and daughter-in-law Michelle (Bang) Finch; daughter Stephanie Finch; son Jim Finch and daughter-in-law Jeri (Koplowitz) Finch, and four grandchildren: Jenna, Kaitlin, Emma, and Mikhaela.

A celebration of Larry's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to the Larry Finch Memorial Parks Fund through the Friends of Arlington Parks to support memorial plantings and other parks projects (<http://www.foap.org/>).



THE REV. DALE BAKER
Pacific Grove, California

The Rev. Dale Baker, 94, died August 30th at his home in Forest Hill Manor.

Dale was born October 21, 1925 in Britt, Iowa. He was a farm boy but besides the relentless work still managed to sneak in some fishing and hunting.

He eventually left farm life for college and earned an M.A. from Northwestern and a B.D. from Garrett. He served churches in Illinois, Texas, Oregon, Rhode Island and California. He was most recently pastor of First United Methodist Church of Pacific Grove before retiring.

In 2019, Dale lost his beloved wife, Jean, to whom he was married 72 years. They had started dating in high school after a play performance in which he played a butler, and she a maid. Together they had three sons. Douglas died in 2010. Dale is survived by sons, David and Don; sister, Gaila and brother, Eldon.

A memorial service will be delayed until COVID restrictions allow for a proper remembrance.

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CLEANUPS

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victims worried, since they were hearing the warning three weeks after the evacuation orders and warnings were lifted and they were allowed to return to their properties to see what might be left of their homes.

Many asked if the visits they made in ignorance of the rules would now disqualify them from the cleanup efforts the county is spearheading, and some wondered how any valuables that are still salvageable will be protected. The government representatives tried to reassure them.

“No one is stopping you from going on your property,” said Ric Encarnacion from the county’s environmental health department. “You can, you just have to be safe and not disturb the ash. We expected people to want to go back

and try to find their belongings.”

Calanog agreed. “It’s completely understandable residents would want to try to recover their valuables,” he said. “But we want all residents to know there are potential hazards there, and we strongly urge people to not disturb the ash footprint.”

What does that mean?

But the phrase itself, “disturb the ash footprint,” raised questions. Dena Wilson from the California Office of Emergency Services and others tried to answer them by suggesting that simply going and carefully picking through a burn site won’t cause harm, but moving large pieces around might.

“As far as the ash footprint goes, looking for personal property in a safe manner isn’t going to disqualify you from joining the program,” she said.

Calanog also said he expects people will want to watch

his teams work. “We have no problem with that but ask that they stand a safe distance away,” he said, adding that he suggests they also wear masks, eye protection and shoe covers.

Other issues addressed during the Sept. 22 discussion included erosion control, the permit process, low-interest loans available from the SBA and help from FEMA.

Property owners who want the Natural Resources Conservation Service, which is part of the USDA, to assess their land and offer technical advice on erosion control can contact Desi Ramirez at desi.ramirez@usda.gov or Jamie Tuitele-Lewis at jtlewis@rcdmonterey.org, and people seeking financial help can apply through FEMA and then contact the SBA at (800) 659-2955.

For other information, go to co.monterey.ca.us and click on the yellow banner at the top. A recording of the town hall meeting should also be available on county supervisor Adams’ Facebook page.



Elizabeth Lang
June 1, 1958 – July 25, 2020
Seaside

Elizabeth Marie (Jensen) Lang was born on June 1, 1958 in Yokosuka, Japan and passed away from colon cancer on July 25, 2020 at the age of 62.

One of eight children, Liz grew up in Sunnyvale, CA. She was a lifelong teacher and learner. She realized that she wanted to be a teacher at the young age of seven, often organizing and conducting summer school classes in the family home. She received her B.A. degree in Natural Science from San Jose State University in 1981 and began her teaching career at Resurrection Elementary School in Sunnyvale, CA from 1983 to 1985. After settling in Seaside, she taught 8th grade Science and Health Education at Pacific Grove Middle School from 1985 until 1996 when she took a leave of absence to join her husband in the family roofing business and to raise her two young boys. After retiring in 2015 her love of teaching children continued as a substitute teacher and volunteer.

Always striving to live her life to the fullest she earned a black belt in Jujutsu, ran the Big Sur Marathon, and competed in the Pacific Grove Triathlon. Her passion for adventure and travel took her around the world exploring all seven continents.

Her optimistic outgoing personality, sharp intellect, and sense of humor will be greatly missed but never forgotten by the many people she touched.

Liz is preceded in death by her father, Thomas Arnold Jensen, and her mother, Anne Murray Buckley Jensen, and father-in-law Helmut Lang. She is survived by her loving husband Michael Lang of Seaside; son Christopher Lang, his wife Lauren and their son Cedric of Bellevue WA; and son David Lang of Seaside. She is also survived by her brothers Michael, Tim, Andrew, and sisters Maryanne, Stephanie, Kathy, Martha, and many beloved nephews and nieces. She will be missed by her mother in law Karla Lang and her long time best friend Barbara Baird.

There will be no service per Liz’s wishes. A celebration of life will take place at a later date. If you would like to honor Elizabeth’s memory the family suggests a donation to the American Cancer Society. You can view and share memories of Liz at www.forevermissed.com/elizabeth-lang



OLIVIA LUCILE SHAFFER
May 12, 1944 – September 12, 2020

Olivia Lucile Shaffer (nee Campbell), born on May 12, 1944, in Wilmington, North Carolina, passed unexpectedly from an aneurysm on September 12, 2020, in Omaha, Nebraska. (Her nickname, Boofy, came when her mother was walking her in a baby-buggy, and a passing gentleman remarked, “Why, she’s booful!”) Born into a military family, her childhood homes included Brazil, where she learned to speak Portuguese, and Wiesbaden, Germany, where she finished High School. She went on to do college work at University of Maryland, until she settled with her family on the west coast.

Most of her life was lived in California; and the best was on the Monterey Peninsula. In 1981, Olivia leveraged her extraordinary sewing talent to open a retail store, The Hand Maden, in Carmel, California, which she eventually expanded to a Viking dealership in Pacific Grove with her husband, Don. Through decades of teaching (including Australia), Olivia empowered tens of 1000s of people to know their creativity in the fabric arts.

In 1986, Olivia chose sobriety; through that she changed myriad lives with her endless love, humor, and inspiration. When her grandsons arrived, Olivia was utterly committed to them and moved to Washington, and eventually Nebraska, to be near them. She often enjoyed travel, especially to Hawaii. She survived two kinds of breast cancer and used that to inspire others.

In the last decade, Olivia was especially active in her church, giving her world-class talent



for sleuthing family genealogy to countless families.

Olivia was profoundly gifted as a teacher, quilter, mother figure, genealogist, and spiritual connector, and she gave these gifts to all those she knew—right down to the grocery cashier. She is survived by her husband, Donald Shaffer; her children Allen William (Bill) Berkman III (1964-2019), Clarissa Olivia Berkman, and James (Jim) Davis Berkman; her daughter-in-law/love Brooke, and her grandsons Connor and Aidan.

An online (Zoom) celebration of her life is scheduled for 10/10/2020 at 10:10 AM PDT, and all who were touched by Olivia are warmly invited to participate. To receive the link, please email RememberingOliviaShaffer@gmail.com and describe how you knew her. The family requests your help in extending this to those who knew her.





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Recalling a stellar RLS football season and its team, 20 years later

Editor's note: *Twenty years ago, the Robert Louis Stevenson Pirates won the first (and still the only) football championship in school history with a roster that included 24 players, 11 of whom went on to play intercollegiate sports, plus another who became an extreme-sport professional and Hollywood stuntman. Here's the first of a three-part series about that magical 2000 season.*

DURING A hot October football practice at Robert Louis Stevenson School, near the midpoint of the 2000 season, head coach Jeff Young stood on the back of a 1,300-pound blocking sled as seven players slammed their shoulders simultaneously into the padded dummies attached to the opposite side.

The sled lurched with the impact, sliding nearly 20 yards with the coach along for the ride, yelling for his players to stop. When they finally did, a wide-eyed Young squatted, plucked a four-leaf clover out of the trampled grass, and held it aloft. "This is a sign!" he declared to the Pirates.

"His excitement at that moment was like a child who'd been granted one wish, and we all wanted to give it to him," remembered Kris Bonifas (Nicknames: "Bone," "the Juggernaut," and "Hollywood"), the best athlete on a talent-rich team that listed just 24 players, including nine

who would start on both offense and defense.

While they weren't about to turn away a good omen, the 2000 Pirates didn't plan to leave anything to luck. No football team had won a league title in the 48-year history of the Pebble Beach boarding school, and there was a quiet

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

resolve: This would be their year.

Young knew in advance that this would be his last of his 22 seasons as a football coach at RLS — 14 as head coach. He also recognized that he had never had a team quite like this one.

"I knew this was a very special group of young men," he recollected two decades later. "As coaches, we sensed a chemistry and a bond from the first day of practice. They had a work ethic and values that exuded honor and dignity."

The Pirates went 11-1 that year — non-league victories over Santa Cruz, Monte Vista Christian, and Harbor, a 7-0 MTAL season, then a 35-7 romp over San Bruno's Capu-

chino High in the opening round of the Central Coast Section playoffs. A 15-game winning streak (which included four straight wins to finish the '99 season) came to an end in the CCS semifinals, where the Pirates lost 24-8 at De Anza College to a powerhouse Archbishop Riordan squad.

Brawn and brilliance

A staggering number of players on Stevenson's 2000 football roster — 11 of the 24 — went on to play a college sport. Here's that list:

■ Kris Bonifas (now co-owner of Fourtané Jewelers on Ocean Avenue), a running back, linebacker and defensive end at RLS, went to Stanford as a linebacker became the Cardinal's starting fullback, and in 2005 was named team captain for special teams. He also earned first team PAC-10 Conference All-Academic honors and was a class valedictorian at Stanford, speaking immediately after Steve Jobs at commencement. After obtaining his B.A. (science, technology, and society), Bonifas stayed an extra year at Stanford to earn an M.A. in sociology.

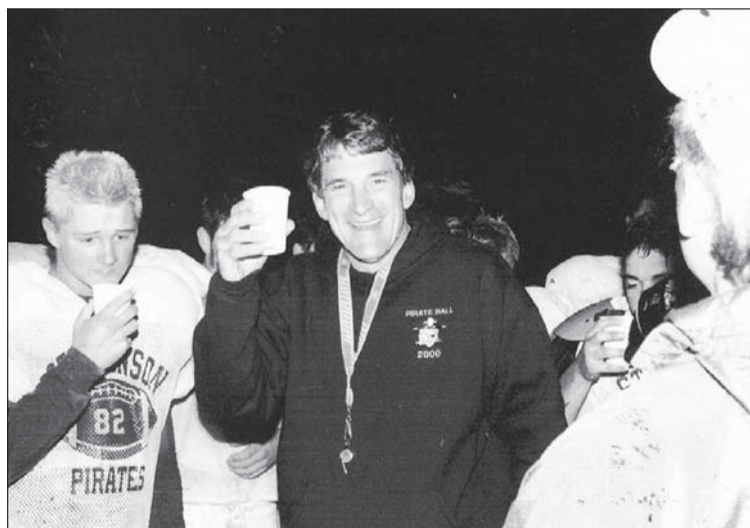
■ Anthony Arger (commercial and complex civil litigation attorney, Reno, Nev.), was the quarterback and part-time safety at RLS, then played QB and wide receiver for Bates College, where he made the dean's list and academic all-conference. He graduated No. 1 in his MBA class at

the University of San Francisco, where he was Beta Gamma Sigma Honors Society scholar.

■ Jamie Staples (business development at Google, Seattle, Wash.), was a tight end and defensive end in high school, and became an all-conference tight end, team captain, and team MVP in his senior season at Middlebury College, where he was a dean's list and president's list scholar.

■ Wes Connors (a strategic account director at Workiva, Atlanta) played linebacker at Williams College, where he was honored with the Belvidere Brooks Award, commemorating the player whose performance was "the greatest

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During the school's unforgettable 2000 championship season, RLS head football coach Jeff Young salutes his team alongside Erick Carl (No. 82) at a practice before the CCS win over Capuchino High in San Bruno. Stevenson's roster was filled with future rocket scientists, doctors and lawyers, like quarterback Anthony Arger (No. 11, right), a Reno attorney today.

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credit to the college." He was one of the school's all-time leaders in tackles, sacks and forced fumbles when he graduated.

■ Ben Di Grazia, (director of operations for CyberCoders, Orange County), starred at safety at Stevenson, then walked on as a wide receiver at the University of Arizona, where he caught a 41-yard touchdown pass in the 2003 spring game, the longest scoring play of the scrimmage.

■ Kai Hallauer (manager of Hallauer Vineyards in Solvang), a two-way starter at tackle for RLS ("... super nasty — not dirty, but vicious," said teammate Joe Stave) played at Willamette University in Oregon.

■ Richard Walsh (district manager at Penske Truck Leasing Solutions), may have been the Pirates' best all-around lineman until a knee injury ended his season in week three. He was Hallauer's teammate for two years (and also swam) at Willamette University, then captained Claremont McKenna College as a junior and senior, was voted "Most Inspirational," and was an all-league honorable mention. He was also a Phi Alpha Theta National Honors Society member.

■ Kyle Breuleux (enterprise account executive at Cloudflare, San Francisco Bay area), a fullback and linebacker at Stevenson, played lacrosse at Santa Clara University.

■ Joe Stave (senior manager, sales and business intelligence at Tanimura & Antle), a two-way starter on the line, played lacrosse at Wheaton (Mass.) where he was an academic all-conference choice in '05.

■ Nicolas Kissell (endocrinologist at Salinas Valley Medical Clinic), a starter at tight end and defensive end at RLS, played lacrosse at Santa Clara University where he graduated magna cum laude.

■ Marcus Pearson, (operations and business development and legal counsel, for Adventure Scientists in Bozeman, Mont.), a starting cornerback and receiver for RLS, played baseball as a freshman at Bowdoin College in Maine before a shoulder injury ended his career.

Pearson (Stevenson's co-valedictorian and commencement speaker) was cum laude and dean's list all four years at Bowdoin, where he won awards as the top student in the history and Latin American Studies departments. At the National Autonomous University of Mexico, he was a Rotary Ambassadorial graduate scholar

in environmental policy, and he was editor-in-chief of the International Law Journal at the University of Washington School of Law.

■ Toss in Brian Orosco — AKA "Bosco" and "Toast" — a cornerback and running back who turned pro in the extreme sport of freerunning (definition, "urban acrobatics interacting with various obstacles and environment, and may include flipping and spinning over, around, and through urban and rural landscapes while moving from Point A to Point B.")

Orosco was hired to perform his odd athletic feats as a stuntman in three Hollywood movies: "The Ridiculous 6," "Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2," and "Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D."

"I remember him randomly doing backflips at practice," said Casey Grover, the undersized offensive guard who today is medical director of the emergency department at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula. (Grove graduated summa cum laude from UCLA and then graduated No. 3 in his class at UCLA medical school.)

Speed of sound and light

"The kid on our roster with the highest IQ, no doubt, was Chris Lindsey," said Pearson, whose own academic laurels could fill a small library. "I think he's an astrophysicist who runs docking missions to the International Space Station now. Something like that."

There's plenty of truth there. Lindsey today is an aerospace engineer who worked for SpaceX for 12 years before leaving earlier this month. He worked on the Dragon capsule, which delivers cargo and crew to the International Space Station, managed the avionics systems team, and supported mission operations, including the de-orbit and splashdown phase of the recent Demo-2 mission.

Ron Provost, the offensive line coach, remembered a summer day when an electrical storm chased the entire team, in full pads and stinking practice jerseys, into a dugout on Stevenson's baseball field.

"I remember listening to a discussion the kids were having about the speed of sound, the speed of light, and what caused the unequal distribution of charge in a thunderhead," Provost recounted. "They were curious about life, they were smart, and they were animated. As a teacher, watching that interaction demonstrated to me that they were just as prepared for success in life as they were on the field."

A roster populated by future doctors, lawyers, and yes, rocket scientists endured

rigorous academic demands at Stevenson.

"Football was a two-hour diversion for these players," Young said. "They spent seven hours in the classroom and then, after practice, they'd head back to the dorms or home to do four or five hours of homework each night."

But Bonifas, the Stanford valedictorian, deflected the praise back to the coaching staff — Young, Provost (linemen), Francis Banks (receivers, defensive backs, special teams), and Dave Miller (offensive coordinator).

"The coaches were our football IQ. They broke everything down so the game plan was simple," he said. "All we had to do was learn the scouting report and practice the changes, which played to our strengths. They believed we didn't need gimmicks — if we won our individual battles, we'd win the game."

Next week: Part Two — the dream season

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Kris Bonifas, MTAL Player of the Year (right), became a starter at Stanford, where, as a valedictorian, he also gave a commencement speech. Stevenson players in the pregame huddle before the 2000 MTAL title game at Seaside.



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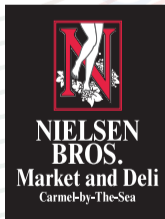
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SAFETY

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ative, according to incumbent councilman Bobby Richards, who is running for reelection. Getting rid of dead trees and replanting “the right trees in the right places,” as well as cutting back dead brush and other flammable vegetation, would reduce the risk of a fire devastating the city, he said.

Forestry and fire staff should “regularly inspect our downtown forest, looking for hazards consisting of power lines through trees or limbs possibly crashing onto power lines,” and report any issues to PG&E.

“We have very good relationships with several local tree trimming companies capable of performing this necessary work,” he said. “All of us need to be vigilant and report to our fire department or public works department any potential hazardous issue.”

Residents should also know how to get out of town when they need to, but since people tend to panic under such circumstances, it would be a good idea to have colored markers showing the best routes to Highway 1, Richards suggested. Colored bands on signs at intersections could show the way out, for instance.

“This type of directional marking is universally understood on ski trails, hiking trails, etc.,” he said. “The reverse-911 phone system and officials with bullhorns would announce the color exit to use,” depending on where the threat is. For example, if Highway 1 south and Carmel Valley Road are closed, it would make more sense to direct people out of the northern routes than out Rio Road.

Climate change

Council candidate Mo Massoudi said fire risk is one of his greatest concerns, especially as it’s exacerbated by climate change.

“The ones that are denying this are burying their heads in the sand,” he said. “We have seen the effect of the drought in California, where it is estimated that in the past

10 years, about 150 million trees have died due mainly to lack of adequate water and pest infestation.”

Massoudi observed that Carmel has an urban forest, and “we are no different than the rest of California, meaning that dead or dying trees are fuels for potential fire and that could decimate our community.”

“We saw this happen in the past month very close to us,” he said. Massoudi suggested a long-term plan with

a committed budget to get rid of dead trees and other hazardous fuels should be developed and acted upon in collaboration with neighboring communities like Pebble Beach and Pacific Grove.

“As a community, we must implement a wildfire action plan with specific instructions and directions for con-

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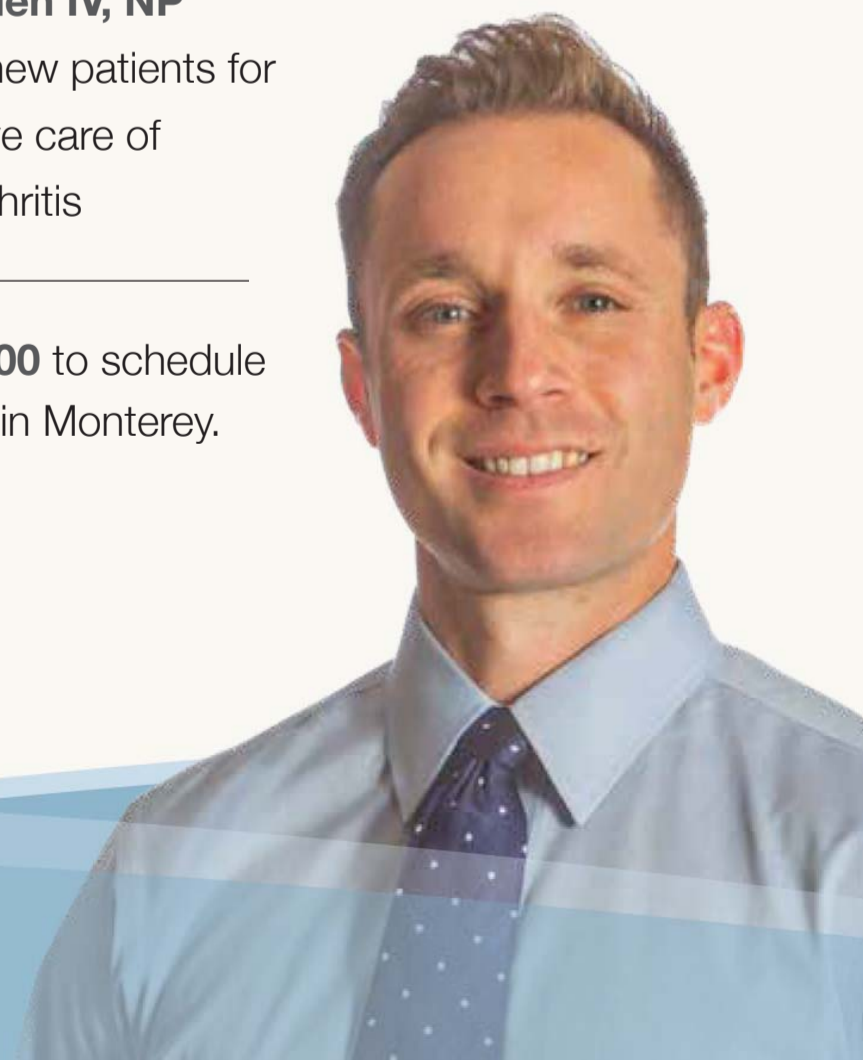
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trolled evacuation using different escape routes mainly for homes and businesses,” he said, and use reverse-911 or a similar public alert system to make sure people know what’s happening and what to do.

“We must also have protocols to assist evacuating our elderly residents who may have difficulties in such situations,” he said. Evacuation routes and other critical information should be posted on the city website.

“An informed public reduces the threat of wildfires in our city,” he said. “I do believe the chance of this is happening is getting greater, and the way I see it, it’s not so much a question of if this will happen, but rather of when exactly this will happen.”

PG&E and forestry

Council candidate Graeme Robertson said fire risk is an ongoing concern for the residents and business owners of Carmel, and he suggested meeting and working with PG&E “to ensure that all their lines and equipment meet all current safety standards.”

He also said it’s critical that the city forester make sure “our forest is managed so the dead growth and debris are removed,” and that the city should publish and widely disseminate an evacuation instructions with clearly marked routes.

Communication is critical, as well, and Robertson suggested providing a checklist of items people should take from their homes and businesses in the event of a wildfire, and developing a communication plan so vital information from fire, police and public works officials gets to residents and businesses in a clear and timely way.

A lot to say

With her many years of helping get rid of invasive plants in Mission Trail park, and her longtime residence at the top of one of its steeper hillsides, council candidate Karen Ferlito is passionate about mitigating fire risk.

While Carmel’s typically humid climate and predominantly north-facing slopes make it less prone to wildfire than some other forested communities, she said, a lot of work must be done to keep its residents and structures safe — without getting rid of the trees.

“The way you ensure that the threat is reduced is by adopting and continually implementing a wise forest management program” to get rid of dead grasses and flammable shrubs that can help flames reach into the trees and spread. And because taller trees like pines don’t tend to have lower branches that can catch fire, they are better to plant.

“I am the only candidate who has actually raised funds for and has done hands-on strategic work to remove fire fuel in our village,” she said, through her work as presi-

dent of the Friends of Mission Trail Nature Preserve. In addition to raising about \$122,000 for projects, the group has “cleared nearly 10 acres of dense, highly volatile fire fuels,” and plans to do more.

“We have created a very cooperative and successful public-private partnership with public works and forestry staff that is getting things done,” she said — an effort and mindset that could be applied elsewhere in the city.

Ferlito favors undergrounding utilities in the park and other forested areas, removing dead trees and replanting, and tending to medians and other public areas inclined to grow lots of grass.

Property owners should be encouraged to care for their own trees, including seeking advice on when to remove them, and must clear their properties of flammable vegetation.

“As long as we plant and nurture replacement trees, our forest will be safer, healthier and more diverse in the future, and will still be a beautiful environment for us to enjoy,” she said.

On the construction side, inflammable materials should be required in new construction and extensive remodels, and all fireplaces should be gas or electric, according to Ferlito.

Finally, the climate change committee that includes council members Jeff Baron and Carrie Theis “must be fully funded to complete their required work,” she said.

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Editorial

No on Prop 15

WITH CALIFORNIA employers large and small still reeling from the effects of the seemingly never-ending coronavirus shutdown, you'd think this would be the worst possible time to sharply raise taxes on businesses, but that's exactly what the powers that be in Sacramento are asking you to do when you vote in the Nov. 3 election.

Prop 15 would eliminate the property tax protection voters gave businesses in 1978 when they approved Prop 13. Instead of keeping those values at the most recent sale price plus a small increase every year, Prop 15 would increase taxes on commercial properties to 1.1 percent of current value, and that would mean a huge tax increase for many businesses just when they can least afford to pay it. And when taxes go up for businesses, rents and prices go up for their tenants and customers — who also can't afford them.

What's the logic behind raising taxes on businesses? "Feed the beast," is about the best Prop 15's proponents can come up with. That, and the utterly meaningless argument that everyone should pay their "fair" share — as if "fair" is word that means anything except whatever you want it to mean.

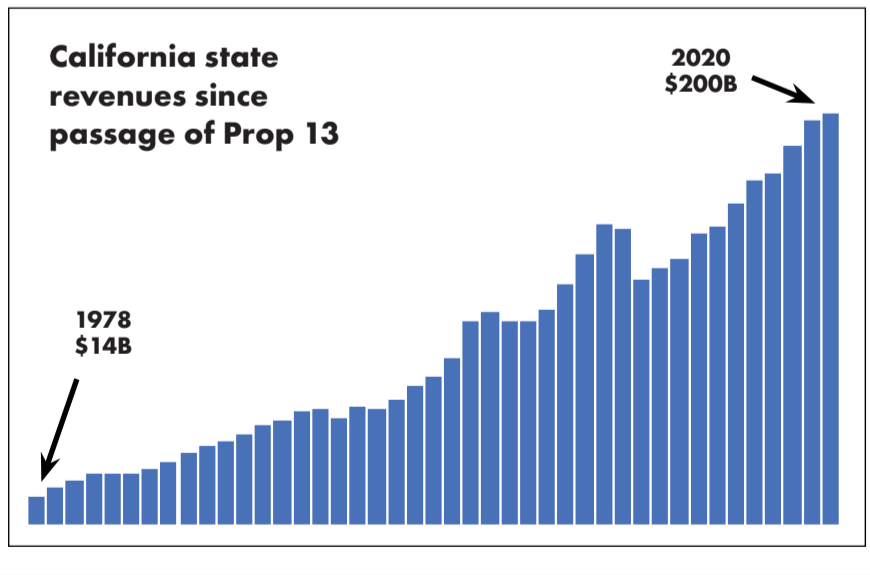
People on the left like to portray businesses as out-of-control and corrupt monsters that always screw their customers unless the government stops them. And since every business dollar is, therefore, at least partly ill-gotten, it makes sense for government bureaucrats to help themselves to whatever they need for their latest pet projects. Only the government is virtuous, you see.

But the truth about businesses is exactly the opposite, of course. Whether it's large or small, any company is just a group of owners and workers exchanging goods and services with their customers for mutual benefit. And since every sale is voluntary, no business can succeed unless it makes its customers want to part with some of their hard-earned money in exchange for whatever the business is selling. Which is to say no business succeeds unless it makes its customers happy.

But when costs go up, prices go up, which makes customers unhappy — and that means some of them stop buying. And that hurts everyone.

Meanwhile, the "we need the money" argument from the government is more worthless than the fairness argument, as shown on the chart below. From 1978 (the year Prop 13 was passed) to 2020, California state revenues went from \$14 billion to almost \$200 billion, an increase of more than 1,400 percent, while the population went from 23 million to 40 million, a gain of 74 percent. So it can hardly be said that Prop 13 deprived the government of anything.

Please say no to higher taxes by voting "No" on Prop 15.



BEST of BATES



"Do they really get mail in these itty-bitty boxes?"

Letters to the Editor

Coronavirus burden

Dear Editor,

Each time the numbers are released for Monterey County relating to Covid-19, whether they are for new cases, hospitalizations, deaths or whatever, the unfairness of the shutdown decision by Dr. Ed Moreno screams out.

With an excess of 80 percent of the numbers in the county relating to Salinas and Salinas Valley, my heart goes out to the businesses in Carmel and Monterey as they are being so unfairly handicapped.

Common sense says that there should be consideration given to the distortion of the entire county's economy bearing the weight of the pandemic. Hopefully, Dr. Moreno will soon see the light and act in a logical manner — which is to isolate Salinas and Salinas Valley when deciding what should be closed.

Larry Purcell, Carmel

'Don't believe it anymore'

Dear Editor,

I am the owner/operator of a small fitness business in Pacific Grove that has been allowed (and even encouraged) to die a slow death from Covid-19. After months of financial hardship and emotional stress, I am finally angry enough to start writing to our public officials. I thought this would be a grueling task, but it's actually quite easy! If you're as angry as I am, I would

like to encourage you to do the same simply by Googling "contact (insert name)," and following the link to the space where you can express your views in an email. I'm concerned for ALL small businesses, not just my own, and my letter(s) to the above-mentioned officials appeal to these businesses' importance as an integral part of any liveable place.

It's bad enough that public officials have actually managed to convince many people to be afraid of touching objects, afraid of touching another person, and afraid getting sick at all. But what's happened over time is that they have managed to incite an actual fear of breathing. I am not being sarcastic. This is what it has come to.

Small indoor-based businesses have become the sacrificial lamb to secure this end. "Oh!" they say, "but people are dying!" Statistically, the risk of dying from Covid-19 is very low. We know this now. "Oh," they say, "but the number of cases is so high!" Thanks to the work of the Pine Cone and brave medical professionals, we also know now that the way California counts cases is sloppy and arbitrary, and the very definition of the word "cases" has been manipulated to perpetuate fraud. Why? So that big-pharma will get lots of money. More fear = more vaccines = more money.

My message to our officials is this: Your battle cry of "keeping people safe" is now a cracking facade. The request to "be in this together" is now falling on deaf ears. We don't believe you anymore. You can have your dirty vaccine. Please, just let us go back to work.

Leslie Gallo, Owner/Operator Sweet Heat Hot Yoga

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Jamming with the evening's stars for more than six decades

FOR MORE than 60 years, live jazz has filled the air in Monterey each fall, and while this year the Monterey Jazz Festival, like so many other events, goes virtual, it's still of paramount importance not only to the Peninsula's music calendar, but to its history. I have heard many tales over the years as to how the festival got its start.

Back in the mid-1950s, jazz was getting a foothold on the Monterey Peninsula. Jimmy Lyons started broadcasting jazz over San Francisco's 50,000-watt KNBC radio station in the late 1940s, and on occasion produced and broadcast live shows from

included printer Hal Hallett and graphic artist Colden Whitman, Lyons booked Duke Ellington for a March 1958 Jazz at Sunset concert.

Maybe 6,000 fans

The convergence of forces led to creation of a Monterey Jazz Festival committee. This group was smart enough to not try and reinvent the wheel. The Newport Jazz Festival in Rhode Island was in its fifth year and garnering national attention for an event that began at a high school ballfield. In April, the local group flew the Newport festival's president, Louis L. Lorillard, to Monterey to see if they could run a similar event here.

After touring potential venues on April 23, Lorillard suggested the Monterey County Fairgrounds' horse arena would work well with the simple addition of a raised stage and bandshell. He suggested it might accommodate a crowd of 6,000. Using the fairgrounds' facilities — concessions, ticket office, etc. — would save on infrastructure. Their group would not run another festival but, as long as it was to benefit charity, Newport would happily provide technical advice to a local organization to help Monterey avoid some of their early pitfalls.

The initial committee sought financial support and soon added attorney Louis Fenton, who prepared the papers to form a nonprofit Monterey Jazz Festival organization. The papers were signed with Hallett as president and Melvin Iseberger, business manager of the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District, as treasurer. Lyons was retained as general manager at a nominal \$100 per month to organize the festival, which they scheduled for the first weekend in October. Any profit from the event was designated toward establishment of a "chair of jazz" at Monterey Peninsula College, along with other promotions of jazz as an American art form. Although I can't find confirmation, I suspect such money was used to create the chair and trumpet graphic which appeared in the first program and continues to be featured on festival posters each year.

The organization put together a budget

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History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

the city. In September 1953, Lyons brought the Dave Brubeck Quartet to Carmel for a one-night Jazz at Sunset concert. In July 1955, Lyons relaunched Jazz at Sunset as an ongoing series beginning with Brubeck, along with comedian Mort Sahl. He followed with Errol Garner in September, Oscar Peterson in November, and Ella Fitzgerald in January 1956.

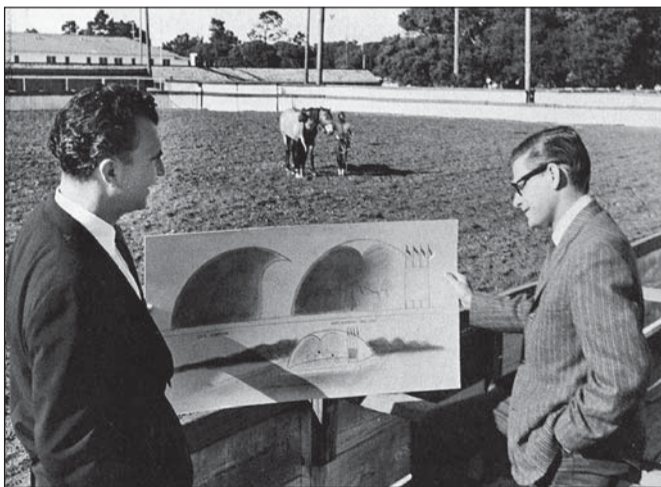
Chillin' at the lab

About this time, Ruben Brost, freshly discharged in 1955 from a stint at Fort Ord, decided to stay on the Monterey Peninsula. He and associate Bob Riley partnered with realtor S.J. Nিকেle to convert the old Blue Bell Cafe on Alvarado Street into the Colony Club, which offered a live jazz venue in Monterey.

On Cannery Row, a diverse group of artists, lawyers, doctors and businessmen had formed a club and taken over what had been the seaside laboratory of Ed Ricketts. They had in common a love of jazz. They played records, made excursions to clubs in San Francisco and, when opportunity allowed, invited musicians from Alvarado Street to jam at "The Lab" after the bars closed down.

Lyons moved with his wife and sons to a mountaintop studio he built in Big Sur and opened a small retail shop next to the River Inn. He resumed his Jazz at Sunset series and partnered in a new public relations firm, Allied Media, based at 380 Cannery Row. With the talents at Allied, which

Jimmy Lyons (right) founding general manager of the Monterey Jazz Festival, shows jazz legend Dave Brubeck the plans for transforming the fairgrounds' horse arena into a concert venue.



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She pioneered a new technique

RARIFIED AIR became a natural habitat at a young age for Erin Hanson. She was 8 years old when she started learning to paint with oil and was selling commissioned dog portraits at age 10. That same year, a family friend — a musician — hired her to paint a cover for his CD (a girl carrying a water bucket into an Incan village). When she was 12, she got an after-school job at a commercial mural studio, where

drink or do drugs.

"The big shock was coming from a very small school (Delphi Academy in Los Angeles) — we typically had eight to 20 kids in a classroom — and taking chemistry 1A as a freshman in a huge auditorium with 3,000 other kids. They projected the chalkboard onto these giant screens so people in back could see."

Intimidating? Horrifying? Overwhelming? Nope. Hanson graduated on UC Berkeley's dean's list with a degree in bioengineering and a plan to build space robots for NASA, like the ones described in the Isaac Asimov and Robert Heinlein sci-fi novels she devoured as a kid.

Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

she helped create wall-sized paintings in acrylics.

"My parents (Mom is a school teacher, Dad is a computer programmer, both are amateur musicians) taught me from a really young age that I needed to practice every day to become good at things," said Hanson, who today shows her vibrantly colorful impressionist landscapes at The Erin Hanson Gallery in two locations — one on San Carlos Street between Fifth and Sixth avenues, and the other in San Diego. "My dad told me I had to do five life drawings every day if I wanted to grow up to be an artist, so that's what I did."

Took the pledge

At 14, Hanson was the youngest person in a drawing class at Otis College that was otherwise reserved for high school seniors. By 16, she was a high school graduate and a full-time student at UC Berkeley.

"Going off to college at that age was a shock, I guess, but not because I saw myself as young — kids always think they're older," said Hanson, who calmed her parents by living in a dorm where students (all at least two years older) pledged not to

'Open impressionism'

But she got a job working for a bioengineering professor at the university and abruptly changed her mind.

"Once I figured out what the actual life of a scientist was like — very boring, repetitive work, with a lot of conversations about applying for grants — I decided I didn't want to do that at all," she said with a laugh.

So she went home to L.A. and sold software, then drifted into buying and selling things online, which took her to Las Vegas, where, once again, she ascended into rarified air.

"I discovered rock climbing, which became a passion that fed directly into my return to art," said Hanson, who watched the sunrise on her very first morning in Las Vegas. "I went out to paint on a hill, watched the sunrise hit Red Rock Canyon, and said, 'This is the most beautiful thing I've ever seen.' And I started using a really bright color palette, being looser and more expressive, developing a completely new style."

That style, which Hanson calls "open impressionism," breaks many of the rules traditionally taught in art schools. Her technique is taught around the world — a mind-blowing development for its creator.

"My social media person just texted me a picture of a little boy, maybe 5 or 6, painting one of my paintings, and his teacher is teaching him open impressionism," she said. "From his point of view, he's probably looking at me as some kind of master painter, and from mine, I'm just ... this girl. I'm just Erin. But it's definitely creating an effect in the art world, which is an awesome feeling."

Hanson's process — part of which she attributes to her engineering background — is to plan every painting with an under-painting sketch, pick all



PHOTO/COURTESY ERIN HANSON GALLERY

Erin Hanson sold her artwork at 10 and attended UC Berkeley at 16. She owns galleries in Carmel and San Diego.

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of \$70,000, allowing \$30,000 for talent. Whitman was put in charge of gathering 100 sponsors who would each lend \$100 for two years to cover the up-front costs for publicity and deposits. These sponsors included several members of the committee as well as of the men's club from the lab, including cartoonists Hank Ketcham and Eldon Dedini. Several local motels also signed on as partners, as did Richard Osborne, president of Del Monte Properties Co.

Over the next four months, Lyons was busy signing talent and creating a diverse program that would include music and educational forums. In July, he booked the San Francisco Little Symphony Orchestra to pair with the Dave Brubeck Quartet for a Sunday afternoon performance that would illustrate the impact of classical music on jazz.

Lyons also signed Ampex Corp. of Redwood City to provide equipment for amplification and recording at no charge. The gig allowed them to field-test newly developed equipment, not to mention showcase their technology. By the end of July, Lyons had additionally secured commitments

from Stan Kenton, Dizzy Gillespie, Louis Armstrong, Cal Tjader, The Modern Jazz Quartet, Billie Holiday and June Christy, and by October the list was even longer. Hallett later recalled, "My wife thought I was absolutely nuts when I co-signed the contracts. If the dream had bombed, we would have been up the creek without a paddle."

Of course, the dream didn't fail. More than 6,000 jazz fans filled the arena that first year, generating \$77,628 in gross receipts against expenses of \$73,237, which included paying back the sponsors in full. The expense for talent was about \$40,000, and they provided many great moments.

Plane truth

Clint Eastwood, not yet a Monterey Peninsula resident, was in attendance and described a moment that was captured by Ampex and included on a 40th Anniversary CD compilation, "Brubeck was in the middle of a solo. He was jamming away and the audience wondered what he'd do as a plane zoomed overhead. He just broke into 'Off We Go, Into the Wild Blue Yonder' — bang — and then went back to what he was playing." Brubeck, like the audience, just went with it. That is the nature of jazz.

In a Saturday afternoon forum, music critic Ralph Gleason led a humor-filled discussion with Armstrong and Gillespie on

the European jazz scene. Sunday evening's performance by Harry James and his new band was said to be unforgettable. And it apparently didn't stop at the fairgrounds. One report says that each night after the festival closed, the musicians headed to

Mission Ranch and jammed until 4 a.m.

This year will be different, but the tradition, now in its 63rd year, lives on.

Neal Hotelling has been researching and writing about Monterey County history for more than three decades. His email

With seating for 5,800, overflow crowds packed the main arena at the first annual Monterey Jazz Festival in October 1958.



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'Polite' boy who went missing found after help from senior

By KELLY NIX

A 7-YEAR-OLD boy who went missing for about 30 minutes Sunday night in Pacific Grove was reunited with his family after knocking on a stranger's door for help.

The boy, whose family reported him missing at 11:19 p.m., knocked on the door of an 81-year-old woman's home on 1200 block of Del Monte Avenue. The resident was doing a crossword puzzle in her bedroom at the time.

She recounted her brief interaction with the child, who was barefoot and wearing knee-length pajamas.

"Hi ma'am, I'm a lost boy," the youngster told the woman when she opened her door at about 11:35 p.m.

The boy said he lived in Pacific Grove but was unable to provide an address, and only had part of his mother's phone number. However, he apparently wasn't scared and was "matter-of-fact" about his predicament. He was also relaxed and polite.

"I went outside with him and looked down the streets thinking someone was out looking for him," the woman, who did not want to be named, told The Pine Cone. "He wasn't at all sad and didn't seem to be concerned about being lost."

At around 11:45 p.m., a male walking a dog, whom the woman said could have been an older brother or father, showed up and the boy went with him. The person did not speak to or thank the good Samaritan, however, a police dispatcher confirmed shortly thereafter that the boy had been reunited with his family.

"I wondered why he chose this house, and I think it may have been the solar lights in the garden or my bedroom light," she said.

Police administrative services manager Jocelyn Francis said two officers searched for the boy, while another officer was called in to help but then called off since the boy was found 30 minutes later.

HUBANKS

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Hubanks had been fighting cancer, but it didn't lessen the impact of the news of her death.

"She was such a wonderful person," Uppman said. "I know she'll be missed by the entire community."

Hubanks is survived by her husband, John, and sons, Nathan and Ryan.

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of her colors in advance, then pre-mix every color on her palette before she begins.

"When it's actually time to paint, I can paint without overlapping my brushstrokes, which is the big key to open expressionism: I'm not laying the paint at all," she said.

"The paint, placed side-by-side, looks like tiles in a mosaic — it ends up having this stained-glass look, because the under-painting comes through, even between the brushstrokes."

She uses the same techniques when painting California landscapes, seascapes, wildflowers, vineyards and other scenes.

Professional secrets

Hanson said she's spent the past 13 years learning to market herself as a full-time artist — tips she shares on her website.

"In art school, they'll teach you how to paint, and how to plug into the gallery reality, which doesn't always work — you're kind of at the mercy of gallery owners who hopefully are good at their job and enjoy your work," she said. "I decided to put these resources together to teach people how to be professional artists — how to market themselves."

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Hanson is not represented by any galleries other than the two bearing her name in Carmel and San Diego (a 7,000-foot space housing her studio, her showroom, and storage for her art). Her paintings sell briskly — often before they're dry — through the galleries, via the internet, and at art shows (close to 150 over the past 10 years) and festivals she attends in person.

"We've had to close our galleries twice during the pandemic, but we've actually had more online sales than ever," said Hanson, 38, who is married with a 1-year-old daughter. "I have a team working with me on promotions, enhancing our online presence, marketing through emails and phone calls ... business has been taking off."

Her paintings are on display through Nov. 5 at Allegretto Vineyard Resort in Paso Robles. Images of her art and additional information (including the aforementioned resources for artists) can be found online at erinhanson.com. The San Carlos Street gallery is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"The Impressionist," a magazine published twice a year by Hanson, is found on magazine racks throughout Carmel.

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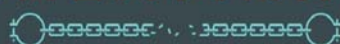
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ever it's possible, whether through a waiver or when the county moves to Tier 2, also identified as the "red tier," due to lower infection numbers.

"Any option we can pursue that's going to help get these kids back to school, we'll take," he said. "We've got to get these kids back to school — especially the young ones."

Not eager to send

Todd Weaver, who was appointed to the board mid-term and is running for election, said he, like most parents, teachers, staffers and kids, would like to see a return to full-time school. "If the state allows it, and the county allows it, then it falls to the district to decide, and I have publicly stated

as a sitting board member that we should follow the science," he said. "If our county health approves or confirms we can open, then we should weigh that advice as the most important."

He said the district must strictly follow proper federal and state guidelines for safely reopening schools, and that's what the board already decided. "I believe my vote there says it all," he said.

Candidate Samir Messiah said he isn't eager to send his 10-year-old daughter, who's in fifth grade, back to school, under a waiver, as it could be premature.

But if the county moves to Tier 2, he said, "I will follow the county health decision in opening the schools."

"Monterey County health officer Dr. Ed Moreno receives all the data and advisories about opening the county," he said. "If he makes the educated decision that it is safe to open schools or we should keep it closed, I will support his decision."

He encouraged the board and the public to "patiently hold back until it is safe for our children to go back to school," and to "continue to make the best out of distance learning," in the meantime.

Planning, planning, planning

"I have been getting this question a lot from parents, and other concerned community members and my answer to them is always, 'The quality of a CUSD education is strengthened when our students and staff are on our campuses and in our classrooms,'" said board candidate Jake Odello, who attended Carmel Unified schools. "It is my hope that we can get students back in the classroom as soon as possible," as long as it's safe.

The board should make a decision based on a recommendation developed through feedback from all stakeholders, according to Odello. He supported the teachers' contract, which others have said could prevent schools from reopening before next summer, because it "clearly outlined what needs to be accomplished in order to safely return."

Candidate Anne-Marie Rosen said everyone agrees most kids learn better in a classroom alongside their peers and instructors, and if health officials deem it safe to return to school, the superintendent and other CUSD staff should determine whether they are ready to do so.

"From what I have heard from the town hall meetings and board meetings, it would seem that the first step would be to start with a hybrid model: have some of the students come in one day and the rest come in another day," she said.

'Science and facts'

Seaberry Nachbar, the mother of three teens attending CUSD schools, noted the struggles involved in distance learning. "There is no doubt that my children are feeling the impact of online learning and suffering from the repercussions of little social interaction," she said. "So yes, I want school to return to in-class learning. However, I believe in safety based on sci-

ence and facts."

Nachbar said she would rely on Moreno "to be the arbiter," and said a "return to normal" should be deliberate and take place in stages, with evaluation and transparency along the way.

Candidate Jill Lewis — who started a petition demanding a return to in-room schooling but later said distance learning was best, given the spike in coronavirus cases — noted it could be weeks or months before the county makes it to the red tier.

"We can open safely to those who want in-person learning and keep those who do not, in distance learning at home," she said. "We know how to secure the school from a Covid breakout, and we have proof it works, because institutions everywhere around us have been open for weeks to months with groups of 14 or fewer children together while following California's safety guidelines with no Covid outbreaks."

Faith in the administration

Candidate Kati Enea said she hopes in-room teaching will return, regardless of whether it's via a waiver or an improvement in the county's Covid case numbers. "I have faith that our interim superintendent and the district are taking the necessary actions to meet all county and state protocols and health standards to bring our students and staff safely back to our schools," she said.

Finally, Alexis Delehanty said the "reality of the pandemic" can't be ignored, and returning to the classroom requires good planning.

"These plans should include specifics about masks, social distancing, smaller-group cohorts, utilizing outdoor spaces as much as possible, using schedules to minimize numbers on campuses, testing, contact tracing and quarantine protocols," she said.

"Part of any re-opening plan needs to include details on how to manage what happens when a student or staff or faculty member becomes sick, and what will be the protocols for a suspected or possible Covid case and for a confirmed case."



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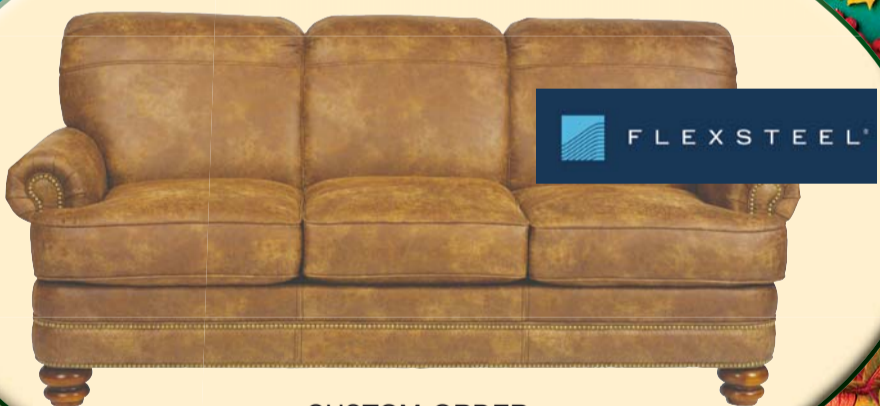


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el of frustration” among decision makers will lead to change.

“There is a high level of concern at the board level in terms of the impacts of the purple tier status on our local restaurant industry,” assistant county administrator Nick Chiulos said at the Monterey County Board of Supervisors meeting Tuesday, and county advocates are pleading their case at the state level. The county’s lobbyist and others are also working with the California Restaurant Association.

“There is a series of protocols we expect to be announced in the very near future that the restaurant association has put forward to the governor,” he said. “We are very interested in seeing what those are and what we can support. The balance will be between economic impact and how to relieve that, but doing it while preserving public health.”

‘A death sentence’

The effort to lobby in Sacramento follows pleas from Monterey County Vintners & Growers Association executive director Kim Stemler on behalf of the hospitality industry at last week’s supervisors meeting. She asked that the county argue for the right to reopen tasting rooms and restaurants indoors “right now,” with appropriate safety modifications and protocols in place.

Even if the county numbers vastly improve, and quickly, it wouldn’t be until late October that they could reopen under the current tiered system, she noted — and even then, only at 25 percent capacity. Even under the least restrictive tier, when very few cases are being reported, restaurants could only operate at 50 percent capacity indoors.

“The wine industry is suffering because of Covid and now the wildfires,” Stemler said. “We will have businesses that will not be able to survive if they cannot go back inside very, very soon.”

And if the local wine industry collapses, so will many others related to it.

Winery executive Scott Caraccioli, who also has a tasting room on Dolores Street downtown, said a delay of even weeks will lead to the demise of “many family-owned tasting rooms, wineries and restaurants.”

“There has been no empirical evidence that any of the virus was spread in any of these locations,” he said, and operators have been diligent about following all the sanitizing protocols and other rules to help keep people safe. “I implore you guys to stand up to the governor in this individual case and save our industry within our county, because we’re at a crossroads here.”

Being forced to continue doing business outside during

the winter, which can get fairly dark, wet and cold, “is going to be a death sentence for us.”

One supervisor at this week’s meeting, however, didn’t want too much emphasis placed on helping restaurants and more focus on reopening schools.

“We need to focus on the need to get kids back to in-person instruction, and to do that safely is really critical,” 4th District Supervisor Jane Parker said. “And if we do advocacy on behalf of the restaurants, we need to make sure their employees have paid sick and family leave.”

Employees shouldn’t feel like they have to return to work if they have kids at home or are caring for other family members, according to Parker. “I wouldn’t want workers in restaurants to be forced to go back to a job that might not support them when they could stay on unemployment insurance,” she said.

On his ad hoc committee in town, Potter said members are discussing ways to at least make outdoor seating more hospitable as the nights get darker and chillier.

“We’re trying to figure out what the winter is going to look like,” he said. Can outdoor areas be more enclosed? How will runoff in gutters be handled? Is there a way to increase seating? Can awnings and other types of coverings be installed, and if so, can they still accommodate heaters? Can bus parking be used for cars, and would churches with large lots let the public park there, to relieve the downtown parking problems created by the proliferation of parklets?

Those are some of the questions the committee hopes to answer.

“We’re not trying to dictate to people what they should be doing,” he said. “We want input and are open to suggestions.”

MARKET

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Monterey County assessor Steve Vagnini agreed that the biggest factor for brisk home sales on the Monterey Peninsula is a result of San Francisco Bay area, Silicon Valley and other residents preferring to live in smaller towns and more rural areas. He also said many high-profile corporate executives and employees can now work from home, which makes moving much easier.

“The other factor would be the shortage of inventory” of homes in Monterey County, Vagnini said.

According to data he provided to The Pine Cone, the value of all homes sold in August in Monterey County this year was \$494,845,000, a very big increase over the August total last year of \$322,360,000.

Lynch said there’s been a lot of talk among local realtors about the departure from cities to quieter, slower areas.

“The draw to our area is a realization that lifestyle does matter,” Lynch said. “Elevating your quality of life and finding nature and more open space during this time are critical.”

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Lifestyles

Staying at home certainly seemed like a safe choice at the time

By ELAINE HESSER

THE CORONAVIRUS pandemic got a lot of people back into the kitchen, making their own meals. Do-it-yourselfers waiting for “one day” to finish a project finally found their moments. In the absence of other forms of amusement, and in the face of closed gyms, many folks decided to go for more walks. Some parents and grandparents became full-time playmates to their kids, too.

While all of that is good news, Chris Stegge, chief operating officer for Montage’s MoGo urgent care clinics, suspects it’s also led to more than a few unexpected injuries.

Climbing trees

The clinics haven’t been up and running for long, so they don’t have pre-pandemic information for comparison, but they’ve been busy. The office on Del Monte Avenue in Monterey opened on March 27, and the one on Second Street in Marina opened April 6. A third one is scheduled to open near Prim’s Hardware in Carmel Rancho in late October.

Even though they’ve only been



Montage Health opened MoGo Urgent Care facilities in Monterey (shown) and Marina this spring, just in time to care for people who have become reacquainted with kitchen knives and hammers.

open a few months, however, Stegge said they’ve seen a fair number of accidents that appear to be a result of people trying new things while staying home. For example, he noted that many patients have had “nicks and cuts” on their index fingers — probably an indication of inexperience or carelessness with a kitchen knife.

There have been some smashed

fingers from hammering gone awry, too. And, between masks that can obscure a wearer’s view (along with fogged-up glasses) and ubiquitous, distracting cell phones, people out for walks have been tripping over curbs and speed bumps. Of course, you could go for a hike in the woods, but you should know that MoGo clinics have also handled quite a few cases

of poison oak and tick bites.

Stegge said that another category of injuries comes from adults who thought it would be fun to get on the trampoline or climb a tree with their children or grandchildren. Not only are they jumping (or falling) to earth on older bones, but, Stegge said, “It’s easy to misjudge how far down it is if you haven’t done it in a while.”

He also advised, “Don’t try a backflip on the trampoline if you haven’t done one lately.”

‘On my way’

Kids are accident prone, and the epidemic certainly hasn’t made them invincible. Twisted ankles and sprains from bicycle and skateboarding accidents have been pretty common.

MoGo urgent care clinics are designed to make the aftermath of a cut or fall a little easier to deal with. Stegge said patients can make an appointment — which MoGo calls a reservation — through the website (mogourgentcare.org), click the “I’m

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HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

You call it pestering, doctors call it prevention

By ELAINE HESSER

MEN ARE notoriously bad about going to the doctor, even when something's wrong. Of course there are exceptions, and if you have a Y chromosome and make regular visits to your healthcare provider, good for you. No, really, it's good for you.

Dr. Michael Gorman, a family medicine physician with Montage Health in Ryan Ranch, emphasized the importance of regular checkups.

He said that guidelines for preventive testing can vary somewhat, based on family history and other risk factors, but they're still a good starting point for discussions with your provider.

"In general, men in their 20s, 30s and 40s should have their cholesterol and blood pressure checked every three to five years, and have an HIV test and hepatitis C test." Gorman noted that the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force — a nonprofit organization that makes expert recommendations on such things —



said that frequency of HIV testing depends a lot on a man's sexual activity. For some, a one-time test will suffice.

Gorman continued the list of regular checkups. "If men are overweight, they should have a screen for diabetes. And when they turn 50, they should have a colon cancer screening with either a colonoscopy every 10 years or a yearly stool test for blood."

A doctor's appointment is also the time to talk about diet, exercise, smoking (just quit already) and alcohol use, along with other lifestyle adjustments that can keep future visits to a minimum.

Several years ago, another healthcare provider told Healthy Lifestyles that "men don't go to the doctor unless it interferes with sex or their golf game." He was kidding — but only a little. Men often do go for a checkup if they're bothered by frequent urination (a symptom of an enlarged prostate) or erectile dysfunction.

Healthy love life

Until recently, erectile dysfunction (ED for short), also called impotence, was thought to be problematic but not dangerous. Now, however, it's also known that it can be an early indication of heart disease.

According to Craig Stauffer and Andrea Chan, urologists who work with Montage Medical Group, the same processes that lead to cardiovascular illness affect the smallest blood vessels — like those in and around the penis — early on. "It's the canary in the coal mine," for heart problems, Stauffer said. That means a case of ED might lead a doctor to encourage you to have your heart checked.

Happily, it also means that the things you can do to keep your heart in good shape — like a healthy diet and regular exercise — might be good for your love life.

Blood tests?

Now, about that prostate. It's a walnut-sized gland located between the bladder and the penis, just in front of the rectum. It's part of the male reproductive system and it produces some of the fluid in semen, Chan said.

An enlarged prostate (the kind docs refer to as benign prostatic hyperplasia or BPH) is common in older men. The Mayo Clinic says that's because the prostate keeps growing throughout life, and that nearly half of all men have BPH symptoms — usually related to urination — by the time they're 80.

Stauffer noted that many doctors are changing the way they treat BPH because there have been improvements in minimally invasive surgery to take care of some issues, instead of prescribing medications that a patient may need to take indefinitely.

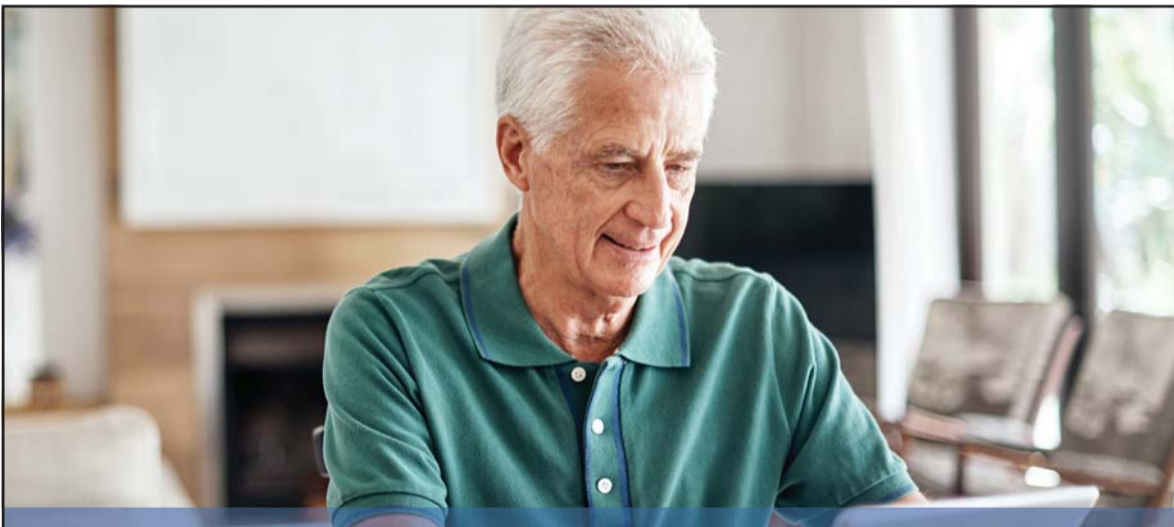
The prostate's location makes it simple for a doctor to check a lot of it during a rectal exam. Stauffer said that a physician can palpate (feel) "almost the whole gland, particularly the back side, where most cancers are found."

Now comes the tricky question. How often should a man have a prostate-specific antigen test — known by its acronym, PSA? It's a simple and inexpensive blood test which measures a substance that indicates potential problems, including cancer.

Stauffer and Chan said it's been recommended that men between 55 and 70 have an annual PSA, but that some men are choosing — with their healthcare providers — to do it less often.

For one thing, the doctors said that there many factors that can cause an elevated PSA level. Chan commented that even a long bicycle ride that puts pressure on the prostate can lead to that outcome.

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Faced with preventing the worst, one facility finds communication is key

By ELAINE HESSER

THE SIX-PLUS months since Monterey County's Covid-19 shutdown started have crawled by slower than a city council meeting. You might think things are much worse for seniors confined to their communities, but that isn't always true.

In one reassuring story about how senior communities are caring for residents' physical and emotional needs, the folks at Canterbury Woods in Pacific Grove are so satisfied with their care during the pandemic that one of them, Bruce Obbink, reached out to The Pine Cone to talk about what the community was getting right.

He was generous in his praise, but deferred to Elvyra Abare, the facility's executive director, for official comment. Abare came to Canterbury Woods nearly two years ago, after more than 20 years' experience as a certified nurse assistant, nurse, manager and director of staff development — among other things.

By early March, Abare's experience told her coronavirus was going to be different from anything else she'd faced. On March 4, when the state declared an emergency, Abare said she was already thinking about personal protective equipment.

"We looked at how much PPE we had and how long it would last. We asked ourselves if we had enough for staff and residents." Then,



Elvyra Abare, executive director of Canterbury Woods, credited her experience in nursing, a group of dedicated, longtime employees, and the cooperation of the facility's residents with keeping everyone safe.

drawing on her school days in the USSR, where sewing was part of the curriculum, she said, "We bought a pattern to make face coverings." She borrowed a sewing machine and discovered that several residents knew how to sew as well. They all started making masks.

On March 11, Abare and her staff started closing off parts of the facility to lessen contact among residents and employees. Peninsula cities began declaring emergencies on Friday the 13th, and Canterbury Woods canceled all group activities.

The following week, on March 17, when local shelter-in-place orders were announced, the facility was ready. Abare said she was greatly encouraged by the response she received from many of the approximately 170 residents in three levels of care — independent living, assisted living and skilled nursing. She said they began looking out for one another and changing their own behavior to keep the community safe.

"My residents are the best," she said.

Ice cream delivery

Pat Radovich arrived at Canterbury Woods in October 2019. She had been living at a facility in Santa Maria, but said she never felt like she really fit in there. "Once I got here, I was thrilled. I almost immediately knew it was right," she said of the move.

She clearly remembered where she and a friend were the day that shelter-in-place was announced. "It was St. Patrick's Day, and somebody said 'This is probably going to be our last dinner together,' but nobody knew what that meant. We all thought it wouldn't last too long."

Not long afterward, she and a group of eight neighbors began meeting nightly on Zoom. She also enjoys walking around the grounds and watch-

They're looking out for one another and changing behavior to keep everyone safe.

ing the wildlife. The food is reportedly quite good as well, and Radovich said that the staff has been good about involving everyone in choosing menu options. There are unconfirmed reports of Zoom happy hours.

Radovich also enjoys the weekly door-to-door ice cream delivery. "If they ever stopped the ice cream, I think we'd all revolt," she joked.

Under the wire

Resident Katie Goff's interview was interrupted when said delivery arrived and she had to get her dark chocolate Dove Bar.

Goff barely made it into the facility in March. The former Sonoma County resident moved here to be closer to her daughter, who lives in Monterey. On March 16, Goff was scheduled to have her final medical check and interview prior to moving in. The preceding Friday, she got a call from Canterbury Woods asking if she could just stay on after the in-

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Self-exams

Another disadvantage of the screening is that it can lead to more expensive and complicated additional tests, as well as overdiagnosis and overtreatment of cancers that are no longer seen as immediately threatening.

Chan said that sometimes prostate cancer is quite slow-growing, adding that there's even a term for some cases — "clinically insignificant cancer" — that sounds oxymoronic. In those situations, many physicians advocate what Chan called "active surveillance." That expression replaced the perhaps too-passive sounding "watchful waiting," but means essen-

tially the same thing — getting regular blood tests, exams and possibly MRIs to make sure the cancer hasn't taken a bad turn.

And just as women are encouraged to do breast self-exams, Stauffer said men can do the same for their testicles. Testicular cancer is much more common in young men, but Stauffer said that getting an idea what's normal and then checking for bumps and swelling is still a good idea for older guys.

New shingles vaccine

Gorman also wanted to remind everyone to get their vaccines. In addition to the annual flu shot and — one hopes — the Covid-19 vaccine when it becomes available, it's important to get a tetanus booster every 10

years. That injection, known as a Td, provides protection from tetanus and diphtheria. Or, your doctor might recommend a Tdap, which adds protection from pertussis (whooping cough) to the mix.

The shingles vaccine is also important, since the disease which manifests as chickenpox in youngsters causes an excruciating skin condition in adults. Gorman said that people 50 and older should get Shingrix, the brand name for the new-ish vaccine that's almost completely replaced the older one, called Zostavax.

It requires two injections, two to six months apart, and can also be used to protect people who have already had

shingles (recurrences are not unusual), those who had Zostavax and want the newer, more effective injection, and even those whose immune systems are compromised.

Finally, do find a primary health care provider and just go. Don't let this stuff pile up until you have a "real" reason to see the doc. The best defense is a good offense, after all.



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THE Kitchen

MINISTRONE LENTIL SOUP

By ELAINE HESSER

IF YOU'RE searching for a way to use up the last summer vegetables from the farmer's market, look no further! Kathryn Donangelo's minestrone lentil soup is the perfect solution. It's vegetarian, or if you use vegetable stock, vegan. The lentils add protein and help keep you full, too.

Donangelo offered these hints:

"Store this soup in the refrigerator for about 4 days in an airtight container. You could also freeze it for up to 3-4 months.

"This soup is extra hearty, meaning it's chunky and similar to a stew. You can thin it with water if you prefer, but I think the chunkiness of this soup makes this extra wholesome and delicious."

INGREDIENTS

- 1 tablespoon olive oil**
- 1 medium yellow onion; peeled and chopped**
- 3 carrots; peeled and diced into 1/4-inch pieces**

- (about 2 cups)**
- 3 celery stalks; sliced into 1/4-inch pieces**
- 3 cloves garlic; peeled and minced**
- 2 (14.5 oz.) cans diced tomatoes, including juice**
- 4 cups vegetable or chicken stock**
- 1 cup lentils (brown or green)**
- 1/4 teaspoon salt**
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper**
- 1 teaspoon dried basil**
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano**
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme**
- 2 cups fresh spinach**
- 1 zucchini; diced into 1/4-inch pieces**
- Parmesan cheese for topping**

Heat olive oil in a large pot over medium-high heat. Add onion, carrots, celery and garlic and cook until vegetables are slightly tender, about 10 minutes.

Add canned tomatoes, lentils, vegetable or chick-

en stock, salt, pepper, basil, oregano, thyme and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium-low, cover and simmer for 30 minutes. Make sure to stir occasionally.

Add the zucchini and spinach and cook an additional 10 minutes, until zucchini has softened and spinach has wilted. Top with parmesan cheese and serve with bread! Enjoy!

CHEF BIO

KATHRYN DONANGELO has built her modern-day culinary career on a foundation deeply rooted in the past.

She said, "I was raised in an Italian family so I grew up around a lot of food and being in the kitchen often. I have learned many things in the kitchen from my Italian Nana and Dad." Dad is Dominic Mercurio, who owns Café Fina and Domenico's on the Wharf.

Donangelo, who has a degree in business marketing from Fresno State, began a kitchen blog six years ago (kathrynskitchenblog.com).



Kathryn Donangelo

She says she strives for healthy, simple "go-to recipes that anyone can make." The website is searchable by dish or ingredient, making it easy to find new favorites with whatever you have on hand.

She posts recipes weekly and does her own food styling and photography. Her blog has attracted attention from food companies like Duncan Hines, McCormick Spice and Foster Farms, and grocery re-

tailers including Safeway, Target and WalMart. Donangelo creates recipes to use with their products.

For your own kitchen, there's crockpot spaghetti squash, step-by-step instructions for making a California roll, and olive-and-herb focaccia, to name just a few. If you have a sweet tooth, Donangelo has recipes for thin mint chocolate cookies and homemade Pop-Tarts, too.



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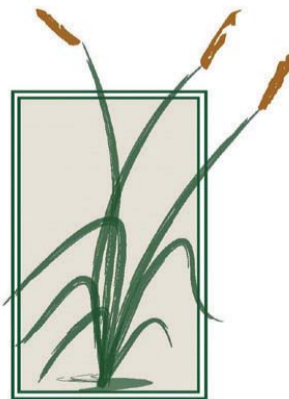
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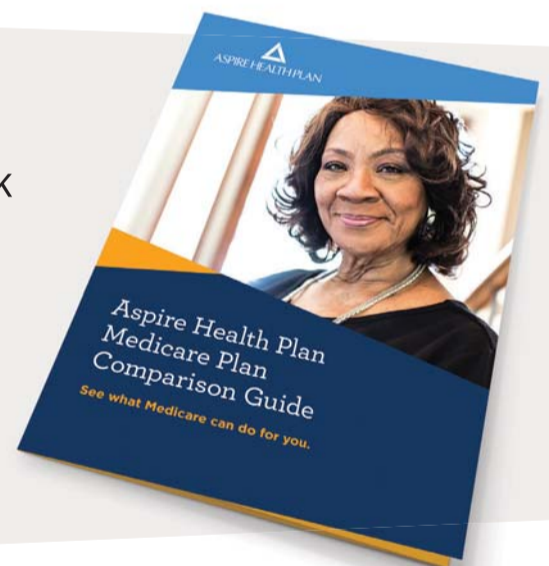


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on my way" button to reserve a place in line before heading to the office, or just walk in.

Don't wait

Once someone arrives at a clinic, they're met by what Stegge called "a clinical concierge" — a medical assistant, licensed vocational nurse or radiology technician — who finds out why they're there, takes vital signs and a medical history, and figures out how the visit will be paid for.

X-rays and some prescription drugs are available on site, and at the end of the visit, the original concierge returns to help with discharge instructions and any necessary referrals.

Stegge encourages people who have had an injury or who aren't feeling well to come in for help quickly. "Don't wait. That reduces the number of treatment options you have available," he advised. He explained that, for example, if someone breaks a bone and postpones treatment, it will start to heal on its own — and probably not in a good way. Cuts and scrapes can also lead to infections.



Chris Stegge is the chief operating officer for Montage's MoGo Urgent Care centers. Although they haven't been open long, they've seen the collateral damage from the shutdown — kitchen and other DIY injuries among them.

The same is true for common illnesses and allergies. Stegge said that if you're bothered by a cough from seasonal allergies or a sinus infection, "Please come in and be seen."

"If a patient thinks they have a cold but the provider suspects Covid, the provider will discuss why they suspect something besides a cold, and discuss any testing options if applicable," Stegge said, likening it to what happens when someone comes in with a sore throat and a doctor recommends a strep test.

Calling 911

The employees at each location determine whether people wait their turns in a lobby or in their cars, based on how many folks are there and why. For instance, a person with a fever might be asked to wait in their vehicle. Stegge said if you bring family or friends, they will be asked not to come inside — although "caregivers are always welcome."

He added that if a person is having chest pains or other serious issues, it's best to call 911 immediately. "The important part is to not wait to seek treatment and to not drive oneself if having chest pains," Stegge said, since ambulances are equipped to handle anything that happens en route to the emergency department. He added, however, "Having a friend or spouse drive is better than not seeking treatment or delaying care."

Be careful out there. Pay attention to what you're doing, go slowly and don't try to recapture your youth from 10 feet up an oak tree. And if you do get hurt, remember that it's better to get checked out immediately.



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HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

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interview, and letting her know there was a furnished unit there that she could use.

Over the weekend, she and her sister got her things moved into a storage facility and on Monday, Goff came to stay. She was asked to isolate herself for two weeks, and that time was extended by two additional weeks when her furniture and belongings were moved into her new home. But she had no complaints.

"They are being so careful and I don't want to compromise that," she said. Ironically, Goff hadn't been able to see her daughter, but was planning a visit in which they'd meet on opposite sides of a large window in the main lobby with their cell phones.

Feeding the soul

Residents have been enjoying exercise classes five days a week via Zoom, and also reported that the grounds were beautiful, and there was plenty of room to get outside and go for walks and visit with each other at a distance. A small herd of deer has moved into the area, delighting people with up-close views of young fawns.

Some of the musicians in the group have been performing via Zoom, and the facility purchased as many iPads as it could find and installed FaceTime on them so residents could see and talk with their families. Some are saying they're having more contact than before with loved ones.

Transparency

Perhaps most noteworthy, however, is the level of communication at Canterbury Woods. The state requires all such facilities to share information about virus prevention and possible exposures with residents, but anyone who's ever tried to get the right details to the right people in a crisis knows just how challenging that can be.

The residents The Pine Cone interviewed all knew the rules for stopping or slowing the virus' spread and were well informed about three staff members (out of 125) who had reported exposure to the virus and recovered from mild cases without requiring hospitalization, plus one who recently came back positive for Covid-19 on a now-routine monthly blood test.

Only that last staff member — a housekeeper — had contact with residents and those seven people are completing 14 days of quarantine. Residents ex-

pressed as much concern for the employees' health as they have for their own, and said they were happy that management was ensuring employees had full pay when they took time off. Abare said she routinely fields inquiries about how staff members are doing.

'We're all family'

Marty Chappell's mother, Rowena (known to friends as Rene), has lived there for three years. Marty lives nearby and has been impressed with the measures taken to protect her health. "They immediately limited or stopped all people not living there from coming in. You couldn't even get into the building," he said.

He added, "They've been really good and transparent about everything." Chappell said he'd be suspicious if there were no reports of employees being exposed to the virus. "That's when things start getting fishy — or smelly," he said, wondering how any place with that many people could completely avoid exposure.

Radovich said, "This is an unusual place. We are family and this place has a soul. We do all communicate. Nobody has any secrets — we all want to be OK."



(Left to right) Bruce Obbink is impressed with how well Canterbury Woods has taken care of him and the other residents there. Rene Chappell and her son, Marty (not pictured) — who lives near Canterbury Woods' P.G. facility — are especially pleased with the facility's transparency in communicating when employees were off work because of Covid. Pat Radovich, who moved here from Santa Maria last year, said she loves the sense of community she's enjoyed since becoming part of Canterbury Woods. Katie Goff accelerated her move to Pacific Grove because of the impending pandemic, and said she's glad she made that decision.

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Baker's Bacon outpost, sushi in the Village, and pizza nights galore

AFTER YEARS of distributing his popular Baker's Bacon through local markets, selling it to restaurants across the country, and sharing it with fans at numerous charitable food-and-wine events in the Monterey Peninsula and beyond, chef Tony Baker has opened his own shop

called Llano Seco.

The new store offers charcuterie from other highly regarded producers such as Fra' Mani and Hudson Valley, Jersey cream butter, and a number of gift items, like Baker's favorite kitchen knives, spices, salts, mustard and other condiments.

"My daughter, Anika, helped with some cool Baker's Bacon branded garments," he added.

Baker said he's hoping sales online and at the store through the fall and winter holidays will be strong enough to offset the losses he's had on the foodservice and wholesale side.

"Eventually, we will come out of this stronger than ever," he said. "We are looking forward to that, and for now, we are just working very hard and offering the best possible food ingredients to the community."

The new Baker's Bacon Company Store is located at 445 Reservation Road in Marina and is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Visit bakersbacon.com for more information.

■ Mika Sushi opens in Village

Carmel Valley Village finally has a sushi restaurant. Mika Sushi celebrated its grand opening Sept. 18 and is now serving lunch and dinner from an extensive menu of maki, nigiri, sashimi and "Deviations," which are combinations of fish and a few other ingredients served in pairs, similar to nigiri. For example, the Bixby Creek features salmon, prawn and lemon over tiny tobiko (fish roe).

Hot options, good music

Hot items include various noodle dishes, teriyaki, grilled fish and other cooked items, and appetizers feature the traditional seaweed salad, miso soup and tempura, along with several additional options.

Musicians organized by local singer and promoter Kiki Wow are performing live every evening in the courtyard at the new restaurant, which is located at 9 Del Fino Place in

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Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

in the building on Reservation Road that houses his production facility and offices.

Baker said he decided to launch the store now, in the middle of a pandemic, to draw new supporters and keep his business alive.

"With Covid, our food service sales came to an abrupt halt," he said, and many of his restaurant clients, especially those in large cities like New York and Chicago, have gone out of business.

"We took a hard look at the future, and it was apparent that if we wanted to continue, then we needed to diversify," he told *The Pine Cone* this week. "So, direct-to-consumer sales is where we needed to be, starting with our small store," to be complemented by "rapid growth of our online presence with custom packaging and various partnerships."

'Guest bacons'

The new shop is a "bacon-focused butcher shop" with all of the Baker's Bacon offerings, he said, "plus some guest bacons that I feel offer something unique and special."

He also plans to carry a small selection of Niman Ranch natural prime beef, pasture-raised air-chilled chicken, and fresh pork from a company



Chef Tony Baker (right) is taking his Baker's Bacon to the next level with the opening of a retail shop (above) on Reservation Road in Marina. Open Monday through Friday, the store carries not only his several different styles of bacon, but choice meats and other top-shelf ingredients, and a selection of gifts.



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the space Plaza Linda occupied for many years. Information is apparently only available by becoming friends with “MikaSushi CarmelValley” on Facebook, as the restaurant has no website and no public page on social media. Call (831) 652-3069 for information and reservations or to-go orders.

Trailside Oktoberfest

A few doors away on Del Fino Place at the Trailside Café, owner Sean Allen will kick off Oktoberfest Sept. 27 with live music in the Beergarden from 3 to 6 p.m. A special menu of German fare and beers will also be available through Oct. 11.

The Trailside’s signature chicken schnitzel, “The Wurst” platter with bratwurst and Corralitos Cheesy Bavarian sausages and kraut, a new large Bavarian-style pretzel with Emmentaler sauce and other Oktoberfest-worthy dishes will be available daily, as will 29 German and German-style beers on draft and in bottle. Commemorative liter mugs are available and can be refilled with a discount.

“We have many outdoor tables on our front patio and in the Beergarden to enjoy the Carmel Valley fresh air and sunshine,” Allen said. “Prost!”

Reservations are recommended, especially for the Sept. 27 event by calling (831) 298-7453. For more information, go to trailsidecafev.com.

Friday pizza and wine

Dawn’s Dream, owned by Carmel Valley resident Dawn Galante, is now offering Friday Nights Pizza & Flights in the tasting

room on the northwest corner of San Carlos and Seventh every Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. Rich Pepe’s Vesuvio restaurant is providing the pizzas, while Dawn’s Dream is providing the chardonnay, pinot noir, rosé and other wines to match.

Among the available pizzas are classic Margherita with tomato and mozzarella, Diavola with spicy soppressata salami, Pepperoni Americano, Tartufo Bianco, Abbruzzese (mozzarella, goat cheese, pesto and tomatoes) and San Vito, which features spicy sausage and peppers.

Galante said she’s also extending the tasting room hours to 9 p.m. — but only on Fridays — to ensure everyone gets plenty of pizza and wine as they kick off their weekends right.

For more information, visit dawnsdreamwinery.com.



PigWizard pizzas (above) will be available for just a couple of hours Sept. 25, and must be ordered in advance online. And the owners of the new Tira Nanza (formerly Galante) winery in Cachagua invited firefighters (right) and their other neighbors to a party and produce giveaway Sunday.

PigWizard pizza night

PigWizard, the deli located near the Coast Guard pier in Monterey that specializes in sausage and all other things pork related, is offering various pizzas to go Friday, Sept. 25, from 5 to 7 p.m., available only through advance online ordering at pigwizard.com.

Flavors include carbonara (pancetta, roasted spaghetti squash, black pepper aioli and pecorino), BLAT (ground bacon, avocado, tomatoes and tomato sauce, topped with romaine lettuce tossed with garlic lemon aioli), wild mushroom and spinach (with an optional add-on of Monterey Bay smoked salmon), and Sicilian sausage and broccolini. Each pizza costs \$21.

“Pizzas are rectangular (because of our oven) and equivalent to a 12-

inch round in size, so they serve one to two people,” explained owner Jonathan Roberts. Customers can also order beer, sodas, packaged sausages and bacon, and sides — but no other hot food — for pickup alongside their pizzas. The patio will be open, too, for those who’d like to stay and enjoy their pizza and beer by the bay.

“Pandemic Hours” for takeout and patio seating at PigWizard are Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (831) 641-7316 for more information.

Grasing’s wine dinner

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Oct. 1 – Community Night with the Library program, “Morality of the Moment”, 7 p.m. Online. Register on our website: www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org. Join Rob Reich, professor of Political Science at Stanford University, speak about the convergence of a global pandemic, social unrest, a fragile democracy & accelerating climate change. Hosted by the Carmel Public

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Oct. 1 – Carmel Residents Association welcomes the public to 2020 Virtual Candidates Forum via Zoom at 7 p.m. Hear directly from the Carmel Mayoral and Council Candidates on topics involving our Village, prior to your November Voting. Go to www.carmelresidents.org home page for Zoom login details. Email your questions in advance to info@carmelresidents.org.

Oct. 1-Dec. 3 – Women in the Word is conducting a **Christian Bible study** on “Prayers of the Old Testament” LifeGuide Study Series, Thursdays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Zoom. Women of all ages and denominations, from any town or church, with any level of biblical knowledge, are invited! Contact Paige Roetter at paigeroetter@pjdesign.com or (831) 625-0480.

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featuring the wines of Napa-based Alpha Omega and the culinary creations of chef/owner Kurt Grasing and his crew in the kitchen, Sept. 28, with seatings available every 30 minutes between 5:30 and 8 p.m.

Diners gathering in groups of no more than four will be placed at tables throughout the restaurant's outdoor seating areas to enjoy a menu of scallop carpaccio, grilled octo-

pus, and prime beef duet, with fig crème brûlée for dessert. Alpha Omega, which was started in 2006 by Tolosa winery founder and grape grower Robin Baggett and his wife, Michelle, produces high-end cabernet sauvignon, merlot, chardonnay and rosé (which sells for an impressively priced \$80 per bottle).

Wine director Eric Ewers and a representative from Alpha Omega will stop at each table to visit with their guests and share information about the wines throughout the four-course affair, allowing customers "an opportunity to

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Grasing's restaurant will offer a four-course dinner Sept. 28, with a custom menu by chef Kurt Grasing paired with the impressive wines of Napa-based Alpha Omega.

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 County of Filing: Monterey
 Date of Original Filing: Oct. 27, 2015
 File No.: 20152155
 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **BLANKETS-BY-THE-BAY, 1265 Seaview Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.**
 Name of Registered Owner(s): JASNA NORRIS, 1265 Seaview Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA 93950
 County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey
 This business is conducted by an individual.
 S/Jasna Norris
 Sept. 9, 2020

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 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 9, 2020.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
 Publication dates: Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 2020. (PC927)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
 Case No. 20CV002442
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, **RUSS LYMAN ABERNATHY** aka **RUSSELL LYMAN KELLY**, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name: RUSSELL LYMAN ABERNATHY aka RUSSELL LYMAN KELLY
Proposed name: RUSSELL LYMAN ABERNATHY

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must

appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING:
 DATE: November 13, 2020
 TIME: 9:00 a.m.
 DEPT: 14
 The address of the court is 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.
 (s) Lydia M. Villarreal
 Judge of the Superior Court
 Date filed: Sept. 14, 2020
 Publication dates: Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 2020. (PC928)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20201557
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **BIG LITTLE BOXES, San Carlos St. between Ocean & 7th, Carmel by the Sea, CA 93921.**
Mailing address: P.O. Box 2018, Carmel by the Sea, CA 93921.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
 Registered Owner(s): LINDA SUSAN PERSALL, 2 CRAMDEN DRIVE, MONTEREY, CA 93940
 This business is conducted by an individual.
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
 S/Linda Susan Persall
 Sept. 4, 2020

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 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 4, 2020.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law

(See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code)
 Publication dates: Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 2020. (PC929)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20201466
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **DIRTY GIRL PLANT CO., 1130 Fremont Blvd. #105-275, Seaside, CA 93955.**
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
 Registered Owner(s): KIMBERLY SARA FRANCES MOZAL
 This business is conducted by an individual.
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 24, 2020.
 S/Kimberly Sara Frances Mozal
 Aug. 24, 2020

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 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 24, 2020.

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 Publication dates: Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 2020. (PC930)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20201644
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **WYATTS GYM, 711 Bandholtz Ct., Marina, CA 93933.**
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
 Registered Owner(s): DANIEL ANTHONY SISNEROS, 711 Bandholtz Ct., Marina, CA 93933.
 This business is conducted by an individual.
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 10, 2020.

S/Daniel Anthony Sisneros
 Sept. 16, 2020

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 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 16, 2020.

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 Publication dates: Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 2020. (PC931)

Dissolution Notice

The dissolution of the Castroville Seven General partnership located at 11503 Merritt St. in Castroville, CA 95012.

The designated partners were: Carltopassi Family Trust, Micheli Family Trust, Joyal Inc., Aladin Properties, Eiko Trapp, Mo Moshin, and David Tottino.
 Publication dates: Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 2020. (PC932)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20201556
 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Programas Solares, 217 Dunecrest Ave., Apt. 7, Monterey, CA 93940, County of Monterey.
 Registered Owner(s): LEADBOTZ, LLC, 217 Dunecrest Ave., Apt. 7, Monterey, CA 93940; CA
 This business is conducted by a limited liability company
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 01/01/2019
 S/John Montgomery, Managing Member
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on September 4, 2020
 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16/20
CNS-3392789#
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 Publication dates: Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 2020. (PC933)



PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 on or after the hour of 4:30 p.m., the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will hold a Public Hearing in the Council Chambers located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California for the following purpose:

Proposed Action: Consideration of an Appeal of a decision made by the Forest and Beach Commission of August 20, 2020 for penalties to be paid for damage to the urban forest and approval of the removal of a cypress tree.

Parcel Description: Guadalupe 4 NE of Third Avenue (APN: 010-022-013-000)

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

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

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

Britt Avrit, MMC
 City Clerk

Please direct questions about this item to:
 Robert Harary, Public Works Director
 Public Works Department
rharary@ci.carmel.ca.us or 831-620-2021

Publish Date: September 25, 2020 - The Pine Cone
 Publication dates: Sept. 25, 2020 (PC935)

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Montrio locals' discount

Monterey County residents now get next-level treatment at Montrio Bistro on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, when they receive a 25 percent discount on food, along with specially themed cocktails for \$11 each, while dining in the downtown Monterey restaurant's outdoor patio. All they need to do is show a Monterey County ID. The discounts will run through Halloween.

Montrio is located at 414 Calle Principal and is open daily from 4:30 p.m. on-

ward, with takeout available between 5 and 9 p.m. For reservations and information, call (831) 648-8880 or visit montrio.com.

Everyone's Harvest hiring

Everyone's Harvest, the nonprofit that runs farmers markets in Pacific Grove, Marina and Salinas, is looking for a new assistant office and program manager “to join a great team and help connect local farmers and healthy food with the people in our community who need it most.”

The full-time hourly job calls for helping the executive director in his efforts “to lead, manage, and hold accountable market and program staff to ensure programs and farmers markets achieve mission impact,” as well as running the office, which calls for overseeing grant and program reporting, and handling accounting and book-keeping, including paying bills and producing invoices.

Ideal candidates are “responsible, reliable and detail-oriented,” proficient in computers, well organized, good communicators, outgoing and personable, knowledgeable about the industry, proficient in

basic math, strong enough to lift 50 pounds, and “hardworking and self-motivated.”

Bilingual skills in English and Spanish, experience in nonprofit finance, knowledge of nonprofit management, a college degree in a related subject, and experience with specific programs like QuickBooks, Excel and others are desired, but not required.

Anyone interested should submit a resume and cover letter to info@everyone-sharvest.org.

Tira Nanza helps

Greg Hill and Sydney Sharek, the couple who bought the former Galante ranch in Cachagua to produce their new Tira Nanza wines, held a gathering Sunday for their neighbors, Cachagua Volunteers and Cal Fire firefighters and others who helped battle the recent Carmel Fire or were affected by it.

Hill and Sharek brought Tricycle Pizza to the property to cook wood-fired pizzas

and ended up handing out some 180 of them, along with distributing 60 produce boxes, with the help of a group called All In Monterey.

“We had such an amazing turnout from our community and feel so lucky to call you our neighbors,” they posted afterward. “Thank you so much for showing up to introduce yourselves and letting us know how we can help.”

As for Hill and Sharek's plans to create and share their new Tira Nanza wines, those will be sidelined until next year, as the smoke tainted the fruit on the vines to an extent it can't be used to make wine.

“We were extremely lucky that both our house and winery buildings were spared, thanks to the hard work of the firefighters,” Sharek told The Pine Cone in early September, as she developed plans to meet her neighbors to “get a better idea of what everyone's specific needs are and be able to help out as new and committed members of the community.”

City adds more online permitting

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

WITH CITY hall closed to the public, submitting applications for remodels, tree removals and other work that requires permits could be a little challenging. But last week, the community planning and building unveiled a new e-permitting platform to make it easier for people to apply for building permits, submit planning applications for new construction and remodels, apply for permits to remove or trim trees, and request encroachments, which involve

a person or business using the public right of way on a temporary or a permanent basis.

The new system also allows applicants to upload records, design plans and renderings, and other necessary documents.

To use the new system, visit ci.carmel.ca.us and go to the community planning and building or public works page, and click on the blue “E-Permit Applications” button on the right. Anyone with questions or in need of assistance can call (831) 620-2010.

Business owners donate \$\$\$ to CHS arts

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

BUSINESSES CONTRIBUTED more than \$7,000 toward Carmel High School's art programs, with the district's board of education accepting the gifts last month. The donations included \$1,000 from Dean and Janet McAthie, who own Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Compa-

ny, up to \$4,560 from Rise+Roam Bakery and Pizzeria and owner Greg Ahn, and up to \$1,100 from new Carmel Belle owners Meghan and Logan Rasmussen.

And this month, the student-based This Club Saves Lives donated 50 noise-cancelling headphones for Captain Cooper School students to use in distance learning. The contribution was valued at \$855.



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APN: 010-038-023

Crespi Avenue, 4 SE of Mountain View — \$1,225,000

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HOME SALES

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APN: 010-032-007

24685 Camino del Monte — \$2,106,000

John and Nicole Cork to Richard Wise and Ying Li
APN: 009-081-026

3850 Via Mar Monte — \$2,455,000

Robert Bradley and Kazuko Suzuki to Nagaraj and Madhavi Nadendla
APN: 103-191-007



3057 Cormorant Road, Pebble Beach — \$4,300,000

Monte Verde, 3 NW of 13th Avenue — \$2,602,000

Rudolf Schroeter and Hylah Trust to George and Katherine Albino

APN: 010-175-023

San Antonio, SE corner of Second Avenue — \$2,900,000

Jeanne Breen and Helig Trust to Neil and Nazneen MacDougall
APN: 010-242-021

Carmelo Street, 4 NE of Santa Lucia Avenue — \$3,200,000

Carole Decker to John and Sandra Bonifas
APN: 010-284-011

2543 14th Avenue — \$3,700,000

Jennifer Breitenwischer to Caleb and Deborah Weinstein
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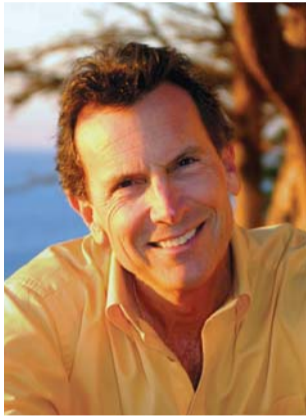
Ocean, NE corner of San Antonio — \$4,950,000

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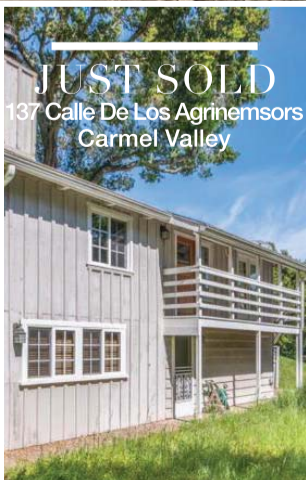
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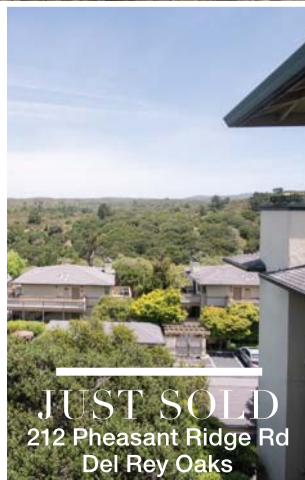
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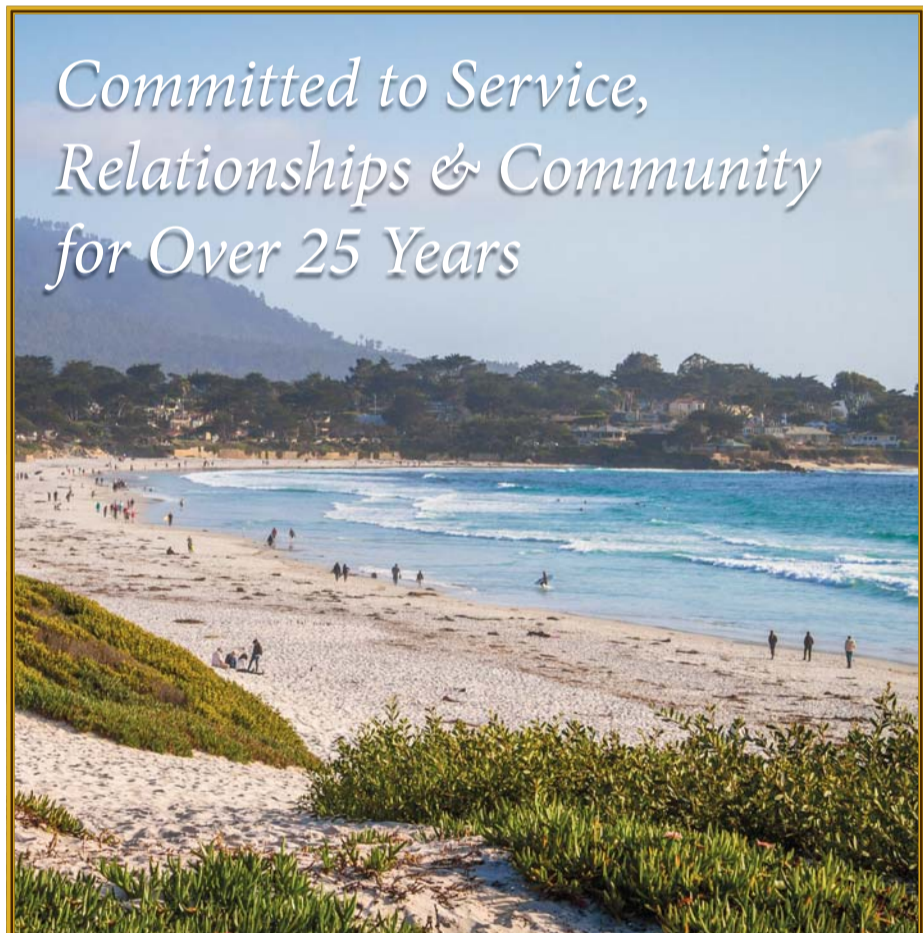
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WOW! THE things we've been through since 2020 went viral. A plague on you, 2020. The Year of the Rat: You are well named.

Here is a hodgepodge of 2020 thoughts and happenings:

I had my first Zoom medical appointment. Good news and bad news. The bad — there was no blood pressure taken and no stethoscope used. So when the doctor asked me how I was feeling, he had to take my word for it. The good news was I didn't have to step on a scale. Since he could only see me from the neck up I looked like any other toned Olympic athlete. Had it been an office visit I would had to wear pants with creases and shoes with laces. For the virtual visit I was able to dress down a bit. Had I needed to strip for an examination I was way ahead of the game. He gave me a virtual clean bill of health.

I had my first haircut in months. Prices have risen. If they charged me by the amount of hair removed, I would have really been clipped. I wore a mask during the entire shearing. I was facing the barber's mirror and kept wondering who that masked man was. It wasn't the Lone Ranger, but I had such an abundant white mane it could have been Silver.

I was dining outside with a friend at a restaurant in the Barnyard. Next to us was a young woman with an older lady who appeared to be her grandmother. The younger woman suddenly approached our table and said, "She's choking." I jumped up, wrapped my arms around the older woman and squeezed, doing my best recollection of the Heimlich maneuver. Grandma began coughing, so I knew she was getting air. Fortunately, a couple of sheriff's deputies were having lunch at a table nearby and took over. They called 911 and the EMTs who responded (quickly) took her vitals. She refused to be taken to the hospital. As they were getting ready to leave, Grandma asked me whether I was married or single. I said I was spoken for, but why did she want to know?

"Well, in the short time we've known each other," she said, looking up at me

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVAISE

adoringly, "you've become my main squeeze."

Here's a facemask dilemma to consider. You're in the produce department of a supermarket buying something that goes into one of those horrible plastic bags that dangle from rolls all over the department. An arrow on the bag points to words that read "Open Here," but opening "here" requires moistening your fingers to get some traction on the recalcitrant bag. You try to lick your fingers but your protective mask is in the way. What to do? You look around furtively, pull down the mask, wet your

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 John and Sally Katter to Donna Aldred
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 APN: 169-237-039

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 James and Linda Miller to Kathryn and Daniel Padilla



10657 Hillside Lane, Carmel Valley — \$1,664,000

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237 Del Mesa Carmel — \$599,000
 Jennifer MacLeod to Marshall and Donna Jones
 APN: 015-515-005

3600 High Meadow Drive unit 1 — \$675,000
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10657 Hillside Lane — \$1,664,000
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Eric and Jennifer Kowes to Joel and Gina Leitch
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Lorne Leibel to Ernest Lostrom
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13102 Corte de Encanto — \$1,220,000

Richard and Carol Cornelsen to Ryan Goodfellow and Tien Hsin Wu
APN: 161-562-013

1215 Aguajito Road — \$1,410,000

Ellen Dwyer to Bala Padmakumar
APN: 101-032-014

1290 Castro Road — \$1,725,000

Susan Abercrombie to Frederick Weissberg
APN: 101-042-016

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218 9th Street — \$739,000

Bill Crabtree to Ronald Prudhomme
APN: 031-255-009

392 Ocean View Court — \$755,000

Aaron Kellington to Ian Philleo
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3057 California Avenue — \$900,000

Villazzo Group LLC to Aaron Kellington
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3027 Andesite Drive — \$959,000

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270 Central Avenue, Pacific Grove — \$2,238,000

Stephen Biehle to Suzanne Kahn
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600 Mar Vista Drive — \$965,000

Frank Bruno to Gary Moon
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820 Dry Creek Road — \$1,410,000

Gary Omernick to Anthony Thomson
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Pacific Grove

522 Lighthouse Avenue — \$625,500

City of Pacific Grove to Dan Silverie
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753 Rosemont Avenue — \$1,140,000

Randall Fuller and Rebecca Soliz to Mark Wooding
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66 17 Mile Drive — \$1,395,000

Emil and Mary Font to Richard Brook and Ann Finan
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270 Central Avenue — \$2,238,000

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Pebble Beach

15 Ocean Pines Lane — \$650,000

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1074 Navarro Road — \$1,650,000



2543 14th Avenue, Carmel — \$3,700,000

Kenneth McMillen to Philip and Mary Moore
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3057 Cormorant Road — \$4,300,000

Julie Howe to Louis and Jane Amendola
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3188 17 Mile Drive — \$24,875,000

Casanova 5 SW LLC to Sunset Cove Nominee Trust
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1740 Judson Street — \$490,000

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1737 Luzern Street — \$595,000

Patrick Wade to Bryan Martin
APN: 012-771-009

1778 Fernando Street — \$599,000

Catamount Properties LLC to Abel Fernandez
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1317 Circle Avenue — \$685,000

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JERRY

From page 6RE

fingers and open the bag. Hopefully, none of Carmel's volunteer snoops who patrol the beaches are shopping at the same moment. Victory! You've filled the bag and avoided being put in stocks.

Here's another minor pandemic dilemma. You're happy that many local restaurants are open for outdoor dining and

have expanded their ability to serve their clientele by offering curbside meals. The dilemma is the diners filling up the parking lanes. There is no place to park for people driving into town to eat. A solution is proffered here, so take note, city council members. Put the people in the parking lanes and put the cars in the restaurants. Many establishments are virtually empty, with tables and chairs pushed to the side. Surely many restaurants can accommodate two or three cars. No worries about getting your parking validated.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was a woman I admired, although I rarely agreed with her decisions. I understood that our brains were separated by more than six degrees of intelligence. She was a class act. I liked how she honored the tradition of stylish British jurisprudence by wearing a Jabot, as did one of her predecessors, Sandra Day O'Connor. I would like to see the other female members of the high court honor RGB's memory by adopting that elegant throwback that lends a bit of chic to the Supremes.

Pasta with red sauce, shrimp fettuccine, orchestral suites by Art Toscanini, The magic of baseball that came every spring, These are a few of my favorite things. When the stores close, and my fear grows, and I'm feeling sad. I simply remember it's time for my wine and then I don't f-e-e-l so b-a-a-a-d.

Contact Jerry at jerrygervase@yahoo.com.

POLICE LOG

From page 4A

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Hit-and-run collision with a parked vehicle on Monte Verde south of Fourth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 46-year-old homeless man singing and walking into traffic at Monte Verde and Fourth was arrested for public intoxication and transported to county jail.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Two sisters on San Antonio south of 12th were involved in a physical altercation. No injuries and no prosecution desired.

Pacific Grove: Dispatched to a vehicle tampering in progress on Jewell.

Pacific Grove: A bike was found on Congress. Bike held for safekeeping as owner is unknown.

Pacific Grove: A wallet was found on Lighthouse and was turned in. A message was left for the owner.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a report of threats on Walden Road which was later deemed unfounded and discovered to be a civil dispute.

Carmel Valley: Deputies were dispatched to a medical incident at a residence on Robinson Canyon Road.

Big Sur: Deputies investigated a suspi-

cious incident on Highway 1.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle left illegally parked on Junipero at Ocean with no plates and the VIN covered. Registered owner was later arrested, cited and released on an outstanding warrant.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of lost AirPods.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of an intoxicated male causing a disturbance with his family members at his house on Santa Rita south of Third. The male was, upon contact, irrational, intoxicated, uncooperative and beligerent.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject was contacted after it was reported he was sleeping in front of a residence on private property on Fifth west of Junipero. A records check of the subject revealed he had a traffic warrant out of Monterey County. Subject was issued a citation with a new court date. Subject was also trespassed from the private property he was found sleeping at.

Pacific Grove: Subject contacted on Ocean View Boulevard at 0034 hours for violation of the Pacific Grove Municipal Code. Determined to have a warrant. Cited.

Pacific Grove: Fall on public property on 17th Street.

Pacific Grove: A phone found in Berwick Park was turned in.

Carmel area: A male was issued a cita-

tion for reckless driving in the area of Highway 1 and Carmel Valley Road.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Carmel-by-the-Sea: City tree branch fell on a vehicle at Fourth and Mission. Forestry arrived.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Sleeping bag and backpack found near a bank on San Carlos.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a non-injury accident at San Antonio and Ocean.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Debit card found on Ocean.

Pacific Grove: Peace disturbance resulted in the arrest of a 57-year-old male on Asilomar Avenue at 0335 hours for a warrant out of Los Angeles. Transported to county jail.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle towed from David Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Welfare check.

Pebble Beach: Burglary on Sonado Road.

Carmel area: A 29-year-old female was arrested at the Crossroads for shoplifting at the Safeway and for outstanding warrants.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Carmel Valley: Report that at 0216 hours a subject on Del Fino Place hit a victim three times with a bat, causing injury to the victim's ear and left knee. Subject was also in possession of a gun.

Carmel Valley: Female on Carmel Valley Road reported a sexual assault.

Carmel Valley: Female on Carmel Valley Road threatened to kill another female, attempted to break into her vehicle and broke the vehicle's mirror, then obstructed the investigation and resisted arrest. The 40-year-old female was arrested.

Carmel Valley: Fraud reported on Carmel Valley Road.

Carmel area: Deceased person at a residence on Mentone Road.

Carmel area: Person turned in a wallet he found on Highway 1. Case continues.

Pacific Grove: Family called with concerns of a possibly suicidal subject believed to have a gun. Assisted by Peninsula Crisis Negotiation Team. Subject placed on emergency commitment.

Pacific Grove: Verbal dispute between family members on Alder Street.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Road rage incident at Highway 1 and Rio Road. Drivers entered city around 0742 hours. The first party drove into CPD's rear parking lot and the second party fled the scene. There was no description of the second driver or vehicle license information.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Burglary reported at construction site on Torres north of Sixth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Wallet found at Mission and Fifth. Owner was left a voicemail.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Trespass advisement at Junipero and Fourth.

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