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## Home plans OK'd after applicant takes thrashing

By MARY SCHLEY

THE SANTA Rita Street property owner who was fined more than \$50,000 in January for damaging trees during excavation of her lot had to go back to the planning commission this week for another look at her building plans, which essentially remain unchanged from the version approved by commissioners last year.

The commission again OK'd owner Connie Mei's proposed house at their Nov. 10 meeting, but not before her neighbors and the chair of the commission excoriated her for the damage, and some accused her of killing the trees — a 32-inch-diameter Monterey pine, a 34-inch-diameter Monterey cypress, and a 4-foot-diameter Monterey pine — on purpose. Commissioners also decided to require Mei, who was working on the project as owner-builder, to hire a local licensed general contractor instead.

### 'No sympathy'

"There's no sympathy here. This was just gross negligence, and it required a monetary penalty — a big one," chairman Michael LePage commented. "This just can't happen, and if it does happen, you're going to pay a big price. At the very least, the applicant has forfeited her right to act as owner-builder. There needs to be a qualified local contractor who takes over this project."

In June 2019, the planning commission approved Mei's plans for a two-story, 1,800-square-foot home on a vacant lot on Santa Rita south of Fifth. The property had four pines, three cypress and an oak, none of which was slated for removal to make way for the house, and the conditions

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PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Work was stopped on this lot for more than a year after a construction crew killed three large trees. The owner was fined and had to get her building plans approved again.

## Marina leery of Cal Am's retooled desal proposal

By KELLY NIX

CAL AM announced last week it had offered the City of Marina several concessions in exchange for letting wells and other infrastructure for the company's proposed desalination plant be built within the city limits.

But comments from Marina's mayor and a council member suggest the city has no interest in allowing the current desal project to be built — no matter what the benefits to the city may be.

Marina's opposition to California American Water's desal project led the state's coastal commission to recommend in August, for the second time, that it not be approved. But last week, Cal Am announced it had refiled its desal application with the coastal agency, with some changes, and reached out to Marina to "find ways to make the city more comfortable" with the desal plant.

As originally designed, the project was intended to provide water to Cal Am's Monterey Peninsula customers, not

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## Commission decides 7D's dining tent can stay

By MARY SCHLEY

THE TENT installed in the Seventh & Dolores Steakhouse parking lot a couple of months ago can stay, the planning commission decided Tuesday night, but only if owner Greg Ahn gives the city a layout drafted by an architect proving the tables are actually spaced far enough apart to comply with state guidelines meant to slow the spread of coronavirus.



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

The large tent helping to shield diners at 7D steakhouse from the elements can stay, according to the planning commission, as long as the tables are far enough apart.

In September, acting planning director Marnie Waffle said, her department approved the tent for three weeks, "after which time it was anticipated indoor dining would be able to resume in a limited capacity and the tent would be removed."

That, of course, has not happened, and is an increasingly remote possibility, now that daily numbers of coronavirus infections have been surging in some parts of the county — though not in town. Ahn asked for permission to keep the tent for another six months or until indoor capacity reaches 100 percent — a distant goal under the state's shutdown scheme.

### Lit and heated

The heavy-duty white vinyl tent is 50 by 80 feet and 18 feet tall, and can accommodate 62 diners while maintaining social distancing, according to Waffle, compared to the restaurant's usual maximum capacity of 140. Its outdoor patio contains another 42 seats, and Ahn has also applied for a permit to put tables in two parking spaces in front of the restaurant on Dolores Street.

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## RESTAURANTS FACING MORE JOB LOSSES DURING WINTER

### Coronavirus infections surge

By KELLY NIX

NEW coronavirus cases in Monterey County have increased sharply over the past two weeks, preventing the county from being able to move into a less restrictive business tier anytime soon — just as restaurants on the Monterey Peninsula face the grim prospect of fewer diners because of colder and wetter winter weather.

Monterey County is still in the most restrictive Purple Tier, which means many children can't go back to in-class learning — even on a limited basis — and restaurants can't host patrons indoors. On Tuesday, the county moved backward when the state Department of Public Health raised its coronavirus score to 10.0, away from the 7.0 figure

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## Feds open Big Sur restrooms to public

By CHRIS COUNTS

THEY MIGHT not be the new restrooms that everybody says are badly needed down the coast, but they could be a first step in solving a noxious and unsightly problem in Big Sur that only threatens to get worse.

During last Friday's Big Sur Multi-Agency Council meeting, the top regional United States Forest Service official, Tim Short, told those following the meeting that a pair of day-use parks along the south Big Sur coast — Mill Creek and Willow Creek — will now share their restrooms with anyone who wants to stop and use them. The move

See **RESTROOMS** page 26A

## Scenic attacker to face jury trial next spring

By MARY SCHLEY

ISAAC GARCIA, the 21-year-old Salinas man jailed since May on charges he brutally raped and attempted to kill a woman in the driveway of her vacation home on 13th near Scenic, waived his right to a preliminary hearing in September and is now set to face a jury in March.

The attack occurred May 4 shortly after 6:30 a.m., when Garcia, who police have said is affiliated with a gang, allegedly approached the 61-year-old woman while she was loading items into a car. He pinned her against the vehicle and beat her until she fell to the ground, where he continued to hit her and raped her. Witnesses told officers they saw him walking to his car and then heard the woman's cries for help. She was taken to Community Hospital.

The bystanders described the attacker and his car, and a traffic camera on Rio Road showed he drove into town

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## Forever remembered



Loved by many and highly accomplished in the world of horticulture, the late Shirley Meneice will be honored with a plaque in the Harrison Memorial library garden, where she shared her wisdom and skill as a longtime member of the garden club. See the story on page 9A.



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# Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

## Canine compound

THEY WEREN'T trying to collect four dogs, but if they had their way, they'd definitely adopt a few more. The dogs belong to identical twin sisters who live in the guest and main houses on a property just north of Ocean, along Highway 1. But as far as the dogs are concerned, they all live together.

It all began with Snow Bear, a bichon frise, acquired by one twin, as a puppy. Sixteen years later, he's the grand master of the menagerie.

The other twin had William, a slow-moving yellow Lab, who often fell asleep standing up. His person had his heart checked regularly, and it seemed fine, until it wasn't. After William died at 8, his person brought home Miley, reportedly a poodle pup, but the veterinarian said, "This is no poodle," so maybe she's a mix.

"When my sister got Miley, she was so small, she looked like a Guinea pig," her twin said. "She had a hard time bonding with the little dog. I think she just wasn't ready after losing William. So my sister got on a waiting list for another Lab."

A few months later, Emily came home, a 4-month-old white Lab, ironically, with a heart defect, which has never become an issue for the now



12-year-old grand dame.

Miley, also 12, has become the compound's clown, character and queen, and is beloved by all.

As the three dogs reached their senior years, the twins decided they needed a youngster, which led them to Paisley, a Cavalier King Charles spaniel-poodle mix, now 3.

While they all live as one big family, each dog is quite capable of telling the twins apart. Emily, Miley and Paisley sleep with one sister, and Snow Bear sleeps with the other, but they spend their days together in the shared backyard.

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# Commission clears way for rehab of Mission museum, courtyard

By MARY SCHLEY

**SEISMIC REINFORCEMENT** of Carmel Mission's Harry Downie Museum, new restrooms and an overhaul of the courtyard in front of the Basilica received approval from the planning commission Tuesday.

The work is part of a second phase of restoration of the Mission, which was founded by Junipero Serra in 1771 and is one of California's most historic properties. The first phase approved in 2010 included the seismic retrofit of the Basilica, new electrical and plumbing, and other vital infrastructure work, and was completed in 2013.

Phase 2 was approved by the city in 2015, and while certain aspects were finished, including redoing the Mission's large quadrangle courtyard and fountain, others, including new restrooms and the seismic retrofit of the Sir Harry Downie Museum, were set aside due to lack of funds, and their permits expired.

## 'A grand vision'

"In 2015, we had a grand vision of what we wanted to do with the Mission," architect Brett Brenkwitz told commissioners at their Nov. 10 meeting. "Some things happened, and some things didn't."

Now, he said, the main priority is the seismic retrofit of the museum building, which was commissioned by Father Ramon Mestres in 1919, completed in 1921 and used as quarters for visiting priests until it was dedicated in 1980 as the Sir Harry Downie Museum, in honor of the Mission's original restorer.

"It's very susceptible to seismic activity," he said. Shoring it up will follow the same method used to reinforce the Basilica, namely, removing the roof tiles, drilling down through the 2-foot-thick adobe walls, and inserting steel rods and epoxy to essentially knit the bricks together.

"It does not bring it up to today's standards, but it significantly enhances the reinforcement," he said.

Falling and cracked plaster will be repaired, rotten and deteriorating wood timbers will be repaired or replaced, and two old restrooms will be removed to make way for more museum space. Two new, ADA-compliant, non-gender bathrooms will be constructed.



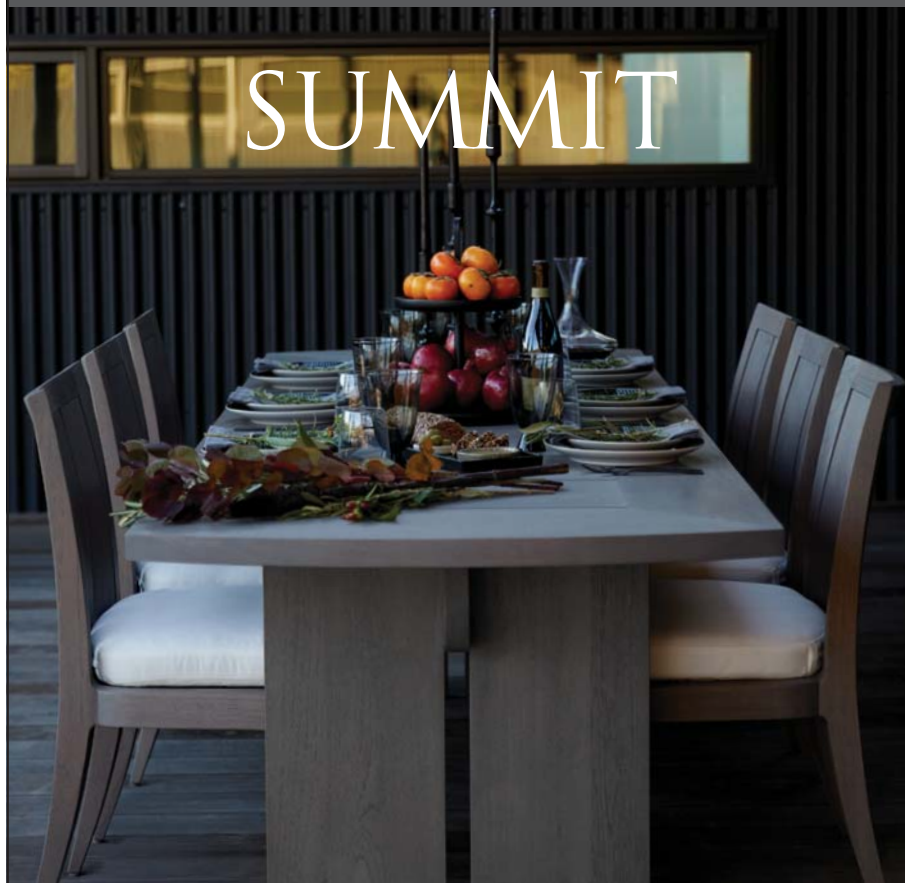
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A statue of Saint Junipero Serra in the courtyard at the Carmel Mission.

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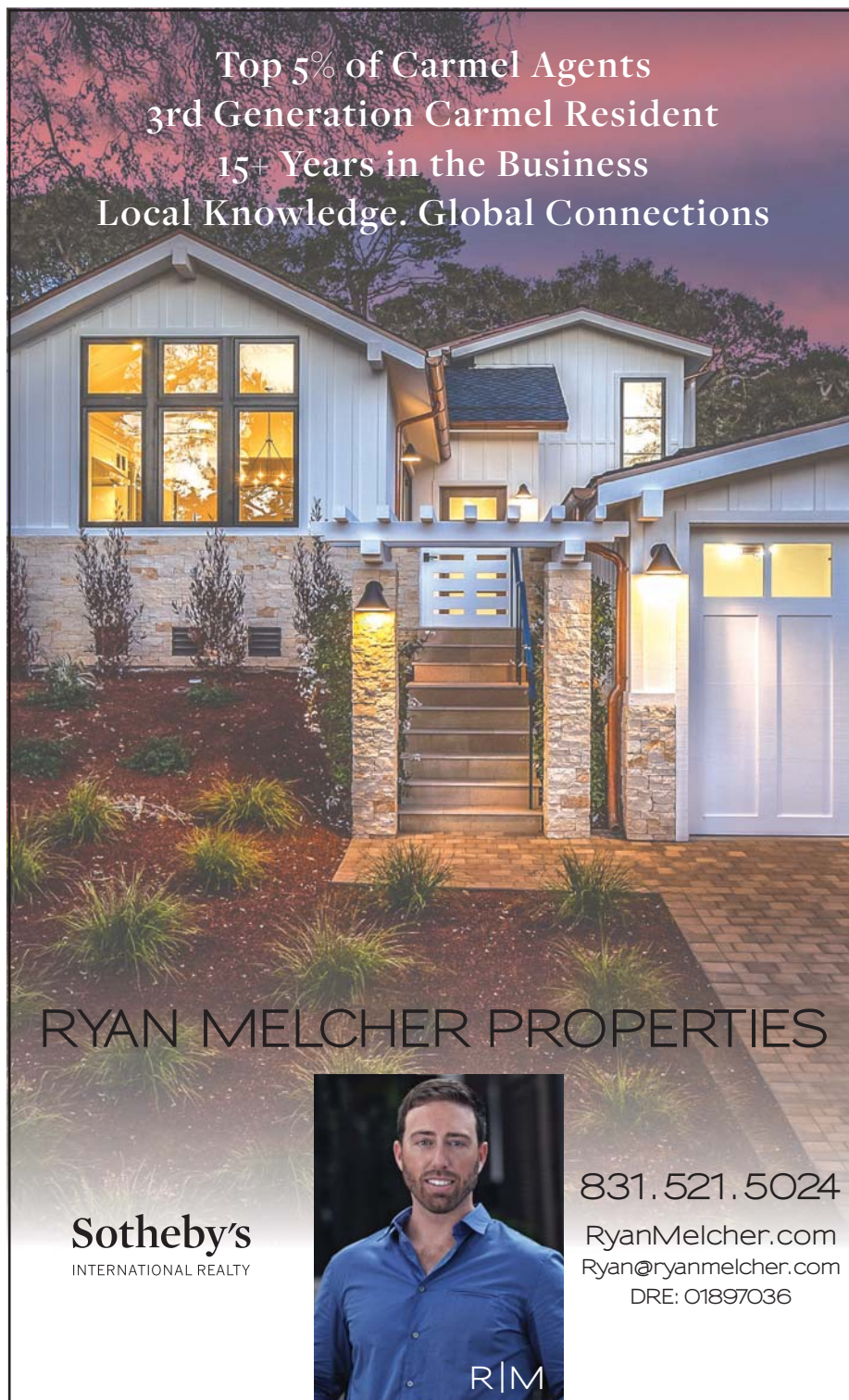
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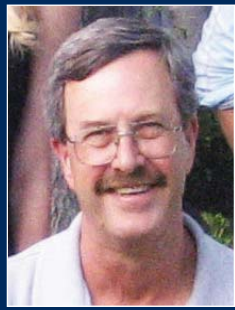


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# Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

## Driveway blocker 1, tow truck 0

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Hotel owner at Fourth and Mission requested a report for property damaged by a hotel guest. Owner needed the report to file a claim.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Vehicle owner reported the theft of multiple items from his possibly unlocked vehicle at Camino Real and 12th during a few-day period.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Business at Junipero and Fifth reported customers left the business without paying for their check. Business owner requested the incident be documented only for information purposes.

**Pacific Grove:** Report regarding a fight in public on Sunset.

**Pacific Grove:** Injury collision between a bicycle and a parked vehicle on Ocean View Boulevard.

**Pacific Grove:** Subject was arrested on Shafter at 2043 hours for disorderly conduct involving alcohol and taken to sobering center in Salinas. Subject later released in the interest of justice.

**Carmel area:** A janitor left her adult son and his friend inside a building at the Crossroads. The 21-year-old son and friend then stole items from within.

**Pebble Beach:** Burglary at a golf course on Lopez Road.

See POLICE LOG page 6RE in the Real Estate Section

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A resident captured on video a mountain lion on their house camera on Dolores Street. Appeared healthy and walking through their yard.

**Carmel area:** Vehicle burglary at Point Lobos State Reserve.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Resident reported a broken window on the back side of her home on Santa Fe south of Sixth. The window was shattered but still intact in the frame. Resident reported no obvious signs of burglary, and there were no tool/pry marks around the broken door glass. At this time, it is unknown what caused the glass to break.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Unattended cell phone found in the area of Camino Real and 12th and brought to the station pending contact with owner.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Found property at San Antonio and Ocean turned in to an officer by a citizen.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A 56-year-old unemployed female Greenbrae resident was arrested at Dolores and Sixth at 2316 hours for public intoxication and housed at county jail.

**Pacific Grove:** Solo-vehicle collision on Ocean View resulted in minor injury.



## The gavel falls

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

**Sept. 23** — Sureño gang members Sergio Rodriguez and Francisco Garcia were sentenced to multiple life sentences at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Judge Pamela L. Butler imposed a total term of 191 years to life on Francisco Garcia. His co-defendant, Sergio Rodriguez, received a sentence of 270 years to life. Both men are convicted felons and Sergio Rodriguez has a prior conviction for a strike offense.

The sentencing hearing followed a multi-week jury trial during which the jury found Garcia and Rodriguez guilty of 22 felony counts to include conspiracy to commit first degree murder with enhancements involving discharge of firearms causing great bodily injury and five counts of attempted murder, as well as shooting at an occupied vehicle - all for the benefit the Sureño criminal street gang.

The convictions stemmed from an incident on Aug. 20, 2018, when Rodriguez and Garcia stole a car and went on a "mission" with two other men into a rival gang area, looking to kill in support of the Sureño cause. Rodriguez fired multiple rounds at a moving vehicle with three victims inside. The defendants then fled the scene and attempted to carjack another resident who was driving into a local trailer park.

Rodriguez and Garcia continued on with

their "mission" by driving to an apartment building where Norteño gang members were known to reside. At that location, they fired over 11 rounds at two victims who were standing on the street. One of the victims, who is in his 20s, suffered multiple gunshot wounds and underwent successive surgeries to remove several bullets from various parts of his body. The doctors were unable to remove four bullets and the victim remains partially disabled as a result of his injuries.

Video surveillance obtained from various homes near this crime scene showed the defendants driving to and from the scene of the shooting and abandoning their stolen vehicle in another location. Rodriguez and Garcia were arrested following their identification from the surveillance videos. At the time of his arrest, Garcia was in possession of a semi-automatic firearm, which the California Department of Justice was able to connect to the second shooting.

**Sept. 25** — Robert Dee Davis, 36, of Salinas, was sentenced to 13 years and four months in state prison for two counts of first-degree residential burglary, one count of vehicle theft, and one count of grand theft. Davis, who pleaded guilty in February and admitted a prior strike conviction from a 2013 residential burglary in Santa Cruz

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# Would more staff mean fewer fires? Panetta bill would fund forest jobs

By CHRIS COUNTS

**C**HARGED WITH managing nearly 200 million acres of local public land, the United States Forest Service has long been plagued by staffing shortages, which some say have contributed to the devastating effects of recent wildfires. But staffing levels could be significantly increased if legislation introduced this week by Congressman Jimmy Panetta becomes law.

Titled the Save Our Forests Act, the bill would “authorize funding” for critical jobs in places “facing a high risk of wildfires,” which in turn, would help “mitigate wildfire risk and safeguard natural resources.”

“This year has brought with it a devastating wildfire season, impacting not just the Central Coast, but communities across the American West,” Panetta said. “These staffing shortages, compounded by substantial increases in visitation and these wildfires, have created very dangerous circumstances for some of our state’s most precious public lands.”

### Lots of local support

Sen. Bill Monning said the bill would make it possible to fill many jobs, including recreation technicians, recreation officers, and natural resource managers, “all of which will help to mitigate the current challenges experienced due to the increase in visitors to Los Padres National Forest.”

The rollout of the bill follows another season of devastating wildfires in California — in 2020 alone, more than 4 million acres have burned statewide, with more than 10,000 homes lost and 31 people killed. Locally, four fires in recent months have scorched more than 180,000 acres and destroyed 103 homes.

The bill has already been endorsed by a slew of local leaders, nonprofit heads and elected officials, including Mike Splain,

the executive director of the Ventana Wilderness Alliance, whose volunteers have made it possible for many of Big Sur’s trails to remain open — despite staffing cuts in recent years to the forest service.

“Our national forests provide wildlife habitat, healthy recreation, clean water, fresh air, and other ecosystem services of incalculable value,” Splain said. “Bringing back the workforce capacity necessary to care for them will protect our collective natural heritage — it’s good for the economy, and it’s the right thing to do.”

Fifth District Supervisor Mary Adams said recent fires have shown how necessary increased staffing is for the federal agency that manages most of Big Sur’s wildlands.

“Since I was elected to office, there have been two catastrophic fires in Los Padres National Forest and adjacent communities, resulting in hundreds of millions of dollars in damages to public and personal property,” Adams said. “Federal investment in staffing to manage the national forest could have lessened the impact. We must learn from our past missteps to take action now and provide for adequate personnel to manage our public lands.”

Nobody understands the fire risks down the coast better than Big Sur Fire Chief Matt Harris, who also backs the bill. “The Save Our Forests Act will help provide specific training and sufficient personnel to adequately manage and enforce laws on these lands, which is more important than ever before,” Harris suggested.

Butch Kronlund, executive director of the Community Association of Big Sur called the bill a “game-changer” for residents, while Neperthe restaurant general manager Kirk Gafill said it would “begin to restore the balance of resources management with fire management.” Big Sur River

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## State requires businesses to recycle more food waste and garden debris

By MARY SCHLEY

FOLLOWING ON the heels of steep rate hikes this summer, more businesses and apartment complexes may have to pay GreenWaste Recovery even more money to recycle their food and other compostable waste, according to a change in state law.

Previously, only businesses that generated a large amount of garbage — more than 4 cubic yards a week — were required to separate their food waste. At the end of the year, the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery will cut that in half, putting nearly 130 businesses and multifamily residences on notice that they might soon be paying more for garbage and recycling services.

“We have 128 businesses and multi-family complexes that are covered under this threshold,” said Agnes Martelet, the city’s environmental compliance manager. “Most businesses are already in compliance.”

### Could cost more or less

But eight restaurants and food service businesses, three multi-family complexes, four hotels and four other businesses and office buildings are “on our list of potentially non-compliant businesses,” Martelet said. “We are sending letters to those businesses and will be following up to see how we can work with everyone to meet the new requirements.”

Fees for residential and commercial garbage pickup and other services from GreenWaste rose by more than 40 percent July 1, after the city council approved the increases in June. Commercial customers, who are charged by the cubic yard and frequency of pickup, saw their bills rise from \$180 for 1 cubic yard of garbage picked up once a week to \$255.76, while the rate for 3 cubic yards picked up three times a week went from \$925.10 to \$1,314.48.

They also pay for recycling and food waste. A one-third cubic yard bin of food waste picked up once a week costs \$67.35, for instance, while the largest container, 2 yards, picked up six times a week costs \$1,414.80.

Whether the new requirement will cost the businesses more remains to be seen, according to Martelet. While food-waste composting and recycling of landscaping waste aren’t automatically included in commercial services, they are charged at a lower rate than trash collection.

“So, depending on how much food waste or green waste a business is generating, adding a food waste cart and proportionally reducing their trash collection could potentially reduce collection fees,” she said. “The GreenWaste outreach coordinators work with businesses to identify the most cost-effective options based on their service needs.”

## CRA offers presentation for Dickens fans

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

AN EDUCATOR and actor who has lived in Pacific Grove since 2013 and regularly appears in Pacific Repertory Theatre productions will portray Charles Dickens in an online presentation hosted by the Carmel Residents Association Nov. 19 at 5 p.m. “Dickens in America,” performed by Howard Burnham, will focus on the author and his visits to America in 1842 and 1867, including the triumphs and disasters. For Zoom logon information, go to [carmelresidents.org](http://carmelresidents.org).

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# EFFORT TO HELP VULNERABLE COPE WITH SHUTDOWN LEADS TO FRIENDSHIPS

By MARY SCHLEY

IN A city where it's been said that at least half of the homes are occupied only part of the time, the concept of getting to know your neighbors might be a bit foreign to many. But soon after the coronavirus epidemic shut everything down eight months ago, a group of locals launched a casual effort to reach out to others living here — especially the elderly and vulnerable — to make sure they had what they needed, and since then, more neighborhoods have come together to care for their own.

“When we started Carmel Neighbors, it was for the purpose of making sure that no one fell through the cracks during the shelter-at-home period,” said Camino Real resident Chris Campbell. “It’s been very successful — we were able to identify a number of people in particularly vulnerable categories and pair them with volunteers who are still helping with shopping and errands and other services.”

As they worked to find those who needed help, she

said, “we began to focus on the idea of organizing Carmel neighborhoods informally so that we could better look out for each other.”

The result is a program called Carmel Neighbors for Neighbors, wherein one or two residents in a neighborhood — whether that’s a natural cluster of homes or a couple-block stretch on a numbered avenue or cross street — become coordinators and reach out to others who live nearby to share contact information. That way, they can help each other during emergencies, disasters, power outages and the like — and might even become friends.

“We’re slowly getting volunteers who are interested in organizing their own neighborhoods,” said Campbell, who undertook a similar effort on her block when she and her husband, Bud Smith, moved into their home in 1992. “It’s been great. Very low-key, but we all know how to contact each other if we notice anything odd — for instance, a broken window, fallen tree or a leak in an irrigation system — and when the shelter-in-place order went into effect, I was able to right away start helping a couple across the

street who have become friends and who needed assistance with shopping.”

## Privacy protected

According to the group, Neighbors for Neighbors “works because it creates a network of communication and mutual support without invading privacy, and it lets each neighborhood naturally find what works best for the people who live there.” Some only compile contact information so neighbors can get in touch with each other when needed, and others have organized block parties and created lists indicating which residents have resources they’re willing to share, whether a generator for charging cell phones during a power outage, a chainsaw to get rid of fallen limbs, or extra blankets to help fight off the cold. Either way, only the people in the neighborhood have the contact information, not the larger Carmel Neighbors group or anyone else.

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## Welcome some of the newest members of the medical staff at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.



### Dr. Michael Gorman Primary care

Dr. Gorman is a primary care physician with Montage Medical Group in Monterey. He graduated from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City and completed his residency in family medicine at UCLA-Santa Monica Medical Center. Dr. Gorman has practiced for more than 20 years and is board-certified in family medicine. He was a residency faculty physician for 15 years in Central California before joining Montage Medical Group. He and his wife Jean, a pastor, have three children.

### Dr. R. Bryan Klassen Internal medicine

Dr. Klassen is an internal medicine specialist with Montage Medical Group in Monterey. Dr. Klassen graduated from Stanford University’s medical school and also has a doctorate in inorganic chemistry from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He completed his residency in internal medicine at St. Mary’s Medical Center in San Francisco. Before attending medical school, Dr. Klassen was a research scientist and professor of chemistry. He previously practiced as a hospitalist at UCSF Health, and was assistant program director and clinical preceptor for St. Mary’s internal medicine residency program.

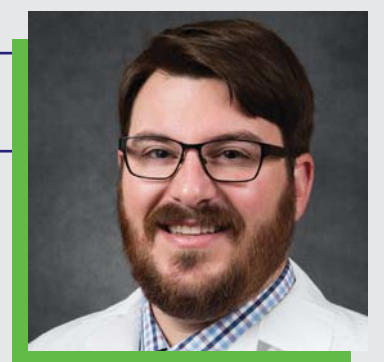


### Dr. Steven Lome Cardiology

Steven Lome, DO, RVT, joined Montage Medical Group’s cardiology team after practicing for a decade with Rush Copley and OSF Healthcare in Illinois. Dr. Lome graduated from the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in cardiovascular disease at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, Ill. He is board-certified in internal medicine, cardiovascular disease, and vascular medicine. Dr. Lome is also a registered vascular technologist. His interests include nutrition and he is the founder of Plant Based Nutrition Movement, (PBNM.org) a nonprofit organization that promotes plant-based diets, and HeartStrong.com, which promotes heart disease prevention through diet and lifestyle changes. He enjoys time with his family, running, biking, and chess.

### Dr. JP Meckel Primary care

Dr. Meckel is a board-certified family physician with Montage Medical Group in Monterey. He received his doctor of osteopathic medicine from Midwestern University in Glendale, Arizona and completed his residency in family medicine at Ventura County Medical Center in Southern California. His professional interests include in-office procedures, preventive care, and addiction medicine. Dr. Meckel enjoys spending time with his wife and their two dogs, woodworking, and hiking. He grew up in Carmel Valley and is excited to be back home to help support his community.





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## Federal judge tosses complaint over 'illegal' search of man's home

By KELLY NIX

**T**HE MAN who filed a lawsuit in federal court against the City of Monterey and four of its police officers alleging they unlawfully searched his home two years ago has agreed to dismiss the case, the city attorney said this week.

In a lawsuit filed in May, Todd Brockman said officers — responding to a call of gunfire they believed could have come from his house — knocked on his door at 1 a.m. on May 3, 2018, and went through his belongings. Brockman said he did not consent to the search.

He also argued the search was illegal under the Fourth Amendment, that officers deliberately fabricated evidence and conspired to violate his civil rights, and that the city was liable for “unconstitutional” practices.

But the case began unraveling in August when a judge granted the City of Monterey's request to toss three of Brockman's four claims.

“The city thereafter requested that Brockman dismiss his Fourth Amendment claim because the body-worn camera footage established that there could be no genuine dispute that he consented to the search of his home and property,” Monterey city attorney Christine Davi told The Pine Cone this week.

Brockman's San Jose attorney, Sarah

Marinho, did not respond to a message seeking comment, but court records show that on Oct. 5, Brockman agreed to drop the case and to not sue the city again based on the same set of facts. Monterey argued continued litigation of the case would be “frivolous, unreasonable, and groundless.”

United States District Court Northern District Judge Nathanael M. Cousins issued the dismissal order, which was signed by Marinho and an attorney representing Monterey.

### ‘Acted properly’

The city's police chief, David Hober, told The Pine Cone this week that his officers “acted in a courteous and legal manner” to address a potentially violent situation. He also said camera footage helped clear the officers.

“While I understand there are different perspectives to every situation, in this case, the body-worn camera footage left no room for doubt that Monterey Police officers acted properly,” Hober said.

Officers had responded to Brockman's house after an unidentified person called to report gunshots. The officers searched Brockman's office and bedroom and went through other things. After about 20 minutes — and statements from two tenants who lived in a guesthouse on his property that they had not heard gunfire — the police left.

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# GARDEN CLUB MAVEN TO BE MEMORIALIZED WITH PLAQUE

By MARY SCHLEY

A LONGTIME Pebble Beach resident who had such a green thumb and a passion for horticulture that a camellia and a national conference were named after her will be honored with a plaque in one of the gardens that benefited greatly from her skill and dedication. Last week, the Carmel City Council OK'd the installation of a plaque recognizing Shirley Meneice — who died in July a few days shy of her 97th birthday — in the garden at Harrison Memorial Library.

“As someone who works at the library, I’m pleased to bring this item to you,” library director Ashlee Wright said at the Nov. 3 meeting. She called the garden “the jewel of Ocean Avenue” and remarked that even during the pandemic, members of the Carmel-by-the-Sea Garden Club have worked to keep it in beautiful.

### ‘Forever eager’

The plaque, she noted, would be embedded in the stone below the benches in front of the reading room, a particularly special place for Meneice’s garden club colleagues who usually take breaks there while toiling away in the garden.

Meneice was born in St. Louis, Mo. in 1923, grew up in Illinois, attended college and worked as a journalist for Esquire magazine before moving to Pebble Beach with her husband after they both retired. She joined the Carmel-by-the-Sea Garden Club in 1986, served a term as its president, and was extremely active at local and national levels. She held leadership positions here and with the Garden Club of America and was a horticulture judge for many years.

“She was forever eager to support flower shows that raised money for the city and provided a framework to educate the public on horticulture, floral design and conservation,” Wright said in a report to the council. “In recognition of Shirley’s commitment to expanding horticulture knowledge, a national GCA Conference was begun in 2002 and called the Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference. It has been held annually at different botanical gardens across the country since then.”

Wright went on to call her “an extraordinary individual, with great knowledge of horticulture and ability to share that knowledge with others,” and said Meneice was not just a mentor, but someone who

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# No tree lighting, but city still plans to celebrate the holidays

By MARY SCHLEY

THERE WON’T be an official Christmas tree and menorah lighting on the first Friday in December this year, but the community activities commission is hoping to make something splendid happen to mark the holiday season, especially during a time when people need more of a boost than usual. At their meeting Tuesday, commissioners bandied about a few ideas, from installing more lights in the park and in town, to having Santa Claus make a surprise appearance at the farmers market.

“I did get confirmation from Santa that he can be at the market, since we had arranged for him to be at the tree lighting,” community activities director Ashlee Wright said at the Nov. 10 meeting. “It would be very low key, and we would pick a day that he could be there but not overly advertise it.”

### ‘A happy surprise’

Instead, kids and adults who happen to come across Santa at the market will have “a happy surprise,” she said. “I don’t want to encourage people to gather that way.”

Wright and some commissioners have also been talking with professional lighting

expert Meredith Nole, who helped design the up-lighting scheme for the Ocean Avenue medians, about new ways to decorate

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The tree will be lit this year, but there will be no announcement of when, since crowds are not allowed to gather.

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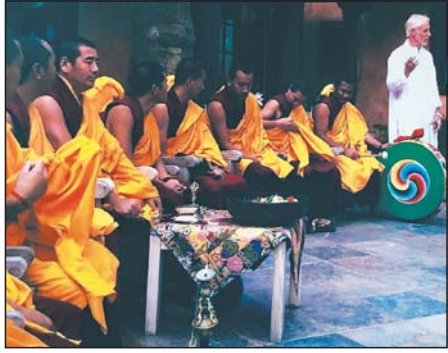
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## An open letter to the friends of Conway Of Asia:

Seventy-four years ago I was born in a small backwoods town in Virginia. I had a charmed childhood. I grew up under the sweet love of a very special grandmother in rural North Carolina. She left a tremendous imprint on me as a child. I remember clearly she smoked a pipe which she had made, and always had chicken bones in her apron. My grandparents were full-blood Cherokee, as was my father. We had a great woodstove in the kitchen and I remember the dirt floor.

I remember most of her stories. That was her way of teaching me the ways of the world. Her God was nature and all the great mystery was explained to me in her stories. She could call the owls, and hummingbirds would eat from the palm of her hand.



She did her best to teach me compassion. I was allowed to sleep under the stars and catch lightning bugs, as long as I released them to the morning. She taught me that we were all connected to everything in the universe and that we had responsibilities to uphold. She always began her prayers with the same Cherokee words. She was the closest thing to magic that I ever witnessed as a five year old.

Her unfaltering love and respect for life gave me the richest first years of my life. She took care of me until she died. We lived on a farm and somehow that red dirt managed to feed us. There was

plenty of hard work and chores and I don't remember going to school. I didn't know what poor was, but I do remember my uncle saying, "When we came to this land, we had almost nothing and somehow we managed to keep most of it!"

My father was a great horseman and a legendary rodeo rider. He was the foreman of the King Ranch in Texas where he lived with my mom and older brother Cimarron.

When I was ten, I got in some trouble in school. That's a story for another time.

My great fortune came in the form of a wonderful uncle that I didn't know, but who would soon become my next teacher.

Unfortunately, my father also got into some trouble and the first and only time I saw him was through an inch thick prison glass in Richmond, Virginia. That same day my uncle and I left for California. I hoped my family would soon follow. From backwoods Appalachia, my uncle and I crossed the country, slowly taking every back road. My face was glued to the window. In awe, I marveled at this new world that was unfurling before my eyes. When I was still ten, my uncle taught me how to sneak up on fishing holes in Tassajara, never letting my shadow spook the fish. He taught me to make my own flies and to 'match the hatch' for to tempt even the most elusive trout. He taught me the joy of cooking over an open fire and sleeping under the stars. I owe it to that great mentoring uncle for my love of the backcountry of Big Sur. Years later, I would teach my own children the rapture of living in nature's harmony. No childhood in the world could match growing up in the splendor of Los Padres National Forest.

Unfortunately my back country North Carolina red dirt patois was so deeply embedded in my speech. No one could understand me. I didn't speak Californian yet. On top of that I had a tremendous speech impediment and I was so incredibly harassed that I only lasted 11 days at Carmel Woods School. How ironic that as an adult I became a linguist fluent in several languages.

I learned at an early age that I had to find my own teachers who would engender knowledge to survive in a often hostile world. Great teachers crossed my path and helped shape and form me into who I am today.

In the summer of my turning 13 I got my first job working in the Cypress West Hotel (now the Cypress Inn). With my new job came my own room, the "tower room". I revelled in my new found freedom. This was the beginning of my independence as a young adult. I was so eager to learn. I would soon realize the travel who is going to be my greatest teacher of all.

At 17, I almost succeeded in graduating from Carmel High School. That same year I left for Paris in search of a true education. Five years, I graduated from the Sorbonne with a Master's Degree in International Relations and Languages. My mother was a Broadway actress and extraordinary person. She instilled in me many I traits that I am thankful for.

I didn't really recognize how truly unique she was until her final years. She recounted the stories of an exceptional life. I learned the great depth of the love she had for my father.

I asked her to unravel the story of why I spent my early years with my grandmother. She explained that my family thought I must have been the product of an illicit affair. My grandparents and father and even my older brother were totally dark skinned and easily recognized as Cherokee. I had the traits of my light skinned mother. I was never truly accepted by my father's family. My mother always swore that he was indeed my father and that that was the end of the story, period. So, whether it was true or not, I followed the ways of my grandmother. I think I've visited every Indian reservation. I went to native Sundances. I learned Indian ceremony. I sought out elders to teach me. I lived for two years in a teepee, as I built my home. I still pray in my own sweat lodge and follow in the elders' teachings. As an adult, I learned my grandmother's prayer: "Mitakuya Oyahasin"; 'We are all relatives and are all connected by the sacred hoop of the Creator'.



Life has a way of passing you by if you don't pay close attention. Some 50 years later, as a grandfather and father of two great boys and a wonderful adopted son, I now have a family of my own. To cement that image I added a seven to my name and became Peterson Conway VII, as I pretended to descend from Virginian aristocracy.

On my 70th birthday I was surprised by a request from my eldest son, Peterson (now Peterson the VIII): "Dad, it seems like our family tree is missing a branch. Would you mind swabbing your cheek? I think I'm going to give you some cousins for your birthday!"

It turns out my mother told the truth. He was my indeed my father. She loved him so dearly that for a time she might've been forced to give me up to hold onto him. Now, as I look back, I realize how pure and wonderful that love must have been. What might've been childhood remorse now seemed to vanish. Great healing took place.

I can't help but ponder how different my life would've been had we known the truth; How different my mother's life would have been, but most especially, my father's. .... In reflection and introspection, I still count my blessings everyday.

My most prized possession is my small Navajo rug my grandmother gave to me. I slept on it as a child. Now my first granddaughter, Araby loves to sleep on it curled up by the fire.

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## Deetjen's could be back in business by end of year, 'new' GM reports

By CHRIS COUNTS

JUST TWO months after Deetjen's Big Sur Inn announced it was closing, its former general manager reported this week that the Highway 1 landmark and popular getaway has shuffled its leadership and could welcome overnight visitors by the end of the year, and guests in its restaurant by next spring or summer.

"The sun is shining bright and we have been given another chance," general manager Matt Glazer said Tuesday. "We received word yesterday that Deetjen's will be able to open soon."

The inn, which is located on Highway 1 about 30 miles south of Carmel, closed in early September when the nonprofit that owns it, Deetjen's Inc., chose to not renew the lease of the nonprofit that was managing it.

Glazer said the move to put the inn's ownership and management under one umbrella was made to "preserve Deetjen's

as a nonprofit" and "simplify the organization structure." He said he's "humbled and honored" to lead the effort to reopen the inn which, due to the pandemic and winter storms three years ago, he will be doing for the third time.

"The plan, as of today, will be to open the inn as quickly as we can, ideally before the end of the year," he explained. "We will set our sights on opening the restaurant sometime in spring or summer of 2021."

The return of Deetjen's will no doubt warm many hearts. "When we announced the closure, people had emotional responses, like they were being asked to leave their homes," Glazer recalled.

So what makes the inn, built in the 1930s by founder Helmuth Deetjen, so special? It certainly doesn't have the views or glitzy look of several other nearby resorts. But despite its rustic appearance, it's one of the nicest places you'll ever find

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# Residents say things are again going downhill at Rippling River

By CHRIS COUNTS

HOME TO dozens of elderly and disabled residents — and offering affordable housing in a place that has almost none — Rippling River in Carmel Valley Village has long had a contentious relationship between management and those who live there. In the latest skirmish, Rippling River Residents Association president Sharon Miles wrote a letter that criticized the way the complex is being run, and a local residents group, the Carmel Valley Association, widely shared the letter.

Once owned by the Monterey County Housing Authority, a public agency, Rippling River is now owned by a local nonprofit, the Monterey County Housing Development Corporation, and managed by the John Stewart Company.

## CVA backs residents

In a letter, CVA sent out to 1,200 residents, Miles makes public a slew of complaints, which include towing unregistered vehicles, eliminating popular activities, doing inspections without enough warning, not keeping the property clean, and generally treating residents in a heavy-handed way.

Miles told The Pine Cone things were going downhill before the pandemic struck. But she said they've gotten worse.

Miles said the towing of vehicles is upsetting residents, most of whom can ill afford to pay expensive tow bills. "One resident had to pay \$2,000 after his car was impounded," she observed. "Who here can pay that?"

Even before the coronavirus epidemic, events and activities were downscaled, Miles said.

"Long before the pandemic limited access for us all, management imposed a \$50 deposit to use the community room, blocked access to the pool table and table tennis, removed the donated library books, removed therapeutic exercise equipment that was donated by the community, and vastly limited access to the crafts room," she explained.

It's understandable why inside spaces would be closed during Covid, but Miles said she believes there are many activities the residents can do outside, such as playing horseshoes or bingo, or doing arts and craft projects.

"We've been trying to get horseshoes for a few years," she said. "Just let us play horseshoes."

Miles said inspections or maintenance of apartments should require more notice than is being given, since residents need time to clean and prepare, especially those with physical challenges.

After a palm tree was cut down, its remnants were piled up behind a dumpster, where they now house a colony of rats, Miles said. There are abandoned mattresses nearby.

Miles also noted that a ditch was dug and never filled back in. "It's definitely a safety hazard," she said.

## Nonprofit responds to concerns

In response to Miles' comments, Starla Warren — the president and CEO of the Monterey County Housing Development Corporation — said she's not familiar with specific cases of residents' cars being towed, but she insisted enforcement is done to "mitigate illegal activity and unauthorized vehicles." She noted the housing complex has long had problems with attracting the homeless and people using or selling illegal drugs. She insisted the towing isn't being done to punish residents for unregistered vehicles.

As for a lack of access to activities, Warren said that there has "always been a concern" at the housing complex. She said there were many more things to do in the past, in part due to support from local groups, such as a woman who led art classes. "A lot of that has dried up," she conceded.

Warren said her nonprofit received a \$15,000 grant late last year for activities, but the money was lost because the virus prevented it from being spent in time.

Addressing concerns about trash, Warren said some recent fire clearance work was done, and tree debris could be part of that. She plans to investigate. "We'll certainly take a look," she said.

As for notification of inspections or maintenance, Warren said her nonprofit follows all state laws about inform-

ing tenants of visits, and she said sometimes emergencies make it impossible to give advance notice.


Miles said many residents are worried the complex will be closed and sold — just as the Monterey County Housing Authority unsuccessfully tried to do in 2003. But Warren insisted the complex isn't going away.

Warren admitted it's an ongoing challenge to balance the concerns of residents — and have "compassion and consideration for them — and follow the law at the same time. "It's a hard balancing act," she added. "But we do the best we can to resolve issues."

## Shop to help Rancho Cielo


A DOWNTOWN clothing store will donate 15 percent of its proceeds to the nonprofit Rancho Cielo during a shopping event Nov. 13-14.

The "Holiday Sip & Shop" at J. McLaughlin, hosted by Rancho Cielo CEO Susie Brusa, will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day, and customers are invited to visit the store in person or online, and can receive their purchases curbside if they don't feel comfortable going in. Private appointments at the shop, which is located on the north side of Ocean between Dolores and Lincoln, are available, too. Email [stacarmel@jmclaughlin.com](mailto:stacarmel@jmclaughlin.com) or call (831) 741-1057.



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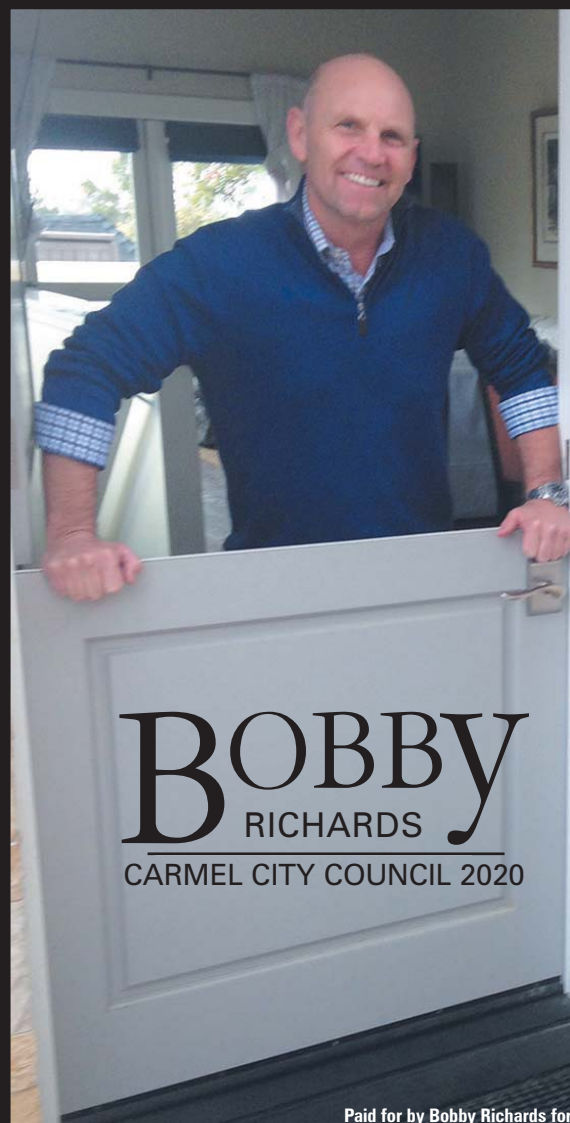
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## Virtual runs will benefit charities

By MARY SCHLEY

WHILE SUPPORTERS of the Arthritis Foundation would normally be preparing to don their gaudy holiday gear and tying bells to their shoes for the annual Jingle Bell Run in December, and folks wanting to start 2021 off on the right foot would be registering for the annual Rio Resolution Run on New Year's Day, the coronavirus epidemic means no organized runs in the foreseeable future, so hosts are offering virtual versions of their fundraisers.

The 2020 Northern California Jingle Bell Run will take place Dec. 11-13, with festively attired walkers and runners doing their favorite 5k route — or strolling with friends in the park or putting in the miles on a treadmill — to help raise money for the Arthritis Foundation. Every runner will receive a Jingle Bell Run short-sleeve T-shirt, a medal and a sticker.

"It is more important now than ever to jingle with us and support the Arthritis Foundation programs and services going strong," organizers said. "Together, we're investing in virtual and vital resources and programs for the millions of adults and children challenged by arthritis, to help them navigate these difficult times and access necessary care."

For more information, contact Wendy Bruns at [wbruns@arthritis.org](mailto:wbruns@arthritis.org) or call (916) 312-3416.

### Rio Run Jan. 1

A few weeks later, the Rio Resolution Run's virtual version will benefit CASA of Monterey County, with runners and walkers choosing their own routes — though they certainly could follow the event's usual course through Mission Trail park, downtown and around the point if they wanted to — anytime on New Year's Day.

"Walkers, strollers, dogs on a leash, cats on a leash, anything on a leash are welcome at this year's virtual race," organizers said. "You pick the course and location of your choosing. Dress up and have fun!"

Participants will be raising money for Court Appointed Special Advocates of Monterey County, an organization of volunteers who help neglected and abused children who have been placed in foster care navigate the court system and find permanent homes.

At noon Jan. 5, organizers will announce winners of the prize drawings open to all participants, as well as winners for largest immediate family team, fastest team, best dressed and others. Registration includes a T-shirt. Sign up at [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com).



After eight months of lockdowns, the idea of hundreds of walkers and runners heading out on a race course together seems practically foreign — especially without masks. A few upcoming fundraising runs will take place virtually, to avoid the crowds.

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# Planning ahead during uncertain times is what they do every day

By ELAINE HESSER

IN AN August article about attorneys and coronavirus, The Pine Cone reported that some local lawyers were seeing an increase in people drafting or revising wills and estate plans. That trend has unsurprisingly also been big in financial planning and trusts, as well.

Liza Horvath is president of Monterey Trust Management Private Client Services, a business that is classified as “essential” and has therefore been able to remain open. In fact, except for people working from home, it’s continuing to function as before, and that’s a good thing, Horvath said.

“People got scared. They wanted to make sure their plans were going to work” if they became incapacitated or died from the virus, she said. And that’s not the only thing driving clients’ uncertainty. The contentious presidential election, along with tax increases promised by Joe Biden, also have people heading back to her office to check their plans.

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### Focus on what’s important

Horvath is adding a new service to the mix — a “trustee coach.” For example, if parents set up a trust and make their adult children the trustees, Monterey Trust Management can help them understand how things work — particularly if the kids live out of state.

“That complicates things,” Horvath said of what’s become a fairly common situation around here, where parents have retired, perhaps leaving behind the rest of the family in Texas or New York. “It helps to

have somebody with boots on the ground,” to help navigate things, she said.

Horvath said that people can look at documents and updates in two phases. The first is what someone would want done if they were temporarily incapacitated — say, put on a ventilator and unable to communicate. Horvath cited potential questions from “Who’s going to feed the dog?” to “How will your bills get paid?” as things that would need to be addressed.

The second phase has to do with what happens after a death — how the estate is handled, how are lingering healthcare bills going to be taken care of and so on.

Horvath also said that some people have decided to review or change their advanced healthcare directives, although that isn’t something her office handles.

Although you might expect these family conversations to be quite fraught, Horvath said that lately, “People are really focused on what’s important, not thinking of little irritants. They’re being more realistic and more generous with emotions and judgments. People are worried. They want to make sure they’re leaving things in ways that are meaningful.”

Finally, Horvath said, for those who have lost a loved one to Covid or for any other reason, it’s important to recognize that there’s an unavoidable grieving process — even for those “tough” people who conceal their feelings. She said she recommends that someone who’s been bereaved avoid big decisions (like selling a house) for at least 18 months.

You’re probably not having the life you thought you would this holiday season, and maybe delving into difficult issues isn’t terribly festive, but leaving the people you love with peace of mind might be the best gift you can give — of course, with the fervent hope it will be a long time until it’s unwrapped.



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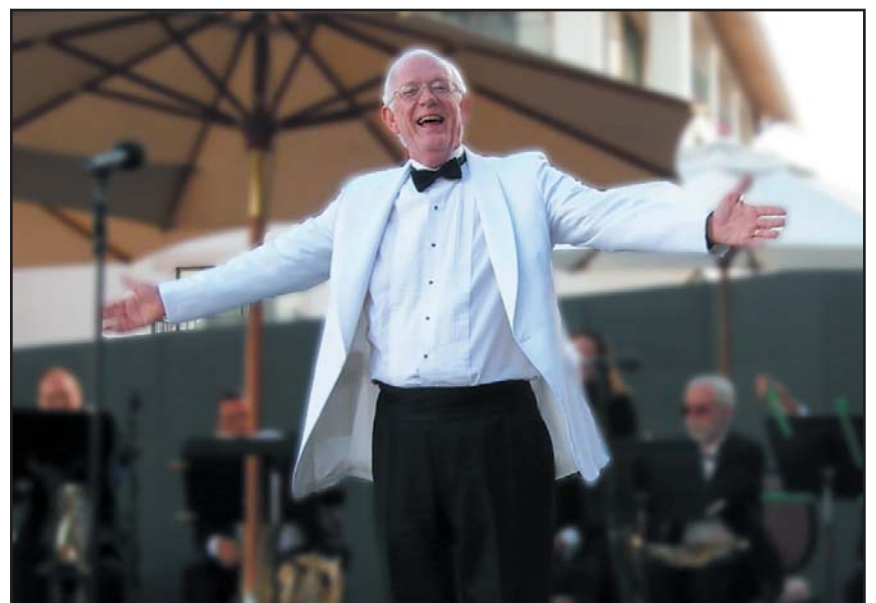
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# Supervisor has surgery after breaking shoulder while hiking

By CHRIS COUNTS

FIFTH DISTRICT Supervisor Mary Adams is on the mend after she fell and broke her shoulder hiking in Del Monte Forest on Halloween.

“I was hiking in my neighborhood with my friend Meighan O’Brien and her dog,” Adams told The Pine Cone. “We had hiked about 3.5 miles. A tree root caught my toe, and I was headed for a faceplant. So I turned, and went down on my shoulder.”

The supervisor said she heard something in her shoulder.

“They inserted a pin and six screws,” the supervisor noted. For now, Adams is having a tough time getting back to the people who’ve left her messages — in large part because she broke her left shoulder, and she’s left-handed.

“I hope everyone will forgive me, but I’m having difficulty texting with my right hand,” she said. But the supervisor said she’s on the mend, and she’s setting the bar high for her return. “I want to be ready to throw out the first pitch when the Big Sur Softball Season opens,” Adams added.

When the accident happened, Adams had hoped her shoulder was only dislocated. But when a doctor examined the shoulder, it was found to be broken. “There was a break in the upper part of the humerus,” she explained. “It was a quarter-inch below the socket of the shoulder.” Adams needed surgery to repair the damage to her

shoulder. “They inserted a pin and six screws,” the supervisor noted.

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## HELGA BROWNE-SCARLETT

Helga Browne-Scarlett, a mother, grandmother, and artist, passed away peacefully on October 1, 2020, in Montara, CA. Helga’s life began in post-WWII Germany where she was part of a small but very tight knit family. She studied art and music in school and met her 1st husband, an American soldier, while working at a local record shop in her hometown of Wetzlar, Germany. They spent years living the transient life of an Army family before settling down in Pacific Grove, CA in the mid-’70s. Helga returned to school to become a dental hygienist and worked for a prominent doctor in Monterey for years before turning her sights to running her own business, Aesthetic Skin Care and Make Up, and investing in the booming real estate market of the early-’80s. By the early-’90s she’d found love again, a new home in Carmel Valley, and a renewed passion for art.



Her heart was happiest when spending time with her family and friends but the place that always brought her the most joy was the rugged coastal range of Big Sur, CA. She was devastated by the damage done to her beloved Heaven Hill property in the Big Sur fire of 1996 which acted as a catalyst for a major life change, to leave the business world behind and focus instead on pouring her spirit and love of life into her artwork. She spent the next 25 years as a working artist, displaying her work at art festivals around California and in galleries and private collections across the US and Europe. She was a member of the Big Sur Arts Initiative, the Monterey Peninsula Art Foundation, the Artist Equity Fund, the Central Coast Art Association and the National League of American Pen Women.

After her husband’s passing, Helga enjoyed her final 10 years living a little of the old transient lifestyle and exploring the beauty of California on the back of her friends’ Harleys. She would describe herself at different times as a Mountain Woman, a Biker Mama, or an eclectic artist, but her most treasured title was that of Grandma.

Helga’s was a kind and generous soul. She walked through life spreading love and joy to all who knew her. She had an effervescent spirit and joy for life that kept her young at heart and always looking for a little adventure.

She is deeply missed by her only child, Robert, his wife, Angela, and her two adoring grandchildren, Ian and Evelyn.

She requested that there be no service. Her ashes will be spread off the coast of Big Sur at a later date.

## Airport board sued over online meetings

By KELLY NIX

TWO MONTEREY residents have filed a lawsuit against the Monterey Peninsula Airport District and its board of directors alleging that since August they have failed to hold meetings in an open and public manner.

In an Oct. 30 complaint, Douglas Mackenzie and Alice Green contend that since Aug. 12, the online format used for the airport board’s meetings has violated the state’s Brown Act, the law that regulates public meetings.

“The webinar interface rendered what was supposed to be a public meeting into a private meeting,” Mackenzie told the airport’s legal counsel, Scott Huber, in an email message, according to the lawsuit.

Only airport board staff, the pair contend, have had access to the list of participants in the online meetings. They also control participants’ microphones, the suit goes on to say.

The airport district disagrees that the use of the Zoom meeting program violates any laws. Gov. Gavin Newsom, shortly after the Covid-19 the pandemic began, gave public agencies leeway in conducting meetings via the internet.

“We are confident the Zoom meetings we make available for all our board meetings are done in compliance with Brown Act requirements,” airport district executive director Michael La Pier told The Pine Cone Thursday.

Mackenzie and Green allege they’re being “wrongfully and unlawfully deprived of their right to assemble and participate in” the airport district’s “allegedly public meetings in violation of the Brown Act and the California Constitution.”

The plaintiffs, who are representing themselves in the case, are seeking a court order preventing the airport district from using the meeting program, and a declaration that airport district violated the Brown Act and that the actions that directors took at the August meeting are null and void, among other things.

## Mollie Elizabeth Newman Armstrong

March 30, 1982 • May 26, 2020

Mollie Elizabeth Newman Armstrong of Carmel Valley passed away on May 26, 2020, after a courageous and inspirational battle with breast cancer. Although her time on earth was shortened by this unforgiving disease, Mollie’s young life was overflowing with accomplishments and creativity.

Mollie graduated Carmel High School in 2000. During these years she enjoyed cheerleading and became a passionate and competitive wakeboarder. It was also at this time that her interest in fitness and nutrition blossomed.

After receiving a BA from C.S.U.M.B., Mollie earned an MS from The American College of Healthcare Science in Complimentary Alternative Medicine as well as accreditations from NASM in CPT, PES and CES. She opened Newman Coaching, LLC in Carmel Valley Village at 28 years old, a quickly expanding venture offering individual and group training, motivational activities, nutrition planning and life coaching.

On August 12, 2017, Mollie married the love of her life, Chad James Armstrong. They had two beautiful girls, Blake Elinor and Tatum Rose. Together Mollie and Chad established the Armstrong Tile and Marble company which grew to quick success. The hallmark of their home were the sounds of joyous laughter, play and the flowing Carmel Valley river.

When Mollie was diagnosed with a complicated cancer in 2019, she knew she was in for a daunting battle. She confronted her situation head-on and created a social media platform to document her journey. Despite facing grueling obstacles, Mollie offered honesty, information and humor in the hopes of helping others facing difficult challenges. Her message of positivity prevailed over all else.

Along with the memory of her dazzling smile and gracious personality, Mollie will also be remembered for her inner beauty and generosity of spirit.

Mollie is survived by her loving husband Chad, precious daughters Blake Elinor and Tatum Rose, father Randy Newman, mother Kim Newman Fries, brother Taylor Newman, sister Lisa MacDonald, grandfather Henry Newman as well as many loving uncles, aunts, cousins, nephews and nieces.

Mollie has been laid to rest at El Carmelo Cemetery in Pacific Grove. A Celebration of Life will be scheduled at a later date.

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# VIRUS

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needed to move into the less restrictive Red Tier.

While restaurants relied on outdoor dining to help keep them afloat during the summer and fall when the weather was good, dining al fresco soon will not be an option, Rick Aldinger, co-chair of the Monterey County Hospitality Association, explained. "With the colder and wetter weather we're now experiencing, the outlook for many restaurants is rather bleak," Aldinger, who is also the general manager of the Big Sur River Inn, told The Pine Cone Thursday.

Some restaurant owners will probably decide to close their doors over the winter months, hoping to survive until next spring, when warmer weather returns. But Aldinger predicted that the restaurant you dine at tonight may not be open for business tomorrow.

"It's not a stretch to predict that many will close their doors for good," he said. "We also know that even with covered outdoor dining space with patio heaters, fewer diners will see going out for dinner as a positive, enjoyable experience during the rainy periods."

### Enormous losses

The concern the county hospitality industry and its workforce have over the current tier status and the prospect that indoor dining won't be allowed anytime soon "cannot be overstated," he said.

Aldinger pointed to an Oct. 20 document by the Monterey County Convention and Visitors Bureau that outlines

staggering losses in visitor spending, hotel revenue and hotel tax and employment in the county because of the Covid-19 crisis.

For instance, from Memorial Day to Labor Day, the bureau estimated a loss of 395,000 hotel room nights resulting in losses of \$156 million, compared to 2019 during the same period. Spending by visitors in the county was down \$713 million, and hotel occupancy this year during that time was at 52 percent, compared to 82 percent in 2019. A total loss of \$1.72 billion in visitor spending is estimated for all of 2020, the bureau said.

In sampling hotels in the county, the bureau found that the total number of full-time employees working now is less than half of what those hotels would employ during non-pandemic years. Usually there are about 27,000 people working in Monterey County hospitality roles, but the bureau estimates that 8,000 to 12,000 people have lost their jobs in the industry.

"We all know that without advancement to the next tiers, or an effective vaccine that can be widely distributed in the very near future, there will certainly be more layoffs coming," Aldinger said.

In more bad news this week, the Monterey County Health Department announced that the state on Sunday rejected its request to be moved to the less-restrictive Red Tier without meeting the criteria for doing so. In its application, the county claimed that more than 30 negative Covid-19 tests in the county were not included in California's equity metric calculation — which measures the number of cases in lower income areas.

Had the negatives been counted, the county argued, it would have lowered the county's case rate and made it el-

igible to move into the Red Tier. However, the state disagreed and denied the request, saying the uncounted negative cases would not have changed its tier status.

"While the decision is disappointing, CDPH's ruling will not distract us from focusing on strategies to reduce Covid-19 transmission and improving Monterey County's blueprint metrics," county health officer Dr. Edward Moreno said in a news release. "Monterey County residents and businesses should continue to perform hand hygiene, practice social distancing, avoid large gatherings, and wear face coverings."

### Status quo?

However, constant reminders about good hygiene and distancing don't seem to be working well to slow the infection rate in Salinas and South Monterey County, where the vast majority of the county's cases have been. Asked this week about the health department's next steps to reduce the cases in those areas, which it so far has failed to do, officials seemed to indicate the department would continue to do more of the same.

"The Monterey County Health Department will continue to focus on testing, case investigation, contact tracing, and health education resources in areas disproportionately impacted by Covid-19," according to a response to The Pine Cone that came from health department's "staff."

Moreno did not participate in last week's media briefing, and because of Veterans Day Wednesday, the county did not hold a briefing this week.

Health also pointed to the county's new edu-

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## Golf to benefit multiple charities

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE NONPROFIT Artichoke Festival is hosting its inaugural Turkeys and Toys Charity Golf Tournament at Laguna Seca Golf Ranch Nov. 15.

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cation outreach effort to reach areas in the county hardest hit by the virus. The program has two “health workers” who partner with community groups to promote, among other things, practices to prevent being infected.

As of Thursday, the county’s seven-day average rate of new infections per 100,000 was 18.7, whereas two weeks ago, it was 10.2. More than 80 percent of the infections have occurred in Salinas and South County. About 9.4 percent of the cases have been on the Monterey Peninsula and 8.5 percent in North Monterey County.

Meanwhile, with Thanksgiving around the corner and Christmas not too far off, the county health department Monday joined nine other counties in issuing recommendations for “staying safe during the holidays.” Among them are to avoid holiday travel and “share a virtual meal with family and friends.” And if you must get together with friends and family in person, don’t do it inside.

“Please celebrate safely this year and protect yourself, family and friends by using face coverings, keeping a distance, and gathering outdoors,” Moreno said in a statement.

The tournament will begin at 8 a.m. and will follow a four-person scramble format. A hole-in-one contest will be held for a new car, and awards will be offered for lowest gross and lowest net scores.

Those who contribute toys and/or turkeys, which will be distributed to the Operation Give Back Toy Drive and the Food Bank for Monterey, will receive a mulligan for each donation.

The tournament fee of \$135 per player includes greens fee, golf cart, prizes, and a bagged breakfast and a box lunch. For information and to register, go to [artichokefestival.org/events/charity-golf-tournament](http://artichokefestival.org/events/charity-golf-tournament).

## Bank gives \$\$\$ to CUSD

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

CARMEL UNIFIED School District received \$30,000 from the Fremont Bank Foundation last month to pay for personal protective equipment — including clear masks for speech therapists, air purifiers and document cameras — and to fund teachers’ professional development and staff training days, according to spokeswoman Janet Haney.

CUSD officials learned in September that their district would be among those in five Central and Northern California counties receiving a total of nearly \$600,000 in contributions from the foundation. The nonprofit is funded with 5 percent of the banking company’s pre-tax earnings and had donated \$29 million through nearly 4,000 grants and sponsorships as of last year.

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# GARDEN

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encouraged and inspired those she led. For her efforts in the library and Piccadilly parks, she "is fondly remembered for her skill and understanding."

Meneice was also a founding member of the Centennial Tree Project Committee, worked on the North Dunes habitat restoration project and received numerous national awards, including the Garden Club of America Medal of Achievement.

According to Meneice's obituary, starting in the 1960s, she channeled "her innate horticultural curiosity" by experimenting with growing and hybridizing camellias, and her work and research connected her with botany experts around the world. A lifetime member of the American Camellia Society, she had a new variety of camellia named after her on the occasion of her 80th birthday.

### 'Left a legacy'

"Shirley had a selfless, earnest desire to help others and benefit the nonprofits in which she believed," Wright said. "She left a legacy to the city in her joyful commitment to its civic gardens, dune restoration and education through flower shows."

City administrator Chip Rerig thanked the garden club

for proposing the plaque honoring Meneice, and Mayor Dave Potter remarked that typically, such a non-controversial matter would have been placed on the council's consent agenda for approval without discussion, "but someone who's gone to this level of service needs a moment of public recognition."

Councilman Jeff Baron said Meneice's resume was indeed impressive, as has been the garden club's work in the

city's gardens and at the beach.

"I'm impressed she has a camellia named after her," he added. "That is definitely not ever going to happen to me."

Councilwoman Carrie Theis said it was her honor to move approval of the resolution authorizing the plaque dedicated to Meneice, and councilman Bobby Richards seconded it, with the council unanimously voting in favor of approval.

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# TRIAL

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at 6:32 a.m. and left at 6:56 a.m. The camera also logs license plate numbers, and officers traced the Nissan sedan to a Salinas address, where it was impounded and searched by forensics experts. Interviews and evidence collection led to the search of a house on the same street, and the identification of Garcia as the suspect. A day or so later, he turned himself in on the afternoon of May 7, and he has been held in Monterey County Jail on \$4.7 million bail since then.

Garcia is charged with attempted murder with a firearm, rape by use of force or violence, assault with the intent to commit rape, and assault with a deadly weapon, as well as several additional "allegations" and "enhancements" for using a semi-automat-

ic weapon, causing great bodily injury and other offenses, all of which would contribute to the severity of the punishment if he's found guilty.

In Monterey County Superior Court Judge Pamela Butler's courtroom Sept. 2, Garcia, who is being represented by defense attorney Gary Thelander, waived his right to a preliminary hearing. During such hearings, the district attorney's office presents the evidence against a suspect, including calling police officers to testify, and the judge decides whether the evidence is strong enough to proceed to trial. When he waived that hearing, Butler ordered that Garcia be held to answer on the numerous felony charges. In court again later that month, he re-entered his pleas of not guilty to all of them.

On Thursday, an update in the Monterey County Superior Court system revealed Garcia's jury trial is scheduled to begin March 15, 2021.

# TENT

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Various types of lighting are used in the tented area, which is heated by a forced-air propane system. Ahn asked for permission to play ambient music inside, too.

Waffle recommended approval of the application, given the pandemic, and noted 7D's permit prohibits serving anyone after 10 p.m., which wouldn't change.

Ahn told commissioners the restaurant is only open five days a week at the moment, due to the shutdown's negative effects on business, and said the tent had been lowered and angled differently so it would have less of an impact on the views from the apartments on the east side.

Commissioner Gail Lehman said she had walked through the patio and tent and felt the tables were too close together to be

safe, a concern echoed by commissioner Stephanie Locke.

"I don't want anyone to suffer any more financial hardship at this time, but the health of the people is the most important thing we need to look at," Lehman said. "I don't want anyone to get sick."

"I would like to see more realistic drawings taking into account what's happening when someone is actually sitting in a chair," agreed Locke. "Viability of our restaurants through the winter is a big concern, but also playing by the rules and making it work."

Ahn responded that county and state health officials had inspected their setup, including taking measurements, and deemed it compliant.

Ultimately, commissioners OK'd the tent, with the condition that Ahn "submit an architectural drawing indicating that the table layout meets state guidelines for social distancing."



## Dear Larry

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## MISSION

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In the forecourt in front of the Basilica and near the cemetery, Brenkwitz said, “the paving there is not the best — it’s crumbled over time and is very steep in some sections.”

To make the courtyard more accessible for disabled visitors, pathways will be redone and grading will help make the courtyard more level, especially in its transition from the parking lot. New drainage will protect the grounds and buildings from water damage and erosion, and new pedestrian gates will be installed in a section of wall set to be replaced because it had deteriorated to the point of becoming a safety hazard.

The small fountain there will be replumbed and refinished, too.

Overall, Brenkwitz said, the goal is to preserve the Mission and its grounds “for the next hundred years.”

### Finally moving forward

Acting planning director Marnie Waffle recommended commissioners approve the plans, which had been reviewed by historian Meg Clovis and found to be consistent with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Rehabilitation of Historic Properties. Last month, the historic resources board voted to recommend the planning com-

## HOLIDAYS

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the park and medians.

“We are doing an inventory of the lights that we have,” Wright said, with plans to order more that will help bring Devendorf Park to sparkling holiday life.

Commissioner John Micek said he hopes residents all over town will decorate and light their houses for the holidays, as some did during the city’s Halloween/birthday celebration, Pumpkins on Parade.

“I think encouraging everyone to light up Carmel for the season is a good idea,” agreed commissioner Donna Jett, who said the Carmel Woman’s Club also plans to decorate, as it did for Halloween.

Commissioners discussed the possibilities of working with local bakeries to hand out Christmas cookies and buying poinsettias to give away to locals at the farmers market sometime in December, as well, and agreed the tree and menorah will probably be lit without ceremony or announcement, so people don’t gather to watch.

## NEIGHBORS

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“To me, it’s an ideal program, because it’s citizens helping other citizens, not some program set up by the city’s government,” Campbell said.

And, she noted, “It’s a nice parallel to the good work Dale Byrne is doing with Carmel Cares, where citizens volunteer to help with things that the city no longer has money to do well.”

For more information, including helpful hints and resources for “gently” organizing a neighborhood group, visit [carmelneighbors.org](http://carmelneighbors.org) or email volunteer coordinator Wanda Vollmer at [wanda@peaceofmindpreparedness.com](mailto:wanda@peaceofmindpreparedness.com).

## GAVEL

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County, was sentenced by Judge Pamela L. Butler.

On July 4, 2018, Davis was captured on video breaking into a residence in Salinas by prying open a door with a crowbar. He also burglarized a detached shed on the property. Davis stole more than \$11,000 in cash, jewelry, and tools. At the time of the burglary, Davis was driving a stolen vehicle that was later found bleached, stripped, and crashed into a ravine.

On Aug. 28, 2018, Davis broke into another home in Salinas, stealing more than \$6,000 in jewelry, electronic, and other personal property.

On Aug. 31, 2018, Davis broke into an unlocked vehicle in Carmel Valley and stole electronics and debit and credit cards of the vehicle owner. He fraudulently used those cards to spend more than \$950 at multiple locations.

Davis was arrested on Sept. 1, 2018 by the California Highway Patrol. He had stolen property from the Aug. 28 and Aug. 31 burglaries in his vehicle.

mission OK the application.

“I’m glad this project is finally going to move forward,” commented commissioner Stephanie Locke. “I’m highly supportive of the renovations and think they’ve needed to happen for some time.”

Commissioner Gail Lehman thanked Brenkwitz for explaining how the museum would be reinforced. “I’m delighted it will have more structural soundness,” she said.

Chair Michael LePage called the work that’s been done over the past decade to preserve the Mission “amazing” and said he’s “totally supportive” of the efforts on behalf of “this incredible historic resource that’s being preserved.”

The Carmel Mission Foundation, which was founded in 2008, is the secular nonprofit that’s put more than \$10 million into the renovations and is raising funds for the latest round of work.

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# He did more than they thought he could, and then he passed it on

IN THE spring of 1957, a championship season for the Carmel Padres track team, coach Frederic Rainer, known as “Buzz,” and athletic director Bill Wakefield stood side-by-side in their neckties, reminiscing about their personal glory days, which, for both of them, included some pro-

teach?”

“Our JVs were never any good until Buzz got there, but he won quite a few league championships in a row,” said retired dentist Ron Faia (CHS ’60). “He ran all the same plays as the varsity, so kids already knew the playbook when they got there.”

The school’s JV football teams went 84-4 with Rainer at the helm. His track teams won titles. His golf teams won the Central Coast Section crown in 1974 and 1978, and were ranked No. 1 in the nation by USA Today at one point. As Carmel High’s lightweight basketball coach, success was more elusive.

“He was 0-29 over two or three seasons,” chuckled Klaumann. “I think he was the only losing coach we ever had.”

### The all-time favorite

Back in the day, CHS students were asked to vote for their favorite teacher, but the award was discontinued after Mr. Rainer won eight years in a row — no small feat for someone who taught a freshman course affectionately nicknamed “Bonehead English.”

“He had a presence,” said Texas-based real estate broker Andrew “Red” Whitaker, who golfed on Rainer’s ’78 title team. “When he walked into the room, you automatically sat up a little bit straighter. You were a little more mindful of your manners and your speech. You wanted to act a little bit more adult. It was out of respect.”

Jeffrey Wright (CHS ’64) had Rainer as a teacher and coach, knew him as a colleague after becoming a teacher himself, and also coached football with him in 1987.

“The man was so fired up, so animated in his classroom, he was the best teacher I ever had in high school, college or graduate school,” Wright said.

“My father had the ability to look at an individual and see their strengths, no matter what,” said Jeanie Rainer (CHS ’76), Buzz’s only daughter, a commercial real estate developer in Oakland. “What I remember most is his enduring ability to help me, as an individual, find my strengths and pursue them.”

### Teaching as an art form

Rainer’s teaching style was performance art. He changed his voice as he read lines spoken by different characters, male and female. He hoisted an eyebrow to emphasize one of Shakespeare’s famous sexual innu-

endoes. He sprung into full-body mode when appropriate.

“I took English from him as a freshman and will never forget when he read *Cyrano de Bergerac* to us,” said Peggy Edwards (CHS ’69), a botanical and natural science illustrator in Scotts Valley. “He not only read it, he acted it out, using a yardstick as a sword.”

Brett Roseberry came to Carmel High from Iowa for his senior year and found a whole new level of education in Rainer’s classroom.

“In Iowa we learned the basics — English, math, etc. — but Shakespeare was my very first class as a senior at Carmel,” he said. “I was just in awe. It was like a perfor-

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## Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

ess in the pole vault. Rainer had vaulted in high school before moving on to USC, where he made the freshman football team. Wakefield had been a track star at the University of Alabama. The conversation then turned to some friendly competition.

“Next thing you know, we all stopped what we were doing to watch these two grown men pole vaulting in their street clothes,” remembered Clyde Klaumann, who was a senior on the track team that year.

With jaws hanging, the students watched both men clear the crossbar at 12 feet using bamboo poles. (Perspective: A few months earlier, Bob Richards had won the Olympic gold medal with a 15-foot vault.)

During the 52 years he lived in Carmel — 33 on the faculty at the high school and eight more teaching at York — Buzz Rainer was revered as a coach, a teacher, a mentor, a writer, a friend, a character, a traveler, a father and husband.

### Six decades of puppy love

Before he died in 2007 at age 75, he ordered his family to skip any memorial service — typical Buzz humility. They ignored him, and 1,000 people from at least three generations jammed the school’s football bleachers to share stories and explain why they were blessed to have known him.

Barbara Rainer, his wife of 54 years, fell for Buzz in the sixth grade, began dating him as a ninth grader, married him in 1953, and came with him to the Monterey Peninsula in 1955, the year after he earned his master’s degree from USC. His interview with Carmel High principal Warren Edwards became part of family lore, she says.

“Know anything about football?” was Edwards’ very first question.

“Yeah, I played at USC,” Rainer responded.

“You’re hired,” said the principal. “What subject do you



Buzz Rainer played football at USC, but also coached track, basketball, and golf at Carmel High.

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# SPORTS

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mance, and I'd never seen anything like it. His class was the best I ever had in high school or college, without a doubt."

Ana Williams (CHS '81) said there was a well kept secret about Rainer's colorful performances: Though he turned the pages of the book in hand, he wasn't really reading at all.

"I was an adult before I learned that Buzz actually was dyslexic," said Williams, a Carmel Middle School teacher who keeps a Rainer shrine in her classroom. "He had all of those things memorized because reading was such a challenge for him. Language memory was a skill he honed over the years."

### Memory tricks

As a schoolboy in Southern California, long before dyslexia had been recognized as a disability, Rainer flunked an IQ test and was labeled a "moron" — a stigma he conquered by mastering the memory tricks he would later teach to his students.

"He used these mnemonic devices and funny little poems," Williams said.

"To teach us predicate nominatives and predicate adjectives, it was 'Lucy met the train, the train met Lucy, the tracks were juicy, the juice was Lucy.'"

"I can pretty much guarantee that I never would have gotten into Stanford if not for Buzz, and my

life might have taken a different path. He taught me to write," said Salinas chiropractor Kimble Cater (CHS '75), a golfer on the '74 CCS title team.

"He expected a lot out of us, and would show disappointment, just like a parent, which almost made him like a father figure," said Monterey financial consultant Mike Williams (CHS '83). "He let you know that he cared about you as an individual — and I think that applied to all of his students, not just some."

Next week: Remembering Buzz Rainer, part two

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Students chose Buzz Rainer as Favorite Teacher eight years in a row, until Carmel High ended the award.



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# Editorial

## Enough is enough

THERE'S A coronavirus crisis underway in this county as cases surge once again in Salinas and the Salinas Valley, but our health officials and political leaders act like nothing's going on. Are they clueless?

For a while there, it looked like we might get out of Gov. Gavin Newsom's dreaded Purple Tier and into something that allowed a little more commerce to take place, and maybe even the schools to reopen. According to our micromanaging governor, 7.0 new coronavirus infections a day per 100,000 residents is the magic number we have to hit before we can reach even the outskirts of the Promised Land, and just a couple of weeks ago, we were actually getting pretty close.

Way back in June, coronavirus cases in the county were light, but then they started zooming up, reaching a peak of 33.0 for every 100,000 residents every day in late August. After that, thanks to social distancing, or perhaps some other reason, new infections started declining rapidly, and by the end of October were down to 8.7, leading everyone to hope the end of the epidemic might be in sight. But then, for no apparent reason, they took off like a rocket and are now back up to 18.7.

Of course, those countywide numbers don't tell the whole story. In this county, about 85 percent of the known cases of coronavirus have occurred in just a handful of zip codes in Salinas and the Salinas Valley. According to data from the health department, current daily infection rates per 100,000 people are 24.3 or higher in three Salinas zip codes. In Soledad, the rate is 49.9, and in the City of Gonzales, it's a horrifying 77.1.

But on this side of the county, it's a completely different story — one where you have to contort the English language even to use the word "epidemic." In Carmel-by-the-Sea, Pebble Beach and Big Sur, the current infection rate per 100,000 residents is zero. In Carmel Valley, it's 1.1 per 100,000 residents, and in Carmel area (zip code 92923) it's 2.2.

Yet the same social distancing and economic shutdown rules apply in Soledad and the Highlands, for the completely arbitrary and epidemiologically irrelevant reason that they are in the same county.

When the virus was new, such unscientific distinctions were tolerable because we still didn't know how the virus would act, and because federal aid was softening the impact of all the lost jobs and business closings. But enough is enough.

We don't pretend to know why the coronavirus is hitting Salinas so much harder than it is Carmel, but by this time, the experts surely have a pretty good idea. So why don't they do something? When we ask Ed Moreno or Mary Adams what special measures are being taken to slow the spread of the virus in 93901 or 93926, we either get crickets, or a bunch of bureaucratic nonsense. (Our current favorite: "Health Department staff are partnering with community-based agencies to coordinate a grassroots outreach effort in the county's most impacted areas and to encourage those testing positive to stay home while infectious.") If our county supervisor and the head of the health department can't do better, they should quit.

In the meantime, city officials and business owners around the Peninsula need to get organized to publicize their plight and pressure officials in Sacramento to remove the shackles that are strangling the livelihoods of business owners and their employees — including many of the working-class people the government is supposed to be helping the most.

San Francisco is a densely populated, busy place that's part of a very large urban community where the coronavirus is still prevalent, and its daily infection rate is much higher than the Monterey Peninsula's. Yet its economy is wide open.

There is no epidemic here. So why can't we get back to work?

## BEST of BATES



"So now tell us about YOUR troubles with the planning commission."

## Letters to the Editor

### Teachers union 'taking over'

Dear Editor,

The Carmel school district, as well as more than 80 public school districts in Los Angeles, San Diego and the San Francisco Bay area (serving over a million students) are still closed to in-person learning.

In Los Angeles, the teachers union spent \$14.9 million on candidates running for them to secure power on the school boards. In San Diego, the teachers union spent \$100,000 for each of three candidates who pledged to do only what the teachers union wants on their respective school boards. The other parents running spent about \$1,000. Every one of San Diego's union candidates won, so union power over those districts is secured.

I ran for Carmel school board as a voice for the parents, since somehow our school board, like most in California, was taken over by the teachers' union. I was endorsed by the Monterey County Democrats, but the night the mailers were printed I was secretly called by the chair of the Democratic Party, a former librarian at Carmel High School, and good friend of the teachers union representative, and was told that I would be left off the mailers. Only the teachers union endorsed candidate would be on the mailers. I begged the chair to put this in writing, but she refused. I lost thousands of votes. Luckily, she was voted out as chair, but not before a final favor to the

union.

Run by the union, our school board has lost its way after firing a superintendent, who was too pro-student, too pro-change, and way too smart. The secret firing of Dr. Barb Dill-Varga was done right at the beginning of the pandemic, the perfect time for the union to take over our board, and when we needed her experience most. They put a far less experienced person in, who would not listen to parents, but do whatever the union wants for securing her the position.

Parents are stressed and all property owners in Carmel should be concerned, because house values decrease when the quality of education in the district falls. Worst of all is the fact that the teacher's union is out lobbying the students, who have no means to lobby for their own interests. We are paying 60 percent of our property taxes to Carmel Unified to hand blank checks to the union.

Jill Lewis, Carmel

### Doesn't like planned buildings

Dear Editor,

If there is to be an additional insult to Carmel traditional character, the proposed building design for the vacant Dolores and Fifth corner site (Pine Cone, Nov. 6) is an exemplary candidate.

How so? First, as a matter of building type, combining so many commercial units and residential quarters in a single structure is the model of urban density, not that of a rural village. Second, as a matter of height, it is too high compared to its neigh-

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## Local ties to this weekend's Masters run long and deep

FOR GOLF fans, watching the Masters golf tournament this weekend, delayed from its normal spring date, will be a new experience. Jim Nantz, long the voice of the Masters, has called Pebble Beach home since 2012 and been passionate about the Monterey Peninsula even longer. He is the best of the golf broadcasters and well studied on golf history, so I expect we will hear some of the connections our community has with the Masters, but his focus this weekend will rightfully be on the history of that grand tournament, and its creator, Bobby Jones. In any event, I thought I'd share a few local connections.

The key connection is the creation of the course. Jones dreamed it up but turned to a Scotsman who became a Californian for assistance with the design. Some historians argue that Jones met Alister MacKenzie before the opening of Pasatiempo in 1929. Probably true, but that meeting was the important one.

Jones, certainly the top golfer of that era, had come to California to compete in the 1929 U.S. Amateur at Pebble Beach. He was the reigning U.S. Open champion and a clear favorite to win, even more so after tying for the low score in the qualifying rounds: 70-75-145. As the tournament switched to match play, the galleries were stunned when Jones lost his opening match and was out of the competition.

### Marion Hollins

Jones did not leave the Peninsula. Instead, he took the opportunity to play the MacKenzie-designed Cypress Point course, which had opened for play in August 1928. Asked which course he preferred, Jones offered, "Pebble Beach, as a championship test, was excelled by no other course, but that Cypress Point was the one that I would like to have in my backyard."

Groucho Marx is credited with saying, "Behind every successful man is a woman, behind her is his wife." For MacKenzie, the woman was arguably Marion Hollins. Hollins was a champion of many golf tournaments, including the 1921 U.S.

Women's Amateur. Hollins split her time between Pebble Beach and Long Island in the 1920s. She had laid out the routing plan for Cypress Point before MacKenzie saw the property for the first time in 1926. While Cypress Point was under construction, Hollins began planning her next project near Santa Cruz.

### Building Augusta

In early 1928, Hollins bought 500 acres, laid out a real estate plan and, with MacKenzie, designed what would become Pasatiempo golf course. They broke ground on the course in November 1928 and, with it nearing completion, Hollins extended an invitation to Jones to play an exhibition match while he was in the area to open her new course. When he agreed, they set the date for the opening on Sept. 8, 1929.

Jones' experience that month with MacKenzie's work at Cypress Point and Pasatiempo led to a winning partnership in the creation of the Augusta National

## History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

course.

MacKenzie made his home at Pasatiempo and traveled to Georgia in July 1931 to meet with Jones and create the initial design of the new course. MacKenzie returned to the site in September 1931 to check on the construction progress, which was still minimal. When club co-founder Cliff Roberts called for another meeting in January 1932 to firm up the final shaping of the greens and fairways, MacKenzie instead sent Hollins, writing of her in a letter to Jones, "I do not know any man who has sounder ideas." This gave Hollins a hand in the creation of a third Top 100 golf course officially designed by MacKenzie. Rankings in the November 2020 Golf Magazine place Cypress Point as No. 2, Augusta National as No. 6 and Pasatiempo as No. 59 in its list of the Top 100 Courses in the United

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Alister MacKenzie and Marion Hollins (at left) review progress on the Cypress Point golf course in 1927. They are joined by Robert Hunter (far right), who was in charge of construction and H. J. Whigham, editor of Town & Country magazine and a former U.S. Amateur champion.

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## She threw her first sale away

FOR HER senior project as a studio art major at Oberlin College in Ohio, Ann Elliot Artz created a series of enormous paper sculptures — each one composed of 8 feet of folded, painted paper — that lined the walls of an entire corridor at the exhibit. Oberlin's art history professor dropped by and immediately became so smitten that her boyfriend insisted on buying the entire set.

Appreciation of the arts was all around her as a child. Her father, George Artz (who died in 2009), was a co-developer of Hacienda Carmel, but dabbled as a potter and musician. Her mother, Jean (97 next month), is a patron and supporter, and also a music lover.

"They had artistic friends — a sculptor, a painter ... they surrounded themselves with people who were making art, or were very interested in it," she said. "Those people also had day jobs, but they were in shows and galleries, which helped me come to understand at a young age that art was possible to pursue."

Artz had designs on becoming an artist by the time she graduated high school, and viewed college as an opportunity to indulge that passion.

"I didn't want to go to art school, because I was interested in other things, too, but I knew right off the bat that art would be my major," she said. "My thinking when I got to college was, 'If not now, when?' I had the freedom to choose my classes. I had access to studio space. I told myself, 'OK, I'm going for this.'"

Although the art program at Oberlin was light on technical instruction, it allowed its students the freedom to be self-directed, which catered to her strengths. During her sophomore year, Artz was permitted to take classes that were generally reserved for second-semester juniors.

"They were called 'projects.' You basically did whatever you wanted, and then there were critiques, which were incredible, in-depth discussions about our work," she said. "It was nice to be trusted to use my time well, and be given the freedom to come up with something on my own."

After graduating from Oberlin in 1984, Artz fulfilled a dream she had nurtured since high school and headed to New York City, moving into a big loft with a girlfriend and five other roommates. She studied art design and worked part time at the Museum of Modern Art.

"What could be better?" she said. "It was just a front-desk job, but I got to walk around the museum at lunch hour and look at all the Matisse's. It was fantastic."

### The B-list

Artz got her first graphic design job in Chicago and built a meager portfolio that she sent to Yale University to apply for a summer program in Switzerland, to be hosted by graphic design legends Paul Rand, Armin Hoffmann and Wolfgang Weingart.

"I don't know how many applied, but only 22 got in," she said. "I was a new designer then — I didn't have very much good stuff to show. They sent back all of my slides, marked with a big B on the box, and I remember thinking, 'Oh, no, I'm on their B-list ... I didn't get in.'"

## Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

The fledgling artist was gobsmacked. "It was such a strange feeling. It actually made me uncomfortable," she reflected. "Why would you want this? I don't get it ... I don't get the value."

"For whatever reason, I couldn't grasp that idea of ownership, couldn't handle whatever that meant," said Artz, who cordially declined the man's offer, and threw away the artwork when the show concluded. "Maybe it's about growing up Catholic, where you're supposed to give and give."

### Surrounded by artists

Artz is a painter now, creating abstracts in oil and acrylic that can be found in Carmel-by-the-Sea at Travis Hall Fine Art Gallery (Mission Street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues), and she still feels an impact — albeit a much different kind — whenever somebody is touched by her work.

"It's fantastic when somebody connects with a piece of my art," she said. "With abstract, you either get it or you don't, and when they do, I feel like, 'Oh my God, tell me more about yourself!' I probably want to know more about you than you want to know about me. It always fascinates me that we have this common human thread that allows us to admire the same things."



PHOTO/COURTESY ANN ARTZ

Art has always been important to Ann Artz, whose works can be seen at Travis Hall Fine Art gallery on Mission.

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# LETTERS

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boring buildings. Third, lacking meaningful upper-level setbacks, it presents an overbearing wall at the street level experience. Fourth, as a matter of bulk, it is too large and overwhelming for its lot size and its neighbors. Fifth, as a matter of composure, its design emphasis is radically ver-

tical contrary to the village's emphatic horizontal character. Sixth, as a matter of formal and expressive character, its features present a meaningless pastiche departing from the meaningful Arts & Crafts tradition of expressing structure, function and lifestyle friendliness that inaugurated the village of Carmel-by-the-Sea in the first place.

In the context in which any new building is proposed, at the very least it should congenially respect its neighbors and the overall community characteristics, just as we would expect of those persons newly joining the village community to be good neighbors in order to live congenially together.

Russell L. Quacchia, Carmel

## 'Ruining good people'

Dear Editor,

Your suggestion about the balancing of risk and reward by rewarding businesses in zip codes which have zero case to below the required 7.0 makes all the sense in the world.

We are but a stone's throw from the cold and wet weather coming to our area, and the impact on restaurant owners in Carmel and Monterey will be horrifying.

Numbers are meant to help people make sensible decisions. To hide behind those same numbers, using them as a defense to justify ridiculous decisions, such as we are seeing with the current situation in Monterey County's handling of Salinas/Salinas Valley numbers, is absolutely absurd. Dr. Ed Moreno needs to open his eyes. He is ruining good people!

Larry Purcell, Carmel

## Parklet concerns

Dear Editor,

When businesses were allowed to return after the three-month shutdown earlier this year, Carmel was like a ghost town. I ruffled some wrapping tissue into the shape of angel wings and put them on my window mannequin and placed a very faint sign which read, "Calling all Angels." It touched my heart when people came inside and said, "I saw your sign."

I agree that the city's parklets are, for the most part, tastefully designed and lend a feel of a visit to places far away. I also understand the hardship of not having the convenience of parking and, at the same time, the need to continue to bring forth business.

A tasting room behind my store near Picadilly Park has been allowed to use the parking space in front of my window for a parklet. Their presence causes confusion for my potential customers as to what type of business I have, and their setup is only open weekends, which leads people to believe that I am closed.

It hurts me so much that neither this business nor the city had enough consideration of the impact this move would have on a single female, minority, small business owner's little shoppe. I recently heard that they are going to put up an overhang to provide protection for their customers from the winter elements, which would be yet another shield blocking my window.

Their parklet design is also the absolute worst in town and I feel it is a reflection on me. There goes the neighborhood!

Have I no say in this matter, which affects my income? I'm very upset, and I'm calling all angels. I know for sure you are near.

Betsy Durnell,

Soiled Dove Bathhouse, Carmel

## DEETJEN


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without cell service.

"We're the original digital detox," he said. "We have no internet, no phones no TVs and no Wifi, and it's all intentional."

Glazer thanked everybody who had a hand in reviving Deetjen's, and said he looks forward to the day when the guests can return to the inn and restaurant. "Love and support are the forces that have kept Deetjen's alive," he added.

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# HISTORY

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States.

Another of the connections is with the golfers. Three of the golfers in the first Masters, played in March 1934, had grown up as caddies on the Del Monte Golf Course.

Abe Espinosa's ancestors came to the Peninsula with Gaspar de Portola and Junipero Serra in 1770. When Scotsman James Melville was hired as Del Monte's golf professional in 1899, he adopted young Abe as his personal caddie and taught him the game. Abe had four younger brothers who followed Abe into the caddie ranks. They eventually all became golf professionals. Abe's brother ,



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Abe Espinosa (left) and his younger brother Al, seen at Pebble Beach in 1926, grew up in Monterey and played in the early Masters championships.

Al, was the strongest player. Both Abe and Al were ranked among the Top 20 professionals in the 1920s — an era dominated by the likes of Jones, Walter Hagen and Gene Sarazen. In the 1929 U.S. Open, Al Espinosa finished regulation play tied with Jones. Jones won that championship in a 36-hole playoff. Abe and Al Espinosa played in the inaugural Masters championship. Al finished tied for Seventh and Abe tied for 38th.

Another pair of early Del Monte caddies who became top professionals were Mortie and Olin Dutra. They lived just down the street from the Espinosas and also trace their roots to colonial Monterey. Mortie was the elder and served as caddie master at Del Monte. He won the favor of Del Monte pro Peter Hay, who made Mortie head professional at Pebble Beach Golf Links from 1922 to 1924. Mortie finished tied for 11th in the first Masters.

### Rich history

Olin was the better golfer and proved it by winning the 1932 PGA Championship and 1934 U.S. Open. He was on the invitation list for the 1934 Masters, but as head pro at the Brentwood Club and vice president of the Southern California PGA, his executive role had him committed to preparing for their organizational meeting at Fox Hills CC in Los Angeles,

All four of the above former caddies played in the 1935 Masters; Olin finished third. Also playing that year for the first time were three amateurs with ties to Pebble Beach.

Lawson Little finished as the low amateur and in Sixth place. Little had won both the U.S. Amateur and the British Amateur in 1934 and would do so again in 1935. He later made his home on the 1st Fairway of Pebble Beach Golf Links.

H. Chandler Egan had a home on Riata Road in Pebble Beach and was a member at Monterey Peninsula Country Club in 1935. He came in 60th in the 1935 Masters. When he was younger, he won back-to-back U.S. Amateur titles in 1904 and 1905.

Alfred John "Jack" Westland was playing out of Washington in 1935 and had been a member of the Walker Cup teams in 1932 and 1934. He finished last, 63rd, at the 1935 Masters. Later, at age 47, he won the 1952 U.S. Amateur, the oldest to ever do so. He moved to Pebble Beach in 1965 after eight years as a U.S. Congressman. He served as honorary captain of the U.S. Walker Cup team in 1983 when the event was played at Cypress Point. Rather than golf, however, the Westland name is better known on the Peninsula for the Westland House, created by the determination of Jack's philanthropic widow, Helen.

And lest we forget, Art Bell came along later. Bell won the California Open in 1947 and finished second when it was played at Pebble Beach in 1948. This helped earn him invitations to play in the Masters of 1947 and 1948. He finished in the Top 30 both years. Art became the head pro at Pebble Beach in 1966 and was host professional for the 1972 U.S. Open. He retired in 1978 but remained pro-emeritus, giving lessons until shortly before his death in 1994.

Enjoy knowing that our Peninsula helped create some of the tradition while you watch the Masters this weekend (darned coronavirus).

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# LEERY

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Marina, which has its own water source. Among the new concessions Cal Am offered Marina was to receive proceeds from Monterey Peninsula customers' water bills, and a chance to get water and own some of the project's infrastructure.

### Deeply skeptical

But correspondence between Cal Am president Rich Svindland and Marina Mayor Bruce Delgado in late September, when Cal Am first offered the benefits to Marina, reveal Delgado has little interest in the water company's concessions.

"Paying Marina through revenue sharing or other mechanisms to buy the city's support is not going to get

rid of the fact that Marina is already forced to host more than its fair share of industrial projects to benefit the entire region," Delgado said in an Oct. 6 reply to Svindland.

Having "yet another" industrial project in Marina, even one with a financial incentive for the city, "does not change the fundamental and historical environmental justice" issues that Marina and the coastal commission argue Cal Am's desal plant would create, Delgado added. "Similarly, the depletion and impairment of the city's groundwater resources cannot be remedied by mitigation measures."

Delgado touted wastewater project Pure Water Monterey, which is up and running, and said Cal Am should "embrace" it as a solution for the region's water issues.

Adding to Delgado's sentiments, Marina City Councilwoman Lisa Berkley said this week that "the best way for Cal Am to partner with the City of Marina" is not to pursue its current desal proposal, but "to collaborate" with the city to "come up with a regional water solution."

"This solution may even include a desalination proj-

ect," Berkley told The Pine Cone Wednesday. "However the one that is currently being presented is exploitative and does not fully address a real solution."

Marina points to a study it commissioned that showed its groundwater supply would be harmed by the desal plant, while the coastal commission said the environmental report for the project and an independent hydrogeological analysis offered "no evidence" that such impacts were "reasonably foreseeable."

Despite Delgado's criticism of Cal Am's offers, he told Svindland that Marina is "amenable to opening a dialogue" with the company that addresses concerns, including the project's "environmental justice" issues and other impacts.

In a Nov. 2 reply, Svindland said the company was "encouraged" by Delgado's note.

"Although there appeared to be little interest in the options outlined in our letter, we continue to hope for productive discussions," Svindland said, adding that "we believe these initial discussions would be more open and productive without the attendance of attorneys."

# RESTROOMS

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improves restroom access along a stretch of Highway 1 that has few businesses. "We've been talking to the concessionaire, Parks Management Company, to figure out how we can accommodate some of the visitors who are passing through," he explained.

The sites were picked because, in contrast to other areas nearby, they could "better accommodate" an increase in use.

To encourage visitors to stop, signs will be posted along the highway alerting motorists to an upcoming public restroom. "The signs have arrived, and we need to get them installed," Short reported.

While the restrooms at the two locations will help, Short said ultimately more are needed to accommodate the vast number of people who are coming to Big Sur.

"It's a real challenge," the official added. "We need more restrooms."

# FOREST

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general manager Rick Aldinger called it "desperately needed."

Also endorsing the bill are 3rd District Supervisor Chris Lopez, the National Wildfire Institute, and a slew of environmental groups, including the Audubon Society and the Center for Biological Diversity.

### Lots of money needed

So how much will it cost to increase staffing to a level that could "adequately manage and enforce laws?" The congressman's rollout of the bill made no mention of what amount is needed. But Panetta's press secretary, Sarah Cronin, told The Pine Cone there are too many unknown factors.

"Rep. Panetta received technical assistance from the forest service, which explained the challenges of specifically estimating the cost of this type of bill," Cronin explained. "We did not want to authorize an arbitrary number."

Instead, the bill would authorize the spending of "sums as may be necessary."

Next, the bill has to be OK'd by the House Committee on Appropriations, and Panetta "will keep his constituents and community members updated on this process and the recommendations on how, and at what specific funding level, to move this bill forward," Cronin added.

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# THRASHING

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of approval mandated that areas around the trees be protected and any digging within a certain distance be done by hand, not machine, to ensure major roots were not damaged.

Mei received her building permit Oct. 14, 2019, and three days later, a citizen complained that workers using heavy equipment to dig up the lot were destroying the trees' roots. The city's arborist inspected the damage, which was fatal to two trees on Mei's property and one on a neighbor's, and shut the job down.

Forest and beach commissioners in January fined Mei \$50,000, based on the estimated value of the three trees that had to be cut down, and required her to have the remaining trees inspected and pay a bond to ensure they continue to live. At that hearing, Mei said she had brought in "some people I know" from the Modesto area, where she lives, to handle the excavation and foundation work. She also said they were not licensed contractors, and she offered no explanation for the root damage, other than that

she hadn't thought the trees would be a problem.

Work has remained stopped while Mei meets various requirements of the forest and beach commission, including having the stump on the neighbor's property removed and developing drainage and landscaping plans. In July, neighbor Richard Hewitt asked the planning commission to look at Mei's plans again, since the site had changed. The design presented Tuesday was essentially unchanged, and she proposed replacing the damaged trees in the same locations, and planting another at the southwest corner of the property.

### 'Willful misconduct' or 'horrible mistake'?

She hired attorney Tony Lombardo, who said at the Nov. 10 meeting that the damage was the result of a "horrible mistake," and that Mei had hired a subcontractor who was recommended to her, but that the workers "ignored" the conditions of approval and requirements for tree protection. She did not testify.

"There was not anything about the removal of these trees that in any way improved the circumstances" for Mei, Lombardo insisted. "Actually, it's a detriment," since she had to pay a large fine, work on her house was stopped, and she'll be buying large, expensive trees to replace the ones

that had to be taken out.

An attorney for the neighbors whose tree was cut down wanted assurance she would pay for the stump removal and a landscaping plan to protect their property from hers.

Lombardo took umbrage with people suggesting his client had killed the trees on purpose, and acting planning director Marnie Waffle said she supported the design.

"It really is unfortunate what happened to the trees, but what's done is done," she said. "Staff is supportive of the design and thinks it's appropriate for the lot."

Commissioner Gail Lehman observed that people are upset and afraid, but that "everyone needs to calm down and back off." She did, however, agree with one of the neighbor's demands that Mei hire a licensed contractor.

LePage said he appreciated the calls for calm but objected to any sympathy directed toward Mei.

"I've been doing land use review for the city for 20 years, and this is one of the worst cases I've ever seen," he said. "I have absolutely no compassion or forgiveness for what's happened here for the applicant."

Commissioners unanimously voted to approve Mei's design and to require that she hire a licensed local general contractor to do the work. Her actions, LePage said, were proof she was not "qualified" to handle the job herself.

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## She saw what she wanted, went for it, and got a bonus — the beach

By DENNIS TAYLOR

CURRENT-DAY clients of Carmel-based financial advisor Tammy Jones should take comfort in this skeleton from her closet, circa mid-1970s. At a time when classmates at her elementary school were loading their Christmas lists with “Charlie’s Angels” action figures, Weebles that “wobble, but don’t fall down,” Rubik’s Cubes, and Atari video games, she had very different interests.



Tammy Jones

“I was asking for things like a 10-key calculator and a receipt book,” said Jones, who nowadays specializes in portfolio management at Edward Jones Financial Advisor in Clock Tower Plaza. “Then I’d ‘take everybody’s order,’ go back to my desk (which Santa delivered on another Christmas morning), and add everything up on my adding machine. Money and numbers were always a thing for me.”

### Being all she could be

As a high school senior in suburban Denver, her schedule allowed her to leave school at noon, work all afternoon at an accounting office, and take night classes at a local college. She also worked out most days with local U.S. Army recruiters, whipping her body into shape for a four-year stint in the military.

“I signed up for their delayed-entry program,” Jones said. “I was kind of sick of school, wanted something

challenging, and I kept seeing ads during my senior year that said, ‘Be all you can be ... travel the world ... join the military!’”

Recruiters offered an option to sign up for just two years, but Tammy chose the four-year package required for anybody with her dream. She wanted to become an accountant. Go figure.

“While I was holding the pen, my mom kept saying, ‘You know, four years is a long time – you’ve never been away from home.’ And I kept saying, ‘Yep. I know,’ and I signed it. I think that’s the moment she realized I was really serious.”

She survived boot camp at Fort Dix, N.J., began her military education in Indianapolis, then discovered the Monterey Peninsula when she was stationed at Fort Ord, where she worked in the accounting department at the base, alongside multiple civil servants.

“I was assigned to Fort Ord for about three years,” Jones said. “My grandmother drove out with me from Denver, and when I saw the ocean I remember saying, ‘Wow, I hope I’m stationed around here!’ When we pulled into Fort Ord and realized we were right near the beach, I was in heaven.”

### Learning to have fun

Fort Ord also is where she met future husband Robert Jones, with whom she’s spent most of the past 32 years and has a 13-year-old son. Robert also was in the Army’s accounting program, but worked on the opposite end of her building.

“The first time I met him, I thought he was a little full of



(Top) Financial advisor Tammy Jones (left) graduating from basic training and (bottom, second from right) learning accounting in Indiana.

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## 2020's almost over — are you ready?

By ELAINE HESSER

AFTER WHAT has seemed like an eternity, the end of 2020 is in sight. That of course does not mean the coronavirus has a calendar, or that everyone's done kvetching about politics. It does, one hopes, mark a hopeful turning point into a better future.

Whether you see 2021 as an optimist or think it will just be more of the same, you might want to have a look at how your money's doing before year's end.

Steve Merrell of Monterey Private Wealth (a business that is a repeat Golden Pine Cone winner for Best Investment House/Advisor) had some recommendations, and was quick to say that best practices for financial management haven't changed much this year, despite the confusion swirling around local, national and

international markets.

"Don't be too mesmerized by the current craziness," he suggested — along with getting good professional advice, of course.

### Missed opportunity?

Where to begin? If you're still working, Merrell said to make sure you've maxed out your IRA or 401(k) contributions for the year. Planning for your future could also reduce your tax liability.

Merrell said one of the best deals that most people overlook is a health savings account. People who have high-deductible healthcare plans (more than \$1,400 for an

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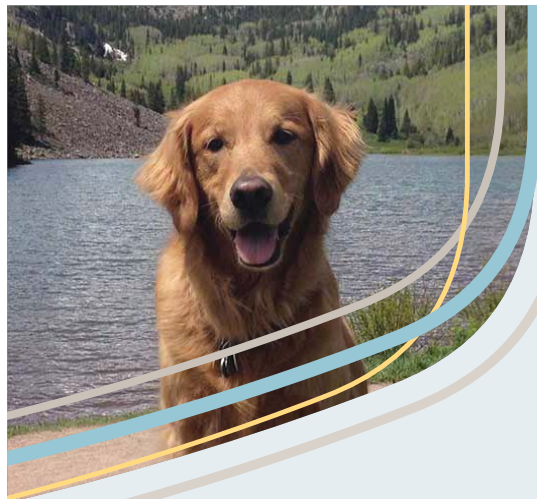
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himself,” she remembered with a laugh. “He had his feet on the desk at work, which was totally the opposite of who I was — I was always a by-the-book kind of person — but

he was a fun person to be with. I learned how to have more fun when I was with him.”

He was in the mortgage business until 2008, when the tech bubble burst and he became a stay-at-home dad — still his occupation today.



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**...And now**

Tammy, in her 27th year as a financial advisor, has helped clients navigate through three major financial downturns, and said she has grown from those experiences while working as a financial consultant with Smith Barney (1995-2004), a client services specialist/business development for Doolittle & Ganos Investment Counsel (2008-09), and a vice present and financial consultant for Schwab Advisor Services (2009-2019). In 2001, the Salinas Chamber of Commerce presented her with its Athena Award as “Businesswoman of the Year.”



Tammy Jones at her promotion to Army specialist.

“You learn to read between the lines,” she said. “You have to study different points of view — conservative opinions, more liberal opinions, what’s happened in the past, what expectations look like going forward. I do a lot of research. I like to get into the weeds, evaluate what different economists and researchers are saying, then devise a strategy based on each client’s individual situation.”

She joined Edward Jones as a financial advisor in April of 2019, and manages portfolios, large and small, both locally and around the United States. Recent upgrades in the company’s technology have enabled her to serve customers online (usually via Zoom) or in person, whichever they prefer, she said.

“Serving my clients, either in person or through Zoom, has really been wonderful for me — it’s helped me feel connected during these shelter-in-place times,” she said. “I don’t have family here, and neither does my husband, so I kind of think of my clients as family. Many of them have been with me for years, and I care about them deeply. I don’t want to let them down.”

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individual or \$2,800 for families) can open such an account and deposit up to \$3,550 for one person or \$7,100 for a family each year. It can reduce your tax liability even if you don’t itemize deductions.

Unlike an employer-managed flexible spending account for healthcare, all the money in a health savings account rolls over at the end of the year, and that, Merrell said, is its beauty. “Under current tax law, it never expires,” he said. “You can use it for current-year medical expenses or save it for the future.”



Christine Dawson

That includes depositing money this year against anticipated medical expenses, so if you have surgery planned for next year, you should consider setting the money aside now to see the benefits on your 2020 return.

However, Merrell cautioned, tax laws do change, so having a relationship with a financial professional can help

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preclude nasty surprises.

If you do have a flexible spending account for medical needs, make sure you use it up by the end of the year. Eligible expenses are listed at [irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov) and include many out-of-pocket items, including some over-the-counter medications and even modifications to a home to accommodate a disability.

Merrell said that end-of-year charitable donations — financial and material, such as cars — are still popular, but that with the increase in the standard deduction (for 2019, it was \$12,200 for a single person and \$24,400 for a married couple filing jointly), some people no longer give enough away to justify them from a tax perspective.

If you can manage it, Merrell said that a donor-advised fund is a way to “bundle” donations for several years into the future and take the deduction all at once. For example, someone who normally gives away \$5,000 a year can set up a donor-advised fund with \$20,000, deduct the whole contribution this year, and direct (that’s the “donor-advised” part) where the money goes over the next few years. That means if you donate a portion to some charities in 2021, but decide different organizations have a greater need in 2022, you can change the recipients. You can also add to the fund anytime.

### Local edge

Merrell mentioned that the Community Foundation for Monterey County can help set up a donor advised fund. Christine Dawson, vice president of philanthropy

for the organization, said that one big advantage of working with the Community Foundation is the expertise it has in vetting and giving to local charities.

“People come here to retire or they’re new to the area,” and they don’t know which local groups are out there doing the things they care about, she said. The foundation can help by suggesting charities related to donors’ interests — and vetting them, since you’re not limited to the group’s more familiar recipients. It’s also connected to similar organizations nationwide, which Dawson said was especially beneficial for people who have additional homes elsewhere.

### CARES Act

With a calendar full of canceled fundraising events, local charities are more in need than ever and would appreciate anything you can spare, and the Covid Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, passed earlier this year, allows non-itemizers to take a one-time \$300 charitable deduction.

According to the IRS ([irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov)), the CARES Act also affects people who are 72 years or older and who have certain kinds of retirement accounts (including some IRAs). They normally must take an annual, taxable minimum distribution, or withdrawal, from the account. However, the legislation temporarily eliminated that requirement for many people in 2020 and created a procedure for repaying the distribution if it’s already been taken. Check with your accountant for details.

Finally, many people lost money they had invested in the stock market this year, but Merrell said that since the first quarter

of 2020, the market has recovered substantially and investors should consult a financial advisor before selling off stocks at a loss for tax purposes.

“In fact,” he said, “The end of the year is always a good time to sit down a financial advisor and get advice on how to handle things.” Even if the chaos hasn’t made you uneasy, that’s a good idea.



Steve Merrell with wife Jeanne and grandson Tyler, last year in Colorado.



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## FUNDRAISER SEEKS TO GET WHYTE'S DORIS DAY SCULPTURE OVER FINISH LINE

NOT LONG after Doris Day died in May 2019, a push began to fund the casting of a life-sized bronze sculpture honoring the film and music icon. The statue — based on a clay model **Steven Whyte** made in 2017 during the Carmel Art Festival — would be placed

statuary.

He's also fearless when it comes to choosing his subjects — three years ago, he unveiled a monument in San Francisco that honors the hundreds of thousands of women who were forced by the Japanese military to become sex slaves during World War II.

The piece caused a diplomatic row, but it's still standing.

"The more women we can have represented in figurative statues, the better," Whyte told The Pine Cone.

The sculptor said he's confident the Doris Day sculpture would be a big attraction in town. "It will be the No. 1 photo op after the beach," he predicted.



PHOTO/COURTESY STEVEN WHYTE

Created by Steven Whyte at the 2017 Carmel Art Festival, this clay sculpture of Doris Day as Calamity Jane may be cast in bronze and become a local landmark.

## Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

somewhere in town, where presumably it would become a tourist attraction and magnet for selfie-loving fans. But then the pandemic hit, and the effort hit the skids.

"There was originally strong support for the project from Carmel's hospitality industry," **Shara McIntyre**, owner of Hedi's shoes, explained. "Sadly, these businesses have been hard hit by the pandemic and the economic downturn."

McIntyre and others are working to revive the fundraising, and they've started a GoFundMe campaign (gofundme.com) and search for "Doris Day". "We need around \$50,000 to finish, mold, cast, deliver and install the piece," she said.

The model portrays Day as Calamity Jane in the 1953 film of the same name.

It's uncertain where the sculpture would be placed, but it's bound to be popular wherever it ends up. "The site is yet to be established, but the idea is to donate it to the city and let them put it where they deem fit," McIntyre continued.

"Doris loved Carmel, let's show her how much love we still have for her," she added.

Whyte, who has achieved worldwide success, is taking a leading role in the movement to diversify public

### ■ 2,500 vie for \$2,500

Of all the shows at the Center for Photographic Art that bring entries from near and far, none is more important — or showcases greater technical or artistic talent — than its annual fundraising International Juried Exhibition, which opens Saturday.

Located at San Carlos and Ninth, and open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m., the center received nearly 2,500 entries for this year's show from as far away as Australia, South Korea and Japan. The field was narrowed 119 images, and the best of the best, 49 of them, are on display at the gallery.

Jurist **Aline Smithson**, the founder of industry magazine Lenscratch, juried the show and handed out cash prizes for as much as \$2,500.

While many of the 119 finalists come from far away, four are locals — **Jacque Rupp** of Carmel, **Robert Neilson** of Carmel Valley, **Robertson Parkman** of Pebble Beach and **Jerry Takigawa** of Monterey.

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# FOOD & WINE

## More Thanksgivings, Pacific Grove dining, and award-winning beers

IF YOU still haven't made plans for your Thanksgiving dinner, you have some new choices as additional restaurants and organizations this week announced their plans for Turkey Day feasts, starting with the annual Community Thanksgiving that's usually held at the fairgrounds.

Because of coronavirus, longtime organizer Kiwanis Club of Monterey is collaborating with the Food Bank for Monterey County and the City of Monterey to offer a drive-through and walk-up Thanksgiving dinner the day before the holiday, Wednesday, Nov. 25, to ensure that no one's table goes empty.

"Everyone in our community should be able to enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving dinner," organizers said, but reservations are required to pick up the free meals, which will be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot at Dennis the Menace Park on Pearl Street in Monterey.

Each plate will include turkey, yams, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn and green beans, salad and pie. Everyone must wear masks to pick up their food.

Advance registration is required and can be done at [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com).

### Angels in C.V.

The Carmel Valley Angel Project, a group of big-hearted volunteers who organize holiday meals, gifts and other help for

families in need and all other valley residents who simply "want to enjoy a traditional turkey meal," will also convert this year's Thanksgiving dinner into a drive-by event.

Longtime local chef, caterer and Carmel Valley fixture Michael Jones and his staff will be doing all the cooking and are hoping for an idea of how many meals to prepare, so those interested are asked to reserve their free tickets online through



The Carmel Valley Angel Project's community Thanksgiving dinner in the Village won't look the same as it did last year, but it's still happening. Order your free meal in advance and pick it up during a drive-through at the community center.

eventbrite.com (search for "Thanksgiving Dinner Drive-Through - Carmel Valley") or call (831) 659-5639.

Pickup times will be assigned between 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Nov. 26 at the community center at 25 Ford Road.

Those who cannot get out to pick up their meals can have them delivered by calling and leaving a message with all the pertinent information — including their addresses.

Donations will be welcome from people who are able to help out with costs. To learn more about the Carmel Valley Angel Project and everything it does, see [cvangel-project.org](http://cvangel-project.org).

### At Bud's

Bud's in La Playa hotel will present the holiday meal from noon to 9 p.m. Nov. 26 for \$45 per person, with pumpkin cream soup, Salinas Valley greens with apples

and goat cheese, roasted turkey with pecan stuffing and mashed potatoes, vegetables,

## Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

and pecan and pumpkin pies. Reservations are recommended by calling (831) 293-6100. Bud's is located in the hotel at Camino Real and Eighth.

### In P.G.

Thamin Saleh at Jeninni, 542 Light-house Ave., is offering Thanksgiving to go in the form of turkey torchon (whole deboned Mary's turkey roasted with garlic and rosemary), sourdough stuffing, roasted carrots, browned butter mashed potatoes,

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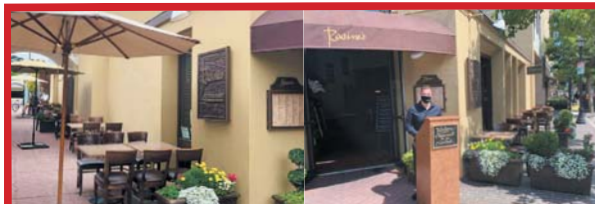
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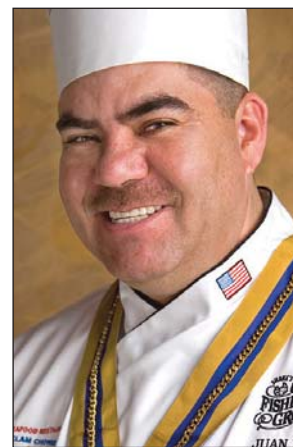
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Juan Ponce

Max's Grill at 209 Forest Ave. will serve a two-course dinner to go and during outdoor seatings at noon, 1:30, 3, 4:30 and 6 p.m. The lineup includes starters of cream of butter-nut squash soup, smoked salmon with poached pear, Caesar salad or baby spinach salad, followed by entrées of classic turkey with stuffing and sides, salmon Wellington stuffed with basil-seafood mousse, butternut squash ravioli, braised short ribs, or ribeye steak. Prices run \$33 to \$45, depending on the main course. Call (831) 375-7997 or visit maxgrill.com to reserve.

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### Nov. 14 – "Creative Women; New Work by Six Local Female Artists."

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### Nov. 14 – Tancredi & Morgen Instagram Live Virtual Holiday Open House, 10 a.m.

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### Nov. 14 & 15 – "Fly Me to the Moon," Baum & Blume's "Out of this World Holiday Event."

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### Nov. 18 – Fireside Chat at the Library – A Community Night with the Library Program. Read-in for Social Justice, 7 p.m. online.

Register at: www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org. Come share a book or reading that has had a major influence on your perspective regarding social justice and equity. Discussion facilitated by Dr. Andrew Drummond, dean of the College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences, CSUMB. Hosted by the Carmel Public Library Foundation. Questions? afallon@carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org or (831) 624-2811

### Nov. 18 – Aspire Health Plan Presents: POLST Form, a Virtual Community Connections Class. 10 to 11 a.m.

Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) forms are medical orders that communicate the kind of treatment you want during an unexpected emergency and your goals of treatment with care providers and medical professionals. Free. Please register. RSVP to (877) 663-7651, or www.aspirehealthplan.org/connections2020.

### Nov. 19 – Please Join Carmel Residents Association live online at 5 p.m for "Dickens in America – a performance by Howard Burnham."

Everyone is welcome to hear this rendition as "Charles Dickens" recounts his life story elaborating on his two visits to America. Go to www.carmelresidents.org page for Zoom login details.

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## Coastal Roots

Coastal Roots Hospitality, the new restaurant group created by Ken and Mona Donkersloot to replace Downtown Dining, announced that Thanksgiving feasts to go will be available from Tarpys and Rio Grill. Orders should be placed by Nov. 22 to pick up anytime Nov. 23, 24 or 25 between 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Rio Grill's holiday meal is being offered for \$150 for five people or \$295 for up to 10, and includes smoked turkey breast, pumpkin-truffle bisque, salad, mashed potatoes or roasted sweet potato, charred seasonal vegetables with herb butter, Hatch green chili-cornbread stuffing, traditional gravy, cranberry-tomato chutney, herb-truffle bread and maple-chipotle butter.

Desserts are pumpkin cheesecake or olallieberry pie. Rio Grill is located at the

Crossroads shopping center. Call (831) 625-5436 or visit riogrill.com.

Tarpys's dinner costs \$295 for 10 people and includes whole roasted turkey, sweet potato and roasted jalapeño soup, butternut squash and kale salad, buttermilk mashed potatoes, herb stuffing, brown sage gravy, cranberry-orange relish and herb-garlic dinner rolls, with spiced pumpkin cheesecake or Granny Smith apple pie to finish off what promises to be a very yummy meal.

Tarpys's Roadhouse is located on Highway 68 at Canyon del Rey and can be reached by calling (831) 647-1444 or visiting tarpys.com.

## On the Wharf

Old Fisherman's Grotto on Fisherman's Wharf will have boxed dinners available for curbside pickup and to go, too, on Thanksgiving, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., as long as they are ordered by Nov. 23 at (831) 375-4604. The traditional dinner will

include turkey, whipped Yukon Gold potatoes, gravy, candied yams with marshmallows, vegetables, sourdough stuffing with dried fruits and nuts, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie. The boxed dinners cost \$120 for four people, \$180 for six and \$240 for eight.

## Help for restaurants

A new winter dining campaign sponsored by the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce offers \$10 off any meal at a participating P.G. restaurant. During normal times, November and December are very slow months in the restaurant business, and as local businesses struggle under pandemic-induced restrictions that make survival even more difficult, dining out has an even greater impact.

"This year, Pacific Grove restaurants need more help than ever, and our campaign is designed to boost their bottom line and connect the community to our restaurants to help see them through," chamber executive director Moe Ammar said.

The discount is available at 32 restaurants and runs Nov. 15 to Dec. 31. While the coupon offers are being mailed to all P.G. residents, those who don't live in the

city can get them at lodging establishments, through the visitor center on Central Avenue, or by emailing rita@pacificgrove.org or calling (831) 373-3304.

## New Thai restaurant

Mai Thai Cuisine has opened on Forest Hill across from Patisserie Bechler at 1219 Forest Ave. and is offering food to go daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Chicken satay, egg rolls and spring rolls are offered for appetizers, while seven different curries — yellow, green, red, Massaman, Panang, pumpkin and pineapple — come with a choice of protein and various vegetables, and cost \$10-\$12.

Entrées like beef broccoli, ginger stir-fry, Thai-style teriyaki chicken and others complement several noodle dishes — including pad Thai, of course — salads, soups and sides. A half-dozen combos are available, too.

The restaurant's website, maithaicuisinepg.com, is still under construction, but it does include a link for online ordering. For more information, call (831) 901-3963.

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## ■ PigWizard delivered

Only on Tuesdays, PigWizard is offering delivery within 10 miles of its location near the Coast Guard pier on Cannery Row in Monterey. In addition, owner Jonathan Roberts is now selling a few products at the Carmel Valley farmers market held on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mid-Valley Center.

No hot foods are eligible for delivery, but plenty of sausages, bacon, Scotch eggs (when available), bacon mac 'n' cheese and other cold, frozen and shelf-stable items can be ordered online.

And on Sundays, orders can be picked up at the Carmel Valley farmers market, where PigWizard has a booth carrying Carmel PorkCorn, pickles and pork rinds, but is also distributing online orders. Since two other vendors at that market sell pork products, Pig Wizard's bacon and

sausage must be ordered by 8:30 a.m. on Sundays. Go to pig-wizard.com for more.

## ■ Alvarado prevails at beer fest — again

The judges at the Great American Beer Festival continued to be impressed with entries from Alvarado Street Brewery, awarding medals to three beers this year. The fest, considered to be the world's largest commercial beer competition, had 91 different categories of beer covering 170 different styles.

Local favorite Mai Tai IPA was awarded a bronze medal in the highly competitive American Strong Pale Ale category, among 149 other entries, marking the fourth medal for Mai Tai in the last six years.

Double Cone took silver the Imperial IPA category among 166 other entries, and Alvarado's kettle sour ale,

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At Tarpy's Roadhouse, GM Debbie Edwards and chef Gabby Arques are planning on taking care of everyone in need of an impressive Thanksgiving feast to go.

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Haole Punch, won silver in the Contemporary Gose category, which had more than 80 entries.

Judges evaluated a massive 8,806 entries from 1,720 breweries hailing from all 50 states and Washington, D.C.

Socially distanced judging took place in 35 sessions over 18 days.

## De Tierra hours change

De Tierra tasting room at Mission and Fifth has changed its hours. It's now closed Tuesday and Wednesday, with tastings available from 1 to 6 p.m. Monday and Thursday, and from 1 to 7 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

With Monterey County solid-

ly placed in the most restrictive Covid-19 tier, tastings take place outside in the tasting room's parklet. For information, go to detierra.com.



De Tierra Vineyards owners Alix Bosch and Dan McDonal now welcome visitors to come taste five days a week.



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The show continues through Dec. 20. [photography.org](http://photography.org)

## ■ 'Creative Women' share new work

In a show opening Saturday, six women display their latest creations at Gallery MAR.

Titled "Creative Women," the exhibit calls attention to the talents of **Elizabeth Barlow, Kim Campbell, Rose Hagan, Rebecca Koury, Lesley Anne Spowart and Robin Sawyer.**

Like others, the artists have all faced challenges as a result of the pandemic. But it's also given each of them an opportunity to focus on their work and push boundaries.

"During this challenging year, I have been grateful for more time to make art and to investigate the deeper message I want to express in my work," Sawyer said.

Gallery co-owner **Thomas Cushman** said he's thrilled with the show. "When we opened the gallery we wanted to create a space to celebrate the artistic heritage of the Monterey Peninsula," Cushman said. "This show dovetails perfectly with that mission. Six local artists whose work explores all the beauty and complexity of life right here, right now, on the Peninsula."

## ■ YAC is back with two-minute 'twist'

Fertile ground for the next generation of artists, the Youth Arts Collective kicks off its annual Holiday Art Show Friday with an online gathering, and a new feature.

"It's virtual, but with quite an endearing twist," YAC co-founder **Meg Biddle** explained. "I asked each YACster to produce a two-minute video. I wasn't sure what I would get back."

But Biddle was more than pleasantly surprised by the results.

"I was reminded why we've done this for 20 years," she

added. "The videos made me laugh and cry, and inspired me — the videos are as interesting as artists."

The show will be on display through January. For more details, visit [yacstudios.org](http://yacstudios.org).

## ■ Miniatures show opens online

The Monterey Museum of Art this week welcomes its annual fundraising Miniatures exhibit, which due to Covid, went virtual this week. An online catalog features more

See **MORE ART** next page



A collage of images (left) offers a glimpse the creative energy that's coming out of Monterey's Youth Arts Collective. YAC unveils its annual Holiday Art Show online Friday. Painter Robin Sawyer's "Boots" (right) is included in a show of women artists that opens Saturday at Gallery MAR .



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# HOLIDAY GUIDE

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## ARTIST

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The B stood for Brissago, the 800-year-old Swiss village near the border of Italy, where the six-week workshop would be held.

"It was wonderful," she said. "It was right on a little lake, with all of the efficiencies and the fastidious nature of Switzerland — everything was clean, everything was on time — but with the absolute love of life and joy that Italy offers. And the people in the class were from all over the world."

Weeklong classes were taught by renowned educators. Weekends were spent hiking through the Alps, usually culminating with wine, cheese and cold cuts in some tiny cabin along the trail.

"Everything was very amazing, really well-planned — and we were a little community for those six weeks," she said.

Artz visited Rand twice at his home in New Haven, Conn., after returning to the United States, where she settled in the San Francisco Bay area and pursued a career in graphic design, first with Michael Patrick Partners, and then as a co-founder of Fjorn Scandinavian and Fjorn.com.

### Helping animals

When the pandemic slowed her design business earlier this year, Artz recognized an opportunity to dive deeper into her passion for fine art. She recently moved to a larger studio at the Church of the Wayfarer, where four other artists rent studio spaces.

"I'm doing graphic design work part-time for Animal Friends Rescue Project in Pacific Grove, and would love to be busier, but I'm very focused right now on creating and selling more art," said Artz, who has two daughters — Gracie Hadland, 24, an art writer and gallery employee in Los Angeles, and Julia Hadland, who is developing surf videos at age 15.

In addition to Travis Hall Fine Art,

Artz's work can be found on her website at [annartz.com](http://annartz.com), and on Instagram at [@anneliotartz](https://www.instagram.com/anneliotartz). She also has an abstract painting entitled "Good Trouble" in a juried exhibition at the Julie Nester Gallery in Park

City, Utah — one of 50 works that were chosen from 3,322 submissions.

*Dennis Taylor is a freelance writer in Monterey County. Contact him at [scribelaureate@gmail.com](mailto:scribelaureate@gmail.com).*

## PUBLIC NOTICES



**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **Monday, November 23, 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:** Reconsider, review and/or amend a Coastal Development Permit (CDP 19-194) previously approved by the City Council to modify the Beach Fire Management Pilot Program (the "Pilot Program").

**Location:** Carmel Beach between 8th Avenue and Martin Way.

**Coastal Permit Status:** Required.

**Environmental Status:** The Pilot Program is categorically exempt from CEQA requirements pursuant to Section 15311 (Class 11) of the State CEQA Guidelines. Class 11 exemptions include the construction or placement of minor structures that are seasonal or temporary on publicly owned parks or at facilities designed for public use. The Pilot Program substantially reduces air quality impacts from fine particulate matter and other pollutants in wood smoke and decreases aesthetic impacts from charcoal and ash left on the sand in comparison to unregulated beach fires.

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](mailto: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.

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Please direct questions about this item to:  
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## MORE ART

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than 150 small paintings at [montereyart.org](http://montereyart.org). The pieces were donated by museum members. "Just because you can't visit our galleries, it doesn't mean you can't be a full participant in all of the exciting happenings at the museum," interim executive director **Corey Madden** said.

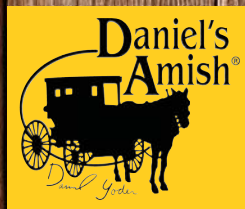
The museum has been closed since spring, but Madden said she and her staff are working on a plan to open up again.

"The museum's reopening depends on a multitude of factors, including guidance from state and local governments and health advisors, as well as considerations for when we as an institution are prepared to safely open our doors," she explained. "We are preparing a hybrid model, one that will allow for both an in-person and a digital experience."



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# 'Home Alone,' 'Pulp Fiction' at fairgrounds drive-in

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE REVIVAL of the drive-in movie continues this week at the Monterey Fairgrounds, where "Home Alone" will play Friday.

The fun continues with two shows Saturday: Dr. Seuss' "The Grinch" screens at 4:30 p.m., while Disney's "Frozen" starts at 7:30 p.m. On Sunday, "Who Framed Roger Rabbit" plays at 4:30 p.m. and "Pulp Fiction" begins at 7:30 p.m.

Located in Pattee Arena, where Jimi Hendrix, Otis Redding, Miles Davis and so many others have performed, the drive-in opened in late June.

Because movies aren't the same without sweet and decadent treats, a snack bar is stocked with old favorites like cotton candy, popcorn and nachos, along with newer innovations like deep-fried Oreo cookies. A bar is also offered.

To keep movie-goers safely spread apart, only 60 cars at a time are permitted inside. Convertibles are OK, but the driver and passengers will need to leave their masks on.

Tickets are \$30 for each vehicle. The gates open an hour before showtime. The drive-in series continues through at least early December. The site is located at 2004 Fairground Road.

For tickets and schedule updates, call (831) 372-5863 or visit montereycountyfair.com.

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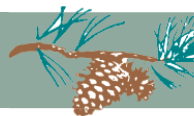
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The Carmel Pine Cone

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**Coastlands Road — \$2,400,000**  
 Susan, Julian and Ashton Lecraw to John and Sharon Wilson  
 APN: 420-171-048

## Carmel

**Santa Rita Street, 3 NE of Third Avenue — \$799,000**  
 Alice Meyers to Donny and Stacey Gregg  
 APN: 010-025-012

**Mission Street, 4 SE of Fourth — \$800,000**  
 David and Joanna Finnis to Mary Allen  
 APN: 010-361-005

**San Carlos Street, 5 NE of Camino del Monte — \$1,650,000**  
 Helen Sullivan to Peter Sohn and Anna Chambers  
 APN: 010-122-017



8 Calera Canyon Road, Highway 68 — \$2,500,000

**Monte Verde Street, 2 SW of Third Avenue — \$1,800,000**  
 Amy Geoffrey and Marc Rothberg to Mark and Margaret Ratto  
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See HOME SALES page 4RE

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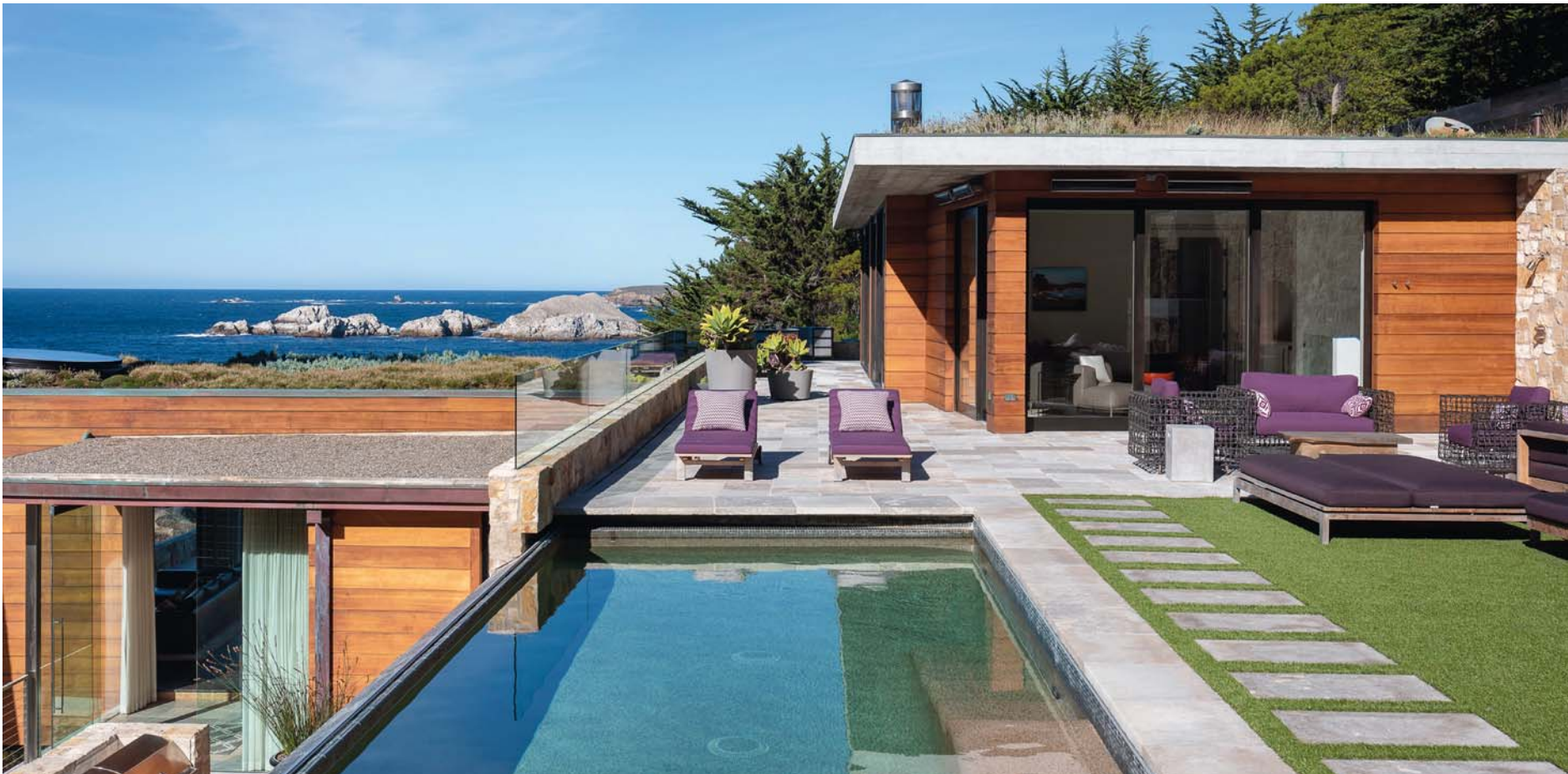


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# HOME SALES

From page 2RE

## Carmel Highlands

### 3 Yankee Point Drive — \$1,200,000

Michael Hoglund to John and Jennifer Petrovich  
APN: 243-132-007

### 2810 Ribera Road — \$1,550,000

Steven Rawiszzer and Cathy Tawiszzer to Mohamed Aly and Valerie Prigent  
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### 1 Mentone Drive — \$2,825,000

Hilary and Matthew Fritsch to Andrew and Emily Wasklewicz  
APN: 243-193-032

### 101 Yankee Point Drive — \$3,100,000

Mitchell and Marla Wilson to Peter and Leslie Altherr



101 Yankee Point Drive, Carmel Highlands — \$3,100,000

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## Carmel Valley

### 256 Del Mesa Carmel — \$725,000

Patricia Loux to Paula Higgins  
APN: 015-516-014

### 9907 Club Place Lane — \$1,260,000

Stephen and Mary Pearson to  
Judd and Tybe Franklin  
APN: 416-561-021

### 12 Ronnoco Road — \$1,300,000

Eric and Kimberly Towt to 12 Ronnoco LLC  
APN: 185-021-026

### 73 Calle de los Ositos — \$1,335,000

Tonya and Michael Levy to Bruce Gilbert  
APN: 189-332-008

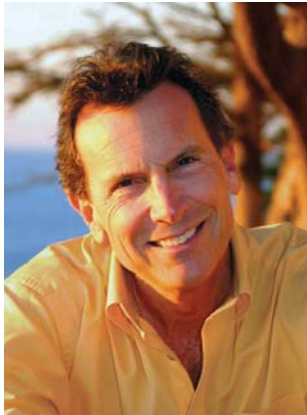
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Sherry Trombetta to CVR 10250 LLC  
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# POLICE LOG

From page 4A

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Female reported coming home to Fifth and Perry Newberry and finding her French doors open. She suspected it was a contractor whom she had a falling out with. She had no proof but wanted the incident documented. Nothing was missing or damaged. She is going to re-key the locks.

**Pacific Grove:** At-risk runaway missing juvenile from a Fountain Avenue residence.

**Carmel area:** Deputies responded to a report of suspicious circumstances on Scenic Road.

**Carmel Valley:** Report of a found wallet on Carmel Valley Road.

**Carmel area:** A 14-year-old female ju-

venile sent naked photographs of herself to another person on a social media application. The person who received them threatened to show the photos to others if they did not receive more photographs.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

**Carmel Valley:** Resident turned over a found wallet on East Carmel Valley Road.

**Pacific Grove:** Officer was dispatched to a found moped abandoned on the side of the road on Congress. Due to the length of time the property was left at the scene, a work order was sent to public works to pick it up. Parts from the moped, two fenders and a trunk were located on the other side of the road. They were taken to the city yard and destroyed. The moped was towed.

**Carmel area:** Fraud reported by a San Juan Road resident.

See SHERIFF page 14RE



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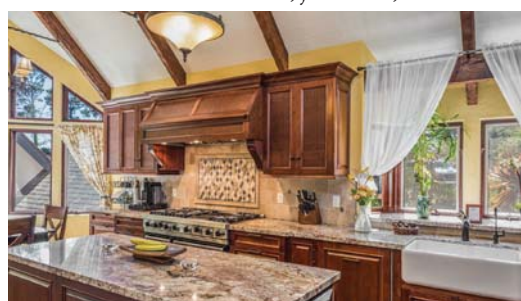
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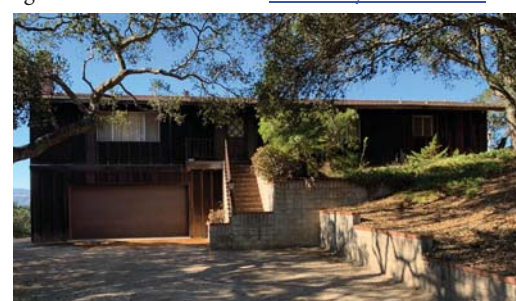


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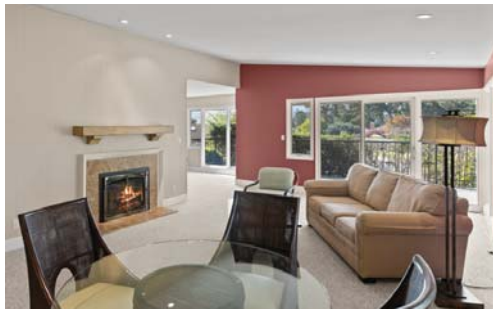
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# Columns are written by fools like me, but only God can make a tree

IT WAS a magnificent olive tree. It stood more than 20 feet tall right outside our dining room window, providing a lovely green canopy over a large area of the open space that runs along the side of our home. Its knotted, knobby trunk reminded me of the trees from the forest where the

olive leaf in its beak," it represented new life sprouting on the earth.

The olive tree is mentioned dozens of times in the Bible, including a verse from Psalms 52:8. "I am like a green olive tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God forever and ever."

It was a tree that could not be ignored. It said, "Look at me," when you passed by. Believe me, you looked, because it had such a dominating presence. Sometimes I think it whis-

pered encouraging words such as, "Hey, I've been here for a long time. Nothing's happening that I haven't already seen. Just cool it."

The tree was cut down this past week. It is gone. Fifty, a hundred, or even more years clipped, chopped and sawed away in about three days. I asked why and was told that the tree was too big to maintain. The day when there was little more than a stump left, I saw dozens of birds swarming around it, wondering where their home went. It reminded me of when I went away to school and my parents moved without telling me their new address.

The olive tree was a huge speaker sys-

tem for the rhapsodic melodies of the birds. Each morning and evening we were serenaded by a variety of songbirds that tweeted more frequently than Donald Trump.

### Simon + Garfunkle?

No one asked me if I wanted the tree to come down. Often, that is how things go in an association of homes. Had they asked my opinion, I would have voted to keep the tree. If it was too difficult to maintain, then why do they have a cadre of greenery maintenance folks to take care of trees? They could have asked for volunteers to help maintain it. Ever since my third-grade teacher, Sister Mary Rambo, asked who wanted to clap the chalkboard erasers, I learned that volunteering was not everything it was chalked up to be — but I would have joined the "olive tree leaf and trunk society" enthusiastically. And I'm sure the birds would have signed on to any "save the tree" movement.

Truth be told, I took the tree for granted, so much so that I never took a picture of it. It was there. I thought it would always be there. It didn't shed or spread orange lung-polluting dust the way the acacia trees on the property do. Give me an axe and I'd gladly hack away at them. Maybe I should have let the grounds crew know how much I liked the olive tree. Just that bit of input about my arboreal affection may have spared it from the woodman's axe.

In the past, no one had to tell us when morning

arrived. We had our own little band of chirping heralds to remind us that a new day had come. They gleefully let us know that night had gone, and were a constant reminder that we're not the only species that lives around here. Of course, there are other birds, but none lived as close as the avian high rise that was next door. I think I miss them more in the evening. They began their twilight serenade right around dinner-time and kept the music going until their bedtime.

See GERVASE page 17RE

## Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

Seven Dwarfs lived. I could see Sleepy curling up into a ball and catching 40 winks in the crook of its trunk

### Missing home

It was a shade tree, a climbing tree, and a home for dozens of birds. Olive trees are extremely slow growing. They require years of patient labor to reach full fruitfulness, so this tree's maturity indicated it must have been there long before the area was developed for real estate.

The olive tree and olive branch have been symbols of peace and reconciliation ever since the account of Noah's flood. When the dove brought Noah "a plucked



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Consider the olive tree. It toiled not, neither did it spin. But did they have to cut it down?

## Doug McKenzie's Sold Properties



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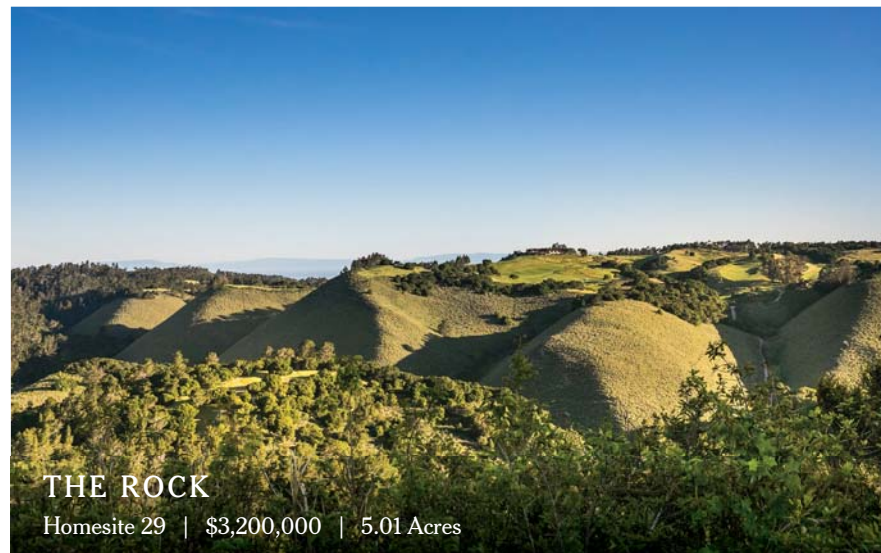




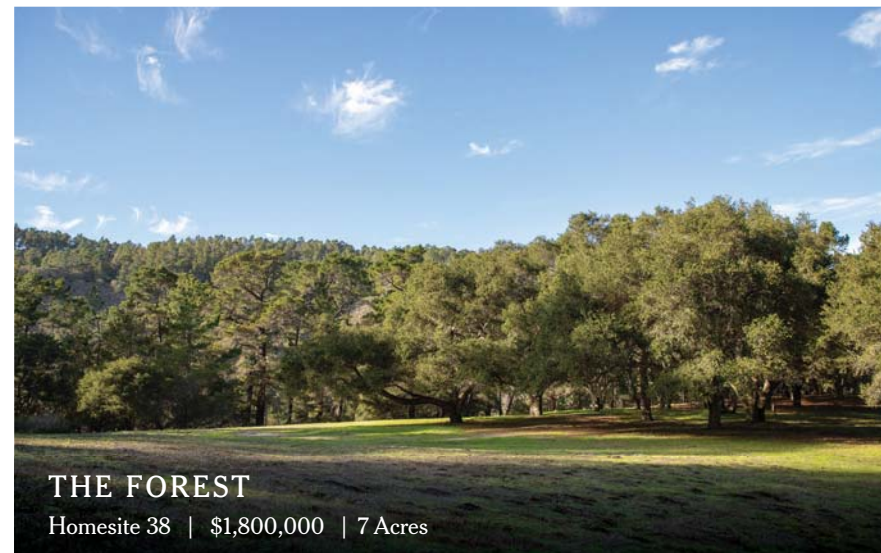
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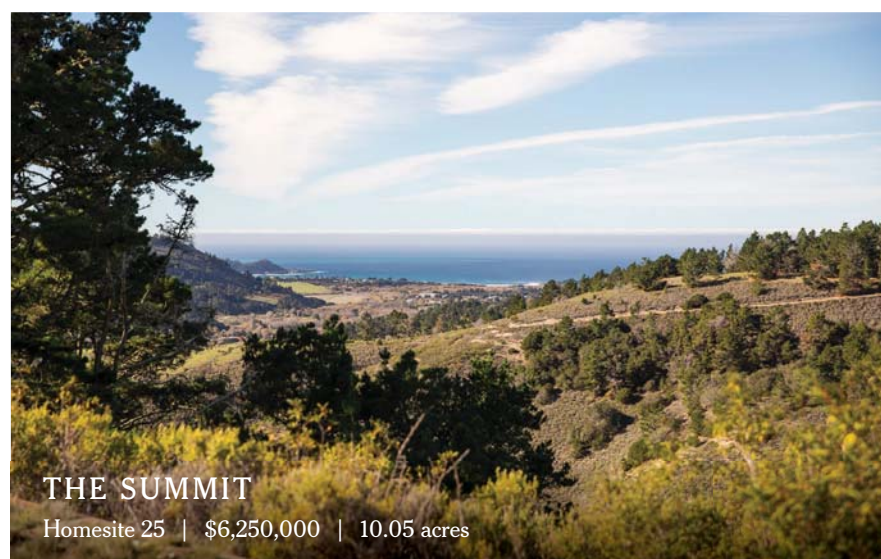
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# ESCROWS

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## Carmel Valley (con't.)

**424 El Caminito — \$3,695,000**  
Kent and Laura Ciucci to Gwendolyn Faulkner

APN: 187-681-007

**22 Scarlett Road — \$5,150,000**  
Laurence and Cathleen Holt to Remy Miralles and Fidji Simo  
APN: 185-031-020

## Chualar

**23300 Old Stage Road — \$18,500,000**

William Massa to Yellow Juliet II LLC  
APN: 145-011-064

## Highway 68

**96 Corral de Tierra — \$1,525,000**  
Leslie Hawthorne to Josh Chisum  
APN: 161-171-018

## 8 Calera Canyon Road — \$2,500,000

David and Sally Eldredge to Julie Goodman  
APN: 416-332-028

## King City

**Jolon Road — \$2,050,000**  
Florian and Rian Barth and Fox Creek Fund LLC to Michael and Shauna Briggs  
APN: 421-091-044

## Marina

**3070 Sunset Avenue unit 15 — \$470,000**  
Richard Taylor to Ernestina Yanes  
APN: 032-471-015

**Denali Drive — \$882,000**  
WC Marina LLC to Darren Rogers  
APN: 031-276-046

**Denali Drive — \$998,500**  
WE Marina LLC to Gail Wortham  
APN: 031-276-024

## Monterey

**585 Laine Street unit 2 — \$476,000**  
Lane Hill Condominiums Inc. to Liao Liyuan  
APN: 001-996-002

**328 Virgin Avenue — \$699,000**  
Daniela Rosa to Jing Zhou  
APN: 013-055-018

**400 Mar Vista Drive unit 15 — \$789,000**  
Lisse Barrett to Janet Stebbins  
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# SHERIFF

From page 6RE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

**Pacific Grove:** Verbal domestic between husband and wife on Ocean View Boulevard.

**Pacific Grove:** Fraud abuse of an elderly victim on 18th Street.

**Pacific Grove:** Lost wallet on Alder Street.

**Carmel Valley:** Subject on Tassajara Road reported an assault involving a 41-year-old male and three females ages 34 and 35.

**Carmel area:** Skeletal remains located on a beach were collected for identification and confirmation.

**Pebble Beach:** Missing person reported from Broncho Road.

**Carmel area:** Law enforcement responded to a disturbance at a residence on Santa Rita Street.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Unable to locate a loose dog reported at First and Lincoln. A resident who was contacted stated their dog was in the house but had been out on the street in front of their house earlier. Officer advised the dog owner of reports of loose

dog sightings matching the description of her two dogs. Owner advised she is repairing her fence and will advise her children of keeping the gates closed.

**Pacific Grove:** Theft reported on 14th Street. No suspect information.

**Pacific Grove:** Towed and stored a vehicle parked on Carmel Avenue in a construction zone — street repaving.

**Pacific Grove:** Report of a runaway juvenile from a residence on Carmel Avenue.

**Pacific Grove:** A vehicle was repossessed from a residence on Crocker Avenue.

**Pacific Grove:** Citizen on Shafter Way evaluated for a 5150 mental health hold.

**Big Sur:** A deceased person was located in Big Sur on Highway 1.

**Carmel Valley:** Schulte Road resident reported a landlord/tenant dispute.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

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

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fraudulent use of a bank card at an ATM machine at Sixth and San Carlos.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Grand theft of a

package being shipped from Fifth and San Carlos.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Unattended cell phone found on Carmel Beach near Ninth. Upon charging the cell phone, it appeared the phone has been disconnected. It was placed into safekeeping pending contact with the owner.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Female reported losing three credit cards while visiting Carmel Beach.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Non-injury accident between a vehicle and parked vehicle at Mission and Seventh.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** The owner of a remote device for a dog collar reported it lost at Carmel Beach.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Unattended cell phone found at Carmel Beach at Del Mar. Unable to power phone on due to water damage. Phone was placed into safekeeping pending contact with an owner.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Non-injury accident between a vehicle and a parked vehicle on Dolores south of Fourth.

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**1108 AUSTIN AVE, PACIFIC GROVE**  
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 1108 Austin Ave Sellers



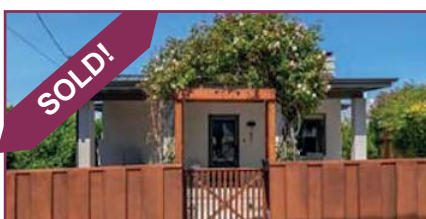
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 The Buyers 639 Pine Ave



**412 PARK ST, PACIFIC GROVE**  
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**700 TIMBER TR, PACIFIC GROVE**  
**SOLD \$660,000**  
 We are so thankful we chose our agent with The Jones Group to assist us in purchasing our home earlier this year. She worked hard to find us a property, then went above and beyond to help us with the contract, inspections, paperwork and ultimately close the sale of our home that we are excited to say will be ours forever. We would recommend them to everyone who is thinking about purchasing or selling--they are true professionals!!  
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**1034 LORENZO CT, SEASIDE**  
**SOLD \$619,000**  
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**1281 HILBY AVE, SEASIDE**  
**SOLD \$515,000**  
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**718 PALM AVE, SEASIDE**  
**SOLD \$610,000**  
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3025 Andecite Drive, Marina	\$1,098,000	782 Cypress St, Monterey	\$1,000,000
3006 Ransford Cir, Pacific Grove	\$965,000	639 Pine St, Pacific Grove	\$945,000
729 Hillcrest Ave, Pacific Grove	\$840,000	412 Park St, Pacific Grove	\$822,645
511 17th St, Pacific Grove	\$716,000	700 Timber Trail, Pacific Grove	\$660,000
312 1st St, Pacific Grove	\$625,000	1034 Lorenzo Ct, Seaside	\$619,000
1688 San Lucas Ct, Seaside	\$520,000		
		1009 Forest Ave, Pacific Grove	\$1,685,000
		1108 Austin Ave, Pacific Grove	\$1,155,000
		923 Alameda, Monterey	\$985,000
		309 Prescott Ln, Pacific Grove	\$878,000
		25435 Telarana Way Carmel	\$795,000
		1064 Paloma Rd, Del Rey Oaks	\$649,000
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# MORE SALES

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## Monterey (con't.)

### 59 Wellings Place — \$826,000

Richard Woodrow to Jonathan Christensen  
APN: 001-971-014

### 125 Surf Way unit 408 — \$831,000

Douglas Sinclair to Manpreet Sachdeva  
APN: 011-443-016

### 118 Eldorado Street — \$850,000

Jayne Rivard to Louis Kaplan  
APN: 001-681-008

### 366 Van Buren Street — \$900,000

Kevin Saunders to James and Nina Surber  
APN: 001-382-005

### 40 Via Descanso — \$950,000

David Klein to Timothy Christensen  
APN: 001-631-013

### 41 Ave Maria Road — \$1,358,500

Kenneth Higashihara to Nicole Powers  
APN: 001-622-007

## Pacific Grove

### 2908 Ransford Avenue — \$860,000

Charles and Linda Weil to Kirill Rivkin  
APN: 007-613-008

### 508 10th Street — \$865,000

Richard Reidl to Giuseppe and Nicole Manuguerra  
APN: 006-495-011

### 925 Walnut Street — \$975,000

Enrique Garcia to Justin House and Rachel Lancaster  
APN: 006-634-016

### 605 17th Street — \$1,050,000

Barbara Manabe to Thomas and Lauren Heflin  
APN: 006-542-015

### 1038 Balboa Avenue — \$1,362,500

Richard Morris to Kevin and Chris Kelly  
APN: 006-026-019

### 841 Bayview Avenue — \$2,150,000

Adam Barnett and Wesley Pomatto to Sanford and Gail Cohen  
APN: 006-133-006

## Pebble Beach

### 3067 Larkin Road — \$1,390,000

Joanne McCluskey to Katharine Robinson and Nicholas Edwards  
APN: 007-452-023

### 1212 Lake Court — \$1,400,000

George and Maury Wortham to Richard and Mary Riedl  
APN: 007-691-006

### 2823 Treasure Road — \$1,751,000

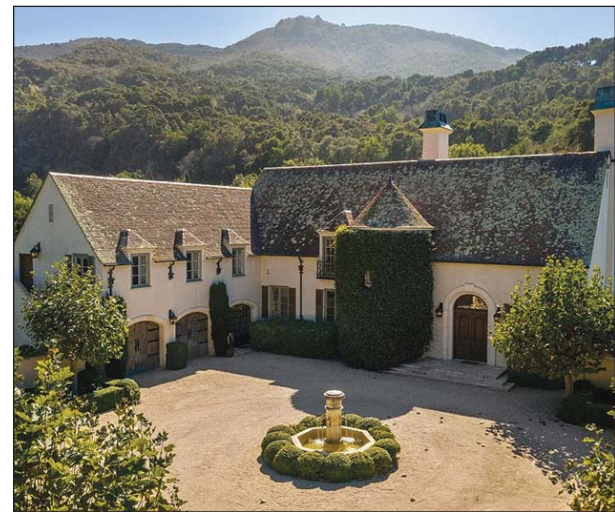
Green Hill Investment Inc. to Michael Dorman  
APN: 007-132-012

### 4052 Ronda Road — \$2,325,000

Roger and Ricarda Leone to Peter Gustamachio and Marlene Kosinski  
APN: 008-181-009

### 1418 Cantera Court — \$3,600,000

James Young to Kent and Julie Gikas  
APN: 008-234-018



22 Scarlett Road, Carmel Valley — \$5,150,000

## Seaside

### 1773 Harding Street — \$389,000

Eliot Light to Lois Hansen  
APN: 012-797-009

### Canyon del Rey Blvd. — \$572,500

The Parking Authority of the City of Seaside to Hovercraft LLC  
APN: 011-561-013

### 1136 Phoenix Avenue — \$3,900,000

Monte Regio LLC to Pak Jung Ho  
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# LOG

From page 14RE

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A 54-year-old male was cited out at Carpenter and First at 2024 hours for false tabs on the vehicle, a traffic warrant and driving without a license.

**Pacific Grove:** Subject on Crest Avenue was found to be intoxicated in public at 0730 hours.

**Pacific Grove:** Fall on public property on Lighthouse.

**Pacific Grove:** Ammunition turned in for destruction.

**Pacific Grove:** Suicidal subject was placed on a mental health evaluation hold.

**Pebble Beach:** Male on Cypress Drive was harassed via phone calls and text messages from an unknown subject.

**Pebble Beach:** A suspicious phone call was reported on Sloat Road.

**Carmel area:** Deputies attempted to conduct a welfare check on a subject on Upper Walden Road.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Bicycle vs. curb line traffic collision on Ocean Avenue.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Female contacted at Carmelo and Ninth after causing a verbal destruction.

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# CALLS

From previous page

turbance outside a residence.

**Pacific Grove:** Theft from an unlocked vehicle on Sunset.

**Pacific Grove:** Report of catalytic converter theft on Junipero.

**Pacific Grove:** Suspicious circumstances involving the front door of a residence on Kenet Place.

**Carmel area:** Person found a vehicle with an open door on Carmel Rancho Boulevard.

**Pebble Beach:** An elderly couple got into a verbal argument on Matador Road.

## HALLOWEEN

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A 41-year-old male was arrested at Ocean Avenue and Highway 1 at 0151 hours for possession of narcotics and more than a pound of marijuana.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Report of a battery at Carpenter and First with no prosecution desired.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Ongoing civil issue regarding property rights on San Antonio

south of 12th. Vandalism to privately owned trees. Investigation ongoing.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Vehicle towed for blocking a driveway in the area of San Carlos and Eighth.

**Pacific Grove:** Theft on Ocean View Boulevard.

**Pacific Grove:** Eggs thrown at vehicles on Laurel Avenue.

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

**Carmel area:** Person at the Crossroads reported identity theft.

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Battery reported in Mission Trail park. Minor injuries sustained. Suspect cited and released.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Report of a lost wallet on San Carlos south of 12th.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Found disabled placard during a probation search in the area of Mission and Fifth.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Bag with silverware lost.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A female was warned about trespassing on two private

properties in the area of Junipero and Ocean.

**Pacific Grove:** Vehicle collided with a fire hydrant on Central, causing damage.

**Carmel area:** Domestic violence incident on Highway 1. A 51-year-old male was arrested.

**Pacific Grove:** Report of egging of a vehicle on Walnut.

**Pacific Grove:** Rock thrown at a vehicle on Lobos. No damage.

**Pacific Grove:** Non-injury collision involving a parked vehicle on Ocean View Boulevard.

**Pacific Grove:** Collision on Ocean View Boulevard. No injuries.

**Carmel Valley:** Report of battery on Cachagua Road involving a 32-year-old female and two teenage males.

**Carmel Valley:** Suspect threw an egg at a moving vehicle on Carmel Valley Road.

**Carmel area:** Vehicle burglary on Ribera Road.

# GERVASE

From page 8RE

Earlier I mentioned that the olive tree was imposing and seemed to always be saying, "Look at me." I know that sounds silly, but it did remind me to look at the beauty that nature provides.

How can the removal of one olive tree generate so much angst in a relatively stable person? Rachel Carson wrote, "The balance of nature is not a status quo; it is fluid, ever shifting, in a constant state of adjustment." The death of the olive tree cannot be compared to her "Silent Spring," but now morning and evening are filled with the sound of silence. I'm trying to adjust.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20201860
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: GIRL WITHOUT A TRIPPOD, N. side Ocean Ave. 2 W. Dolores, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20201793
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Robert Lopez Catering, 192 Paddon Pl., Marina, CA 93933.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20201837
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Kay Jewelers #2211, 536 Northridge Mall, Space E04, Salinas, CA 93906.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20201791
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GRUPO RAFAEL DE LOS SANTOS, 242 MAIN ST # 1, SALINAS, CA 93901.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20201866
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: EL TROPICO, 711 Cannery Row Suite F, Monterey, California 93940.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20201813
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Little Chapel By The Sea Crematory, 65 Asilomar Blvd., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

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.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20201812
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Bayside Community Mortuary, 1610 Noche Buena Street, Seaside, CA 93955.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20201850
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: SENIOR CARE SOLUTIONS 3771 Rio Road, #206, Carmel, CA 93923.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20201625
Filing type: NEW FILING with CHANGE[S] from the previous filing.
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: PERFECT UNION, 840 Broadway Ave. B-4, Seaside, California 93955.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: PERFECT UNION, 840 Broadway Ave. B-4, Seaside, California 93955.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20201941
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: VINO GAVE, 905 Kimball Ave., Seaside, CA 93955.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20201941
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: VINO GAVE, 905 Kimball Ave., Seaside, CA 93955.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20201814
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: The Paul Mortuary, 390 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20201813
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ration Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/26/2010.
Keystone America, Inc. S/ Daniel Kleban, President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 10/08/2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20201861
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: MONTEREY CAR CLOTHES, 398 Shasta Street, #B, Sand City, CA 93955.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20201952
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CARINO VINEYARDS, 1515 MADRONE DR, SALINAS, CA 93905.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20202006
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: MORA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, 123 Capitol St., Suite A, Salinas, CA 93901.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20202032
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: PUZZLE BODYWORK, 38 Village Drive #15, Carmel Valley CA 93924.

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File No. 20201968
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: VALLEY FLORES DESIGNS, 40 A West Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel Valley CA 93924.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20201976
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: POSIBL, 2346 Alisal Road, Salinas, CA 93908.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20201965
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE[S] from the previous filing.
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: CARBON, Southside of Ocean 3 State Fronts East of San Carlos, Carmel, CA 93923.

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