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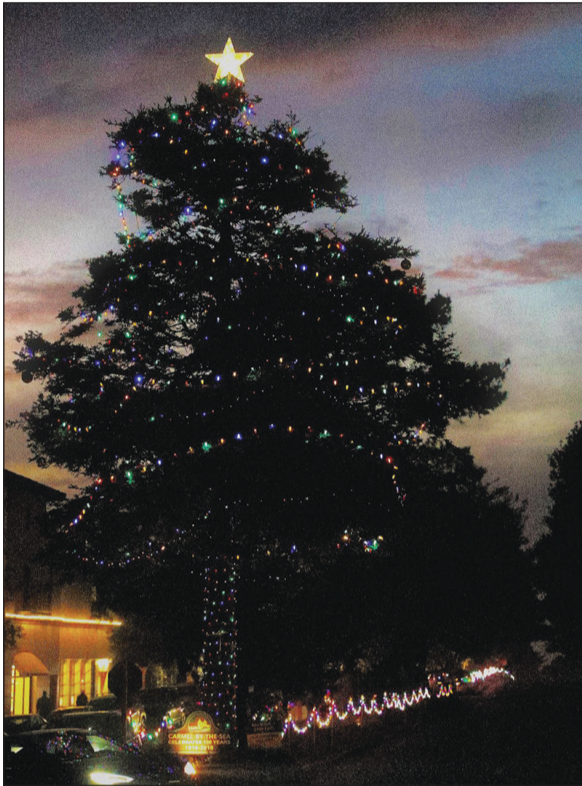
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CRA plays Scrooge with Christmas lights

By MARY SCHLEY



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It might look like a Christmas tree and lights to you, but the CRA believes they should have been OK'd by the planning commission.

THE NEW president of the Carmel Residents Association, Fred Bologna, told the city council Tuesday that his organization was upset the city hadn't submitted its plans for stringing colored lights along the medians in celebration of the holidays to the planning commission for review and approval first.

"While we agree the colored lights add a festive touch to nighttime Ocean Avenue, the majority of our visitors depart Carmel before dark and see the display unlit," he said. "Carmel has very strict design controls in the business district, and we feel the design and installation of the Christmas lights is not in keeping with the quality design expected for downtown Carmel."

'Laughed out loud'

The CRA board appreciated the donated time and materials that went into the decorating, he said, but was "concerned that this project, which runs the length of most of Ocean Avenue, was not submitted to the planning commission for discussion and approval."

Resident Richard Kreitman also expressed some incredulity.

"I actually laughed out loud," he said, in light of the months and years of "angst and meetings and outside consultants and votes, etc.," that led to the design and approval in 2019 of a lighting scheme in the medians that predominantly up-lights the trees.

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Monterey County's Christmas present: Another shutdown

■ Hair, nail salons closed, retail limited to 20 percent capacity

By KELLY NIX

POINTING TO the lack of intensive care beds in Monterey County due to a surge in coronavirus infections, county health officer Dr. Ed Moreno on Wednesday imposed a stay-home order that limits restaurants to takeout only, closes hair and nail salons, and imposes other restrictions. The order, which goes into effect Sunday at 10 p.m., will last at least four weeks.

Moreno told the Monterey County Board of Supervisors Wednesday afternoon that he based his decision for the new shutdown on bed capacity in Monterey County's four hospitals. On Dec. 7, he said, 105 people in were hos-

The Pebble Beach Co. closes restaurants, hotels and announces 900 layoffs — see page 7A

pitalized with coronavirus. Of those, 42 were in the ICU, leaving only 15 ICU beds available among the county's four hospitals.

"It appears our ICU capacity is trending worse than the rest of the Greater Bay Area," Moreno told reporters Wednesday afternoon after announcing the order.

Record deaths

Over the last week, there were 1,400 new infections reported in the county, with about 70 percent of them happening in just seven zip codes. A record 10 virus deaths were reported among county residents Wednesday, bringing the total since the epidemic began to 148. Also, 114

See **SHUTDOWN** page 20A

COUNCIL TO DO DEEP DIVE ON OUTDOOR DINING

By MARY SCHLEY

EVEN AS county health officer Dr. Ed Moreno announced Wednesday that he's shutting down outdoor dining for a month starting Sunday night, the city council was preparing to delve into the issue at a special meeting Dec. 15, including discussing whether tables and chairs set up in parking spaces should become a permanent fixture downtown.

More time to think

Council members were on the verge of broaching that and many other questions, including whether restaurant owners should start paying for their use of public property, at their regular meeting Tuesday night when a technological failure abruptly brought the meeting to an end.

The council rescheduled the discussion for the following Tuesday at 4:30 p.m., which gives the public, restaurant owners and others an extra week to contemplate outdoor dining and formulate their opinions.

When the coronavirus pandemic shut down indoor dining last spring, city administrator Chip Rerig, along with

many of his colleagues in other Monterey Peninsula cities, decided to allow restaurants and winetasting rooms to use sidewalks and parking spaces to serve their customers.

"One of the reasons I was supportive of this experiment was to assure some of the folks in our community at large

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First mention —

In this newspaper, Ansel Adams has always been famous

By ELAINE HESSER

ODDLY ENOUGH, Ansel Adams' first mention in The Pine Cone wasn't for photography. Instead, the May 16, 1930, issue noted that a performance in town by singer Tony Lujan, a "Taos Indian," would be followed by a performance at Adams' home in San Francisco.

At that point, the 28-year-old photographer had already taken one of his best known photographs, "Monolith, the Face of Half Dome," and in 1932, he participated in a summer exhibition at Johan Hagemeyer's studio at Ocean and Mountain View. Other Pine Cone references to him and his work occurred sporadically in the 1930s and 40s.

Highlands home

According to a 1996 biography by Mary Street Alinder, Adams contributed to the United States' World War II efforts by taking photos for the military. His support was not without reservation, evidently, as he was troubled by the internment of Japanese-Americans, and in 1945, the paper noted that Adams had published a book of pictures from Manzanar — a relocation camp in Northern California — called "Born Free and Equal: The Story of Loyal Japanese-Americans."

In March 1951 The Pine Cone reported that Adams and wife Virginia Best were in town visiting his father and aunt, and that they "dropped in to see Edward Weston, of course, on Wildcat Hill."

The 1950s went by with only passing references to the photographer, but on Sept. 7, 1961, Pine Cone columnist C. Edward Graves wrote, "my grapevine tells me that" Ad-

ams would soon be building a home in the Carmel Highlands.

That construction proceeded, and Adams and his wife moved here in 1962, becoming deeply involved in the local community, including occasional photo credits in The Pine Cone.

He made the front page on Jan. 26, 1967, as the president of the Friends of Photography, which received approval to locate a photography center at Sunset Center. Since that move came with a check for a year's rent

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In 1975, Ansel Adams' assistant, Alan Ross, took this picture of him with fellow photographer Imogen Cunningham in the background.

Tech failure shortens meeting

By MARY SCHLEY

ONE OF the downsides of holding meetings virtually in the time of coronavirus struck Tuesday, when the city's online streaming service, Granicus, suffered an outage. Unable to figure out how to make the session visible to the public, the council voted to delay hearings on outdoor dining, street vending and an increased tax on hotel rooms until Dec. 15 at 4:30 p.m.

City officials use Google Meet for their virtual meetings, but those logins are not available to members of the public, who have to dial in by phone to listen and speak if they want to comment and can otherwise only watch via the city's website, which uses Granicus for recording and streaming meetings. An hour into the Dec. 8 session,

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Saving Cinnamon

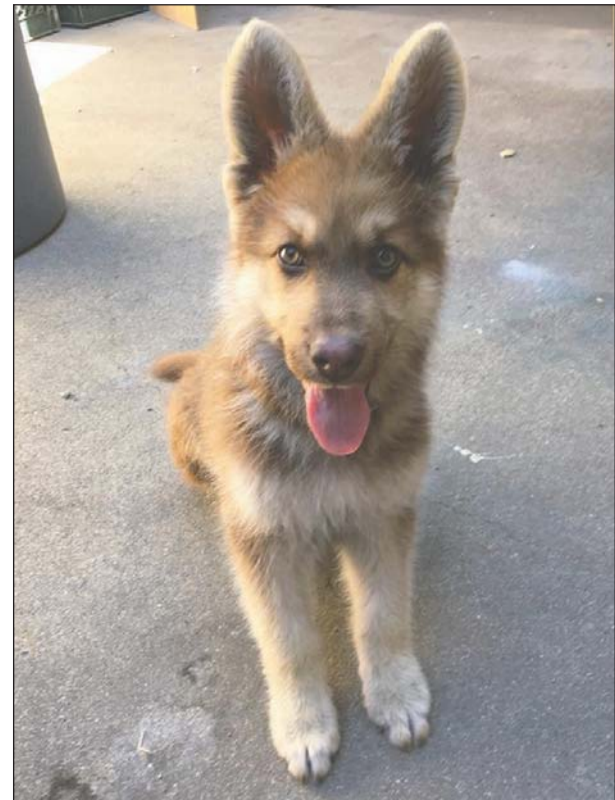
THE LAST thing he needed after buying a new house for his family was another expense, but his daughter said a new house needed a new dog. While browsing the internet, the kids fell in love with a German shepherd puppy living in Oakland. After a \$500 investment, Cinnamon came home to Seaside.

The kids, in trying to come up with her name, had offered several suggestions. Yet when Dad, a local chef, was gathering the ingredients to make crème brûlée, he reached for the cinnamon and knew he had her name in his hand.

Before long, it became clear that Cinnamon was very sick. The veterinarian diagnosed an infection that would require surgery and a \$7,000 bill.

"The vet didn't have time to do the surgery," said Cinnamon's person. "We took her to the SPCA, where they took care of her, but then we had to prove she was from a good home. We ended up paying \$700, but I think it was the kids' tears that got Cinnamon home."

Cinnamon didn't settle in easily. When she escaped through the garage and into the yard, neighbors, thinking she was a coyote, ran outside, ready



to shoot. Her person rushed out, yelling, "Stop! That's my dog!"

The family decided Cinnamon needed a place to call home, so they built her a doghouse — pink with black roof, white-trimmed dormers, an arched doorway and room to grow.

"Cinnamon has health insurance and her own room. She's like another kid," her person said. "She's definitely a member of the family."

And she knows it. Whenever Cinnamon goes to the beach, she runs around in the sand, but seems mindful that her first responsibility is to look after her family.

"She's playful with the kids, but also very protective," said Dad. "No one can touch them but Cinnamon."

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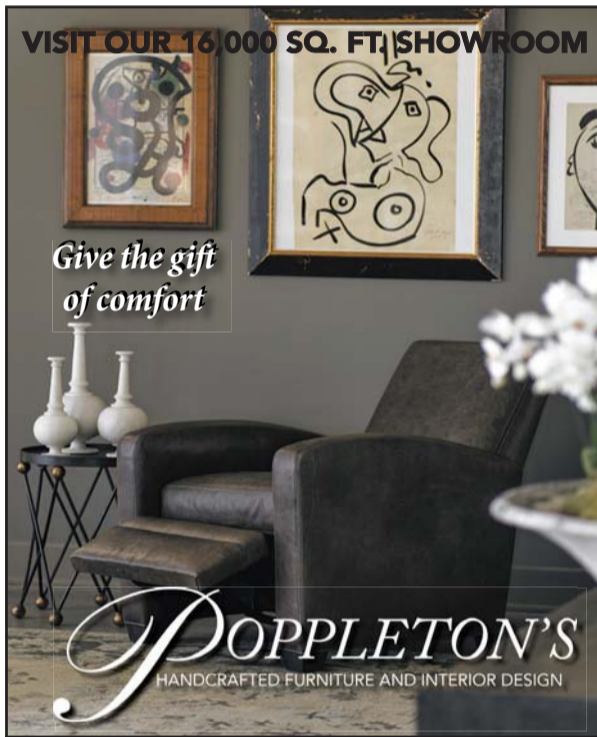
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State, feds say no to camping, but day-use sites to stay open for now

By CHRIS COUNTS

WITH THE epidemic growing and the holidays quickly approaching, California State Parks officials are closing campgrounds but keeping day-use areas open.

In Big Sur, that means people can't do overnight stays at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park. But they can visit the park during the day, along with Point Lobos State Reserve, Garrapata State Park and Andrew Molera State Park.

All this, of course, could change in a minute if state officials decide to further ramp up coronavirus precautions.

According to the top state parks official, the move was made because hospitals are reaching capacity due to the pandemic. State parks took the step "to address the alarming pace of Covid-19 case rates that are threatening to overwhelm the health-care delivery system," state parks director Armando Quintero reported.

But Quintero said the parks will remain open — at least for now — because exercise has been deemed important by state officials.

"While the new stay-at-home order is asking Californians to stay home as much as possible, and for campground sites in impacted regions to close, the state also recognizes that outdoor activity is critical for mental health and physical health," said.

Officials said they will be tough on those who don't follow coronavirus precautions. Park visitors are apparently only allowed to go hiking with people they also live with. And parks could hit capacity, triggering tighter measures.

"This means no guests or friends, and no gatherings or parties," the state parks web-

site indicates. "Visitors are being asked to leave if there are too many people to allow for the required physical distance."

State parks also announced that anyone who has had camping reservations canceled will receive a refund without having to ask for it.

Officials also reported that day-use sites are experiencing heavy use, and not all restrooms will be open.

Feds close sites, pray for rain

Also closing campgrounds is the United States Forest Service, which said sites like Kirk Creek and Plaskett Creek campgrounds in Big Sur will be shut down through at least Jan. 6. The closures began Tuesday.

While the forest service is allowing people to use public land, most of the forest service land in Big Sur is off-limits until at least Dec. 31 due to the damage caused by last summer's Dolan Fire.

There may even be a few hot spots remaining, and it turns out the containment line that rings the fire couldn't be completed because one steep area — about 5 miles south of Tassajara Hot Springs and 8 miles east of Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park — "is inaccessible to any human," Andrew Madsen of the forest service told The Pine Cone. "There's no way we can get in there and cut a line."

While it's uncertain when the local backcountry will reopen to hikers and backpackers, it likely won't happen until wet weather arrives — and none appears on the horizon. "You need to go out there and do a rain dance," Madsen suggested to the Pine Cone reporter who constantly asks him when trails will be open again. "No rain is forecast for weeks."

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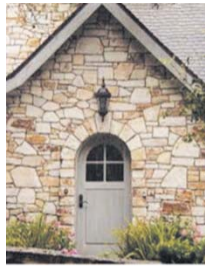


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Police & Sheriff's Log

The battery is no longer included

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Pacific Grove: A subject reported lost wallet on Central. Owner later called to report that the wallet had been located.

Pacific Grove: Parking lot hit-and run at Country Club Gate. Unintentional — information exchange.

Big Sur: Child Protective Services referral on Highway 1.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Unattended cell phone found in the middle of the roadway on Scenic south of Eighth and brought to Carmel P.D. for safekeeping. The owner later called for the phone, and it was released back to the owner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Officer assisted a female subject at Fourth and Santa Rita who was lost and could not locate her residence. She was provided a courtesy transport and reunited with her spouse.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop conducted on Torres north of Third at 2048 hours for vehicle code violations. The 74-year-old female driver was arrested at her residence for DUI.

Pacific Grove: Theft from a vehicle on

Arkwright Court.

Pacific Grove: Subject at Country Club Gate was issued a citation for a muni code violation.

Pacific Grove: A 72-year-old male was found intoxicated in public at Country Club Gate at 1908 hours and was arrested. Violated probation.

Pacific Grove: Overdue juvenile reported on Carmel Avenue.

Carmel area: Battery removed from an equipment crane at the Crossroads.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Theft of city property from the restrooms at Scenic and Santa Lucia Avenue.

Carmel Valley: An elderly female on Del Mesa Drive was a victim of fraud.

Carmel Valley: East Carmel Valley Road resident received unwanted written communications through a federal mail service from an unknown author.

Carmel Valley: An elderly female on Del Mesa Drive was a victim of fraud.

Carmel area: Unknown subject stole personal checks from the victim's mailbox on Oak Way.

Carmel Valley: Adult protective services referral on Terrace Way.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-resident reported her concern with a local business on Ocean east of Monte Verde overcharging for

See POLICE LOG page 30A



The gavel falls

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

Oct. 20 — Monterey County Superior Court Judge Rafael Vazquez sentenced Jose Angel Nuñez, 29, a resident of Salinas, to 16 years in prison for committing an armed robbery.

On Jan. 2, Nuñez walked into a Cricket Wireless store armed with two pistols and pointed them at both employees present in the store. He approached the clerk behind the register and demanded that he empty the register. The clerk began emptying the register, but when Nuñez felt that he was moving too slowly, Nuñez fired a shot into the ceiling.

Nunez took \$915 and ran out of the store. The clerk behind the register chased Nuñez down the street and when he noticed that he was being chased, he turned around and fired three to four shots into the air before entering a waiting vehicle and fleeing from the scene.

Salinas police officers arrived at the Cricket Wireless store and, after taking statements from witnesses, reviewed the video surveillance from within the store. Officer Raul Rosales recognized Jose Nuñez from prior contacts, and multiple Salinas Police Department detectives and officers instituted an investigation which led to Nuñez.

Nuñez pled guilty to robbery, an enhancement for the use of a firearm, and assault with a firearm. He received a 16-year term in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. His plea deal included two

"strikes," which means that if he is subsequently charged with another strike offense, he will face 25 years to life in prison.

Oct. 20 — In the criminal case of the People of the State of California versus Javier Uriel Mena, Judge Carrie Panetta sentenced the defendant to serve four years in prison for a recent case of domestic violence and one more consecutive year for a 2019 domestic violence case he was on probation for, both against the same victim who was only 15 years old when she met the defendant, who was 33.

On March 22, 2019, the Salinas Police Department was called to an apartment where Mena had struck the victim in the back and face multiple times with a fist, spit in her face, and pulled on her hair after an argument because the victim took an alcoholic drink away from him. During the investigation, 17-year-old Jane Doe divulged she and Mena lived together for three months, had been in a sexual relationship for two years, and had a seven-month-old son together. The defendant was arrested and convicted of unlawful intercourse with a minor and domestic violence, wherein he was placed on a grant of felony probation, ordered to have no contact with the victim for a period of three years and to complete domestic violence classes plus one

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Suspicious Porsche, shocked expression lead to felony arrests in town

By MARY SCHLEY

A CONVICTED felon who kept the 2012 Porsche Turbo he allegedly stole in Los Gatos two months ago instead of quickly getting rid of it — like most car thieves do

— was arrested downtown Monday afternoon, according to Carmel Police Sgt. Jeff Watkins.

The owner of the sportscar had called police after hearing from a friend who thought he'd spotted it parked near the center of town, and officers went out to confirm the

Porsche in question was, in fact, the same car.

"My officers then conducted surveillance," Watkins said, until 64-year-old Mark Staiger and a woman who was with him returned to the parked Porsche on Seventh near Dolores, at which point they detained the pair to question them about the car.

"It was determined that the vehicle had fake Texas license paper plates and a fake paper VIN covering the original VIN number," Watkins said.

With the true vehicle identification number and license plate revealed, police verified the Porsche Turbo was the one reported stolen in Los Gatos in October, and they identified Staiger as the man who had taken it.

During their questioning and search, officers discovered Staiger is a convicted felon and was in possession of pepper spray, so they took him to Monterey County Jail, where he was also booked on a robbery charge related to the car theft. The woman with him was not arrested, and the police department in Los Gatos has taken over the case, since that's where the theft occurred, Watkins said.

Another felon picked up

A week-and-a-half earlier, while on patrol and driving through downtown shortly after 11:30 p.m. Nov 27, officer Gerald Maldonado noticed a parked car with the dome light on and a man and woman sitting inside near the intersection of Monte Verde and Sixth.

"Due to the 10 p.m. curfew that had been enacted, no open businesses in the area, and the surprised/shocked look on the female's face as he drove by," Watkins said, "he conducted a vehicle check."

When talking to the pair, Maldonado could smell fresh marijuana inside the car, according to Watkins, and a records check on both people revealed the man, 31-year-old Ruben Gonzales of Fresno, was on felony probation and had to consent to a search.

The search revealed a loaded gun that wasn't registered to either of them, a stun baton, marijuana for sale, narcotics for sale and drug paraphernalia, according to Watkins. Gonzales said all the items were his, and Maldonado arrested him and took him to Monterey County Jail for booking on seven felonies and four misdemeanors related to the weapon and drug charges.



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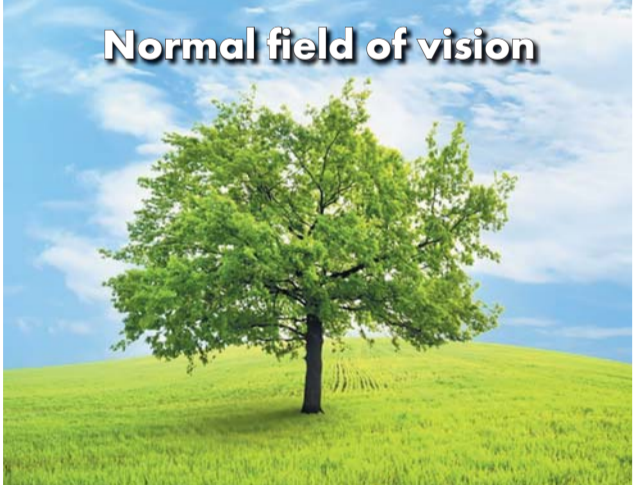
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Monterey firefighters team up with Kiwanis to help families

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MONTEREY FIREFIGHTERS Local 3707 is working with the Pacific Grove Kiwanis Club to collect new unwrapped toys and gifts to distribute to families in need over the holidays.

Donations can be dropped off at fire stations in Monterey (Pacific Street, Dela Vina Avenue and Hawthorne Street), in Pacific Grove on Pine Avenue and in Carmel on Sixth between Mission and San Carlos.

And in Pacific Grove, First Awakenings, Grand Avenue Flooring, P.G. Cleaners, P.G. Travel and Paul's Drapery are accepting gifts for the drive, as are the tourist information center on Central and the Pebble Beach Community Services District on Forest Lake Road in Del Monte Forest.

Braxton's Toys has Amazon wish list

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE BRAXTON Stuntz Foundation's annual holiday toy drive is in full swing, and if people don't want to venture out or can't make it to one of the donation bins in town or elsewhere on the Peninsula, they can visit braxtonstuntzfoundation.org to access the Braxton's Toys Amazon Wish List.

"We are collecting for homeless and needy kids. We are partnering with AFW for the giveaway," said Ruth Baltes, a nurse and the mother of Stuntz, the 18-year-old Stevenson School grad who died tragically while showing some college friends Garrapata Beach nearly two years ago. She and his father, surgeon Mike Stuntz, started the foundation in honor of their son and his strong drive to help those in need from a very young age.

The farmworkers group "will help get the word out to migrant farm workers families and kids in need through schools," Baltes said. "Our goal is to match last year's 2,000 toys collected."

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P.B. Co. to close hotels and restaurants, 900 workers furloughed

■ Move follows Moreno's stay-home order

By KELLY NIX

THE CEO of the Pebble Beach Company — one of the Monterey County's biggest employers — said this week that the company will close its hotels, most of its restaurants and retail shops, and furlough 900 employees because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Bill Perocchi, in an email message to company staff, said the resort would shutter The Lodge at Pebble Beach, the Inn at Spanish Bay, Casa Palmero, and all restaurants, including Neville's, Spyglass Hill and beverage carts. The Gallery will remain open for takeout orders, and the Market will also stay open for business. The closures are effective Dec. 13 at 10 p.m.

The company will also close the Spa at Pebble Beach, and retail shops at 5 p.m. Sunday. The Heritage Shop, Lone Cypress Shop and the Women's Shop will stay open.

"All four golf courses (and their respective pro shops), the golf academy, 17-Mile Drive, the visitor center, the equestrian center, and both clubs (for tennis, swimming and some outdoor fitness) are allowed to remain open through this stay at home-period," Perocchi told employees.

As the Pebble Beach Company shuts down most of the resort, Perocchi said 65

percent, or about 900 workers, will "stay home on temporary furlough while sheltering in place."

Staff at the golf courses will remain on the job, as will a small number of other employees, mostly in security, operations, engineering, accounting, IT, sales, reservations, real estate and retail.

"I know these are gut-wrenching times, and so many of you are dealing with financial, health, and family issues, but please hang in there and keep the faith," Perocchi said.

He added that there is "light at the end of the tunnel" and that the company remains "optimistic that we will experience a strong rebound beginning in the spring. But first, we need to buckle down even more and get through the next several weeks."

The Pebble Beach Company's closures and furloughs were prompted by a preemptive stay-home order that Monterey County Health Officer Dr. Ed Moreno announced Wednesday.

The order allows retail to be open with 20 percent capacity, but closes hair and nail salons and other services, and encourages people to mostly stay home.

Although Gov. Gavin Newsom Dec. 3 said he would impose stay-home orders for regions that dipped below 15 percent ICU capacity, Moreno issued his order preemptively, similar to what several other counties and cities did last week to try to reduce infection rates.

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Cal Am sues water district

■ Claims takeover effort requires environmental review

By KELLY NIX

CALIFORNIA AMERICAN Water is suing the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District over the public agency's claims it could take over the local water system and then run it without causing any adverse impacts to the environment. Cal Am maintains that numerous environmental impacts could result from lower water rates and increased consumption.

In November 2018, Peninsula voters passed a ballot measure directing the water district to acquire the Monterey water system through negotiation or eminent domain, if doing so would be financially feasible. Having a government agency run the water system would mean "substantially" lower water bills, according to the water district and anti-Cal Am activists.

But Cal Am alleges that on Nov. 4, when the district certified the environmental review for the takeover — one of the steps necessary for it to acquire and operate the Cal Am system — the agency violated CEQA by "sidestepping" analysis of the environmental impacts that could occur from its operation of the water system.

While Cal Am said the water district claimed it would operate the system "precisely in the same manner as Cal Am's current operation," its proposed operations plan indicated numerous changes, which the utility said "would have a significant impact on the environment," yet the water district's EIR did not consider them.

More growth?

Among other things, Cal Am said the water district failed to account for the environmental impacts related to lower water rates that the district claims would result from its operation of the system, and for

ignoring the potential for increased development due to the lower rates.

"As even admitted by the water district, lower rates result in greater water use," and therefore, more environmental issues, Cal Am contends.

By "assuming" the district would operate the system exactly the same as Cal Am, it "avoided any meaningful assessment of the environmental effects of its project," Cal Am alleges in the complaint, filed by attorney David Moran. The utility goes on to say that the "assumption was nothing more than a ploy to enable the district to complete the environmental review quickly and painlessly."

'Piecemealing'

While two water district board members acknowledged the agency would change the way it operates the water system, Cal Am said the water district made no effort to correct or revise the environmental review or address the issue. The board ended up voting to certify the EIR with a 6-1 vote.

Cal Am also accuses the water district of "piecemealing" plans to run the water system to "create the illusion of fewer environmental impacts, and to hide the true magnitude" of its actions.

The lawsuit asks a judge to order the water district to rescind its approval of the environmental review and to comply with CEQA before it tries to acquire Cal Am.

Water district general manager Dave Stoldt said last week the agency had not been served with the complaint and he could not comment.

However, Stoldt said Thursday that the district was served with the suit late last week.

For more than 55 years, Cal Am has owned and operated the Monterey water system, including wells, pipelines, storage facilities, hydrants and other equipment and facilities. The system serves about 100,000 people.



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Officers who searched house violated policy, chief says

By KELLY NIX

THE POLICE officers involved in an early morning search at a Monterey man's home in 2018, which prompted a lawsuit against the city earlier this year, violated department policy, according to the city's police chief six months after the incident.

In May, former Monterey resident Todd Brockman filed a federal complaint against the city, alleging four officers, with guns drawn, unlawfully barged into his home on Portola Drive at 1 a.m. two years ago to investigate a "shots fired" call. Brockman, who said officers violated his civil rights, agreed last month to dismiss the lawsuit, and the case is closed.

But a letter Brockman forwarded The Pine Cone last week indicates that, in November 2018 — six months after Brockman's home was searched — Monterey police chief David Hober determined that some or all of the officers involved in the incident had not followed department protocol when they went to his house.

Brockman said he was only able to release the letter now, following the resolution of his civil case.

"Based upon the information and evidence gathered during this investigation, I have determined the involved police offi-

cer(s) did violate policy or procedures on or about May 18, and the finding is sustained," Hober wrote in a letter to Brockman.

Hober did not say how the officers violated policy, and noted that any disciplinary action taken by the police department is confidential.

Bogus call

Brockman said the person who called about the gunshots dialed a non-emergency phone line, not 911. That, Brockman said, meant police — who did not have a search warrant — were not allowed to enter his home without consent. The call was bogus, he said.

"What police did not have a right to do is pull their guns out and tell me it was a 911 call and for me to get out of their way" so they could search the house, Brockman said Monday. "They lied."

While Brockman said officers maintained the call originated from a Portola Drive address, he said a parolee brother of an ex-girlfriend he had a restraining order against actually made the call from Fresno.

Hober has said officers were courteous and went by the book to address a poten-

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Point Pinos bird-watching stage OK'd by Pacific Grove council

By KELLY NIX

BIRD WATCHERS and otter spotters in Pacific Grove may soon have a much better viewpoint to look at the city's rich abundance of wildlife.

The P.G. City Council Wednesday voted to allow the Monterey Audubon Society to build a 20-foot-wide raised platform on the inland side, next to the city's stormwater treatment plant. The observatory would replace the turnout area the group currently uses to spot and track migrating seabirds.

"The observation deck can be elevated to see over traffic, and have minimal visual impact against the backdrop of cypress trees and facility infrastructure," Monterey Audubon Society board president Blake Matheson told the city's beautification and natural resources commission last month.

Best view

Matheson said that "No land-based locale on the West Coast offers better opportunities to observe pelagic and

migratory bird species than Point Pinos," which is at the northwest tip of the Monterey Peninsula.

"Not only are large aggregations of birds like the Pacific loon and surf scoter visible passing the point on regular migration, rare vagrants from the Arctic or southerly tropical seas are occasionally seen, invariably creating great excitement among the birding community" Matheson

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Council fills seven board seats delays forest and beach vote

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CITY council on Monday appointed seven people to various boards and commissions but held off on picking a forest and beach commissioner from among the dozen people who applied.

In all, 25 residents submitted applications for the various positions, including several who requested to be considered for more than one board or commission, and many who are newcomers, having moved here in the past few years. The new terms were supposed to begin in October, but Mayor Dave Potter and Mayor Pro Tem Bobby Richards delayed their recommendations so they could re-interview everyone to ensure they were making the right choices among such a large field.

“The applicants demonstrated a strong commitment to service and a desire to serve the Carmel-by-the-Sea community,” they said in their Dec. 7 report. “We are appreciative of all community members of diverse backgrounds and exceptional skill sets who filled out an application and participated in the interview process.”

Because they wanted to meet with applicants a second time, the council voted in October to extend the terms of five board

members and commissioners until Dec. 8. But because there were so many applicants, they still ran out of time to interview everyone again, and therefore held off on deciding what to do about the forest and beach commission seat held by Al Saroyan, who wants to be reappointed. On Monday, the council agreed Saroyan should stay on the commission at least until next month, when Potter and Richards will make their recommendation.

Who’s in charge

The council ratified seven other appointments at Potter’s and Richard’s request:

■ Donna Jett, who has served on the community activities commission since 2005 — except for a year-long stint on the historic resources board — was reappointed for a term ending Sept. 30, 2024.

■ Ellen Martin, who has been in Carmel on and off since 1995 and moved here full time in 2002, has worked as executive director of First Night Monterey since 2005 and is on the executive committee for the Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance and oversees its RetroAuto sale. She was appointed to the community activities

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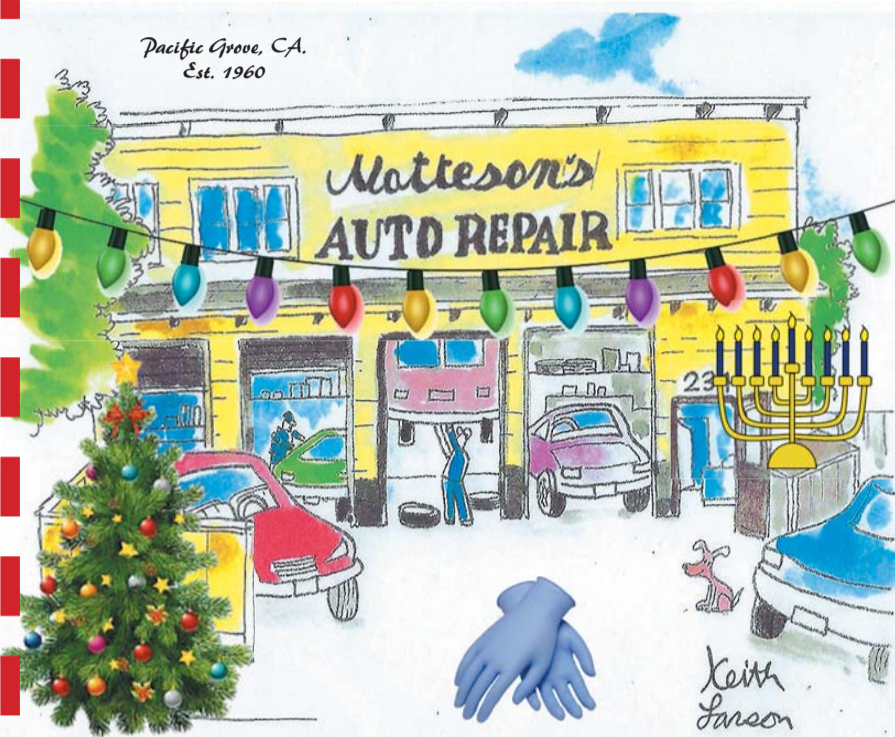
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Hardgrave becomes Adams' COS

By CHRIS COUNTS

AS SUPERVISOR Mary Adams begins her second term representing the 5th District, she'll do so without her chief of staff, Yuri Anderson, who will join new Fourth District Supervisor Wendy Root Askew in the same role.

The two had worked together for a decade — Anderson worked for Adams when she led the local United Way and became the supervisor's policy analyst in 2016.

"I'm just glad she isn't moving far away," Adams told The Pine Cone. "She's been my trusted aide for 10 years."

For Anderson, the move appears to be a matter of geography. A Marina resident, she will now work in her home district. She thanked Adams for giving her an opportunity during her first term.

"Mary's mentorship has been critical in my development as a professional and a community leader," Anderson said. "I

appreciate her support for my continued growth as I move into working for the community where I live, and where I'm raising a family."

To replace Anderson, Adams is promoting current policy analyst Sarah Hardgrave to chief of staff. Before joining the supervisor's staff, Hardgrave worked for the cities of Pacific Grove and Marina, and the Big Sur Land Trust. She also worked for the Monterey County on its general plan.

"Sarah has a razor-sharp mind, and an understanding of what's needed to get things done in the county," Adams said. "We have good chemistry."

Joining Adams' staff is new policy analyst Colleen Courtney, a former legislative aide to retired state Sen. Bill Monning.

"I enjoyed working with her when she was on Sen. Monning's staff," she added. "She's the kind of person who doesn't just join an organization, but ends up on its board."



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Builder brings back old housing plan, but supes take issue with application

By CHRIS COUNTS

DEVELOPER NADER Agha wants to revive an 18-year-old plan to turn a 50-acre property in Carmel Valley into 20 lots ranging from 1.1 to 8.5 acres, but the Monterey County Board of Supervisors Wednesday voted unanimously not to let Agha's project move forward after the county planning commission decided in September that his application is missing a few things — in particular, a report about where its water supply will come from.

Agha's lawyer, Paul Hart, told the board it was the wrong entity to make such a decision and suggested the dispute will end up in court.

Hart also said that because the county missed a deadline — by one day — in the application process, by state law the application should be considered ready to move forward.

The Vista Nadura subdivision would be located north of Los Arboles Road near Carmel Valley Manor.

County papers say the property has changed hands several times since 2002 within Agha's family. The application, which was filed in August 2002, gives the

current owner as Vista Nadura LLC.

At Wednesday's hearing, Pris Walton of the Carmel Valley Association urged supervisors not to let the application proceed.

"We fully support the recommendation that this application should be deemed incomplete," Walton said.

Applicant treat fairly?

Supervisor John Phillips conceded the county may have barely missed a deadline, but he insisted Agha was treated fairly — and the retired judge seemed confident the county would prevail in a court fight.

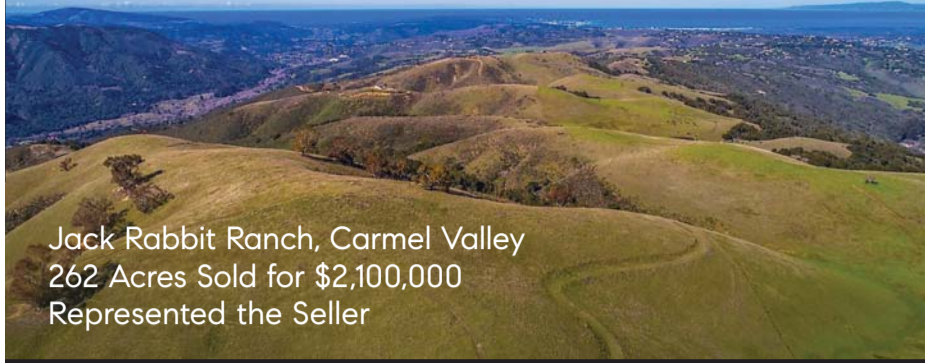
"The applicants sat on their hands for a year before they said, 'You missed it by a day,'" Phillips told his colleagues. "The applicant seems anxious to get into court."

Supervisor Mary Adams agreed with Phillips' assessment, and made a motion to send Agha back to the drawing board.

"There's been a lot of back and forth on this, but there's plenty of evidence that the application is incomplete," Adams added.

Supervisor Jane Parker seconded Adam's motion, which was approved by a 5-0 vote. "I just feel staff has been more than accommodating to this applicant," Parker said.

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Pine preserve dedication postponed

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

SIX YEARS after naming one of its properties after longtime environmental activist Joyce Stevens, the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District had planned to formally dedicate it with a ceremony Tuesday, but the event has been called off due to the coronavirus — at least for now. Located on Jacks Peak, the public land will be known as the Joyce Stevens Monterey Pine Preserve.

When conditions are safe, the ceremony will be rescheduled, possibly in the spring.

According to the park district, the 850-acre preserve is home to an important pine forest, along with a number of rare plants.

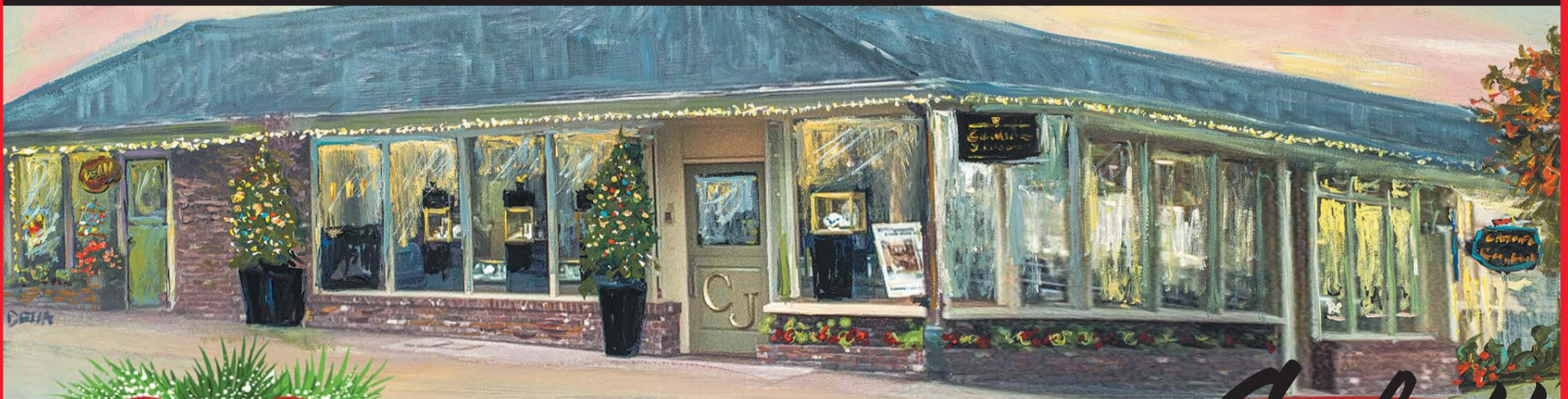
Stevens, 93, moved to the Carmel area in 1962, and became a passionate advocate for the environment. She fought the Hatton Canyon Freeway, lobbied for the preservation of the Marina Dunes, played a role in forming the park district, and served as a board member for the Big Sur Land Trust.

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Four more residents, seven workers test positive for virus at senior home

By CHRIS COUNTS

A WEEK after reporting an outbreak of Covid-19 among those who live and work there, The Cottages of Carmel told The Pine Cone Thursday that four more-residents and seven more employees have tested positive for the virus, raising the to-

tal number of cases at the senior facility. "Due to our stringent screening and testing of associates and residents, we identified four new residents and seven new employees with positive cases of coronavirus, representing an accumulated total of 20 residents and 18 employees testing positive since the beginning of the pandemic," ex-

ecutive Director Alton Mendleson said. "These residents and employees were immediately isolated, minimizing the risk of exposure to others in our community. Eight of the employees have already returned to work after resolution of all symptoms and required self-isolation," he added.

force, which Mendleson said "is committed to guarding the health and well-being of our residents and employees at all times."

First in line?

Hopeful that a vaccine will arrive soon, Mendleson said the company's task force pays close attention to national updates on the vaccination approval and distribution process. When the vaccine is available, it will be distributed by a company that specializes in providing vaccinations at senior facilities.

"We are pleased to report that the Centers for Disease Control are now poised to recognize the employees and residents of senior living communities as first-in-line recipients of approved coronavirus vaccines," he said.

Mendleson said that as soon as the FDA approves use of the vaccine, a determination will be made on the days and times for doses to be administered.

"We will share with you the facts and details about the specific vaccine we receive for deployment," he added.

The assisted living facility, which is at the mouth of the valley, says it is in contact with residents and their families "almost daily" and is committed to giving everybody "transparent and accurate" information.

"We communicate personally with individuals directly affected and with their family members," Mendleson said.

He declined to answer questions about fatalities, though. "We consider information about a resident's passing to be private and we confine those communications to the resident's family," he said.

The center is managed by Watermark Retirement Communities of Tucson, Ariz., which manages 58 sites in 21 states. The company has formed its own national task

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Council adopts pessimistic outlook on income

By MARY SCHLEY

HOTEL TAXES are down more than \$1 million from the same period a year ago but have been coming in better than the city council expected when it adopted the 2020-2021 budget in June, finance manager Robin Scattini told the council Dec. 8. However, with another shutdown set to take effect Dec. 13, any good news in this year's already lean budget will likely evaporate.

During her budget update, Scattini said that five months into the fiscal year, 30 percent of the \$18,780,225 in anticipated revenues — predominantly compromising property, hotel and sales taxes — have come in.

Just a tiny portion — \$102,581 — of the estimated \$6.82 million in property taxes, which are sure to be higher than expected due to record property sales this year, has been received so far, because the county hasn't distributed them yet. Sales taxes, budgeted at \$4.95 million for the year, totaled \$1.66 million for the first five months. According to consultant HdL, the city's sales taxes were down more than 51 percent during the quarter covering

April through June compared to the same time last year, which included the U.S. Open.

Budgeted at \$2.49 million, hotel taxes received so far are \$1.91 million, representing 77 percent of the total, which is better than expected.

No out-of-staters

But those revenues are bound to tank, at least for the next month, since Monterey County Health Officer Dr. Ed Moreno decided to implement the governor's new shelter-in-place order that in part states that "no hotel or lodging entity in California shall accept or honor out-of-state reservations for non-essential travel, unless the reservation is for at least the minimum time period required for quarantine and the persons identified in the reservation will quarantine in the hotel or lodging entity until after that time period has expired," starting Sunday night. Councilwoman Carrie Theis, whose family owns the Hofsas House hotel in town, said she was already seeing cancellations from people who were worried about the state shutdown order even before Moreno decided to impose it here.

Revenues from charges for services, estimated at \$2.08 million, are coming in less than expected, with \$667,273 received so far, and in the "other" category, the city has received \$1.25 million of the budgeted \$2.44 million.

Meanwhile, 41 percent of the budgeted expenses have been made since July 1, mostly on salaries and benefits. "The staff has been conservatively spending," city administrator Chip Rerig said. "We're being very, very diligent."

But, he noted, "as I continue to say to anyone who will listen to me, my biggest concern is that we budgeted conservatively enough."

That's why city finance staff has been providing monthly budget updates, according to Rerig.

"With Covid-19, there is no playbook, so we really don't know what's going to happen next week or the following week or the 1st of January," he said.

Scattini warned that in such a precarious state, any single thing could mean deficit spending. "A major storm, a major vehicle breakdown — anything, really — can push our expenses beyond the budgeted values," she said.

At the end of her report, Mayor Dave Potter said pessimism should be the overall mindset.

"We're better off being pessimistic than optimistic," he said. "We're anticipating darker days ahead."

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

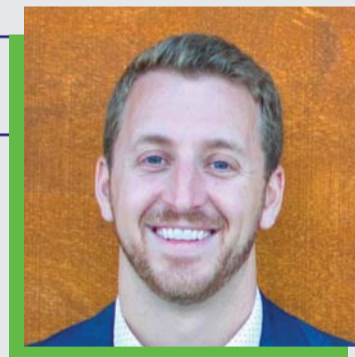


Dr. Grace Casserly Primary care

Dr. Casserly is a primary care doctor with Montage Medical Group in Monterey and is board-certified in internal medicine. She graduated from the Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California and completed her residency at Sinai Hospital of Baltimore, where she also served as chief resident. Before moving to the Central Coast with her husband and two sons, Dr. Casserly practiced in Maryland. She is also a classical pianist, with a master's degree in piano performance from the Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. Andrew Connor Psychiatrist

Dr. Connor is a child and adolescent psychiatrist with Ohana, the innovative child and adolescent mental and behavioral health program of Montage Health. Dr. Connor joined Ohana after completing a fellowship in child and adolescent psychiatry at Stanford University Medical School. He is a graduate of Midwestern University/Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed a residency in adult psychiatry at the Mayo Clinic. Dr. Connor is board-certified in child and adolescent psychiatry.

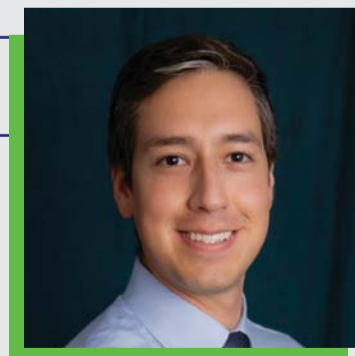


Dr. Maria Rubio Psychiatry

Dr. Rubio is a psychiatrist with Community Hospital's Outpatient Behavioral Health Services. She graduated from the University of Buenos Aires medical school in Argentina and then received a doctorate in neurobiology from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Dr. Rubio completed fellowships at the University of Miami and the University of Alabama. She completed her residency in adult psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Dr. Rubio is board-certified in psychiatry and she is fluent in Spanish.

Dr. Pablo Veliz Primary care

Dr. Veliz is a primary care doctor with Montage Medical Group in Monterey. Dr. Veliz is a California native who received his medical degree from the Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara, Mexico after earning a bachelor's degree from Pitzer College in Claremont, in Southern California. He completed his residency in family medicine at Abrazo Health Network in Phoenix, Arizona. His clinical areas of interest are preventive, integrative, and geriatric medicine. Personal interests include culinary adventures, soccer, and hiking with his family. Dr. Veliz is board-certified in family medicine and is fluent in Spanish.

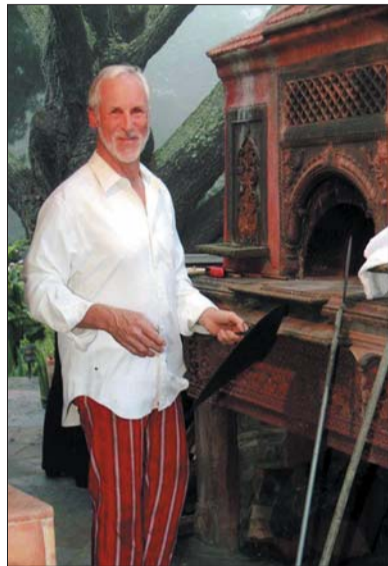


Letter to my friends from Conway of Asia:

A not so slight case of judgment impairment exposes itself... Since I was a child I've always loved to build. Whether it was a treehouse or a child's fort, I lost myself in the quest to build shelter and what I call sacred space. What joy it is to sit in front of a fire you've built, in front of a fireplace you've built, within your own safe space which you call home. I don't know exactly at what point the gardens took over. It began 25 years ago as I began to plant with mad abandon the fruits and flowers that I needed to sustain me and my family.

Surrounded by nature's bounty and beauty, I could turn my toil towards actually building a real house. I began by satisfying the most simple and rudimentary necessities. I built a temporary kitchen with the detritus of the salvaged house. This is where that insidious insanity begins to creep in. Did I really need a pizza oven large enough to feed 200 people?

Now this oven is a centerpiece of, not just my home, but my lifestyle. It has fed the hungry hordes of both my sons' weddings oh not to mention 18 ravenous Buddhist monks that stay with me for a week every year. I do believe I am the only person with a 400-year-old pizza oven. This monument is adorned with massive stone carvings of ancient palaces, including the Taj Mahal. Somehow this pizza oven is the symbol of my heart's desire. My greatest delight is to feed those that I love and in a moment's notice I have indeed fed 200 people. This pizza oven actually became the heartbeat of my home. Even though I was most impecunious as every shekel went to feed the roaring lion of the house that was yearning to be built. This humble little oven enabled me to fund the enormous appetite of the task at hand. This home, which I called Hacienda Aguajito, began to beckon my friends to lend a helping hand.



Curiosity mounted and pilgrims began to show up at my threshold. Often, they would leave with a trinket enough for me to run off to the lumberyard and buy a few more sticks. I didn't know

any other way of doing it. So, my house evolved one stick at a time. Now, if only God would grant me the serenity and wisdom of dreams slightly less extravagant, maybe this organic house would begin to build itself. So now I have a temporary kitchen to feed me and all who come. Now let's concentrate on the Persians Baths...

I first built an outdoor bath. A roaring fire heated the water and the aromatic herbs and rose petals that simmered in the old salvaged clawfoot tub of the old house which was no more. Next the sauna, born from another dream, emerged. As an abundance of firewood actually fell at my feet and filled the stove that heated the sauna. From the perfumed bath to the steam of the "Hamam" (look it up!) renewed and refreshed I managed to greet another sunset and moonrise. These were the halcyon days of joy building this house one onion skin at a time.

Now, if I could only rein in a few of these extravagant dreams of mine I might have a house in time. Soon the 40-foot containers began to arrive from the east. One by one I filled these containers with bits and pieces of what was rubble to the uninitiated, but priceless treasures to me. As I slept in my teepee there were farmers all over Nepal and Afghanistan plowing their fields and digging up pieces of ancient carved stone which might otherwise break their plows. I gathered doors and windows of ancient palaces that had fallen into neglect. Masterpieces of 17 century carvings destined to be sold as firewood after an earthquake, made its way into my home. They would soon be given a new life as I set a slightly broken window of the Taj Mahal through which I could see the moon rise the same as Shah Jahan did 400 years ago. The sacred artifacts are pieces of history and it is not too far-fetched for me to muse upon the thought that perhaps a mystical poet or even Rumi himself passed through my 16th century front door. After all, I had a pizza oven that was carved and built before a pizza was invented. Of course, I would wake up to reality and realize there's no way in the world for a man of modest means as myself, would be able to build a palace like this.

By the grace of God, and 50 years of living in the third world, totally consumed by this art, my friends began to gather around me. You provide the containers, and we will fill them. After all there's no one crazy enough in the whole world that would want these forgotten pieces of once great civilizations. 40 containers later, I found a place for each and every artifact. My house began to rise up. I had no idea how I would ever pay for it. Out of necessity, I was forced to indentured myself to those money lenders at the temple.

Somehow my insanity enabled me to instill confidence. All debts would be settled and little by little I fed the wolves. My two spoiled sons would return from the hallowed walls of their Ivy League schools to marvel at my untethered projects. So many balls in the air but somehow, I managed. When I would run out of money an angel would appear. My kids would joke. "Be careful. dad might sell one of our kidneys to build on another bedroom for us. I had to educate my sons so in return they would come back and live with me and take care of me. My sons always knew I had a firm grip on reality, albeit an alternative reality. The time inevitably will come when I'll call them home. Unfortunately, this has not come to pass. One son is an organic farmer in Argentina. 18 years later he's building his dream. My other son is extremely successful but unfortunately, I've passed a bad trait on to him. Like me he is and inveterate dreamer. However he's been far more successful than I.

Now I have a home, it only took 25 years and...for the most part I'm almost finished. That's the scary part. Oh, by the way, the building department finally signed off on the Final. That means I could move in from the teepee to the house. We shook hands and they promised not to call me Mr. Winchester anymore. Now my four grandchildren come to visit. They don't care about the darn house. They just want to sleep in the teepee with their grandfather. Maybe I should've stopped there, my dream was fulfilled, and I didn't even know it.

Perhaps another story to follow. The outpouring of goodwill in these difficult days delight me to no end. I will blow torch the locks off the last container in the coming weekend as space provides. Maybe a month or two to go...

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Life reminds me of that ancient Indian proverb:

"It is only through the cracked ones that light is let into the universe."

County seeks decision from fire victims

By MARY SCHLEY

THOSE WHO had buildings damaged or destroyed in last summer's wildfires in Monterey County must either file a form granting government contractors access to their properties to begin cleaning them up or submit an opt-out waiver to handle debris removal on their own by Dec. 15, Kelsey Scanlon of the county's office of emergency services said during a webinar last week. Otherwise, county officials will go in and clean up the sites themselves — and then bill property owners for the costs or sue them to recover the funds.

"Due to the dangers to the public health, welfare and environment, if property owners choose not to participate in the government program and also do not complete adequate cleanup through the private contractor program, they may be subject to enforcement actions," she said Dec. 3.

Foundations must go

Phase 1 cleanup, when U.S. Environmental Protection Agency teams went through burn sites to tag and remove household hazardous waste, is complete, except on about a half-dozen properties where they couldn't get in, according to Scanlon. Phase 2, which includes getting rid of all the other debris, such as burned

cars, foundations, damaged driveways, ash, hazardous trees and other wreckage, was set to begin with assessments this week.

Kendra Bowyer with the state office of emergency services said assessments include identifying parcel boundaries and burned structures, hazardous trees, asbestos — which has to be removed and disposed of by specialists — and determining whether heavy vehicles can get to the site.

In addition to removing anything that's been damaged or destroyed by fire, contractors pull up driveways or parking pads under burned vehicles, "because there's a lot of contamination that comes out of the vehicle once it's burned," she said.

And even if a foundation appears to be sound despite the fact the house above it burned, the government team will take it out and dispose of it.

"Inevitably, there is sufficient toxic soil underneath the foundation that it will need to be removed, because of the porous nature of the foundation," explained Chris McSwain of CalRecycle, the state recycling agency overseeing Phase 2 debris removal. "We have enough data to show that if the structure burned, the foundation is not stable enough to build on, and we have the soil toxicity problem."

See VICTIMS page 19A

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Dear Larry

BY LARRY MESLER

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'A Christmas Carol' gets one-man show, proceeds help theater students

By CHRIS COUNTS

TO RAISE money for struggling local theater groups, the Monterey Peninsula Theatre Trust will premier a streaming version of "A Christmas Carol" Saturday. The one-man show will star local actor Gary Bolen, who retired four years ago after a lengthy tenure running MPC's theater department.

"While tossing about ideas for a coronavirus-friendly fundraiser, the idea of streaming a Christmas-themed one-man show seemed natural," explained Bolen, who is now a board member for the trust.

When Bolen asked others for suggestions, "A Christmas Carol" was a "near universal favorite." Since he had performed it before, it seemed like an easy choice.

But things didn't go quite as planned for Bolen, who faced some unexpected hurdles.

"Looking back on it now, I don't know what the heck I was thinking," Bolen conceded. "It seemed like a good idea in that we could produce it quickly and inexpensively — it's not like you'd have a huge costume and set budget. But I really wasn't factoring in the difficulty of the task of taking on 23 characters, and the sheer load of memorization that involves."

Juggling characters, adaptations

Somehow, Bolen pulled it off. After searching high and low for an adaptation, he couldn't find precisely what

he was looking for, so he created his own. But this, too, proved daunting. "The first version ran about two hours, nearly twice as long as what I had been shooting for," he explained. "I finally got it down to about 80 minutes."

While much of Bolen's task is fairly straight-forward, he has to do some juggling when playing more than one character at a time — and as many as five.

"The challenge comes in the dialogue scenes when I will be acting a scene with myself as two or more characters," he said. "I have devised different vocal characteristics to go along with slight physical changes between the characters to keep them distinct and clear."

The performance was filmed live at the indoor Forest Theater, which is home to PacRep Theatre's School of the Dramatic Arts. A portion of the proceeds from the fundraiser will go to the program.

Tickets are \$20. The show will be available through Dec. 25. For more details, visit mptt.selz.com.

Memorabilia auction to aid PacRep

Raising money for PacRep Theatre is an online auction featuring an eclectic array of art and memorabilia from Carmel's early days. The auction continues through Dec. 20.

Included is a treasure trove of theater posters from the town's early days, some of which owned by two-time mayor and longtime stage talent Herbert Heron. There's also

several vintage Jo Mora posters, including one of Carmel, along with framed Pine Cone, Carmelite and Cymbal newspaper covers that mark important events — like Clint Eastwood being elected mayor in 1986 — and showcase local theater and art.

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LETTERS

From page 26A

last week's Pine Cone. The second paragraph refers to the "far-left Black Lives Matter political group."

"Far-left" falsely vilifies BLM considering that president-elect Biden (who received the largest popular vote in U.S. history) asserted in a campaign ad, "Black lives matter. Period."

Moreover, a recent study of NASCAR fans by Rhode Island-based Performance Research (self-described as "the world leader in consumer-based sponsorship evaluation") found that NASCAR's decision to include a car (driven by Bubba Wallace) with a Black Lives Matter message was supported by nearly two-thirds of older fans and by 82 percent of younger fans.

In addition, your article mistakenly and simplistically described Kyle Rittenhouse as "the Wisconsin teenager who fatally shot two men after they attacked him."

Rittenhouse is charged with two murders, one attempted murder, two counts of reckless endangerment, and ille-

gal gun possession. The Pine Cone's story reflects total ignorance of the complexity and pertinent facts of this case.

Hopefully, this unfortunate article just resulted from sloppy journalism and doesn't reflect the paper's political views bleeding into news coverage.

David Garnham, Carmel Highlands

Far-right?

Dear Editor,

Why am I not surprised that your front-page story last week would refer to the Black Lives Matter movement as the "far-left Black Lives Matter" movement?

I suppose to The Pine Cone a movement that insists on equal treatment and equal justice under the law for Black citizens strikes The Pine Cone as "far-left." That being the case, I'm certain you would not be the least bit offended if other news outlets referred to The Pine Cone as "far-right."

It's a shame, given how easily so many issues are needlessly politicized to the detriment of honest dialogue, that The Pine Cone can't remain an objective news source in these matters.

Peter Serchuk, Carmel

Doesn't like parking plan

Dear Editor,

Point Lobos has long had a parking and traffic congestion problem. State Parks proposes establishing a 100-car parking lot at Highway 1 and Rio Road with a shuttle to Point Lobos. Unfortunately, this doesn't solve the problem. It merely moves it to Marathon Flats and creates a 100-car eyesore and adds to summertime traffic congestion. Why not just plant some trees and enhance the area? Please let Mary Adams and Brent Marshall (State Parks) know your thoughts on this project.

Lloyd Finch, Carmel Meadows

Save the airfield

Dear Editor,

I am writing this to resolve information in the Dec. 4 Page 1 article on the Carmel Valley airfield, including the proper name of the community group active in working to preserve access: Carmel Valley Save Open Space.

CVSOS has assembled the financial and volunteer support of hundreds of local residents and the endorsement of numerous officials particularly concerned about maintaining the emergency staging, fire protection, and community open space of the airfield property, which the public has enjoyed since the 1940s.

CVSOS established non-profit status as a501(c)(3). We held numerous public meetings which included county officials and hosted guest experts on public land acquisition, fire safety and home insurance issues. We established an active social media presence and a robust website. We researched the establishment of a benefit assessment with the CV Recreation and Park District, made two offers of purchase, and this August succeeded in having the Monterey County Board of Supervisors consider a partnership in the interest of public safety.

Many land trust community organizations take years to achieve their goals. We not only got "off the ground," but we took flight and are still airborne. We are confident that through the efforts of CVSOS the community will have a voice in working with the county and any new owner in maintaining community access to the historic airfield property.

Luana Conley, Carmel Valley

JOAN JEANETTE WINTERS

June 28, 1927 – November 26, 2020

Joan Winters, age 93, of Arthur, Illinois, went to Heaven on Thanksgiving Day, at her home with her loving husband by her side.

Born June 28, 1927, at their farm home in Coulterville, Illinois, she was the daughter of Albert Allen Ketchum, Sr. and Sylvia Mae Ketchum. She was raised on that same farm. Their home had no electricity or indoor plumbing. She graduated from Okawville High School. She moved to Dallas, Texas, as a single mother with only a satchel bag of cosmetics of a well-known cosmetic line. That was just the beginning! She then moved to California in 1967, where she became the first director in the entire Pacific Northwest.

Joan met Jerry in 1975. She was attending a convention in San Francisco and Jerry was performing in the city. Joan attended Jerry's performance and instantly the sparks of electricity ignited! It was truly "love at first sight"! They were married that same year.

Joan was a self-educated, brilliant and talented business woman and entrepreneur! In 1980 Joan and Jerry established their first fine art gallery in Carmel, California, after having successfully built, maintained and sold five other upscale gift and boutique businesses in Carmel. Joan was a master in the fine arts. Her business philosophy was to help people; find out what they need to succeed and help them get it. For decades she personally guided and helped develop the careers of the painters she represented.

In 2001, Joan and Jerry purchased a 12th century country farm in Burgundy, France, and established a fine art gallery in the medieval village of Vezelay. They divided time between their art galleries in Carmel, California and their gallery in Vezelay. For 19 years they enjoyed the countryside of France. Originally, they planned to eventually retire in France, but then decided to semi-retire closer to home and family.

Then after 50 years in business, Joan and Jerry headed back to Illinois. In 2015 they discovered the charming Amish village of Arthur, Illinois and fell in love with the wonderful people and character of the town. The Arthur community embraced Joan and Jerry as family. They opened a fine art gallery and upscale boutique in Arthur. Although Joan was 93, she was still working six days a week, until she was diagnosed with COVID on November 9th, and it subsequently developed into double pneumonia.

Joan's Christian faith was the root of her life; her joy and strength. She was a selfless giver, generous and kind; an encourager, always forgiving, and never giving up on anyone!

Survivors include her husband, Jerry Winters, Arthur, Illinois; her nieces, Ruth Dianne Kay, Bloomington, Indiana and Anita Zinn, Greenback, Tennessee. Six grandchildren: Albert Montgomery, Daniel Montgomery, Rebecca Montgomery, Mark Montgomery, Louis Montgomery, Israel Montgomery; and five great-grandchildren: Aidan, Julian Sebastian, Sheadon, and Emmett.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Albert Ketchum; daughter, Martha Montgomery; nephews, Paul Ketchum and John Ketchum.

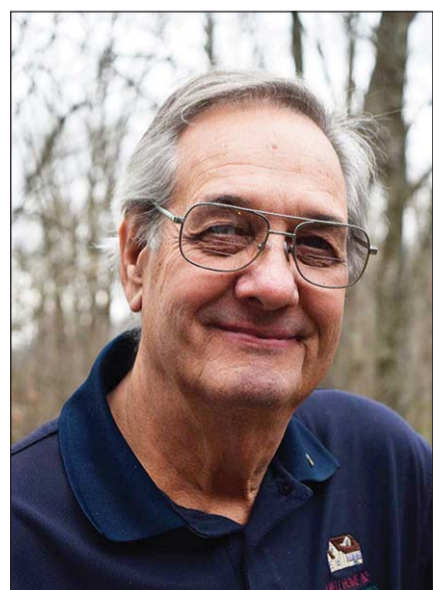


Grant Anthony Morrill III

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Grant Anthony Morrill III passed away November 16th, 2020, after a brief battle with Covid-19 surrounded by the love of his family. He will be thoroughly missed by his wife Leslie, brother Peter, daughter Carrie, and grandson Dean.

Grant was born May 12th, 1949, in Hamilton, Ohio, to Grant Anthony Morrill and Marjorie Moore Morrill. Along with his little brother Peter, Grant grew up in New Canaan Connecticut where his father was the longtime rector of St Mark's, an Episcopal Church that became a touchstone for the community. Grant



learned to sail and spent summers swimming on Cape Cod, Massachusetts, a love that endured throughout his rich life. With his father, he marched for racial equality while participating in the March on Selma, returning 50 years later with his daughter to retrace those steps. He instilled in his daughter, Carrie, the drive to acquire new skills, to lead with kindness and humor, and to put all you can into the task at hand.

Grant honed his oratorical skills studying theater arts at the illustrious California Institute for the Arts in Los Angeles. After college, Grant moved to the Monterey Bay area, building a home in Big Sur. Here, along with his good friend Jerry, he founded Morrill and Forbes Chimney Sweeps, performing his duties in a top hat and coat tails, no less. During his time in the Monterey Bay area, he was a banker, a realtor and founded a home repair business. He joined Carmel Valley Rotary, becoming an integral part of that club's charitable efforts and served as Club President from '91-'92. With his dear friends and fellow Rotarians, he worked the Laguna Seca races for 15 years. Grant was known for his charisma, unfailing sense of humor, and kindness, developing

lifelong friendships with those fortunate enough to know him.

Moving eastward, Grant relocated to the Blue Ridge Mountains in Hendersonville, NC. He opened A Well Home Home Inspections and The Second Home Management Company, serving the community with generosity and integrity. It was during this time he met his soulmate, Leslie. In Hendersonville, they built a beautiful life together, filled with love and joy. A lifelong Rotarian, Grant continued his club service and giving back the community in Hendersonville. He was a man with a strong moral compass and empathy, proudly contributing to many community service endeavors throughout his life.

He will be so deeply missed and all memories of him will be greatly treasured.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages you to donate to Carmel Valley Rotary, PO Box 221845, Carmel, Ca 93922



Joan Ratterman Kamrar

August 12, 1935 ~ December 2, 2020

Joan Ratterman Kamrar, a retired bookkeeper, passed away on Wednesday, December 2 at her home in Pebble Beach at the age of 85. Born August 12, 1935 in Binger, Oklahoma, she has lived on the Monterey Peninsula since 1977. Prior to that, she lived in Sunnyvale, CA and Richmond, CA.

Joan was a self-employed bookkeeper, serving clients in the Monterey Peninsula cities.

Mrs. Kamrar was a member of St. Angela Merici Church in Pacific Grove. She was a docent at Pt. Lobos State Reserve for twenty-five years. She enjoyed sharing the beauty of Pt. Lobos with people from all over the world. The greatest joy in her life came from her family and many longtime dedicated friends.

Joan is survived by her husband of nearly sixty years, Jim Kamrar; her son, Paul Kamrar of San Jose; her daughter, Joni Lynn Kamrar of Pacific Grove, and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her two brothers, Royce and Ed Ratterman and her sister, Rowena Moody.

Memorial services will be announced at a future date. The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to Hospice of the Central Coast, 2 Upper Ragsdale Dr., Ste. D-120, Monterey, CA, 93940.

To sign Joan's guest book and leave messages for her family, please visit www.thepaulmortuary.com

VICTIMS

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After removing everything, contractors will install erosion control measures to help avoid further damage from mudslides and the like.

"It typically takes about two weeks," Bowyer said, after which the property is given a certificate proving cleanup is complete and it's safe to rebuild.

Going the private route

Anyone who is adamant about keeping a foundation — or who would prefer to hire contractors to do the cleanup — has to opt out of the taxpayer-funded cleanup by Dec. 15 and have it done privately, a complex and costly process. Property owners going private must also file an application and work plan with the county and get approval before they can start the work.

"If property owners opt not to participate, they are still required to remove the burn debris at their own expense and comply with all the requirements, and to do so in a timely manner," said Ric Encarnacion, who heads the county's environmental health department. "Once you have opted out, you can't opt in."

Those taking part in the private debris removal program must also have geologists, civil engineers and soil consultants go through their properties to identify asbestos, which has to be removed and disposed of by a specialist, and to test and analyze the ash and other debris for hazard-

ous materials, according to environmental health officials.

They then have to describe how removal of all the debris will be handled, where it will be disposed of or recycled, and they will later be asked for receipts to prove all the work was done in compliance with the rules. Property owners who go private will also have to submit erosion control plans and soil grading plans, and provide soil samples after all the work is done to prove there is no more contamination and it's safe to rebuild.

Regardless of whether they go for the government program or use private contractors, property owners can't begin rebuilding until the county signs off on their cleanups and certifies all contamination has been remediated.

Anyone with questions about either program, or who wants to confirm the county has received the right-of-entry permit or the opt-out waiver, can call the hotline at (831) 796-6472. Detailed information is available at co.monterey.ca.us/recovery.



Carolyn Ann Craig
1947 — 2020

Carolyn Ann (Ray) Craig passed away after a period of declining health on October 19, 2020, surrounded by her husband and children. Carolyn was born June 17, 1947 in Waverly, Iowa, to Eldon and Mary Ella Ray. Carolyn was diagnosed in 1957 with brain cancer, and was treated with a new, experimental procedure — cobalt radiation — which was intense and invasive, but ultimately saved her life. It was a complicated surgery in the 1950s, and along with that followed lifelong challenges that caused the deterioration of the visual core of her brain, causing headaches, and gradual loss of eyesight. Even with that, she continued her world of graduating from William Woods College where she met her husband of 51 years, Gilbert "Jeff" Craig. They spent the first two years of their marriage at Pearl Harbor, where Jeff was stationed for the Vietnam War. They moved to the Monterey Peninsula in 1971, where they raised their two children, Kimbley and Danny. Carolyn thrived at being a wife, mom, preschool teacher, and volunteer in our community. She was a member of PEO, Junior League, ITN Monterey County, and Carmel Presbyterian Church. She volunteered her time as a guide at the Monterey Bay Aquarium and served on the board of directors with the Blind & Visually Impaired Center in Pacific Grove.

She was "Grammy" to Campbell and Murphy, she was "Mom" to Danny (Heather) and Kimbley (Bobby Robertson), and she was lovingly "Dear" and wife to Jeff for 51 years, and four months. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Donna Eames, and survived by her brother, David Ray.

Services will be held when the COVID shelter-in-place order is lifted. The family respectfully requests donations in memorium be sent to the Blind and Visually Impaired Center of Pacific Grove, or ITN (Independent Transportation Network) of Monterey County.

Be prepared for emergencies — register your phone number at www.alertmontereycounty.org

Chad Joseph Corriveau

1963 ♦ 2020

Chad Joseph Corriveau (June 25, 1963 to November 28, 2020) was a resident of Monterey, California who passed away after a battle with pancreatic cancer. Chad grew up in Riverside, California and attended college at the University of Utah where he earned his degree in Pharmacy. Chad went on to become a dentist attending the University of Illinois, Chicago. Chad was passionate about golf and his



community, and was a terrific irreplaceable friend. He was the loving fiance of Stephanie Nash; proud father of Trevor and Chloe; widower of their mother, Cheryl; beloved son of Barbara and brother to Sharon, Scott, and Steve; uncle to Brandon, Audrey, Allegra, Luke, Rachel, Kristina, Chanel, and Nicole; great uncle to Ava and Caden.

In the weeks preceding his passing, Chad was surrounded by family and friends who were able to capture his message to the Monterey Community. In his own words he expressed:

"Over the last 25 years it's been an honor and a privilege to live in Monterey, and treat the patients at Monterey Peninsula Dental Group. I could not have asked for a better experience that brought fulfillment and joy to my life.

I came to the Monterey Peninsula through Dr. Burnett and he gave me the opportunity to be a part of the Monterey Peninsula Dental Group. I am proud to have worked with many partners, former and current. They have been a joy to work with, and they have provided much enhancement to my life. I would personally like to thank Dr. Burnett's family and The Faia Family for all their support over the

decades that I have been here.

Outside of work, some of my favorite things to do on the Monterey Peninsula, where to play golf with friends and being involved with the Pebble Beach Junior Golf Association. Being president of the golf association and participating as a board member, and watching both of my children going through the golf program was especially fun."

Chad's wishes, in lieu of flowers, are to have donations made on his behalf to the AT&T Pebble Beach Junior Golf Association <http://attpbjrgolf.com/donate> or to Rotary Club of Monterey <https://www.rotary.org/en/donate>. Chad also wanted to have friends and family gather to remember him at the Church in the Forest. A celebration of his life will be forthcoming in 2021 and information regarding this event will be shared on Legacy.com and Facebook.

Sydney Elizabeth Henderson

1917 ♦ 2020

Sydney Elizabeth Henderson was born November 18, 1917 and brought up in Redbank, New Jersey, the daughter of Stanley Danser and Vivian Otterson Danser. She attended school in Redbank, and then commuted to secretarial school in New York City. She married Francis (Frank) Demarest just after the start of WWII and was moved by the Army "by train" to join him in Sacramento, CA, just before the birth of their first daughter. After the war, they moved to San Francisco where their other two daughter were born. In 1955 the family moved to Carmel, where Syd resided until her death on August 21, 2020.

After her children were in school, she went to work, for United Way in Monterey, CTB-McGraw Hill, Attorney John Shepard in Monterey and the Henderson Art Gallery in New Monterey. She was divorced from Frank Demarest. She subsequently married the "love of my life" Lester Kierstead Henderson and had many wonderful adventures with him until his death in 1985.



Sydney was a member of All Saints Church in Carmel where she made many lifelong friends. She spent many years on the All Saints Altar Guild and worked tirelessly on their annual rummage sale. She was a Daughter of the American Revolution, was a member of Quota Club, Little Bits Chapter of Children's Home Society, Asian Art Society, and the Carmel Woman's Club. She also enjoyed serving as a docent for the Tor House Foundation. Syd volunteered at CHOMP for over 25 years since when it first opened, the Carmel Foundation, and at Hacienda Carmel's Casa Tesoros.

Sydney was predeceased by her daughter Georganne Demarest in 2015, and is survived by two daughters, Penelope (Penny) Demarest of Seaside, and Margaret (Maggie) Scott-Smith of Eureka, two granddaughters, Shara Scott-Smith and Michele Schlesiger and great grandson Chaz of Eureka. She was also predeceased by her closest friends, Alice Goulding and Frances Sampson.

We are grateful to the staff of Hacienda Carmel their many kindnesses to Sydney, and to VNA and hospice who were very kind and caring at the end of her life. Celebration of Sydney's life has been postponed like everything else until after Covid 19.

Condolences may be written to the family at www.bermudezfamilyfunerals.com



SHUTDOWN

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people were hospitalized with the virus at the county's four hospitals, 35 of them at CHOMP.

Supervisors unanimously OK'd a resolution supporting Moreno's order, which expires at 6 a.m. on Jan. 11 but could be extended. Moreno's first shutdown order, announced March 17, was set to expire after three weeks but lasted more than two months.

While Gov. Gavin Newsom said last week he would impose stay-home orders for regions that dipped below 15 percent ICU capacity — Monterey County's capacity Dec. 9 was 17.8 percent — Moreno issued his order preemptively, similar to what several other counties and cities did last week to try to reduce infection rates.

Though the document doesn't expressly say it, Moreno said his order restricts dining, and closes hair salons, barber shops, nail salons and body art businesses. Retail businesses can remain open with 20 percent customer capacity, and elementary schools with waivers are still open for classroom instruction. Like Newsom last week, Moreno encouraged people to get outside and exercise, and he supported physical activity in general.

"There is growing evidence that we can still reduce transmission of Covid-19 while also allowing retailers" to operate at reduced capacity, he said.

Moreno could not point to specific evidence or science showing that banning outdoor dining would reduce the infection rate, but he said it is an activity where people from different households mingle, diners remove face coverings and are present for more than 15 minutes — factors he said makes dining outdoors "higher risk."

Physicians from the county's four hospitals said

Wednesday they were confident that a new stay-home order would reduce the infection rate in the county.

"Think of it as an investment," Natividad Medical Center Dr. Craig Walls said. "Think of the holidays we are going to sacrifice this year. That's an investment that would pay huge dividends in the future" when the economy can reopen again.

Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula Dr. Martha Blum said the results of a shutdown wouldn't be known immediately, however.

"Even back in March ... it took a couple of weeks for that curve to bend and go in the other direction," she said.

7,600 vaccine doses

Moreno also said Wednesday that Monterey County had just been informed that it would get an initial 2,925 doses of the Pfizer and 4,700 doses of the Moderna vaccines, which he said would arrive "very soon."

While both medicines require recipients to get a second dose a month after the first one, he said hospitals have been instructed to administer all doses at once, and not save or store them for the second round. Healthcare workers who treat Covid patients will be the first to be inoculated.

"The state has told us we can expect weekly shipments of vaccines, so we will be putting in orders on a weekly basis," Moreno said, adding that he anticipated the county would put in its first order Thursday.

'Worse than last week'

Moreno's shutdown order was prompted in part by grim news from the county's top physicians. At a supervisors meeting Tuesday afternoon, the doctors talked about the immense challenges their hospitals are facing. Not only is ICU capacity dwindling, even if there were more beds to accommodate patients, there would not be enough staff to treat them.

"I think, if anything, it's much worse than last week," Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System Dr. Allen Radner told the supervisors. "We continue to have a dramatic increase in cases and the number of patients hospitalized."

Blum said Community Hospital is starting to see patients who were infected during Thanksgiving celebrations.

"We have been at or near 100 Covid patients between all of the area hospitals, and we can only imagine where that's going to head in the days and weeks to come," Blum said.

Mee Memorial Hospital chief medical officer Dr. Robert D. Valladares said the King City facility is caring for six Covid non-critical patients from CHOMP, Salinas Valley Memorial and NMC.

'Going to work sick'

As Covid cases and deaths pile up, COPA, an organization made up of 27 churches, nonprofits, unions and schools, asked the board of supervisors to approve hiring 100 community health workers to offer a broad swath of services to those in areas most affected by the virus.

"We propose consistent care, from the time you test positive to the point you receive your certificate that you are no longer infectious and can go back to work," COPA official Jack Herbig from Walking Together ministry at St. Mary's-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church in Pacific Grove explained.

The idea would involve employing "navigators," as Herbig called them, who would assist residents every step of the way, from Covid testing to getting financial help if they have the virus.

"If someone finds they're infected, we need to talk to them immediately and say, 'What does your family need for you to isolate?'" Herbig explained. "We have to convey the idea we have got your back" so they can isolate.

For those who need to isolate from family members and others, the program would arrange for medical care, food, immediate cash assistance, employee rights information, assistance for sick leave, and rental and utility assistance.

COPA leader Maria Elena Manzo, with Sacred Heart Church in Salinas, acknowledged there is "mistrust" within certain communities, and even though resources are available to those who become infected, "people are having a hard time accessing those services."

She added that people who become infected are still "going to work sick because they cannot afford to isolate." Most of the infections have occurred in residents in Salinas and the Salinas Valley.

'Like a war'

Supervisors were highly supportive of the idea. District 2 Supervisor John Phillips said "It's probably something that should have been done some time ago."

Monterey Peninsula supervisor Mary Adams said combatting the virus "is like a war," and she said the county should go in "full bore 100 percent," and follow a Fresno model the COPA officials touted as being successful.

The supervisors directed county administrators to explore COPA's proposal — including how much it will cost taxpayers to implement — and come back as early as next week to present their findings.

Darren Joseph Harris

December 1, 1979 • November 26, 2020

Beloved Son of Harry E. Harris and Franceska Alexander, Beloved Brother of Matthew J. Harris & his wife Jackie, Nephew of David P. Seltzer and Cousin to Eva Seltzer & Anna & Tim Bevin.

Darren was born in Monterey, attending preschool through Robert Louis Stevenson High School on the Monterey Peninsula. He received a transferring engineer degree from Sierra College in Nevada County. He was a licensed contractor in California and achieved success in his building endeavors.



As a child, Darren excelled learning anything he was interested in with fervor, his favorite studies included fluent Spanish, several musical instruments and the solo sports; fencing, aikido, karate and snowboarding.

Darren spent most of his years on the South Coast of Big Sur which encouraged his love of the outdoors. He enjoyed diving for Big Sur Jade, landscape photography, handling large construction equipment and motorcycling. Never one to shy away from hard work, he was greatly respected in his craft.

His life was too short inside the hearts of those who loved him most. Darren is dearly missed and will be remembered for his love, sensitive intelligence and generosity to those he loved.

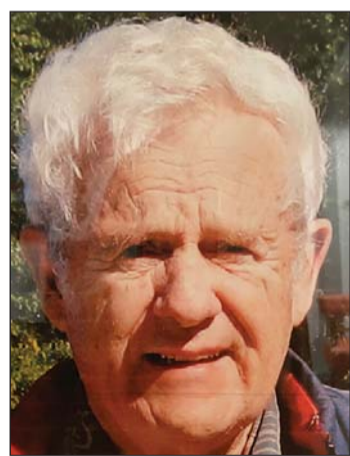
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BRUCE BANKS HANGER III

1928 ❖ 2020

Bruce passed away peacefully at his home in Carmel on Wednesday, December 2nd, with his California family around him and surrounded by the love of his entire family who could not travel. He was 92.



Born in Albuquerque, New Mexico, moving to Carmel in 1944, Bruce was a 1946 Carmel High graduate and Padre football player. He graduated from UC Berkeley Haas School of Business. He served with the Army Engineers in Korea (SCARWAF - Special Category Army with Air Force), constructing an airfield in the Han River at Seoul. He attended Hastings School of Law and practiced law in San Francisco. In 1983, he left his bachelor life and married Carmel-born Diane. He waited, he told her, until he was 55 to find the right woman. She was lucky he waited. Returning to Carmel in 2005, he and Diane spent the last 15 years happily "back home."

Bruce made life an adventure. He danced to Harry James at the Palladium. Young Bruce searched for arrowheads in the Albuquerque desert and ice-skated on the cranberry bogs in Hyannis, Cape Cod. While at Cal, he attended three Rose Bowls, '48, '49, '50, where Pappy's Boys played, never winning. He visited all 50 states, driving

across the U.S. countless times, and traveled internationally. Returning to Carmel, he always declared it was the most beautiful place on earth. A fan of Dixieland jazz, he loved the French Quarter and Bourbon Street, and attended Monterey's Dixieland Jazz Bash over 20 years. He stood on Omaha Beach in Normandy to remember. He and Diane sat one Sunday on the beach at Sanlúcar, Spain where Columbus began his third journey to the New World. He ate his first Niçoise salad in Nice, France. He witnessed a Discovery launch from Cape Kennedy. A die-hard 49er fan, he sat in his 50 yard line seat and watched "The Catch" from Joe Montana to Dwight Clark. He danced with Diane and his four daughters on his 90th birthday to a mariachi band at a Merrill Gardens Monterey family-hosted party. There was never a history book he didn't love, reading with a dictionary and atlas close at hand. A rite of passage for family was to learn first-hand how to grill "Bruce's Chicken."

In addition to Diane, who will keep him forever in her heart, Bruce leaves a large (technically "step") family - four daughters: Val Graber [(Max), grandchildren Steve (Katie), Corey, (Josh), (great-greats Lane, Libby, Maysy), Robin (great-greats Miles, Lennon)]; Jessica Frame [(John), grandchildren Bria, Theron]; Cynthia Jacobson [(Tony), grandchildren Kirsten (Josh) (great-great Nick), Nikki (Chris) (great-great expected May '21), Toni (Ben)]; Lucinda Henry [(Kendall), grandchildren Dion (Chelsea) (great-great Sophia), Jake (Alicia), Betsy, Diane]. He was predeceased by his parents, Col. Bruce Hanger and Lois of Carmel.

Memorial donations may be made to Central Coast VNA & Hospice (PO Box 2480, Monterey, CA, 93942), who made his final days comfortable with unbelievable love and care, or the Carmel chapter of American Red Cross (PO Box AR, Carmel, CA, 93921).

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BIRDS

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said. The concept includes a 20-by-12-foot open air observation deck with a 42-inch wide staircase. It would also feature a roof to shelter watchers from the rain and sun.

The Monterey Audubon Society offered to lease a small parcel of land from the city and build the platform at its expense, which it estimates would cost "tens of thousands of dollars," and assume all legal liability. The council did not set a lease amount, but Matheson told The Pine Cone Thursday he is hoping it will be "negligible."

Beautification commission chair Jean Anton said in November that the Monte-

rey Audubon Society's willingness "to not only build a structure, but also assume the liability for use of this small parcel of city-owned land, is a win-win."

Plant restoration

Resident and bird enthusiast Lisa Ciani told the city council that the platform would help Audubon continue its Point Pinos Seawatch program, in which members monitor migrating seabirds for global population studies. The platform would also benefit other conservation and educational efforts, including monitoring sea otters and black oystercatcher birds.

"Audubon's installation of a native plant restoration area around the observatory will be a wonderful bonus," Ciani said.

SEARCH

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tially violent situation, and he told The Pine Cone this week his 2018 findings "do not relate to the legality of the search."

The fact that Brockman withdrew his lawsuit "is in line with my position that the search conducted by the Monterey Police Department complied with all legal requirements," Hober told The Pine Cone.

A Monterey city attorney told The Pine Cone in November that the officers' bodycam footage indicated "there could be no genuine dispute that Brockman consented to the search of his home and property."

Brockman alleged that the officers altered and deleted portions of the bodycam footage from the night of the search and did not report that a neighbor told them he did not hear gunshots.

"There was no suspect information," Brockman said. "Had I slammed the door on them or resisted in any way, I would have been shot, tased or arrested."

Brockman said he's had a difficult time finding a job in the information technology field, and he speculates potential employers don't want to hire him after finding out about the lawsuit, which also listed the officers as defendants.

"It's been absolutely detrimental to my life," he said.

PETER D. BUTLER SR.

1934 — 2020

Peter D. Butler Sr., 86, of Dubuque, IA, died Wednesday, November 4, 2020, at Luther Manor from COVID-19. Due to the pandemic, private gravesite services were held at Linwood Cemetery with the American Legion providing full military rites.

Peter was born February 25, 1934 in Dubuque, IA, son of Ellis and Barbara White (Cottingham) Butler. He graduated from Dubuque Senior High School and attended Southern Methodist University, where he was on their NCAA championship golf team.

He served in the US Army from 1956 to 1958. While stationed in Germany, Peter won the Berlin Open golf tournament. Back home, Peter's love of golf continued throughout his life; winning many tournaments, including DGCC men's golf championships.



Peter loved to travel, particularly enjoying train travel out west with Mary, Peter, and Paul. He almost always took his golf clubs along to play the many renowned golf courses across our country. One of his favorites was at Spring Green, WI. His love of golf eventually drew him to Pebble Beach, CA, where he lived for many years overlooking his beloved golf course next to Carmel Bay. Mary often joined Peter on the golf course by putting

when they reached each green. Peter had a passion for all things golf.

He married Mary Rosalie Fluckiger on November 14, 1959 in Dubuque, IA. They had two children; Peter Butler II, and Paul Butler.

Peter was very proud of his family and loved spending time with Mary, their kids, and grandkids. They were a big part of his life.

Peter began his insurance career at Cottingham & Butler, joining his father, Ellis, and brother, John. He later founded Butler Services Co., specializing in the growing niche of Poultry Insurance. Peter helped support many local organizations, including Finley Hospital, the University of Dubuque and the United Way.

While at Luther Manor, it gave Peter great pleasure to bring happiness to his fellow residents, especially his lifelong friend Gene Gordon. His smile and warm personality lit up a room.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Butler, of Asbury, IA; two sons, Peter (Cara) Butler II of Pebble Beach, CA and their children, Ellis (Ellie) and Peter Butler III; Paul (Kathleen) Butler of Bozeman, MT and their children, William and Abbey Butler; two brothers, John (Alice) Butler and Tim (Nancy) Butler, both of Dubuque; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Ellis and Barbara Butler; and in-laws, Frank and Bernice Fluckiger.

Memorials for Peter may be sent to the Finley Health Foundation and Luther Manor Communities.

Our family wants to extend our gratitude and thanks to Luther Manor for the professional and highly trained staff who compassionately assisted Peter in the last two years of his life. They realize we are living through a very difficult time and took every precaution necessary to ensure the nurturing care and safety of Peter.

We want to thank Hospice, who supported Peter and counseled his family during the final days of his life.

Lisa Flanagan and her staff from By Your Side, were invaluable in the care they provided Peter during the last two years. We can't thank Lisa and her staff enough for the thoughtful, one-on-one assistance they provided Peter.

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That time when a 9-year-old water boy called a winning football play

IN THEIR biggest football game of the 1994 season — the regular-season finale against Pacific Grove for the coveted “Shoe” — the Carmel Padres scored a touchdown with two seconds left on the scoreboard, cutting the Breakers’ lead to a point.

Carmel head coach Craig Johnston called timeout and

he remembered.

Johnston discarded whatever plan he had in mind, and called “REX” instead. The play worked perfectly — Jon Geisler, Carmel’s quarterback, hit a wide-open Dustin Nagai in the end zone, and the Padres beat Pacific Grove 23-22.

“I don’t know if that’s when I realized my son would become a football coach one day, but it definitely was the moment that I recognized how much he loved and understood football,” he said.

Pat Johnston grew up to be a three-year starter at quarterback for his father’s team, made the roster as a backup QB at Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo, his dad’s alma mater, and then, with two years of NCAA eligibility remaining, had a meeting with a brand-new head coach, Rich Ellerson.

Bad news, good news

The bad news? Ellerson intended to switch to a triple option-style offense that was incompatible with Pat’s skill set.

The good news? “He said, ‘I want you to join our staff,’” said Johnston, who coached defensive backs and special teams for Ellerson for six seasons.

“Coaching on the defensive side of the football pre-

pared Pat so well to become a head coach,” his father said. “His knowledge and his football vocabulary went through the roof as a defensive assistant at Cal Poly.”

At 27, Pat Johnston was named head football coach at San Luis Obispo High School, where he has transformed a struggling program into a team that went 8-4 in 2018, and 10-2 (including a playoff victory) last year, his sixth season. His quarterback passed for 2,585 yards and 38 TDs, school records. His dad watches every game from the press box as a volunteer, updating Pat before each play on the distance to the first-down marker, and reminding him of what down it is, and eavesdropping on the banter between Pat and his assistant coaches.

Pat was one of three brothers — two quarterbacks and a wide receiver — who played varsity football for their dad, a high school and college hall-of-fame QB, and who, thanks largely to his sons, finished with a flourish at Carmel High. Craig Johnston retired last year with an overall record of 78-78-2 over 18 seasons, but was 24-50-2 as a coach until his kids got to high school. During the eight-year stint when Pat (Class of 2004) and Ken (’09) played quarterback, and Phil (’06) was catching passes, the Padres were 54-28.

Together, the Johnston siblings combined for nearly 15,000 yards of passing offense, nine all-league awards, six all-county spots, and two all-state plaudits. Pat was the Mission Trail Athletic League’s Offensive Player of the Year as a senior, and Ken won the same award twice, and was Monterey County’s Offensive Player of the Year in his final season.

Pass-crazy

Carmel was the MTAL runner-up in seven of the eight seasons that a Johnston was in the lineup — an era in which Pacific Grove was a powerhouse — and won the school’s first outright league crown in 45 years in 2008, when Ken was a senior. It was Craig’s final season as a high school coach.

During that eight-year stint, the Padres scored 2,493 points in 83 games — a 30-point average — largely attributable to the wide-open, pass-crazy of-

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Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

huddled with his assistant coaches to mull the best possible play for a 2-point conversion, but his concentration was interrupted by the shrill voice of his 9-year-old son, Pat, the Padres’ water boy.

“Dad! Dad!” the boy shouted at his father. “REX! REX! You’ve got to run REX!”

“REX” was a pass play Pat had watched with his dad weeks before in a televised college football game — a play the Padres practiced every week but had never used.

“I looked at Pat, saw his eyes bugged out and an artery bulging from his neck, and stuck my thumb up in the air,”



PHOTOS/COURTESY JOHNSTON FAMILY

Like big brother Pat, Ken Johnston (left) broke records at Carmel, where he graduated in 2009, but played sparingly at Cal Poly. At right, the family known as Air Johnston, including quarterback Pat, Coach Craig, wide receiver Phil, “Team Mom” Patty, and future passing phenom Kenny (also shown at left).



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SPORTS

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fense Coach Johnston began concocting in the mid-1990s and refined throughout his tenure at Carmel High.

43 points per game

A version of the same offense, which typically uses no huddle and often deploys five wide receivers, has been used at Carmel High since 2009 by Craig Johnston's successor, Golden Anderson, whose teams have taken the success to startling new levels. Anderson's teams have scored 5,760 points during his 11 seasons (43.6 per game), going 105-25 to make Anderson the county's winningest active coach.

Geisler (Class of '95) — whose pass beat P.G. on the play 9-year-old Pat Johnston called — was the first Carmel quarterback to run Craig Johnston's newfangled,

high-powered pass attack, then went on to play quarterback at Hartnell College and San Diego State. Anderson (Class of '96) led the MTAL with 1,501 yards in his senior year (when Craig Johnston was on a two-year leave, helping Monterey Peninsula College win a league title as its offensive coordinator), then played at the University of Redlands.

Nick Ockert threw for more yards (1,683) than any other quarterback in the county during the 2000 season, but the Padres were winless and scored just 111 points that year.

Carmel football hasn't had a losing season since.

"We went from 0-10 to the playoffs in one year, and a lot of it had to do with Pat showing some guts as a sophomore and saying, 'Know what? It's cool to play on the varsity,'" Craig said. "Pat set that tempo and had about 10 of his sophomore friends sign on. They were all good players, and we had a great year."

Pat set school records as a three-year starter ('01-'03) with 4,937 yards (1,981 as a senior) and 46 touchdown strikes. Ken played in four varsity games as a freshman, then started three years ('06-'08), obliterating his big brother's marks with 7,703 yards and 92 TDs. Phil (128 receptions, 1,986 yards, 23 TDs) caught passes from both, plus two single-season starters, Jeff Foudy (2,111 yards in '04) and Hatton Vandervort (1,496 in '05).

All three played collegiately at Cal Poly, where their father had been the first 2,000-yard single-season passer in school history. While Pat and Ken were backup quarterbacks and saw limited action, Phil became a college linebacker and a star on special teams.

"Phil was a psycho on the field. He wanted to go out there and destroy people," Ken said of a sibling who became infamous for his bone-rattling tackles on kickoff coverage. In a memorable game against Northern Colorado — a game in which the Cal Poly scored 72

points — Phil was credited with eight solo tackles on kickoff coverage.

Two of the brothers became physical Education teachers, like their parents — Pat at San Luis Obispo High and Phil at Carmel, where he was hired to take the post of his father. Ken is a firefighter for the City of San Luis Obispo.

'Something smells'

A family lament is that the Padres had limited success on the football field against arch rival Pacific Grove. Craig Johnston was 5-13 against the Breakers as a head coach. Pat and Ken were both 1-2 against P.G., and Phil was 0-3.

When Phil rented a nice apartment in Pacific Grove a few years back, his father always made the same joke when he visited. "Man, what is that?" he'd ask, sniffing the air. "Something definitely smells."

He bought Phil a housewarming gift, a

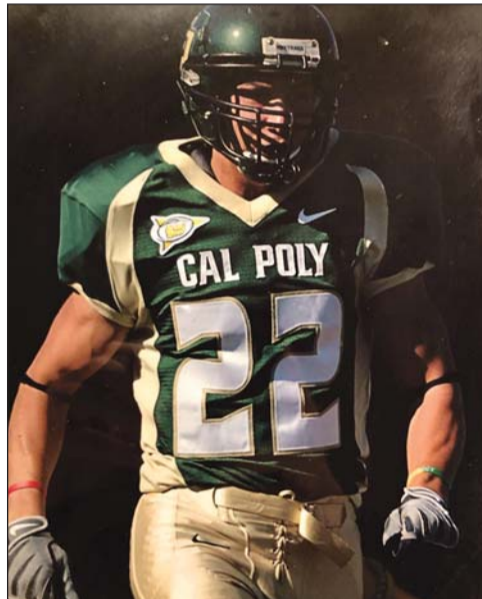
sign that said "Living by the sea in Pacific Grove," but he painted over it to make it say, "Living by the sewer in P.G."

"I live in Monterey now, but I still have it in my apartment," Phil said with a laugh.

Ken looks back at the rivalry with measured affection.

"There's always going to be a little bit of hate for those guys, and they feel the same way," said the quarterback whose 49-7 conquest as a senior ended Carmel's five-year drought. "In one way, I love P.G. because they were part of something not many schools have. The wins for each team are pretty even (Carmel leads 37-33, with two ties) and even the points are close (1,682-1,379, Carmel). What a great rivalry."

Craig Johnston has authored one book (and is finishing another) and has produced four DVDs instructing coaches on the fundamentals and nuances of his explosive offense.



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Phil Johnston led the county in receptions at Carmel, but played linebacker and excelled on special teams at Cal Poly.

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FAILURE

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shortly after city administrator Chip Rerig opened the discussion on outdoor dining in public streets, the video stream froze.

After learning the problem was due to a widespread outage at Granicus, rather than a local issue, the council took a 10-minute break while IT manager Joel Staker and others tried to figure out a work-around, perhaps by posting a link on the city site that would allow viewers to start streaming the meeting without using the service. But those efforts failed.

Mayor Dave Potter and council members discussed

how to handle the situation, whether by holding a special meeting next week to pick up where they left off, or by pushing everything to the January 2021 regular meeting's agenda.

Public participation is important, Potter noted. "I don't want to have a situation where we shortchange the public process in any way," he said.

While city attorney Brian Pierik was unsure whether the council can legally adopt ordinances at a special meeting, councilman Bobby Richards said they should at least talk about restaurants serving outside.

"I like Bobby's idea of getting outdoor dining out of the way, so we don't have a completely disastrous January agenda," agreed councilman Jeff Baron.

Councilwoman Carrie Theis said she favored holding a special meeting to talk about al fresco dining, too.

Not easy being virtual

The council unanimously decided to continue all the hearings to a special meeting Dec. 15 at 4:30 p.m. If Pierik determines votes can't be held on the ordinances — specifically, extending the rules on sidewalk vending permits and increasing the per-room hospitality tax that funds marketing from 1 percent to 2 to 3 percent over the next 10 years — those hearings will be put off until next month.

Since the coronavirus pandemic shut down in-person meetings nine months ago, government agencies at all levels have grappled with the best ways to hold meetings while ensuring public access. The Monterey County Board of Supervisors uses Granicus but also streams all meetings on YouTube, while providing Zoom login information for those who want to take part. The Carmel Unified School District came under some fire for how it handled public comments — first requiring they be submitted in advance by email so they could be read into the record by a district staff member — but now parents and others can participate live through Zoom or watch the meetings on YouTube. Some other agencies have used social media to stream their meetings.

LIGHTS

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"And this is what we did. It's really surprising, but it's festive," he continued. "It would just be nice if people would read the record or check what the community had agreed to before doing something."

Kreitman said he didn't think the "community" would have been in favor of the multicolored Christmas lights strung through the medians if asked.

Local nonprofits

The lights, sponsored by local nonprofits and the community activities commission, and installed by city workers and volunteers, are part of the "Lights-by-the-Sea" campaign organized by the city in lieu of the traditional Christmas tree and menorah lighting and other holiday festivities and gatherings that typically take place this time of year.

In order to give residents a boost at a time when they can't get together and are struggling with the social and economic impacts of the pandemic, city officials decided to install the colorful lights for a few weeks during the holidays and to encourage residents to decorate and light their own houses, as well. Additional decorations and lights are on display in Devendorf Park. They will be removed after the holiday season.

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DINING

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who would be most impacted by a shutdown have some sort of safety net," he said Tuesday night before the web streaming service went offline, referring to the waiters, bussers, dishwashers and others who rely on restaurants for their livelihoods.

As the pandemic drags on, the program set to expire at the end of December should be extended, at least until late May, according to the recommendations of an ad hoc committee that includes Rerig, Waffle, Mayor Dave Potter, Amy Herzog from the city's tourism group, Jenny MacMurdo from the chamber, restaurant owner Tony Salameh, hotel executive Mary Crowe, clothing store owner Todd Tice, longtime resident Graeme Robertson and Carmel Residents Association board member Tim Twomey. Councilman Bobby Richards couldn't serve on the committee in the past because he was a business partner with restaurateur Rich Pepe, but that partnership has ended, so he can again participate, Rerig said.

"The restaurant and winetasting communities have expressed some reservations about investing more money in their outdoor seating areas until they know whether the program will be extended and for how long," Waffle said in her written report for the Dec. 8 meeting.

She also wants feedback on whether the city should start charging for the program, which has been free so far. Normally, the application fee for a temporary encroachment permit, which such arrangements would typically need, is \$210. To reserve a parking stall for a special event requires a \$735 permit fee and \$100 per stall per day, while construction parking permits are \$35, plus \$35 per stall per day. Imposing fees for outdoor dining could offset the

ongoing costs of managing the program, which has proved to be fairly labor intensive, between frequent meetings and enforcement, but it would also add to the financial strain restaurants are already experiencing.

With the city's dining and drinking establishments all operating under different permits that require them to close at various hours — some as early as 9 p.m., others much later — Waffle is also asking whether all outdoor dining in town should stop at the same time. She further wondered whether restaurant operators who flout the rules should be cited or have their outdoor dining permits revoked.

Other questions Waffle posed include whether more than 16 seats should be allowed with the use of plexiglass dividers, what sort of tents or covers should be used, and whether electric heaters might be better than propane.

Should it stay or go?

Finally, in the long term, should outdoor seating become permanent? If so, Waffle suggested the planning commission get involved. But, she said, council members should bear in mind that "redirecting limited staff resources for the continued management of the program" will negatively impact "delivery of other services in the community planning and building department."

A few residents who emailed their comments before the Dec. 8 meeting oppose outdoor dining.

Resident Maria Sutherland called it "a public health hazard" and said it's "impossible to walk in downtown without risking exposure."

"A pandemic is not the time to cater to the bullying tactics of the 50-some restaurants and winetasting rooms," she said. "Few of the owners, waitstaff or their patrons live in Carmel. They are using our village and our public space for their own short-term gains."

Resident George Mederos said the city shouldn't make the parklets permanent. "I believe that someday we'll get

through this pandemic, and we'll wish we had our streets and sidewalks back," he wrote.

"Our quaint city streets have been overrun with reckless tourists and restaurateurs who clearly don't care about residents," commented Bev Saunders. She attached a photo of Cantinetta Luca's awning stretching over the sidewalk — including over the top of a tree.

"Who thought this was a good idea?" she asked.

Her husband, Chris, sent a lengthy email addressing Waffle's questions. He, too, said the parklets should only be temporary.

But Windy Oaks Estate Winery co-owner Judy Schultze, whose son, James, lives in Carmel Valley and manages their tasting rooms in C.V. Village and downtown on Lincoln Street, thanked the city for supporting outdoor tasting.

"Without it, we would be forced to shut down our tasting room, and it would dramatically impact our business," she wrote. "In addition, we have many wine club members who are Carmel residents who very much enjoy coming downtown and visiting our tasting room."

Schultze said small family wineries like hers rely on their tasting rooms for 85 percent of their revenue.

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Editorial

Missing the point

THERE CAN be no doubt that additional steps need to be taken to curtail the spread of the coronavirus in Monterey County, and we don't say that just because the county's hospitals — particularly SVMH and Natividad — say they're "at capacity" to treat people with Covid-19. More important is the trend line, which keeps going up, and when something keeps going up, it's hard to know where the ceiling will be. The first week in November, Monterey County had 490 confirmed cases of coronavirus infection, and last week, it had almost 1,600. One month from now, will we have 10,000 or 1,000? Nobody knows.

The problem is that even if most people agree something needs to be done, there is absolutely no reason to think our health officials have a clue what it should be. They've been guessing from the beginning and they still are. But more importantly, they ignore the single most significant fact about this epidemic: It's much more prevalent in some places than in others.

So when Gov. Gavin Newsom says restaurants have to shift to takeout only and that retail stores have to operate at 20 percent capacity when a region's ICU capacity falls below 15 percent, is there any reason to think one has anything to do with the other? The answer is no. All he's doing is trying to reduce human intermingling everywhere based on a general belief it will have an impact somewhere. Is that the right approach?

Evidently not, because it's also what he did when created the tiered system he introduced in late August — a system that led straight to the unacceptable situation we are in now.

The exact same problem happens with our hapless health officer, Dr. Ed Moreno, who never shows the slightest interest in tailoring his methods to try to curtail the epidemic in this county to the actual circumstances on the ground. Instead, he just takes the blunt, random tools prescribed by the governor and applies them to the 460,000 people who live here.

But the coronavirus epidemic in this county is a tale of two epidemics: In some parts of the county, there's been an explosion of infections, while in other parts, the number of cases has been, and remains, very few. Yet our health officials and political leaders never demonstrate the slightest inclination to target the hot spots with special measures. In fact, they barely mention them — almost like they're afraid to acknowledge they exist, even though the hot spots shout from the health department's data every single day.

On Wednesday, when Moreno unveiled the latest shutdown to the board of supervisors, this incomprehensible phenomenon was on full display. Moreno announced the order without mentioning the handful of neighborhoods where most of the viral transmission happens, much less imposing any special restrictions there. And then the supervisors themselves spent quite a bit of time thanking Moreno and comforting him over the "very difficult" decision he had to make without asking a single question about what urgent steps should be taken in the few zip codes where more than 70 percent of the county's infections occur.

Is this an emergency, or isn't it? Because if it is, maybe they should start treating it like one.

BEST of BATES



Letters to the Editor

No water for existing lots?

Dear Editor,

The Monterey Peninsula has not yet come up with the "sufficient and reliable" water the state has ordered us to develop for our area. Because of this, the State Water Resources Control Board is taking away our ability to draw 1,000 acre-feet of water from the Carmel River this year. Since there are no projects which will provide more water in 2021, we will also most likely lose our ability to withdraw another 1,000 acre-feet next year. At the same time, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District is asking for more.

It is actually sending a letter to the state asking for 75 acre-feet of water. Much of this would go to "affordable" and "workforce" housing projects that Peninsula cities want to build. Some of the people who have fought the water projects that have been proposed in the past have apparently realized that their actions have left some of their own constituents high and dry.

But if you are a property owner who does not already have a water meter on your lot, you are simply out of luck. If you want to add a bathroom or a kitchen fixture, well, sorry. You can't have any of this water because this request does not apply to you. So, thank you, and just keep paying your property tax on the lot you can't use because Public Water Now opposed a water project that actually could have pro-

duced water. You will just have to wait for a project that PWN deems acceptable.

Although you could write to Eric Oppenheimer, Chief Deputy Director, or Eileen Sobek, Executive Director, of the State Water Resources Control Board at P.O. Box 100, Sacramento CA 95812 to let them know what you think of this proposal.

Rudy Fischer, Pacific Grove

'Who made this blunder?'

Dear Editor,

Any appeal of the holiday lighting on the Ocean Avenue median escapes me. In fact, it's a decorator's nightmare before Christmas. To whom do we attribute this ratty assemblage of colored bulbs propped up with spindly stakes along Carmel's most famous street? The planning commission? No, that couldn't be, or could it?

Maybe it was just somebody who had too much early holiday grog and just wanted to make things, well, pretty.

The point is the city has spent thousands of dollars on professional designers to find just the right aesthetic for the iconic avenue. Now, after this debacle, residents and visitors must look upon an embarrassing melange of misguided cheer better suited for a burger joint in a strip mall. So, here's my question, who made this blunder? Santa isn't smiling.

Tom Parks, Carmel

'Factual misrepresentations'

Dear Editor,

I was dismayed by factual misrepresentations in the article, "P.G. Police Officer Again Targeted for Political Beliefs," in

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Peninsula's Protestants waited a mighty long time to get a pastor

IN LAST week's column, we reviewed how the Catholic church, brought to Monterey in 1770 by Father (now Saint) Junipero Serra, led the development of the Monterey Peninsula. When Commodore Sloat landed and claimed Monterey for the United States in July 1846, he brought with him the Rev. Walter Colton, his ship's chaplain. Colton was the first Protestant minister in California and was put in charge of civil affairs as Monterey's Alcalde during the initial occupation of the Mexican War. While Colton led some church services on ships in the harbor, he did not hold services in the Catholic town. As you'll read this week, the Protestant church followed development in California.

An abandoned mission

Colton did not know that Adna A. Hecox, a Methodist-Episcopal minister from Illinois, was living at Fort Sutter, having arrived in October 1846. Hecox camped with other pioneer families that winter at the abandoned Santa Clara mission where he reportedly held the first Methodist services in California. He later moved to Santa Cruz where, in addition to being a minister, became the first lighthouse keeper in 1870.

Nevertheless, Colton's point was clear. The Protestant presence in California prior to the Mexican War and the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which was signed on

Feb. 2, 1848, was virtually nonexistent. The first minister to arrive in Monterey after the end of the Mexican War was Presbyterian missionary Samuel Hopkins Willey. He was one of a group of missionaries who left New York on Dec. 1, 1848. By the time their ship reached New Orleans in mid-December, word of the California

History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

gold arrived. The rest of the journey to San Francisco was crowded with men seeking riches.

Willey landed at Monterey in February 1849. His associates continued to San Francisco, but just two days after arriving, Willey led a Protestant service in the community building that Colton had built during the summer of 1847. It is known today as Colton Hall. Attendance was small, limited to just a few soldiers. Most of the men of the town had left in search of gold. There were several children in town, and Colton allowed Willey to set up a school in the hall which continued until September 1849, when California's Constitutional Convention convened. Willey alternated with Father Remirez as chaplain of the convention.

In the seven months while Willey was teaching children, a half-dozen churches were launched in fast-growing San Francisco — Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregational, Baptist, Reformed and Episcopal. Willey visited there in October and moved to the city in the spring of 1850, founding the Howard Presbyterian church and leaving Monterey again without a Protestant minister.

Devout teacher

A few months before Willey left, Scottish immigrant David Jacks arrived at Monterey. Jacks was an experienced and devout Sunday teacher, raised in the Presbyterian church. Jacks worked with Willey to provide Protestant services at El Cuartel, the former military housing on Munras Avenue south of Pearl, which was also being used for county offices. Jacks continued to provide religious services as best he could after Willey left.

In 1852, Jacks partnered with Methodist minister Henry Cole from Santa Cruz. Jacks guaranteed to cover his expenses and room and board when he

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Not quite what Mom expected

MANY A parent has strongly encouraged college-bound offspring to reconsider majoring in fine art — typically not the safest path to a comfortable living — but Janet Whitchurch got no such resistance when she went off to Stanford University her freshman year.

"My mom was all for it," remembered the 78-year-old Monterey Peninsula watercolorist, illustrator and author. "The main reason they were sending me to Stanford was to marry somebody like my father who would make good money and take care of me. Girls at Stanford would announce their engagements in the dorms, and there would be huge celebrations."

Janet's dad, Kenneth Cuthbertson, graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Stanford in 1940, got his MBA there in 1947, served

ford grad Dwight Johnson) was a film major — a talented guy with an artistic personality — and my mom never liked him. For me, he was a romantic choice ... but not a good choice."

'Why would you do this?'

Her mom's husband-as-breadwinner ideals got flipped in 1969 when Janet — who had a child with Johnson by then — got a job to support her husband's artistic dreams. "The thought was that if I worked, he would be able to launch his career," she said. "But when I told my mom, she burst into tears. 'This is terrible! Why would you do this?' Women were not supposed to work."

She gravitated toward education and was hired at Sacred Heart School in Atherton — the first secular teacher ever hired at the Catholic school — sharing the art knowledge she had accrued at Stanford (she earned a B.A. in studio art in 1965 and a Master of Arts in

Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

five years in the Navy, went to Harvard Business School, then returned to Palo Alto in 1954 as an assistant to Stanford president J.E. Wallace Sterling. In 1960, he became one of Stanford's first three vice presidents, a position he held for 17 years.

A romantic choice

As an undergrad, Cuthbertson served as student body president, and in 1941, he married the student body vice president, Coline Upshaw, Janet's mother.

But the Cuthbertsons' free-spirited daughter threw her parents a curveball. She had minimal interest in Stanford's hard-driven business majors or hotshot fraternity brothers

"I was attracted to the artists and writers," she said. "The man I married (Stan-

'67) from teachers that included celebrated artists Richard Diebenkorn, Nathan Oliveira, Frank Lobdell and Keith Boyle.

She also taught art history. "I got famous at Sacred Heart for those art history classes," she said. "History comes alive when you're looking at a painting from the 1500s and realizing that the same painting was seen by people who lived in that period. There's a connection there that kids can make."

"Sacred Heart parents would tell me about family trips to Europe, saying, 'Oh, my God, we'd go into museums and my son would tell me all about those paintings — and it's all because of you!'"

Sacred Heart is also where Janet met Randy Whitchurch, a former Stanford University swimmer who was coaching at the school. She and her first husband were separated by then, soon to be divorced. She became Randy's wife in 1979 and they celebrated 41 years of marriage this year.

She taught 35 years, mostly at Sacred Heart, then finally embraced her own lifelong dream in 2004, when she became a full-time artist — a blessing she largely credits to Randy, who is still teaching and coaching today at Santa Catalina School in Monterey.

"He's always been so supportive, and I wouldn't have been able to retire in 2004 if not for that," she said.

As an artist, she is known for watercolors, illustrations and drawings, usually on paper. She's also known for her projects, most of which take seven to 10 years to complete.

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PHOTOS/(TOP) PAT HATHAWAY, (ABOVE) PINE CONE FILE

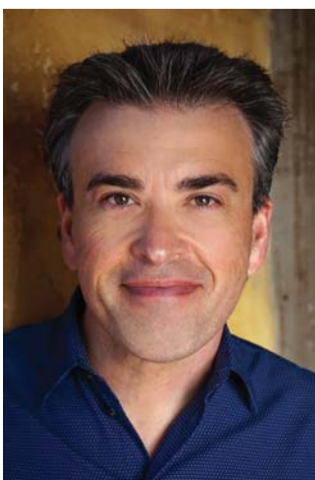
(Above) The large Methodist Church in Pacific Grove circa 1890 filled the block on lighthouse at 17th until 1964, when it was demolished and replaced with shops and a time share building. (Top) This c. 1890 image shows the first two Protestant churches in Monterey, the steepled First Presbyterian church (1889) on the corner of Franklin and Pacific, and St. James Episcopal church (1875), the fourth building to the right on Pacific Street.



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Watercolorist Janet Whitchurch, a full-time artist since 2004, has authored and illustrated three books and has two more on the way.

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HE TOLD his men to stand down, but they didn't listen and charged the hill. One of them stepped on a land mine. Shrapnel flew across the battlefield and ripped into Del Wermuth's neck, severing his carotid artery and nicking his jugular. Wermuth hit the ground, gunfire exploding around him. "I thought it was over," Wermuth said,

Eyeing a Korean War photo on the wall, Wermuth said that his life has been driven by two passions: a love for country and the Marines.

Sometimes failing to recall details about his life journey, Wermuth was helped for this interview by his daughter Connie, 70, and second wife Janice, 73, who sat nearby.

Great Lives

By ANTHONY CHIORAZZI

while seated in his converted garage in Mission Fields. The walls are covered with photos of family and friends, many of whom served in World War I, World War II and Korea.

Wermuth, 92, said that the only reason he didn't die on that Korean battlefield in 1951 was that he didn't panic. "My Marine training kicked in. I clamped a hand over my gash and staggered about until I got the attention of the medics by throwing pebbles at them."

Hunting boar

After the medics tied off his carotid artery, Wermuth was helicoptered to a field hospital, where he was immediately operated on and later flown to a hospital in Japan to recuperate for four months.

Born in 1928 in Morgan Hill, Wermuth was raised downtown, very close to today's post office. "Back then, you could do things that you can't typically do today — like go hunting."

He pointed to a photo of a young boy and man holding shotguns, seated on the back of a 1930s Ford pickup truck with a dead boar. "That was my father and me. We shot that wild boar in Carmel Valley."

During the 1930s and '40s, everyone in Carmel knew one another, especially in high school, Wermuth recalled. "You went to class with kids who you saw every day in the neighborhood or at the grocery store. It was like a big family. It was a wonderful time."

But Wermuth's wonder days were cut short. In 1944, in his sophomore year, he felt the need to help defeat the Nazis, so at 16, he dropped out of school and joined the Marines. He never received his diploma —

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Mission Fields resident Del Wermuth points to a photo of heavyweight boxing champ, Joe Louis, who he met in Carmel in the early 1960s. Wermuth, 92, received his high school diploma this year. He dropped out to fight in World War II.

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A certified copy of the complete text of the ordinance is posted and may be read in the office of the City Clerk, Monte Verde south of Ocean, Carmel, CA 93921, and/or a copy may be obtained from that department.

Dated: December 11, 2020

BRITT AVRIT, MMC, City Clerk
Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA

Britt Avrit, MMC, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that she is the duly appointed and qualified City Clerk of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea and that by Wednesday, December 16, 2020, she caused a certified copy of the subject ordinance to be posted and made available for public review in the City Clerk Department and a copy of the ordinance summary to be published as required by law.

BRITT AVRIT, MMC, City Clerk
Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA

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HISTORY

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was in town. As Jacks' wealth grew, he continued to promote and support Protestant services through a series of visiting ministers, but when the county seat moved to Salinas in 1872, El Cuartel shut down and the church services ended.

While Jacks was unsuccessful in building a church in Monterey, nearby communities, such as Salinas and Santa Cruz, built multiple Protestant churches. Irish-born Episcopal minister James Shannon McGowan had moved from Wisconsin to Salinas in 1873 for his son's health. He began preaching there in 1873 and, in 1875, constructed St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Seeing a need in Monterey, the ambitious McGowan began holding services at the old Washington Hotel. That led to construction of St. James Episcopal Church on Pacific Street north of Franklin.

This first Protestant church building on the Peninsula was moved to Van Buren Street and now holds the Mayo Hayes-O'Donnell Library. McGowan went on to start five other Episcopal churches in California before returning to Monterey to lead worship at St. James for a dozen years before he retired in 1913 at the age of 80.

Presbyterian roots

While McGowan was active in Monterey, Jacks became a trustee in California's Methodist Conference and in 1875 worked with the Methodists to launch the Pacific Grove Retreat Association on land Jacks owned near Point Pinos. Pacific Grove had an outdoor assembly area but went many years without a church building. While the retreat proved popular, it was financially unsuccessful.

In May 1880 Jacks sold his Point Pinos lands, including the retreat grounds, to the Pacific Improvement Co., which was building Hotel Del Monte in Monterey. This turned out to be a good thing for Pacific Grove. The company invested in de-

velopment of roads, sewers and water and allowed the Retreat Association substantial control. Pacific Grove flourished in the 1880s.

Jacks severed ties with the Methodist church and returned to his Presbyterian roots. In 1883, he led a group to form the First Presbyterian Church of Monterey. Jacks owned the Pacific House and it served as the congregation's initial gathering place until it could build a church. Until the late 1880s, the little St. James church remained the only non-Catholic church building on the peninsula.

A real church

Charles Crocker, a principal owner of Pacific Improvement Co. saw that Pacific Grove needed a church. As an Episcopalian, in 1886 he donated a lot on which St. Mary's-by-the-Sea was built in 1888. The Methodists said, "What about us?" so the company gave them a large parcel on Lighthouse Avenue between 17th and 18th streets, along with \$10,000 to build a church and assembly hall.

The activity in Pacific Grove helped light a fire under Monterey's Presbyterians, who were frustrated by delays in building a real church. Jacks donated the corner lot at Franklin and Pacific where they built the First Presbyterian Church in Monterey in 1889.

Over the next few years, Hotel Del Monte added the St. John's Episcopal Chapel in 1891 and Pacific Grove added two more churches — Mayflower Congregational (1892) and Pacific Grove Christian Church (1894).

The Protestants were not the only ones growing. In the 1880s, Father Casanova began restoring the Carmel Mission, which in turn led to the Duckworth brothers' plans to develop a Catholic resort town called Carmel City. Their plans did not work out, however. It was the fishing industry that brought an influx of Catholics to the area at the turn of the century, and they settled near Monterey harbor. Carmel took a new path, and next week we will look at its early 20th-century church history.

BOARDS

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commission for a term ending in fall 2024.

■ Tara Twomey, a published writer who has a distinguished legal career and has been on the Harrison Memorial Library Board of Trustees since 2014, was reappointed for a three-year term. Joining her is John Krisher, who will serve out the rest of the term vacated by Timothy Blomgren that ends next September. Krisher, a 26-year Carmel resident, worked as a trucker and said in his application that the library opened the world to him as he listened to books on tape while driving. He's long been a supporter of the Carmel Public Library Foundation and has volunteered as a marshal during the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and with the Carmel Heritage Society for many years.

■ Two incumbents, Karyl Hall and Thomas Hood, were reappointed to the historic resources board for four-year terms. Hall, who had a career in medical research psychology and has lived in town for more than 30 years, restored a 1927 cottage here, and Hood, an architect, has lived here for more than a decade and serves on the board of the Carmel Heritage Society.

■ Robert Delves is replacing Julie Wendt on the planning commission for a term ending in September 2024. Wendt initially applied for reappointment but then withdrew, and Potter and Richards selected Delves, who has lived in Carmel for a little over two years but came from a similar small town in Colorado, where he served on the town council and was mayor for six years. The town council there also served as the planning commission, he said, so he's well familiar with applying codes and guidelines. "Like Carmel, Mountain Village is a resort community in a stunning natural setting, and stewardship of that setting is a high priority for the town government and elected officials," he said in his application.

At the Dec. 7 meeting, councilman Jeff Baron complimented everyone who applied and said he hoped those who didn't get posts this time around would try again in the future. He also reiterated his suggestion that terms be changed to expire in the spring, now that the city's election has been shifted from April to November, so that outgoing councils aren't in charge of the appointments.

The rest of the council was agreeable, so the change will be brought forth at a future meeting.

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products. Non-resident agreed to the price of the product at time of sale before each purchase but now is not happy with the products she received and the amount she paid. Non-resident has made several attempts to contact the local business for a refund but says they are not willing to work with her. Non-resident is disputing charges with her credit card company. Non-resident was advised based on information provided that the matter is civil and does not warrant a criminal investigation.

Pebble Beach: Deputies responded to a report of a suicidal person on 17 Mile Drive.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Unattended dog found wandering on Carmel Beach. Dog was brought to the station, and the owner was later contacted.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Resident at First and Lobos reported her cottage window was found wide open. Resident normally leaves the window ajar for the cat to ingress and egress. After finding the window wide open, she heard a loud noise and immediately found her front door open that was previously closed. Resident suspects someone might have entered into her home and left quickly when she woke up. Resident is not sure, though. Resident only wanted documentation; no investigation requested.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Unattended wallet was found in the roadway on Ocean west of Camino Real. The owner was later contacted and reunited with the wallet.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Suspicious circumstances reported on Scenic north of 12th. Case under investigation.

Pacific Grove: A 57-year-old male adult was arrested on Forest Avenue for drug paraphernalia and eight active warrants for possession of narcotics, destroying or concealing evidence, loitering and other charges.

Pacific Grove: Report of a civil issue on 19th Street.

GAVEL

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year in the Monterey County jail.

On May 3, the victim reported she had returned to her apartment to find the defendant inside, they argued, and Mena slapped and strangled her. A neighbor heard the victim's screams and called 911. The defendant was arrested for committing domestic violence while on probation for a prior domestic violence conviction and violation of the criminal protective order. While awaiting court proceedings, the defendant attempted over 200 phone calls to the victim's blocked number.

Mena's attorney asked the court to impose concurrent prison time for the earlier domestic violence conviction; however, Panetta stated each case was a separate domestic violence incident and was deserving of consecutive prison time for a total of five years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and ordered the defendant to have no contact with the victim for a period of 10 years, the longest allowable time under the law.



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WERMUTH

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that is, until a few months ago. The Monterey County Office of Education awarded him the certificate retroactively under a 2004 state law that allows school districts and county offices to do so for veterans who left high school to serve in the armed forces during World War II, Korea or the Vietnam conflict.

Asked what he thought about receiving his diploma after 75 years, Wermuth said he was grateful and then joked, "Oh, they did some lying about me."

But one thing Wermuth never jokes about is how proud he is to be a Marine. Asked why he joined the Corps from high school, he adjusted his Once-a-Marine-Always-a-Marine cap and shouted, "Because the Marines are the best damn men in the world!"

A dusty, bumpy ride

Young and eager for combat, Wermuth saw his dreams of demonstrating battlefield valor go unfulfilled — at least temporarily. Instead of being sent overseas, Wermuth was stationed at a base in San Francisco. "I drove supply trucks. It wasn't glamorous, but I was serving my country," he said.

In 1945, Wermuth was discharged from the Marines, returned home, and joined his father's tree-trimming business. In 1948, he married his first wife, Lois. They had two daughters, Connie and Diane, now 67.

However, it wasn't long until another war beckoned the restless Marine back to service, and he was headed for Korea.

Returning home in 1952, while still recovering from his war injuries, Wermuth said, he wasn't bitter. "I knew men who died in that war," he said, leaning forward, as his dog tags swung out from beneath his Marine jacket. "I have nothing to complain about."

Shortly after his homecoming, Wermuth joined the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police department, where he met his future wife, Janice, a traffic officer, in 1970.

"Being a police officer was an adventure. I retired in the mid-1970s, but I'll never forget the people I met." Standing up, he jabbed his cane at a photo on the wall and asked, "Do you know who that is? Joe Louis. Heavyweight champ from 1937 to 1949."

Wermuth said that in the early 1960s, while on patrol,

he spotted a crowd on Ocean Avenue. "And would you believe it? There was the great Joe Louis. He was the nicest guy in the world and let me shake his hand. We talked for a bit. I'll never forget it."

Another photo on the wall soon drew his attention. "That's my grandfather, Sam Powers," he said, indicating a man sporting a crop of bushy gray hair. "He was the last stagecoach driver on the Peninsula."

From 1908 to 1914, Wermuth said his grandfather took passengers from Carmel to Monterey. It was a two-hour

dusty and bumpy ride and cost 50 cents. But by 1914, Wermuth said, the horseless carriage had replaced the stagecoach on the Peninsula. "I think it's important, though, never to forget Grandpa," he said, gazing at the fuzzy photo. "Remembering is a form of respect."

A little later, Wermuth stood in front of his home, beside a flagpole with a plaque at its base, a memorial to his fallen Korean War brothers. "They say Korea is the forgotten war." He looked at the list of fallen Marine names inscribed on the metal plaque. "But I'll always remember."

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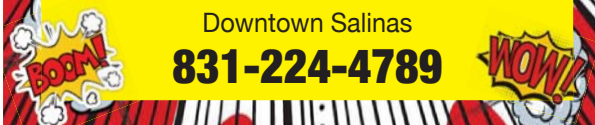
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Need a little Christmas? Here are some ideas.

By ELAINE HESSER

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No matter what you're up to, here are some ideas to fill in any holes in your schedule with holiday cheer.

The **City of Carmel** has ensured that you can still enjoy the **crafters' fair** usually held at Sunset Center. Go to ci.carmel.ca.us/post/shop-local-and-shop-home-crafters for a directory of vendors and craftspeople with individual shopping and ordering information.

Need some of Jeffrey's spiced nuts for someone's stocking? Maybe some comfy, handmade wool-felt slippers to keep the tootsies cozy during the family Zoom call? Jewelry, wreaths and silk scarves are just a few of the other gifts you can find.

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While you're out shopping, mall management offices all over the Peninsula want you to enjoy the **decorations at Carmel Plaza, the Barnyard, the Crossroads, Del Monte Center and other shopping centers** while you browse.

Illuminated **Christmas trees** suitable

for evening viewing include the one in town at **Junipero and Mission, P.G.'s in Jewell Park**, and fine specimens in **Monterey on Cannery Row and Colton Hall**.

P.G.'s Candy Cane Lane (enter at Forest Avenue and Beaumont Street; look for signs) will be welcoming strings of autos snaking through its streets again this year (although there will be no decorations in the park). Put some holidays tunes on your satellite radio and check out the sparkling, inspirational and sometimes goofy displays erected by neighbors there to delight everyone who takes the festive detour.

Over the next few weeks, the **Monterey County Fairgrounds' Drive-in Movies** will feature family classics like "Gremlins" and "It's a Wonderful Life." Go to montereycountyfair.com to buy tickets and peruse the concession stand menu featuring popcorn, nachos, funnel cakes and all your fair-food faves — in December, no less!

Tree of Life

Fisherman's Wharf invites locals to come down and enjoy its Christmas tree and sea-life-themed decorations, and to enter its All Things Gingerbread Photo Contest. Just run, run, run as fast as you can ... and snap a photo of yourself with a

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(Clockwise from top left) Del Monte Center, the Crossroads and Carmel Plaza sparkle with decorations.

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Local authors run the gamut from fanciful fiction to tough truth

By ELAINE HESSER

SINCE EVERYONE stayed home more than usual this year, odds are good you've powered through the stack of books on your bedside table. Fortunately, local authors are ready to fill the void.

Books in the to-read pile here have been accumulating steadily, including one with barely dry ink. "No Mind for Murder" is the eighth installment in Kathryn Gualtieri's series of historical mysteries set in the early days of Carmel, and it's hot off the presses.

Heroine (and Pine Cone reporter) Nora Finnegan is back with her husband, Sheriff Jimmy Connery. Their two daughters are college-age and young son James goes to Forest Hill School, the subject of some of the story's intrigue.

The story is set in Carmel in 1939, but the town will be easily recognizable to today's readers. Real-life characters — architect Julia Morgan, Bach Festival co-founder Hazel Watrous, former Mayor Herbert Heron — blend with the fictional ones. The plot moves quickly, and mystery

lovers will have their lights on late at night as they race to the end. Also, you'll finally learn about Nora's real-life namesake in the book's epilogue.

The Vietnam War and PTSD aren't cheerful subjects, but P.G. resident (and high school senior) Caroline Coen deals with them deftly in "The Angel Oak,"

a coming-of-age novel set in the American South from the 1950s through the 1970s. The protagonists — Georgia Mae Clements and Grady O'Neal — meet at the age of 10 when Clements' semi-aristocratic family moves from Macon, Ga., to a peanut farm across the road from the O'Neals.

Coen skillfully re-created the world of the 1960s, when teen-aged Baby Boomers were feeling

their political oats. She said she talked to family and friends — including her late grandfather, on whom O'Neal is based — and wove their stories together. She also

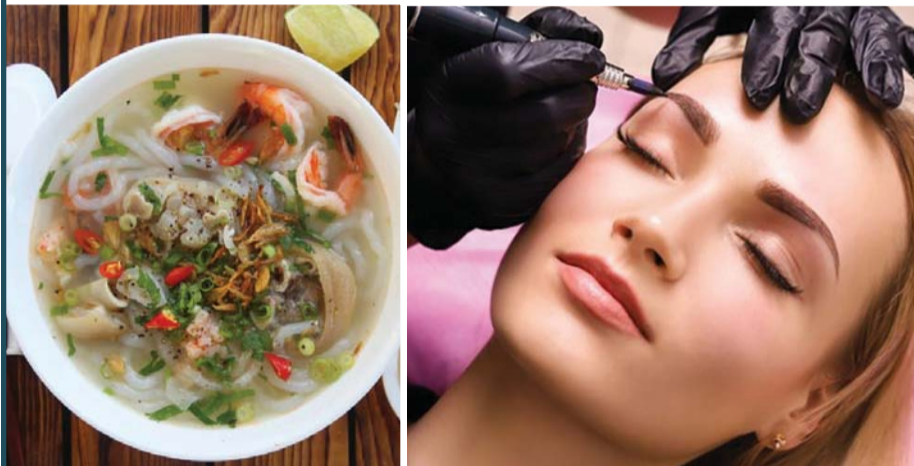
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Getting a whole neighborhood ready for its close-up

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

YEAR AFTER year, Lendy Haisley and her family have heralded the holidays by participating in the “car crawl” through the luminous Candy Cane Lane. Then they depart the legendary Pacific Grove neighborhood and return to their home, wishing their Mission Fields community could be the Candy Cane Lane of Carmel.

The Haisleys do their best to inspire holiday spirit by lighting up their corner lot and bringing in the colors of the season with garlands and wreaths. And, by lights and colors, they mean 10 bins of lights and, one year, 25 wreaths meant for every light post in the neighborhood, which ended up surrounding their house, instead.

“My husband, Ross, is our Martha Stewart,” said Haisley. “He made a garland of greenery, hand-wrapped in lights, which he swags all the way around our house, with red bows.”

One year, he came home with a fresh-cut, 30-foot evergreen he erected in the front yard, then decorated with thousands of colored lights and many big, colorful balls quickly collected from Target. While the neighborhood hasn’t quite caught up to the scale of his dramatic décor, a few neighbors do give him a little competition, particularly the couple across the street, Connie and Ernie Weilenmann, who compete to get their lights up before the Haisleys can. Last year, they won.

Haisley described the competition. “We look out the window and say, ‘Is that Ernie up on the roof? Is he putting up lights?’ Since we lost last year, we had to start before Thanksgiving to avoid losing again.”

Once upon a time, Candy Cane Lane was part of just such a communitywide competition for festive holiday décor, and Pacific Grove neighborhoods and houses were judged by city officials. Residents have always participated voluntarily, and neighborhood spirit plays a role.

“Candy Cane Lane’s biggest competition was Egan Avenue by the golf course,” said Joe Shammass of Pacific Grove Travel, whose family moved to Beaumont Avenue within the Candy Cane Lane neighborhood in 1958, when he was 1 year old. “Candy Cane Lane always won.”

Celebrating the symbols of the season

Candy Cane Lane is believed to have begun in 1948, at the home of Hope and Sam Gradis on Morse Drive. Their colorful house became a beacon of light, inspiring neighbors to follow their lead and add holiday décor to the outsides of their homes. Betty and Jake Shammass participated in the festivities as they raised their family in the neighborhood, where Betty lived for nearly 60 years before her passing in 2013.

Joe Shammass was 18 when he was named chairman of

Candy Cane Lane during the energy crisis of the 1970s. Folks were discouraged from putting up any decorations that used electricity, so, he marshalled his high school art class to help him create a “stained-glass window” effect out of tissue paper, which he and several other houses used to bring color and light to their windows.

Shammass also remembers the dozens of old hooked stovepipes someone donated, and neighbors gathered to paint the 6-foot pipes in candy cane colors to be placed around the edges of Platt Park in the center of the neighborhood.

“We had wonderful neighbors back then,” he recalled, “in a time when people didn’t move as much and were neighbors for years and years. Cliff Johansen worked for PG&E, and donated hours of time to Candy Cane Lane. The Cowans, on the corner, had that huge movable toy soldier nutcracker, which was cool and creepy at the same time. They lived in the neighborhood even longer than my parents.”

Penny Eminger’s longevity on Candy Cane Lane dates back to 1952, when her parents bought the family home in which she continues to live, nearly 70 years later.

“I’ve enjoyed Candy Cane Lane for a lot of Christmas-

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gingerbread man, or anything else made of the spicy holiday sweet, and submit it to info@montereywharf.com by Dec. 31.

Three top photographers will receive \$100, \$50 and \$25 in Wharf Dollars that can be used at any wharf merchant. For full rules, go to montereywharf.com, under the Events tab. Locals can park for free in the gated wharf parking lot Monday through Thursday with a photo I.D. The Monterey Salinas Transit trolley that usually serves the wharf and Cannery Row, however, is not running.

On Friday, Dec. 11 at 5 p.m., the **Hospice Giving Foundation** says you can “celebrate hope and remember loved ones” as it virtually unveils this year’s **Tree of Life lighting**. The tree will be atop the Marriott, as it has been for the last 30 years, but supporters are invited to watch online (hospice.org) or on television (Comcast channel 24). Local musicians will perform and speakers will include Rev. Luke Ham from the Church of the Wayfarer.

That same evening, **Congregation Beth Israel** will offer a **Virtual Hanukkah** celebration beginning at 6 p.m. Dreidels will be spun, a menorah will be lit and, quite possibly, a spirited debate over the proper toppings for latkes will ensue. Please call (831) 624-2015 for the link.

Virtual run

On Dec. 12, Santa and his lovely wife will ride a vintage firetruck for **Santa’s Fly-in, Covid Edition** in Carmel Valley. After a tour of the village to reacquaint the Big Guy with all the houses he’s only been able to see on Google Earth all year, Mr. and Mrs. Claus will take Zoom calls from the kids to help finalize those all-important lists. Go to cvcyc.org for more info from the Carmel Valley Com-

munity Youth Center, or call (831) 659-3983.

Normally, the **Arthritis Foundation’s Jingle Bell Run** would be a time when hordes of festively attired runners congregate at Lovers Point. Since potentially spreading one disease while trying to cure another didn’t make a whole lot of sense, the race has gone virtual. The Northern California region scheduled its run for Dec. 11-13. Register online for \$35 before Dec. 13 and receive a T-shirt and other swag. Run your favorite 5k route while sporting your holiday finest, on the streets, on the beach or on your treadmill. For more information, contact Wendy Bruns at wbruns@arthritis.org or call (916) 312-3416.

Giving everyone the Dickens

Starting Dec. 15, **Chanticleer** fans can enjoy a capella concert titled “**From Darkness to Light**,” a recorded performance of the group’s holiday repertoire. Organizers say the “visually stunning film” opens with a traditional candlelight Christmas Eve procession and ends on Christmas morning. Apparently, you’re on the honor system. If you’re watching by yourself at home, it’s \$25; two or more people are \$42. Once you’ve purchased your ticket, you can stream the concert as many times as you like through noon on New Year’s Day. Go to chanticleer.org for more info or to order.

Although Covid has done its best to be a Scrooge, no one compares with the original grouch. The Monterey County Theatre Alliance will offer a virtual performance of “**A Christmas Carol**” by Charles Dickens on Dec. 19 at 5:30 p.m. Pacific Grove actor and writer Howard Burnham will present the story, “in the manner of Dickens’ 1867 tour of the USA.” Questions will be taken after the performance. Visit theatremonterey.org to register to watch — for free — online.

You could also check out the **holiday lights at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds**. The half-mile self-driving tour promises “spectacular lighted holiday displays all around you — giant Christmas trees twinkling with lights, Santa, reindeer, snowmen, lighted tunnels and many more magical moments.” Weather permitting, it will be open 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., Thursday through Sunday evenings through Dec. 27, except Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The \$15 admission (\$35 for those hauling 13 or more people) can be paid online in advance at fairgrounds-foundation.org, or you can pony up \$20 onsite. Snacks will be available for purchase and you can tune your radio to special holiday music for the event.

First Night Monterey is going virtual. Ellen Martin, executive director, said you’ll soon be able to order the traditional buttons and swag to celebrate at home, while you stream an interactive celebration that links the local “party” with similar groups around the country for a national evening of merrymaking. More details will be available soon at firstnightmonterey.org.

Kick off the New Year with a virtual version of the **Rio Resolution Run**. The 31st annual event is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 1, and will benefit CASA of Monterey County. Go to riogrill.com and click on the Happenings Link, then scroll down for more information and a link to the online registration form. The fee (\$40 until Dec. 1, \$50 after) includes a shirt, race swag and bragging rights.

Choose a 5- or 10k route of to walk or run, and post your time and photos online. Random drawings will be held for prizes, and additional awards will be given for “largest team, fastest team, best-dressed and more” later in the week. And, as they put it, “Walkers, strollers, dogs on a leash, cats on a leash, anything on a leash are all welcome at this year’s virtual race.”

A drive-through holiday light display in Santa Cruz could be worth a special trip.



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drew on a trip with her family to Vietnam, giving verisimilitude to some scenes set there.

The plot alternates perspectives between O’Neal and Clements, both of whom are thoughtful narrators. Vignettes of wartime death and mayhem — in which O’Neal reluctantly participates — are realistic without being lurid.

Back home, Clements follows a feminist path, attending Radcliffe as she anxiously awaits Grady’s return. She meets the mother of Grady’s best Army buddy, Benedetto, and the two women form a bond. After an emotional roller coaster ride, the book ends on an optimistic note.

The real-life twists and turns in Pam Walters’ “I Hope Prince Charming Drinks” also leave readers hopeful, but only after taking them on a rough ride through her gritty account of childhood abuse and grownup addiction.

Walters’ memoir begins with her alcoholic mother’s mafia boyfriends and acquaintances creating a decidedly unwholesome atmosphere in her Chicago home. The author learned early on that booze (and later pills) could take away all kinds of pain, and continued to self-medicate even as her habit interfered with relationships and her career in the 1960s “Mad Men” world of advertising.

Celebs at the table

Walters’ gift is her ability to explain the topsy-turvy world of an addict to those who haven’t been there — the way the substance and its effects become normal to the user, and the pretzel logic employed to make it all seem OK. Readers will find themselves drawn to the glamorous trappings that “must” mean her habit can’t be that bad, even as the walls start to come crashing down. “I Hope Prince Charming Drinks” is a story of hard-won sobriety and redemption.

Pebble Beach denizen Frank Pace’s recent effort, “If These Lips Could Talk,” is a collection of stories drawn

from his career in, public relations and television production. Mix a quarantini and have a seat at Pace’s table, where he serves up celebrity tales in easily digested episodes. They feature the likes of baseball legend Ron Carew, an incongruously savvy Sylvester Stallone, a surprisingly likeable Don Rickles, and a young Donald Trump.

References and gift ideas

The author was a producer on the 1990s series “Suddenly Susan,” starring Brooke Shields, as well as on the slightly older “Head of the Class” with Howard Hesseman. Pace’s account of filming a season premier for the latter in pre-glasnost Soviet Union is nothing short of mind-boggling.

In “The Good, the Bad, the Mother-in-Law,” Kenis Dunne of Monterey trots out some (true) nightmare mother-in-law/daughter-in-law stories and then responds — with her friends and relatives — in rapid-fire advice-column style. Armchair psychologists will enjoy kibitzing as star-crossed women share tales of woe and outrage. It would be fun for book clubs to chat about over Zoom.

Herb Evans’ “Diary of a Bartender” pours out first-person stories from the veteran of the Navy’s submarine service who worked his way from a Christmastime gig at Macy’s in New York City to incrementally better stints as a bartender and restaurateur, eventually leading to a job at Nepenthe and a home in Big Sur. Photos with Irving Berlin, Richard Rodgers and Ethel Merman, among others, hearken back to his time among show business legends.

If you’re not sure what to give a book-loving friend, try “Book Marks.” Carmel Valley’s Mark McKinnon compiled this nearly 400-page anthology of quotations and excerpts from a broad swath of literature, humor and philosophy. It’s useful for reference and fun for browsing.

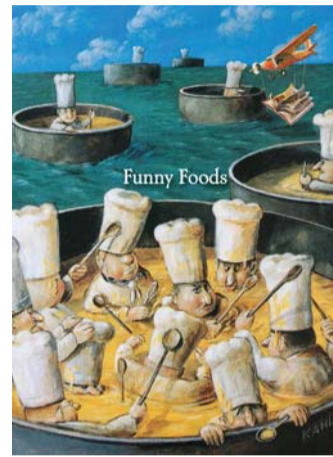
Culinary adventurers will all appreciate Mary Chamberlin’s latest effort, “The Traveling Cookbook.” The much-lauded and well-traveled Carmel chef and caterer has

produced a collection of elegant recipes from more than 26 countries, and the beautiful art and photographs make for a relaxing armchair vacation.

Among the still-unopened-but-promising volumes on this reporter’s table is “Joseph Meister and the Final Wish,” Monterey author Patrick Moyer’s historical novel based on Louis Pasteur’s discovery of the rabies vaccine.

Also, fans of the “Chicken Soup for the Soul” books should note that Carmel’s Laurie Muender’s brief story, “Zen Retreat,” is featured in “Age is Just a Number: 101 Tales of Humor and Wisdom for Life after 60,” one of the latest in the inspirational series.

This list is by no means exhaustive, and you can always browse the shelves at Pilgrim’s Way and River House Books for more ideas to restock your shutdown-depleted treasure trove of reading materials.



Carmel Valley’s Mary Chamberlin created an entertaining cookbook.

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es,” Eminger said. “My mother used to decorate like crazy when we were kids. She’d have elves peeking out of the bushes, and get those huge lollipops from the Monterey Wharf, and put them up and down the walkway, but kids used to take them home.”

Eminger sticks artificial candy canes up and down that brick walkway, and runs old-fashioned colored lights along her roofline. Yet her house is best-known for the

large lighted peace sign she made from PVC pipes covered in greenery. She sees it as a way to spread a message of peace, and warm the hearts of passersby. Her old-fashioned light-up Santa and snowmen, who have been sentries of the season for as long as she can remember, also are part of her “warm and welcoming” theme.

Eminger particularly appreciates Platt Park, the grassy expanse in the middle of the neighborhood, where middle- and high-school kids usually congregate to earn community hours for school by painting and assembling decora-

tions, including a slow-moving, quarter-scale Ferris wheel, and beloved stand-up cartoon characters.

“It’s such a magical tradition to bring the community together around this little park,” she said. “I’m a big believer in tradition, the things that bring families and friends together, particularly at this time of year.”

Except this year, in compliance with pandemic precautions, the park will disappear into the darkness, without

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If you're looking for hope, look no further

By SALLY BAHO

IT'S ENOUGH to test the faith of a saint. As this is being written, houses of worship in Monterey County continue to navigate Covid-19 restrictions with reservations-only services, outdoor gatherings, online worship, or some combination of those. And like the microscopic, soulless killjoy it is, coronavirus — which put the kibosh on every holiday from Easter and Passover on — stubbornly remains.



Rabbi Greenbaum

But during dark hours, humanity relentlessly beats a path to hope. Weather and Covid restrictions permitting, All Saints' Episcopal is planning a Christmas Eve gathering limited to 30 people and Carmel Presbyterian has scheduled three outdoor Christmas Eve services for which participants must pre-register. Carmel Mission also offers some outdoor Masses, and has scheduled one for Christmas Eve, with two more on Christmas Day.

While a wide swath of the community is finding joy in four weeks of decorations, socially distanced shopping, front-porch gift drops and so on, adherents of other traditions are also powering through the pandemic. As different as they are, they share the notion of shining a light in the short, dark days of winter and focusing on hope — and the possibility of miracles.

Shoes and treats

Fasting sounds redundant in a year marked by giving up one thing after another, but Father Ion Coman from St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church in Carmel explained that for the 40 days leading up to Christmas, start-

ing Nov. 15, practitioners of that faith "fast before they feast."

They don't abstain from eating, but generally don't consume animal products and often give up alcohol. More importantly, they studiously avoid other things that are destructive and distracting, like social media and gossip. "It's a spiritual journey to prepare us for this great encounter with the newborn Christ," the pastor said. "The most central part of the Christmas tradition for those who practice the Greek Orthodox faith is the birth of Jesus Christ."

In some Orthodox traditions, on Dec. 6, children put their shoes or boots out for St. Nicholas to fill with treats. The fourth-century bishop was known for being a generous, loving and charitable man who modeled the traits believers ascribe to God.

Christmas Eve is celebrated with a service called the Royal Hours, when a collection of texts about the birth of Jesus are read. Once Christmas arrives, it is nothing but joy, celebration and feasting, which continues for a whole week.

The group shares space with All Saints' Episcopal Church in Carmel and plans to hold a small outdoor, in-person service in addition to its online offerings. Visit stjohn-monterey.org for more information.

Advent, a four-week period of preparation for Christmas observed by most Christians, began on Nov. 29 with the lighting of candles in wreaths, but a decidedly different, older celebration of light started Dec. 10 this year.

Rabbi Bruce Greenbaum of Congregation Beth Israel on Carmel Valley Road described Hanukkah as a holiday of historical significance and religious freedom, commemorating the ancient military victory of the Maccabees, a small band of rebel Jews, over the much larger force of the Syrian-Greeks, who had outlawed their religion, desecrated their Temple and murdered the faithful.

After the Maccabees unexpectedly (some say miraculously) won and regained control of the Temple, they lit the menorah — a seven-branched oil lamp — to signify the return of God's eternal presence, Greenbaum explained. They only had enough oil to last one day, but it ended up lasting eight, which is why Hanukkah is celebrated for eight days.

"When Jews say 'Happy Holidays,' we really mean happy all holidays. We're celebrating religious freedom for everyone," said Greenbaum.

Hanukkah is celebrated in private homes by lighting one candle for each night on an eight-branched holiday menorah, using a ninth candle in the center.

Applesauce or sour cream?

Families at Beth Israel would normally gather for a large meal on the first Friday evening of the holiday. Hanukkah songs are sung and everyone eats foods fried in oil,



It's been a rough year. You could probably use a few latkes.

symbolizing the oil in the menorah.

Most famous among these delightful offerings is the latke, a potato pancake. Inevitably, Greenbaum said, the eternal question of the best topping for latkes is debated: Is it applesauce or sour cream ... or, radically, both? Children play a game with dreidels, four-sided tops with the Hebrew letters that stand for the phrase, "A great miracle happened there," and receive Hanukkah gelt (money) — chocolate coins wrapped in foil.

This year, the synagogue's community Hanukkah celebration will go on via Zoom. E-mail shalomcbi@aol.com to participate.

That's not the end of it. Buddhists have a Special New Year's Eve service to express gratitude for the year's blessings, and Kwanzaa, a modern holiday highlighting African-Americans' heritage, roughly translates from Swahili to "first fruits" and was derived in part from harvest festivals of the Ashanti and Zulu. Others find reassurance in the winter solstice, when daylight hours start to lengthen.

In other words, most people seek out reasons for joy in winter. They pass on important memories in stories told on long, chilly evenings, and perhaps indulge in something delicious.

And that sourpuss virus? It may slow things down, but it isn't stopping anyone.

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decoration.

"Platt Park is a place where people congregate, so in the best interest of public health, we just can't have that this year," said Moe Ammar, longtime president of the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce. "As long as everyone stays in their cars and off the sidewalks, and follows all safety protocols, people can have fun and enjoy this holiday tradition in a safe manner."

Blowing a fuse?

Barbara Keily is not much into home décor, but she loves lights, so she does hang a strand of bulbs across her rooftop during the holidays. But that's it, which is why she loves living across the street from Candy Cane Lane.

"All the lights and decorations really give us a sense of the holiday season, particularly here, where we don't have winter snow. I moved to Pacific Grove in 1999, and discovered Candy Cane Lane, which is nothing like I'd ever seen. I think it brings out a lot of families, which means more traffic, but for this short time of year, it's well worth it," she said.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the Peninsula, the Haisleys and a few neighbors are busy building their own Candy Cane "stretch of street."

"Mission Fields is another real neighborhood," Lendy Haisley said. "We're so good at Halloween; we want to get everyone on board for Christmas. My husband's kind of like Clark Griswold in 'National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation.' Our house will have so many lights, we're guaranteed to blow a fuse."

Wherever we are, she said, 'tis the season to deck the halls and celebrate from a social distance.



Father Ion Coman leads local Greek Orthodox believers.

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GALLERY'S HOLIDAY SALE PROVES BIG THINGS CAN COME IN SMALL FRAMES

FEW THINGS look better under a Christmas tree than miniature painting that's raising money for a good cause.

Just as it does each holiday season, the nonprofit Carmel Art Association is presenting its Small Treasures ex-

hibit through Feb. 2, offering a bounty of gift-giving ideas. More than 200 paintings and sculptures are included in this year's sale — each measuring no larger than 20 by 20 inches. All were created by members of the nonprofit art group, which has been around since 1927. The artists will split the proceeds with the CAA.

and collage are all represented.

The proceeds will help fund the many exhibits and events the nonprofit center at Fourth and Guadalupe hosts each year.

You can also visit the center in person. The gallery is open Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 4 p.m., and by appointment, with a maximum of two visitors allowed inside at one time. The auction ends Dec. 19. All the proceeds go to the Cherry Center.

For more details, visit carlcherrycenter.org.

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

■ Cherry Center unveils holiday show

The Carl Cherry Center for the Arts is moving its annual holiday pop-up exhibit and silent auction — now known as “The Nine Days of Artmas” — online for the first time, and it opens Friday.

The art is all donated by the center's many friends and supporters. The display includes pieces by **Eleen Auvil**, **Dixie Dixon**, **Jan Wagstaff**, **Jim Dultz**, **Richard Cannon** and others. Paintings, drawings, photographs, sculpture

■ Painter raises \$\$ for dogs

In July, The Pine Cone ran a story about painter **Bon-**

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The Carmel Art Association's annual Small Treasures show is on display at the downtown gallery (left) on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth. More than 200 small paintings — none larger than 20 by 20 inches — are for sale, including Pamela Carroll's "Mail-In Vote" (right).

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THANKSGIVING IS well in the rearview mirror, and with continued uncertainty about restaurants and retail in the coming weeks due to the possibility of new shutdowns, it makes perfect sense to focus on the simple things that bring joy, like sweets and holiday feasts.

At the bakeries

The bakers at Rise + Roam at Mission and Seventh wanted to thank customers for their loyalty and patronage, especially during these lean times, and announced a variety of new items and hot drinks to celebrate the holidays.

Rise + Roam's rendition of stollen, the traditional German holiday sweet bread, is filled with dried fruit and spiced with cardamom, cinnamon and nutmeg, while spiced meringues contain cinnamon, nutmeg and clove. Stout gingerbread, which is sold by the slice, is made with Guinness. Seasonal pear frangipane tart, with its sweet almond custard and pastry, is available, as is cranberry kouign-amann, a holiday version of what the New York Times once described as "the fattiest pastry in Europe."

And starting Dec. 12, the 12 Days of Cookies will feature a daily special cookie, providing more than enough motivation to visit frequently.

On the liquid side, the coffee and espresso bar is turning out lattes, mochas, white mochas and hot chocolate, all flavored with peppermint, as well as a salted caramel mocha — with the caramel made in-house.

Rise + Roam Bakery & Pizzeria is open daily at 7 a.m. Visit riseandroambakery.com for more information.

Parker-Lusseau, the French bakery in Monterey owned and run by Anne Parker and Yan Lusseau, carries Bûche de Noël in several flavors: Chocolate & Spice (ginger spice cake with chocolate mousse, cinnamon Bavarian cream and candied citrus), Chocolate Espresso (chocolate mousse and espresso mousse with caramelized hazelnuts), Triple Chocolate (chocolate mousse, chocolate crème brûlée and flourless chocolate cake), and a couple of fruit

tures beautiful meringue mushrooms and can be pre-ordered for pickup Dec. 21-23, and the featured coffee drink for December is a gingerbread latte, "with notes of ginger root, molasses, orange, cardamom, nutmeg and cinnamon." Alta is open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. For more information, go to altamonterey.com.

At Ad Astra Bread Co., located inside Other Brother Beer on Broadway in Seaside, the team unveiled the holiday menu Monday. The immensely popular bakery is best known for its breads but also sells out of limited sweet and savory pastries regularly.

The holiday menu, which contains items that will be available Dec. 22-24 but can be ordered now, includes a mixed-grain sourdough pan loaf with wine-soaked fruits, classic German stollen, Challah egg bread with poppy-

Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

varieties — one with chocolate, passionfruit and coconut, and another with chocolate mousse and raspberries in pistachio cake.

While Parker-Lusseau's store on Munras remains closed, its bakery at 539 Hartnell St. near the Monterey post office is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Go to parkerlusseau.com for more information.

Alta Bakery, run by Ben Spungin and head baker Matt Somerville in the old Cooper-Molera adobe at Fremont and Alvarado, also has some creative sweets for the holidays, like "snow people," made of "peppermint mousse with crunchy stuff," heads of cinnamon, and edible stick arms and carrot noses. The bakery's Bûche de Noël fea-

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Chef Juan Ponce at Old Fisherman's Grotto turned out a whole bunch of pumpkin pies for Thanksgiving. He's planning to do the same, and more, for his boxed Christmas dinners to go.



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Holiday specials to be available around Christmastime include Ad Astra Bread Co's Babka (top) and Alta Bakery's Bûche de Noël.

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seeds (not kosher), gingerbread Babka, brown butter dinner rolls, cinnamon rolls — and Seaside sourdough, “because you need something for dinner.”

Ad Astra is generally open from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, and also sells at the Pacific Grove farmers market on Monday afternoons, the downtown Carmel farmers market on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and on Sundays at the Carmel Valley farmers market at the Mid Valley shopping center. Call or text (323) 823-6772, email info@adastrabread.com or visit adastrabread.com.

■ First Christmas menus released

Quail Lodge on Valley Greens Drive in Carmel Valley pledged to help “make celebrating a breeze for Carmel locals” by offering a full Christmas dinner to go featuring whole ham or prime rib roast, each serving six people, for \$215 to \$345. Sides include potatoes au gratin, rosemary and brown sugar yams, green beans with shallots, Parker House rolls, bourbon glaze, mixed green salad, and a whole pie for dessert. Extra sides and desserts, soup, bread and other items can also be ordered a la carte. Dinner for one features ham and sides for \$35. Pre-order by Tuesday, Dec. 22, at 3 p.m. to pick up on Christmas. Call (831) 620-

8875.

Chef Juan Ponce at Fisherman's Grotto on Fisherman's Wharf will be preparing boxed Christmas dinners for curbside delivery that are similar to what he did for Thanksgiving. On Christmas Day, two dinners will be available — a traditional family-style prime rib dinner with twice-baked potatoes and other sides, rolls and a cranberry-apple tart, and “Papa Shake's Famous Italian Style Cioppino,” with fish and shellfish in a red sauce, served with garlic bread and a tart for dessert. The cost for either dinner starts at \$100 for two and runs up to \$400 for eight. Order by Dec. 22 by calling (831) 375-4604 for pickup on Christmas between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

■ International flavors

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De Tierra gift packs

And for the wine drinkers on your list, local tasting rooms are putting together gift packs to accommodate a wide range of palates and prices. Last-minute shoppers will be happy to learn, too, that some of them are open on Christmas Eve.

At De Tierra at Mission and Fifth, every gift pack includes a custom-etched wood box, and the winery partnered with a few other local businesses to put together gifts to please all the senses. The gift boxes range from \$30 to \$75, not including the cost of whatever wines the buyer chooses, and come with candles, chocolates and other goodies.

"We love to support our local community, which is why we've partnered with Heart to Heart Gift Co., Lula's Chocolates and Fleur du Soleil, all Monterey-based companies, to bring you these beautiful holiday boxes," owners Alix Bosch and Dan McDonnal said. See the options at

detierra.com.

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Shipping deadlines for gifts are Dec. 15 for the East Coast and Midwest via ground, Dec. 17 for the West Coast via ground, and Dec. 18 for three-day express. Visit morganwinery.com or call (831) 626-3700.

Shop to help Big Sur Health Center

The Big Sur Foragers Festival typically held in January to raise funds for the critical services provided by the Big Sur Health Center won't happen this year, thanks to coronavirus, but the silent auction that usually accompanies it has been converted to an online store, with some items available now, just in time for Christmas.

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Edgar's at Quail Lodge will be offering full Christmas dinners to go with ham or prime rib and all the decadent sides, as well as dessert. Dinners for one will also be available, and will spare no indulgence.



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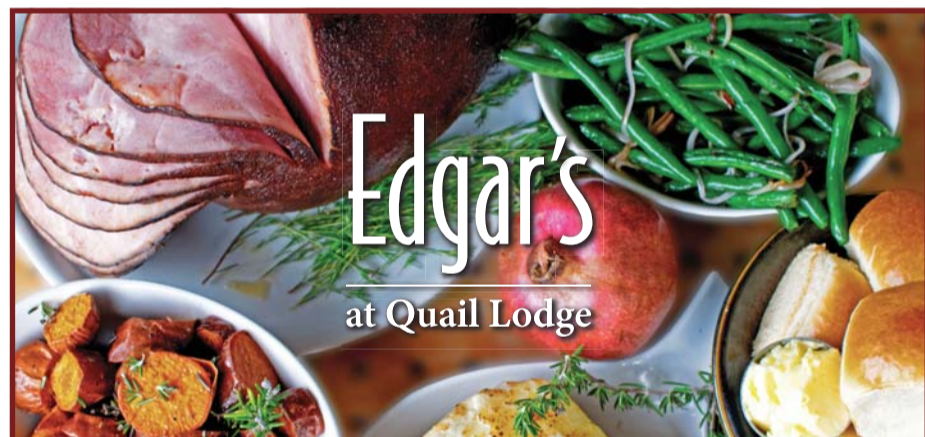
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So far, various mustards, jewelry, artwork and other donated items and services are listed at bigsurhealthcenteronlinestore.org, with more to come, and those wishing to donate items to be sold can email kara@thebitterginger.com. Many are available

now, while some won't be shipped until well into next month.

The festival also plans a raffle for diners, a staycation, wine and other great prizes, with the drawing held Jan. 23. For more information, including ways to donate or volunteer, visit bigsurforagersfestival.org.



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■ Carmel Honey in S.F.

Carmel High School student Jake Reisdorf's Carmel Honey Co. has expanded, with a new shop in the bustling Ferry Building on the Embarcadero in San Francisco, where he has high-end neighbors like Recchiuti Confections, Humphrey Slocombe ice cream, Hog Island Oyster Co. and the Slanted Door restaurant.

Closer to home, the Carmel Honey Co. shops in Carmel Plaza and on Cannery Row are fully stocked with gifts.

Find out more about honey products, including skincare and other items, at carmelhoneycompany.com.

■ New winter cocktails

Bartenders at Montrio, Tarpys and Rio Grill recently introduced new winter-inspired cocktails that are twists on the classics.

At Montrio on Calle Principal in downtown Monterey, Anthony Vitacca found inspiration in Rupert Holmes' "Escape (The Piña Colada Song)," to create a cocktail named "If You're Not Into Yoga" that combines rum, amaro, bitters, pineapple, lemongrass, coconut yogurt, syrup, coconut

water and fresh orange.

Montrio also introduced another new drink called "O Brother, Where Art Thou" that combines rum, mezcal and other ingredients, and the gin-based "In 'Spain' In The Membrane."

Visit montrio.com for details and reservations.

At Tarpys on Highway 68 at Canyon del Rey, new cocktails aimed at warming guests from the inside include a cinnamon whiskey Old Fashioned with vermouth, sugar, cherry and bitters, and the Bulleit-proof Cider, with Bulleit bourbon, apple cider and mulling spices. Go to tarpys.com.

And the bar staff at the Rio Grill at the Crossroads promised to take "nogs and ciders to a completely different stratosphere," with nearly a half-dozen new drinks, including the Ginger Nog, which is spiked with vodka and Kahlua and topped with a peanut-butter-whiskey-infused whipped cream and a touch of ginger.

The Cider Sidecar, meanwhile, includes Courvoisier V.S., Cointreau, apple cider and lemon juice, and the Hot Spiked Autumn Harvest features mulled cider, spiced pear liqueur and rye whiskey. See riogrill.com for more.



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ADAMS

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(\$2,100) in advance, the paper said it considerably brightened the center's future.

In July 1970, he made the front page again with a profile by Pine Cone reporter (and co-owner) Judith Eisner. At 68 years old, Adams said he was still working "eight days a week" in what was described as "his magnificent Carmel Highlands home."

By the mid-1970s, Adams had graduated to éminence

grise status, donating works to charity, judging and arranging exhibitions and so on. He spoke passionately and frequently about preserving the natural coastline and other conservation efforts.

The Pine Cone reported on Sept. 3, 1981, that Adams was resting at Community Hospital after fainting in a Carmel restaurant on Sept. 1, specifying that he was not in the intensive care unit, but simply "a monitored room," and that he was expecting to be up and around in a few days. But time was running out for Adams, who was back in the hospital three years later.

On April 26, 1984, the Pine Cone's front page read, "Photography world loses its favorite friend," and a three-page obituary highlighted his contributions to photography and conservation, noting that he battled the Reagan administration over offshore drilling and had earlier supported the federalization of Big Sur. He won the John Muir conservation award in 1963, and an award from the U.S. Department of the Interior in 1968, among others.

The obit described him as a "feisty visionary photographer," and "a warm, humorous man with a quick wit who often used himself as a target." And the town was glad to have him.



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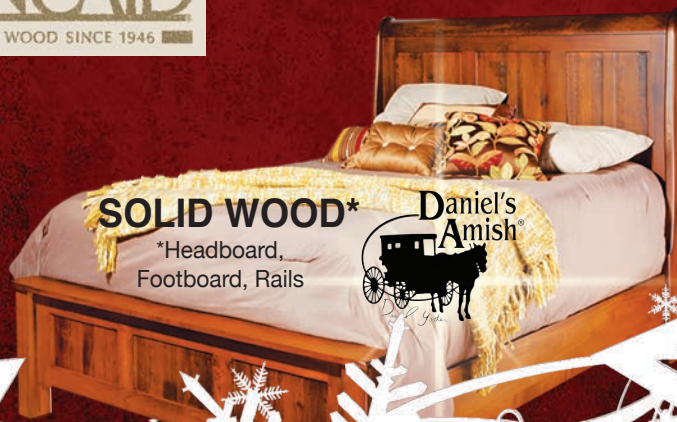


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ART

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nie Folster, who for years would stroll the sands of Carmel Beach with her Scottish deer hound, Buck. Along the way, she would snap photos of the other dogs she met, and turn those snapshots into paintings.

Folster donated the paintings to Max's Helping Paws Foundation, which is selling them to raise money for its mission, which is providing a lifeline for responsible pet

owners who are facing economic challenges.

A number of local dog owners, like Ed Davis, wondered if Folster had painted their pooches. Out of curiosity, Davis looked up the gallery on Max's website, and to his surprise, he found his beloved Bichon Frise, Ernie, whose gimpy knees prevent him from any more beach romps. "That's Ernie! I gotta get this," said Davis, a Carmel Beach enthusiast who works for Hayward Lumber and lives in Hollister.

Next, Davis searched for Ernie's long-time partner, Bert, who passed away just over a year ago. He found a painting of Bert on the website as well, which really tugged at his heartstrings. He made a donation to Max's and received both paintings.

"It was wonderful, and very emotional," said Davis, who met with Max's co-founder Dyana Klein when he picked up the pieces. "I was more than happy to make a donation, but just getting paintings of my guys was even better."

To see the paintings, visit maxshelpingpaws.org.

■ Snowflakes at Sunset Center?

After recently adding a burst of color and beauty to several downtown sites, mural artist Marie-Claire Treseder Gorham just finished a holiday-themed painting on Sunset Center's front lobby window.

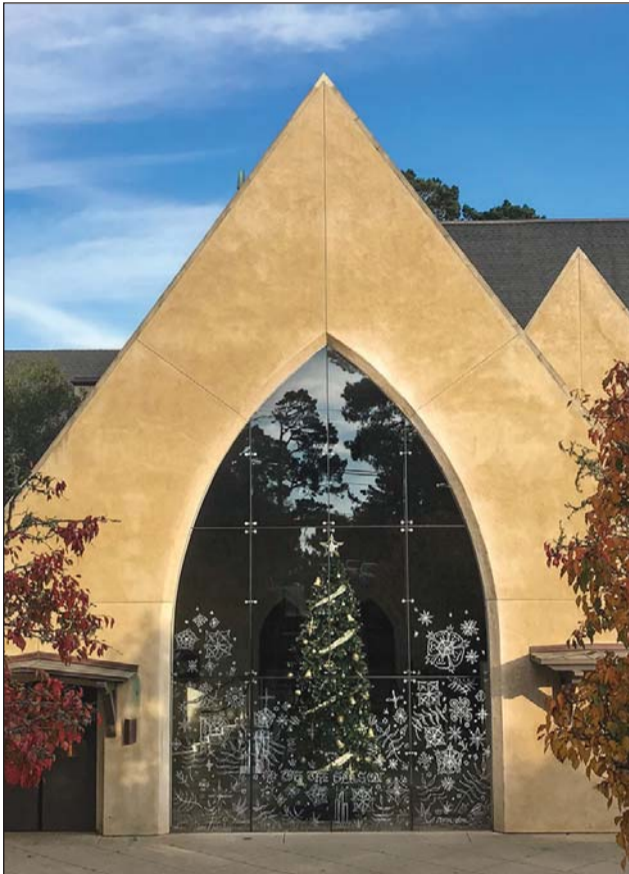
The details of the painting includes can-

dlesticks, which were held by students of the old Sunset School during holiday performances, and Tudor roses, which call attention to Sunset Center's Tudor Revival architecture. "We thought it would be meaningful to work in some of the history of Sunset Center," the artist said.

Gorham also threw in a few snowflakes because "their ephemeral nature seemed a

fitting symbol for a short-lived artwork."

Sunset Center executive director Christine Sandin encouraged people to check out the window art, which will be on display through the holidays. "The mural will be up throughout the month of December and we encourage community members to stop by to see it in person, take photos, and enjoy it," Sandin added.



Mural artist Marie-Claire Treseder Gorham recently used her talents to give Sunset Center's main lobby window a holiday makeover.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20201978
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: SUSHI JAWN, 47020 Highway 1, Big Sur, CA, 93920, County of Monterey.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20202011
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Carmel Internal Medicine Concierge, 7020 Valley Greens Dr. #16, Carmel, CA 93923, County of Monterey.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20202049
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: MARITA'S SALES RACK, 549 1/2 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20202068
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: FIRST AID RIGHT NOW, 104 Ford Road, Carmel Valley CA 93924.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20202077
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: JEFFREY MARK FRYE, 104 Ford Road, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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Jeffrey Thomas, Petitioner v. Stefani Stockstill, Respondent
Case No. 17FAM02019
In the Superior Court of San Mateo County, California

To Petitioner, Jeffrey Thomas: Respondent Stefani Stockstill filed a Request for Order in the above case on June 18, 2020 concerning her request to change the existing orders in this matter concerning child custody and visitation (parenting time) and to allow her to change the residence of the party's child. A Court hearing will be held as follows on this Request for Order:

A COURT HEARING WILL BE HEARD AS FOLLOWS:

Date: February 24, 2021; Time: 9:00 am; Dept: 15; Room: 7C
Address of court: 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063.

WARNING to the person served with the Request for Order: The court may make the requested orders without you if you do not file a Responsive Declaration to Request for Order (form FL-320), serve a copy on the other parties at least nine court days before the hearing (unless the court has ordered a shorter period of time), and appear at the hearing. (See form FL-320 INFO for more information.)

Respondent is not represented by an attorney. Respondent's address and telephone number are: Stefani Stockstill, 1652 Boulder Springs Road, St. George, UT 84790 (650) 862-9932

A copy of this NOTICE OF HEARING shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for the hearing on the Request for Order in the following newspaper of general circulation printed in the county in which Petitioners last known residence is located: Carmel Pine Cone
Dated: November 3, 2020 //Franchi, Don
Judge of the Superior Court
Publication dates: Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11 2020. (PC1115)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20202023
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: 1. URBAN TRAPPING WILDLIFE CONTROL 2. URBAN TRAPPER WILDLIFE CONTROL
20241 Portola Dr., Salinas, CA 93908. Mailing address: 306 Mulheim Rd., Seaside, CA 93955.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20202023
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: DANIEL JACOB BURTON, 306 Mulheim Rd., Seaside, CA 93955.

or names listed above on N/A. S/Daniel Burton Oct. 12, 2020
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).

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

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Judge of the Superior Court
Publication dates: Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11 2020. (PC1115)

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Publication dates: Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18, 2020. (PC1119)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20202085
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: AGI Investigations, 31 Downing Circle, Salinas, CA 93906, County of Monterey.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20202134
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: MONTEREY COAST REALTY, Dolores 3 SW 7th, Carmel, CA 93921.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20202086
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: FULL CIRCLE HOME GROUP, 1808 Cherokee Dr., Salinas, CA 93906, County of Monterey.

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Judge of the Superior Court
Publication dates: Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11 2020. (PC1115)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 30, 2020.

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Publication dates: Dec. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2020. (PC1205)

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARY LOU RUIZ aka MARY LUDELL RUIZ

Case Number 20PR000394
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MARY LOU RUIZ aka MARY LUDELL RUIZ:

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by DINA EASTWOOD in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

The Petition for Probate requests that DINA EASTWOOD be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

sentative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: January 13, 2021
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Dept: 13
Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner: UTE M. ISBILL-WILLIAMS, 26335 Carmel Ranch Blvd., Suite 2, Carmel, CA 93923 (831) 233-7375 x 222

This statement was filed by Superior Court of California, County of Monterey on Oct. 14, 2020.

Publication dates: Dec. 4, 11, 18, 2020. (PC1207)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20202039
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: 1. MONTEREY EAR, 2. MONTEREY EAR, NOSE & THROAT, 880 Cass Street, Suite 209, Monterey, CA 93940.

County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey County. Name of Corporation of as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: Ameet K. Grewal, M.D., Inc. 880 Cass Street, Suite 209, Monterey, CA 93940. State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA

This business is conducted by a corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. S/Ameet K. Grewal, President Date: Nov. 6, 2020

BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 6, 2020.

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Publication dates: Dec. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2020. (PC1209)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20202190
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: STRUCTURAL SERVICES AND FOUNDATION REPAIR, INC., 888 Lomita Street, Monterey, CA 93940.

County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey County. Name of individual Registrant(s): Jason Alexander Plitz Name of Corporation of as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: STRUCTURAL SERVICES AND FOUNDATION REPAIR, INC., 888 Lomita Street, Monterey, CA 93940. State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA

This business is conducted by a corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. S/ Jason Alexander Plitz, President Date: Nov. 23, 2020

BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 23, 2020.

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Publication dates: Dec. 11, 18, 25, 2020; Jan. 1, 2021. (PC1212)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20202242
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: SILENT CHIME DESIGN, 5315 Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel, CA 93923.

County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey County. Name of individual Registrant(s): PHILIP PAUL MOSOFF, 5315 Carmel Valley Rd. F-113, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 25, 2020. S/Philip Mosoff Dec. 7, 2020

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Hospice Tree of Life ceremony to be broadcast online Dec. 11

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE HOSPICE Giving Foundation will hold its annual Tree of Life lighting, a 30-year tradition of remembering and honoring loved ones, Dec. 11 at 5 p.m.

“This year, it will also be a time to honor our collective grief and loss around the pandemic,” organizers said. Set to be broadcast online at hospicegiving.org, streamed on social media and shown on the local AMP Media Comcast channel 24, the program will feature jazz vocalist Julie Capili accompanied by local musician Dennis Murphy, and an invocation by The Rev. Luke Ham of Church of the Wayfarer. Palliative care physician and advocate Dr.

Ira Byock will speak, and the Carmel High School choir will sing. The event will culminate with the tree lighting atop the Monterey Marriott.

The foundation is encouraging viewers “to make this night memorable with candles and photos of the person or people they want to remember, and to consider coming together safely online with family and friends for their own private watch parties.”

“Coming together as a community in times like these is what it takes to find hope,” organizers said. “Together we remember, together we heal.”

To register, visit hospicegiving.org/treeoflife.

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but no one was seen.

but she did not order a pizza.

Officers later encountered a pizza delivery man who was lost.

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ARTIST

From page 27A

As a child, Janet Cuthbertson suffered from asthma so severe that her doctor regularly prescribed bed rest — time she spent drawing and reading. At age 12, she read and loved “Anna Karenina,” Leo Tolstoy’s 864-page Russian novel, written in 1878.

At 13, she enjoyed Tolstoy’s 1868 work, “War and Peace” (1,225 pages), and as a freshman she breezed through “Crime and Punishment,” one of several Dostoyevsky novels she devoured through high school.

Woodside High was one of only five California schools to offer classes in Russian, which she took as a junior and senior, then all four years as an undergrad at Stanford, where she often saw Alexander Kerensky — who headed the provisional government after the Russian revolution of 1917, but was then overthrown in the Bolshevik coup orchestrated by Vladimir Lenin — wandering around Palo Alto.

“Americans are dreadfully misinformed about Russian and Soviet culture in many ways — it was not all horrible,” said Whitchurch, who visited Russia in 2006, then was encouraged by Russian friends to translate and illustrate Alexander Pushkin’s children’s book, “Tale of the Fisherman and the Fish.” Her English-language version was published by Whitty & Wyllie in 2014. She has plans today to translate and illustrate two others.

Childhood fascination

Historic illustrations of America by a 19th-century Swiss artist, Karl Bodner, and her childhood fascination with the scenery of the Salinas Valley, inspired

Whitchurch’s 2018 book, “Running North and Underground.” That one chronicles her exploration of the Salinas River, beginning in 2011, during which she traveled 60 miles of the 200-mile river in a canoe with Randy. They found the river’s source, near Santa Margarita in San Luis Obispo County, and tracked its northwestern flow to the National Marine Sanctuary in Monterey Bay.

Whitchurch kept a journal, and illustrated what she saw with some of the 500 photos she shot along the way, and 300 paintings she did from the photos.

Her most-recent work, “Cereal X-Treem,” is an illustrated children’s book, published this year, that tells the tale of a boy who eats an unusual breakfast cereal, becomes gassy, discovers he can fly, and is captured by a nasty witch who demands to know his secret of flight.

World travels

An interest in racehorses, which began during her Stanford days, led to trips in 1990 and 1992 to England, where Whitchurch visited two separate large-animal hospitals to photograph equine surgeries, from which she made anatomical drawings of the animals.

And a 2009 trip to the American Academy in Rome enabled her to photograph and sketch ancient ruins, including Nero’s Golden House (also called the Domus Aurea) — a palace built after a fire destroyed much of Rome in 64 A.D. The emperor Titus subsequently filled all the rooms with dirt to erase Nero’s memory. The palace was rediscovered and excavated in the 15th century.

“I do feel very blessed to be a full-time artist now, but I don’t think it’s all good fortune and luck,” Whitchurch said. “I think

I’ve made good use of things that have happened for me, and I would include teaching in that.

“I don’t have a lot of years left, so I always want to do things that give me gratification, and art is something that keeps me going,” she said. “I know a lot of people who struggle with retirement because they don’t have something interesting and rewarding to do.”

Whitchurch has two sons from her first marriage — Dylan and Aran — plus Katie, her daughter with Randy.

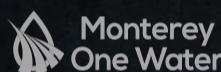
Images of her artwork and additional information about her books and projects can be found on her website at janetwhitchurch.com.

Dennis Taylor is a freelance writer in Monterey County. Contact him at scribelaureate@gmail.com.



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254682 Dolores Street — \$1,475,000
William Dwyer to Dennis Levett
APN: 009-101-005

24604 Lower Trail — \$1,519,500
Royalty Properties LLC to Dawn Alvey and Jennifer Thompson
APN: 009-073-026

24824 Carpenter Street — \$1,710,000
Sandra Davenport to David and Anne Rainero
APN: 009-145-004

25135 Monterey Street — \$2,185,000
Harlan Wilder to Edwin and Lydia Knetzegeer
APN: 009-153-007

Carmelo Street, 4 SW of Ocean — \$4,750,000
Mark and Deanne Garibaldi to Villa Carmelo LLC
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24824 Carpenter Street, Carmel — \$1,710,000

Carmel Highlands

2847 Pradera Road — \$1,755,000
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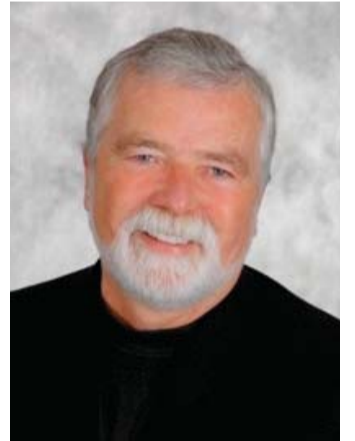


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107 Ford Road — \$860,000
Clinton Wilson to Kacie and Malachi Boyce
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Lupin Lane — \$1,850,000
Mary Delfino to 27380 Schulte Road LLC
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22 Story Road — \$1,195,000
Marshall and Brooke Moranda to Brent Verwey
APN: 187-541-021



3208 17 Mile Drive, Pebble Beach — \$25,000,000

23 Upper Circle — \$1,220,000
Peggy and John Norris and Karl and Charlotte Empey to David and Melora Miller
APN: 189-483-001

27685 Via Quintana — \$1,300,000
Peter and Susan Loewy to Tengbo Li and Sarah Chappell
APN: 185-052-014

8050 Poplar Lane — \$1,600,000
Craig and Keith Cruickshank to Natalie Stewart
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11770 Camino Escondido — \$1,625,000
Henke Fischer to Justin and Jessica Durocher
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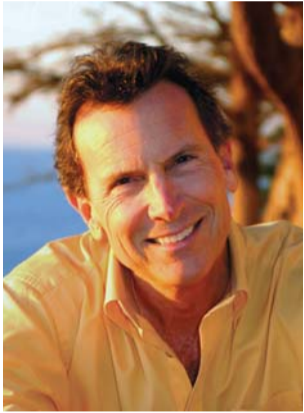
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Battered but not beaten by emails from some angry readers

MY PROTECTIVE mask hides the cuts and bruises on my chin. They are from the shots I took from disgruntled bare-knuckled readers over my Thanksgiving column. In case you forgot, I criticized our governor about his indoor dinner at Napa's French Laundry. I thought the gov-

essary rules." It reminded me of a slap on the knuckles with a wooden ruler from Sister Mary Rambo.

Another wrote, "Shame on you. You made fun of what the medical/scientific experts told us what we need to do to slow the spread of Covid-19."

He said he ate Thanksgiving dinner with his dog because his family broke up into small units. I'm not sure who got the short end of the wishbone on that arrangement.

I could go on, but suffice it to say that the email senders don't think I'm taking the pandemic seriously. I am. Two family members were hospitalized with the infection.

They recovered, but it took a long time. One of my two daughters who are nurses works directly with Covid-19 patients, so I understand the stress healthcare workers are under.

So many questions

The main thrust of the negative emails was that I should not be allowed to express an opinion that differs from theirs. When letters begin with, "Who the hell do you think you are?" or, "You have no right to be spouting off dangerous and paranoid nonsense," the writers are fuming at my audacity to hold views that don't line up with theirs, when I was calling out our elite leaders who continually preach to us to "do as I say, not as I do."

They tell us that in order to save our lives, we must destroy our livelihoods, while they continue to collect paychecks.

I really don't care if Newsom and/or the mayor of San Francisco wanted to savor the expensive food at a fancy restaurant, or

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Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

ernor was being hypocritical by imposing harsh restrictions on us while blissfully ignoring his own rules.

I also mentioned sharing dinner with close friends. I wrote, "We passed the gravy, not the hand sanitizer. We wore smiles, not masks. We sat under a chandelier, not a tree, and didn't social distance at the dining room table."

I expect readers to disagree with me. I was surprised by the harsh tenor of their emails. I can handle the name-calling and the questioning of my parentage. Several bypassed a normal salutation and went right for the jaw. These were not body blows to soften me up, but haymakers to lay me flat on the canvas.

Dinner with the dog

Normally, when readers disagree with me, they do it in a cordial tone that leads to an intelligent exchange of ideas resulting in an agreement to disagree. Not this time. When someone says, "there is a special place in hell reserved for people like you," it's difficult to imagine how we could advance the dialogue.

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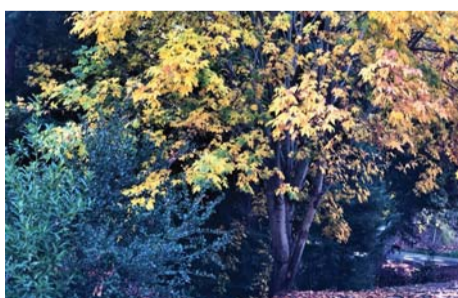


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APN: 187-171-001

90 Chamisal Pass — \$3,775,000
Frederick and Lauren Pereles to Graham and Shannon Comey
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24825 Via Malpaso — \$4,900,000
Jeffrey and Jean Lea to Orange Duck Pond LLC
APN: 259-092-003

Highway 68

2969 Highway 68 unit B11 — \$299,500
Monterey Motorsport Park LLC to Carl Chambers
APN: 259-022-022

Harris Court — \$425,000

Ganeles Golubeva to John Hausdorff
APN: 259-062-006

183 San Benancio Road — \$745,000
Robert Colyn to Douglas and Ericka Gutshall
APN: 416-271-007

20270 Franciscan Way — \$775,000
Katherine Cameron to Martin Gonzalez
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14535 Mountain Quail Road — \$950,000
Roberta Garin to Virginia Williams
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13760 Vista Dorada — \$1,300,000
Patricia Caraccioli to Cameron Hughes and Arianna Spung
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493 Hood Way — \$777,500
WC Marina LLC to Eduardo Da Silva
APN: 031-276-035

Hood Way — \$797,500
WC Marina LLC to Orlando de los Santos
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491 Hood Way — \$805,000
WC Marina LLC to Natalya Kaminski
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2758 Bungalow Drive — \$830,000
Katherine Lagrew to Michael Schwerin
APN: 031-253-046

2971 Bluffs Drive — \$855,000
Elizabeth Lyman to Naomi Koga
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Monterey

820 Casanova Avenue unit 51 — \$479,000
Peter Boggs to Michael Kocina
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Strength Across Markets

The Bambace Peterson Team is part of 1 in 11 transactions in Carmel Valley in 2020*

	Bambace Peterson Team Sales	All Carmel Valley Sales
Average days on market	10 days	60 days
Average price of sales	\$2,288,333	\$1,574,321
Median price of sales	\$1,885,000	\$1,386,500

* MLS Data and does not include The Preserve / Quail Meadows



9975 Holt Road
\$2,500,000 | Buyer



10 Vista Ladera
\$2,150,000 | Buyer



36 Encina Drive
\$2,075,000 | Seller



10226 Oakshire Drive
\$1,650,000 | Buyer



370 El Caminito
\$1,575,000 | Seller



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87 Paso Hondo
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201 Hacienda Carmel
\$640,000 | Seller



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MORE SALES

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400 Drake Avenue — \$1,000,000

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APN: 001-995-010

541 Dry Creek Road — \$1,120,000

Heath McOrist to Jonathan Zeljo
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787 Munras Avenue — \$8,115,000

Charles and Martha Hawley and Richard and Gena Sagin to 787 Munras Avenue LLC
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5265 Starr Way — \$1,250,000

John and Mary Lou McKenney to Antonette Wood
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Pacific Grove

239 Cypress Avenue — \$883,500

Amy and Molly Hanmer to David and Allison Clark
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252 Grove Acre Avenue — \$920,000

Christopher Bartos to Michael and Aimee German
APN: 006-371-025

605 Granite Street — \$1,425,000

James and Deborah Page to Peter and Tei Jordan
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Monterey Capital Pacific Grove Founder LLC to Hal and Denise Schectman
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Norman and Shelly Aldrich to Kelli and Thomas Coffey
APN: 008-122-013

1100 Arroyo Drive — \$1,762,000

Kristi Ivie to Jeff and Sara Tamayo
APN: 007-522-002

3004 Sloat Road — \$1,801,000

Catherine Laird and Gleisner Trust to Bing Xu and Rose Lu
APN: 007-511-003

999 Customs Road — \$2,500,000

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1236 Portola Road — \$4,150,000

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From page 8RE

if the mayor of Austin, Texas, flew off to Cabo with friends and relatives to make a video about staying sheltered in place, but I do wonder why our leaders do these things so freely. What do they know that they are not telling us? Why are they so confident they can flout their own rules and not get the virus? Was Newsom signaling that the virus isn't as dangerous as he's constantly telling us?

He's the governor, and one of his fancy dinner companions was the CEO of the California Medical Association, and you have to figure they understand the virus as much as anybody — but while telling us all to do one thing, they did the opposite. And then they only apologized because they were caught.

Did they act so cavalierly because they think they are better than we are? Or are they just better informed?

We've been wearing masks and social distancing for 10 months. Businesses have been hit with so many restrictions, many of them have been forced to close perma-

nently. Why is it safe to have 500 people at Home Depot but not 100 people in church? Why is Walmart open, but mom-and-pop shops are closed? Why can a lawbreaker sit at home enjoying his looted TV, but the law-abiding guy who owns the TV store is shut down?

Missed the point

The government is telling us "nonessential" Americans where we can go, where we can eat, and where and how to gather with our friends. It has slowly managed to outlaw many things that are guaranteed by the Constituion. We've become more mis-

erable and less free. Government has a tendency to usurp our freedoms. It is dishonest and dangerous when it tells us it is for our own good. It is tragic when we allow it to happen without questioning motives.

One of the email writers wanted to know where I got off telling everyone *we shouldn't be complying with rules designed to save lives.*

The letter writer obviously missed the point. That's the very question I want our leaders to answer. Meanwhile, keep those missives and missiles coming.

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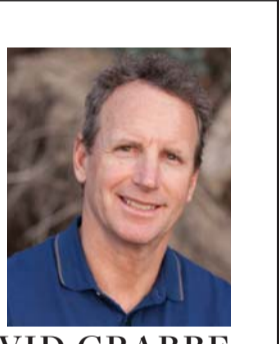
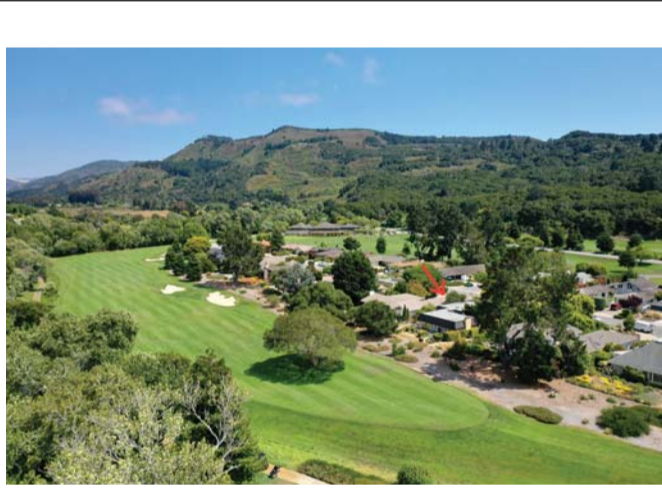
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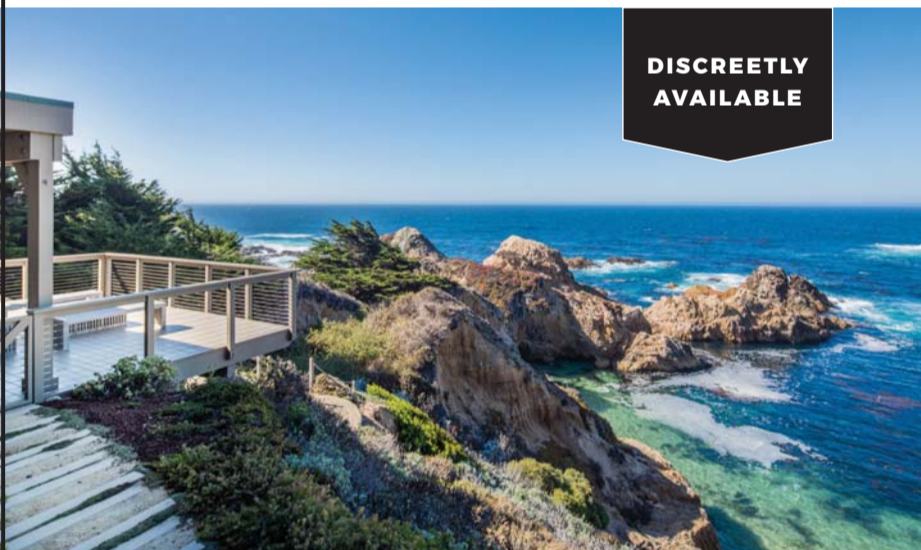
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