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Hospitals herald arrival of first coronavirus vaccines

By KELLY NIX

IT'S HERE. The first shipment of the coronavirus vaccine arrived in Monterey County Thursday morning, and just hours later, a Salinas hospital began immunizing nurses, doctors and other staff who work directly with Covid-19 patients. Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula said it would start administering the vaccine to its staff Friday.

Three of the county's four hospitals each got 975 doses of the Pfizer-manufactured vaccine via FedEx Priority Overnight, with more on the way. Mee Memorial Hospital in King City will get 500 doses of Moderna's vaccine when it arrives, possibly next week.

"The vaccine arrived via FedEx, and it is stored in our minus-80 Celsius, ultra-cold freezer," Community Hospital spokeswoman Monica Sciuto told The Pine Cone Thursday morning.

Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System and Natividad Medical Center also reported early Thursday their allocations had come in.

Salinas Valley Memorial didn't waste time and began immunizing staff around noon. Chief Medical Officer Dr. Allen Radner was the first to be immunized.

"The vaccinations went great," spokeswoman Karina Rusk said Thursday afternoon. "We got the vaccine this morning and began vaccinating less than two hours later. Our vaccine task force had done a lot of planning and operational details to have the process in place to begin vaccinations right away."

Immunized and monitored

The hospital used its large board room as a makeshift vaccination center. Healthcare workers were immunized on one side of the room, while the other side was used as a post-vaccination observation area — where recipients waited 15 minutes to ensure they didn't have any adverse reactions to the medicine, which none did. Rusk said the hospital would continue to inoculate employees with the first vaccine allocation through Sunday.

Natividad Medical Center CEO Dr. Gary Gray said Thursday the hospital's "plan is to begin widescale vaccination on Saturday."

The vaccine is a huge relief to hospitals and healthcare workers. Salinas Valley Memorial reported Wednesday that its staff were treating a record high of 51 patients in its four Covid-19 units.

Pete Delgado, president and CEO of SVMH, said there is a "level of excitement" for the vaccine, but that it's tempered by the "sobering fact that every day, we are setting new records for the number of Covid-19 patients we are treating in our hospital."

The hospital has tested more than 20,000 people. Of those, 3,789 were positive.

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PHOTOS/COURTESY NATIVIDAD HOSPITAL, SVMH AND CHOMP

From left: Natividad Medical Center pharmacy clinical coordinator Folashade Alabi takes the lid off a box of the hospital's first 975 doses of Pfizer vaccine Thursday morning. Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System's pharmacy director John Choi poses with the vaccine his hospital received Thursday. And CHOMP's director of pharmacy, Gregg Olson, holds open the door of the ultra-cold freezer used to store the precious and fragile vaccine.

RESTAURANTS TOLD TO GET RID OF OUTDOOR SEATING

By MARY SCHLEY

THERE WILL be no "picnicking" in parklets, since that would defeat the purpose of the county's order banning all sit-down dining until at least the middle of next month, the city council decided Tuesday. After receiving complaints from some that the city was being lax by letting people eat takeout at restaurant tables — and complaints from others that it wasn't being lax enough — city administrator Chip Rerig asked the city council to decide what to do.

"Should we obligate the restaurateurs to remove their tables and chairs and/or platforms, and the next question is, if we leave the tables and chairs, do we allow this notion of picnicking?" he asked.

If people can take to-go food to the beach or a park, how is that so different from eating it at a table in a parking spot, he wondered.

Gallery owner Richard Kreitman said keeping parklets open was "an excellent idea," though he wondered if restaurant owners should still be responsible for the hefty liability insurance on their outdoor dining areas.

Jack Galante said eating outside is safer than being indoors, and chef Todd Fisher and others asked the council to allow it so they wouldn't have to let so many workers go. "The prohibition against outdoor dining makes no sense to me," Fisher said.

Defining 'takeout'

Gabe Georis, owner of Pescadero and Barmel, said he had 35 employees this time a year ago but employs only five now, and he doubted outdoor dining contributes to the spread of coronavirus. "I've been following the science and listening to virologists speak about this issue, and from everything that I'm seeing, the transmission of Covid is primarily happening in people's homes," he said.

But restaurateur Rich Pepe cautioned that if outdoor seating is used, the council has to say exactly what "takeout" means, because a number of people complained that servers are still using glasses, plates and cutlery when

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Police pay for room for evicted family

By MARY SCHLEY

WHEN OFFICERS were called to a hotel on Carpenter near Second around 7 p.m. Tuesday to evict guests who had stayed for a week but couldn't pay, they learned the disabled couple were down on their luck — and did something about it.

"The guest at the hotel was a 59-year-old disabled man going through financial hardship due to Covid-19 and his disability," Police Chief Paul Tomasi said. "The hotel management wanted the man evicted because he was unable to pay his bill."

Two kids and two dogs

He had been staying there with his wife, who is also disabled, their two young children and two dogs, according to Tomasi. The man and his family agreed to leave the hotel, but he also told the officers — Rachele Lightfoot and Joe Martis — that he had no place to go because he didn't have any money, and he needed to find somewhere with internet access so his kids could do their distance learning for school the following morning.

Lightfoot conferred with Martis, who is president of the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Officers Association, and

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Barn owl brood melts hearts on the internet

By CHRIS COUNTS

A WOMAN in Tehama who attracted a legion of internet followers by livestreaming barn owls and their owlets in her yard is heartbroken after her oldest mating pair died in November.

She doesn't know the cause but believes it was rat poison, which wildlife experts say commonly kills birds and mammals that eat rodents.

"They were my babies," said Debbie Klein. "Everyone loved my owls — I'm angry because this was avoidable."

Klein said once owls ingest poison, they become easy prey for other nighttime predators. She found their partially eaten remains nearby.

New home, new passion

When she moved to Tehama, Klein became transfixed by a sound she heard at night. She went on the internet to try to figure out what was making the noise, and it turned out it was a barn owl, which soon became a big part of her life.

"I didn't even know what one was when I moved here," she said.

Six years ago, Klein installed four metal poles to give the local owls a place to nest. "After I heard the sound and

did my research, I decided to build a box," she explained.

The structure, which is big enough for owls to stretch their wings, is a cube that measures 3 feet on each side.

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Owlets cover in the corner of their nesting box after their mother brought them their first live mouse.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

A boy and his Babe

His MOM had a history of adopting Labs from a group called Monterey Bay Labrador Retriever Rescue, which helps older dogs that are slowing down in life. After her most recent retriever died, she was determined to get another. Her son, recognizing that she was slowing down, herself, suggested a smaller dog and set out about finding one for her.

She didn't want a small dog.

He kept coming up with Chihuahuas, and she kept saying no. One day, right before Christmas, he went over to the SPCA, just to look.

"The shelter was so noisy, with inmates going nuts to impress me," he said. "Then I walked past a small black-and-gray dog, huddled in the corner and said, 'Hi, Babe'."

Her name is the real start of the story.

"Babe is not a word guys can use anymore," he said. "But she came when I called. I knew I wanted her, and she knew her name."

As soon as they let the 6-month-old Queensland healer out of her cage, she ran amok in the yard. But she came to rest near her new person. The two hung out in the light rain of the twilight hour for about 20 minutes, and then he took Babe home.



When he brought the pup to his mom, she said, "Can Babe be both of ours?"

At first, Babe seemed to trust no humans except her boy and his mom. They could pet her, but even they couldn't throw a ball for her, since she took it as an attack. Now, nearly 11, Babe seems to love everyone she encounters at her Del Mesa Carmel home, in town and on the beach.

"Babe learned to swim at Carmel Beach, among Labs," her person said. "I don't think she knew she wasn't one of them."

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COUNCIL TAKES FIRST STEP TOWARD PERMANENT SIDEWALK VENDING LAW

Baron ‘objects,’ wants more permits available

By MARY SCHLEY

OVER THE objections of city councilman Jeff Baron, who continues to find the city’s rules for sidewalk vendors too restrictive, the city council on Tuesday renewed its temporary rules governing selling wares on the street and took the first step to make them permanent.

Legislation that took effect Jan. 1, 2019, requires cities to allow people to sell pretty much anything from sidewalk carts, with restrictions only permitted to protect public health and safety. Early last year, the council adopted a temporary ordinance capping the number of sidewalk vending permits at 13, three of which can only be used to sell in Devendorf Park, based on limited sidewalk widths and other considerations. Vendors can’t occupy narrow pathways and sidewalks or be near benches, public trashcans, doorways, corners, special parking zones and other features commonly found downtown. The temporary law runs until Dec. 19, and on Tuesday, the council extended it until a permanent law is set to take effect in February 2021.

All 13 permits were snapped up soon after the ordinance took effect last year, and most of them were taken by people who already own businesses in town. And then almost no one used them. Only one, Alyson de Guigne, sold art from her cart for a few days downtown but hasn’t been seen here in more than a year.

At the Dec. 15 council meeting, which

was continued from last week’s meeting that was cut short due to a technical failure, planner Evan Kort said the proposed permanent ordinance is “substantially similar” to the temporary ordinance, which includes numerous rules on what, how and where sidewalk vendors can set up to sell. He said the permits held by Rich Pepe, La Bicycleette, Pescadero, Bashar Al Sneh and Faisal Nimri (co-owners of Dametra and several other restaurants), Ryan Sanchez (Surf N Sand), Faris Nemri and Loie Al Nimri, Trevor Forster, Fermin Sanchez (Bruno’s Market), Bowdee’s Shave Ice and de Guigne will remain in effect until March 1, 2021, at which point they’ll expire unless they’re renewed.

‘All but banned’

After Kort’s presentation, Baron said he was “going to keep my track record straight and object.”

“SB 946 requires jurisdictions to enact sidewalk vending,” he said. “But in fact the program the City of Carmel has enacted has all but banned sidewalk vending. No one else is ever going to get a permit.”

Baron also observed that restaurants have been allowed to set up tables and chairs on sidewalks that were deemed too narrow to accommodate vendors’ carts. “We are using the standard differently in these two cases,” he said. “I register my objections, and I will be voting no.”

With no comments from the public and no additional discussion, the council voted 4-1 to extend the emergency ordinance and to adopt the first reading of the permanent law, which will require final approval next month and will take effect 30 days later.

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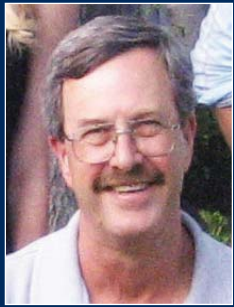
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Police & Sheriff's Log

Post-election binge, perhaps?

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Pebble Beach: Deputies responded to a report of a theft on Ocean Road.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Temporary restraining order received for a subject on Lincoln south of Eighth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject reported losing his driver's license and credit card earlier in the day.

Pacific Grove: Neighbor dispute Park Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury collision preceded a DUI arrest at Mission and Third at 1739. The driver, a 50-year-old male from Washington D.C., was cited and released to another agency.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Forest Hill Boulevard reported a verbal argument between father and adult son.

Carmel Valley: Sexual assault was reported on Old Ranch Road.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Wallet was found on Scenic and turned in to the station. Owner was contacted and will pick it up.

Pacific Grove: A vehicle was repossessed

at a Monterey Avenue location.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Business on Ocean Avenue reported an online claim that was believed to be damaging to their professional reputation. Had already taken action to report it to the third-party website owner and was counseled on possible civil remedies. Assisted, information/documentation only.

Carmel Valley: West Carmel Valley Road resident requested an informational report regarding her ex-husband failing to comply with the child custody order.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle theft occurred on Lighthouse Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Abandoned vehicle towed on David Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Lighthouse Avenue was placed on a mental health hold.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Pacific Grove: Fall on public property on Presidio Boulevard.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Lighthouse Avenue was found to be in violation of probation terms. Cited and released.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Beaumont was in violation of probation for DUI.

Carmel Valley: Deputies received a report of suspicious circumstances on Tierra Grande Drive. Information only.

Carmel Valley: Noise complaint for a leaf blower at a shopping center on Dorris Drive.

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The gavel falls

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

Oct. 22 — Robert Cabral Salazar from Delhi (Merced County) was sentenced to a total term of 22 years and eight months in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for the forcible sexual assault committed on April 2, 2019, at the victim's family ranch in southern Monterey County.

On April 3, 2019, Jane Doe was overheard on the phone by her caregiver, promising the defendant that she would keep their secret. Jane Doe's caregiver immediately called Doe's aunt, who questioned the victim about what she had said on the phone. Doe wrote on a piece of paper (a common method of communication for Doe) "sex" and explained that "Salazar told her that it was a good time, but Jane Doe said it wasn't." The Monterey County Sheriff's Office and the Monterey County Sexual Assault Response Teams were activated after being notified by the aunt of the contents of the conversation.

Doe was forensically interviewed at the Bates Eldridge Child Advocacy Center where she outlined hours of sexual assault by the defendant, who was a visitor to the family ranch while Doe's parents were out of town. The defendant knew Doe, her entire life and was aware of her disability. Doe's pajamas, which she was wearing at

the time of the assault, tested positive for the defendant's DNA when examined by the Department of Justice Jan Bashinski DNA Laboratory Criminalists.

Doe bravely testified before Judge Mark Hood at the preliminary hearing conducted on Aug. 15, 2019.

On Sept. 15, 2020, the defendant pled to one count of forcible rape, one count of forcible sodomy, one felony count of dissuasion of a victim, and admitted to having a 1987 prior "strike" conviction from Stanislaus County for forcible rape.

After much contemplation by the victim's family, a plea agreement was reached in which Salazar, age 61, would serve 22 years and eight months, register as a sex offender for the rest of his life, and have no contact with Doe.

During the sentencing hearing, Doe's words of pain and torment from that night were read by her aunt. The court also heard from Doe's mother, in painstaking detail, how the defendant's sexual assault has affected not only Doe's emotional health and progress on her road to an independent living situation, but how it has impacted every member of their family. In rendering the sentence, Hood commended Doe for her courage and tremendous efforts to hold the defendant accountable.

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Coastal commission rejects Cal Am's desal permit application

By KELLY NIX

THE CALIFORNIA Coastal Commission rejected Cal Am's latest application for a permit for its proposed desalination plant, asking once again that the Monterey

Peninsula utility provide more information about the project.

In a Dec. 3 letter, coastal commission senior environmental scientist Tom Luster pointed to more than a dozen issues — many of them administrative — he said Cal Am

needs to resolve before its application could be deemed complete. The request includes information about the project's components and the permits necessary for the desal plant.

For instance, the application, according to Luster, "does not provide an adequate description of the proposed project or future development related to the project." He asked that Cal Am fill in the blanks.

Luster also told Ian Crooks, Cal Am's vice president of engineering, that the coastal commission would like to discuss "several questions we have related to other issues," including a habitat mitigation and monitoring plan, "as well as the possibility of conducting additional, independent hydrogeological groundwater investigations, which have been recommended by various parties."

Largely because of opposition from the City of Marina, Cal Am withdrew its earlier application in September, just one day before coastal commissioners were set to consider issuing a permit for the proposal. In November, the water company submitted the updated version.

But in a report on the earlier application, the coastal commission's staff pointed to significant Coastal Act and other concerns, including the possibility that the desal

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Lawsuit: 'Fraud and corruption' in Laguna Seca contract

By KELLY NIX

A COMPANY led by the founder of the Long Beach Grand Prix has filed suit against Monterey County, alleging it unfairly chose a local businessman and his company to manage the famous racetrack and recreation area over his more experienced firm.

In a complaint filed Dec. 14 in Monterey County Superior Court, a company operated by Christopher Pook contends assistant county administrative officer Dewayne Woods favored John Narigi's company in the bidding process to manage the racetrack for four years. In November 2019, the county board of supervisors decided unanimously that Narigi's company, A&D Narigi Consulting, not Pook's firm, Laguna Seca Management LLC, was best suited to manage the track.

'Unfair advantage'

The lawsuit calls the bidding process a "sham," and says that from the beginning, the deck was stacked against Pook.

Monterey County's request for bids to manage the popular Laguna Seca complex, including the racetrack, campgrounds, hiking trails and a shooting range, was issued Oct. 15, 2019 with a 15-day response time. The lawsuit said the county set a brief timeline because a contract to manage the track "had already been negotiated" between Narigi and the county.

"Woods and the supervisors deliberately created an unfair advantage to Narigi, the ultimate bid winner, and ripped to shreds the principles of a fair process and promoted the concepts of favoritism, fraud and corruption," according to the lawsuit, filed for Pook by Seal Beach attorney Richard Foster. "The process further promoted the misuse of public funds."

Among other things, the complaint says Woods and county supervisors notified Narigi exclusively about the bidding process months before it was made public, failed to publish the request for proposals in any motorsports or trade publications, provided Narigi, but nobody else, with "extensive inside financial records and operating information," and awarded the contract to Narigi despite the fact he had "absolutely no motorsports experience."

Woods, the suit says, also failed to disclose to supervisors critical differences between the two proposals, "to the detriment of the taxpayers."

'Exceptionally qualified'

Pook previously filed a complaint with Fair Political Practices Commission alleging similar wrongdoing.

The lawsuit calls Pook "exceptionally qualified" to manage the Laguna Seca Recreation Area and notes he was the founder of the "extraordinarily successful Long Beach Grand Prix," which has featured "motorcycle and other races, including IndyCars and Formula 1 events."

The suit goes on to say that Pook "wrote the book on community relations for motorsports facilities," resulting in "millions of dollars of increased positive economic impact," including funds for nonprofits.

Woods failed to disclose that information to the supervisors, according to the suit, which also says Woods was aware that Pook's company was "superior."

Pook is seeking expenses incurred during the bidding process, general damages and interest.

Monterey County Counsel Les Girard said his office has been served with the civil complaint.

"We believe the process was fair and appropriate," Girard told The Pine Cone Tuesday.



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PG&E: Upgraded power lines needed to protect condors from electrocution

■ But residents want them moved underground

By CHRIS COUNTS

AFTER A condor was electrocuted in Big Sur's Partington Canyon last year, PG&E announced plans to replace some power lines with insulated "tree wire" and raise the height of some power poles to protect the endangered birds. The work is required as part of an agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service, according to PG&E.

But several nearby homeowners said the upgraded power lines would blight their ocean views, thereby reducing property values — and that it's high time the utility company started undergrounding power lines in their fire-prone neighborhood, not just for aesthetic reasons, but for safety, as well.

Amanda Pouncey of PG&E countered by saying that placing lines underground would cost too much. Pouncey said there are "limitations on what we can charge ratepayers to construct this type of project," and burying the lines "would increase our costs beyond what we are authorized to spend." She said it would cost approximately \$3 million per mile "to convert underground electric distribution lines from overhead." In comparison, "PG&E's cost to build new overhead lines is approximately \$150 per foot or \$800,000 per mile."

The utility company also said it's important to get started on the work "in the next couple months," and that it's required by United States Fish and Wildlife to mitigate the loss of the condor.

While PG&E gave a cost comparison of the two alternatives, it didn't say precisely where the new line would start and end, or how far it would span.

Besides being what they claim would be an eyesore, residents questioned whether the new line will be any safer than the old one, despite PG&E's assurances. Resident Ronna Emmons noted that both a helicopter and a fixed-wing airplane have hit the wires that span Partington Canyon and triggered fires.

One local told The Pine Cone that PG&E should be held to the same strict public process as residents go through to build something on their land — something he said isn't happening.

"We're held to a high standard if we want to improve our own properties," resident Justin Esayian said. "It just doesn't seem right."

Esayian questioned the logic of putting tall poles on a fire-prone ridge with a history of lightning strikes.

Resident Dave Smiley, who lives in one of a half-dozen homes that would be most impacted by the installation, said he's been told such wires can knock as much as 10 percent off a home's value. He believes that number could be higher.

"Ocean views are a big part of why we live here," said Smiley, who suggested those vistas would be "compromised" if PG&E goes through with its plan, which he called an "engineering spectacle."

Resident Dick Whittington wants to see the wires put underground.

"I think for reducing longterm maintenance, the benefit is worth the cost," Whittington said. "It seems like they replace poles here every year."

What if locals paid?

Could locals raise the money themselves to pay for burying the lines? The company said residents could pay to have the wires put underground at a later date, but the

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AT&T won't have crowds, but Concours will (we hope)

By MARY SCHLEY

WHILE THE AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am will be celebrating its 75th anniversary in February with no fans in attendance, tickets have gone on sale for the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance next August, amid hopes the coronavirus vaccines will have everything pretty much back to normal by then.

With the pandemic still raging, Steve John, CEO of the organization that puts on the pro-am, announced Dec. 4 that the Feb. 8-14, 2021 golf event "will be unlike any of the previous editions of the tournament." But the absence of a gallery doesn't mean there won't still be a lot of people there, and John said he's working with the PGA to determine just how the tournament will look, given the need to protect the safety and well-being not only of the players, but officials, volunteers, caddies, broadcasters and family members.

John's organization, the Monterey Peninsula Foundation, uses proceeds from the pro-am and events to support charities and other nonprofits in Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties.

Doing good

To that end, an anonymous donor recently gave \$50,000 to the foundation, which matched it, according to John. The money was used to purchase 400 \$250 Costco gift cards to distribute to local families in need via the Boys and Girls Clubs of Monterey County and the First Tee of Monterey County/Alisal Union School District Family Resource Centers.

And fans will still get to take in some great golf from the comfort and safety of their homes, since CBS and the Golf Channel will broadcast the event as pros and celebrities duke it out on the Pebble Beach Golf Links, Spyglass Hill and the Monte-

rey Peninsula Country Club Shore Course. At least 18 celebrities have already agreed to participate, while the pro lineup should be released soon. Find more information at atpbgolf.com, and for ways to give, go to montereypeninsulafoundation.org.

70th Concours

With the assumption that large events and other activities will be open to the public by late next summer, tickets are on sale for the 70th celebration of the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance set for Aug. 15, 2021.

To mark seven decades of car shows in Del Monte Forest, the event will feature "a wide array of our past Pebble Beach Concours Best of Show cars" and will also reunite winners of the Pebble Beach Road Races held in the 1950s. Special classes will honor Pininfarina design, the Talbot-Lago Grand Sport, the iconic Porsche 917 racecar, Early Electric Cars, Iso Rivolta, Miller, and La Carrera Panamericana, a border-to-border race on the open roads of Mexico. Another surprise or two are reportedly in the works.

Those who purchased tickets this year and allowed them to be held to next year are all set, while everyone else can now go online to select which ones they want, starting with \$400 general admission and topping out with the \$3,500 Chairman's Hospitality at the Lodge, described as "the ultimate VIP experience." Other luxury options include the \$900 Club d'Elegance, the \$1,500 Venue Above the Concept Lawn ticket and the \$2,750 Patrons Patio at the Winners Circle ticket. For all the details, go to pebblebeachconcours.net.

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DESPITE SURGE, CUSD BOARD OKS REOPENING OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH TWO new members sworn in, the Carmel Unified School District board of education unanimously voted Wednesday night to move forward with a plan to reopen classrooms at Tularcitos, River, Captain Cooper and Carmelo schools. While district officials learned Nov. 20 that the state had approved their waiver for reopening, kids likely won't return until February.

According to district surveys, parents of children at Captain Cooper in Big Sur and River School in Carmel strongly preferred or found "acceptable" moving forward with a waiver, while those at Carmelo and Tularcitos favored waiting for conditions surrounding coronavirus to improve. Percentages of those whose strongest preference was to remain in the current distance-learning model ranged from 19 percent at River to 30 percent at Tularcitos.

Interim superintendent Trisha Dellis said she's received feedback that the distance model "has gone much, much better than people had anticipated," and that some parents are concerned about their kids' schedules being upended by shifting to a hybrid model.

Teachers and staff, meanwhile, want to wait until conditions get better, with more than 90 percent marking that option as their strongest preference or "acceptable," followed by 77 percent favoring sticking with distance learning. Overall, just 9 percent said their strongest preference was to proceed with a waiver, while 27 percent said they'd accept it, and 64 percent said the district shouldn't pursue it at all.

In the groove

"Staff did make it clear they felt like they had momentum with distance learning," chief technology officer Paul Behan said during the Dec. 17 meeting, and that moving to a combined model calling for some distance learning and some in the classroom would be disruptive.

News about the vaccine and the county's move into a new shelter-in-place order also drove faculty and staff to want to wait.

Regardless of those feelings, Behan admitted the district has to respond to parents. "We've obviously got data showing parents want to see multiple models, so it seems like there's an obligation for us to provide something like that," he said.

According to a timeline described by Dellis, a letter sent to families this week will ask them to commit to ei-

ther hybrid schooling or distance learning, which they'll have to stick with for the rest of the year, and answers are due Jan. 5, 2021.

"Hopefully that will give parents and families and people the opportunity to think about it over the winter break and have a few weeks to really chew on the decision," she

said, adding that the question is not whether people like the hybrid model, it's, "Do you feel safe having your child in the building, or do you not?"

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Police busy, just not with usual stuff

By MARY SCHLEY

DEVOTED READERS of The Pine Cone's Police Log may have noticed its content has been a bit thin, especially these past couple of weeks, but Carmel Police Chief Paul Tomasi said that doesn't mean officers aren't working hard. Thanks to ever-changing shelter-in-place orders and rules imposed due to the coronavirus pandemic, even though calls to CPD and incidents requiring help or investigation are down, they are still busy.

"The police department is busier than ever these days, due to the pandemic," he said, and related rule changes being made at the state level and then imposed by the county.

For the week of Nov. 25-Dec. 1 — typically a busy time due to the Thanksgiving holiday — Carmel P.D. reported 11 calls on its weekly log, as it did for the week of Dec. 2-8. Several of those "calls for service" involved lost and found items. By contrast, CPD reported handling 31 calls during Thanksgiving week last year, and 23 the following week.

Fewer calls for help

In March, when the shutdowns began and little was known about the virus, Tomasi said his officers would minimize their contact with people for minor violations, such as a broken taillight, in order to reduce the risk of exposure, since an outbreak in the department could be devastating. He also said they would take a break from their more "proactive policework," like walking in the business district, but that practice has long since resumed.

"I think we have been fairly successful in reducing some of the minor calls, including fewer traffic stops for minor infractions like taillights," he said last week. "But in

contrast, our officers have increased their foot patrols and contacts with businesses and the public regarding Covid rules and regulations."

The weekly logs don't reflect those contacts, he said, because they're not considered official calls for service.

"Checking our records system, we were down in our phone calls coming into dispatch in November — 2,686 last year and 2,279 this year, down 15 percent," he continued. With the city practically a ghost town for a couple of months after the county closed all but "essential businesses" in mid-March and told everyone to stay home, and tourism still below normal numbers even though town was busy up until Sunday's new shelter-in-place order took effect, it stands to reason crime would be down.

Fewer people calling is "a good thing, as it allows us to do the compliance checks," Tomasi said.

And this week, they may be doing even more of those, as the county headed into another shelter-in-place order imposed by Monterey County Health Officer Dr. Ed Moreno.

The order, which took effect Sunday at 10 p.m. and runs through at least Jan. 11, 2021, at 6 a.m., reduces restaurants to take-out only, prohibits get-togethers and shuts down many businesses, such as hair and nail salons.

Moreno said he was imposing the order, even though it wasn't yet required by the state, because he feared ICU capacity was dwindling in the county's hospitals.

The whole Bay Area Region, which includes Monterey County, finally dropped below 15 percent ICU capacity this week, forcing the rest of its counties, including Santa Cruz, into the shutdown imposed by the state.

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During a tough holiday season, C.V. merchants urge, 'Shop local'

By DENNIS TAYLOR

THE CORONAVIRUS shutdown has made it tough for small businesses everywhere, but in Carmel Valley, many of the shopkeepers have not only managed to stay open, they say things haven't been as bad as they seemed. "I'm optimistic. I mean, why not? What choice do I have," said Annelise Brabeck, proprietor of The Quail and Olive (14 Del Fino Place), a stylish boutique specializing

in California-sourced olive oils, vinegars, specialty oils, skincare products and kitchen accoutrements that was founded in 2012 by her late father, Dr. Stephen Brabeck, a cardiologist.

"I've learned a whole lot during this process, and one of those things is that our community feels like a family — the people who live here, and the other small business owners, are very supportive of each other," said Brabeck, a board member for the Carmel Valley Chamber of Com-

merce. "I'm really grateful that I've been able to keep my doors open during these hard times. It's been a very hard, difficult year, but we kind of pick out the best parts and move forward."

That's not to imply that sleepless nights have been rare for local merchants. With limited financial assistance from the government, customers who are fearful of leaving home and hesitant to spend money, and confusing mandates and restrictions from public health agencies, stress levels have been high.

"The prognosis ... I don't know, I can't predict," said Randi Andrews, owner of Avant Garden (13766 Center St.) for the past 18 years. "If we get into January and suddenly go from slow business to no business, I'm not sure what to expect."

Community solidarity

Andrews, another chamber board member, had just returned from a buying trip in mid-March, when county health officer Dr. Ed Moreno imposed the shelter-in-place restrictions that closed her business the first time.

When she reopened 10 weeks later, longtime customers returned in the spirit of community solidarity — one generously sent a \$300 check earmarked for "future purchases" — giving Andrews the courage to invest in Christmas inventory.

But business has been much slower than usual — tourists from canceled events like the Concours d'Elegance and the Monterey Jazz Festival didn't come this year — and Andrews worried about another shutdown order during the holiday season. Although the order doesn't mean she has to close her doors, she's still nervous.

"I started buying for the Christmas season in May and June, not imagining we might have another shutdown," said Andrews, whose inventory is largely composed of handmade crafts and other creations from local artisans. "I invest thousands of dollars in Christmas, and the window to sell that inventory is small. That's stuff I won't be able to sell in January or February."

Two doors away in the same shopping center is Leonoff Studios and Gallery, where glasswork artist Nick Leonoff has reinvented his business model to sell the ornate creations he's made there for the past 15 years.

"We've had to pivot, we've had to adjust," he said. "We've been working harder for less money, but we're also

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Flu isn't a factor in county ... so far

BY KELLY NIX

WHILE SOCIAL distancing, business closures and the ubiquity of facemasks haven't kept the coronavirus from blasting its way through parts of Monterey County, they have been keeping at bay what used to be the world's most famous virus — influenza.

The peak of the flu season runs from December to February, and there are signs that it will be much milder this year in Monterey County than in the past.

"We have not yet seen influenza in Monterey County," Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula spokeswoman Monica Sciuto told The Pine Cone this week. "Normally, we start to see an increase in flu cases in late November, early December, and we are not seeing that yet this year."

By this time last year, Community Hospital had treated 62 people for influenza. In 2018, it had seen 30 patients with the potentially deadly disease during the same time period.

But there have been "no flu patients treated or hospitalized with confirmed flu this flu season," Sciuto said.

Not a single case

Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System also has not treated a single person for influenza this season.

"When we track the influenza virus, we usually get a good indication of how bad the flu season will be based on the level of activity elsewhere," hospital spokeswoman Karina Rusk said. "The early Centers for Disease Control Data gave us hope it would be a mild season. And it's fortunate those predictions proved accurate."


Face coverings, hand sanitizer, distancing, a prohibition on large gatherings and other restrictions, Sciuto and Rusk said, have largely kept away influenza and other respiratory viruses in Monterey County. Why they haven't been working against the coronavirus is something that hasn't been explained yet.

Still, health experts encourage Monterey County residents to get flu shots.

"Flu season is just beginning," Sciuto said. "This year, more than ever, it is important to protect yourself and your loved ones from any respiratory illness."


The Monterey County Health Department — which did not answer questions from The Pine Cone about the flu season — advertised a drive-through flu clinic on Thursday at Seaside High School it was holding in cooperation with the Visiting Nurses Association.


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Living in his van behind a big box store in west Salinas, Richard Ferris wasn't looking for a companion. He was doing OK by the current standards of homelessness - he had a vehicle that was livable, he had a "safe spot" behind the store, and he was able to manage his chronic back pain. Richard was working for a dear friend who is disabled. His friend has diabetes and is on dialysis. Her health was getting worse and it was becoming increasingly difficult for her to care for her little dog, a Chihuahua named Chiquito. She needed to find him a new home - and there was Richard, kind, helpful, responsible. Richard sensed that Chiquito, a young 12 years old, knew it was time to move on. So, Chiquito got into the van with Richard and began the adventure of his life.

Richard had "family" dogs growing up. This was different. Chiquito has personality. He became his best friend, almost like a child. He talks to Chiquito and cares for him. Richard knows that Chiquito takes care of him, also.

From a dog's point of view, living with a person in a vehicle can be a nice arrangement. The two of them are together most of the time so there is lots of time for companionship, affection, bonding. Dogs generally enjoy moving, changing scenery. Chiquito met many people and other dogs while living in the van, and there was often a wide variety of food available. It wasn't too bad.

It was difficult for Richard, though. He is a native of the area, grew up in Carmel Valley, and worked for many years in manufacturing, but he developed medical problems, degenerative bone disease in his back, he has had two strokes, and that forced him to leave the workforce. "I'm a good worker, and when I work, I prove that I want the job by putting in long days and sometimes working seven days a week," says Richard. After years of struggling with his back and seven surgeries, Richard wound up, at age 63, living in his van with Chiquito.

When the van finally broke down and Richard was unable to pay to repair it, he had a decision to make. He could join the others who are living in tents on the street, in vacant lots, and along the train tracks. He had Chiquito. His best friend. The companion he was responsible for and who was dependent on him. Richard has pride and he might not have asked for help. He may have decided to stay outside, except for Chiquito. Richard and Chiquito decided to ask for housing assistance at Dorothy's Place.

Richard and Chiquito are a pair. They each have dignity, and a presence that encourages respect and admiration. Chiquito has lived outside, tangled with other dogs, and even had a scary run-in with two owls in the middle of the night. He is a small dog and might have been an owl's midnight snack if Richard hadn't rescued him. There was also the incident with a wild boar . . . now Richard and Chiquito have a room in the peaceful and comfortable residence at House of Peace.

They have support and guidance from the staff, and they have a goal. The staff knows how important Chiquito is to Richard and are supporting Richard as he applies for housing and takes care of his medical needs. Richard appreciates being inside, particularly during the pandemic. It is safe and very comfortable. Chiquito has become a house pet, the House of Peace mascot. Richard says, "Having Chiquito relieves a lot of the stress of being alone. Making Chiquito happy makes me happy."



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Rio Resolution Run pushed to summer — date TBD

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER BEING scheduled as a virtual event, the Rio Resolution Run set for New Year's Day will now take place sometime in the summer, participants were told in an email last week.

"In an abundance of caution and out of respect to the front-line workers, the Rio Resolution Run has been postponed until summer," organizers told those who had registered for the 5k and 10k runs.

The 31st anniversary of the run founded by former Rio Grill owner Tony Tollner would have been New Year's Day, when several hundred runners and walkers usually assemble outside the restaurant at the Crossroads to follow routes through Mission Trail park and downtown Carmel to raise money for charity — some with New Year's Eve hangovers, and some without.

The Jan. 1, 2021, run couldn't take place in person, of course, so organizers encouraged people to sign up and walk or run a route of their choosing anytime on New Year's Day. They would be eligible for prizes and awards that would be announced on Jan. 5.

But last week, they announced the race won't take place virtually on Jan. 1 and will now be held sometime in the summer, with the exact date to be determined.

Those who have already registered and paid can request a refund, donate their money to CASA of Monterey County — an organization of volunteers who help neglected and abused children in foster care navigate the court system and find permanent homes — or ask that the fee be held and applied to the run whenever it finally happens. Participants should email their choice to nanette@tmrace-timing.com.

Volunteers give facelift to humble P.G. park

By KELLY NIX

A GROUP of volunteers has given a tiny Pacific Grove park at Lovers Point a big makeover.

Chase Park, above the Lovers Point parking lot at 17th and Ocean View, is wee, and most people who visit the spot pass by the little parcel without noticing it.



PHOTO/KELLY NIX

This little park next to Lovers Point in Pacific Grove was given a makeover after a family volunteered to spearhead the effort.

Residents Dennis and Kathy Praske approached the city about their plan to restore the park, and the city's beautification and natural resources commission in September OK'd the plan.

The effort involved removing weeds, trimming and removing old plants, planting one- and five-gallon native plants and installing new memorial benches. Fabric weed blockers were also put in place.

"The project is just about done and it turned out great," public works director Daniel Gho told The Pine Cone Tuesday. "We are just finalizing some irrigation and then it will be completed."

Gho said a city crew assisted the volunteer effort by hauling off vegetation, installing irrigation lines, fabricating the memorial benches, and a few other things. The effort, he said, has taken about a month.

"The volunteers provided all the labor and most of the materials," Gho said.

Decomposed granite lines the paths that "meander through the site," according to Gho's September report to the commission.

Jeanie Anton, chair of the city's beautification and natural resources commission, credited the Praske family for spearheading

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JOHN W. CORP, JR.

John W. Corp, Jr., of Seaside, CA, passed away peacefully of natural causes on Nov. 16th 2020. He was born in Salinas on Aug. 23rd 1937. He was a Marine and Navy Veteran. John spent his life in the electronics industry, was an entrepreneur and founded Automated Technologies Inc. and Process Control Corporation whose machines were sold worldwide to semiconductor fabrication plants. He was predeceased by his parents John W. Corp Sr. and Sue L. Bosco, his wife Alberta Corp, and son David Corp. He is survived by his sons, John W. Corp III, Patrick Corp, Richard Corp, daughter Susan Dunne, step-daughter Rebecca Celso, sisters Juanita Maloney and Michele Bosco, along with nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Interment will be at the California Coastal Veterans Cemetery, Seaside, CA, after Covid-19 has passed.



POLICE LOG

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Carmel area: Resident on Garrapatos Road reported fraudulent activity on a bank account.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female reported losing her military ID somewhere in town.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Grove Acre was placed on a mental health hold.

Pacific Grove: A 32-year-old subject was arrested on Lighthouse Avenue for domestic violence.

Carmel area: Deceased elderly male located in a residence on Atherton Place.

Carmel area: Theft on Carmel Rancho Boulevard.

THANKSGIVING

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Civil dispute regarding social media and online business reviews.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Unattended wallet was found at Forest Hill Park and brought to the station for safekeeping. The owner was later contacted and reunited with the wallet.

Pacific Grove: Package reported stolen from a doorstep.

Carmel Valley: Suicide via self-inflicted gunshot wound at a residence on Meadow Place.

Big Sur: Battery between boyfriend and girlfriend in Go-rda.



Katherine 'Cappie' Kerckhoff Baptie
May 8, 1943 – October 17, 2020

Katherine Kerckhoff Baptie passed away at home on October 17, 2020. A Carmel resident for more than 30 years, she is survived by her son Jeff, daughter Lori, daughter-in-law Jennifer, grandson Jake, granddaughter Juliet and husband Beck.

Cappie, as she was known by family and friends, was the epitome of a true individual. A character who lived her life in her own inimitable lifestyle, and at a pace and place not many are fortunate to have had. After vacationing and visiting Carmel for much of her life, she was able to fulfill her dream and move to the Village-by-the-Sea. She adored living in Carmel, surrounded by one of the most beautiful places on Earth. Cappie maintained a very successful tax/accounting business through the years and enjoyed a wide circle of friends, family and passing Carmel tourists.

Cappie was a wonderful amateur writer having created and published a very popular parent newsletter in L.A., in the early '70s. Writing extensively in her journals, documenting her life so well-lived, she was also an avid reader and read The New York Times cover-to-cover. She enjoyed sharing packets of N.Y. Times clippings with her friends, that she carefully cut and saved, knowing the topics had meaning to each person because of their interests or hobbies.

To say she will be missed is an understatement. If you were lucky enough to have known her, we hope the memories created through the years, bring peace and comfort to friends and family now and in time.

In a small ceremony of family and friends, her ashes were scattered at sea off the coast of Monterey ... bagpipes playing and all. Just as she had wanted. Local friends hope to hold a small celebration of life in the near future.

SHOPPING

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celebrating our small successes as we rebuild the foundation of the business.”

“I normally make at least half of my income, maybe more, doing art fairs, but those were canceled, so this has been a big dose of adversity, but adversity is part of being an artist,” Leonoff said. “I’m grateful that we’ve been able to adapt and work through it.”

The professional glassblower focused his energies on improving his storefront gallery, where he has welcomed more in-person visitors than usual, many of whom he might have seen at one of those canceled art fairs. He has increased his newspaper advertising, which has paid dividends. And he rebuilt his website to make online sales easier for his customer base, which recently expanded to all 50 states — a significant milestone.

“We always participate in the Glass Pumpkin Patch of Carmel a popular Halloween event that benefits MEarth, an environmental education nonprofit, but that had to be canceled, like the other in-person art fairs, so we pivoted to online sales,” said Leonoff, who is famous for the colorful, blown-glass pumpkins he creates. “It’s become a tradition, and I thought it was important to make something happen and maintain some semblance of continuity. Hopefully we’ll be doing the event in person again next year.”

Brabeck has invested in necessary infrastructure at her boutique — hand-sanitizing stations, social-distancing markings on her floor, masks for customers who come through the door without one, and other upgrades — and

says she was pleasantly surprised by the traffic on Small Business Saturday, a nationwide tradition to boost America’s “Main Street” business owners.

“I was hoping for that kind of weekend, but we had more customers than I anticipated,” she said. “And I was blown away by our online sales on Black Friday.”

Brabeck, who had to lay off five of her six employees earlier in the year, has begun hiring again, rebuilding her staff as she remains hopeful for normalcy in 2021.

FAMILY

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they decided to pay for the family to stay in another hotel in Monterey.

“Officer Lightfoot offered to use her own money, but the police officers association stepped in and paid nearly \$100 so the family could have safe, warm beds to sleep in,” Tomasi said. “The man was so thankful that he became emotional and started to cry.”

The chief commended his two officers and their union for their generosity in “doing a great deed for a family in hardship” and their “great police work.”

“I think in light of everything going on, this is a wonderful message for everyone during the holidays,” he told The Pine Cone.

Anyone who’d like to help the family can send a check to the Carmel POA at P.O. Box 52, Carmel, CA 93921, and make a note in the memo field. The association also supports numerous local charities. For more information, email Martis at jmartis@ci.carmel.ca.us.

JERI (JERALDINE) CHESEBROUGH

Oct. 3, 1927 ❖ Oct. 6, 2020

Jeri (Jeraldine) Chesebrough, born October 3, 1927, passed away at her home with her family in Big Sur on October 6, 2020, three days after her 93rd birthday.

Jeri was born in San Francisco and raised in Stockton, California, by her uncle, an American Indian. After high school, Jeri attended the University of Pacific, studying design.



In 1947, Jeri married her high school sweetheart, Jerry (Gerald) Chesebrough upon his return from the Navy in WWII. They moved to San Francisco, then on to Los Angeles where Jerry worked as a freelance photographer and for Road and Track Magazine, and later working at UCLA. Jeri often was “recruited” as a model for some of Jerry’s and others photographs. They both became involved with the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA), and Jeri raced in a couple of races in California. While involved in the racing world, they met a young driver, Phil Hill, who became their one of their best friends, and who Jeri worked for as his personal assistant until 1970. Jeri developed lifelong friendships with fellow artists (and others), enameling, jewelry making, and painting.

In the early 1960s, they purchased 30 acres in Big Sur with plans to build their dream home. They permanently moved to Big Sur in 1973 where Jerry began building their home, and Jeri immersed herself in the Big Sur community.

She worked at the Big Sur Bazaar, continuing her enameling and jewelry making, and also worked as the bookkeeper for Big Sur Construction. When both closed, she went to work at Fernwood Resort as bookkeeper (and adult in charge!) for almost 20 years.

Jeri volunteered for numerous Big Sur non-profits and events. She was an EMT for the Big Sur Volunteer Red Cross Ambulance, and later an auxiliary member of Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade. She was a member of the Big Sur Grange and the Big Sur Historical Society. She volunteered for the Big Sur Friends of the Library book sale, Big Sur River Run, and the '94-'95 El Nino food pantry for Big Sur locals. Before Jerry’s death in 1992, she fulfilled a lifelong dream of traveling Europe together.

Jeri loved getting together with friends, her creative pursuits, quilting, and going to parties. She always had a smile and kind word for everyone. She was sweet, funny and kind to all. She was the most amazing, talented, loving, beautiful, sweet mom.

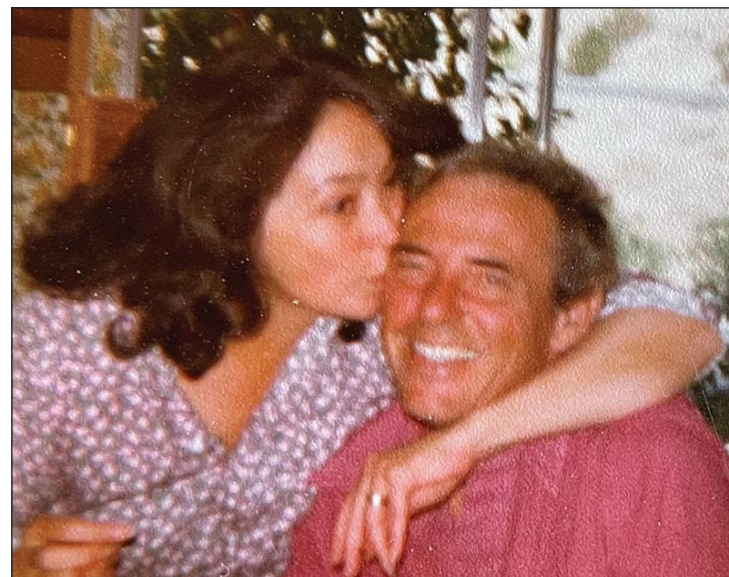
Jeri was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry. She is survived by her daughter, Tori Chesebrough-Buckles,



son Tracy Chesebrough, son-in-law Geoffrey M. Buckles, all of Big Sur. Grandsons Geoffrey W. Buckles and Elliot Bradford-Chesebrough, great-granddaughter Destiny Buckles, her sister Marge Bertoni, numerous nieces and nephews, and many friends. She was also survived by her 18 year old dog and constant companion, Scooter, who followed her in death one month later.

Thank you to all who loved her. The family is forever grateful to Anna, Cindy, and the wonderful staff of Hospice of the Central Coast.

If you would like to honor Jeri, donations can be made in her name to any of the following: SPCA Monterey County, or any Big Sur non-profit.



OWLS

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She later added a second one. The two owls that died last month were the very first couple that moved into one of Klein's boxes. "The first two owls had babies, and their babies had babies," she said.

Camera catches the action

Early on, she put a camera inside the boxes and began livestreaming at mynightowls.com as the owls raised their young. Soon, she had followers from all over the world. "All night long, you could watch owls come in with rabbits, rats and mice, and feed their babies," she told The Pine Cone.

Klein said the barn owl couple would arrive in the fall and begin preparing their nesting box for their owlets. She explained how it starts. "The male goes into the box and attracts the female," she said. "He starts bringing her mice — it's a ritual."

Each year after fledging their young, the two owls would abandon their box and move into the nearby trees. Sometimes, they relocated onto the rafters that support the roof on Klein's house

The recent loss of the owls also exposes a harsh reality — the nocturnal birds of prey have a somewhat tenu-

ous grip on life, particularly when they are young. While the footage of baby owls is cuter than just about anything, it also captures the sad frequency with which the young birds die of starvation.

Part of the reason is that a female owl lays eggs over a period of weeks. As a result, some eggs hatch much sooner than others, leading to some owlets being bigger and more skilled at getting food when the mother owl dispenses it. Mealtime among young owls is pretty much a life-and-death struggle, and the older kids usually win out, and stand a better chance of surviving.

Barn owls compensate for their high mortality rate by having lots of owlets. "I've had one owl lay 10 eggs in a year," Klein reported.

Now that her resident owls are gone, Klein said she's "praying" another owl couple discovers her place. She noted the sad irony that owls consume copious quantities of rodents, which would seem to make the risk of killing them unnecessary. Instead of using rodenticides, she urged her people to put up owl boxes and give nature a chance to reduce the local rodent population. If anyone needs help building their boxes, Klein is ready to help.

"These owls can eat thousands of mice a year," she added. "And rodenticides kill the one thing that can help."

DESAL

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project's wells would harm the City of Marina's aquifer and groundwater supplies. The desal plant's slant wells, which the coastal commission required be used to avoid harming marine life, would be sited on Marina property.

Despite their disdain for the water project, Marina officials agreed to meet with Cal Am representatives in November regarding possible concessions the water company could offer to make the water project more desirable to the city. Cal Am external affairs manager Catherine Stedman told The Pine Cone this week that first meeting went well and there was "generally open, productive dialogue," but that the water utility is waiting to hear from city officials for a follow-up meeting.

Cal Am is trying to build the desal plant to comply with a 1995 order by the State Water Resources Control Board to stop diverting most of the water from the Carmel River for its roughly 100,000 Monterey Peninsula customers. For 25 years, no water for new development — not even for single family homes on lots of record — has been available in much of the Peninsula.



PHOTO/DEBBIE KLEIN

A mother keeps a watchful eye on her young ones (top), who face tough odds to reach adulthood. Four juvenile owls (above) peer outside as they await the day when they can take flight.

CROWDS

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Revival at the Monterey Jet Center Aug. 11, 2021, and are selling tickets at a discount until Dec. 31, with general admission VIP tickets for \$375 and Red Carpet tickets, which include early access, for \$525.

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Council OKs new policy on destruction

By MARY SCHLEY

HANDLING, PRESERVING and destroying the countless emails, policies, reports, records, agendas, check registers and other documents that pass through city hall is a major undertaking, and four years ago, the city council adopted a lengthy, elaborate policy detailing how to deal with them — including when and how they should be deleted forever or put through a shredder. Last Monday, city clerk Britt Avrit presented a more streamlined process that would, in part, remove the city council's authority over records management policies — a change to which councilman Jeff Baron objected.

Generally speaking, Avrit noted in her Dec. 7 report, policies should be reviewed

and updated regularly, should serve as the framework to ensure the city is complying with the law, and "should not include detailed processes which limit staff from achieving the goal of compliance."

The revamped policy, which she developed with the help of city attorney Brian Pierik, gets rid of some of those detailed processes followed by the council, city clerk, city attorney, department heads and others. It makes the tasks more general, stating they should comply with applicable laws, with oversight by the city administrator and others.

As part of that, Avrit removed a section stating the city council "shall approve, adopt, ratify, by resolution, all record man-

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City hires county's planning chief

By MARY SCHLEY

BRANDON SWANSON, who heads the planning department for the County of Monterey, will become the city's new planning and building director, city administrator Chip Rerig announced Thursday. Swanson will be taking over from acting planning director Marnie Waffle, who stepped up to run the department after Marc Wiener left the post a year ago.

"I am indebted to Marnie for her professionalism and dedication during this especially trying year," Rerig said.

Swanson, who has worked for the county for several years and is the interim planning chief there, will start his job in city hall Jan. 18, 2021.

Rerig said his resume includes more than 15 years managing "staffs of various size," including more than a dozen planners and managers who work under him now. In Carmel, he'll be in charge of a much smaller department, but in a city

with complex issues and regulations, many idiosyncrasies, and active constituents with strong opinions.

Swanson has also managed the county planning department's \$3.9 million budget (Carmel's is \$1,224,098 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year), has a lot of experience writing and updating ordinances, and is well familiar with the Coastal Act, which controls much of the city's development and policies.

He's worked "collaboratively with local, state and federal regulatory partners on a wide variety of projects throughout the unincorporated areas of Monterey County," Rerig said.

"I am highly confident that Brandon has both the technical skills and personality to fit seamlessly into our team, and that he will serve the village devotedly," he said.

Swanson's starting salary will be \$152,500 per year, plus benefits, retirement contributions, paid leave and other compensation.

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Editorial

The importance of vaccines

EVEN AS the first doses of coronavirus vaccines are being administered, public opinion polls show that only a slim majority of Americans say they're ready to take them. While that number is bound to increase as the vaccines are widely introduced and more people become comfortable with their safety and efficacy, the percentage will probably never get higher than 70 percent or so. Which is very strange, because to be unwilling to be vaccinated against a deadly illness, you have to be ignorant not only of science, but of the past.

As Max Roser wrote last summer on the website, Our World in Data, for virtually all of human history, the biggest problem our species faced to survive wasn't getting enough food or avoiding being eaten by wild animals, it was each individual's effort to stay alive despite regular epidemics of influenza, measles, cholera, diphtheria, the bubonic plague, smallpox, yellow fever, malaria, etc., etc. From the year zero until about 1800, it was common for women to give birth to as many as 10 or 12 children, but to have only a few make it to adulthood. Famously, Queen Anne of Great Britain had 18 pregnancies between 1684 and 1700, with only one child surviving past infancy.

All that began to change in the 19th century, when advances in microbiology led to the discovery that bacteria and viruses were the cause of many of mankind's most vexing health problems.

"Thanks to the work of a number of doctors and chemists in the second half of the 19th century, humanity learned that specific germs cause infectious diseases," Roser wrote. And that discovery led to the development of vaccines.

How effective have vaccines been at reducing or eliminating the diseases we mentioned above?

According to Roser, one of them, smallpox, was probably the deadliest plague mankind knew, killing millions every year. But after an effective vaccine was developed, the disease was eradicated and does not exist today.

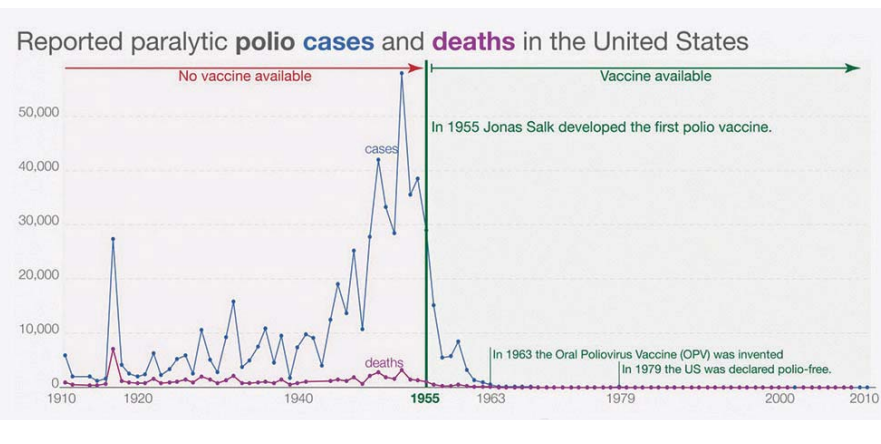
Similarly, polio commonly caused paralysis or death and mainly affected children. Even people who are alive today can remember the helpless dread everyone felt when polio started one of its regular outbreaks.

All that came to an end in 1955 after Jonas Salk developed an effective polio vaccine. In this country, "polio" has become a word no more relevant to everyday life than "dinosaur."

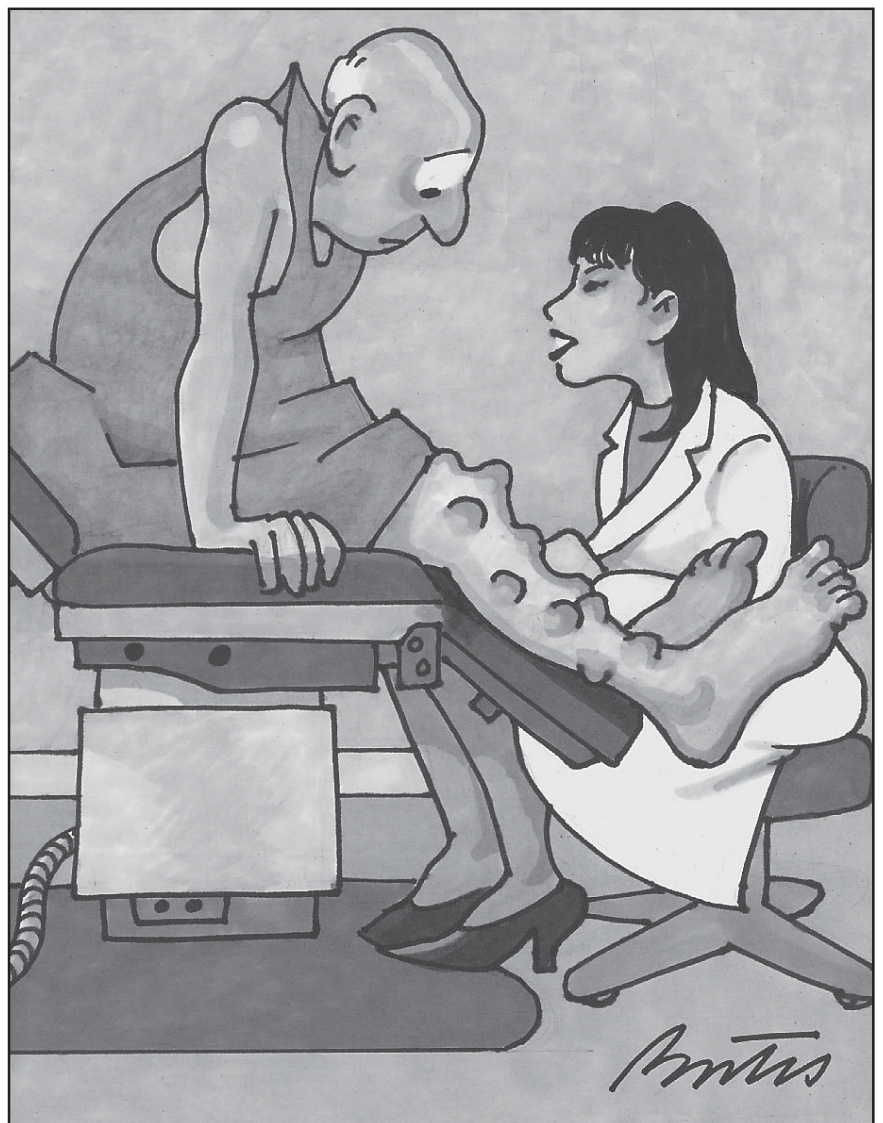
And how quickly did that happen? Using data from the U.S. Public Health Service and the Centers for Disease Control, Roser produced a chart showing the incredibly rapid decline in polio cases after the vaccine was deployed (see below). Unlike today's coronavirus vaccines, the polio vaccine was made from the living virus, which meant it was not only very difficult to produce, it carried a (small) risk of causing polio in the people who took it. Nevertheless, the vaccine worked, and polio is gone.

All indications are that the coronavirus vaccines are equally effective, but much safer. Of course, some people have reported side effects — but the important thing is to get rid of Covid-19.

We can't wait to be vaccinated, and we urge everyone not to hesitate to do the same thing.



BEST of BATES



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

Letters to the Editor

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Power grab

Dear Editor,
One of the greatest pleasures in this time of coronavirus has been eating out in Carmel at the charming outdoor patio tables the restaurants have created for us. And now, for no good reason, that has been taken away. This is draconian. What are you trying to do, Dr. Moreno? Bankrupt our local economy? Or do you just like all the power you're wielding?

Marion Keyworth, Carmel

Something rotten

Dear Editor,
There are about 25 million smaller businesses in the United States of the type we see every day in Carmel. Nationally, these types of businesses contribute about 50 percent of employment. These companies depend on their continuing cash flows as their principal access to both capital and income, whereas larger, publicly traded companies have multiple sources for capital and credit, and management and employee incomes are most often secure, regardless of economic conditions or whether a pandemic is in force.

Today, lockdowns of private businesses

are a kneejerk response to Covid-19 trends, threatening their incomes and their very existence. This is done whether there is any evidence that their businesses are associated with Covid-19 spikes because one-size-fits-all decrees tend to capture everyone, even the innocent.

There is a certain irony with the lockdowns. How many of the government officials in California have lost their own secure monthly incomes while at the same time their regulations imperil those of small business owners who happen to be an important part of municipal tax bases?

Small businesses make up the heart and soul of their communities, whether in large cities or small towns. Our cities and towns would not be the same without them. They are the endangered species of 2020.

Is there something rotten in the state of Denmark (California)?

John G. Goode, Orinda

Hurray for Lights-by-the-Sea

Dear Editor,
The community effort to brighten up Christmas is working. My heart soared when I saw our festively lit town Christmas tree followed by a delightful display of colorful lights parading down Ocean Avenue. The lights all over town are bringing the Christmas spirit when we need it most. We have even been inspired to expand the display in our yard, and hope our neighbors do, too. Thank you to the community activities commission and the volunteers who installed the festive and cheerful colorful lights. The community loves them!

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Outdoor services are nothing new you can just ask the Methodists

AS WE continue to explore the Peninsula's early church history, we return to Carmel, where Junipero Serra founded the Carmel Mission in 1771. After Mexican independence in 1836, the Mission was abandoned for nearly 50 years and fell into ruin — a relic that captured the interest of only a few occasional visitors to the Monterey area. The opening of the Hotel Del Monte in 1880 created an influx of visitors and spurred a campaign to restore the Mission. It was led by Father Angelo Casanova of Monterey's Royal Presidio Chapel and Jane Stanford, wife of Leland Stanford,

well known for his 1919 dramatic pageant, "The Wayfarer," written and produced to celebrate a century of the denomination's missionary efforts. The performance at the conference in Columbus, Ohio, that summer was reprised at New York's Madison Square Garden in December 1919 with a cast of more than 2,000 actors and singers.

The Salinas Californian of Aug. 1, 1905, proclaimed the dedication of Carmel's Methodist church and went on to report that "\$276 has already been contributed" toward a Christian Scientist church in Carmel. Considering that Mary Baker Eddy established the very first Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston in 1879, it is amazing that practitioners of that faith had made it to Monterey County in less than 20 years. By January

1898, Jennie Bacon was advertising Christian Science services under her teaching on Main Street in Salinas.

Very British

According to available records, some of Carmel's earliest residents began meeting for Christian Science services at the Pine Inn in May 1902. This group could be considered the first Protestant fellowship in Carmel, but it was several years before they had their own building. Christian Science gatherings in the years that followed were in various homes, even after Christian Scientists in Pacific Grove built their church at 167 Fountain Ave. in 1910.

The second protestant church building in Carmel was the original All Saints Episcopal Church, which went up on Monte Verde just south of Ocean. Like the Christian Scientists, they trace their beginning to early services at the Pine Inn. The very British Dora Wingate operated the Pine Inn during the second decade of the 20th century. After her husband, Col. Thomas Wingate, retired from the Bengal forces, they lived for 10 years in Santa Barbara until his death in 1909. She then came to Carmel with her sister, Mabel Thompson. They formed the St. Anne's Guild to lead fundraising for the new church. Fundraisers at the Pine Inn included multiple nights of poetry readings, and in May 1913, Mary Austin, recently back from her travels abroad, gave a presentation, "Notable People I have Met in Europe."

Also active with the Guild was Kathryn Overstreet, wife of William Overstreet, founder of The Pine Cone in 1915.

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History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

one of the owners of the new hotel.

The renewed interest in the Mission led Monterey's Duckworth Brothers to envision creating a Catholic resort center nearby that would rival the Methodist retreat in Pacific Grove. The Duckworths laid out the townsite and began selling lots in what they called Carmel City in 1889, but within a decade, their dream failed.

In 1902, partners Frank Powers and J. F. Devendorf acquired Carmel City and, with a new vision, launched Carmel-by-the-Sea. Ironically, while the Duckworths had sought to build a Catholic town, one of Devendorf's first efforts was to sponsor creation of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Carmel in 1904.

Cast of thousands

A year earlier, Rev. George Clifford retired to Pacific Grove at age 80, after years of service in Napa County. Long a leader in California's Methodist conference, Clifford is credited with naming the Pacific Grove Retreat. He was called out of retirement to lead the creation of Carmel's new church. Initially, the small group worshipped outdoors near Sixth and Dolores, utilizing the nearby barn of Albert and Lucretia Horn in foul weather. Devendorf donated lots on Lincoln south of Ocean for construction of the church and in July 1905, they dedicated the first Protestant church building in town. Clifford resumed his retirement in 1906, and a series of eight pastors followed over its first decade.

About 1920, under the Rev. Fred Sheldon, this became the Community Church. It was enlarged in 1938 and rededicated in 1940 as the Church of the Wayfarer. Dr. James E. Crowther, its pastor in 1940, was

Creating his own golden years

WHEN KLAUS Kloeppel was laid off from his job in October 2018, his final commute home from Silicon Valley might have been the most enjoyable of his 39-year career as an engineer, mostly in the high-tech industry.

"I felt really happy, relieved to know I wouldn't have to spend hours and hours making that drive," said the longtime Royal Oaks resident. "That commute was really

strides from their hilltop home overlooking Elkhorn Slough and Monterey Bay, on 22 acres they share with their 34-year-old horse, their 15-year-old donkey, two cats, two dogs, and wildlife that includes coyotes, deer, foxes, the occasional mountain lion, and a spectacular array of birds, particularly during winter migration.

While Mari paints in her own detached studio, Kloeppel creates the one-of-a-kind, gilded wooden bowls — hand carved and adorned with gold or silver leafing — that he began showing two months ago at Travis Hall Fine Art, which is on Mission Street. He also has

Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

starting to get to me — it was affecting me physically.

"I also saw it as the opportunity I had been waiting for to focus full-time on my woodworking, and I was really looking forward to that."

An easier commute

As a full-time artist, the 62-year-old Kloeppel joins his wife, Mari Kloeppel, whose animal renderings have been a fixture at the Winfield Gallery on Dolores Street for more than two decades. He couldn't be happier.

"I love the commute I have today," joked Kloeppel, whose workshop is only a few

been represented for the past year by the Winfield Gallery, where he shows ornate fine-art mirrors. And he designs and builds custom frames — also with gold or silver leafing — to complement the work of other well-known local artists, which is where his own artistic journey began.

"Between 2000 and 2005, I made small pieces of furniture, then I started learning about leafing and making frames to support Mari's career. She needed custom frames in a timely manner for her own artwork," explained Kloeppel, whose desire to help his wife led him in 2008 to a water-gilding seminar offered by the Society of Guilders of America, an organization of which he's been a member ever since.

"That's where I got my first taste of the gilding process, which was challenging. It was several years before I felt comfortable," he said.

Kloeppel also gravitated to a workshop conducted by a wood turner who showed him how to create bowls on a lathe, another impactful moment.

"I went home that day and said, 'I want to learn this!'" he remembered. "So I bought a lathe, bought the knives I needed, and started working on it."

Playground of ruins

Kloeppel grew up in Mainz, Germany, a city on the Rhine that was devastated by more than 30 bombing raids during World War II. The ruins of those buildings were a frequent playground for Kloeppel and his friends, and evacuations were standard procedure whenever unexploded



PHOTO/MARI KLOEPPEL

Klaus Kloeppel shows his handcrafted bowls at Travis Hall Fine Art and his custom mirrors and frames at Winfield Gallery.

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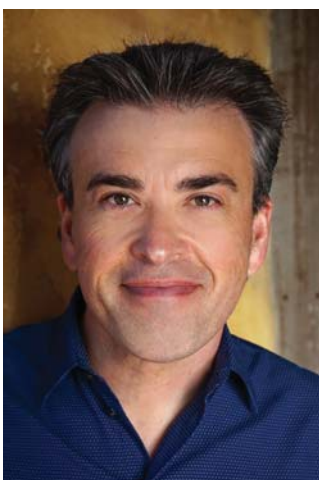
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M. J. Murphy built this original All Saints Episcopal Church in 1913 on Monte Verde south of Ocean. After the church moved to its present home on Dolores Street in 1951, this one was adapted and is used as Carmel's city hall.

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ARTIST

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ordnance was discovered in the neighborhood.

He attended engineering school as a teen, served two years in the military, then earned a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Applied Sciences in Mainz. He was hired by IBM Germany in 1979 to develop disc drives.

In 1988, IBM Germany flew him to San Jose for a two-year stint working with Silicon Valley cohorts, and his life made an abrupt turn. The 30-year-old software engineer paid a serendipitous visit one day to a large ranch in Morgan Hill, where he happened upon a hired hand hobbling on crutches, nursing legs that had been trampled by the horse she was training.

Kloepfel met Mari, the horse trainer, on a Friday night. By Saturday morning they were planning a life together.

"Love at first sight, definitely," he declared.

When IBM summoned Kloepfel back to Mainz, Mari went with him. They were married in Denmark in 1990 but returned to California the following year, settling in Royal Oaks when Mari's father was stricken with cancer.

Kloepfel worked with other high-

tech companies from 1991 to 2018, and authored or co-authored 63 U.S. patents during his tech career before retiring to concentrate on art.

Breathe wrong, it flies away

"The gilding process requires a lot of patience, a lot of attention to detail. The management of the leaf during the assembly practice — the laying of the gold — takes a lot of practice," said Kloepfel, who often puts 100 hours of labor into a large bowl. "A gold leaf is less than half-a-micron thick — if you stack 10,000 gold-leaf sheets on top of each other, it would be the thickness of a dime. If you're not careful, and you breathe wrong, it will just fly away."

Kloepfel has also become a skilled and artistic carver, shaping his art into unique pieces with titles like "Autumn Leaves" and "Rain in Spring."

"I've been exploring the internet, but I honestly have not seen anything like the bowls I'm making anywhere in the world," he said. "Selling my work is wonderful — it's always very humbling when somebody buys something I've made — but creating a unique design, with unique features, makes it even more fun."

Besides being displayed at the galleries mentioned above, Kloepfel's work can be found online at societyofguilders.org, winfieldgallery.com and travishallfineart.com.

POWER LINES

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company said residents could pay to have the wires put underground at a later date, but the utility company plans to go ahead with the upcoming work.

"Please keep in mind, should you decide to move forward with your own application, your design changes can always be incorporated after our work is completed," Pouncey explained.

Why do the work twice?

Residents questioned the logic of going forward with the work in the coming months if an alternative is possible, which would seemingly be a glaring waste of taxpayers dollars.

Also at issue is the fact that PG&E has previously used tax dollars to place wires underground on public land nearby, a re-

quirement that was also made after a condor was electrocuted.

Residents say they want to have a dialogue with PG&E to address some of their worries.

Esayan said the utility company has so far resisted his attempts at a "conversation," and resident Christopher Grimes reported he's had no luck, either, at finding someone who will consider the concerns of locals.

"We have contacted the California Fish and Wildlife Service and our local political representatives, along with many other state agencies, with no reply or support offered for our efforts, save for Assemblyman Robert Rivas' office's attempts to reach the California Public Utility Commission on our behalf," Grimes reported.

Grimes urged PG&E officials to "think more responsibly about their policies, with an eye toward the future, and the safety of their power systems and the communities they serve."

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PARKLETS

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serving food “to go” in their parklets and chatting up their customers as they eat their “takeout” there.

“Apparently there’s a disconnect of what I might think the word ‘takeout’ means and what some of the other restaurants might think it means,” he said.

City attorney Brian Pierik saw no vagueness in the order, which prohibits “onsite consumption.” Because the parklets and sidewalk tables are essentially extensions of the restaurants, he said, “it’s my opinion that that would be onsite consumption if a customer were to take food from the restaurant and then go sit at a table that’s been set there by the owner of the restaurant.”

‘Brink of catastrophe’

People can go eat in the park as long as they socially distance, Pierik said, but councilman Bobby Richards disagreed. He contacted the health department for clarification and was told people are not only not allowed to eat in parklets, they shouldn’t be enjoying their food in the park or at the beach or on the curb, either.

“They want them to get in their car and go to their hotel room or go to their house,” he said.

Pierik clarified that the health orders say people who live together can drive, eat takeout, visit the beach and undertake other activities together — they just can’t mingle with outsiders while they do it.

“I haven’t seen anything in writing” that forbids people from picnicking in parks and at the beach, Pierik said.

Either way, councilman Jeff Baron said, “We should not let people linger in the parklets, and we should ask the owners to remove the furniture.”

Councilwoman Karen Ferlito agreed. “‘To go’ means to go,” she said.

While Ferlito defended the order because “health and safety have to be the paramount issues,” the number of positive cases on the Monterey Peninsula has been quite low, compared to other parts of the county, and councilwoman Carrie Theis questioned the logic in banning outdoor dining.

“I think there comes a time when we may need to push back a bit,” she said. The hospitality industry is “not contributing to the spread of Covid.”

Keeping the parklets open would require ongoing enforcement, though — an unappetizing prospect for Police Chief Paul Tomasi.

“Your employees have spent hundreds if not thousands of hours trying to manage the outdoor seating,” he said when asked about enforcing the rules on outdoor dining. “It has been an extremely difficult task to undertake as people find new ways to circumvent rules and regulations.”

Allowing people to eat in parklets would violate the order and would continue to put his officers and other city workers at risk, he said. Employees have missed work because of exposure, though no one at CPD or in any other city department has gotten sick — yet.

“We are on the brink of having a catastrophe with your public safety departments if this gets in our city,” Tomasi warned, and making officers chase down people who eat lunch illicitly would increase the chances.

“They’re burned out, they’re getting sick, and we’re overly exposing them to a lot of people,” Tomasi said. “And I would prefer if our public safety department responded to emergencies and actual police calls rather than trying to enforce the county order.”

Rerig said other cities are waiting to see what Carmel does, and Potter said he wasn’t interested in setting a bad example. “We really shouldn’t be changing or defying the state order or interpreting it with our own cavalier ap-

proach,” he said.

The council voted 4-1, with Theis dissenting, to require restaurant owners to remove all their outdoor dining furniture by 5 p.m. Dec. 16.

Other decisions

Also at the Dec. 15 meeting, which was a continuation of the Dec. 8 meeting halted due to technical problems, the council made several other decisions about the program.

Rerig pointed out that outdoor dining is a privilege he was not obligated to extend to restaurants but did so to help keep people working, and it continues to dominate employees’ time.

Seventy-five percent of the code enforcement officer’s hours go to dealing with restaurant operators who leave their heaters and other items on the sidewalk, seat more people than allowed, play amplified music, fail to store their propane tanks at night, and violate other rules and regulations. Acting planning director Marnie Waffle said the program has taken up so much time that it cuts into other critical work, and police are spending hundreds of hours on it, too.

Potter wondered if the small assessment paid by diners that funds marketing could be used to offset enforcement costs instead, but Pierik said the restaurateurs would have to agree.

“We cannot as a city afford this cost of enforcement,” Potter said.

Restaurateurs might be brought in line if the city imposes a three-strikes program. “You violate three times, and you get your stuff out of public right of way,” he said. “Citations do not appear to be punitive enough for some of the folks to follow the rules.” About a dozen restaurants already have one or two strikes.

Ferlito speculated that revoking permits would get the message across, and Potter agreed “there should be consequences for bad behavior.”

“We are trying to help the restaurants out, and they’re



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Tables and chairs that would typically be filled by diners enjoying lunch outdoors at La Bicyclette on Dolores were gone Thursday, due to the shutdown order.

taking advantage, so it’s really disappointing that we have to spend so much time policing them,” Theis said. “We’ve made it very clear what the rules are.” She argued they should assess themselves to cover the costs of running the program.

Waffle also suggested charging for their use of public space, though Richards said he did not want to impose additional costs “while we’re in a pandemic.”

If it continues in the long term, the city should charge, Theis said.

On the topic of shutting down outdoor dining at a certain time each night to minimize impacts on people living nearby, the council settled on 10 p.m. Doing so would also save the police department from having to keep track of which establishments can be open when, Ferlito pointed out.

All council members also supported the idea of having a larger committee subject to open meeting laws handle the issue of outdoor dining, and they agreed to extend the program to May 31, since it was supposed to expire at the end of this year.

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SCHOOLS

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many kids, teachers and staff will be at each campus and when. "We are all committed to keeping children with their same teacher, if at all possible," she said, but it depends on how the puzzle fits together.

In mid-January, teachers will be back on campus, followed by the youngest kids returning Feb. 1 and the third, fourth and fifth graders going back Feb. 8.

Dellis explained that the month of January will also be spent testing employees

for coronavirus, holding safety trainings, preparing teachers, finalizing classroom configurations and reinstalling technology.

"As you can see, there's a lot still to do," she said.

Bringing kids back will also require hiring more people, including seven more substitute teachers and additional custodians, health aides and food service workers, at a cost of \$410,803, total.

Craig Chavez, chief human resources officer, said the need for more teachers and staff is in part to deal with possible coronavirus exposure onsite. He said he deals with reports of potential exposure off campus on a daily basis and that there have already been positive cases, though none on campus.

Dellis said she doesn't recommend opening schools when the county is under a stay-home order, as it currently is but hopefully won't still be by Feb. 1. The order imposed by Gov. Gavin Newsom does not affect schools at all.

"This is no small feat to put together a plan like this," said new board President Sara Hinds, who replaced Karl Pallastrini Wednesday as the head of the board.

A handful of parents called in to comment. A teacher, parent and spouse of another school employee said she misses teaching in person but that she's not

comfortable returning to a hybrid model and has personal experience with contracting the virus, which she described as "grueling."

She urged the board to wait on the waiver until case numbers, which are very low on the Peninsula, drop countywide.

A couple of parents supported the waiver and criticized the district and the board for taking too long to work toward reopening, among other shortcomings.

"Our students aren't learning how to survive distance learning, they're learning how to survive a pandemic," responded board member Tess Arthur. "I'm just asking for a little more grace and kindness."

Tough choices

She said the elementary schools can "reopen safely knowing we have crossed our t's and dotted our i's," but that she wants to make sure parents understand they're being asked to decide "whether or not you want to send your kids back to school based on the safety of our classrooms."

Pallastrini said people are divided. "This is a community that's weighing in on both sides very heavily," he said, from teachers who have fears about going back to class and parents who don't want to risk it, to those who adamantly want their children at school.

He said he trusts Dellis and other district administrators to have developed the best possible plan. "We have to move forward," he said, but "I don't see us opening under a stay-at-home order."

New board member Seaberry Nachbar said it was "an incredibly difficult decision" for her and fellow new board member Anne Marie Rosen, considering Wednesday night was their first meeting.

She and Rosen both spent a lot of time before the meeting talking to teachers and parents, they said, and Rosen mentioned many are concerned about changing from distance learning to a hybrid model in the middle of the school year.

Pallastrini made the motion that the board support the move to hybrid with the provision the shelter-in-place order has been lifted by the time students are ready

to return to campus, and the board unanimously agreed.

DOCUMENTS

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agement policies, retention schedules, and any amendments thereto," but Baron disagreed and asked that the policy be taken off the Dec. 7 meeting's consent calendar for discussion.

"I believe the council should retain jurisdiction over this," he said, rather than hand all decisions about how to handle records to staff.

Avrit told the council she understood where Baron was coming from and was "fine with putting that right back in the policy for now."

With that, the council unanimously approved the updated policy, which does not affect the retention schedule that lists what kinds of documents can be destroyed, and when. When the budget allows, Avrit said, she'll hire a consultant "to thoroughly review and update" that document, which will also be subject to council approval.

PARK

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the effort.

The Praskes "have donated the time and materials to refresh this little park that everyone passes by as they drive along the coastline," she said.

The park, Anton explained, was named after Lucie Chase, an early 1900s resident who donated a chunk of money to build the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History.

"At the time, she lived in what is now the Seven Gables Inn, and later built the large house at 1051 Ocean View," Anton explained.

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VACCINE

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Of the nearly 400,000 initial vaccine doses California is expected to receive, Monterey County will get 7,625, with 2,925 doses of the Pfizer vaccine having been delivered Thursday.

Three Monterey County hospitals are expected to each get an additional 1,400 doses of the Moderna version, county health officer Dr. Ed Moreno said, as early as next week. The FDA endorsed the Moderna vaccine Thursday.

Although the amount of vaccine the county will be allocated at first is small compared to the county's population of about 440,000 people, Moreno said the doses represent "a high percentage of the prioritized hospital workforce," who are the first to be immunized.

"I'm grateful that we were able to receive this amount of vaccine so that the hospitals can offer it to all of the high- and moderate-risk individuals identified in their respective institutions," Moreno said.

Moreno said the county would get another 1,950 doses, though it's not clear when the shipment will arrive.

When residents will get it

Distribution of the vaccine in the state will occur in what's being called Phase 1a. Within the phase, Moreno said, there are three tiers, each of which prioritize who will be vaccinated first. Tier 1 includes hospital staff, psychiatric and correctional facility hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, paramedics and EMTs, while Tier 2 includes home health care workers, in-home service providers, and public health workers. Tier 3 includes lab workers, dental or health clinic staff, and pharmacy employees.

Those vaccinated in the next phase, called 1b, include essential workers, such as teachers, and those who work in the food, agricultural, utilities and transportation industries, Moreno said. Those who will be immunized in Phase 1c include adults with high-risk medical conditions and those 65 years or older.

The Latino community has been disproportionately affected by the coronavirus, with most of the cases occurring in Salinas and South Monterey County. Asked what the health department's plan is to educate the county's large Latino population about the vaccine, Moreno said it would continue with a messaging campaign to inform res-

idents of the importance of face coverings and other preventive measures.

As the death toll from Covid-19 rises, California Gov. Gavin Newsom said Tuesday that the state has ordered thousands of body bags and has refrigerated units on standby.

On Thursday morning, the county reported a record 444 coronavirus cases, which brings the total in Monterey County to 18,951 cases and 167 deaths, many of which occurred in the last few weeks. The county reported Wednesday an additional 15 people had to be hospitalized, but the figure was corrected Thursday to 12.

Monterey County Sheriff's Cmdr. Derrel Simpson said Wednesday that the county morgue, operated Sheriff-Coroner's Office, had 17 corpses and a capacity of 49. While the facility is not used as an overflow for mortuaries — which also store bodies prior to burial or cremation — he said the facility has a contingency plan if it gets an influx of deceased people.

"We would house them in the space we already have" and not store bodies in another facility, Simpson explained.

Simpson — who has fielded reporters' Covid-19-related questions for the sheriff's office since the pandemic began — himself became a victim of the virus. After his wife started having symptoms the weekend before Thanksgiving, they were tested Monday, Nov. 23. Hours later, Simpson also had symptoms.

"The day after I got tested, I got really, really sick," according to the commander, who said their positive results came in that Wednesday. "After that — late Tuesday and Wednesday — I felt much better. It was a cough, some body aches, shortness of breath and fatigue. I was fatigued just walking to the mailbox."

While Simpson said food tasted "metallic" as his body fought the virus, he did not lose his sense of smell. His wife, though, lost her sense of smell and taste and had much worse body aches. Simpson, who had been working from home, was cleared to go to work and is back on the job.

Waivers not sought

Because of the high numbers of hospitalized coronavirus patients and stretched staffing levels in the state, the California Department of Public Health announced this week it would allow hospitals to request waivers for nurse-to-patient ratios. Officials with Monterey County hospitals said they would not apply for waivers, and say staffing levels are adequate, for now.

"We have not applied for this waiver,

but are prepared to do so if needed," Deborah Sober, Community Hospital's chief nursing officer told The Pine Cone. "Our staff is doing a great job meeting the needs for our patients."

Natividad Medical Center Chief Nursing Officer Nancy Buscher said the county hospital "continues to meet staffing ratios and at present is not requesting a waiver," while Salinas Valley Memorial is also not seeking a waiver.

"We are continuing to source travel nurses to bolster our team and we are train-

ing nurses from throughout our organization to support the care of Covid-19 patients," in the event a surge requires more coronavirus patients to be hospitalized, Clement Miller, chief operating officer of Salinas Valley Memorial, told staff in a Dec. 15 letter.

"Traveling nurses" are hired for hospitals through a third-party employment firm and do not have contracts and benefits with the hospitals they're working for. Though many come from other states, their work is intended to be temporary.



Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System ICU nurse Jessica Schloemer (below), who works in a Covid unit at the hospital, receives the vaccine Thursday afternoon. SVMH's Chief Medical Officer Dr. Allen Radner (left) was the first to be vaccinated at the hospital.

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Section 2

These sisters from Santa Cruz held court at Catalina for 12 years

WHENEVER THIS much weaponry shows up on somebody's doorstep, investigations into an illegal arms deal are likely.

The Fox sisters — Taylor, Madison, and McKinley —

commuted from Santa Cruz to fortify Santa Catalina's athletic program from 2006-2018, inflicting mass destruction upon opponents in the Mission Trail Athletic League and the Central Coast Section, and chiseling their names into the school record books, in both basketball and volleyball.

Taylor Fox (Class of 2010), big sister, was listed as a 6-footer when she showed up at Catalina as a freshman in 2006-07, making the varsity volleyball roster in the fall, then appearing in 24 basketball games, putting up double-digit points in six of them to help the Cougars to a share of the MTAL crown with a 14-2 record, 20-5 overall, including a victory over Half Moon Bay in the CCS Division IV playoffs.

Not that anybody was blindsided. Three older brothers — Adam, Logan, and Clark — had been athletes at Palma, where Clark (Class of '08), who grew to 6-foot-8 and led the Chieftains in scoring (16.2 per game), was Most Valuable Player in the Tri-County Athletic League, and co-Player of the Year in Monterey County.

Rough love

"My older brothers roughed me up on the basketball court plenty of times," Taylor remembered. "I remember going to Palma's open gyms and playing with the guys, and I think that experience really helped me get ready for college basketball. Their game is a little bit rougher and a little bit faster, which kind of prepared me for the next level."

Her freshman season was merely a shot across the bow. In 2007-08, as a 10th grader, Taylor made the All-MTAL team as an outside hitter in volleyball, and was all-league and all-county in basketball, averaging 18.5 points, including 32 against Soledad, a school record that stood for seven years, until sister Madison broke it in 2015. She was all-league and all-county, and the Cougars went 17-6, were league runners-up at 14-2, and made the playoffs.

As a junior, she made All-MTAL again in volleyball,

and in basketball she was league MVP and all-county, averaging 17.4 points per game for a team that went 12-2, and 19-7 overall, including two CCS playoff victories.

Predictably, Fox saved her best for last, repeating as MTAL MVP, all-league, and all-county, and averaging 21.5 points as the Cougars again went 19-7, including a playoff win. She scored 528 points as a senior — a single-season school record. One local newspaper anointed her Monterey County's Female Athlete of the Year, an award that also considered that Fox made a remarkable po-

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

sition change in volleyball, moving from outside hitter to setter, where she compiled 813 assists.

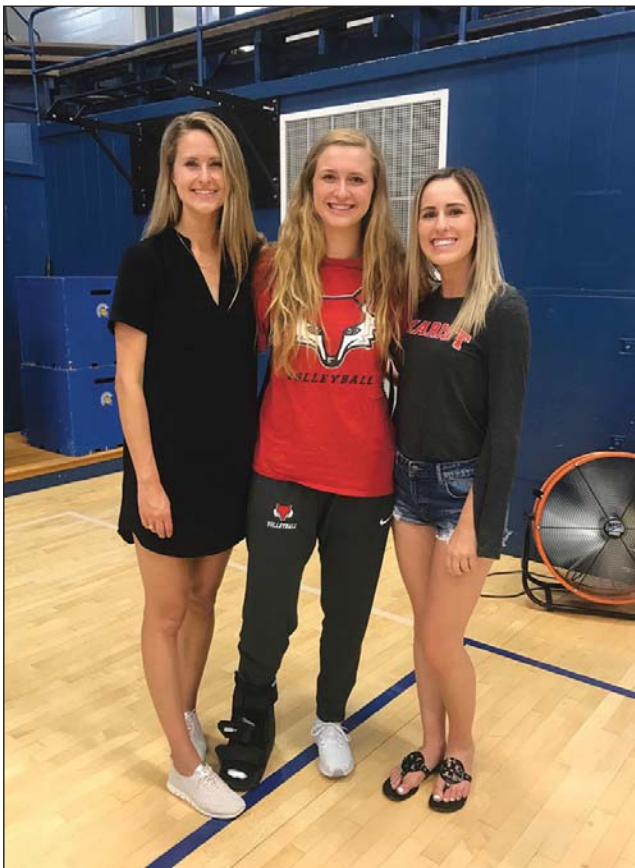
Fox was on the radar of multiple schools, and had a scholarship offer to play basketball at Seattle University until she played in a summer tournament in Arizona, where she was spotted by Kip Drown, head coach of Colorado State University at Pueblo.

"I went for a visit the next week and fell in love with the team, and especially with Kip's wife (Gina), who really instilled the family bond of the team," said Fox, who accepted a full-ride scholarship to the Division II school. "I think having a strong family bond in my own home was a big factor."

Leading a young squad

At CSU Pueblo, she saw significant playing time as a freshman, averaged 5.4 points and 3.2 rebounds as a sophomore, and appeared in 27 games in a reserve role as a junior. With a year of athletic eligibility remaining, Fox switched to volleyball for her senior season, bringing lead-

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Santa Catalina's Fox sisters, left to right, are Taylor (Class of 2010), McKinley ('18), and Madison ('15).

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SPORTS

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ership to a young squad in a reserve role.

She earned her master's degree in business administration at Georgia Southern, where she spent two seasons as a

graduate assistant coach.

"Taylor was such a great role model for us as we watched her play at Santa Catalina, and then in college," said McKinley (Class of 2018), now a starting setter on the volleyball team at Marist College in New York City. "Seeing how competitive she was, and how hard she worked on and off the court, was really inspiring for me growing up."

Madison (Class of 2015), smaller than her sisters at

5-foot-9, focused on basketball at Santa Catalina, playing for three different head coaches (including her father, Craig, her head coach as a freshman). She earned All-MTAL in her final two seasons, and all-county as a senior, when her 18.1-point scoring average led everybody in Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito, and Santa Clara counties. She also averaged 7.2 rebounds for the Cougars.

In February of her junior year, she was honored as "Prep of the Week" by USA Today for scoring 41 points in two games — 21 against Gonzales, including the game-win-

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Marist College setter McKinley Fox (above) played on back-to-back 27-1 volleyball teams at Catalina, and was a first-team high school MaxPreps All-America and all-state pick. Sister Madison Fox (right) was All-MTAL and all-county as a senior at Santa Catalina (Class of 2015), and was USA Today's Prep of the Week in February of 2014.



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at 1 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

The musical talent for the family-friendly show includes actress and singer **Malinda DeRouen Mueller**, French horn players **Alicia Mastromonaco** and **Caitlyn Smith-Franklin**, and cellist Will Baker, who will all play

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

Christmas favorites.

"It's unabashedly holiday music," co-host and Monterey Symphony executive director **Nicola Reilly** told The Pine Cone.

The lineup also includes local entrepreneur and influencer **Maddox Haberdasher**, who will present a dramatic reading of the classic, "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

Starred in 'Newsies,' 'Spamalot'

Mueller has an impressive local theater resume. Her credits with PacRep include "Newsies," "The Little Mermaid" and "Spamalot." She recently released an album of holiday favorites.

"She's no stranger to any stage here," Reilly said. "She played in 'Evita' last year for the Western Stage, and she's also performed in 'Beach Blanket Bingo,' in San Francisco."

A member of the Monterey Symphony, Mastromonaco just expanded her role with the Carmel-based group.

"She's our new education coordinator," Reilly explained. "She's finishing up her PhD in Music, and she's soon to be Dr. Mastromonaco."

Baker, meanwhile, opened the symphony's Balcony Sessions series of concerts in August.

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Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

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Local painter **Lisa Ellen Schumacher**, has launched an art contest for kids 3 to 12, who will test their skills

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Actress and singer Malinda DeRouen Mueller stars in Virtual Holiday Spectacular that premieres on Christmas Eve.

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Sheltered Christmas options, The Nut Hut, and the Plaza's new donut shop and marketplace

DOWNTOWN CARMEL may still lack a pizzeria, but it's getting a donut shop. The planning commission last week cleared the way for Dutch Door Donuts to open in Carmel Plaza, where the shop will turn out hot donuts and coffee daily from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. — and they say they'll even be making them to order.

Bunch, a culinary and restaurant veteran who started a chain of restaurants, taught at the Culinary Institute of America for almost a decade and is a development chef for Sweet Earth Foods, said he and Whitman bring "tremendous experience" to what is essentially "a simple concept."

According to the restaurant overview they presented to the commission, donuts will sell for \$2.50 to \$2.99 apiece, with a half-baker's dozen (seven) available for \$15 and a full baker's dozen offered for \$30. Daily flavors would be

Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

"It's won't be like a typical donut shop where the baker comes in and is making the donuts at 4 a.m.," CFO Chris Whitman told the planning commission Dec. 9. Instead of a whole day's stock being made at once, "Everything will be fresh made to order."

glazed, chocolate sea salt, and sesame cinnamon. They're also planning to serve drip and nitro coffee.

A major draw, they promised, is that customers will be able to see their donuts taking shape. "There will be a glass partition with seats at the bar so you can watch things being made," Whitman said.

Going for quality over quantity, Whitman and Tucker Bunch — chef and "Donut King" — plan to offer just three regular flavors every day, plus one special that will change with the season.

Dutch Door's goal is "to appeal to children, the child at heart and the foodie look-

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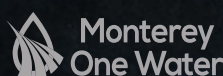
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FOOD & WINE

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ing for the best donut in California,” and Whitman said he hopes “to be part of Carmel for a very long time.”

“We are three families who live here and hope our kids will work here, as well,” he said.

“Bring on the donuts,” said planning commission Stephanie Locke. “I think the concept is really neat, and think it will be an asset to the Plaza.”

Chair Michael LePage said he appreciated architect Adam Jeselnick’s design for the space, which is on the Ocean Avenue level just inside on the left. “I think the applicants have an excellent idea,” he said. “And I also look forward to having some fresh donuts.”

Sugar Farms Marketplace

Also last Wednesday, the planning commission OK’d the Sugar Farms Marketplace for the large Plaza space formerly occupied by the J. Jill clothing store. Owned by Rosana Rader and Michael Smith, the marketplace will have an old-world feel, they said, and will feature “primarily local gifts that are handmade and/or one of a kind.” Each “artisan” will have his or her own space within the marketplace to display items, but all the sales and transactions will be handled by the owners and their employees.

The list of products they plan to sell includes food items, like nuts, caramels, olive oils, mustards, teas and kettle corn, and wares for the kitchen such as mugs, bowls, cutting boards and knives.

“All purchases will benefit the small up-and-coming entrepreneur and their family while also promoting a family-owned and operated business,” they said. “While keeping it local, we are impacting our community on a larger scale.”

The marketplace would be open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sundays from 2 to 6 p.m.

“When I first started working on this application, what came to mind for me was our Homecrafters’ Marketplace that we have around this time of year,” said acting planning director Marnie Waffle. “They are bringing vendors and artisans in and giving them a place to showcase their products. It would be unique.”

Locke said she loves the idea. “We don’t have anything like that in town right now,” she said. “I think it’s something that will be unique to Carmel.”

“It’s a fun concept,” added commissioner Christopher Bolton. “I hope it does well, and I like that it’s local.”

The Nut Hut

Finally, under the new-businesses-that-were-approved-by-the-planning-commission heading, The Nut Hut will open in the little glass kiosk in the Court of the Fountains on Mission south of Ocean that was formerly occupied by Tudor Wines. The store will carry nuts, dried fruit and trail mixes, as well as gourmet sausages, deli items, crackers, jams, cheese, cookies, popcorn, wine, and still and sparkling water, and will specialize in gift baskets. Tableware, bowls and plates will be sold, too.

Owners Blaine Helton and Miguel Gutierrez said their shop will have the aesthetic of a Parisian gazebo and would be open at least six days a week, possibly from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., though hours might vary within that window.

The Nut Hut was on the planning commission’s consent calendar, which also included a request from the owners of Dametra Café at Lincoln and Ocean to extend their restaurant hours, and both were approved without any comments or questions. Dametra can now seat its last patrons — once they are actually allowed to sit and eat, that is — at 11 p.m. and must have everything cleaned in time to close by midnight.

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singer, built their dream home in the Carmel Highlands in 2001 and used it for years not just to enjoy life and to entertain their friends, but for cooking lessons, charitable work and many other culinary activities. Later, Bussinger set up a reverse mortgage with a company called Financial Freedom that reportedly promised Brodie would be able to stay in the house for the rest of her life, but the mortgage was sold two years ago, and now she is in danger of losing her home because the new lender says she’s ineligible to take Bussinger’s place as the borrower.

“We friends of Wendy have gotten together to rescue

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her,” wrote Sandy and Hope Hale, Lou Panetta, John Cluett and Stephanie Lee, who have established a GoFundMe campaign on Brodie’s behalf. “Not only has she lost Bob, and now her income because of the pandemic, she is faced with losing everything she has left.”

Representing Brodie, attorneys with Fenton & Keller say the new lender’s claim is contrary to promises made when the loan began, and they won a court order to halt the foreclosure and are “pursuing an action to enforce those promises and to prevent her home from being stolen,” the backers of the GoFundMe campaign said. But it’s expensive, with legal fees anticipated at

\$150,000, the fundraising campaign’s goal. “For over 20 years, Wendy and Bob donated their home and talents to raise money to support countless charitable organizations and worthy causes on the Monterey Peninsula and beyond,” her friends wrote. “Now it’s our turn to give back to Wendy. While the cost of fighting the foreclosure is more than she can afford, the cost of giving up would be devastating.”

To help, go to gofundme.com and search for “Chef Wendy Brodie Legal Help.”

■ **Some Christmas options**

Large family gatherings at Christmas are out this year, thanks to the coronavirus pandemic, so locals and visitors planned on enjoying a delicious holiday meal with their very close loved ones, perhaps in any of the many Monterey Peninsula restaurants open to serve them.

But when Monterey County Health Officer Dr. Ed Moreno decided last week to shut down all outdoor dining as part of a new stay-at-home order, those plans went out the window, too. But fear not, because many of those same restaurants will offer full Christmas dinners to go, no matter how small the party is — since the order also bans gatherings of any size, unless you happen to live with everyone there.

Estéban Restaurant in the Casa Munras hotel at 700 Munras Ave. in Monterey will offer holiday meals to go Christmas Eve and Christmas Day — and can provide cocktails, too. First-course choices include cream of wild mushroom soup or harvest green salad, followed by an entrée of prime rib with all the appropriate sides (\$70 plus tax and 18 percent service charge per person), cioppino (\$50) or fried chicken (\$45). Dessert will be a trio of petit fours. Dinners can be picked up Dec. 24 between 2:30 and 7 p.m. and Dec. 25 between 12:30 and 7 p.m. Call (831) 375-0176 to order.

Michelin-starred chef Justin Cogley and his team at Aubergine at Monte Verde and Seventh are planning a lavish Christmas Family Feast to go, and orders must be placed by Dec. 21 for pickup between 11

a.m. and 4 p.m. Dec. 24.

Appetizers include aged Comté gougeres (cheese puffs), a dozen Pacific Gold oysters, and duck liver with cranberry on brioche. Main dishes feature Ora King salmon and prime rib au jus with horseradish cream, and sides are a salad of green apple and celeriac with black truffle vinaigrette, black truffle potato gratin, barbecued mushrooms and creamed spinach, roasted cauliflower with Romesco sauce, and Parker House rolls, with Bûche de Noël for dessert. The cost is \$595 plus tax and a 20 percent service charge. Dinner serves four to six and comes with easy instructions for reheating and assembling. Many a la carte items are also available. Go to auberginecarmel.com for more details.

Coastal Roots

As they did for Thanksgiving, the three Coastal Roots Hospitality restaurants — Montrio, Tarp’s and the Rio Grill — will have dinners ready for pickup on Dec. 24 as long as orders are received by Dec. 20.

Tarp’s Roadhouse at Highway 68 and Canyon Del Rey is offering a dinner for 10 that costs \$425 and includes roasted cauliflower bisque, green salad, New York steak or glazed ham, rolls, and sides of scalloped potatoes, green beans with bacon and herb butter, with apple crisp or butterscotch cheesecake for dessert. Go to tarpys.com or call (831) 647-1444.

Rio Grill, located at the Crossroads, has dinner for four for \$200, with chicken pozole, green salad, New York steak or ham, sides of bacon and Brussels sprouts, celery-root-potato gratin, roasted yams with marshmallows and candied pecans, and dessert choices of pumpkin cheesecake, ginger butterscotch or apple pie. Visit riogrill.com or call (831) 625-5436.

And at Montrio on Calle Principal in Monterey, dinner for four is \$200, while dinner for eight is \$400. Both begin with family-style Caesar salad, followed by choices of 40-ounce prime bone-in ribeye with potatoes and vegetables or Alaskan

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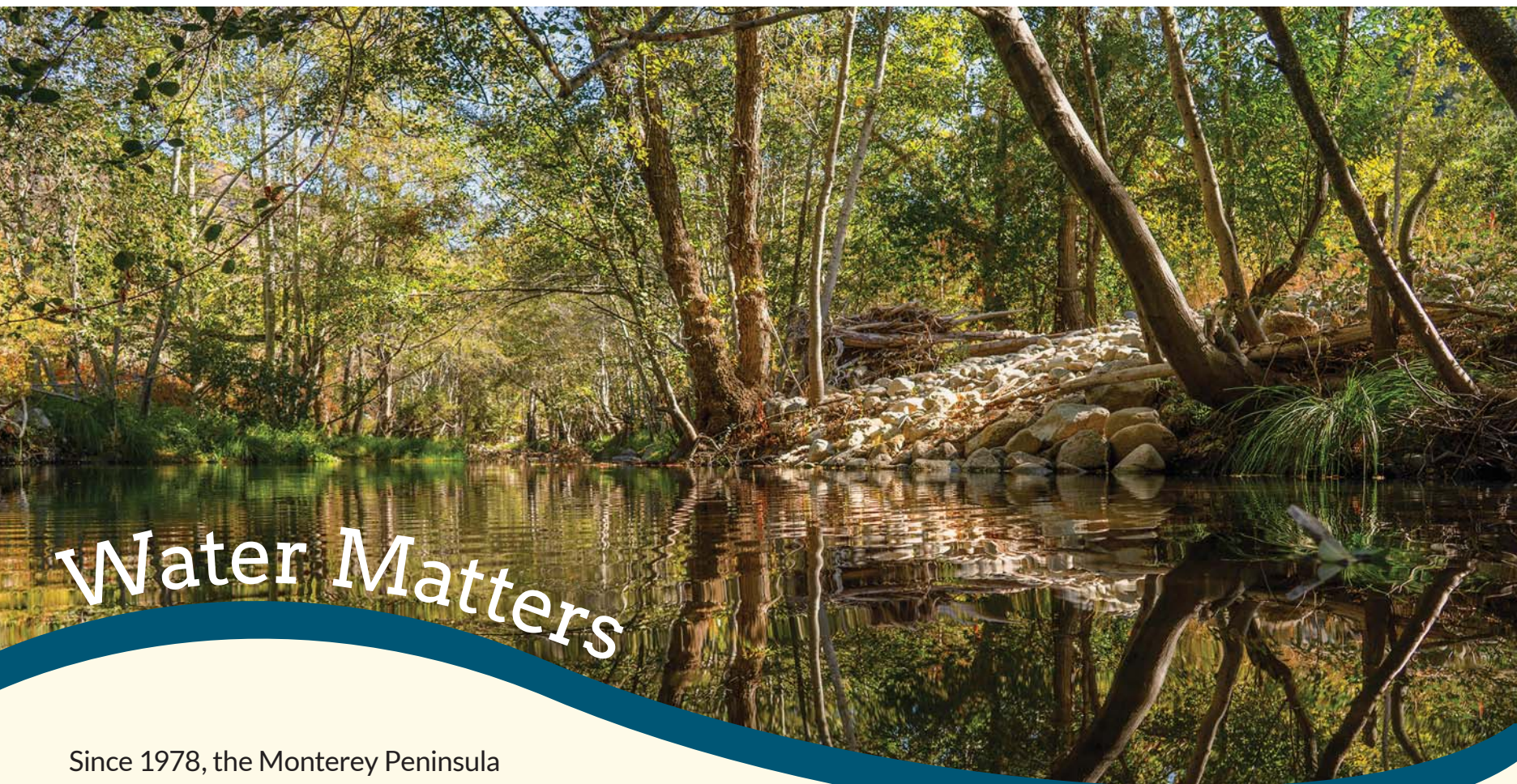
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MORE SPORTS

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ning free throw, and 20 against Stevenson. On Feb. 20, 2015, she hit 12 of 31 shots from the floor and nine of 11 from the free-throw line, to score 33 points against Pacific Collegiate, eclipsing her big sister's 2008 school record.

She also was a defensive specialist on Catalina's volleyball team as a senior, when her younger sister, McKinley

(Class of 2018), made a huge splash, earning all-league plaudits as a freshman. Like sister Taylor, McKinley, another 6-footer, transitioned from outside hitter to setter for Coach Paul Elliott, and blossomed into a star. She repeated as All-MTAL and also made the all-county team as a sophomore, was the league's Most Valuable Player and the county's Player of the Year as a junior and shared the league MVP award again as a senior, when she earned all-county again.

In each of her final two seasons, the Cougars won the MTAL and CCS championships, and took a perfect 27-0

record into the NorCal semifinals before suffering their only loss of the year.

"Those were great years for me, but the opportunity to play on the same team with Madison as a freshman probably made that my favorite season of high school sports," she said.

Volleyball recruiters at American University and Grand Canyon College came calling, but McKinley opted to play at Marist College in New York City, where she appeared in 20 matches as the backup setter for the Red Foxes in her freshman season and led the team in assists (611) and assists per set (9.85) as the starter in her sophomore year.

"I grew up in the same house (in Santa Cruz) for 18 years, so I was excited to go to New York and see something new," she said. "I really like it."

A sister's support

Easing that culture shock is that her parents, Craig and MaryAnn, fly in regularly to watch her play, and her sister, Taylor, a recruiter for LinkedIn, transferred from San Francisco to New York to support her youngest sibling.

For all three sisters, academics have been at least as important as athletics throughout their school years.

Taylor made scholastic achievement her priority throughout her years at Catalina, a famously rigorous school. Madison passed up opportunities to play college basketball and opted instead to attend the University of Nevada Reno, where she earned a business marketing degree. She's now a talent acquisition specialist for a construction and building materials company, CalPortland, recruiting engineers from college campuses.

McKinley has earned All-Academic honors in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference at Marist, where she is in her junior year.

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halibut en papillote with herb compound butter, potatoes and vegetables. Dessert is the restaurant's popular white chocolate bread pudding with passionfruit ice cream, and cocktails and wine can be ordered to go, too. Call (831) 648-8880 or visit montrio.com.

Baum & Blume in Carmel Valley Village on El Caminito has its traditional Christmas dinner to go, with the menu available at baumandblume.com. According to co-owner Deborah Wenzler, highlights include baked oysters Florentine, pate, glazed shrimp wrapped in prosciutto, individual beef Wellingtons, roasted duck, salmon baked in a crust, numerous side dishes, and various desserts. A prix-fixe dinner for two is also being offered for \$120. Order by Dec. 21 by calling (831) 659-0400.

Drive or walk through

This year's free Community Holiday Dinner will be of-

fered for pickup at Dennis the Menace Park on Dec. 23 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., by appointment only. "Everyone in our community should be able to enjoy a delicious holiday dinner," organizers said.

The Kiwanis Club of Monterey, Food Bank for Monterey County and City of Monterey are working together to offer a drive-through and walk-up traditional holiday dinner kit with enough food for four or six to eight. To avoid contact, reservations are required.

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Officers were dispatched to a hotel on Lighthouse Avenue to investigate a possible domestic disturbance.

Upon arrival, it was discovered the couple in the room in question were only listening to a loud television and speaking loudly.

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HISTORY

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As he had for the Methodists, Deven-dorf donated several lots for the Episcopal church. The congregants preferred a location on Monte Verde south of Ocean and traded the donated lots at Mission and Eighth for the new site. With their fund-raising in shape, they hired M. J. Murphy to build their church, which was consecrated on July 27, 1913, with Rev. George Maloney of Pacific Grove serving as the first rector. By the mid-1920s it had 200 members and expanded its facilities.

By the 1940s, it had outgrown even the larger facilities, and when rationing ended after World War II, the congregation built an entirely new church facility at Dolores and Ninth which was dedicated in 1951. The City of Carmel bought the original All Saints church buildings and transformed them into the first city-owned City Hall. From its formation as a city in 1916 until 1951, the city leaders had rented space for

offices and meetings.

Getting back to the Christian Scientists, with their numbers growing, in February 1914, the Christian Science Society of Carmel began renting space for Sunday and Wednesday services at the Arts and Crafts Hall. It was officially incorporated in 1917, with artist William Silva as president.

Building and expanding

In December 1917, the group broke ground for its first sanctuary, which was on Monte Verde near Fifth and became third Protestant church building in Carmel. After expanding in 1927 to take in most of the block between Fifth and Sixth, it became the First Church of Christ, Scientist.

While the Protestants were busy building their churches, Father Ramon Mestres, who was just 27 when he replaced Father Casanova in 1893, was growing the Catholic following. While Monterey was the official Catholic church on the peninsula, Mestres also had oversight of the Carmel Mission.

As the town grew to nearly 500 full-time residents, double that in the summer,

Mestres began offering Sunday Mass at the Mission in 1913. In the early years, services were limited to just the summer months. It was not until November 1933 that the Mission was established as its own parish with Father Michael O'Connell appointed as the first parish priest.

In 1920, Christmas Day was a Saturday, with Mass held at the Mission and a special Christmas service at the Methodist Church. All three Protestant churches offered Sun-

day services. While there are many more churches today, with this year's coronavirus shutdowns, there may be fewer choices for in-person gatherings to celebrate Christmas than there were 100 years ago, so it's time to be creative. But our founders had to start from nothing.

Neal Hotelling has been researching and writing about Monterey County history for more than three decades. His email is nshotelling@msn.com.



The First Methodist Episcopal Church of Carmel on Lincoln south of Ocean was dedicated in July 1905, with Carmel founder J. F. Deven-dorf as a charter member.

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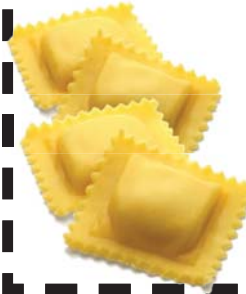
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20202076
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **SAL'S SEAFOODS, 1217 Lowell St., Seaside, CA 93955.** County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): SALVATORE PITRUZZELLO, 1217 Lowell St., Seaside, CA 93955.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Salvatore Pitruzzello
Nov. 3, 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. 12, 2020.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication dates: 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.
Registered Owner(s): Charlene Agee, 31 Downing Circle, Salinas, CA 93906
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on NOT APPLICABLE S/ Charlene Agee
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on November 12, 2020
11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18/20
CNS-3400161#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication dates: Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18, 2020. (PC1120)

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.
Registered Owner(s): SHATTO RENTALS, INC., 1808 Cherokee Dr., Salinas, CA 93906; CA This business is conducted by A Corporation
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A
S/ Kelly Shatto, President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on November 12, 2020
11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18/20
CNS-3414701#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication dates: Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18, 2020. (PC1121)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20202098
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **THE JONES GROUP, by referral only, 216 27th St., Pacific Grove, CA.** County of Monterey.
Registered Owner(s): Peggy Denise Jones, 853 Balboa Ave., Pacific Grove, CA. 93950.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on NOT APPLICABLE S/ Peggy Jones
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on November 12, 2020
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication dates: Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18, 2020. (PC1122)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20202168
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
1. MONTEREY BAY WHALE WATCH CENTER
84 Fishermans Wharf #1, Monterey, CA 93940.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): NANCY ANN BLACK, 655 Pine St., Monterey, CA 93940.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 1995.

S/Nancy Ann Black
Nov. 20, 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. 24, 2020.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication dates: Dec. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2020. (PC1203)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20202187
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **PRIVATUS CONSULTING, 13290 Corte Lindo, Salinas, CA 93908.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): BRYAN LESLIE LEE, 13290 Corte Lindo, Salinas, CA 93908.
MICHELLE FINNERAN DENNEDY, 11634 Winding Way, Los Altos, CA 94024.
This business is conducted by a general partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 30, 2020.
S/Bryan Leslie Lee
Nov. 30, 2020

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 30, 2020.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication dates: Dec. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2020. (PC1205)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20202134
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **MONTEREY COAST REALTY, 9 SW 7th, Carmel, CA 93921.** Mailing address: P.O. Drawer C, Carmel, CA 93921.
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey County.
Name of Corporation as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: MONTEREY PENINSULA REAL ESTATE PARTNERS, Dolors 3 SW 7th, Carmel, CA 93921.
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 Jan. 22, 2014.
S/Daniel J. Lynch, CEO
Date: Nov. 11, 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. 20, 2020.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication dates: Dec. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2020. (PC1206)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20202077
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CHANGE OF PLACES, 49 Ocean Pines, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): CAROLYN ANN HOLDER, 49 Ocean Pines Lane, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.
JAMES BERRY HOLDER, 49 Ocean Pines Lane, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.
This business is conducted by a married couple.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 1, 2020.
S/Carolyn A. Holder

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 12, 2020.
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Publication dates: Dec. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2020. (PC1204)

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.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative 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 Aguajon 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
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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
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
1. MONTEREY ENT,
2. MONTEREY EAR, NOSE & THROAT,
880 Cass Street, Suite 209, Monterey, CA 93940.
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey County.
Name of Corporation 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.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication dates: Dec. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2020. (PC1209)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20202190
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **STRUCTURAL SERVICES AND FOUNDATION REPAIR, INC., 888 Lomita Street, Monterey, CA 93940.** Mailing address: P.O. Drawer C, Carmel, CA 93921.
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey County.
Name of individual Registrant(s): Jason Alexander Plitz
Name of Corporation 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 Plitz, President
Date: Nov. 25, 2020

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 30, 2020.
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Publication dates: Dec. 11, 18, 25, 2020; Jan. 1, 2021. (PC1210)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20202242
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **SILENT CHIME DESIGN, 5315 Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel, CA 93923.** Mailing address: 5315 Carmel Valley Rd. F-113, Carmel, CA 93923.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): PHILLIP 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/Phillip Mosoff
Dec. 7, 2020

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 7, 2020.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication dates: Dec. 11, 18, 25, 2020; Jan. 1, 2021. (PC1211)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20202158
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **LA PLAYA CABINETS AND MILLWORK, 26550 Rancho San Carlos Road, Carmel, CA 93923.** Mailing address: 3094 Crescent Ave. Apt. 5, Marina, CA 93933.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): JORGE ADALBERTO GARCIA GONZALEZ, 3094 Crescent Ave. Apt. 5, Marina, CA 93933.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 16, 2020.
S/Jorge Adalberto Garcia Gonzalez
Nov. 16, 2020

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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. 20202175
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **GOLDEN LAND STUDIO, 1095 Sawmill Gulch Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): JOY DENNINGER LONG, 1095 Sawmill Gulch Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 10, 2020.
S/Joy Denninger Long
Nov. 25, 2020

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Publication dates: Dec. 11, 18, 25, 2020; Jan. 1, 2021. (PC1213)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20202144
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CHOCK ROCK VINEYARD, 42875 Carmel Valley Road, Greenfield, CA 93927.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): DAN H. KARLSEN, 42875 Carmel Valley Road, Greenfield, CA 93927.
KATHLEEN L. KARLSEN, 42875 Carmel Valley Road, Greenfield, CA 93927.
This business is conducted by a married couple.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 15, 2015.
S/Kathleen Karlsen
Nov. 17, 2020

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Publication dates: Dec. 18, 25, 2020; Jan. 1, 8, 2021. (PC1214)

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Publication dates: Dec. 18, 25, 2020; Jan. 1, 8, 2021. (PC1215)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20202217
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **NIELSEN BROTHERS MARKET, Northeast Corner 7th & San Carlos, Carmel, CA 93921.** Mailing address: P.O. Box H, Carmel, CA 93921.
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey County.
Name of Corporation as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: VINZA CORPORATION, 24472 San Juan Rd., Carmel, CA 93923.
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 July 28, 2009.
S/ Azniv Amirhanian, Vice President, Secretary
Date: Nov. 28, 2020

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Publication dates: Dec. 18, 25, 2020; Jan. 1, 8, 2021. (PC1216)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20202157
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **THE EVERS GROUP, 2100 Garden Road, Suite F, Monterey, CA 93940.** Mailing address: P.O. Box 1749, Monterey, CA 93942.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): SHARYN F. EVERS, 2100 Garden Road, Suite F, Monterey, CA 93940.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 19, 2015.
S/Sharyn F. Evers
Nov. 19, 2020

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ART

From page 31A

against others by painting a picture of a cat.

The deadline for submissions is Dec. 31, and the competition is open to oils, acrylics, watercolors, charcoals and drawings done in pen or pencil. Five winners will receive cash prizes of \$100, along with some surprise perks.

Schumacher encourages children to do their art on a standard 8 1/2 x 11-sized piece of paper, but she added that any size is fine. Also, the contest is open to kids everywhere.

"I like to empower children," the artist told The Pine Cone. "I'm interested in getting them off the computer and engaging them in doing something that makes them proud of themselves."

For more details about the contest, visit ellensart.com.



Created by Eleen Auvil, a bronze sculpture of a quail is included in a silent auction that benefits the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts.

MUSIC

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In March, the leaders of three local nonprofits — Reilly, PacRep's Stephen Moorner, and the museum's Lauren Cohen — began talking about how the groups could collaborate. "We had a vision to put on a holiday show," Reilly told The Pine Cone.

The filming of the show was set to happen in the museum Dec. 17-18, but it was moved up a week when the organizers learned of the latest coronavirus shutdown.

Most of it was completed by Dec. 11, while the two French horn players recorded their parts remotely from Berkeley earlier this week.

To watch the show, visit montereyartsymphony.org.

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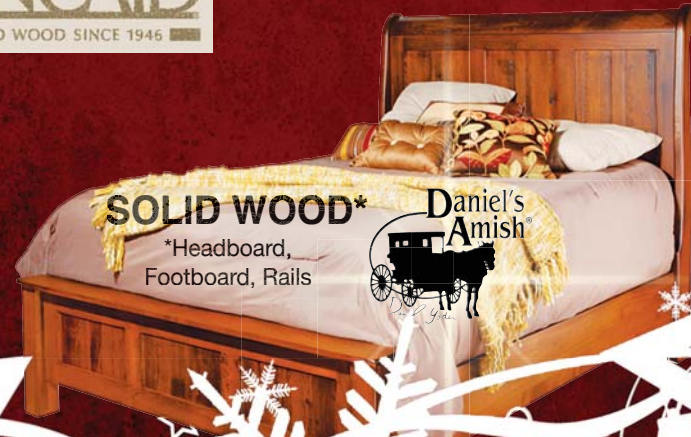
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The Carmel Pine Cone

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■ This week's cover property, located in Carmel Valley, is presented by Courtney Stanley of Sotheby's International Realty. (See Page 2 RE)

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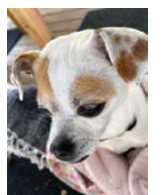
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Frank and Sarah Olson to Phillip and Gillian Burchill
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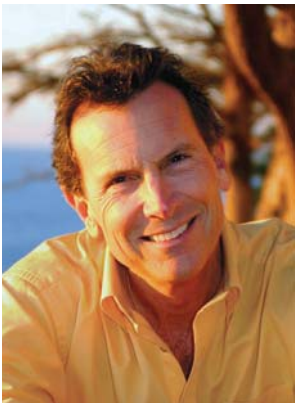
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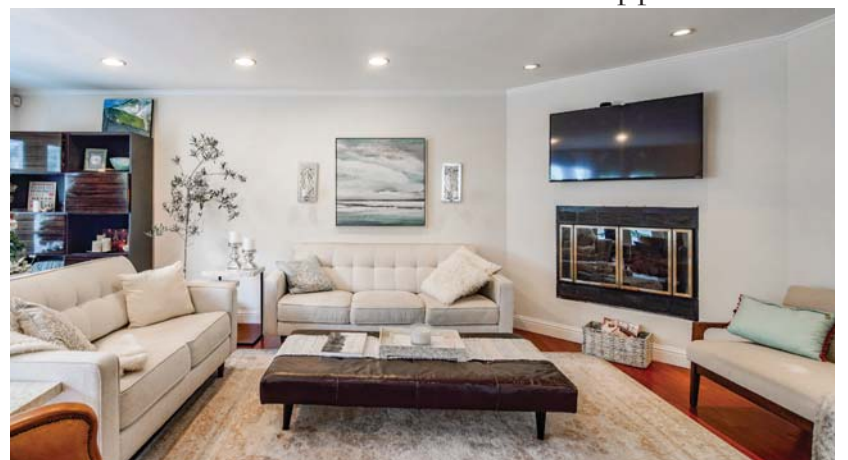
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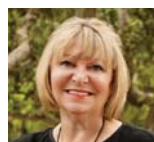
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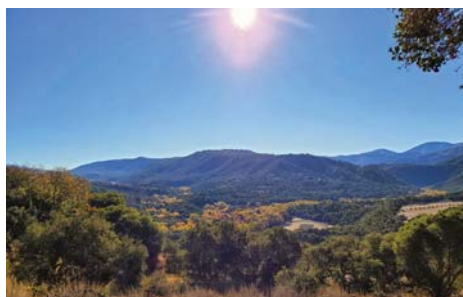
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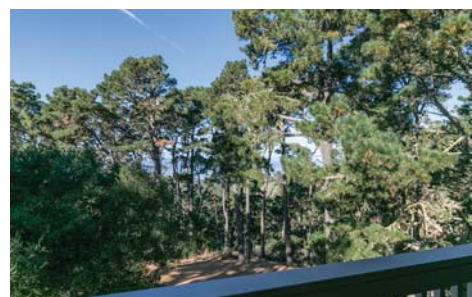
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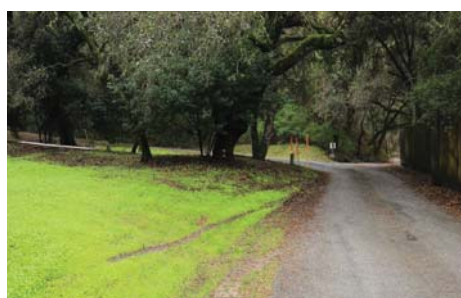
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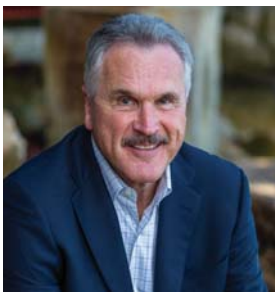
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The Mossyrock defiance: A small town mutinies against lockdowns

MANY THANKS for the overwhelming positive responses to last week's column. I've never had such a reaction to any column I've written in the past 16 years. It is reassuring to learn there are levelheaded people out there.

Reader approval is not what I'm seek-

ing. Attaboys always go down easier than verbal daggers, but thought-provoking dissent opens up avenues that lead to interesting destinations.

When some readers disagree in disagreeable terms, it leads me to wonder if I've not explained myself clearly enough. I learned early in my career to try to avoid writing what can be misunderstood.

I've never been against the precautions prescribed by Covid-19 experts. I wear a mask, wash my hands frequently, try to stay sheltered as much as possible, and am aware of the necessity to protect others as well as myself. I've never advocated ignoring the seriousness of this pandemic. I mentioned relatives who were infected and recovered, but not without some difficulty. Recently, I learned of a classmate who succumbed to the virus.

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Controlled insanity

It is the politicizing of the virus that upsets me, and, apparently, a lot of other people. Covid-19 has become Covid-1984. In his classic novel, George Orwell wrote: "For it is only by reconciling contradictions that power can be retained indefinitely — if the High, as we have called them, are to keep their places permanently — then the prevailing mental condition must be *controlled insanity*."

Thus the book's most famous motto:

*"War is peace.
Freedom is slavery.
Ignorance is strength."*

Today, the High, as they might call themselves, would put it this way:

*"Distancing is togetherness.
Sheltering is freedom.
Questioning is seditious."*

A famous quote came out of the Viet-

nam war, "We had to destroy the village in order to save it." We are being told we have to destroy our livelihoods in order to save our lives. These on-again, off-again restrictions are bound to lead to frustration, distrust and resistance.

In Washington state, the entire town of Mossyrock united to defy the dictatorial coronavirus fiat of the governor, Jay Inslee. The cancellation of the town's annual Blueberry Festival, (think Concours and AT&T Pro-Am), which traditionally drew thousands of tourists, devastated the town's economy. The Blueberry Festival had been the essence of small-town America, with parades, blueberry pancake breakfasts and pie-eating contests.

Mass resistance

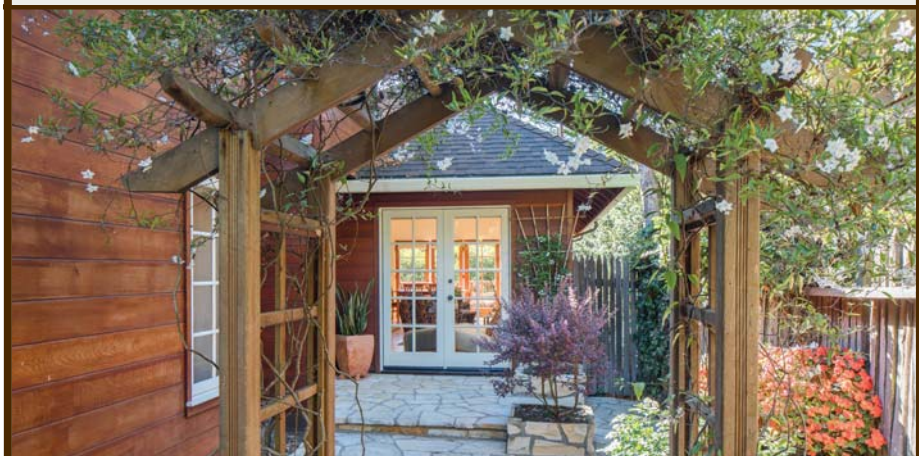
The inhabitants of this small town acted in the belief that if one restaurant or bar defies the edict and opens, the state can target the owner. If every bar and restaurant in town opens, and if everyone ignores the mandates of the local or state officials, "there isn't a damned thing they can do about it." Visitors came from all over the state to patronize the businesses that stayed open, and partially made up for the lost revenue from the cancellation of the festival.

One of the townspeople mentioned real disasters such as "domestic violence, alcohol abuse, depression and suicides" that were not being discussed. According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, matters related to lockdowns are particularly hard for people with depression and other mental health issues. These problems have increased by 30 percent since March 2020. The alliance maintains a 24-hour helpline: (800) 950-6264. Perhaps someone should remind our own public health officials that public health means not only coping with Covid-19, but with all the health problems caused by the lockdowns. It will be interesting to see whether or not this small insurrection spreads.

Hold it! Put down your poison pens. I am not advocating revolution in Pacific Grove, or secret meetings of provocateurs in Pebble Beach, but I don't believe that outdoor dining, as limited as it is due to

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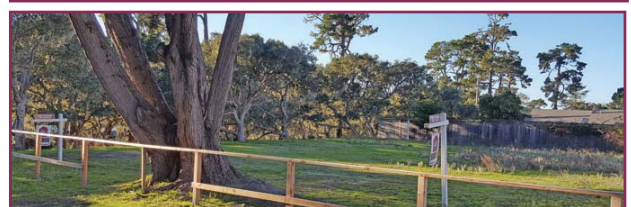
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inadequate space, is any more dangerous than waiting in the checkout line at Costco. We should have a choice. If small businesses are open, we should have the choice to either patronize them or stay home through this pandemic. Remember when we had more freedom of movement than free-range chickens?

If you disagree with what I write, I'm fine with that. Just don't base your response on the assumption that because I hold an opinion that differs from yours I should be first mate on the S.S. Netherworld, cruising down the river Styx.

Other consequences

No one disputes the deadliness of Covid-19 for those most susceptible to the disease, but other consequences must also be considered. In May, the Washington Post reported that more than 100,000 small businesses have permanently closed. How many more have disappeared since? I am not saying we should go the way of the Mossyrockians, but *"If the public are bound to yield obedience to laws to which they cannot give their approbation, they are slaves to those who make such laws and enforce them."* (Sam Adams)

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