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Council tosses plan to close Scenic Road

By MARY SCHLEY

A FATHER'S proposal to shut down Scenic Road several days a week so children, including his daughter, could play there without having to worry about cars failed to get much love from the city council, which voted 4-1 Tuesday to drop the idea.

Public notices and last week's Pine Cone story about the proposed closure generated dozens of calls and emails to city hall, city administrator Chip Rerig said at the Jan. 5 council meeting. "I think we're close to 70 comment letters, which, upon reflection, I can't remember a topic that's

generated quite as many comments," he said. "But this is really democracy in action."

Some of those letters, none of which were available to the public at the time of the meeting, must have been quite critical, because they moved Rerig to remind people of their manners.

"Benjamin Franklin said, 'Passion governs, but rarely does she govern wisely," he said. "I would encourage the public to be gentile and civil."

Public works director Bob Harary asked for direction from the council on whether to invest any additional time and money in the proposal, which would be considered by

the planning commission, community activities commission and forest and beach commission if it had any legs. It would also have to be OK's by the California Coastal Commission before the road could actually be closed to automobiles.

"We are not asking council to authorize the closures tonight — that would be at a later date, if it would ever happen," Harary said.

Informal survey

Resident Josh Madfis asked councilman Jeff Baron — a proponent of intermittent closures of Scenic - to bring the proposal to the council for discussion. Madfis informally surveyed fellow parents last October, asking for feedback on the idea of

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A pedestrian and a bicyclist enjoy a very quiet Scenic Road Thursday. A proposal to close the road to cars several days a week was voted down at a council meeting this week

Pat Hathaway dies, leaves 80,000 historical photos

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE MAN whose archive of local historical photos has been an invaluable resource for historians and journalists and many others who love the Monterey Peninsula, Pat Hathaway of Pacific Grove, 72, has died. The news broke on social media Wednesday night.

Meanwhile, it's unclear what will become of his photographs — or if he even has any living relatives.

Hathaway was the owner of California Views, a business that licensed historical photos. According to Hathaway's website, where more than 2,400 photos are displayed, his archive contains nearly 82,000 images, which he accumulated over a lifetime of collecting. While the archive includes photos from other parts of California, it includes an astonishing number of local images - many one of a kind — dating back to the 1850s.

According to the Monterey County Historical Society,

Hathaway's archive got its start in 1970 when he acquired a collection of photos from the widow of the late local photographer Lewis Josselyn. He later added the collections of four more prominent local photographers, C.W.J. Johnson, George Robinson, E.A. Cohen and L.S. Slevin.

Mysterious past

Hathaway was also a talented photographer in his own right. He captured many local sites and personalities with his camera, and was particularly fascinated with the bridges of Big Sur. In recent years, he documented efforts to fortify Bixby Bridge.

The historical society called Hathaway's archive "a valuable resource for historians, scholars, writers, journalists, reporters, teachers and students," and "a unique and unequaled collection."

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Vaccines are coming, but when and where is a mystery

By KELLY NIX

AS THE coronavirus rages in Monterey County, hospitals are packed to the gills with patients and the body count continues to climb, the question most residents have is, "When will I get the vaccine?" Unfortunately, Monterey County health officials don't have the answer.

The vaccine rollout in Monterey County has been slow going, a process paralleling the lackluster pace of the state's vaccination program. The county health department, the four hospitals and other entities, including medical clinics, have received just 17,075 doses of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines so far - for a county of 440,000 people. As of Thursday, 2,007,600 doses had been shipped to California's counties, but only 488,515 people had been vaccinated, according to the California Department of Public Health.

Extreme urgency

As of Thursday, there were 30,706 cumulative coronavirus cases in Monterey County, 207 people hospitalized with the virus, and nine new fatalities, for a total of 229 deaths. The county is under a stay-home order because the



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An employee of Salinas Valley Memorial hospital receives a dose of the Moderna vaccine.

region's ICU bed capacity is below 15 percent.

Recognizing the extreme urgency in protecting people from Covid-19, Monterey County Supervisor John Phillips Tuesday asked county health officer Dr. Ed Moreno if he had a glimpse of when residents would be vaccinated.

"I can't provide timelines at this point, which I can understand can be concerning for people who have been waiting for such a long time to get vaccinated, and have been doing all the right things to stay at home and avoid getting exposed," he said. "But I would be very hesitant to create timelines which could lead to disappointment for people who are counting on getting a vaccine by a certain date."

Panetta cleared office as rioters stormed Capitol

By KELLY NIX

DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMAN Jimmy Panetta was in Washington D.C. on a Zoom call with Monterey County constituents Wednesday afternoon when he heard a loud banging on the main door of his Cannon Building congressional office.

Panetta, who, by this time was watching the rioting unfold via live TV news, said he wasn't fearful but was angered, disappointed and disheartened by the behavior of the rioters, many of whom were objecting to the results of the 2020 presidential election, and the pending certifica

"I have to admit, I thought it was a practical joke played by one of my colleagues," Panetta told The Pine Cone. "But the next thing I know, the main office door was being banged on. Then we heard police loudly and sternly say, 'Everybody has to leave the office. It's time to go.'

'I had work to do'

The Capitol Police officers were warning Panetta and his four staff members, including communications director Sarah Cronin, that a crowd of supporters of President Donald Trump had stormed the U.S. Capitol, which is across the street from the Cannon House Office Building and can be reached through an underground passage.

"I immediately asked my staff to leave, because I felt it was important that they abide by the orders for their safety," Panetta said. "But I had work to do, so I chose to stay in the office, finished the Zoom calls, and answered the phones of people calling into the office."

He locked the doors to the office once his staff left.

tion of election, in which Joe Biden was victorious.

"It was depressing to watch such a horrible event take place," he said.

The riots resulted in four deaths, including one woman who was fatally shot by police as she climbed through a Capitol window.

After the violence was over, Panetta said "the most important thing we had to do is get right back onto that House floor that those rioters tried to storm and continue to do our job. And that's what we did last night, with the certification of the Electoral College count."

Panetta blamed the com-

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Sandy Claws

Cat calls

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EVERY DAY, before taking her early morning walk throughout Carmel, she wanders around social media to see what's new in town and if anyone's posted a lost item or missing pet. Then she heads out to see what she can find. More often than not, she's successful.

In mid-December, she read that Ollie, a year-old kitten, had gone missing at Carmel River Beach the previous afternoon.

Ollie loves to ride in the car. His people, in from Salinas to enjoy an excursion at the beach, had opened the car door to slip Ollie into his harness, so he could walk with them. Just then, a motorcycle roared by, startling the kitten, who dashed into the reeds near the lagoon and disappeared.

For three hours, Ollie's people called for their cat, giving up only as darkness settled in, and an officer came to lock the gate to the state beach.

"We've had Ollie about eight months," his person said. "We first found him, this tiny little thing, on Davis Road in Salinas, while on a bike ride. We took him home, where he joined our family of three other cats and a dog."

When the Carmelite, out on her early walk, reached Carmel River Beach, she thought about calling out for the cat but instead got very quiet.



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By Lisa Crawford Watson



That's when she heard something in the bushes of a nearby home. And there was Ollie.

Ollie's absence had kept his couple awake that night, unable to rest until they found a post online the following morning, with a video of Ollie. Only in Carmel, they thought, does a person check to see if anything cherished is missing.

"It feels really good to keep an eye out for lost pets and other precious items on my walks," said the Finder of Lost Loves. "It makes me feel connected to my community."

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Rising cost of mail delivery could lead to house numbers

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH MORE people living in town, and more of them not wanting to go to the post office due to fears over the spread of coronavirus, the number of residents having mail delivered to their houses has significantly grown over the last several months.

The city council on Tuesday was asked to pay Peninsula Messenger Service \$58,000 more than was anticipated in the contract to fulfill the demand, and to extend the agreement to June 30, with a maximum cost of \$200,200.

Since 2001, taxpayers have covered the cost of a courier to deliver mail to dozens of homes six days a week, a compromise struck after an activist who briefly called Carmel home demanded that the council put numbers on houses so the postal service could start delivering the mail.

But the council at the time decided not to do that, instead opting to hire a private delivery service to take the mail to anyone who wanted it, regardless of the absence of house numbers.

Peninsula Messenger Service got the contract, receiving an initial fee of \$25 per home per month and delivering mail to about 120 people. Delivery costs increased to \$39 per address last year, with another increase to \$41 this year. In March, about 145 people were using the service, including city hall, the police department and Carmel Fire Ambulance.

Now, thanks to the pandemic, by November 2020, PMS was delivering mail to 182 residents, according to budgets and contracts director Sharon Friedrichsen, and that number is likely to continue to rise.

At the Jan. 5 meeting, Friedrichsen asked the council to increase spending on mail delivery to cover rising demand and to extend the contract, which expired on New Year's Eve, to the end of the fiscal year June 30. The contract was first signed in January 2019 for \$70,200, extended for another 12 months and bumped up to \$72,000 in January 2020, and would be increased by another \$58,000 to continue through June 30, Friedrichsen said, for a total of \$200,200 for two-and-a-half years of mail delivery.

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"When we put together the budget, we used our best estimate of what the demand may be," she said. "However, in light of Covid-19, we have received an increase in service."

House numbers?

Last March, just as concerns about the pandemic started to surface, and before the county and state went into lockdown, the city council decided that only people whose disabilities prevent them from going to the post office should receive mail delivery for free, while those who simply don't want to go to the post office or find doing so inconvenient can pay to have it brought to them.

However, the council "wisely decided not to implement" the changes due to the coronavirus shutdowns, city administrator Chip Rerig said. But he acknowledged that the price tag for mail delivery has grown well beyond want the founders of the program envisioned when they started it two decades ago.

"During the campaign, I heard a lot about mail delivery," councilwoman Karen Ferlito said, particularly with regards to the postal service's inadequacy with the box lobby being locked at night and on Sundays, and mail being delivered long past the time it should have arrived.

"I'm sure when it started years ago, it was meant to just help a few people — it was done with very good intention. Now

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I told you not to smoke in bed!

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, DECEMBER 20

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Shelter-in-place order violation reported on Dolores Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a hit-andrun on San Carlos Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Pruning shears were found next to a tree stump on Fourth Avenue. Carmel-by-the-Sea: Flip phone found in

Devendorf Park. Pacific Grove: Theft from a storage shed

on Lighthouse Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Marino Pines Road was egged. No damage.

Carmel Valley: Victim on West Carmel Valley Road received harassing/threatening text messages.

Carmel Valley: Shelter-in-place order violation on Carmel Valley Road.

Carmel area: Shoplifting on Carmel Center Place.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Suicide attempt. Subject transported to hospital for further care.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a lost wallet.

Pacific Grove: A 73-year-old female was



The gavel falls

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

Dec. 4 — Lolita Garcia, 59, former executive director and president of central coast kids & families, a nonprofit serving children with special needs, was sentenced to four years state prison for embezzlement, tax evasion, submitting false invoices, and theft by false pretenses. She was remanded into custody at the conclusion of the sentencing hearing.

In 2008, Garcia formed a nonprofit called Central Coast Kids & Families to provide inhome respite services to families of children with special needs. These respite services were paid for by the San Andreas Regional Center, a nonprofit corporation that is funded by the State of California to serve people with developmental disabilities. Central Coast Kids & Families also provided inschool aides to children with special needs through the Salinas City Elementary School District, Greenfield Unified School District, North Monterey County USD, Carmel USD, Pacific Grove USD, as well as the Monterey County Office of Education. These in-school services were paid for by such school districts and offices. The People's investigation revealed that Garcia routinely overbilled these school districts and SARC for hours that Central Coast Kids & Families' employees did not actually work. The People examined hundreds of invoices and timesheets for the 2013-14 and cited on Piedmont Avenue for driving on an expired driver's license. **Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Cell phone lost at the beach

Pacific Grove: Family quarrel at a Sunset Drive residence.

Pacific Grove: Barking dog complaint at a residence on Eardley.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Sloat found in possession of medication without a prescription.

Carmel area: Online report of stolen property on Chiquito Place.

Carmel area: Report of found property at the Barnyard.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a family quarrel on Fairway Place.

Carmel area: Suspicious person at the Crossroads.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a report of a burglary of a vehicle on Ford Road.

Carmel area: A missing person was located at the Crossroads.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

Pacific Grove: Gravely disabled adult on Jewell Avenue was taken for evaluation under 5150 W&I [danger to self or others].

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Identity theft reported by a resident on Second Avenue.

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2014-15 school years and found that Garcia intentionally overbilled the school districts and SARC in a total amount of \$192,823. From 2013 to 2015, Garcia embezzled a total of \$675,646 from the nonprofit that she formed and used such stolen and embezzled funds to purchase luxuries such as a Porsche

funds to purchase luxuries such as a Porsche Carrera, Maserati Ghibli, Land Rover Range Rover, Toyota Tundra, Jeep Wrangler, a diamond Rolex watch, Louis Vuitton handbags, cosmetic surgery, improvements to her rented home, clothing and apparel, dining, entertainment, travel, and many other personal luxuries. Garcia failed to report the amounts embezzled for personal expenditures on her tax returns.

After becoming aware of the People's investigation, Defendant formed a for-profit single-member limited liability company and purported to do business from that entity, without dissolving the nonprofit or accounting for the charitable assets that were required to be spent in furtherance of the charitable purpose.

At the time Garcia was arrested for these crimes, the People obtained orders from the Court allowing the seizure of valuable personal property and accounts of Garcia's, including the Central Coast Kids & Families business and accounts, personal bank and

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Recycled water project gets big boost

By KELLY NIX

THE RECLAMATION project next to the Marina landfill that transforms wastewater into drinking water took home the lion's share of a \$40 million federal grant intended to support water projects in the 17 Western United States, officials said this week.

Pure Water Monterey received \$15,498,985 in taxpayer funds from the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSmart initiative, according to Monterey One Water, also known as the Monterey Peninsula sewer district, which developed and operates the reclamation plant.

The grant funding was "prioritized for projects that develop and supplement urban and irrigation water supplies through water reuse, thereby improving efficiency, providing flexibility during drought or water shortages, and diversifying the water supply," Monterey One Water spokesman Mike McCullough said Monday.

The grant money was funded through the \$1.4 trillion spending bill that the House of Representatives OK'd late last month.

A competitive review process was used to rank water projects, and of the 19 applicants, Pure Water Monterey and six additional projects were awarded a total of \$40 million. Pure Water received 39 percent of the grant money.

"Recognition at the federal level reinforces the efforts by all project partners to

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manage our limited water resources, and it directly supports our communities," Monterey One Water spokesman Mike Mc-Cullough said.

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'Significant' amount of \$

Pure Water Monterey has been approved to produce 3,500 acre-feet of water per year, and the project went online late last year. An expansion would allow it to produce 2,250 acre-feet more. Water is expected to cost around \$2,400 per acre-foot (about 326,000 gallons). The reclamation project is a collaboration between Monterey One Water and the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.

Source water for Pure Water Monterey, which has an advanced water purification treatment plant near the landfill and wells in Seaside, comes from wastewater, agricultural water and other means.

Congressman Jimmy Panetta said he was "glad and grateful" that the Department of Interior recommended the grant. "Such a significant amount of federal funds will not only help further the development of the project, it also will further our goal for sustainable water sources," Panetta said in a statement.

Pure Water Monterey's application process for the funds included 26 letters from local organizations, agencies and elected officials in support of the project.





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No cause found in Cachagua fire

By MARY SCHLEY

AN ERRONEOUS entry on Cal Fire's web page for last summer's Carmel Fire which destroyed more than 70 buildings in Upper Carmel Valley, including homes belonging to Cachagua volunteer firefighters indicated it was started by a vehicle. Cal Fire Capt. Jennifer Valdez said Wednesday that is not the case, and investigators don't know what started the fire and likely never will.

"Undetermined' is the official cause," she told The Pine Cone. "Cal Fire mistakenly posted 'vehicle' as the cause."

Soon after the fire started the afternoon of Aug. 18, residents and others posted widely on social media that chains dragging from a vehicle had probably started

Suspected arsonist due in court

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE MAN who confessed to starting the Dolan Fire in Big Sur, Ivan Geronimo Gomez of Fresno, will be back in court Jan. 27 for another hearing.

Gomez, who is charged with aggravated arson, arson of a structure or a forest, arson causing great bodily injury, growing marijuana and throwing rocks at firefighters, had a preliminary hearing in October, when Monterey County Superior Court Judge Pamela Butler decided there is enough evidence to continue the prosecution.

The upcoming hearing in Salinas, which starts at 8:45 a.m., will give the defense an opportunity to get any charges dismissed.

"Another judge will review the evidence," said Meredith Sillman of the Monterev County District Attorney's Office.

The fire started Aug. 18 at 8:15 p.m. in John Little State Reserve, a 21-acre site located just south of Esalen Institute, and spread quickly. As firefighters poured into the area, a shirtless Gomez was seen throwing rocks at them. He was arrested by a state parks ranger around 8:30 p.m.

the blaze, and some said they had video showing as much. Valdez and Monterey

County Sheriff's deputies looked into the

comments and investigated the allegations

but concluded there was no validity to

didn't find any evidence of that," she said.

ly say what started the fire, Valdez said,

"Definitely we can say it was not chains."

4, 2020, 6,905 acres had burned, consum-

ing many homes in the Sky Ranch subdi-

vision, in Trampa Canyon, and elsewhere,

scorching fields and vineyards, and taint-

ing wine grapes with smoke, making them

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"We exhausted all of our leads, and we

While investigators cannot definite-

By the time the fire was contained Sept.

Gomez told a detective that he used a cigarette lighter to ignite dry grass and start the fire. A special agent with the U.S. Forest Service testified at the October 2020 hearing that such an incendiary device was likely used to start the fire.

Animal cruelty?

The fire burned nearly 125,000 acres, destroyed 14 homes and injured 19 firefighters. It also killed nine critically endangered condors, leading a high-profile animal welfare group, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, to contact the local district attorney's office and urge that cruelty to animals be added to the charges.

While it is no longer considered a threat to communities, the fire technically is still burning, despite recent rains. Kate Novoa posted a photo of a smoldering redwood just last week on her Big Sur Kate blog.

Also set is a pre-trial conference on Jan. 27 at 10 a.m., also in Salinas.



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Groups buy equipment, provide volunteers for city

By MARY SCHLEY

TWO NONPROFITS have donated nearly \$90,000 worth of equipment and hundreds of volunteer work hours to the city, and the council voted to formally accept their gifts Tuesday. The contributions came from Carmel Gives, formed by realtor Tim Allen, and Carmel Cares, created by resident Dale Byrne. The two often collaborate, and both pledged to keep at it.

"I started Carmel Gives last May to support businesses and individuals impacted by Covid," Allen told the council Jan. 5. "In October, I joined the board of Carmel Cares when Dale Byrne, who is also my project manager for Carmel Gives, incorporated his nonprofit."

"We understand the two names are a bit confusing," he added.

The groups "work hand in hand to conduct projects that are helping businesses and those in need," Allen said. Volunteers are also tending to the Scenic Road pathway, various parks, medians and other public spaces "to keep Carmel beautiful, safe and inviting," according to Allen. And they have started picking up trash in a town that's seen chronically overflowing garbage cans due to the fact people can no longer eat in parklets and have to get all their restaurant food to go.

Lots of free stuff

Public works director Bob Harary described the city's partnership with the two nonprofits as "particularly productive and exciting," and said he hopes it "continues for years to come."

He listed the \$86,441 worth of equipment and vehicles the groups have bought for the city so far, including:

■ a John Deer Gator that carries a 100-gallon water tank and pump for tree watering, worth \$22,450, which could let the city get rid of its older water tanker

■ iPhone Pro 12s for Carmel P.D. worth \$17,000 that will allow officers to communicate confidential information without using their radios and will eliminate the rented iPads parking officers use to write tickets

■ a \$10,380 Toyota sidewalk cleaning machine that won't replace pressure washing but will help augment it

■ \$10,000 worth of professional landscaping for improving the Scenic pathway

■ \$5,600 in upgrades and staining of Forest Theater seating and \$2,680 for a new gate.

Other gifts include the \$5,000 "library shrine" that holds publications near the Park Branch, two news racks on the south side of Ocean Avenue (\$5,000), a new enclosure for the backflow preventer at Sunset Center (also \$5,000), \$2,331 for plumber's tools, and \$1,000 for decorative rocks.

Restaurants feeding needy

The groups' latest venture is a project called the Carmel Restaurant Food Production Grant Program, Allen said, which involves funneling tens of thousands of dollars to downtown restaurants so they can distribute meals to families in need by way of various nonprofits and shelters.

"With the oversight of the Community Foundation, we are investing a minimum of \$100,000 to fund our finan-

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Donation takes two view-blessed parcels in Big Sur off the market

By CHRIS COUNTS

A PAIR of view-blessed pieces of property in Big Sur that overlook Rocky Point and Division Knoll — and are worth big bucks — have been given to the Conservancy for the Range of the Condor.

As a result, it's more likely condors or coyotes will visit the properties than construction crews. The land will even be off-limits to hikers.

"These are desirable residential lots, with vast views, and a value of more than \$2 million," Don Gruber of the conservancy told The Pine Cone. "Our mission, however, is preservation, and the owners donated the lots to us because they valued the habitat and cultural qualities of the lots, and knew that in donating the land to us, its preservation would be assured."

The two pieces of land were donated by Steve and Gillian Foster, John Hain and Jennifer Allen.

The properties, which are located at the

western edge of a narrow ridge that separates Palo Colorado and Rocky Creeks, are accessed by a private road that starts next to the Mid Coast Fire Brigade's station along Palo Colorado Road. The land is mostly steep, forested and largely undeveloped, with two homes built and another on the way.

"The parcels comprise about 137 acres above the area of the coast known as Notley's Landing, are between 600 feet and 1400 feet above sea level, and are prime condor habitat, as well as habitat for lions, eagles, coyote, bobcats and many native plants, including coast redwoods," explained Gruber, who also noted that Native American relics have been found in the area.

Passing it on?

Gruber said the land was set to be developed in the 1990s, but the builder lost the

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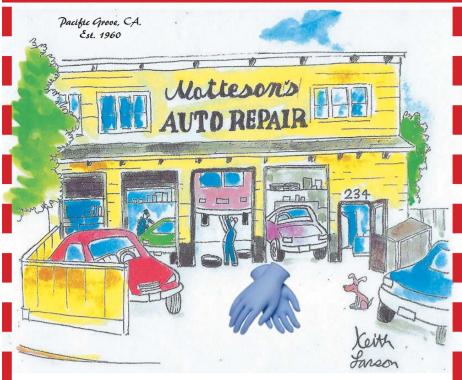
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Feds say parts of Big Sur could soon reopen to hikers

January 8, 2021

By CHRIS COUNTS

OFFERING A glimmer of good news for outdoor enthusiasts who are going mad indoors during the pandemic, a United States Forest Service spokesman said his agency is working to reopen at least some unburned parts of the Big Sur backcountry to hiking.

"We are looking at a reduced closure," Andrew Madsen of the forest service told The Pine Cone.

That means the Pine Ridge Trail — by far Big Sur's most popular hiking route — could reopen in the coming weeks or months, along with some other routes, mostly in sections of the forest that were untouched by the Dolan Fire and two other blazes last summer.

Madsen said it makes sense to reduce the size of the closure over time. "It's very typical to amend closures that are very large in nature and reduce them down to the actual burn scar," he explained. "We're trying to reopen the Pine Ridge Trail as soon as we can."

But Madsen said it's simply too early to reopen the entire forest because the vegetation needs time to regenerate. And that's not all — the fire left behind countless dead standing trees and vast hillsides denuded of erosion-controlling plants, creating an assortment of dangers for hikers.

In fact, some large redwoods are reportedly still smoldering and emitting smoke, even after recent rains.

"You simply can't go into the black area," he said. "Nature needs time to recover."

When parts of the backcountry reopen,

it's likely that four public roads — Plaskett Ridge Road, South Coast Ridge Road, Los Burros Road and Cone Peak Road — will remain closed. The roads have long been popular with car campers, but locals have complained about unruly groups and even large parties, which can pose a fire risk to their neighborhoods. Madsen said the issue reached a head last spring when two people attending a party along one of the roads overdosed on drugs, and medics couldn't land a helicopter for 15 minutes because there were too many cars on their landing site.

For now, forest service day-use sites along the coast like Sand Dollar and Pfeiffer Beach remain open. Forest service campgrounds were set to reopen this week, but Madsen said they'll stay closed for another three weeks to stay consistent with state park campground closures. "We're trying to be good neighbors," he added.

Exercise now deemed essential

When the forest reopens, the Ventana Wilderness Alliance will no doubt be among those celebrating. The nonprofit has been lobbying for months for public access to some areas of the backcountry. "The local population needs a place to get out and calm their nerves, and maintain healthy lifestyles," VWA executive director Mike Splain suggested.

Gov. Gavin Newsom, state officials and doctors have continued to say that recreation and exercise are important during the pandemic. The public clearly agrees, and trails have been more crowded than ever since the pandemic began, since gyms are closed.

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BUSINESS OWNERS, OFFICIALS GET NO ANSWERS FROM HEALTH DEPARTMENT

By MARY SCHLEY

DOZENS OF longtime restaurateurs and business owners, chamber representatives, several elected officials — including the entire Carmel City Council — top-level paid staff like city administrator Chip Rerig and his colleagues, and others hoped for answers from the county's public health department during an online meeting Monday morning. But all they got were reminders that there's a pandemic, people are sick and dying, and environmental health officials just enforce policy, they don't know anything about science.

The Zoom call, organized by city councilman Bobby Richards and city staff, was intended to have county health officials field questions from business owners regarding the shelter-in-place order, including the logic behind it and how long it might last.

"We have worked hard to set this up," Richards wrote in an email last week advising people they could participate. "This is your chance to ask the tough stuff and hold the county health department responsible for the answer. Now you can ask why or what evidence or how long."

Instead, Marni Flagg, who works in the environmental health bureau's Monterey office and moderated the meeting, and interim environmental health bureau chief Ric Encarnacion went to great lengths to explain their jobs and why restaurants should follow county health officer Dr. Ed Moreno's orders, including a ban on all sit-down dining.

'Abnormal circumstances'

Flagg reminded restaurant owners that their health permits can be revoked at any time if they break the rules, and that getting them reinstated is not easy.

"These are abnormal circumstances right now. This is a global pandemic, there are people struggling to breathe right now, there are people dying right now," Encarnacion said. "I'm going to do everything I can to make sure people understand." Participants had been invited to submit questions before the meeting or post them in the "chat" section so they might be answered during the call. Several restaurant owners and others asked for evidence that outdoor dining spreads coronavirus and questioned the logic behind the order, but, Encarnacion told them, "We don't have time to discuss and have a conversation about the science. My direction to staff is to follow what's written down."

When asked how to get information about the science behind the decisions and how to possibly change what's written down, Flagg and Encarnacion didn't provide much help in that realm, either. One participant asked how the current order affects accommodations, a question they also couldn't answer.

Restaurateur Rich Pepe pointed out that Moreno was on the call and suggested he provide answers, but Moreno remained silent.

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Murderer remains in prison — for now

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER HEARING impassioned, tearful testimony from several people who said their lives and those of their loved ones were destroyed when former Seaside resident Harold Bicknell brutally murdered four of his family members — including nearly decapitating a teenage girl and stabbing a 6-year-old girl more than 40 times — parole board commissioners put off deciding whether to let him out of prison.

Instead, at the Dec. 22 hearing, they referred his case to a "rescission hearing," at which two commissioners and a deputy commissioner will consider whether the panel that voted to parole him in July committed a "fundamental error" that could indicate that decision "was improper."

'Wonderful person'

Bicknell was 19 when he killed four people, starting with the teenage cousin who knew he had impregnated his 14-year-old girlfriend, in August 1977. The couple had bound the teen's hands behind her back with her own bra and then stabbed her repeatedly in the neck, nearly decapitating her, before going on to slaughter Bicknell's grandmother, aunt and younger cousin. The murder scene was discovered two days later, and after an extensive investigation, Bicknell was arrested on Halloween of that year while trying to enlist in the Navy in San Diego. Bicknell was imprisoned in June 1978 and is now at the California Correctional Institution in Tehachapi. Starting with his first hearing in October 1983, he had been denied parole seven times and admitted to being unsuitable for parole three times, according to the California Department of Corrections, until the panel voted to release him in February 2019, citing a clean prison record and the fact he was 19 when he murdered 66-year-old Josephine Smith (his grandmother), 28-year-old Suzanne Harris (his aunt), and cousins 15-year-old Renee Ferguson and 6-year-old Rachel Harris. Parole commissioners also said he had suffered abuse as a child.

Gov. Gavin Newsom reversed their decision four months later because Bicknell "remained an unreasonable danger to society if released from prison," but after the panel again voted last July to let him out, the governor sent a letter Nov. 27, 2020, asking all 17 parole board commissioners to review the decision.

While Bicknell "has made efforts to improve himself in prison," has not been disciplined, and "participated in selfhelp programs, earned a GED, an associate degree, and two advanced ministry degrees," the fact he continues to deny the gruesome murders he clearly committed is cause for concern, Newsom wrote. "I ask the board to consider whether his implausible denial of the crime bears on his current risk level for future violence."

During the hearing two-and-a-half weeks ago, two

women involved in prison church ministries argued for releasing Bicknell.

"He is a wonderful person. He cares about everyone he's around," said Anna Griepsma, who first met Bicknell in the late 1980s and said she would financially support him if he "hit a rough spot" after getting out. She described him as having "a kind heart" and said he recites Scripture.

"He should have been out a long time ago," she said.

No remorse

Barbara Nissen said Bicknell is "well spoken, well read, articulate and always has a smile on his face."

"We consider him trustworthy," she said. "He will be nothing but an asset to his community."

Neither woman mentioned the fact he had gotten a 14-year-old girl pregnant and savagely murdered four people, including an elderly woman and two children.

But nine others who called in, including Bicknell's family members, a deputy district attorney, the man who prosecuted the case and the detective who investigated it, did. Many talked about the lives he destroyed and said his repeated denial after initially admitting to the murders is reason enough to keep him locked up.

"Forty-three years later, he is still trying to get away with murder," said Monterey County deputy district attorney Marisol Mendez.

"He has not shown any remorse for what he has done

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PHYLLIS ELAINE CHRIST HESSER

Phyllis Elaine Christ Hesser loved her family, her country, Pine Grove, Pa., and St. John's Lutheran Church. She died on Jan. 4, 2021 in Pennsylvania from Covidrelated pneumonia. She was born on June 28, 1928 to Bruce L. Christ, a teacher and business owner, and Ruth Welsh Christ, a longtime teacher in the Pine Grove Area School District.

Phyllis was an honor student, and was in the Junior American Legion Auxiliary and the Girl Scouts. The Christs were active in St. John's, and their only daughter was, too, attending Sunday School and joining Luther League as a youngster.

A hard worker who could rarely be dissuaded once she set her mind on something, one of Phyllis' first jobs was scooping ice cream in a restaurant. She was 13, earned \$1 a shift for working from 6 p.m. to midnight, and saved all her money to buy a pair of roller skates. She loved gliding around the floor at the roller rink or across the ice on the Union Canal. She also enjoyed swimming, and did a mean sidestroke.

Phyllis wanted to study science – not easy for a woman back then. After graduating from high school in 1946, she enrolled at the local Penn State campus, then transferred to Gettysburg College, where her father had earned his bachelor's and master's in chemistry.

In 1951, Phyllis was the only woman in her class to earn a bachelor's in chemistry. She minored in education, math, physics, English and German, although she wasn't a fan of languages and her spelling ability (or lack thereof) was a constant source of amusement to her crossword-puzzle-loving family.

Phyllis took a job in the Navy's shipyard laboratories in Philadelphia, where, among other things, she worked on metallurgy for ships' anchors. In 1953, she returned to Pine Grove and put her culinary skills to work as proprietor of the popular Cricket restaurant on Tulpehocken Street until 1957, when she sold it. She was a great cook; her pie crusts, pepper cabbage and potato stuffing were all excellent.

Back at St. John's, she became a Luther League advisor and Sunday School teacher, and was a member, with her mother, of the Mahantango chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

In 1959, Phyllis got her first teaching job at Blue Mountain and married Clyde H. Hesser. They were together until he died Dec. 5, 2009, a week before their golden wedding anniversary. When her daughters came along, she tried – valiantly but unsuccessfully – to stay home. She continued to substitute-teach and joined the PTA, which elected her president.

A frugal woman, Phyllis became an exceptionally talented seamstress. When she lived in Philadelphia, she window-shopped at department stores, then recreated the fashions at home. Her sewing machine was a familiar sound to her children, who often wore beautiful homemade coats and dresses.

Phyllis' journey to politics began in 1962. Armed with a petition signed by many of her neighbors, she showed up at borough council to complain (not for the last time) about noisy motorcycles and traffic. Impassioned letters to the editor - always signed with her real name - flowed from her pen for years to come. A failed run for mayor in 1965, in which she lost the primary by 28 votes, didn't dampen her enthusiasm for the town and its residents.

Life wasn't all work. Phyllis also found time for annual family vacations at the Jersey shore, where she unwound to the sound of crashing waves and the smell of salt air. She had grown to love Atlantic City when she spent summers waiting tables there during college.

Back home, the family gathered most Friday nights at the Mansion House, where Ruth Christ held court. Saturday nights, Phyllis and Clyde went dancing at the American Legion, and nearly every Sunday morning found the whole family at St. John's.

In 1974, Phyllis began planning Pine Grove's part in the nation's bicentennial celebration. With her mother (an authority on American history), and hundreds of volunteers, she organized a week of activities including a colonial-themed Olympics (with hoop-rolling and apple-paring), fireworks and a grand pageant.

The money raised more than covered the festivities; the surplus became the basis of the park along the old Union canal, now punctuated on one end by a community swimming pool Phyllis helped to raise money for and build.

Phyllis taught science and math in several local school districts and at the VoTech. She also taught GED and adult education, but was perhaps proudest of the work she did with many of the 20,000 Vietnamese refugees who passed through Fort Indiantown Gap in 1975. She started out as a volunteer with 200 other teachers, but eventually was responsible for writing curriculum and visiting 26 classrooms daily to assist other instructors. Her students gave her a hand-lettered placard that called

her a "Friend of Refugees." Phyllis continued to teach school well into the 1980s, when the borough began taking up more of her time.

In 1977, when her brother-in-law, Fred Hesser, left borough council, Phyllis took his seat. She was re-elected, and in January 1989, she became council president. She ran unsuccessfully for a seat in the state legislature in 1982. In 2007, she lost the Republican primary for her borough council seat, won a write-in campaign on the Democratic ticket, and lost in the general election by just four votes. A lifelong Republican, she must have thought it strange to see the (D) after her name on the ballot. She volunteered with the county Republican party for decades, calling and registering voters, knocking on doors and campaigning for the GOP.

During the three decades Phyllis was on council, she took on everything from water shortages to sewage disposal and landfills – issues her science background prepared her to address. In the face of sometimes brutal criticism (and once, a rock hurled through a dining room window), she strove to resolve conflicts civilly and fairly.

Phyllis remained dedicated to her church, spending years voluntarily managing its 200-year-old cemetery with its nearly 5,000 graves. She took the job seriously, likely because her father was the cemetery's superintendent for 25 years. She taught adult Sunday School in the same parlor where her father led classes, and was on church council. Residents at Schoolyard Square and other elder-care facilities saw her when she completed some lay ministry training and began visiting to offer them communion on Sunday afternoons.

She was honored at dinners, with testimonials, plaques and certificates, but she never felt she'd done enough. There was always one more thing she could imagine doing to leave the world a better place.

Phyllis is survived by generations of her students, townspeople who owe her a debt of gratitude for her tireless service, two daughters, Elaine and Kathy, a son-in-law, Robert and three grandchildren, Peter, Mary and Charlie.

Her family would like to express their gratitude to those who helped her as she aged, who fixed the plumbing and kept the old coal heater running, those who shoveled snow and mowed the lawn. It was a great gift to her, a spark of hope that all that was good in people in the town and nation she believed in would ultimately shine through.

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Sand plant may become beach park

By CHRIS COUNTS

AFTER WORD emerged this week that the Big Sur Land Trust and the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District are in negotiations to buy the land where the Cemex sand plant is located, officials with the park district wouldn't comment on the topic.

But Rachel Saunders of the land trust said her group and three others have had an interest in acquiring the land since Cemex agreed to a negotiated phase-out of its operations in 2017.

"Ever since that agreement happened, the land trust, the park district, the Trust for Public Land and the Nature Conservancy all agreed to work together to see if they could complete an acquisition," Saunders told The Pine Cone. "All four organizations have expressed an interest to the coastal commission and the state lands commission about acquiring the property and transforming it into a public asset."

The land trust, which is a nonprofit, and the park district, which is a public agency, each own land that borders the sand plant property, and both have long histories of buying more land.

Also, Cemex has very few options be-

yond selling the land to a park agency or a conservation group. In fact, they'll even have to discount the property because in 2017 — with the company under fire for causing erosion to the beach — Cemexand the California Coastal Commission negotiated a phase-out of its operations. Its sand-mining work ceased at the end of 2020, and all plant operations are set to end by 2023.

Few opportunities?

"The proposed settlement provides for a deed restriction to be placed on the property to protect it in perpetuity, and provide for public access and conservation at the site, and provide for a transfer of the site at a reduced price to a nonprofit or governmental agency approved by the commission," reads the agreement.

Also pointing to the possibility of a sale is talk by park district officials to increase parkland in the Seaside and Marina area in the name of "social justice." Officials have previously declared that area has fewer opportunities for recreation than do more affluent cities to the south.

Located in Marina, the roughly 400acre site has been used for sand mining since 1906, according to the company.

Falling cypress barely misses Tesla

By MARY SCHLEY

A LARGE Monterey cypress fell on San Antonio Avenue near 11th Monday night, nearly hitting a Tesla parked in the driveway of a house across the street and blocking the road until a tree crew could remove it the next day.

"Luckily it did not harm anyone or do sizable property damage," commented city forester Sara Davis, who concluded the "root system failed," and that's why the cypress fell.

It wasn't windy, and though it had rained that day, it was hardly enough to saturate the ground. "There was no clear evidence why the roots failed," Davis said. No construction had been done in or around the tree in recent years, and while she found a "pocket of decay" in the trunk and some termite damage, those wouldn't have made the tree fall, either. She discovered some "abnormal root rot," however.

When the fallen tree was reported to police, officers were asked if they could clear the road, but the answer was clearly no. So they and firefighters put up caution tape and signs to keep people from driving down the street until the cypress could be cut up and hauled away the next day.

Tope's Tree Service, one of several contractors the city has on call to respond to emergencies and projects when needed, arrived Tuesday morning to start removing the tree.

While it was large, Davis could not say how old it was. "I would have to count the rings," she said. "I would say that it was planted at the same time as the others in the area."

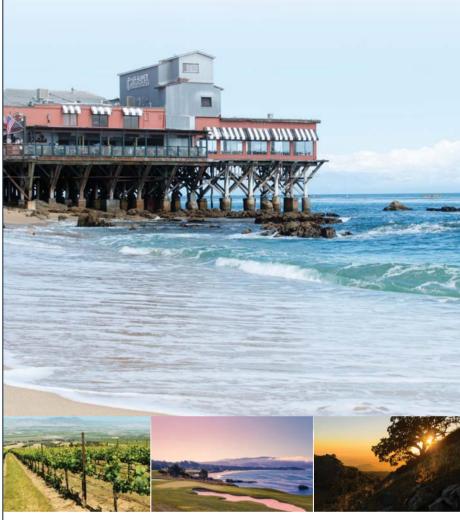
Based on when many of the homes were built in the area, she guessed the tree was about 90 years old.

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While Moreno this week urged residents to view a new chart on the health department's website to find out "where they might fit in the various phases" of immunization, the graphic contains no dates. For example, the chart indicates that nursing home resident, home healthcare workers, dentists and others eligible to be immunized in the second and third tiers of Phase 1 are "next" in line, but gives no indication what "next" means.

Part of the problem, Moreno said, is that the amount of vaccine Monterey County gets varies from "week to week," making it difficult to offer a concrete vaccination schedule. The county, he said, also has not received guidance from state health officials about when people in the other tiers will be eligible to be immunized.

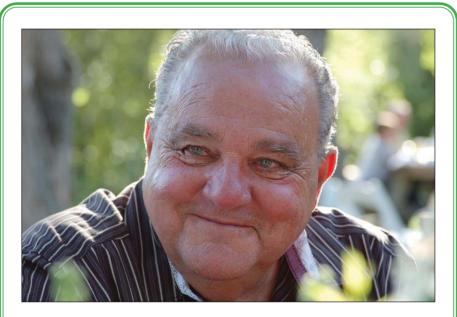
Still, he said his agency is "continuing to work on ways to improve communication and ways for people to get information when it's their time to get vaccinated." The health department is coordinating most of the vaccination efforts, often with other agencies, businesses and employers.

Long way off?

Residents in skilled nursing and assisted living facilities, most of whom are seniors, are slated to get the vaccine in the first part of Phase 1, and CVS and Walgreens which have been contracted to administer it — have arranged to immunize residents who live in 11 such nursing facilities in the county, Moreno said.

But when that will happen is anyone's guess. An octogenarian who lives in Canterbury Woods, an independent and assisted living and skilled nursing facility, told The Pine Cone Tuesday that the Pacific Grove facility informed some residents they would get immunized Feb. 4 — nearly a month away.

The Pine Cone contacted several assisted living and skilled nursing facilities on the Peninsula to ask whether they had been informed when residents would be vaccinated. Most didn't return calls, but a



John 'Papa' Thomas Randazzo

June 27, 1940 — December 28, 2020

On the morning of December 28, John Randazzo peacefully passed away at the age of 80 in Carmel Valley, CA. The son of John Joseph Randazzo and Leona Healy, John was raised in Detroit, Michigan along with his sister Annie.

John moved to the Monterey Peninsula in 1957, unaware that he found his lifelong home. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1958 and was honorably discharged in 1962 after serving four years. He subsequently returned to the peninsula where he fell in love with Alice Paine in 1963. John and Alice were wed on December 18, 1964 and had three children. John loved taking the kids hunting, fishing, camping, boating, and to Lake Tahoe where the family spent many Christmas holidays. He was a strong family man who worked hard his entire life and believed in providing for his family.



Much of his persona was in large part wrapped up in the demolition company, Randazzo Enterprises, he started in the late 1960s. He was known for his strong work ethic and "can do" attitude and would do projects nobody else would take on. He believed in the integrity of making a deal with a handshake and his word. John was loyal, believed in second chances and always saw the good in people, even when others did not. Many of the people who worked for John 30 years ago still work at Randazzo Enterprises today. spokeswoman for The Cottages of Carmel told The Pine Cone that the facility is still awaiting a vaccine schedule.

Concerned about the amount of vaccine the county is receiving, Monterey County Supervisor John Phillips also asked Moreno if it's "getting enough?" Moreno responded by saying the amount has been "adequate," but he added the following:

"However, given the option to get more vaccine, I think we would definitely opt for getting more vaccine than we are getting now. And that's because if we had more vaccine, we would be able to probably plan to move a little bit faster through the tiers."

Last weekend, about 200 firefighters, paramedics and EMTs were immunized, and the county plans for more vaccination clinics to inoculate people who work in dialysis centers and other groups. The county is now immunizing people who are in the first tier of Phase 1a.

Several medical clinics in the county have received vaccine and have been OK'd to administer it to their staff. The Big Sur Health Center got 100 doses of the Pfizer version.

"Our agreement with the California Department of Public Health states that we will follow all Monterey County Health Department guidelines regarding distribution of vaccine to the public," Big Sur Health Center executive director Sharen Carey said.

Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula spokeswoman Monica Sciuto told The Pine Cone Wednesday that the hospital had received its second doses of the Pfizer vaccine, and that it would start administering them Friday to the high-risk employees who received the first shot. The vaccine requires two doses, with the Pfizer version given three weeks after the first dose.

"The second dose of the Moderna vaccine will occur the week of Jan. 25 — four weeks after the first vaccination," she said.

CHOMP has immunized nearly 2,400 employees.

Natividad Medical Center spokeswoman Hillary Fish said the county hospital plans to administer its second doses of the Pfizer vaccine Saturday through Monday.

Monterey County Sheriff's Office Cmdr. Derrel Simpson said that neither sheriff's deputies nor prisoners in the county jail have been immunized. Inmates, regardless of age, are slated to get the vaccine before those who are members of the public who are 65 to 74 years but have no underlying medical conditions.

Before inmates, those 75 years and older are expected to be eligible for the shot in the Tier 1 of Phase 1b, as are education and childcare workers, emergency services personnel, food and agricultural workers and others. Again, the county doesn't have a timeline on when people in the subsequent groups will be immunized, only that it is "in planning."

Vax numbers unknown

While there is a lot of uncertainty about who will be vaccinated when, health officials also don't know how many eligible residents have already been inoculated, according to a response from Moreno to a question from Monterey County Supervisor Chris Lopez.

"We are looking into that," Moreno told Lopez. "We are looking to see if we can get that number through the California Immunization Registry specifically for Monterey County, and whether we can also distinguish the number of first doses and second doses."

The Pine Cone Wednesday asked Moreno whether the health department would consider issuing weekly news releases with the number of people immunized that week and other information. Moreno was not receptive to the idea, and instead said he would continue "to inform the media every Wednesday of where we are at, and share that on the county website."

Meanwhile, Moreno also told reporters that the stay-home order for the Bay Area region, which Monterey County is a part of, would be in effect until at least Jan. 8. Though the state department of public health makes decisions on the order, Moreno said one option would be to have it "continue indefinitely, with periodic assessments of projected ICU capacity."

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 5, 2021, the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea adopted an Ordinance (2020-007) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA ADDING CHAPTER 2.04.170 TO THE CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ELECTRONIC AND PAPERLESS FILING OF FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

by the following vote: AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS BARON, FERLITO, THEIS, MAYOR PRO TEM RICHARDS, MAYOR POTTER NOES: NONE ABSENT: NONE

RECUSED: NONE

A certified copy of the complete text of the ordinance is posted and may be read in the office of the City Clerk, Monte Verde south of Ocean, Carmel, CA 93921, and/or a copy may be obtained from that department. Dated: January 7, 2021

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

Britt Avrit, MMC, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that she is the duly appointed and qualified City Clerk of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea and that by Wednesday, January 13, 2021, she caused a certified copy of the subject ordinance to be posted and made available for public review in the City Clerk Department and a copy of the ordinance summary to be published as required by law.

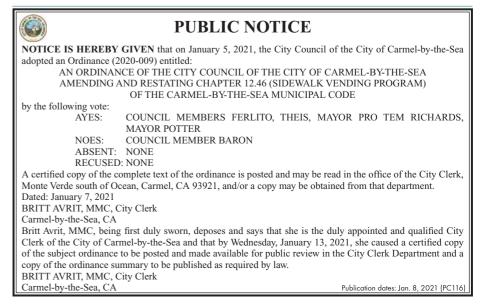
In the late 1970s before recycling was mainstream, he began saving and recycling anything he could find to create the "Salvage Yard" in Sand City. Eventually he moved Randazzo Salvage to Castroville where it currently operates. Artisans, contractors, and DIYers pick through the old doors, chandeliers, windows, bath tubs, lumber, pipe, stone, brick, rock, and other treasures that John saved over the years. He took great pleasure in seeing his salvaged treasures find a new life in someone else's home. His passion for demolition and salvage and the love for his employees lasted throughout his lifetime.

John is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Alice Randazzo; his sister, Annie LaLonde of Livonia, Michigan; children, Victoria, Jona, and Mark (Bridget). He also leaves behind his granddaughters, Stephanie, Olivia, and Camille.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association in Monterey located at 21 Lower Ragsdale Dr, Monterey, CA 93940.

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

Publication dates: Jan. 8, 2021 (PC115)



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to our family," said Calleen Callahan, whose mother was driven to alcoholism and an early death because of Bicknell's crimes. "He should stay locked up until he dies."

His sister, Janette Blair, said Bicknell once attacked her when they were young because she was put in charge by their mother and he wanted to leave, but she told him he couldn't. "He choked me nearly breathless because I exercised authority over him. He viciously murdered his cousin because she disapproved of his relationship with a minor and told others," she said. "My big brother is not a protector. He's a predator, a liar, a manipulator, and he deserves to be in prison."

Another relative, Julia Blair, said she'd never spoken at one of Bicknell's hearings "because we were told that because of the savage way he murdered our family members, he would never be granted parole," but instead, he "has convinced people he is not capable of murdering his own family." She said his finding religion is "in no way a reflection of a sincere change of heart," and that he's "the last person who should be granted parole."

"If you decide to grant him parole, any blood he sheds will be on your hands, and that is something you're going to have to live with the rest of your lives," she said.

"How can you say he is rehabilitated if he says he didn't do it?" asked Anita Scott, another member of the family. "He's an unrepentant psychopath."

Alan Frees, the Seaside P.D. detective who investigated

the murders, said the scene was the worst he saw in his 30 years on the job and his time in warzones as a solider. "It's best described as a 'massacre," he said, with blood not in splatters, but in streams and pools. "It was like it had rained blood in there."

More waiting

Following their testimony, the parole board discussed Bicknell's case in closed session and later announced the decision to refer it for a rescission hearing four to six months from now. Bicknell will be provided an attorney, and the DA's office can also have a lawyer there. Victims and their families can attend, as well. If the panel determines there is no good cause to rescind or postpone parole, Bicknell will be released, and if it revokes the grant, another parole hearing will be scheduled a few months later.



November 27, 1938 - December 3, 2020

Kay Keller, age 82, passed away on Thursday, December 3, 2020, in Hibbing, Minnesota.

Although Kay was born, raised and died in Minnesota, she spent four decades of her adult life in California – most on the Monterey Peninsula. Kay loved California. She worked as a house manager for actress Eve Arden – "Our Miss Brooks" – then moved to Pebble Beach to work for the Firestone family. Kay was hired by the Carmel Unified School District as principal's secretary and worked at both Carmel Middle School and Carmel High. Kay was efficient, intelligent and a great humorist. When she retired and returned to Minnesota with her husband, Jack Keller, she worked for a small hometown newspaper as a columnist, wrote books, and created beautiful pine needle baskets. Kay died courageously fighting cancer and Covid. She will be remembered by all her California colleagues and friends as one of life's treasures.

LEO RAY UNDERWOOD

eo Ray Underwood, 76, passed away December 13, 2020.

Born to Leslie and Sarah Underwood at McGee, Missouri in April of 1944, Leo was one of five children whose family moved to Clarksville, Mo in January of 1945. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Jean Underwood, his children Trent Underwood, Reagan Hayes, and Sarah Fox, and grandchildren, Cecily and McCade Hayes and his brother Troy Underwood and sister Veda Brown.

Leo relished his upbringing on Overlook Farm outside Clarksville where he grew up enjoying a lovely view of the Mississippi River. He graduated from Clopton High and immediately joined the Air Force in 1962. After serving in the Air Force Leo graduated from college with a degree in business and marketing from the University of Missouri, St. Louis.



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Leo was known for his kindness, love of the outdoors and commitment to his family. He loved his grandchildren, Cecily and McCade Hayes and passed on his love of the outdoors, particularly, Yosemite National Park to them.

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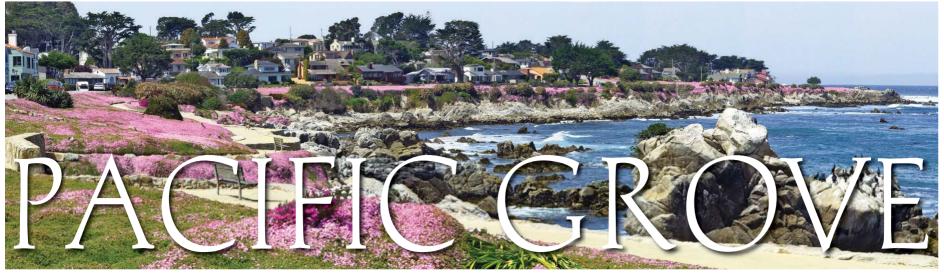
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HATHAWAY From page 1A

More of a historian and collector than a businessman, Hathaway was passionate about his photos and the stories they continue to tell. "His whole heart was involved in preserving history," said historian Neal Hotelling, a Pine Cone columnist whose essays on local history have been accompanied by numerous photos from Hathaway's collection.

He also noted that Hathaway was a very private person with a somewhat mysterious past. In fact, the archivist didn't know who his father was until after his mother, Joelle LeGran Hathaway, died in 2014. It turned out his father, who died when Hathaway was young, had been a French Resistance fighter in World War II.

His mother's obituary notes that she came to "to Carmel with young son Pat in May of 1953." She became wheelchair-bound in 1969, and her son was her caregiver for the next 45 years.

Hotelling also noted that Hathaway served in Vietnam and was exposed to Agent Orange, which took a toll on his health. His website shows color photos he took in Vietnam in 1968 and 1969.

Photos and knowledge

It's unsure where Hathaway's photos will eventually end up.

"Nobody knows what's going to happen," Hotelling said. "I've been making phone calls to find out if he made a will.

While Hotelling is hopeful the collection will land in good hands and be preserved, he said Hathaway's passing resulted in a great loss of information about the region's distant past.

"He had knowledge you can't pass on," he added.



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While Gruber said he's thrilled with the gift, he noted that his group will likely donate the land to another group at some point, "possibly to one of the local Native American tribes.'

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1031) 020-0/46 This statement was filed by Superi-or Court of California, County of Mon-terey on Jan. 5, 2021. Publication dates: Jan 8, 15, 22, 2021. (PC114)

from the court clerk. SURENDRA K. PATEL 1 Zaragoza Views, Monterey, CA 93940 (831) 656-0746

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20202257 Files Type: ORIGINAL FILING The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: MONTEREY BAY RY RENTALS, 229 Lobos Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950. County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey County.

Grove, CA 93950. County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey County. Name of Corporation of as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: ABBOTT RECREATION VEHICLES LLC, 229 Lobos Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950. State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA This business is conducted by a limited liability company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictilious business name or names listed above on N/A. S/ Erik Abooth, Managing Member Date: Dec. 8, 2020 BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT Voto declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guility of a misdemeanor punishable by a line 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). 6277)

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Monterey, CA 93942. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.

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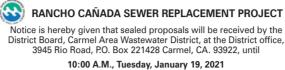
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Ihis business is conducted by an indi-vidual Registrant commenced to transact busi-ness under the fictilious business name listed above on Not Applicable S/ Vance C. Irwin This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Novem-ber 03, 2020 12/25/20, 1/1, 1/8, 1/15/21 CNS-3410761# CARMEL PINE CONE Publication dates: Dec. 25, 2020; Jan

Publication dates: Dec. 25, 2020; Jan 1, 8, 15, 2021. (PC1201)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

File No. 20202190 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING The following percentation Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING The following person(s) is(are) doing busi-ness as: STRUCTURAL SERVICES AND FOUNDATION REPAIR, INC., 888 Lo-mita Street, Monterey, CA 93940. Mailing address: P.O. Drawer C, Carm-el, CA 93921. County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey County. Name of individual Registrant(s): Jason Alexander Piliz Monterey County. Name of Corporation of as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: STRUCTURA INSE AND FOUNDATION REPAIR, INC., 888 Lomita Street, Monterey, CA 93940. State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA This business is conducted by a corpora-tion.

This business is conducted by a corpora-tion. The registrant commenced to transact busi-ness under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. S/Jason Pitz, President Date: Nov. 25, 2020 BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL IN-FORMATION 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 misde-meanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all Infor-mation on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing pursuant to the Cal-ifornia Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277). This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 30,

ifornic Públic Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277). 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 Busi-ness 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 viola-tion 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. (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 for the form

93923. Mailing address: 5315 Carmel Valley Rd. F-13, 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.

Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictifious business name or names listed above on Aug. 25, 2020. S/Phillip Mosoff Dec. 7, 2020

S/FINIID MOSOT Dec. 7, 2020 BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any materiel 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 filling pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277). This statement was filed with the County

Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277). 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 Ficititous 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 Fictitous Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 1441) et seq., Business and Professions Code). Publication dates: Dec. 11, 18, 25, 2020; Jan. 1, 2021. (PC1211)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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 Fictifious 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 Fictifious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 1441) et seq., Business and Professions Code). Publication dates: Dec. 111, 18, 25, 2020; Jan. 1, 2021. (PC1212)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20202175 Files No. 20202175 Files Antipological States and States an

1095 Sawmill Gulch Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY. 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/Jay Denninger Long Nov. 25, 2020 BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any materiel 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 AC (Government Code Sections 050-0277). This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 25, 2020.

Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 25, 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 the use in this state of a frictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Faderal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Publication dates: Dec, 11, 18, 25, 2020; Publication dates: Dec. 11, 18, 25, 2020; Jan. 1, 2021. (PC1213)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

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. Providence (Junearde)

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

The business is a commenced to transact business under the fictilious business name or names listed above on Sept. 15, 2015. S/Kathleen Karlsen Nov. 17, 2020

S/Katinieen Karsen Nov. 17, 2020 BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any materiel 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 Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).

o250-6277). This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 20, 2020

Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 20, 2020. NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Ficitiious 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. 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 of as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: VINZA

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20202157 File No. 20202157 CHANGE(5) from the previous filing. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: THE EVERS GROUP, 2100 Garden Road, Suite F, Monterey, CA 93940 busines Garder 93940

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 fictilious business name or names listed above on Nov. 19, 2015. S/Sharyn F. Evers Nov. 19, 2020.

S/Sharyn F. Evers Nov. 19, 2020 BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any materiel matter pursuant to Section 1/7913 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 filling pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).

Records Act (Government Courses) 6250-6277). This statement was filed with the Courses of Monterey County on Nov.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Montrey County on Nov. 23, 2020. NOTICEIn accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Ficitiious 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 Ficilitous Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 1441) et seq., Business and Professions Code).

Publication dates: Dec. 18, 25, 2020; Jan. 1, 8, 2021. (PC1217)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20202222 Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: LILY HILLS INTERIORS, 24544 Camino del Monte, Carmel, CA 93923. County of Principal of

93923. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY. Registered Owner(s): ELIZABETH ANNE HILLS, 24544 Camino del Monte, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by an individual.

individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictifious business name or names listed above on Oct. 1, 2015. S/Elizabeth Anne Hills

or names listed above on Oct. 1, 2015. S/Elizabeth Anne Hills Dec. 1, 2020 BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any materiel 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 2050-6277). This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 3, 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 registeration. 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 1441 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Publication dates: Dec. 25, 2020; Jan. 1, 8, 15, 2021. [PC1218]

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2020152 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING The following person(s) island

following person(s) is(are) doing ness as: BLESSED NAILS & BEAUTY , 7168 Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel. SPA, CA 03023 Principal Place of Business

MONTEREY. Registered Owner(s): HENRY GANDALL, IV, 2357 Babcock Lane, Tracy, CA 95377. This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictilious business name or names listed above on N/A. S/Henry Gandall, IV Nov. 20, 2020 BY SIGNERC

Nov. 20, 2020 BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (PROBATE CODE §§19040(B), 19052) In re the Estate of FELICIA CLAIRE COLTON, Deceased

Case Number 20PR000476

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 Codel. Publication dates: Dec. 25, 2020; Jan. 1, 8, 15 2021. (PC1223)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20202337 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING The following person(s) is[gre]

County of Pr MONTEREY.

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: COMIDA ECONOMICA, 113 Primerose Dr., Salinas, CA 93906. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEPEY

MONTEREY. Registered Owner(s): J. GUADALUPE PARTIDA PEDRAZA, 113 Primerose Dr., Salinas, CA 93906. This business is conducted by an individual.

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 13, 2020. S/J. Guadalupe Partida Pedraza Dec. 21, 2020 DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any materiel matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be folse is guilty of a misdemeanous to be folse is guilty of a misdemeanous the statement becomes public record upon this statement becomes public record upon failing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277). Sitement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 21, 2020. NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision Name Annotes the statement was filed with subdivision and Section 17920. A ficitijous Name

Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 21, 2020. NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Ficitious 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. 25, 2020; Jan. 1, 8, 15 2021. (PC1226)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20202307 File No. 20202307 Files type: ORIGINAL FILING The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: ANYTIME FITNESS, 1146 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove, CA

93950. Mailing address: 18625 Sutter Blvd., Ste. 500, Morgan Hill, CA

93950.

93950. Mailing address: 18625 Sutter Bird., Ste. 500, Morgan Hill, CA 95037. County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey County. Name of Corporation of as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org/Reg.: THE MASTER'S HOLDINGS, INC., 8375 Church St., Gilroy, CA 95020. State of Inc./Org/Reg.: CA This business is conducted by a corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictilious business name or names listed above on N/A. S/ Jaime Allen, Secretary Date: Dec. 20, 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 guilly 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 6250-6257). This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 14,

Act Government Code Sections 6250 6277). This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 14, 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 Fichtious 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 14.411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Publication dates: Jan 1, 8, 15, 22, 2021. (PC102)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 20CV003459 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Pe-titioner, MARTIN PLACENCIA, JR., filed a petition with this court for a decree chang-ing names as follows: <u>A.Present name</u>: MARTIN PLACENCIA JR.

Proposed name: TRISTAN BAILON PENDRAGON

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

DEPT: 15

Notice is hereby given to the cred-itors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent that all persons above-named accedent and all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court at 1200 Aguajito Road, Mon-terey, California 93940, and deliver a copy to JOANNE MARIE NOTO, as Trustee of The FELICIA CLARE COLTON TRUST dated April 28, 2000, of which the decedent was the settlor, at 26335 Carmel Rancho Blvd., Suite 2 Carmel, California 93923, as provided Carmel, California 93923, as provided in Probate Code § 1215 within the later of four (4) months after December 25, 2020 (the date of the first publication of notice to creditors) or, if notice is availed as account of deviced to use on nonce to creations) or, it notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, sixty (60) days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, or you must petition to file a late claim as provided in Probate Code §19103. A claim form may be obtained from the court claff. For your protection court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certi-fied mail, with return receipt requested. Dated: Dec. 17, 2020 UTE M. ISBIL-WILLIAMS, Attorney for

Trustee 26335 Carmel Rancho Blvd., Suite 2

Carmel, California 93923

Publication dates: Dec. 25, 2020; Jan 1, 8, 15, 2021. (PC1220)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

NAME STATEMENT File No. 20202317 Filing Npe: ORIGINAL FILING The following person(s) islare) doing business as: GRATEFUL PHOTOGRAPHY, 1408 Rhone Way, Gonzales, CA 93926-9214. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY. Registered County

MONITEKT, Registered Owner(s): BRENDAN DENNIS BILLMAN, 1408 Rhone Way, Gonzales, CA 93926-9214. KAREN ROBERTA BILLMAN, 1408 Rhone Way, Gonzales, CA 93926-9214. This business is conducted by a married course.

Couple. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 12, 2020. S/Brendan Dennis Billman Dec. 16, 2020

Schendan Dennis Billman Dec. 16, 2020 BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any materiel 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 filling pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277). This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 16, 2020. NOTICELn accordance with Subdivision

Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 16, 2020. NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Ficitious 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 1791 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new ficitious 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 Fictilious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 1441) et seq., Business and Professions Code). Publication dates: Dec. 25, 2020; Jan. 1, 8, 15 2021. (PC1221)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20202291 The following person(s) is(are) doing

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Tassajara Zen Mountain Center, 39171 Tassajara Road, Carmel Val-ley, CA 93924, County of Monterey Registered Owner(s): San Francisco Zen Center, 300 Page Street, San Francisco, CA 94102; Cal-

ifornia This business is conducted by a Corpo-

Clerk of Monterey County on December 11, 2020. 12/25/20, 1/1, 1/8, 1/15/21 CNS-3423700# CARMEL PINE CONE Publication dates: Dec. 25, 2020; Jan. 1, 8, 15 2021. (PC1222)

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: MonVergy

MONTEREY. Registered Owner(s): JORGE ADAIBERTO GARCIA GONZALEZ, 3094 Crescent Ave. Apt. 5, Marina, CA 93933. This business is conducted by an individual.

Ihis business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictilious business name or names listed above on Nov. 16, 2020. S/Jorge Adalberto Garcia Gonzalez Nov. 23, 2020 BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any materiel 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 Government Code Sections 6250-6277). This statement was filed with the County Clarke the mediate of the context of the county flatement becomes public with the County Clarke the mediate of the county flatement becomes public with the County Clarke the mediate of the mediate of the county clarke the mediate of the county clarke the mediate of the mediate of the mediate of the county clarke the mediate of the mediate of the mediate of the mediate of the clarke of the mediate of the mediate of the mediate of the mediate of the clarke of the mediate of

6250-6277). This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 23,

2020. 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

Hame of Corporation of 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

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 Amirkhanian, Vice President, cretary to: Nov. 28, 2020

Date: Nov. 28, 2020 BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilly of a misdemeanor punishable by a time 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 filter pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).

Ihis statement was tiled with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 6, 2020 NOTICEIn 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 Fictifious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and

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NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name (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 This siderheim des for a fissel durinosity 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. 18, 25, 2020; Jan. 1, 8, 2021. (PC1219)

LEGALS DEADLINE: Tuesday 4:30 pm Call Irma (831) 274-8645 or email irma@carmelpinecone.com

FICTITTOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20202331 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING The following person(s). islgre) doing business as: JULIAS VEGETARIAN RESTAURANT, 1180 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTERY. Registered Owner(s): ANTHONY MICHAEL GERBINO, 1180 Forest Ave, Suite F, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the ficitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2017. S/Anthany Garbino

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This statement was filed with the Co Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 2020.

Clerk of Montery County on Dec. 18, 2020. NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a ficitious 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 Fictilious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. before Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must manter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: DATE EEP 24 2020 DATE: FEB. 26, 2021

The address of the court is 1200

2020. NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name and of NUTCE-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 1441] et seq., Business and Professions Code]. Publication dates: Jan. 8, 15, 22. 29 2021 [PC102] Publication dates: Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2021. (PC108)

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Concert by Canadian quartet finally arrives

NINE MONTHS after the Canadian ensemble was set to perform here, the St. Lawrence String Quartet will finally be able to do its concert, which will be streamed online Saturday at 7 p.m. The quartet will be joined by pianist Stephen Prutsman.

"This was the only concert we were unable to present last year due to Covid," Chamber Music Monterey Bay artistic director Amy Anderson told The Pine Cone.

Featuring violinists Geoff Nuttal and Owen Dalby, violist Lesley Robertson and cellist Christopher Costanza, the St. Lawrence String Quartet is one of Canada's finest classical music ensembles and has won a slew of honors north of the border, including a Juno Award --- the Canadian equivalent of a Grammy - for Best Classical Music Album, in 2000. "They're an audience favorite, and



Chamber Music Monterey Bay will livestream a performance Saturday by the St. Lawrence String Quartet (above). The guartet was set to play here in the spring, but Covid cancelled the concert

certainly one of mine," Anderson said.

Prutsman is a versatile pianist who has received acclaim not only as an instrumentalist, but as a conduc-



By CHRIS COUNTS

tor and composer. In the latter role, he has written more than 40 arrangements and compositions for the Grammy-Award-winning Kronos Quartet. He also slides easily between classical and jazz. Saturday's concert marks his local debut.

Program includes Haydn, Franck

The quartet will play Joseph Haydn's String Quartet Op. 20, No. 6 in A Major and Cesar Franck's Piano Quintet in F minor.

Musicologist Kai Christiansen will introduce the Haydn piece with a talk about the composer and the composition. Anderson noted Haydn's indispensable impact on classic music.

"Haydn originated the string quartet," she explained. "His music changed what chamber music was."

Following a brief intermission, Christiansen will introduce the Franck piece with a short talk before the music resumes. It will be the first time anybody has played the composition, which clocks in at 45 minutes - for one of Chamber Music Monterey Bay's concerts.

"It's a big piece with a lot of passion and drama," Anderson added. "We're excited about it."

To stream the concert, visit chambermusicmontereybay.org.

Retrospective honors fine-art photographer

WHILE MANY fine-art photographers are content to simply replicate what they see, Jerry Takigawa — who is the subject of a retrospective show opening Saturday at the Center for Photographic Art — would rather tap into his imagination and create something new.

Curator Helaine Glick called Takigawa "an important photographic voice" on the Monterey Peninsula.

"Jerry is a very distinctive and inventive photographer," he layers images on top of images. He's not afraid to try something new."

The photographer likes to complement his images with

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Using her skill and creativity, photographer Maria Isabel LeBlanc turned a local field of Brussels sprouts into a prize-winning image.







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THERE MAY be no fans crowding the fairways and greens during this year's AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, but that doesn't mean the excitement will be missing - and neither will the players, caddies, officials, volunteers or broadcasters. And with the coronavirus vaccine heading for widespread distribution, by the time mid-February gets here, we can all hope a sense of normal life will be starting to return, along with all those upscale tourists. Meanwhile, during the pandemic, The Pine Cone has added thousands of readers and become an even more dominant and respected source of local news.

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More help for restaurants, EcoFarm goes online, and Folktale expands

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MONTEREY PENINSULA restaurants received tens of millions of dollars in federal aid last year through the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program and other loans and grants. And while the next round of PPP loans made possible through the latest coronavirus relief act signed by Congress and the president in late De-

Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

cember should come online soon, other taxpayer-funded help can be had now.

Disaster loans extended

On Dec. 30, the SBA announced it is extending the Covid-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan program through the end of 2021, also as part of the latest relief package.

Since the program started last spring, the SBA has approved \$197 billion in low-interest loans to provide working capital to small businesses, nonprofits and farms. Now, EIDL applications will be accepted through the end of the year, with 30-year loans available at 3.75 percent interest, and deferred payments for the first year. More information can be found at sba.gov.

State grants

Taxpaver-funded grants — which are gifts, not loans are available through the California Office of the Small Business Advocate, with an application deadline of Jan. 13. The deadline was extended from Jan. 8 due to high traffic causing the online system to crash. All applications will be reviewed after the deadline, with no priority given for the order in which they were received, so filing last minute doesn't reduce the chances of approval.

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Unlike many programs that define "small business" based on the number of employees, income is used to determine eligibility for the state grant program, with a cap of \$2.5 million in gross revenues. Other criteria include being in operation since June 1, 2019, having demonstrable losses due to the coronavirus pandemic, and either continuing to operate during the shutdowns or having a plan for reopening as soon as it's allowed. For more information — including the list of ineligible businesses, like churches, sex shops and adult movie theaters, pot stores and lobbyists - go to careliefgrant.com.

Who got what

After the Washington Post and other media sued to gain access to public information about recipients of the SBA's PPP funds and won an order in federal court, the paper released a searchable database of businesses that received more than \$150,000. With the program's provisions for debt forgiveness, it's unlikely most of them will ever have to pay the taxpayers back.

In town, Paycheck Protection Program funds went to Rich Pepe's restaurant group (\$829,900), Mission Ranch, (\$586,600), Grasing's (\$537,931), La Bicyclette (\$492,963), Casanova (\$390,981), Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Co. (\$277,290), Forge in the Forest (\$228,711), Flaherty's (\$223,780), Anton & Michel (\$205,700), Pescadero (\$188,389), Tree House Café (\$167,582) Village Corner (\$153,275) and Pangaea Grill (\$150,183).

Also, David Fink's Auberge Carmel got \$400,000, while his Cantinetta Luca got \$250,000. Bashar Al Sneeh got \$367,185 for his JCFB Inc, as well as \$321,623 for

Dametra with partner Faisal Nimri, and another \$249,447 for Dametra Enterprise Inc. in Monterey. Folktale Group LLC, which owns Folktale Winery, Rise + Roam Bakery and Pizzeria and Seventh & Dolores Steakhouse, got \$1,600,280, according to SBA data.

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Ken Donkersloot, who with wife Mona Calis purchased Downtown Dining and its three restaurants from longtime restaurateur Tony Tollner, received \$1,421,530 for a company he owns called Blue Ocean Venture Holdings Inc, while Downtown Dining received \$316,547, the Rio Grill got \$320,364, Tarpy's received \$449,156, and Montrio got \$335.430.

Several restaurants in Carmel Valley and Pacific Grove took PPP funds, too, and in Big Sur, Post Ranch Inn topped the list with \$1,934,700, with Nepenthe a close second at \$1,074,500. The River Inn, Glen Oaks, Deetjen's, Big Sur Bakery, and a handful of other venues also received PPP money through the SBA program.

In Monterey, the largest recipients were the big hotels: Monterey Plaza Hotel (\$3,473,100), Portola Hotel (\$3,085,257), and the InterContinental the Clement Hotel (\$2,042,366). Alvarado Street Brewery received \$961,505, Chris Shake got \$933,300 for his Cannery Row business and \$703,600 for Old Fisherman's Grotto, and the Sardine Factory received \$501,300, among many others.

Many more got sums under \$150,000.

EcoFarm is virtual

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EcoFarm participants (left) have no trouble getting down and dirty if it means learning something, but this year, they'll do it virtually. And Folktale Provisions has expanded to offer artisan products at Rise + Roam and the 7D Steakhouse.



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ence each January, ecologically minded farmers, ranchers and foodies will be getting together live online Jan. 20-23.

"The move to a virtual format opens up this galvanizing event to a wider audience, with even more amazing speakers and a lower price tag," organizers said, and this year's talks and demonstrations will focus on "practical regenerative agriculture and a strong lens of equity and social justice." In addition to world-class keynote speakers, the conference will offer more than 50 workshops, networking opportunities and a virtual Expo.

Scholarships are available for new and beginning farmers who would like to attend EcoFarm at a reduced cost. To learn more and to register, visit eco-farm.org/conference.

Folktale Provisions expands

After opening a successful shop full of pantry items, kitchenware and other high-quality goodies for the home at Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley, Daniel Scheffler has expanded his attentions to the company's restaurants, Rise + Roam Bakery and Pizzeria at Mission and Seventh, and the Seventh & Dolores Steakhouse.

"Since the three businesses are so beautifully connected," he said, with one of the unifying factors being chef Todd Fisher's food, "it felt natural to include the homeware, gifts, apparel and more." In addition, Scheffler has brought in items he's gathered during his travels in some 140 countries.

"We'll give each space its own capsule collection of curiosities and must haves — and keep editing, curating and making it feel special and, of course, fleeting," he said. "Whether it's a container of beautiful African baskets and fabrics arriving or a new local artisan doing incredible woodwork from Big Sur, it's all part of the Folktale Group brand of magic."

Money for food bank

Coastal Roots Hospitality, the company formed by Ken Donkersloot and wife Mona Calis to run Montrio, Rio



Melissa Kendrick accepts a giant check from Mona Calis and Ken Donkersloot, whose restaurants raised more than \$50,000 for the Food Bank for Monterey County.

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mander in chief for the violence.

"Rather than accept his defeat, the president has chosen to deepen our nation's wounds of division and endanger every individual at the Capitol yesterday in a desperate attempt to sow the seeds of doubt and ignore the will of the American people," he said.



Grill and Tarpy's, raised more than \$50,000 for the Food Bank for Monterey County through its Pick It Up — Pay It Forward campaign. The program dedicated 10 percent of all takeout proceeds to charity and "far exceeded its original goal," they said. The food bank received a check for \$50,665 Wednesday.

"The program is dedicated to strengthening our community ties by connecting with local businesses and causes," they explained. "Our company will be partnering with different charities in the Monterey Bay area to work with and support on an ongoing basis."

The company accepted applications from worthy charities that might benefit from the program in 2021 and last week announced the lineup: Ten percent of to-go sales in January and February will benefit Jews Christians Muslims United, March and April sales will help the Kinship Center, May and June will benefit Wonder Wood Ranch (a ranch in Prunedale that helps at-risk and homeless kids by getting them around horses and teaching them to ride), July and August will help O'Neill Sea Odyssey (which teaches children about the marine environment), September and October will benefit Monterey County Rape Crisis Center, and November and December sales will help Gathering for Women, which assists homeless women.

'What would you drink if ...'

Grasing's wine director Eric Ewers kicked off the year with a new series featuring his wine suggestions for various occasions. The inaugural "What Would You Drink If..." explored what he'd drink if he were "trying to hold to my New Year's resolutions."

"In the interest of moderating consumption while elevating quality," he decided to recommend several options for half-bottles, an under-appreciated format.

"In addition to limiting volume, half bottles are a great way to fine tune your food pairing choices," he explained.

His suggestions included Delamotte Blanc de Blancs Champagne (discounted from \$60 to \$45), 2018 Merry Edwards sauvignon blanc (\$38 down to \$29), 2016 Roar viognier (\$45 to \$32), 2017 Louis Michel & Fils Premier Cru Chablis (\$60 down to \$42), 2016 Domaine Drouhin pinot noir from Oregon (\$52 to \$38), 2012 Ruffino reserve Chianti (\$32 down to \$28) and 2017 Daou Bordeaux-style blend (quite a splurge at \$115, down from \$150).

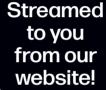
Ewers provided descriptions and pairing suggestions for each wine. To sign up for his newsletter, go to grasings.com and click on "wine club." Call (831) 624-6562 for more information and to shop.

Don't forget

As the shutdown continues to prevent local restaurants from serving customers on site, their owners and employees are relying on takeout and delivery to keep them going. Go to carmelcalifornia.com for the dining guide listing restaurants, the meals they offer, type of cuisine and deals, and gives the chance to win gift cards. Pacificgrove. org provides a list of open restaurants — especially those accepting the \$10 off coupon that's good through Jan. 11 — and oldmonterey.org and lighthousedistrict.net have dining guides covering Monterey.

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Then, as participants were typing more questions in the chat section in hopes they might be addressed, Flagg abruptly declared that she and Encarnacion had accomplished their goal of explaining that environmental health is in charge of enforcing the stay-home orders at restaurants and then terminated the meeting.

Afterward, Richards was livid, especially considering the effort that went into organizing it.

"I'm extremely disappointed — I had hoped for some resolution, and for some explanation of the science regarding eating outdoors," he said. The experience compromised his and others' "confidence in our leadership at the county health department."

Pepe pointed out afterward that some 80 people took time to participate, many of them longtime veterans of the hospitality industry, as well as highly paid city staff with busy schedules, executives with local tourism groups and chambers, and the mayor and city council. "It was an embarrassing waste of time," he said.

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Choosing which college to attend kept CHS star athlete busy as beaver

EVERY HIGH school has its shrine to alumni whose athletic feats placed them in rarified air. Their names are stenciled onto record boards and engraved into plaques, and their images (forever 18 years old) are framed and hanging in a hallway, probably near a trophy case filled

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

with monuments to glory days gone by.

At Carmel High, J.T. Byrne will have a place on those walls until the building crumbles into a fine powder, which is why 25 NCAA Division I football programs recruited him and 18 offered scholarships — before his senior year began.

UC Berkeley, San Diego State and Yale were his most aggressive pursuers, along with Oregon State, which was the first school to contact him, the first to make an offer,

and the one that sat atop his short list until July, when he verbally committed, and Dec. 16, when he signed his letter of intent.

Wanted by many

Others who made solid offers — without the benefit of watching him play football as a senior (the fall season was canceled by coronavirus) — included Army, Cal Poly, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Eastern Washington, Montana, Montana State, Navy, Northern Arizona, Sacramento State, San Jose State, UC Davis and Utah State.

Byrne, who stands 6-foot-6, weighs 240 pounds, and expects to run the 40yard dash in under 5 seconds by the time he arrives in Corvallis, will play tight end for the Beavers, but several universities envisioned him as a linebacker or defensive end. Cal saw possibilities for him at multiple offensive positions. UC Davis wanted him to play football and baseball. Santa Clara wanted him as a baseball player. Grinnell College dangled roster spots on its football, basketball, and baseball teams. He also got basketball offers from multiple Division II and Division III schools.

All-Gabilan, all-county

As a junior in football, Byrne was an All-Gabilan Division pick in the Pacific Coast Athletic Association, as well as an all-county choice after a season in which he caught 48 passes for 636 yards, scoring five touchdowns as a tight end — his first full year at that position. He also stepped in at quarterback for two games (a loss to Salinas, a victory over San Benito) when starter Kai Lee was injured, completing 33 of 51 passes for 560 yards, throwing for six touchdowns and no interceptions.

As a sophomore in basketball, he was the leading scorer (19.3 points) and rebounder (10.0 per game) on a Padres team that went 9-1 and captured the PCAL Gabilan Division crown, and was 19-7 overall, winning the CCS Division IV championship.

His junior year was better. Byrne scored 21.4 points and cleared 8.1 rebounds per game — both bests on a Padres team that was runner-up in the Gabilan Division (102), then repeated as CCS Division IV champion (23-5), and advanced all the way to the NorCal Division III title game. In December 2018, he shattered Carmel High's single-game scoring record with 47 points against Monterey, hitting 19 of 29 shots from the floor, and nine of 12 free throws. It was the eighth-highest single-game eruption in Monterey County history.

But here's the irony: "Baseball was always my passion growing up — it was the sport I wanted to pursue — but my ultimate goal is to become a professional athlete, and I think football gives me the best chance at doing that," he said.

Byrne's father, Tom, was the No. 2-ranked quarterback in America when he came out of Terra Nova High in Pacifica in 1984. He had 185 scholarship offers when he committed to play for Stanford but changed his mind after a visit to Notre Dame and signed with the Fighting Irish, where he played from 1984 until 1988. He also spent a season with the Detroit Lions.

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J.T. Byrne (above) says his long-term dream is to become a general manager of a professional sports team, but Byrne, a three-sport athlete at Carmel High (left), also looks ahead to playing tight end at Oregon State.

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Byrne also got athletic genes from his mother, former KSBW News anchor Marilyn Getas Byrne, who played volleyball at DePaul University.

"My dad said right away that there was no way they would pressure me about my choice of a university, and I never felt any from my parents," he said. "They were nothing but helpful the entire time."

Ditto for his football coach, Golden Anderson, and basketball coach Kurt Grahl, at Carmel High, he said.

Ultimately, Byrne didn't choose an easy path: Oregon State already has seven tight ends on its roster (two juniors, two sophomores, and three freshmen), more than any other school that recruited him. But he doesn't see that as a crowd.

"I'm excited that I'm the only 2020-2021 recruit as a tight end. I appreciate that they were solely looking at me," he said. "Their offense runs two tight ends the entire game — one is primarily a pass catcher, the other blocks and catches passes — which cuts the competition in half immediately. They recruited me to be that second guy — the blocker/pass catcher."

Since committing to Oregon State, Byrne has devel-

oped tunnel vision about giving himself the best chance to succeed. He lifts weights four days a week with Scott Fujita (head of school at All Saints, where Byrne spent his middle-school years), who has trained him for four years. Fujita and Carmel High track coach Nick Cunningham (a former Olympic bobsledder) have devised a rigorous sprinting program — 40 seconds of exertion followed by 40 seconds of rest — designed to develop his explosiveness. And Byrne participates twice a week with his classmates in a conditioning program at Carmel High designed by Cunningham and Anderson.

Watered-down diet

He also has changed his eating habits. OSU coaches expect him to weigh 240 pounds when he reports, and Byrne is on target, weighing 243 right now. He's eliminated all sugar from his training table. He replaces breakfast meals with protein smoothies twice a week.

"The hard part is I'm such a milkshake dude," he said. "RG Burgers in Carmel was my go-to, but I've cut that out. It's tough when I'm at a friend's house and they're eating ice, or at my girlfriend's house and she wants to pop popcorn. I can't do it. I just replace it with water. But in the long run, it's a simple sacrifice, because it's going to help propel me to where I ultimately want to be."

Byrne's plan at OSU is to major in business administration, targeting a career in sports management. His ultimate

dream, he said, is to become the general manager of a professional sports team.

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Byrne played linebacker, defensive end, tight end, and quarterback at Carmel High, but will be a tight end at Oregon State.

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Editorial

The most important

MONTEREY COUNTY Health Officer Dr. Ed Moreno has been the most important person in this county for the last 10 months, and that's never been more true than it is today. Unfortunately, as his work has become more critical, he's seemed less and less able to do it - a fact that was on full display at this week's Monterey County Board of Supervisors meeting, when Moreno was supposed to present an expert-level update on the status of the coronavirus vaccination program in the county, but came across more like a nervous ninth grader giving a book report about a book he hadn't read.

Dr. Moreno certainly has his fans — we know that because we regularly get emails from people expressing their undying support for him. But these are the "shut-everything-down-until-the-virus-is-eradicated" people who support any policy Moreno, Gov. Gavin Newsom, the CDC or anybody comes up with as long as it's more restrictive than the one before. They don't even care if the policies work — they just want them to be there. To these people, Ed Moreno is a hero.

But if you're someone who thinks the government needs a very good reason to close the schools, shut down a big part of the economy, require everyone to stay home, and even forbid them to go to church — and that they not only need a very good reason to do these things, but they should be able to prove that whatever restrictions they're imposing will work — then Moreno has been a colossal failure. Not only have his policies not done much to control the epidemic in this county, he has been an abject failure at justifying or explaining them. Usually, he doesn't even bother to try.

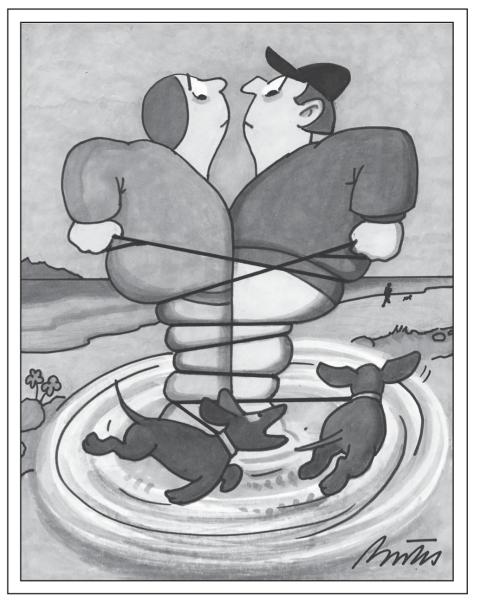
In this county, the coronavirus epidemic has been concentrated in a few hot spots, where ordinary logic would dictate there should be very focused efforts to control the virus. Instead, the health department has done almost nothing different in zip codes with hundreds of new cases a day than it's done in communities that have very few. How can the same policies be suitable for both places? They can't, that's how. But it's exactly what Moreno has done.

Because his one-size-fits-all virus prevention program has worked so poorly, we now have an epidemic which is spreading so rapidly, it seems pretty obvious that only the vaccines will slow it down. Which means the vaccines should be Moreno's No. 1 priority.

But on Tuesday, he could barely get the words out when asked by supervisors to explain how much vaccine Monterey County could expect to receive, when those precious doses would be arriving, and who would be getting them. Listening to his presentation, you actually knew less when Moreno finished speaking than you did when he began.

It's the public that has suffered through this epidemic, and it's the public that hired Moreno to protect them. He needs to do much better, and if he can't, it's way past due that someone in his department - which we understand is full of very talented people - took over managing the vaccination program in this county, and just as importantly, explaining to the public how, when and where it will work.

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'Do it for us Dear Editor,

The owner of the Tuck Box claims he has the right to make a living.

We all have the right to make a living, but we do not have the right to make a killing.

As of September 2020, Medscape reported 1,700 deaths among healthcare workers from Covid-19, and the numbers of nurses and doctors who have worked beyond endurance is uncountable. We are at risk of losing a generation of providers from occupationally acquired PTSD.

So, I will speak for them. If you do not want to wear a mask and quarantine to protect yourself, then do it for us.

Stephanie Taylor M.D., Carmel

not to mention the hundreds of thousands of lives completely and irreparably affected by their untimely passing.

Thank you for disrespecting the extraordinary work of the front line doctors and nurses and hospital orderlies facing exceptional hardships as they battle overwhelming odds.

Thank you for completely disrespecting and ignoring the powerful work of thousands upon thousands of scientists around the world as they try to figure out how to combat this virulent disease.

And finally, thank you for disrespecting the fellow business people in this small community who face enormous hurdles by remaining shut down or severely limited. **Toby Rowland-Jones,** Carmel

'Sociopaths or duped non-believers **Dear Editor**,

In Carmel, most walkers, runners and bicyclists wear masks or face shields to protect themselves and others from airborne coughs, sneezes and speech droplets. Thinking that Covid-19 isn't transmissible from asymptomatics, some walkers, runners, and bicyclists do not wear masks or face shields because they are narcissists, sociopaths or duped non-believers.

Although rational medical scientists have certified overwhelmingly that proper face covering prevents transmissibility of the virus, unfortunately, facial mask wearing has been politicized.

Let's keep Covid-19 away by wearing a mask or face shield when others are near. Let's keep the cold storage trailer trucks away

'Thank you **Dear Editor,**

Thank you Jeff LeTowt for continuing to remain open and inviting people to dine at your Tuck Box.

Thank you for disrespecting the lives of over 360,000 who have passed from Covid, The sooner we stop the spread, the

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Some things never change: LA lawyer greeted with suspicion

ONE OF the key citizens of Carmel's formative years was Edward G. "Ted" Kuster, who is fondly remembered as the town's theatrical impresario, but Kuster was not typical of newcomers to the Monterey Peninsula. Interestingly, he was initially welcomed with suspicion. He had some credentials in the theater arts, but he was actually a wealthy, high-powered, Los

Angeles attorney. Add to this, he embraced modern life as an auto enthusiast. Perhaps most challenging was that the 42-year-old Kuster moved to Carmel in 1920 newly married to his

third wife, Ruth, while Kuster's first wife, the former Una Call, was already highly regarded as Mrs. Robinson Jeffers.

Dropped the 'e'

Kuster had a lot to overcome. Over the next few weeks, we will look into Kuster's influence here. This week we will begin with a dive into his pre-Carmel years.

Like many Californians of his era, Kuster began life in the Midwest. He was born in Terre Haute, Ind., in 1878. Kuster's



The 1990 Cal yearbook photo of Edward G. Kuster (left), and Una Kuster, Class of 1909, from a University of Southern California yearbook

mother, Emma Eschman, was the oldest child of German immigrants. Her father became a wealthy lumberman in Indiana. Kuster's father, Charles E. Kuester, was a German immigrant who came to America with his parents in 1850 when he was 8. Twenty-five years later, Charles Kuester graduated from Chicago's Rush Medical School and then briefly served as an assistant surgeon in the Union Army in the final months of the Civil War. Charles dropped the "e" in Kuster before marrying Emma in 1876.

All in the family

Edward, who went by "Teddie," was their only child. For an understanding of his early passion for theater, we can refer to a well documented lecture he gave to the Carmel Woman's Club in 1960 and was serialized in The Pine Cone that same year. A recording of it has been preserved and is available online, thanks to the Harrison Memorial Library.

In his reflection, Kuster informed his listeners, "During my childhood, my father's love of music and theater, and my mother's, too, in lesser degree, were duly passed on to me."

Before Kuster was born, his father had been active in amateur theater, particularly as an operatic tenor. His father regaled him with stories and, while Kuster never saw his father on stage, his parents took him to see other performances. Kuster recalled

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By NEAL HOTELLING

in the talk his first experience, one he was never allowed to forget.

"At the age of 4-and-a-half, I saw my first play. It was called 'The Naiad Queen.' It was performed every year by the good citizens of Terre Haute," Kuster recalled. "A young lady living next door to us was one of the players. At her first entrance, it appears I clambered in great excitement for all to hear, 'Oh yook, muzzer, yook, Ida Allen's barefoot."" The Kusters moved to Los Angeles in

> 1886. At the time, Kuster tells us, the city had only 16,000 residents. Charles built a successful medical practice in the growing city, and because he also provided free services to the less fortunate, he became known as the "father of the medical clinic concept."

In 1891, when Kuster was 13, his parents took him to Europe for the first time and introduced him to high opera. Throughout his teen years in Los Angeles, Kuster became a "theater hound," attending live performanc-

es every Friday night. His musical education included becoming a fine cellist. He graduated from Los Angeles High School in 1896 and enrolled in the Univerity of California, which at the time had only one campus, in Berkeley. He speaks little of his college years in the recorded address, only to report. "I attended many plays and concerts around the bay region." We need to look to other sources to round out his college life.

As a freshman at UC, Kuster joined the small orchestra and was part of the 1898 reorganization of the university musicians into the Musical Association which performed in concerts around the state in the late 1890s. A 1900 issue of the Petaluma Argus-Courier declared, "Mr. Edward G. Kuster is recognized in San Francisco as one of the leading cellists of that city."

But there was more to Kuster's life than music. He was captain of the university's Wheelmen, a bicycle club, and also a member of the Gun Club and Delta Upsilon, a

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She gave all her paints away

WHEN MARY Masten moved to the Monterey Peninsula in 1970, leaving a rigid world behind, she grew her hair long. She wore long dresses and beads. She danced onstage with the cast of "Hair." The Age of Aquarius was dawning. She was Mary Carroll then, but she was excited to discover who else might be.

"I loved the beauty of the area and the friendliness of the people. I felt like I had

Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

found a place where I could be whoever I wanted to be, and I loved that," said the Palo Colorado glass artist. "It was so different from where I grew up and where I had been working."

Her alter ego was a teacher at Pacific Grove Middle School, the continuation of a career that began near Seattle, at Oak Harbor on Whidbey Island, home to a major naval air station. She taught fourth, fifth and sixth grades there for five years.

Whidbey Island was very conservative, but I met a lot of people there who had spent time at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, and they all said it was a great place," she said. "So, one Easter break, I flew to Monterey and interviewed at all three school districts on the Peninsula. Pacific Grove came through with a job."

Marrying creativity

P.G. Middle School is where Mary Carroll met fellow faculty member Warren Masten, who married her 45 years ago and built the home in the Santa Lucia Mountains halfway between Carmel and Big Sur where they still live today.

"Everybody in the Masten family is creative, so for me, marrying into that family, I felt like, 'OK, what am I going to do?' I never took an art class, all the way through school, with the exception of one painting

class in college," said Masten, who earned an undergrad degree from Eastern Washington State University, took an 18-month sabbatical to Washington D.C. to work at the National Institutes of Health, then got a master's degree in education from the University of San Francisco.

Her first real foray into art was painting with watercolors and oils, but the results were unsatisfying.

"They were never wonderful, never gallery-quality," she said. "Then one day I took a Beginning Glass class at Monterey Peninsula College. They only taught the basics, and they didn't have much equipment — maybe one glass saw, one grinder, and a limited amount of space in their kilns, which had to be shared among everybody in

the Glass."

No matter - Masten immediately fell in love. She bought her own equipment, set up a studio in Palo Colorado, gave all of her paints to artist-friends who needed them, and never picked up a brush again.

"I didn't have mentors — I learned a lot by doing," she said. "But I've taken classes from various people, and I've been to glassworks conferences where you take

> classes all day long for a week. So, I've definitely had a lot of instruction."

Masten's body of work is diverse, categorized on her website as abstract, contemporary, sculptured, and

custom glass. Current offerings include (among others) an abstract clam shell soap dish, an amber and yellow Canadian maple leaf in a custom stand, a fused-glass sculpture entitled "Approaching Mist," an aqua and cobalt dimension plate, an aqua-colored, fused- and cast-glass clam shell sculpture with a pearl, on a steel, "coral" stand, a fused-glass bowl - black with turquoise stripes ...

Patience is a virtue

All are vibrantly colorful, and many are translucent, glowing warmly when backlit.

"I'm constantly learning, always trying something new. Part of that is because I just don't enjoy doing the same thing over and over again," she said. "One of my galleries called the other day and asked me to make more of the little, glass hearts I made a while back, because they sold very well, and Valentine's Day is coming. For me, that's kind of boring, but they sell, so I will. When I do bigger pieces, I'll try something new every time.'

Creating glass art, said Masten, is an exercise in care and patience. Carelessness leads to mistakes, and mistakes usually are impossible to correct.

Example: "If you're trying to fuse two

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Big Sur artist Mary Masten makes brilliantly colorful magic with

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cially challenged restaurants to provide high-quality meals for those in need on the Peninsula," he said.

During the first two months of the program, a half-dozen restaurants were approved and delivered more than 700 meals to eight organizations, according to Allen, in addition to one restaurant distributing 800 meals to families through the Boys & Girls Clubs since Thanksgiving. On Monday, the groups approved grants for another nine restaurants and expect to add a half-dozen more next week, he said. Another donor wants to fund meals for the medical staff at Community Hospital.

"We understand time is of the essence," he said. "We want to inject this money into our local businesses as quickly as possible. This is a big deal."

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pieces of glass together, and there's just a tiny hint of moisture between the glasses, you're going to get a bubble," she said. "And if you get a bubble in a piece of glass, it's not going to go away, no matter how many times you fire it.

"When that happens, it ends up in a flowerpot in the yard," Masten added with a laugh. "I think my husband is getting a little tired of seeing my mistakes all over the yard."

Masten has been a full-time artist since she retired from the Pacific Grove Unified School District a dozen years ago but shares her love for art with a passion for animals: She and Warren have fostered 67 dogs — all Labrador retrievers — for Monterey Bay Lab Rescue.

"I very much enjoyed being a classroom teacher, and then a counselor, in Pacific Grove. It was a wonderful place to work," she said.

Masten's work is represented by the Carmel Valley Art Association in Carmel Valley Village, the Monterey Peninsula Art Foundation on Cannery Row, and the Highland Gallery in Weaverville. Images of her art and additional information can be found on her website at mastenartglass.com.

Dennis Taylor is a freelance writer in Monterey County. Contact him at scribelaureate@gmail.com. According to information provided to The Pine Cone by Byrne, the grants have hovered around \$5,000 per restaurant to provide about 250 full meals that are either delivered by volunteers or the restaurants themselves. Groups that have received food so far include Seaside Missionary Baptist Church, the RV homeless encampment in Seaside, Seventh-day Adventist Church in Seaside, Gathering for Women, Shoreline Community Church, a domestic violence safe house, Meals on Wheels and the Boys & Girls Clubs. By mid-February, Byrne estimated, the effort will have produced more than 5,000 meals for people in need, as well as a large amount of food for Meals on Wheels' delivery program.

"This is a movement that will benefit our community

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fraternity that supported his legal studies. Kuster graduated in 1900 with letters in history and jurisprudence. In his 1960 talk, he oversimplified the next 12 years, indicating that in 1900 he immediately returned to Los Angeles to practice law and didn't enter a theater again until 1912.

His biographical sketch in the "History of the Bench and Bar of Southern California," 1909, more specifically tells us that he continued postgraduate study at Cal and was admitted to the bar in San Francisco on March 11, 1902. It was only then that he returned to Los Angeles. This detail is important, as it explains how he was still there to meet a young co-ed who enrolled at UC after graduating from high school in Mason, Mich., in 1901. Her name was Una Call.

The 'Yellow Pearl'

The petite, lovely and intelligent Call was born in Mason in 1884 and raised on her parents' farm. Going to college so far from home affirmed her independent streak, as did her impulsive marriage. Officially, they returned to Michigan and were married by her hometown minister on April 27, 1903. However, a year earlier, immediately after finishing her first year of college, the couple was married on May 31, 1902, by a justice of the peace in San Andreas, Calaveras County.

The couple made their home in Los Angeles, where from 1902 to 1906, Kuster was associated in a legal practice with H.W. O'Melveny. Life shifted in 1905. Kuster's mother died, his father retired, and Una resumed her colfor years to come," Allen said of the work by Carmel Gives and Carmel Cares.

'Very impressed'

Mayor Dave Potter said he was "very, very impressed," and that their efforts are indicative of a town that "has constituents and community members who care about the well-being of the community."

"Congratulations on a job well done," he said. "And I'm glad to hear it's not over, either."

Other council members expressed their thanks, as well, and they all voted to accept the donations.

"We love what we do, and we're going to keep doing it," Allen said.

legiate studies, enrolling at the University of Southern California. Kuster practiced independently from 1906 until 1908. He began working with Joseph P. Loeb on some antitrust issues in the agricultural business. They soon formed a partnership that included Loeb's brother — Kuster, Loeb and Loeb.

Beyond his legal practice, Kuster became an early adopter of the automobile. The Automobile Club of Southern California was formed in 1903 as an affiliate of the American Automobile Association. By 1911, Kuster had acquired the "Yellow Peril," the name given to his cream-colored, 50-horsepower Stoddard-Dayton automobile. He was elected as a director of the club in February 1911 and was made the Southern California representative of the national Contest Board. The early contests were designed to test the constraints of drivers and vehicles, as well as develop the early laws needed to regulate the motorized vehicles.

The first event Kuster organized for the club was "The Times to Lakeside Reliability Contest," held in early May 1911. Nearly 50 autos trekked the 172-mile, Four-day outing from the downtown offices of the Los Angeles Times, east to Riverside, then south to Lakeside, and from there to San Diego and back up to Los Angeles via the coast route. Only one woman driver entered: Una, rather than Edward Kuster, piloted the their Stoddard along the route. She made headlines around the country for setting several records for a woman driver.

Still, all was not well in the Kuster household. We will further explore Kuster's early years and arrival in Carmel next week.

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shutting down the blufftop road from 13th Avenue to Carmel River State Beach, and 86 percent of them — 37 people — said they liked the concept "a great deal," according to the survey, which did not include any Scenic Road residents.

But that plan included a stretch of Scenic that's outside the city limits, and county officials rejected the idea out of hand, Harary said, because closing the road would require approval from various state and county bodies and take up a lot of staff time, money and resources.

So the plan was modified to just include Scenic inside the city because there are

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sooner normalcy returns! Frank R. Southers, Carmel

Editor's note: Under Gov. Gavin Newsom's Nov. 16, 2020, "Guidance for the use of Face Coverings," face masks are not required for "persons who are outdoors and maintaining at least 6 feet of social distancing from others not in their household." See https://www.cdph.ca.gov/ Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/ guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx.

'Plenty of vaccine' **Dear Editor,**

It is absolutely appalling that we now have plenty of Covid-19 vaccine in California but our incompetent government seems to have NO CLUE how to get it to the people.

What have they been doing the past few weeks? They knew it was coming why wasn't a plan set in motion immediately? Even our own Carmel City Council is discussing ridiculous issues as stopping traffic on Scenic for "personal enjoyment" when there is something of major importance to sort out. Can we please get our priorities straight!?

Irene Stanek, Carmel

'No tourists'

Dear Editor,

During this pandemic, there should be no tourists. The resorts are closed, as well as the restaurants. During the last shutdown, 17 Mile Drive was closed to everyfewer cross streets and the coastal commission might support it.

Madfis said he came up with the idea because his daughter and other kids have had a hard time getting exercise while the schools are closed. "We have just been struggling to find things for kids to do," he said. They ride bikes and roller skate down Scenic after finishing online school, "but the cars there make it really dangerous and stressful."

"We'd all be really happy even if we just tried it one day a week for a few hours," he said. "It would be nice if we didn't have to get in our cars to go ride our bikes or to roller skate."

But one Scenic resident, Parker Logan, called it "an awful, awful idea and a waste of time and resources" and suggested people could skate in the parking lot at Sunset

one but residents and essential business. For some reason, it didn't happen this time, and tourists have taken over 17 Mile Drive at Restless Sea, Point Joe, China Rock and Bird Rock. No masks, no social distancing. They climb all over the rocks taking pictures. A few years ago, someone was swept out to sea. It's difficult for residents to take walks. Why is it that important to have them here, especially during this time?

Beverly Stengel, Pebble Beach

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investment accounts, vehicles, the Rolex watch, and Louis Vuitton purses. Such assets are being held by a court-appointed receiver and will be liquidated and applied towards Garcia's restitution obligations in this matter.

Dec. 4 — Erica Rodriguez, 41, a resident of Salinas, plead no contest to felony welfare fraud.

Between the months of July 2014 and October 2017, Rodriguez was receiving Cal-Fresh benefits (food stamps) and CalWorks benefits (cash aide) claiming that she needed these benefits to support her family as she was unemployed. A subsequent investigation by the Department of Social Services and the Monterey County District Attorney's Office revealed that she was in fact employed during the entire fraud period at FoodMaxx.

This resulted in her household receiving income well above the income threshold level to receive benefits. Rodriguez's failure to report her employment and income to the Department of Social Services resulted in an overpayment of benefits of \$11,276.

Rodriguez will be sentenced Feb. 2 and faces up to 365 days in jail.

Center, which is closed due to coronavirus. Among the parents and kids who sup-

ported the idea were 15th Avenue resident Sebastian Miller and his daughter, Theodora. "It would be distinctively safer," the 9-year-old girl said. "We've all been locked up for 10 months in quarantine."

"She's almost been hit by cars when we bike," her father said.

Marina resident Brian McCarthy suggested closing another street in town, since Scenic is critical for access to the beach for everyone, including people who are disabled and can't leave their cars. "I'm all for closing a street in Carmel for the residents to enjoy," he said. "I think this street is the wrong one to choose."

Sending cars elsewhere

Dale Byrne said shutting down "one of our most popular streets" is a bad idea and would take up a lot of first responders' time and other city resources, as well as force cars into surrounding neighborhoods.

"There are plenty of places to ride bicycles, walk and play in this town where there's little to no traffic," he said, including empty parking lots and public parks.

The co-owner of a Scenic Road house pointed out that the great majority of Carmel residents do not have young kids. "Shutting down Scenic is wrong on so many levels," she said. And another said the expense would be unwarranted and that people can bike, run and roller skate on the rec trail in Monterey and Pacific Grove.

Police Chief Paul Tomasi worried about traffic problems, use of his officers' time because the intersections would have to be monitored during the closures, and the false sense of security people might have, considering that some cars would still have to have access to the street even when it's closed. "From a safety perspective, I have a lot of concerns about it," he said.

But councilman Jeff Baron, who rides a bicycle and repeatedly asked that the council put the closure on its agenda for discussion, complained that people have opened car doors in front of him, pulled out in front of him, "come to a screeching stop" in front of him, cut him off and run stop signs in front of him while he was riding.

"Anything we can do to provide a safer experience for people on bikes, I would welcome," he said, especially for kids learning to ride.

The rest of the council did not buy in.

"I think Carmel has a larger overarching problem that we need to look at in a bigger context, and that's providing safe bike lanes through our city," councilwoman Karen Ferlito said. "But not necessarily on Scenic Road by closing a street."

Councilman Bobby Richards said people have plenty of other options, including using a closed stretch of road off of Gen. Jim Moore Blvd. in Seaside, and that closing Scenic "would be an incredible inconvenience to all the beach goers" and would be "incredibly expensive."

Councilwoman Carrie Theis also rides and said she couldn't back the idea of closing Scenic, "but I do support looking at ways to make bike riding in Carmel safer."

And Mayor Dave Potter said his main concern is that "everyone who wants to get to the beach can go to the beach."

After Baron expressed his disappointment and told his colleagues they would each be hearing from him, Richards made the motion to "forego" the project and Ferlito seconded it, with the council voting 4-1 in agreement.

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found objects and infuse the finished pieces with important messages. This creative path is on full display in his series of photos, "False Food," which calls attention to the environmental damage caused by plastics in the ocean.

Titled "Liminal Language: 1980-2020," the show dives deep into Takigawa's work, and explores "the 40-year evolution of Jerry's ideas and practices," Glick said.

Located in Sunset Center at San Carlos and Ninth, the center will host a virtual talk by the photographer Saturday at 4 p.m., and a virtual reception Sunday at 4 p.m. The show continues through Feb. 14. The gallery is open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. For details, visit www.photography.org.

The fine art of Brussels sprouts

Photographer Maria Isabel LeBlanc received an unexpected stocking stuffer this holiday season when she learned just days before Christmas that her silver gelatin print, "Brussels on Jensen Road, Moss Landing, CA," won the People's Choice Award in the Center for Photographic Art's 2020 International Juried Exhibition. For her efforts, the photographer took home \$150.

"It was such a surprise," LeBlanc said. "There were so many amazing works in the show."

The winning photo is part of a series of images LeBlanc is doing of local agricultural fields - along with portraits of those who make a living picking crops. "Many of my students have parents who work in the fields," she observed.

During her work photographing them, LeBlanc has discovered that agricultural fields — with their bright green

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rows of plants forming geometric patterns across the landscape — can be very peaceful places.

"It's vast and expansive," she added. "I feel safe in the fields."

Ann Jastrab, executive director for the center, said LeBlanc's piece received twice as many votes as any of the other 48 images in the show, which ended last week.

New year, new shows in P.G.

At the Pacific Grove Art Association, painter Gerardo Zambrano "engages and catapults the viewer into the geometrically layered shapes" in "The Geometric Series Extended," which opens Friday. In other new exhibits, mixed media artist Bryan Gage takes a satirical look at recent politics ("The Infamous Times"), photographer Britt Bradley explores "the thin veil between perception and distortion" ("My Father's Daughter"), The Youth Arts Collective presents a group show of student art ("Twenty-one years and Counting"), and the California Coastal Commission hosts an annual photography contest for amateurs, and puts together a traveling display.

The shows will continue through Feb. 25. Located at 568 Lighthouse Ave., the art center is open Wednesday through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.

Art Council hands out grants

For 17 local nonprofit arts groups, a brutal year got a little bit better when the Arts Council for Monterey County two weeks ago handed out \$80,000 in grants - an average of nearly \$5,000 for each organization.

The recipients include Carmel Art Association, the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts, the Monterey Symphony, Chamber Music Monterey Bay - and for the first time ever, the Carmel Valley Art Association.

Arts council executive director Jacquie Atchison said the groups receiving grants "play a vital role" in the council's mission "to improve the quality of life for everyone in our region through the arts." "We know that 2020 has been a difficult year, especially for the arts sector, so we are very happy that we can support these organizations to continue providing art programs for our community" said Atchison, whose group gives out grants twice each year.

For the Carmel Valley Association, the grant is a testament to its recent transformation. As recently as this past summer, the gallery was a for-profit business. "We were approved to be a 501(c)(3) in September after working on it for months," board member Diana Klein said.

Representing more than two dozen local artists - including Will Furman, Deborah Russell, Sibyl Johnson, Daniel Bianchetta and many others — the gallery is located just steps away from Jerome's Market at 2 Chambers Lane in the Center Street Marketplace. See carmelvalleyroadco.com.

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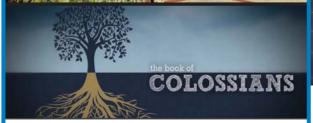
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it has grown to a much, much larger number than I'm particularly comfortable with," she said of the Peninsula Messenger Service contract. "When it gets to the point where people are signing up simply because they don't come to the post office, I think it's time for us to consider having a very spirited and future-forward discussion of mail delivery in our village," as people have strong opinions on both sides.

Addresses

Councilman Bobby Richards said he is also looking forward to digging into the issue, as is councilwoman Carrie Theis.

"We have all gotten emails about the challenges of packages being delivered, and not being delivered in the correct place," Theis said. "At some point, we're going to have to go beyond just the messenger service and delivery — it's going to be more about addresses."

No members of the public commented during the hearing, but Betty Maurutto, who lives at Mountain View and Guadalupe, argued in an email that it's time for the city to adopt house numbers.

She called spending so much money on mail delivery for some 180 addresses "outrageous," "while the remainder of us have to go to the U.S. Post Office to retrieve our mail daily and deal with a multitude of issues in receiving our mail and packages, as well as pay for our P.O. boxes for this hassle."

She also decried the frequent problems associated with not having an address any computerized system can recognize. "I was unable to verify my descriptive address when trying to assist my brother by being put on his bank account, as they require your residence address with a legal verification of this address to complete the

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process," she said. And, of course, getting packages delivered by UPS and FedEx can be problematic.

"Just yesterday, my husband found his package, noted as delivered, at another home 100 yards away on a different street," she said. "I know there are a lot of history and quaintness regarding having us all rendezvous at the post office every day," she said, but there are plenty of other activities that "create the same opportunities to promote community interaction."

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useless for harvesting later in the year.

Many of those who lost their homes are now in the process of having burned debris and hazardous materials removed from their properties and navigating the county's permit process in preparation to rebuild.

Community helps

The Community Foundation for Monterey County announced last month that it had distributed \$135,000 to 21 families that lost their homes in the Carmel Fire. The Community Fund for Carmel Valley, which is administered by the CFMC, launched in early 2020, with valley residents serving as advisors to provide oversight, raise funds, define grant-making priorities and award grants, according to communications officer Amanda Holder.

More than 300 people donated to the fund specifically to help Carmel Fire victims, who were identified by the Community Emergency Response Volunteers of the Monterey Peninsula, according to Holder. The mission of the fund is to "protect and improve the quality of life for all residents and support and foster the vibrancy of the Carmel Valley community." For more information or to donate, call (831) 375-9712 or visit cfmco.org/CarmelValley. 2B/2BA with Fireplace Available



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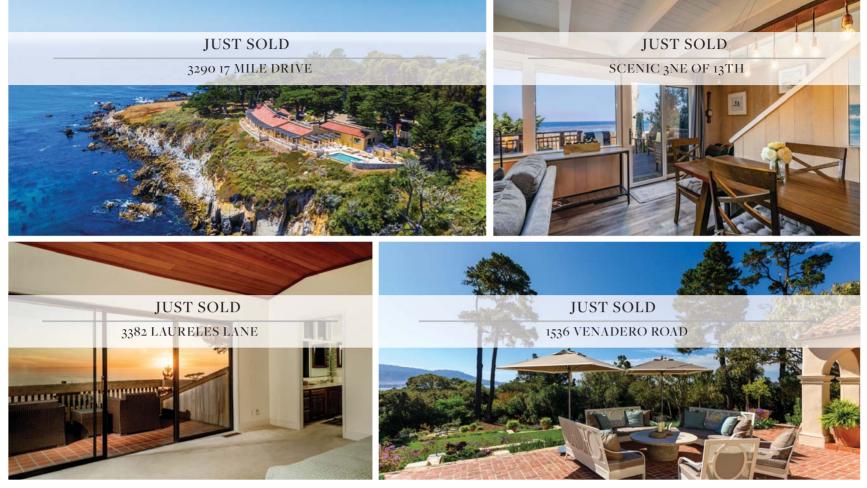
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This week's cover property, located in Carmel, is presented by Ben Zoller and Martha Davis of Monterey Coast Realty (See Page 2RE)



About the Cover





3 Bed, 2 Full & 1 Half Bath | 2,531 sq. ft. lot www.24720Dolores.com | 24720 Dolores St., Carmel | \$1,899,000

Lovely 3 bd, 2.5 ba home is tucked away in a forested Northwest Carmel setting & lives comfortably with high vaulted ceilings & plenty of space to work from home. The functional inverted floor plan features an open kitchen with large breakfast nook, office area, living room, dining room, half bathroom, & ensuite master bedroom on the main level while the family room, two guest bedrooms, second guest bathroom, & large outdoor deck are on the lower level. Pride of ownership and thoughtful design touches are evident with everyday conveniences.



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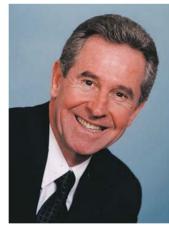


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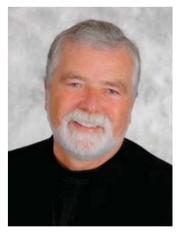
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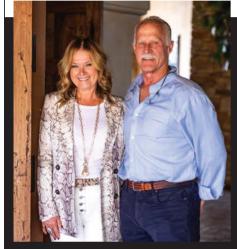


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a quilt over his lap?" he wrote. C'mon Mr. Lake Woe-be-gone, you need to tell "woe" to "be gone."

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m Y}$ OLD columnist pal, Garrison

Keillor, was brooding about turning 80 in

two years, wondering what kind of octo-

genarian he would be. "An active youthful

one who serves as an inspiration to others,

or a comfy old coot in a rocking chair with

I felt as if Mr. Keillor had acquiesced to some kind of poverty of the soul, a spiritual malaise that affected the country after months of being deprived of our normal lives.

Well, Garrison, you need to take the advice of someone who became an octogenarian 2,191 days before you will be one. Here is the advice: Live your best life. You decide what kind of octogenarian you want to be.

Not giving up

I once wrote a newspaper column entitled, "I can't wait to see the next episode." It was when the Monterey Herald dropped me from their rolls. (What they actually said was, "You can keep writing your column for us, but you'll have to do it for free.") I had no idea what was going to happen. I didn't know whether I would get another opportunity to write for a publication on a regular basis. What has happened since then — and it was seven years ago has been amazing. I hadn't a clue of what was going to happen, but I grabbed the thicker part of the wishbone to sweeten the chances of it snapping in my favor. How? By contacting people who publish writing to show them I could write. I was keen to see the next chapter of my life --- no matter how it came out.

That's how I look at 2021. I know tearing a page from a calendar isn't going to automatically bring a lot of changes. When that ball fell in Times Square, it didn't crush Covid-19 into oblivion, but it also didn't crush hope.

We dragged ourselves into the New Year kicking and screaming at the counterfeit restrictions placed upon us by political con men who continually embarrassed them-

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

selves by flagrantly breaking their own rules. The absurdity is that they didn't resign in embarrassment. Wending our way through all the coronavirus "do this, now do that" regulations is a complex thing and complexity favors the elite, the well connected. Don't you ever wonder why politicians don't change things for the better? You don't have to be in your eighties to understand that it is probably not in their self-interest to do so.

There is a scene from 2020 that I want to hold tight in my memory. It happened approximately eight hours before that ill-fated year slipped into the past.

New image for New Year

We had decided on a modest but elegant dinner for New Years Eve: pizza and champagne. I got to Pizza My Way in Pacific Grove around 4 p.m. There was a large SUV in the parking area in front of the restaurant. Three adults and two children were eating pizza while standing at the vehicle's tailgate. A pizza box and several take-out cups of soda were neatly laid out on the tailgate as if it were a serving tray. At first I thought it was one of the saddest

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Denali Drive — \$740,000 WC Marina LLC to Melanie Bruno APN: 031-276-040

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3001 Abrams Drive - \$791,000 Noel Jimenez to Drew Mosher APN: 031-275-007

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Citizen reported a lost purse after she drove off with it on her roof at 1637 hours. At 1810 hours, a call was received from the owner: Someone contacted her and will reunite her with her purse.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Structure fire in the area of Mountain View and Eighth. A mattress in a rental unit caught fire, causing some damage.

Pacific Grove: A vehicle was repossessed from a location on David Avenue at 0106 hours

Pacific Grove: Subject at Country Club Gate was found in possession of a controlled

substance.

Pacific Grove: Subject fell on public property on Lighthouse.

Pacific Grove: A checkbook was found on Sunset Drive and turned in to the PGPD lobby. Property will be held for safekeeping until the owner claims it. Update: Owner came to retrieve the property.

Carmel area: Report of a vehicle burglary at the Crossroads.

Carmel area: A 39-year-old male was arrested at the Crossroads for being under the influence of a controlled substance and alcohol

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 41-year-old male was arrested on Casanova Street at 0507 hours for possession of meth and drug paraphernalia.

GERVASE From page 6RE

scenes of the year. It was chilly. They were bundled up, standing about 20 feet from a nice warm restaurant that was not allowed to do what restaurants are designed to do - serve good food to people sitting in a pleasant setting.

Then I thought, wow, these folks were not going to let the lockdown knock them down. They were having a great time. Everyone was smiling, chatting, enjoying the pizza and appreciating being together. They enjoyed themselves as a family, doing something normal families do even in times that are not normal. It was an arresting image to take into the New Year, and as they ate, they answered the question of who they were going to be in 2021. They were going to be themselves and the pandemic was not changing them.

Keillor has the right to groan and grouse. He's attained curmudgeon status, including all the rights and opinions of that pessimistic state. He does not have the right to grouse about getting older, or more

specifically, grouse about turning 80. I know a place where a lot of seventy-somethings wished they had made it to that very crooked number.

The pizza/tailgating family wasn't deterred by the governor's and the health department's mercurial mandates. They were not victims, nor are we. We remain the makers of our fate. Keep that fact alive so we can reshape our world with some of our pre-pandemic gusto.

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So, Mr. Keillor, if you're going to be an inspirational octogenarian, be the most inspiring you can be.

If you're going to sit in a rocker with a quilt over your lap, join a quilting bee and make your own. Don't be knocked down by the lockdown.

Contact your friends and relatives. You might have to do it electronically, but that's OK. Zoom and FaceTime allow you to see the faces you love to see, even if you can't touch them.

Age is immaterial. Be the best person you can be.

Contact Jerry at jerrygervase@yahoo. com

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Officer responded to a report of a loose dog contained in a yard on Santa Fe. While attempting to capture the dog, the officer recognized the dog, and the owners were contacted. One owner responded, and preventative solutions were discussed.

January 8, 2021

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 71-year-old Pebble Beach resident was arrested on Junipero Street at 2039 hours for DUI.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Asilomar was

placed on 72-hour mental health hold. Pacific Grove: Burglary of a business on

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Forest Avenue. Pacific Grove: Hit-and-run collision on

Forest

Pacific Grove: Subject on Lighthouse was transported on a mental health hold. Pacific Grove: Welfare check on Ocean

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51 Via Chualar — \$946,000 Moyara Ruehsen to Kathleen Chase APN: 001-302-027



117 17th Street, Pacific Grove – \$1,855,000

909 Wainwright Street — \$1,299,000 Jeffrey Hirschfield to Vito Palmieri APN: 001-352-016



24695 Handley Drive, Carmel - \$1,407,500

4 Somerset Vale — \$1,404,500 Walter Holz to Robert Latta APN: 014-111-037

419 Webster Street — \$2,050,000 Webster Street Partners LLC to Nelson Vega APN: 001-726-018

Pacific Grove

915 14th Street — \$548,000 Paul Burgess to Kira Whitehouse APN: 006-683-008

406 6th Street — \$850,000 Loralee Lyman to Erica and William Gamaecho APN: 006-504-003

1306 Lawton Avenue — \$1,225,000 Seaside Real Estate Investments Inc. to Adam and Christina Hollrith APN: 007-575-043

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4130 El Bosque Drive — \$1,328,000 Marcella Sutton to Josefina and Alex Zonio APN: 008-071-001

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5085 Beach Wood Drive - \$920,000

Hyung Ko to Tao Ming APN: 031-231-015

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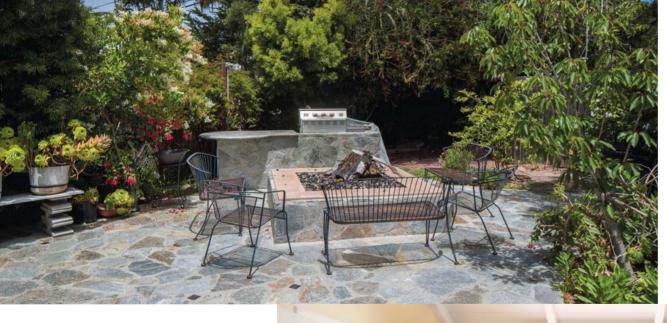
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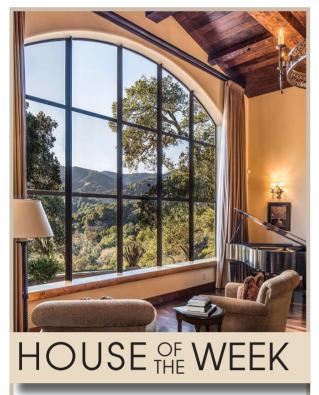
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View Boulevard for trespassing. Subject checked OK and left the property willingly.

Carmel Valley: Adult Protective Services referral at Hacienda Carmel.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Shelter-in-place county health code violation at a restaurant on Dolores Street.



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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Juvenile's backpack was found at the beach.

Pacific Grove: Fall on public property on Sunset. Pacific Grove: Non-injury hit-and-run collision on Forest. Pacific Grove: Recovery of a stolen vehicle on Sinex. Carmel Valley: A wine theft occurred at a supermarket at

Mid-Valley shopping center. Carmel Valley: Bicycle thefts and a vehicle assault oc-

curred at Mid-Valley shopping center.

Pebble Beach: Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on S.F.B. Morse Drive.

CHRISTMAS

Pacific Grove: Vandalism reported on Alder Street. No prosecution desired.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle/pedestrian collision on Scenic Road.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Two locals were fighting in the street

on San Carlos. Neither desired prosecution.

Pacific Grove: Fraud reported on Lincoln Avenue. Carmel Valley: Theft of sunglasses from an unlocked vehicle on Valley Greens Drive.

Carmel Valley: Found keys on Miramonte Road were turned in to the Monterey County Sheriff's Office.

Carmel area: Victim on Hatton Road was battered during a road rage incident.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

Pacific Grove: Miscellaneous paperwork found on the beach near the John Denver memorial.

Carmel Valley: Domestic dispute on Chaparral Road.

Pacific Grove: Physical altercation between two brothers on Grove Acre.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a report of credit card fraud on Highlands Drive.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to report of an altercation at a business on Rio Road. The 38-year-old male was arrested for making threats.



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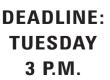
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