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Lagoon floods neighborhood as high tide holds back sandbar

By CHRIS COUNTS

TWO DECADES after the Carmel River Lagoon flooded nearby homes, it did it again Thursday morning along Camino Real, River Park Place and Monte Verde Street.

The surge of stormwater came less than 48 hours after county workers used bulldozers to create a channel in the Carmel River Lagoon sandbar — specifically to prevent flooding in the same neighborhood. But high tides overnight kept the lagoon from emptying and, with heavy rain still falling as a two-day storm began to subside, the lagoon spilled over.

“The water started coming in about 2 a.m.,” said Linda Bergen, who lives at Monte Verde and 16th.

Just before sunrise Thursday, county workers could be seen wading through water up to their knees along River Park and Monte Verde, as police closed off nearby streets to traffic. As the sun came up, the water was getting deeper along 16th Avenue. After 36 hours of nonstop rain, the wet stuff was still falling, with a rain gauge in Carmel Valley showing a 72-hour total of just under 10 inches.

Four or five rooms flooded

Around 9 a.m. Thursday, county officials upgraded an evacuation order to include Mission Fields and all roads south of Santa Lucia Avenue, affecting about 2,500 residents and 776 homes, according to county spokesperson Maia Carroll.

Don Brown, who lives next to the lagoon along Monte Verde, reported that his house escaped the flooding, but his neighbor across the street wasn't so lucky.

“The water was coming up, and we were very concerned,” Brown told *The Pine Cone*. “But our house is a little higher than other houses in the neighborhood, and we only had water in our garage. Our neighbor across the

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Before dawn, rescuers (top left) were out to assist homeowners on River Park Place. As the floodwaters rose, a massive lake (top right) formed where sheep usually graze at Mission Ranch. The sheep are all fine, general manager Sue Carota reported, but in the adjacent neighborhood (bottom photos) six homes were inundated and cars tried to act like boats.

DA sues LeTowts over Tuck Box violations

By MARY SCHLEY

JUST AS she did last spring, Monterey County deputy district attorney Emily Hickok sued Jeff LeTowt for continuing to serve customers at his Dolores Street restaurant while a shelter-in-place order imposed by the governor prohibited all sit-down dining. But this time, she added his father, Jody LeTowt, owner of several downtown properties and manager of many others.

On Jan. 13, she filed a complaint for an injunction, civil penalties and other relief against LeTowt and his dad, who holds some of the licenses for the Tuck Box restaurant, is a part owner, and is a trustee for the LeTowt Family Trust, which owns the building. Her complaint stems from repeated violations at the Tuck Box, including serving customers at tables, even after the Monterey County environmental health department revoked the restaurant's permit.

More \$\$\$

Last summer, after being charged with three misdemeanors for illegally serving patrons during the first shutdown, and then being hit with a preliminary injunction when he refused to stop, Jeff LeTowt agreed to a settlement of the civil and criminal cases filed by the DA's office. Signed by Superior Court Judge Lydia Villarreal June 12, 2020, the agreement requires him to follow all Monterey County health orders, including requiring guests and employees to stay 6 feet apart, mandating that employees wear masks, making sanitizer and soap available, cleaning frequently, and following a host of other rules aimed at protecting customers and workers from coronavirus. He also paid \$15,000 in fines and was on the hook for another \$20,000 if he violated the agreement.

Soon after the county and Gov. Gavin Newsom imposed a new shelter-in-place order that forced restaurants back

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Seniors driving to other counties for shots

By KELLY NIX

LOSING HOPE that they'll be able to get immunized in Monterey County anytime soon, many local seniors are expressing frustration and anger with local officials who don't seem to come up with solutions, while others are traveling to other places, such as Santa Cruz, to get their shots.

Fewer than 25,000 county residents, mostly healthcare workers, have gotten their first vaccination doses in Monterey County, which has a population of roughly 440,000 people.

While county health officer Dr. Ed Moreno has acknowledged the need for more vaccine, he said this week that there's no reason to believe the county is getting disproportionately fewer doses than other areas.

“I don't have any evidence that we're not getting an adequate or appropriate proportion of vaccine,” he told reporters.

Moreno's words are little comfort to Monterey Peninsula residents who are 65 and older and at greatest risk of dying from Covid-19.

Making the drive

Some locals are making the drive to Santa Cruz County and other counties that have chain hospitals and clinics, such as Kaiser and Sutter, which are allocated more vaccine than the four independent hospitals in Monterey County are.

“I was able to sign up at three different places, but none of them in Monterey County,” a 75-plus-year-old man who lives in Carmel Valley told *The Pine Cone*. He was scheduled to get his first shot Thursday, and once he did, he said he would cancel his other appointments.

A 78-year-old Big Sur resident said he heard from a friend he could get the coronavirus shot at Sutter Health in Santa Cruz.

“So I signed up, and sure enough, they gave it to me,” he said. “I got my first injection yesterday.”

Carmel resident Jim Bareuther called the health department “disorganized and incompetent,” and was also critical of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors.

“Where are our county supervisors in assisting and advising their constituents?” he said. “One can only assume they are missing in action and will surface when this county fiasco has run its course.”

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PEDIATRICIAN VACCINATES PATIENTS, BUT NOT HERS

By KELLY NIX

AS MONTEREY County continues to take baby steps on the immunization front, doctors at a pediatric clinic in Monterey have stepped up to vaccinate healthcare workers, seniors and others in a drive-through operation in Ryan Ranch. But they're struggling to get even the smallest amounts of vaccine for the effort.

Monterey Peninsula Pediatric Medical Group got the green light from state and county officials in December to administer the coronavirus vaccine, even though it's not yet permitted to immunize its own young patients. Instead, clinic partner Dr. Jill Airola said she and her staff set out to vaccinate healthcare workers, parents and grandparents of children with disabilities, and others — just because they could.

“We decided that we could be a part of the solution and give out vaccines,” Airola told *The Pine Cone* of the purely volunteer effort. “We have a small drive-through front entrance, and we devised a plan to vaccinate people in their cars.”

The clinic began Jan. 12 and got an initial allotment

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Hangin' with Hudson

TRY AS he might, Hudson was never going to catch that red ball. Despite his apparent assumption that it eventually would drop within reach, the Christmas ornament, dancing in the breeze on an evergreen in Devendorf Park, was destined only to tease the little Boston terrier.

The only one who loves Carmel more than Hudson is his person. He brings his 3-year-old terrier from the San Francisco Bay area to the city by the sea whenever he's feeling nostalgic or wants to watch golf, admire classic cars, hear great jazz or just sit in the sand alongside his dog.

On this afternoon, he was enjoying a takeout lunch with cousins in the park their grandmother forbade them to visit in the '60s, because hippies congregated there.

Hudson was on high alert, having seen another Boston terrier across the lawn, perhaps hoping it was Oreo, his doppelganger and girlfriend, who lives one block west of Grandma's former cottage, just south of Ocean.

"Hudson doesn't like a lot of dogs," his person said, "but when he and Oreo get together, it's a lovefest. They get into some serious face-smushing, like they're the only ones on the street."

Hudson also loves Carmel Beach, where he rocks down the shoreline and back in less than five minutes. Once he gets that out of his system, he's relaxed and ready to sit in the sand. Unless he sees



a big dog, whose stature seems to be an invitation to rumble.

"Hudson has no concept of his size or strength," his person said. "He recently took on an Akita at the beach and, with a little help, survived with bragging rights. He's also intrigued by the German Shepherd lounging at Fourtane's estate jewelry store. They just look at each other in tacit agreement."

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New planning director excited to work with ‘active and passionate’ community

By MARY SCHLEY

IN A city with quirky rules, highly engaged residents and plenty of Type-A business owners — not to mention a constant battle between honoring the past and planning for the future — finding people to fill important positions at city hall can be a challenge. That’s especially true if you try to hire someone who’s not from the area.

But this week, a man who is intimately familiar with Carmel became the city’s new planning and building director.

“As a 15-plus-year resident of the Peninsula, I know firsthand just how special this small but magical village is,” said Brandon Swanson, who lives in Pacific Grove and left the County of Monterey’s planning department to take the post, which pays \$152,000 per year, plus benefits. “I found my wife’s wedding ring at a local jeweler, have cherished taking my 9-year-old daughter to the Bach Festival family concerts, learned to surf — poorly — at Carmel Beach, enjoyed countless amazing meals at the wonderful restaurants, and as often as possible explore the other treasures of the village, including the parks, historic sites and amazing architecture.”

Hospitality degree

Swanson, a native of Washington State, graduated from Washington State University with a degree in hospitality business management, which brought him to the Peninsula. But he quickly discovered his

interest in planning and development, so he obtained a graduate degree in community planning from Northern Arizona University.

He’s worked as a manager in the county’s planning department, including stints as its acting chief, for the last several years and said he heard about the Carmel job from a friend who had seen it advertised and encouraged him to apply.

When he was offered the position, he said his family must have thought he’d won the lottery, considering how loud his jubilant “Yes!” was.

‘Cohesive, friendly’

Swanson said he learned a lot while working for the county, including “how to provide thoughtful and balanced stewardship over the resources we have here on the Central

Coast,” and he described his coworkers as “a really cohesive, friendly, helpful team.”

“I was leaving a really good team that really got along well and wanted to serve, and I feel like I’m joining the same kind of team,” he said.

He called Carmel “a planner’s dream,” with its “perfect mix” of wonderful hotels and amazing restaurants, stunning scenic beauty and historic resources. Here, he said, he feels he’ll be able to blend his love for hospitality and service with his passion for planning.

Before he arrived this week, Swanson said he called former planning director Marc Wiener — who left in December 2019 to take a job in Southern California after a dozen years here — to find out what



Brandon Swanson

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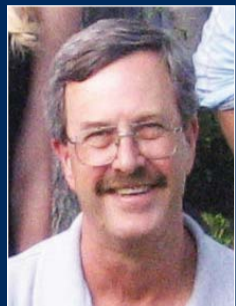
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Police & Sheriff's Log

And the wheels just came off

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 55-year-old male was arrested at Carmelo and 13th for fraudulent possession of a credit card.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Caller reported a lost cell phone. Report is for information only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop at Valley Way and Carpenter Street resulted in the driver being arrested for driving while on a suspended license.

Pacific Grove: An unknown person brought in a drone found on 17 Mile Drive. No owner information known.

Pacific Grove: Fraudulent business check cashed on Forest Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Dispatched to a disturbance on Lobos Avenue involving a juvenile, who was arrested on multiple charges.

Pacific Grove: Subject on David Avenue placed on a 72-hour hold for a mental evaluation.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 30-year-old female and a 35-year-old male contacted at Scenic and 10th at 0231 hours were cited and released for drug charges.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A female was warned about trespassing at a business on

Ocean east of Lincoln after causing a disturbance.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 40-year-old male was arrested at Ocean and Mission on a felony warrant for carrying a concealed dagger and committing battery with serious bodily injury. He was taken to county jail.

Pacific Grove: Report of a suspicious person at Caledonia Park.

Pacific Grove: A bicycle was found on 12th Street. Owner information not known.

Pacific Grove: Report of a verbal dispute on Sunset Drive.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Civil issue and harassing phone call advisement on Forest south of Pineridge.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Officer responded to the area of Second and San Carlos after report of a loose dog that rushed out of a yard into the roadway at a person walking by. The person reported aggressive behavior such as barking, growling and a stiff body. No contact made with the person or the dog. Officer found the owner and a warning was given.

Pacific Grove: A 33-year-old subject was contacted on Forest Avenue during a welfare check and determined to be in possession of an embezzled vehicle. Subject arrested.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A Ridgewood resident was placed on a 5150 W&I hold for being gravely disabled and being a danger to himself.

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The gavel falls

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

Dec. 18 — Monterey County Superior Court Rafael Vazquez sentenced Aaron Pua, 30, of Salinas, to 24 years in prison for committing two counts of forcible child molestation. Both offenses are violent felonies and are considered "strikes" under California's three strikes law.

John Doe reported that Aaron Pua, a family friend, molested him on several occasions from December 2018 to January 2019. John Doe was 12 years old at the time of the molests. These offenses occurred when there were no other adults around. Doe told Pua "no," but Pua continued to molest Doe. Pua told Doe not to tell anyone about the molestation because he didn't want to get in trouble.

In addition to the prison sentence, Pua will be required to register as a sex offender for life. A restraining order was granted prohibiting Pua from contacting John Doe for a period of 10 years, the maximum term under the law.

Dec. 18 — A jury found that former Salinas resident Tony Andrade, 38, qualified for civil commitment under the Sexually Violent Predator Act. Andrade will be committed to the Department of State Hos-

pitals for treatment after the jury found he had a prior qualifying sexual offense, that he had a mental disorder that predisposed him to commit criminal sexual acts, and that there was a reasonable and well founded risk that he would reoffend in a sexually violent, predatory manner if released without treatment.

The Sexually Violent Predator Act provides for involuntary commitment for certain sexual offenders who meet the qualifying criteria of a diagnosed mental disorder and a substantial risk of reoffending. Individuals subject to commitment under this law are entitled to a jury trial, and the petitioner is required to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that such individuals meet the appropriate criteria.

In 2003, Andrade was convicted of burglarizing a home and committing an act of sexual penetration using force or fear. He was also convicted of an additional count of burglary for entering another home intending to commit a sex offense. He was sentenced to 16 years in prison.

Monterey Superior Court Judge Andrew G. Liu presided over the six-day jury trial.

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C.V. murder suspect accused of sneaking drugs into jail

By MARY SCHLEY

LAST APRIL, five months before he was arrested for allegedly shooting his father in the head and killing him in a barn on Laureles Grade, Joseph Sampognaro Jr. snuck methamphetamine and a syringe into Monterey County Jail, according to a complaint filed against him Jan. 8 by deputy district attorney Cristina Johnson.

Sometime around April 20, 2020, Sampognaro, 32, "did unlawfully and knowingly bring and send into and assist in bringing into and sending into Monterey County Jail a controlled substance and a device and paraphernalia intended to be used for injecting and consuming a controlled substance," identified as methamphetamine, Johnson's complaint says.

Sampognaro will have the opportunity to enter a plea on that new felony charge when he appears in court again the morning of Feb. 16 before Superior Court Judge Mark Hood.

At that hearing, the judge and lawyers are also set to schedule a preliminary hearing in the homicide case against Sampognaro, who is accused of shooting his father, after whom he is named, while the two argued in a barn located near the summit

of Laureles Grade on Sept. 12, 2020. Sampognaro led police on a high-speed chase through Carmel Valley and south on Highway 1 before he crashed the Corvette he was driving in Carmel Highlands and was taken into custody.

Behind bars

Sampognaro has remained in Monterey County Jail since his arrest. If he has a preliminary hearing, the prosecutor will lay out the evidence against him, and Hood will decide whether there's sufficient cause to proceed with the case.

On occasion, a defendant will waive his right to a preliminary hearing, often because the evidence against him is strong, and having it presented in an open courtroom is unlikely to bring any benefit. Recently, Isaac Garcia, who was arrested last May for allegedly raping and attempting to murder a woman in the driveway of her vacation home on 13th Avenue near Scenic, and Charles Lafferty, who was arrested a year ago for throwing projectiles at cars on Highway 101, waived their preliminary hearings, allowing their cases to move toward either plea deals or trials.

Lafferty and Garcia remain in Monterey County Jail, as well.

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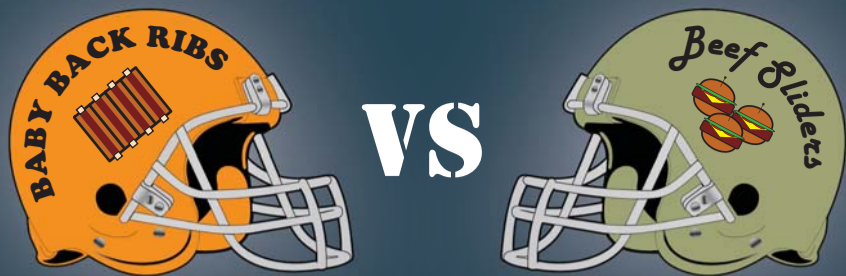
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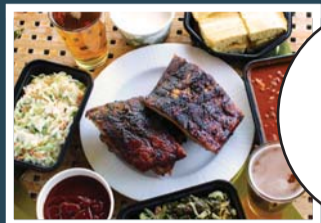
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SIX VIE FOR SEAT ON WATER BOARD

By KELLY NIX

A MONTEREY County prosecutor and a retired professor are among six people vying for a vacant seat on the Monterey Peninsula Water Management Water District board of directors, according to candidate letters submitted to the public agency.

In December, Molly Evans resigned as the water board representative for District 3, which includes the City of Monterey. Evans, who took a new job in Brooklyn, N.Y., resigned from the seat shortly after being reelected Nov. 3.

The water district board was scheduled Thursday night to listen to statements from six candidates, including Dije Ndreu, a Monterey County deputy district attorney who handles consumer and environmental protection cases.

"Prior to my law career, I was a water quality chemist, and then an environmental engineer," Ndreu said in a letter to the board, adding that she worked for two water districts.

Costs questioned

Ndreu said her knowledge of water laws and regulations and familiarity with water agencies, "and experience enforcing environmental laws," would make her well suited for the job.

Another lawyer, Marc Eisenhart, who has law offices in San Jose and Monterey, also applied for the vacancy. Eisenhart said he "wholeheartedly" supported the 2018 ballot measure calling for a takeover of the California American Water utility.

"Although our family is relatively new to the Peninsula, we have quickly become experts in many of the issues surrounding water," according to his letter to the board. "Our first lesson was our first Cal Am water bill. I can attest that living at our prior residence in San Jose, we used precisely the same amount of water, but in Monterey, we pay many times more."

Candidate Kevin Dayton, who has long attended water board meetings, proposes doing away with a "massive government- or corporate-owned" water infrastructure system.

"Residents who decry private ownership of the water supply have a valid argument that the profit motive of a corporation may not correlate with the public good," Dayton told the board in a Jan. 20 letter. "But why are a majority of residents seemingly eager to have government ownership of the water supply? The democratic will — as expressed through elections of representatives — does not necessarily correlate with the public good, either."

'Cooperation and fairness'

The water district should have a long-term vision that includes putting the agency and its partners "out of the business," according to Dayton. "At the very least," the agency board should explore a vision of "water freedom" through cisterns, condensers, small-scale water reuse and recycling and other technology."

Architect Safwat Malek, who also has been involved with local water issues for many years, said he wants to enhance the Peninsula's water supply "economically, equitably, environmentally and in a spirit of cooperation and fairness."

"I value community cooperative spirit, and I offer respect and listen to all points of view and open and free discussion to arrive at the most beneficial outcome for the entire community," said Malek, who has been an architect since the 1970s.

Candidate Alan Washburn, an engineer and former professor in the Operations Research Department at the Naval Postgraduate School, describes himself as a "show me the data" kind of person. Though most of his research at NPS was military-related, Washburn said he advised a student there on a graduate paper about water rationing in the 1970s.

"More recently, I briefly got involved in the persistent question of whether a local desalination facility is actually needed," Washburn told the board in his December letter. "Expectations about rainfall are again crucial to that question."

James Derbin, a graduate of UC Santa Cruz, who said he's spent a quarter century

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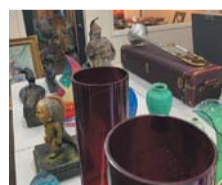
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World War I arch to get special protection from vehicles, people

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER SPENDING a dozen years working to restore the World War I Memorial Arch in the median at San Carlos and Ocean — including searching high and low for the right stone and hand-chiseling it to ensure it would look just right — the small group dedicated to its preservation is asking the city to allow the installation of posts and chains to keep cars from scraping it and people from climbing on it.

On Monday, the historic resources board unanimously voted to recommend the planning commission approve the barriers, as well as new lighting to highlight one of the city's most important structures.

Designed by architect Charles Sumner Greene and built in 1922 to commemorate those who sacrificed their lives during World War I, the arch deteriorated over the years, dirt in the median covered its base, and trees grew up to crowd it. It was hit by cars twice, first in 1925, when the original stonemason was still around to repair it, and again

in 1977, when a 1960 Impala lost its brakes at Ocean and Guadalupe and hit several objects, including a sign and a city truck, as the panicked driver tried to figure out how to stop it. The car finally came to rest at the arch, badly damaging it and sending the woman driving it to the hospital, according to one of the preservation advocates, Ian Martin.

Over the years, people have also climbed on the memorial to watch the city's annual Halloween parade, the Concours Tour d'Elegance, and other downtown events, and flags and banners have been affixed to it. With its stepped base now exposed, the memorial has become even more attractive to climb and sit on.

Show of gratitude

"The people of Carmel built this monument out of respect and gratitude for what the service members of our community did for our country during a time of profound crisis, World War I," Martin told the historic resources board Jan. 25. "By maintaining and protecting this mon-

ument, we say to the world that we still honor and respect their service and their sacrifice, and even though a century has passed, we still remember what they did for our country and what they did for us."

Created by an internationally known architect, the arch is also significant and has been recognized for its design, beauty and importance as an architectural piece, he said.

Martin asked the board to "protect this powerful symbol of remembrance by approving these modest protective measures we're proposing today," including placing non-galvanized steel bollards filled with concrete around the base of the arch to prevent cars from hitting the corner stones, installing posts and a chain on the east side to stop people from climbing on it, and installing new up-lighting to highlight it.

Public works director Bob Harary worried that drivers would too easily hit some of the bollards, and board mem-

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Bears are coming for your trash, expert says

By CHRIS COUNTS

A NONPROFIT that manages open space in Carmel Valley, the Santa Lucia Conservancy is warning residents that the local black bear population is on the rise — and will soon be coming for your trash if you don't do something to protect it — especially places like Big Sur, Carmel Valley and along Highway 68.

"Bears are the poster children of dumpster diving," said deputy director Christy Wyckoff of the conservancy, which manages about 18,000 acres of open space at the Santa Lucia Preserve. "They are the ultimate opportunists."

In response to these new residents, Wyckoff and her colleagues are offering advice on how to protect your trash — and how to keep those pesky bears away before they're making regular visits, which is a common practice once they've hit the jackpot at a particular site.

Such measures will also help keep away animals like raccoons, which are particularly adept at pilfering through garbage bins.

The first thing Wyckoff recommends is building an enclosure around your trash — even if you have to remove it from the enclosure so a trash company can access it. "You need to fence out the wildlife and fence in your trash," she explained.

If building an enclosure isn't practical, the next best thing is a bear-proof trash can. While the local trash companies may not be offering bear-proof cans yet, others are. "Bear-proof cans are commonly used at Lake Tahoe," Wyckoff noted.

Beef up that compost bin

If you are composting, you will likely need an upgrade. "Get a metal compost bin," she advised. "It looks like a round drum, and you can get it online. They are much more wildlife-proof than the plastic ones that most people use."

It's not a good idea to put pet food in a place where a wild animal can find it. "Don't leave out food for dogs and cats," she suggested.

Most importantly, keep in mind that bears visit homes that offer opportunities.

"We want to make sure bears don't get habituated," Wyckoff said. "It will save you a lot of headaches — bears can do a lot of damage."

By bear-proofing your trash, you are not only averting a mess, you may also be saving a bear. That's because bears

that get used to finding their food in your garbage are vulnerable to three outcomes that generally don't have happy endings.

"The first option is making loud noises and using bear spray, but nobody wants to harass wildlife like that," Wyckoff explained. "The next option would be relocation, but putting a bear in a new spot may or may not be successful. The last option would be to get a depredation permit, which unfortunately happens in the Sierra."

Fair weather friends

Wyckoff noted that summer and fall are when bear sightings are most common. While your garbage makes for a tempting target, there are all sorts of things on a bear's menu, found in the natural world.

"That's when we see bears come into the preserve," she said. "When the manzanita berries ripen."

While the local bears more commonly make a nuisance of themselves during summer and fall, they don't hibernate the same way as their cousins in colder climates, so it's more possible to see them during winter here.

"Our local bears sleep a few days at a time, but that's all," Wyckoff explained.

Historically, grizzly bears were so common in California that they became the centerpiece of the state flag. But they were hunted relentlessly, and the last one was seen in the state near Gorda in 1913.

Black bears are also native to California, but once were found at higher elevations, mostly in the Sierra Nevada. But by the mid-20th century, there were sightings of them here. In recent years, however, bear sightings in populated parts of Monterey County have become more frequent.

"They seem to be moving be moving north," she said. "San Luis Obispo now has a big black bear population."

In August, 2020 a bear went on a ramble that included stops in Carmel Valley and Marina. At one stop in the valley, it devoured seven chickens.

Wyckoff said bears are here to stay, so we might as well get along with them and set some good boundaries at the same time.

"We educate the community about living in harmony with bears," she added. "We can co-exist with them, but we have to be responsible and smart."

The state's black bear population has increased dramatically over the past 25 years. In 1982, it was estimated to be between 10,000 and 15,000, while today, it's between 30,000 and 40,000.

Mother sues after son struck by three vehicles

By KELLY NIX

THE MOTHER of a San Jose man who was fatally injured in South Monterey County two years ago after being struck by three cars has filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the motorists, but she also blames the Greyhound bus company and one of its drivers for allegedly putting her son in the deadly situation.

In the complaint filed in Monterey County Superior Court, Laurie Matthews said her son, Robbie Matthews, 34, took a Greyhound bus from Los Angeles on Jan. 30, 2019, intending to travel to San Jose, where he lived. The bus made a scheduled stop in King City a few minutes before 8 p.m.

But when Matthews and another passenger "got off to stretch their legs and smoke," the lawsuit says, the bus driver, Thomas Lamont, drove away.

Matthews and the other passenger tried to flag down Lamont to get him to stop, but he "continued driving, abandoning Matthews with the other passenger," the suit alleges.

Stuck in King City, Matthews and the unidentified other passenger walked southbound on First Street — which the complaint describes as a "heavily traveled" road — toward a Chevron gas station. Shortly thereafter, Matthews was struck by three vehicles and killed.

The drivers, Maria Idalia Perez Rodriguez, in a Ford Escape, Daniel Mandujano, in a Ford Taurus, and Elizabeth Calderon Lavelle, in a Chevy Trailblazer, illegally "fled the scene after striking, killing and/or running over Matthews, leaving him to die in the roadway," the complaint says.

Drivers identified

Officers from King City, the California Highway Patrol and other agencies investigated the incident, and King City Police told the media a month after the accident that they used surveillance video footage to identify 32 vehicles that could have struck Matthews — who was wearing all black clothing — before they narrowed it down to three.

The lawsuit doesn't indicate whether if the Monterey County District Attorney's Office filed criminal charges, including hit and run, against any of the three drivers.

Besides Greyhound Lines Inc., the complaint names as defendants the drivers and Lamont, whom Matthews' mother said failed to make certain all passengers, including her son, were accounted for before he departed King City.

"Instead of ensuring a safe and reliable bus, Lamont's behavior was negligent, careless, unsafe and eventually proved deadly to Matthews," according to the complaint, which also contends Lamont failed to follow Greyhound's own policies and rules.

The lawsuit seeks an unspecified amount in monetary damages and alleges negligence on the part of the three drivers who struck Matthews with their vehicles.

A spokesperson for Greyhound Lines could not be reached Thursday afternoon.

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Major outages, lots of trees, and a few injured parklets

By MARY SCHLEY

GUSTY WINDS this week toppled trees and wires, brought down numerous branches, wiped out power for thousands of people in and around Carmel — and took out a few parklets — while torrential rains turned gutters into rivers and seeped into some residences.

But, all told, Carmel Police Chief Paul Tomasi said Wednesday morning, “We came through the first round OK,” with no major damage or injuries.

Police officers, firefighters, public works staff and tree crews worked all night Tuesday and through Wednesday in the driving rain and strong winds, clearing roads, cutting falling limbs and contending with downed power and cable lines, as well as numerous false alarm activations.

A large oak fell across Monte Verde north of Third, shutting down the road, and a branch and wires fell on a car parked at Del Mar near the beach. A pine in the area of San Carlos and Second fell on two cars, and was cut up and cleared by tree crews Wednesday morning.

A major branch on a large pine in the median at Ocean and Dolores cracked, and after city crews saw it was splitting and rot-

ten in the middle, they quickly identified the tree as dangerous and cut it down, leaving a tall section of trunk behind.

Scenic Road and the walkway were a mess of fallen and cut branches Wednesday morning after crews spent the early hours clearing the road.

Dark until 7 p.m.

A suspected blown transformer caused the first power outage in town around 10:45 p.m. Tuesday, and after service was briefly restored, it went out again around 1:30 a.m. Wednesday, affecting thousands of people in and around the city, including all of downtown. While the commercial area regained electrical service Wednesday morning, some parts of the city were still dark until around 7 p.m. Comcast outages were reported as well. By Thursday, PG&E crews had restored power to almost all customers on the Peninsula, save for a few here and there.

Meanwhile, high winds flattened a parklet in front of The Pocket on Lincoln street, toppled the one in front of Vesuvio into the middle of Sixth Avenue — and then reportedly blew it upright again — and dropped a limb in the outdoor dining area next to Village Corner, also on Sixth.

Fortunately no one was sitting in this parklet on Sixth Avenue when it blew over in high winds Tuesday night. Word is the wind pushed it upright again, too, and it was back in its proper place the next morning.

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City likely to keep Monterey Fire contract

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER DECIDING last summer to terminate the contract with the City of Monterey for fire protection in Carmel at the end of June and seek bids from other agencies that might be interested in the job, the city council will consider reversing course and extending the agreement for another year while negotiating a new long-term deal.

“During the past six months, staff has determined that the city could benefit from renegotiating the existing fire services contract with Monterey,” Police Chief Paul Tomasi wrote in the report he plans to give to the council at its Feb. 2 meeting, with the specific goals of reducing costs, managing Carmel Fire Ambulance employees, and increasing “public outreach on fire awareness and prevention.”

About-face

At the recommendation of city administrator Chip Rerig, the Carmel City Council voted eight months ago to terminate the agreement in hopes of finding a cheaper option than the \$2.4 million per year taxpayers shell out for Monterey’s firefighters, equipment and operations in town. Monterey Fire has run the city’s department since 2012.

“This is not something we present lightly,” Rerig told the council at its June 2, 2020, meeting. “In this economic environment, we think that it’s prudent for us to put the City of Monterey on notice that next year at this time we will be severing the relationship unless there’s a successful proposal to continue fire protection services for the village.”

The council agreed to the idea of seeking bids from other agencies — which would most likely be state-run Cal Fire — interested in providing emergency services and fire protection in the city, and councilman Jeff Baron said at the time he wanted assurance the council and the public would have a chance to weigh in on what that solicitation should look like and what they might want in a new contract.

But as recently as last week, Monterey Fire Chief Gaudenz Panholzer hadn’t heard a peep from anyone at the city.

“We have been given notice that they’re going to terminate the contract effective at the end of June, and we’re waiting for something further from the city in the form of either a request to negotiate or request for a proposal, and we will respond accordingly,” he told The Pine Cone.

The City of Pacific Grove recently went through a similar process — and ended up with another contract with Monterey Fire.

Now, it seems, he might be getting a request to work on a new agreement, depending on what the city council decides at its meeting Tuesday. While the item on the agenda says the council is to “review and provide direction on the fire services RFP process,” Tomasi’s recommendation is to adopt a resolution authorizing Rerig to negotiate with the

City of Monterey for a 12-month extension to the existing contract while they work on a new one.

Also at Tuesday’s meeting, which is set to begin at 4:30 p.m., budgets and contracts director Sharon Friedrichsen will give a mid-year budget update detailing which revenue sources are coming in higher than expected — such as property taxes, given the record home sales here during the pandemic — and hotel taxes, and which have been lower, like fees for building services. She’ll also provide an update on expenditures.

Other than adjusting the public works budget up a bit to take in Mutt Mitt donations raised by former city councilwoman Jan Reimers, Friedrichsen is not recommending the council make any changes to the 2020-2021 budget.

Work on developing the 2021-2022 spending plan is set to begin next month.

For more information about the Feb. 2 council meeting, including how to watch it and how to participate, go to ci.carmel.ca.us. A closed session to discuss the Forest Theater contract and some anticipated litigation is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m., with open session starting at 4:30.

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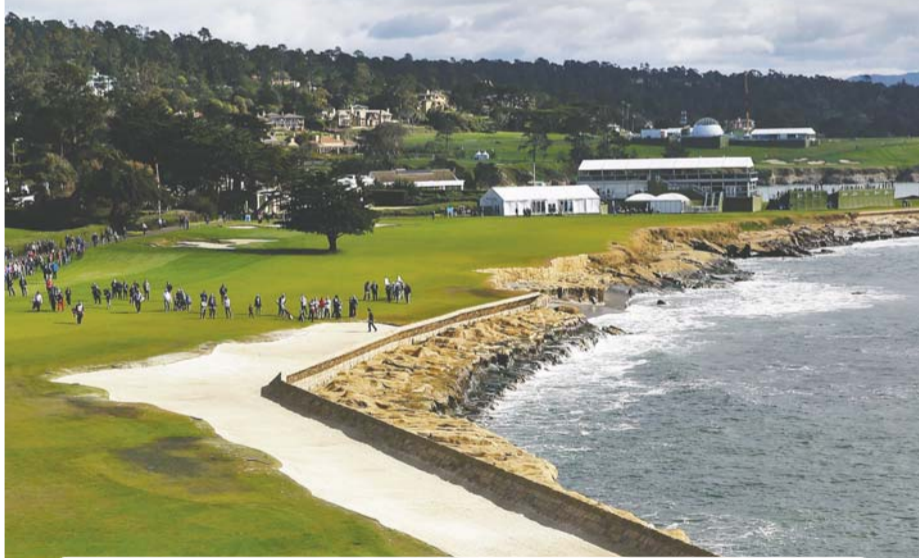
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ber Erik Dyar was concerned that if they're placed too close to the stone, they could bend and damage the monument.

Board member Karyl Hall suggested the "radical" solution of not protecting it and simply using insurance money from errant drivers to repair the stone, but Michael LePage, another friend of the arch, said the stone was very difficult to find and had to be hand cut and chiseled, so that's not as easy as it sounds. Stonemason Brian McEldowney, whose relatives worked on the original arch and subsequent repairs, has done all the work for free.

"Yes, we could go after the insurance companies, which is a process unto itself, and we could collect the money and hand it over to the Friends of the Arch," Harary acknowledged. "But they're trying not to have to replace the stone."

'Minimal posts'

Ultimately, board members voted to give fairly vague direction to the planning commission in terms of the details of where the bollards should be and how many, but they recommended approving the installation of the protective devices, "minimal posts and chain to keep people from walking on it," and better

lighting.

Board chair Thomas Hood asked LePage how much money the friends have left and whether it can cover the costs. LePage said they have about \$3,000 in the bank but need to do more fundraising.

"I think it's one of our most significant structures in town, and its importance really needs to be brought forth," Hood said. "I would love to see you have enough funding to get it all wrapped up by the 100th anniversary."



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To keep people from hitting it with their cars and climbing on it, the World War I Memorial Arch may soon be surrounded by bollards, posts and chains.

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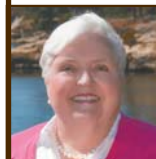
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of just 48 doses, but they administered it all in no time. It's since received several more vaccine allocations, all of which were in people's arms in 24 hours. The doses the county health department supplies to the clinic are nearing expiration but are perfectly safe and acceptable to use.

"We call ourselves the 'leftover-vaccine clinic,' and have vaccinated according to the tier system in our county," said Airola, who herself gives patients the shots.

In and out quickly

The drive-through operation is efficient. Patients drive up and check in — a process that takes about five minutes — then get the shot. They wait in their vehicles for 15 minutes to make sure they don't have an adverse reaction to the vaccine.

"The total time they are at our clinic is probably 25 minutes," Airola explained. "But the line moves really fast. As long as I have parking spaces to move them into after the shot, they get through quickly."

Because most pediatric clinics already have the necessary freezers to store vaccine, they're better equipped to administer the Covid-19 versions. But the "cumbersome" requirements likely deter many clinics from offering vaccine programs. Airola was told that Monterey Peninsula Pediatric Medical Group is the only pediatric clinic in the area offering Covid-19 vaccine.

While it's possible for the Monterey clinic to be reimbursed for some administrative costs, the effort would require an tremendous amount of paperwork, since all the recipients are considered new patients, not existing ones.

"I am still working full time with my own patients, and I know long term, this is unsustainable with the resources I have," Airola said of the effort. "I can make small steps forward, but a mass vaccination campaign is what this county needs."

'No vaccine this week'

County health this week announced an ambitious large-scale vaccination program and said it has identified numerous sites to carry it out. However, there isn't any vaccine to get them started.

Monterey Peninsula Pediatric Medical Group has the same challenge. Although Airola estimates she could immunize as many as 60 people per hour, she's severely hamstrung by a lack of supply. She's given a total of 154 first

shots.

"If the county would give us more vaccines, we could start to make a difference," said Airola, who works alongside Dr. Val Josephson and nurse practitioner Mia Pecora at the drive-through clinic. "We could easily give 1,500 to 2,000 vaccines each week in our 'free time.'"

When Airola requested more doses this week, county health officials said there were no clinics planned, and she

did not receive any. The health department did not answer questions from The Pine Cone about the apparent vaccination pause.

As it stands, the pediatric clinic is on a "crazy 'can you meet me now'" vaccine dispersal arrangement with county health, according to Airola, who picked up her last supply at an abandoned parking lot on the Cal State Monterey Bay campus.



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SHOTS

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While Monterey County announced Tuesday morning it was ready to start immunizing anyone 75 years and older, a registration page on the health department's website indicated that seven scheduled clinics from Jan. 28 to Feb. 1 were all "full."

A Pine Cone reader in his 90s tried to register on the website this week with his wife, who is 89.

"The application leads one to fill out all pertinent information, only to advise at very bottom of form that 'the county has no vaccine available and to resubmit later,'" he said. "What a disappointing ripoff. Help, before those of us over 65 become victims."

Another reader said he called the county health department to find out details on future vaccine openings for seniors but was told to go to the department's Facebook page for information. The man said he didn't have an account with the social media company.

The health department, worker "then said that if I ever wanted to be vaccinated, I needed to be on Facebook and check [the page] every Monday morning," the Carmel Valley resident said.

He went on to direct his ire at Moreno. "It is obvious that Dr. Moreno is incompetent and in a job way above his competency and ability," he said. "In this instance, it has become obvious that the county administrative officer is also not performing as he should be. In my opinion, it is past time for heads to roll, as real lives are at stake."

Won't request more vax

Moreno complained to the board of supervisors Tuesday afternoon that he's still waiting for more vaccine. There have been "at least 21,000" Covid-19 vaccine doses administered in the county.

"We could vaccinate 17,100 per week," he said. "However, we are getting 2,000 to 4,000 doses per week from the two manufacturers."

Although the state allows counties to make weekly requests for vaccine that is not being used by other counties, Moreno told reporters Wednesday that his department has made one request — but was turned down — and he doesn't plan on asking for more.

Gov. Gavin Newsom said this week that insurance company Blue Shield will oversee vaccine distribution in California. The hope is that the company will be able to speed up the process.

When the county eventually gets enough doses, Moreno said the county would follow a "mass vaccination strategy" his department released Monday. Spelled out in 35 pages — much of it drawn from the California Department

of Public Health — the document outlines how the county would carry out the state's vaccination plan.

At the core is a proposal to set up numerous "points of distribution," or PODs, in hopes of immunizing thousands of people per day at the mass vaccination sites, Monterey County purchasing officer Mike Derr told the supervisors.

'Ready to go'

Eight of the unidentified drive-through sites are on the Peninsula, and three of them are already "under agreement" with the county. It has also found three locations in Big Sur and that there are "pending signatures" for the county to use those sites, which were also not named.

In all, office of emergency services manager Gerry Malais said the county has identified 32 locations, many of them in Salinas and North and South Monterey County. Three are fully stocked with tents, tables, chairs, signs, traffic cones, flags and other supplies to start immunizing people, and the county has contracted with the owners of most of the other locations.

"We are ready to rock and roll once called upon," Derr said.

Malais said the county has lined up 64 "medically qualified volunteers" to administer the vaccine. "If just those 64 vaccinators worked eight hours a day, 15 vaccinations an hour, the math is over 7,600 vaccinations per day," he said.

The sites will have transportation plans and be able to accommodate a "large influx of people." They can be scaled up or down depending on the number of appointments scheduled and the availability of vaccine.

Staffing, Derr said, would include workers from schools, county departments, colleges, faith-based agencies and institutions, the business community and others. There will be "non-medical" logistics leaders, supply supervisors, traffic monitors, security and other employees at the sites.

"We are working very closely with our central human resources department in identifying the roles and responsibilities for the individuals assigned to these mass" vaccination sites to "support a smooth and transparent operation," said Derr, who did not reveal where the sites would be located.

The immunization unit will be led by Moreno, who will bear the title of "vaccine coordinator," "a position required by the CDPH to have completed a specific training in vaccine management," the document says.

Meanwhile, Monterey County Office of Education has designated 91 school sites as vaccination areas. Superintendent Deneen Guss told supervisors that her office is planning to meet with county health department officials Feb. 5 to "better understand" how it can roll out vaccinations to teachers and childcare workers.

"We have also developed a list of every employer" in the education and childcare sectors, "and we have their

contact information and the person responsible for communicating vaccination information to their employees," said Guss, who added that her office is prepared to immediately notify all employees in the education and childcare sectors with vaccine details via an electronic mailing list.

The county has about 18,000 people in the education sector and about 1,600 licensed childcare providers, Guss said.

Supervisor John Phillips said he and Monterey Peninsula supervisor Mary Adams have been in discussions with the Monterey County Hospitality Association about the vaccine rollout, and Phillips noted a vaccination program conducted by the Pebble Beach Company.

Public, too

P.B. Co. CEO Bill Perocchi told The Pine Cone it has its own health and wellness center which provides services to employees, including administering flu and H1N1 vaccines, and that it applied and was approved to administer Covid-19 vaccines to eligible workers.

"We have developed a comprehensive plan that would utilize the services of Pebble Beach Company's health and wellness center's existing doctor and nurses with the support of 12 nurses from the Visiting Nurse Association," Perocchi said. "We have the capacity to administer up to 480 shots per day in the Spanish Bay ballroom, with more than enough space for parking and social distancing."

Perocchi said it would also be equipped to administer shots to the general public if the county requested it.

"Of course, this would all be done in collaboration with the county and other vaccination providers," he said. "Like every other distribution site, all we need is the supply to initiate our program."

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William Joseph (Joe) Kepp
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We are saddened to announce that our beloved father/husband, William Joseph (Joe) Kepp, passed away on Wednesday, January 20th.

Born on August 12, 1927 in Phoenixville, PA, his family moved to California when Joe was in high school. He attended Loyola High School and eventually graduated from his much loved University of Southern California (always a Trojan). Joe met Madeleine in San Francisco and then married on August 18, 1962. They raised their children Judy, Bill, Paul, and John in Pasadena, California, eventually retiring to Carmel, California.

Joe was an active parishioner at the Carmel Mission Basilica, volunteer for the Serra Club, and a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre. When not volunteering, Joe loved visiting with his children and 7 grandchildren in Tahoe, playing bridge with friends, listening to loud classical music, and being tied into the latest news in Carmel. He was loved by all and will be sorely missed.

Private family services have been held. In lieu of flowers, feel free to donate to St. Jude's or a charity of your choice.

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TUCK

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into offering only food to go, people started complaining to police and to the county that Jeff LeTowt was ignoring the new order and serving people at his restaurant. Repeated visits from officers and the health department throughout the month of December did not dissuade him. Not only did the authorities lack any evidence that coronavirus is spread among people dining outdoors, he said, but the lockdown was "arbitrary and not data driven," and he maintained it was his right to remain open to protect his livelihood. He has also said the county's position "lacks standing medically, scientifically, morally and legally." Signs on the restaurant's window support an effort to recall Newsom and challenge the efficacy of wearing a mask.

In response to the violations, Hickok in late December filed a declaration in court demanding he pay the \$20,000 promised in the settlement if he violated any of the health orders.

More trouble

And in her new lawsuit, which was filed Jan. 13 and served on Jeff LeTowt at his house on Lower Trail last Tuesday afternoon, Hickok argued he is guilty of unfair business practices because he stayed open and made money while other restaurant operators lost revenues because they followed the rules.

On Dec. 23, 2020, the health department served a notice on the Tuck Box demanding that it close immediately. "They failed to do so," Hickok said in the complaint, and on Dec. 30, 2020, the health department revoked the restaurant's permit "for repeated violations of Covid-19 public health orders."

"Law enforcement has observed repeated violations," she wrote in the complaint, including "allowing patrons to dine inside and outside of the restaurant when prohibited by the health orders and failing to wear face coverings as required under the health orders."

She asked the court to fine each defendant \$6,000 per violation for ignoring the terms of the settlement and \$2,500 per violation for engaging in "unfair competition" by operating the Tuck Box without a valid food service permit in violation of county and state codes, failing to close and remain closed after the permit was suspended and then revoked, and violating the stay-home order by serving customers onsite and not requiring servers to wear masks.

"Each day of operation without a valid permit is a separate violation," she said.

Also, Hickok said, Jeff LeTowt failed to file a fictitious business name statement with the Monterey County clerk, which is required by the Business and Professions Code.

In addition, she is requesting "other and further relief as the nature of the case may require and the court finds appropriate to ameliorate the effects of the unlawful and/or unfair acts complained of herein," as well as the costs of the lawsuit.

Jody LeTowt has ownership interest in the Tuck Box, holds its permits from the health department and the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, is listed on the business license issued by the city, and owns the building, which is held under the family trust. He said Monday he did not have any comments on the DA's lawsuit because he is "too busy with other projects now."

Jeff LeTowt noted that he is the only person who received the lawsuit but did not offer any other comments.

"I was the only one served and will keep you posted," he said.

Lou Harrison Frost

January 31, 1930 - October 31, 2020

Lou Frost had deep roots in Monterey County, for years heading his father's well-known C.L. Frost Roofing and Tile company and researching his grandfather's landmark career as the county's first surveyor.

Under Lou's leadership, C.L. Frost Roofing successfully completed two San Francisco landmarks: the Hall of Justice and Candlestick Park, former home of the Giants and 49ers,

Born in 1930 to Dorothy Hare Frost and C.L. Frost, he attended Sunset School in Carmel and in 1948 graduated from Monterey High School as valedictorian and president of his class. He went on to Stanford where he earned a degree in civil engineering. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and lettered on the tennis team.

He met his future bride, Janet Wohlgenuth, on Carmel Beach. They were married in 1953 and would raise three children in Walnut Creek. He was studying for his master's degree at Stanford when the Navy called. With Lou serving as an active duty officer, the couple spent two years in Japan and two years in Philadelphia.

Upon discharge from the Navy, Lou returned to Monterey where he built a career in construction, heading the C.L. Frost Roofing and Tile Company that was founded in 1920.

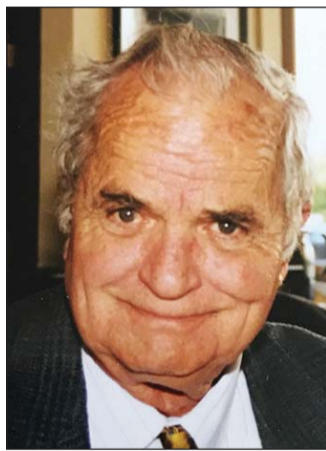
Lou had a passion for playing contract bridge. Living in Redwood City, he and Carencay Hanel, who would become his life partner, played many tournaments and attained the ranks of Silver Life Master.

Lou was fascinated by his family history and transcribed the life diaries of his Grandfather, Lou G. Hare, who was elected Monterey's first County surveyor and in 1898, created the first map of Monterey County. Even as Lou's memory faded he cherished a large linen-backed copy of the map that outlined and named the peaks and ridges of the region.

Lou was a big sports fan. His children remembering him loading them into the family station wagon, lighting a cigar, turning on the radio to a San Francisco Giants game, and driving to the family cabin on Pinecrest Lake.

Lou was a highly intelligent and industrious person who had a sweet nature and will be greatly missed by his friends and family.

Lou is survived his brother Jack Frost (Helenka) of Indian Wells CA.; his three children, Charlie (Liz), who founded his own Monterey roofing business; David (Linda), worked for years as a Monterey County prosecutor; and Susan (Bob) who chairs the Solano Land Trust; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Lou also leaves behind Brian Hanel and Heida Hanel Shaw and caregivers and good friends Rosa and Gary Quiambao from Aarons Advanced Care in Walnut Creek.



Betty Ann Holmgren

1929 - 2020

Betty Ann Holmgren, age 91, passed away from natural causes on December 4, 2020, in Carmel, California where she had resided at Carmel Valley Manor for the last 8 years.

Betty was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Myrtle Jorgenson and Arthur Krout on November 3, 1929. The family moved from Minneapolis, to a farm near Forest City, MN. After graduating from nearby Litchfield High School, Betty met Donald Holmgren, also from the Litchfield, MN area. They married and had three children. Don worked for Northwestern Bell Telephone Company and they moved many times before finally settling down in St. Cloud, MN.

Because of moving so often, Betty learned quickly to adjust to new faces and surroundings. While in St. Cloud, Betty was a PTA president at Jefferson grade school. She also worked as credit manager for a retail ladies clothing store for many years. After retiring, Betty and Don moved to Mesa, AZ where they later became tour guides for a local travel agency and were able to travel the world over visiting many countries as diverse as Sweden and Panama.

Betty and Don loved to dance. Whether it was square dance, ballroom, polka; if there was music, they were dancing. Throughout her life, Betty always enjoyed learning new things and read on a variety of topics.

Betty is survived by her two sons, Larry (Teresa) Holmgren, David (Lynn) Holmgren, her sister Mary Lee Kragenbring, eight grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, and one soon to be great-grandchild. She is preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Don, and her daughter, Janet Lynn (Rodger) Langland, who passed away April 11, 2020, in Carmel Valley, California, at the age of 69, after a courageous battle with cancer. Due to the COVID-19, a service will be held later this summer at Nativity Episcopal Church in Burnsville, MN. Interment will be held at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, MN.

Contact sons Larry craivit4@aol.com or David holmjrendj@yahoo.com for future date of service.



JOSEPH RICHARD ROCK

August 23, 1954 - January 17, 2021

Joe died peacefully in his sleep after a three year courageous battle with prostate cancer. Dr. Koontz from Pacific Cancer Care, Dr. Larry Fong from UCSF and Dr. Paul Corn from MD Anderson were on his incredible team.

Born in Idaho, Joe and his family moved to Monterey when he was five. He went to MPC and Cal Poly where he studied architecture and studied abroad in Florence for a year. Thus began his life-long friendships with what he called 'il Gruppo,' 50 fellow students who explored and developed their potential while there. After the program ended, he went back to Italy to work in an architectural firm for an additional three years.

In 1986, he opened his own office in Pacific Grove. A one-man shop, he loved to draw and so never made the leap to CAD. In fact, he taught drafting at MPC and Hartnell. He sat on the Architectural Review Board, the Planning Commission, Historic Resources Committee, did pro bono work for the city, volunteered for the rec dept. as a timer for track and field, and was a soccer coach for his son's team for many seasons.

His work included homes, remodels, and commercial properties all over the Peninsula. With his friend and landscape architect Scott Hall, they did several projects for the City of Carmel, including Vista Lobos, Rio and First Murphy Parks as well as safe access to Carmel Beach.

While his self-identity was that of an architect, when asked what he was most proud of, he said his kids. He loved being a dad and was good at it.

He was also an incredible rock climber - always teaching others with his knowledge and sense of safety. As a dad, husband, college instructor, friend and climber, he was always teaching.

When asked what message he wanted to pass onto his grandchildren, he told us, "be kind."

He had a quirky sense of humor and an innate curiosity. He would talk to everyone wanting to know their story and searching for answers to his many questions. His quest for life-long learning was quenched by his love for the Pacific Grove Library. He asked that any gifts made in his memory be made at www.pglibraryfriends.org/ways-give-library.

He leaves behind his wife of 36 years, Robin Venuti, children Giordana (Reece Stewart) and Stefan Rock, siblings; Hank, Kathleen Stallworth, Janet Miedema Grant, Dan and his Mom, Lois Rock.

A small graveside service at El Carmelo took place with hopes we can have a celebration of life at another time.



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Two local music nonprofits launch streamed concerts

AN EIGHTH grade student at York School, pianist **Bryan Kim** steps into the spotlight when Youth Music Monterey County presents its first-ever virtual concert Sunday. The event is free. “This is a pre-recorded concert representing hundreds of hours of practicing, rehearsals,

suite, *Rodeo*.

Kim will be featured as a soloist on the Haydn piece. He was in third grade when he auditioned to play percussion for the YMMC’s Junior Youth Orchestra five years ago, and its conductor at the time, Farkhad Khudiyev, quickly recognized his talent and potential. Today, the youngster plays in both YMMC’s junior youth and honors orchestras, and performs in York School’s concert and jazz bands.

Besides being a talented musician, Kim is an honor student who loves math, plays competitive tennis and wants to study medicine one day so he can be a sports doctor for one of his favorite teams, the Golden State Warriors or the Seattle Seahawks.

The concert will also showcase the nonprofit’s Junior Youth and Honors orchestras. The students range from 10 to 20 years old and all come from the Monterey Peninsula and Salinas.

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On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

editing and engineering,” the nonprofit’s executive director, **Suzanne Mudge**, told The Pine Cone.

To prepare the kids for the concert, Mudge worked with wind and brass students remotely, while conductor **Danko Drusko** and music teacher **Alyze Rabideau** did the same for the strings and percussion students.

The concert was recorded during the fall, with the hope was that it would be streamed over the holidays. “It took us much longer than anticipated to do the editing,” Mudge explained.

The program includes Klaus Badelt’s *Theme from Pirates of the Caribbean*, Joseph Haydn’s *Concerto in D Major, Allegro*, John Williams’ *Star Wars Suite*, and Aaron Copland’s *Hoe Down* from his ballet



Student-musicians from Youth Music Monterey County present a free concert online Sunday, marking the first time the local nonprofit has streamed one of its performances.

BIRDS COME ALIVE ON CANVASES AS TWO PAINTERS UNVEIL NEW WORK

ALONG WITH sunsets and seascapes, birds have long been a popular muse for painters — and that includes a pair of artists, **Steve Maher** and **Michael-Che Swisher**, who are showing new work in local galleries.

Maher’s paintings are on display at Venture Gallery in Monterey, which opens Saturday for the first time since mid-December. Titled “A Passion for Birds,” his show calls attention to the “colors, patterns and attitudes” of birds, which have fascinated Maher since he was a boy discovering nature in the woods.

“I want to convey each bird’s relationship to the world,” the painter told The Pine Cone. “I thoroughly enjoy first sketching the birds with attention to their expressions, then proceeding into their colors and, finally, their environment.”

For Maher, who lives in Salinas, the experience of painting birds brings back memories he has of discovering birds in the backwoods of Northern Minnesota as a youngster. Later, while living in Pittsburgh and working as a designer, he enjoyed visiting the Steel City’s aviary. “Painting makes me feel like I am there with them,” he added.

The gallery is located at 260 Alvarado St., next to Portola Hotel and Spa. It’s open Thursdays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and by appointment. For more details, call (831) 372-6279.

‘Color and texture’

Swisher’s paintings are on display in the Nancy Dodds Gallery. Like Maher, Swisher fell in love with animals at an early age. In fact, she would bring home injured or lost animals — a practice that continues to this day. But her chief focus is painting, and lately, birds have captured her attention.

As a painter, Swisher “works instinctively,” rarely plotting out a plan. With a brush and knife, she lays down thick layers of paint on her canvas as she seeks to convey the “color, texture and personality” of her subject.

She also works small — the bird paintings are just 6 by 6 inches, which makes them easy to display anywhere.

Swisher got her start as an artist by painting murals for Ben & Jerry’s Ice

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

Cream. While the job wasn’t glamorous, it did prove to the artist that her mother was wrong, and she could make a living with

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New paintings by Michael-Che Swisher (top) and Steve Maher (above) celebrate birds.

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FOOD & WINE

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WHILE RESTAURANTS reopened to outdoor dining this week as the governor lifted statewide restrictions imposed six weeks ago, takeout remains a popular option for people who don't feel like cooking but don't want to be out and about, either. To counter high-cost delivery services like Door Dash that take a large percentage of restaurants' receipts, Folktale Wine Group owner Greg Ahn created Carmel Delivers.

"The idea was mainly motivated by the up to 30 percent

Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

commissions that third-party delivery companies charge restaurants," said Ahn, whose portfolio includes Folktale Winery, Seventh & Dolores Steakhouse, and Rise + Roam Bakery and Pizzeria. Considering restaurants' typically narrow profit margins, plus the costs of takeout packaging, condiments and utensils, he said, "we lose money on takeout orders using these other services."

With restaurant employees out of work, Ahn said it made sense to start a delivery service, make it a nonprofit, and staff it with volunteer drivers who keep all their tips. The service is free to the dozen restaurants that use it.

"Restaurant staff are the drivers, so they understand restaurant operations and hospitality service," Ahn said. "We've considered a \$2 per order fee to offset insurance costs, but donations have allowed us to avoid any fees, so it is 100 percent free to the business."

Carmel Delivers is small for now, and was initially serving customers only within a 10-minute drive of downtown Carmel — as far as Stevenson School in Pebble Beach, the Carmel Highlands and mid-valley — but has since branched out a bit farther. It's available between 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Customers must order directly from the participating restaurants in order to use the service, which is now indicated by the "Free Delivery" icon on Visit Carmel's dining guide available at carmelcalifornia.com.

Downtown establishments offering Carmel Delivers include:

- Cultura — Oaxacan-inspired food and drink available Tuesday through Sunday. Go to culturacarmel.com.
- La Balena — Italian, with house-made pastas and sauces, various sides, and amazing fried chicken, available Wednesday through Sunday. Visit labalenacarmel.com and call (831) 250-6295 to order.
- Rise + Roam — Baked goods, salads, pizzas and pastas. More information is available at riseandroamcarmel.com.
- Seventh & Dolores — Sophisticated steaks, salads, appetizers and sides. See 7dsteakhouse.com.
- Stationaery — Fresh, creative and contemporary breakfast, lunch and dinner specializing in local produce and products. Order through thestationaery.com.
- Alvarado Street Brewery & Bistro — The Carmel Plaza location of Alvarado Street Brewery offers burgers, sides and pizzas, as well as plenty of beer. Visit asbcarmel.com.
- Il Tegamino — Italian comfort food — the lasagna is particularly impressive. Details available at iltegamino.com.
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FOOD & WINE

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we are reaching customers who might not otherwise come to town to pick up food as often.”

After some asked how they could support Carmel Delivers, Ahn set up a GoFundMe campaign with a \$10,000 goal and is about one-fifth of the way there. “We’ve received some generous donations from people wanting to support restaurants, workers and the community,” he said. To help, search for “Carmel Delivers” at gofundme.com.

He also said the idea might be catching on, with business owners in other Peninsula cities considering adopting the model.

“We are hoping to expand into Pacific Grove and Monterey next,” he said. “Now that the stay-at-home order has been lifted, we are excited to see restaurants serving again, but we think this service will continue to be vital and in demand.”

Restaurants need to create as many different revenue streams as possible, and delivery is an area that many restaurants

haven’t invested in.”

“We’re looking at ways of scaling the service and making it more efficient,” he added. “We certainly can’t compete with the technology and deep pockets of for-profit companies, but what we can provide is great service.”

In general, the pandemic has taught Ahn the need for his businesses and others in the hospitality industry to be “stronger, more diversified and resilient.”

“I don’t know if cases will continue to decline or if the government will lock things down again, but regardless, at least for Seventh & Dolores and Rise + Roam, we plan to continue to promote takeout, delivery and mail order into the future,” he said. “We should have invested in it much sooner.”

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■ **Dumplings with wine**

As a small business owner, Ashleigh Hutchison, who has the Mana + Pua wine bar and The Lanai shop in the Crossroads

shopping center, always keeps an eye out for other great local enterprises to support. She connected with Emily Lippe, a recent Pacific Grove arrival who specializes in making dumplings.

“We are happy to support this new small business offering dumpling kits for pick-up at the wine bar,” Hutchison said, with wine-and-dumpling-making parties planned for Jan. 31 and Valentine’s Day, Feb. 14, via Zoom.

Lippe, who spent time in large California cities before moving to P.G., said she got into making dumplings as a way to have fun with people from different areas in her life. “I got to play host and help facilitate new friendships while staying connected with people I cared about,” she said. “I have tapped into a food that has endless possibilities,” considering how many different culinary cultures include some sort of dumpling.

Hutchison described the dumplings she’s tasted as “amazing” and is encouraging customers to take advantage of Lippe’s classes.

“She provides all the goods in easy-to-use instructional kits complete with all the ingredients,” she said.

The kits include ingredients for 30 dumplings, plus pickles and sauces, and a bottle of wine, for \$70.

“I make dumplings of all varieties, from traditional recipes like pork and chive wontons, to inventions like pizza dumplings,” Lippe said. “I believe anything can be turned into a dumpling!”

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pes.com/shop and then pick up their kits and wine at Mana + Pua in the Crossroads.

■ **Good Foods mercantile**

Each year, San Francisco’s Good Food Awards identify the top producers of all kinds of goodies, from sauces and tonics, to artisan chocolates, beer and cheese. At last week’s live streamed awards ceremony, 219 companies were named winners from among thousands of entries, and 100 of them are selling their products online in the first-ever Good Food Awards Pop-Up Shop, which runs online through Feb. 7.

Visit shop.goodfoodfdn.org to discover the judges’ favorites and learn more about the people who created them. Choose from winners in the beer, cider, charcuterie, cheese, chocolate, coffee, confections, fish, grains, honey, oils, elixirs, pantry, pickles, preserves, snacks and spirits categories.

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The Padre Whisperer: How Peter Burwash changed the game at CHS

A FEW weeks into his third season as Carmel High's head football coach, Golden Anderson didn't fit the mold of a guy who was desperate for advice. In fact, he wasn't.

His very first team, in 2009, had gone 12-0 and won the first Central Coast Section crown in school history. His 2010 squad went undefeated in the Mission Trail Athletic League for the second straight year and reached the CCS finals again, losing a 39-32 shootout to Sacred Heart Prep for an 11-2 overall finish. And in 2011, his Padres were 8-0 after crushing Marina 55-0. Life was good.

"That's when I got a very nice, handwritten note from somebody named Peter Burwash," Anderson said. "He and his wife had watched one of our games, and he was writing to tell me that he was impressed with what he had seen — how respectfully we stood during the National Anthem,

mediately scheduled 30-minute relationship-building meetings, one on one, with every player on the roster. The get-togethers were designed to give Burwash a better feel for who each player was, and what he hoped to get out of his football experience. Burwash also hoped to give the players a deeper understanding of their coach.

"Golden is a very tough coach, which is a big part of his magic, but he's such a strong personality that the kids were afraid of him," he said. "I noticed that when a player would make a mistake, he'd get upset, yell at the player, then walk away."

Burwash shared that observation with Anderson and offered a piece of wisdom: "Never leave a person on a negative. Before you go to the next drill, leave that player with a strong sense of encouragement."

The advice had an impact. "Something he always said that rings true to me in my sleep today is, 'Catch them doing it right. When a kid does something exactly right, let him know,'" Anderson said. "Players don't hear that enough. Most people in the world don't hear that enough."

Devin Pearson, who threw for 7,276 yards, 76 touchdowns, and went 35-3 (7-2 in the playoffs) as a three-year starter at quarterback, said he watched Anderson become a better communicator with Burwash as a mentor.

"Anderson is a hard coach — he holds his players and staff accountable," said Pearson, the assistant director of minor league scouting for the Boston Red Sox. "I loved it because I wanted to be the best I could be. If I messed up, I wanted to know about it, and didn't need it sugar-coated."

"Golden definitely evolved over the years, and he continues to learn how to verbalize criticism to address the mistake or problem, explain how to correct it, and motivate a player to do so," he said.

A revealing moment was Anderson's postgame speech after a rare upset loss, when he shouldered all blame, apologizing for devising a bad game plan.

Honesty, humility, vulnerability

"I commended him afterward for showing vulnerability and I made sure the players understood how valuable that was as a learning experience," Burwash said. "If our politicians could learn to do that, we'd all be a lot better off."

He made many other contributions during the four seasons he spent with the Padres, Anderson said. For example:

■ He encouraged the coach to create a 10-player "leadership council," then gave those players a three-hour classroom seminar — one of those \$15,000 courses on how to become a great leader. Anderson asked to take the course and participated in every exercise. "My respect for Golden went way, way up after that, because I realized he has great humility," Burwash said. "Without humility, there's no potential for advancement in your life. That's the ground floor."

■ Burwash insisted that any player who scored a touchdown seek out his offensive linemen at the first opportunity and thank them. "Linemen are the last guys to get their names in the paper," he explained.

■ He acted an intermediary when he sensed tension between teammates, or between a player and a coach. "He provided a safe space for me to express frustration with a

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Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

how uniform we looked, how disciplined we acted, how we didn't do a lot of showboating. He said things like that spoke volumes about the unselfishness of our program."

The coach felt genuinely touched and responded by inviting the mysterious Mr. Burwash to attend a practice and share those observations with the team.

Man with a big footprint

Then he Googled the name. Peter Burwash had been a quarterback, a tennis sensation, and was drafted by the St. Louis Blues of the National Hockey League out of high school. He played on back-to-back regional title teams in hockey and was a two-time regional singles champion in tennis at the University of Toronto.

He became Canada's No. 1 amateur tennis player, an international singles and doubles champ, a member of Canada's Davis Cup team. From 1968 to 1975, he played on a pro tour that included Rod Laver, Ken Rosewall, Stan Smith, John Newcombe, Roy Emerson, Dick Stockton, Bob Lutz and Charlie Pasarell.

In 1975 he founded Peter Burwash International, which became a global leader in tennis instruction and management. He coached Venus and Serena Williams when they were junior players. He was a courtside commentator for The Sports Network and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, authored 10 books and became a world-renowned motivational speaker, addressing Fortune 500 companies, commanding \$15,000 per speech.

"When Golden invited me to practice, it was the start of a wonderful relationship," said Burwash, 76, a resident of the Monterey Peninsula since 1999. "When I watched how Golden ran practice, I could see he was a brilliant coach — his players were learning so much, so fast."

As Burwash wandered from drill to drill, he jotted observations on a notepad — all positive — and shared them with Anderson afterward.

Positive feedback

"It was a handwritten summary of about 25 things that I thought Golden did well. I left out things I thought he needed to work on," he said. "What impressed me was that he listened to everything I said. He didn't necessarily incorporate my advice right then, but he was very open to suggestion."

At Anderson's invitation, Burwash rode the team bus to a Friday-night game at King City and walked the sidelines as the Padres won their ninth straight. Again, he furnished a handwritten evaluation of things he had observed.

"His comments had nothing to do with the game plan — it was about what he liked, and what he thought we could improve, from a cultural standpoint, a leadership standpoint, a structural standpoint how we could teach, motivate, build relationships, enhance those relationships. His feedback was unbelievable," Anderson recalled.

It was only the beginning. Anderson asked Burwash — a busy man — to consider expanding his role with the team. Burwash was delighted.

The Padres' new director of player development im-



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Peter Burwash was the No. 1 amateur tennis player in Canada and excelled at ice hockey, but it was his leadership and organizational skills that helped shape the Padres football team.



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Editorial

Government inaction

ONE OF the emails we received this week said it very well.

“It’s starting to seem like Monterey County isn’t even part of the United States,” a resident of Carmel Valley said.

He was talking about the disastrous vaccine rollout in this county, but he could have been talking about what happened overnight at the Carmel River Lagoon. The vaccine situation is deadly serious for tens of thousands of people, while the lagoon is more about property damage for a few dozen homeowners, but both still qualify as Hall of Fame examples of local government at its worst.

Over the last year, we’ve chronicled some of the things the Monterey County health department has done that make it seem more like a Monty Python movie than an expert government agency, but this week’s topped them all.

Exhibit A was health officer Ed Moreno’s statement Wednesday that this county appears to be getting its fair share of vaccine doses. Let’s check the numbers. According to the CDC, as of Thursday morning, California has received 5,425,575 doses of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, which works out to .14 doses for each of California’s 39 million residents. Monterey County has about 440,000 residents, which means we should have about 61,000 doses. But according to Moreno’s own website, as of Thursday morning, we have 37,475.

Why is this shortfall happening? Moreno tried to explain by saying the state spreads the doses around not strictly based on population, but on the proportion of groups who are, for example, 65-plus, or have been impacted by the virus more than others, such as low-income and minority neighborhoods. And since we have so few of both of those, that explains why we’re so far behind in doses. Got it? We knew you would.

A better explanation might be that our county leadership is so weak, they just accept whatever they’re told, and they hope you will, too. So just shut up and wait your turn. Or get your shot in Santa Cruz County, which is what a lot of locals are figuring out they have to do.

Why do other counties have so many more doses available? The answer, it turns out, is that they have chain hospitals owned by companies like Sutter Health and Kaiser, which get their own vaccine allocations on top of what’s going to their county — whereas CHOMP, Natividad and SVMH don’t, because they’re either independent or government owned. Since the Monterey County health department and board of supervisors are so ineffective, this sounds like a disparity that should be fixed by some heavy hitters who actually care about their constituents. Has anybody heard from Jimmy Panetta, John Laird or Mark Stone lately?

And that brings us to Exhibit B, which was Tuesday’s comically mishandled debut of a website where Monterey County residents who are 75-plus could actually sign up for the coronavirus vaccine — a development that, as we said at the top, many seniors would see as a matter of life or death. And how did the county health department reveal the existence of this crucial website? More than a day before they made a public announcement or told the local media, they put it on Facebook, which could be the dumbest and most callous thing we’ve ever heard of.

If you live near the Carmel River Lagoon, this morning you are rightfully asking yourself why nobody has figured out a way to eliminate the flood danger there while also protecting the native population of steelhead trout. The answer is very simple: Many of the people who run the various levels of government that rule our lives are either inept or don’t care. Or both.

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Letters to the Editor

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Suggestion for Moreno

Dear Editor,

As we watch family, friends and acquaintances who are age 65-plus all over the state get their first vaccination shots because they have reached the right tier in their counties, we anxiously await word when it will be our turn here in Monterey County. I won’t reiterate the confusion and frustration that have been voiced already as to why there have been delays in moving forward, but I have a suggestion.

Dr. Moreno, it would be a show of solidarity and support for you to publicly announce that you will not personally get a coronavirus vaccine until everyone in Monterey County who qualifies in Tier 1A and 1B, (which includes age 65-plus) receives their first dose. I realize that there are many issues about the vaccination supply in this county that you said you can’t control, but this you can control.

Like a captain who refuses to abandon his ship until everyone is safely off board, you would be making a statement about how much you care for the health of our community by stepping aside and waiting to get your vaccine, even if you technically qualify for one now. Your constituents would realize you have their backs and we

will have confidence that you will make our county safe again as quickly as you can.

Karen Letendre, Carmel

‘Stop the insanity’

Dear Editor,

How many times are we to be outraged by the avoidable property damage that occurs each time the Carmel River Lagoon floods before something changes? When will people’s lives and property be more valuable than fish?

I’ve lived in Carmel Valley for 40 years. The flooding is not new. One could say it’s predictable. What’s that definition of insanity? “Doing the same thing over and over again thinking there will be a different result.” For our fellow citizens sake, stop the insanity.

Dawn Poston, Carmel Valley

‘Suffering in silence’

Dear Editor,

I take issue with last week’s article regarding the retirement of the CUSD superintendent. Although there are a small and vocal groups of parents urging CUSD officials to reopen, there are many more who are suffering in silence. A survey of River School parents earlier this year found that around 70 percent of parents want their students back on campus. Parents that do point out the failures of distance learning are ostracized as being anti-teacher. So yes, very few parents are willing to speak up for our kids right now. But I want to personally thank the ones who do. Besides who else is going to do it?

Melissa Deneau, Carmel

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Golden Bough opens to rave reviews — and lots of drama

WITH THE opening of the Theater of the Golden Bough in June 1924, Edward G. Kuster launched a new era of theater for Carmel. The outdoor Forest Theater was opened by Herbert Heron in 1910, and had been marked by infighting since its second year. The Arts & Crafts Hall was even older and had become the home of indoor dramatic presentations but was not built for theater. Manzanita Hall occasionally presented plays as well, but it was a barn.

While Kuster was working on the Golden Bough, the Arts & Crafts Club added its own Little Theater, which was built by M. J. Murphy at the Monte Verde entrance of the group's property at a cost of \$7,000. It opened in November with a run of three plays, one of which was directed by Perry Newberry. A rift already existed between Newberry and Kuster, making

ater of the Golden Bough was "the loveliest and best-equipped theater of its size and kind in America or, so far as we know, with the exception of the Cologne Exposition Theater, in the world."

Browne directed the initial summer school and plays for Kuster at the Golden Bough.

Carmel Follies

The season was deemed a success and the Kusters took an extended second honeymoon to Hawaii in January 1925, returning to the Peninsula at the end of March.

Kuster produced the second season with ideas he developed on his vacation. He led the Golden Bough summer workshop program himself in 1925, offering scholarships to local students. By involving more locals, he hoped to overcome some of the resistance the town's old guard had to the professionalism he sought for community theater. While he encouraged more local use of the theater, he also invited visiting troupes to display their talent at the Golden Bough.

In May, the University of California Players presented Sutton Vane's "Outward Bound." In June, Kuster opened his theater for the Carmel Follies, three nights of skits put on by the members of the Abalone League as a fundraiser for the local co-ed baseball teams made up of about 100 artists, writers, businessmen and other Peninsula residents. At the end of June, Kuster provided the Golden Bough for a lecture on Christian Science.

The summer workshop's first production was a lighthearted satire based on "Merton of the Movies," a story by Carmel's very own Harry Leon Wilson. Playwrights George Kaufman and Marc Connelly adapted it for Broadway's 1922 season and later a 1924 silent movie. In

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History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

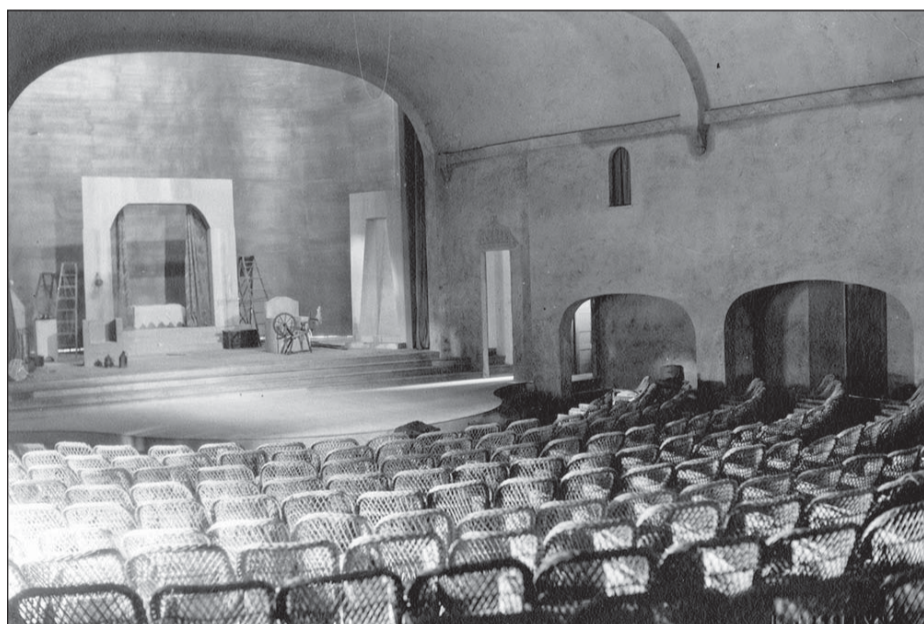
it interesting that Newberry cast Kuster's wife, Ruth, in the lead of his play.

The small wooden theater was no match for Kuster's showplace, which cost \$40,000. Mary Morley Sellers of the Pasadena Playhouse News described "several novel features" Kuster designed: "a great dome filling the larger part of the stage," a "half-round forestage," and "underneath is the wholly concealed orchestra pit."

Luxurious chairs

Sellers was clearly impressed that "the control of all the lighting, and it is particularly beautiful, and of the curtain, is from the projection room at the rear of the auditorium." She also made note of the "luxurious wicker chairs with cushions."

Maurice Browne, considered the founder of America's Little Theater Movement, declared in Drama Magazine that the The-



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This 1924 image of the interior of the Theater of the Golden Bough, shows the comfortable seating and the stage with its large forestage that concealed the orchestra pit.

A MILLION PIECES OF JOYFUL BEAUTY

NOW THAT she's a few decades beyond childhood, Stefanna Robins would like to set the record straight:

"I was the best little kid — very obedient, always did exactly what I was told," she testified. "I was accused of doing a whole bunch of things I never thought to do, and I never did any of them."

Maybe she punctuated that declaration with a "wink, wink" ... or maybe those early days as a goody-goody explain, on some deep psychological level, why Robins, at 77, spends so much of her time breaking things into a gazillion little pieces.

Robins is a mosaic artist who hunts

under the mat if they went away, she said. "The village," as locals called it, was teeming with wealthy tourists most of the year, but rolled up the sidewalks all summer.

"The whole town closed down because it was probably 126 degrees outside," Robins recollected. "As kids, we'd always be barefoot, but we would literally fry eggs on the sidewalk, just for fun."

Racing Brando

"Everybody had a pool, not as a status symbol, but as a necessity," she said. "We sometimes slept on rafts in our pool on summer nights."

As a 16-year-old, Stefanna had a part-time job at Lanz of Salzburg, a boutique famous for dressing Hollywood stars, and well-known for its flannel nightgowns. "We used to call

them 'birth control,'" she snarked. "I had a 20-minute break one day and walked across street to MFKs, a fabulous, upscale drugstore," she reminisced. "I sat at the counter, ordered a hot-fudge sundae, and barely looked up while I was eating it."

The teenager finally glanced at a man next to her, enjoying a sundae of his own. "It was Frank Sinatra," she said. "He just smiled, said hi, paid for both sundaes, and left."

Another time, Robins was riding her horse through Palm Springs, noticed Marlon Brando at the wheel of the car next to her, and spontaneously engaged him in a drag race when the light changed. "He won," she said. "He was in a Thunderbird."

In 1984, at age 21, she was introduced to Richard Robins, and was immediately beguiled.

In 1986, the 23-year-old — a store man-

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Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

incessantly for pretty pots, bowls, dishes, cups, vases and other treasures flawed with chips or cracks — misfits of the crockery world, crying out for someone to still love them.

Top-secret chef

She adopts them, takes them to the Crack Pot Studio, her workspace/gallery at 170 Grand Ave. in Pacific Grove, and, like a 21st-century Dr. Frankenstein, gives them new life.

"There are artists who hit things with a hammer, but that doesn't appeal to me. I like cutting," said Robins, who uses a wheel cutter to dismember her findings into pieces she reassembles in aesthetically pleasing ways. "I like the precision. I like the details," she said.

Her body of work includes one-of-a-kind sculptures, framed seed bead mosaics, and a wide range of discarded urban materials — somebody else's junk — repurposed in a creative form, usually in bright, dramatic colors.

Robins grew up in Palm Springs in a Russian Orthodox family, the daughter of a professional chef so talented that he had government security clearance.

"My father, Stefan, was Austrian — we think, because he lied all the time," she said with a laugh. "He spoke nine languages, and kind of invented this fabulous life, but his life really was pretty fabulous."

"He always claimed to be a dishwasher, but he was a chef, so creative in the kitchen that if an ex-president came to Palm Springs without a chef, my father always got the call to cook for him."

'The village'

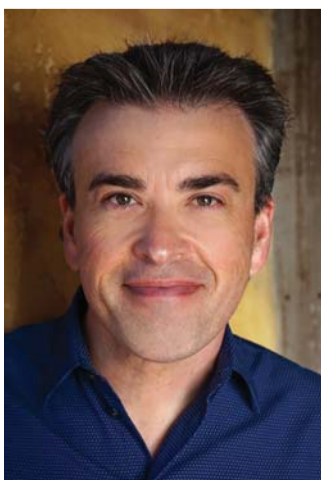
Palm Springs in the 1940s and '50s was a place where people left their doors unlocked when they were home, and left the key



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Stefanna Robins specializes in cutting up colorful discarded items and giving them new life as mosaic artwork.

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SPORTS

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teammate or situation,” Pearson remembered. But, he said, “They always ended with a clear plan on how to handle the issue so it benefited the team as a whole.”

■ He continued to provide Anderson with his bullet-point notes after every practice and every game.

After being diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease, Burwash stepped away after the 2014 season, having had a part in three Mission Trail Athletic League title teams that played for the CCS crown, and one league runner-up.

“Mr. Burwash has been a huge mentor for me,” said Anderson, who misses his presence. “He’s probably been the single biggest influence on the success we’ve sustained over a 10-year period, helping us develop trust in each other, better communication, leadership and life skills, as opposed to just teaching them about football.”

Burwash, whose daughters, Kimberly and Skyler, are CHS alumnae, lives in Marina with his wife, Lynn.

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MUSIC

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the Carmel Music Society doesn’t even have a Facebook page, but this Saturday, the nonprofit music group steps into the 21st century when it streams a concert on the internet — for the first time ever — by pianist **Olga Kern**. The music is free.

A Gold Medal winner at the prestigious 2001 Van Cliburn Piano Competition — the first by a woman in 30 years — Kern played here in 2006 and again in 2019.

Born in Russia, Kern lives in New York City.

“She’s teaching at the Julliard School, but right now, she’s stuck in Moscow due to the pandemic,” Peter Thorp of Carmel Music Society said. “She was doing a concert in Finland and managed to get back to Moscow. She can’t get back to the United States until everything has blown over.”

The program includes music by Liszt, Schumann, Debussy, Gershwin, Rachmaninoff and others.

The concert, which the Carmel Music Society is co-presenting with three other nonprofits, begins at 5 p.m., and it will be available for six days.

For a link to the concert, visit carmelmusic.org.

ROBINS

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ager by then — was asked to consider moving to the Monterey Peninsula to run two Lanz of Salzburg stores in Carmel — one on Dolores Street, the other on Ocean Avenue.

“The company rented me a car and a hotel room, and paid me to come here for two weeks to see if I liked it,” she said. “The minute I saw it, I knew I wanted to live here. Who wouldn’t?”

‘Awful’ painter

The same year, Richard was hired to teach at Carmel High, where he spent 14 years as the school’s music director, and became conductor of the Monterey Community Band, a post he held for 30 years, until he retired in 2016.

In 1992, the two were married.

“I had no intention of remarrying. I had decided it was much better to be a girlfriend,” said Stefanna, who had tried it once before. “Then, Dick suddenly got so sick that he thought he was going to die. When he recovered, he said, ‘We have to get married — we own property together, and if anything happens to me, you’re going to be in trouble.’”

In 2001, Robins — by then a regional manager — sustained an injury and no longer could work, a misfortune that gave her an opportunity to focus on art.

“I needed something to make myself feel productive,” she said. “I tried throwing pots — you put clay on a wheel, spin it and squeeze it until you shape it into a pot — but that wasn’t my talent. I was awful. Then I tried painting, and was awful at that, too. So, I tried breaking things. In 20 minutes, I realized that’s what I needed to do.”

As a mosaic artist, Robins said she thrills at transforming an item somebody else discarded — cutting it up, then putting the pieces back together in a creative way. “It’s like I have a power. I’m making it live again,” she said.

Unreal housewives

She has breathed new life into old mirrors, garden ornaments and chairs, among countless other found items.

“And then there’s my women — I did a series using old mannequins,” she said. “A friend gave them a name. He calls them ‘The Unreal Housewives.’”

Her bestselling art is a series of colorful garden plaques bearing the following instructions: “Knock on door ... if no answer, pull weeds.”

Robins said she considers herself more of an artisan

than a fine artist — she envies those who can paint a picture in three hours, while she spends weeks on a mosaic — but she loves what she does.

“My best work just seems to happen, just needs to get itself born,” she said. “Things I spend a lot of time planning usually don’t turn into my best work. I like to feel like I’m watching it happen.”

Robins, a Pacific Grove resident, is a longtime member of the Monterey Peninsula Art Foundation, but most of her sales during the pandemic have come from word-of-mouth advertising. Images of her work can be found online at mpaf.org. Contact her at Crack Pot Studios by calling (831) 236-9696 or emailing mstefanna@sbcglobal.net.

ART

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brush. Emboldened by her modest success, she moved to San Francisco and studied at the Academy of Art before launching a career as an illustrator. But more recently, her focus has shifted to fine art.

Dodds said Swisher’s creations are all the more remarkable because she is battling multiple sclerosis. She is one of the gallery’s most popular artists.

“I keep her front and center at the gallery,” Dodds said. “Her paintings are the first things you see. Her work brings in a lot of people.”

Nancy Dodds Gallery, which is open Thursday through Monday from noon to 4 p.m. is located on Seventh between San Carlos and Dolores. Appointments are also available. For more details, call (831) 624-0346 or visit nancydoddsgallery.com.

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FLOOD

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street had four or five rooms flooded.”

At Mission Ranch, general manager Sue Carota arrived in the early morning to find water from the lagoon encroaching on the property and surrounding the shed where the ranch’s 25 sheep spend the night.

“My concern was making arrangements if I had to move them,” Carota said. “They were surrounded by water, and to get to the sheep I had to cross a little river that was flowing pretty fast. It was scary, but they were fine.” None of the buildings at the ranch were damaged, either.

Rapid subsidence

About 8:30 a.m., the floodwaters subsided rapidly when the lagoon began flowing on its own to the sea, according to Carmel Mayor Dave Potter.

“It was like pulling the drain plug in a bathtub,” said Don Brown’s wife, Alice. “In two hours, it was empty.”

“Everything dropped like 3 feet,” Carroll said. “That must have been a big relief for the residents.”

Carroll said at least six homes were flooded. As the rain decreased throughout the morning, building inspectors and cleanup specialists began to arrive on scene.

So why did the flooding happen if measures were taken to prevent it?

“The breach made by the county wasn’t 100 percent, and then overnight we had a confluence of a high tide and a major storm,” Potter said. “The high tide kept the lagoon from breaking out, and they didn’t anticipate that.”

Carroll also offered an explanation.

“Heavy wave action and the high tide slightly rebuilt the sandbar at the southern end of the channel on Wednesday night,” she explained. “A high tide and large waves Thursday morning coincided with high flows from the Carmel River. The combination of high tide and high waves did not allow the lagoon to evacuate fast enough to keep pace with the high inflow of the Carmel River. Due to these factors, and despite monitoring by public works and other staff, struc-

tures along the perimeter of the lagoon experienced varying degrees of flooding.”

Except during drought years, the county cuts a channel in the sandbar each winter to let the river flow into the ocean. But the National Marine Fisheries Service requires that the work be done in a way that keeps young steelhead from being swept into the ocean before they are mature enough to survive.

To make that possible, a plug of sand is left at the top end of the channel. As the notch erodes, it slows the water in the channel, making it more stable, Sean Atkins of public works explained.

On Tuesday, under sunny and calm skies, two bulldozers carved a channel in the sand that was 190 feet long, 20 feet wide and 2 1/2 feet deep. The work was originally planned for Thursday, but with lots of wet weather on the way, public works moved it up to Tuesday.

Atkins said he anticipated the water would rise to the level of the channel and begin draining the lagoon by late Wednesday or early Thursday. He turned out to be right, but that’s little consolation to those whose homes were flooded.

The water in the lagoon was 8.6 feet above sea level on Monday afternoon but had to be at least 12 feet high when the flooding occurred, according to a NOAA website. At Rosie’s Bridge on Tuesday, the water was traveling at 17

cubic feet per second but was expected to increase to 1,100 cubic feet per second by Thursday.

See you next year

For decades, breaching was considered a routine part of winter maintenance, but that all ended — and the balancing act between the homes and the fish began — in 2001, when federal officials stepped in to stop the county from letting the lagoon drain rapidly.

“We’ve had challenges with this over the years, and the whole thing turned into a volleyball between the government agencies,” Carota said. “For a while, the big thing was going to be a barrier that would protect the homes, and I think years ago I went to two or three meetings about it, but the interest subsided.”

Potter, meanwhile, said that residents are important, too. “Their argument was always you had to wait until the last minute so you didn’t kill the fish,” he added. “It seems to me that public safety should outweigh the fish.”

Homeowner Linda Bergen is also puzzled how long the problem has endured. Several homes along Camino Real, River Park Place and Monte Verde Street were flooded under the same circumstances Jan. 11, 2001 — 20 years ago almost to the day.

“It’s concerning that, even though this happens often, we can’t find a solution,” she added.



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About 8:30 a.m. Thursday, the Carmel River overtopped the sandbar holding it back from the Pacific Ocean and, before too long, the river was flowing at a great rate out to sea (left), ending the flooding in the low-lying neighborhood next to the lagoon. Even as that was happening, discussions were resuming about preventing such flooding in the future. One idea for a barrier along the north side of the lagoon was floated in 2002, when a diagram showed its proposed route.

SWANSON

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Wiener felt the top unresolved issues were. Updating the residential and commercial guidelines and codes are high on the list.

“I know we’ve got a lot of work to do, and there are a lot of great planning issues,” he said. “Right now, what’s at the top of my priority list is to learn. I want to learn and understand before I start making a bunch of changes or directing things.”

He plans to draw on what worked at the county’s planning department, including technology that can streamline the permit process and make information more accessible.

“I’m really excited to bring my experience to the table and make the process as painless as possible,” he said. “Covid is horrible, but it also forced cities like Carmel to enhance things like online permit submission.”

He also had a lot of praise for Marnie Waffle, who served as acting planning director after Wiener left.

Swanson, 40, lives in Pacific Grove with wife Carolyn — who was recently elected to the P.G. Unified School District’s board of education — and daughter Dorothy.

“I truly am excited. It’s such a great opportunity and such a special place,” he said. “It’s a magical place for us.”

He also really looks forward to a time when he can meet people in person for a chat or a cup of coffee, and offered to do so via Google or Zoom in the meantime.

“I know how important relationships are in Carmel,” he said, and he welcomes the fact that residents here are “passionate and active,” because he enjoys “working with people so much.”

WATER BOARD

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working in the water and wastewater utility business, is also vying for the seat. Derbin noted he found public service rewarding and wants to help the community “with long-term water supply solutions.”

“I consider myself an established expert in the area of water supply, treatment, reuse and management, and would very much want to share my expertise to help guide the community by serving on the MPWMD board,” Derbin wrote to the board.

The water board can either schedule a new election to replace Evans or choose her replacement, in which case the new director would be required to run for election in November 2022 for the remaining two years of the term.

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When it comes to cholesterol, what you eat still matters

By ELAINE HESSER

ITS REPUTATION swung from that of “the incredible, edible egg,” to something like an ovoid suspect at a murder scene — and then back to probably OK — leaving millions of omelet-loving, egg-salad craving people perplexed.

And what about all those other foods with surprising amounts of cholesterol, like sardines and shellfish?



Dr. Diane Sobkowitz

The answer’s somewhat intuitive — if you eat more cholesterol, it raises blood levels of the substance. But by how much? And how much is too much? These questions have been the subject of some controversy in recent years.

Cardiologist Dr. Diane Sobkowitz is the medical director of lipid services (issues dealing with fats) at Montage

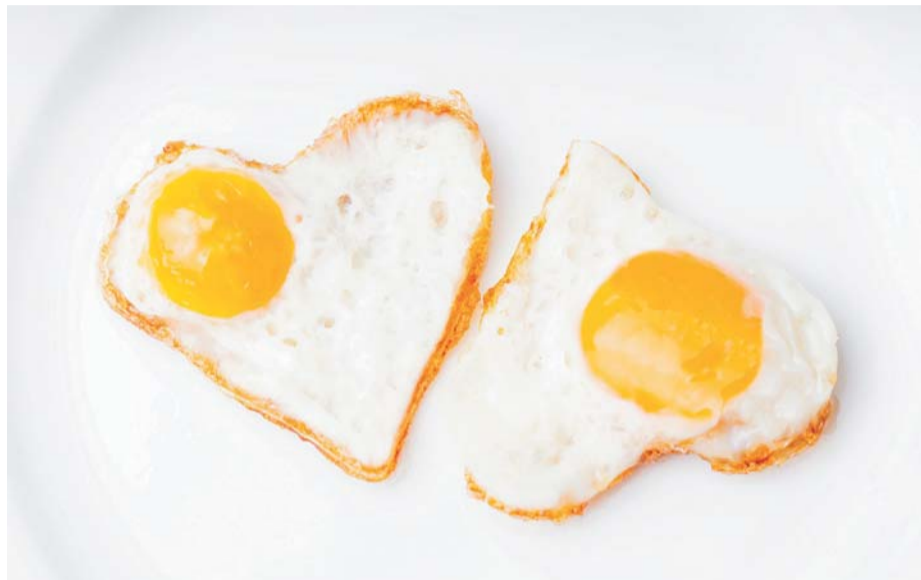
Medical Group. Before moving here in 2017, she ran the Women’s Heart Program at Sutter Heart and Vascular Institute, and for 15 years, she was a liaison and spokesperson for the Go Red for Women heart health campaign in the Sacramento area.

She’s not anti-egg, but, she said, “Risk factors don’t come down to just one thing, and cholesterol does play a role,” in blockages in the arteries that can lead to heart problems and stroke.

Plaque buildup

Cholesterol is a waxy substance that your body produces to perform necessary functions, like helping to produce vitamin D and hormones. The Centers for Disease Control and the American Heart Association agree that, “Your liver makes all the cholesterol you need.”

You’ve no doubt heard of LDL (low-density lipoprotein) and HDL (high-density lipoprotein) cholesterol. You need both, but so-called “bad” LDL becomes problematic when it’s excessive and starts collecting



in blood vessels. That contributes to plaque buildup, leading to atherosclerosis — sometimes called hardening of the arteries — a major factor in heart disease and stroke.

However, Sobkowitz said, “HDL sucks the excess LDL right out of the veins,” picking it up like a microscopic Roomba and transporting it back to

the liver for storage, instead of letting it accumulate in the blood vessels.

Ah, youth

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration, which sets standards for such things, recommends no more than

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A 10-minute workout? Really?

By SALLY BAHO

"IT'S A marathon, not a sprint," the adage goes, but as it turns out, "sprinting" a little only three times a week may be good for your heart. Bursts of high-energy exercise, referred to as high-intensity interval training or often just by its initials, HIIT, are touted not only for their appeal — exercise for only 10 minutes? — but also for their health benefits.



Dr. Aarush Manchanda

High-intensity interval training is a combination of short, heavy-duty cardio exercise, followed by a brief rest period, repeated for a cycle of anywhere from 10 to 20 minutes. Think a 30-second all-out run followed by a light jog for two minutes, repeated for 10 minutes.

Running isn't the only way to achieve those goals. Biking works — and it's particularly convenient on a stationary bike — as well as good old-fashioned calisthenics. And the nice thing is, you can do a lot of those exercises at home, with little-to-no equipment.

The goal of high-intensity interval training is to really get your heart pumping. Dr. Aarush Manchanda, a

cardiologist and one of the medical directors at CHOMP's Tyler Heart Institute, said that the maximum heart rate for cardio exercise is calculated by subtracting your age from 220, so for a 60-year-old person, that would be 160 beats per minute. The target heart rate for an intense workout is at least 75 percent of that number, or 120. By contrast, the Mayo Clinic defines a moderately intense workout as one that causes you to reach 60 to 70 percent of your maximum heart rate.

The high-intensity regimen improves cardiac conditioning, but research reveals that it does much more.

Reduced body fat

One study, published in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology, found that patients who practiced high-intensity interval training three times a week for 12 weeks had far superior results — reducing total body fat, abdominal fat distribution, and increasing lean mass — than those who followed a moderately intense exercise regimen.

Manchanda said that these sorts of benefits were great for patients with metabolic syndrome, which puts them at risk for high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke and diabetes. Metabolic syndrome is defined as overweight with a 40-or-more-inch

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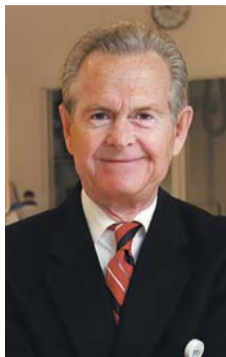
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It's not just the lungs — Covid-19 can affect the heart, too

By ELAINE HESSER

LOSS OF taste and smell, flu-like symptoms and severe breathing problems — everyone knows the list of Covid symptoms by now. Along with the lungs, however, the disease has what appear to be some short- and long-term effects on heart health.

Dr. Richard Gray is the head of Community Hospital's Tyler Heart Institute. He's part of the chorus of countless authorities who've been telling us for nearly a year that prevention is key, especially for those with conditions like heart and lung problems. He's also paying close attention to what happens to the hearts of those who are infected with coronavirus.



Dr. Richard Gray

"We believe that some pre-existing conditions make the course of the disease more likely to become complicated and that they increase the mortality rate." He continued, "There is some controversy about these individuals being at higher risk of contracting Covid," in the first place. In other words, in addition to making the course of the disease more dangerous, it's possible that pre-existing conditions make it easier to catch it.

For people who are seeing a doctor for heart-related issues, Gray said it was important to continue taking any prescription medications. He noted that there were some concerns early on about how certain blood pressure medicines might interact with the virus, but they were unsubstantiated.

The long-term effects of Covid-19 on the heart won't be known for some time. But, Gray noted, there are a few things doctors have observed so far



that may give some indications of what people who survive the disease can expect.

'Theoretical risk'

First, it's normal not to get right back to normal. "There's not the same stamina or respiratory reserve. There might be lingering respiratory symptoms," said Gray. Last August, Scientific American published an article on college and professional athletes who reported symptoms of extreme tiredness and racing hearts, with evidence of myocarditis (inflammation of the heart muscle) following a bout with the disease.

Gray said it made sense that heart problems

would be part of Covid's effects. "When the lungs are sick, the heart is always part of the picture," he said. Many patients with the virus have higher-than-normal levels of cardiac troponin, a type of protein that indicates injury to the heart. The American College of Cardiology says, "Myocardial injury is common in patients with Covid-19."

That doesn't mean everyone who gets Covid will have a heart attack, but the ACC cautions there is a "theoretical increased risk" for such an event in patients who have been hospitalized with the virus. Gray added that the virus can cause congestive

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Kale Kamut Pomegranate Salad

THIS MONTH'S recipe is a colorful salad from Daniel Elinan, executive chef at the Monterey Hyatt. In anticipation of the American Heart Association's annual "Go Red for Women" campaign next month, the dish is studded with bright red pomegranate seeds. One of the so-called "super-

foods," the winter fruit has been the subject of some small studies showing that it might help prevent heart disease. It's also delicious and full of vitamins C and K.

If you don't like spicy serrano peppers, you can leave them out. If you do use them, wear gloves or wash your

hands thoroughly after handling them — just like jalapenos, they can leave oil on your hands that can burn if you rub your eyes or nose.

Cracked Khorasan bulgur wheat (Chef Dan likes Kamut brand, hence the name of the salad) is similar to the bulgur you find in Middle Eastern tabbouleh. Khorasan is a type of wheat, named for a region in Central Asia where it's grown. This recipe calls for just a tablespoon of the cooked grain plus a teaspoon of quinoa, but both make great sides and can be used in a variety of other dishes.

four plates.

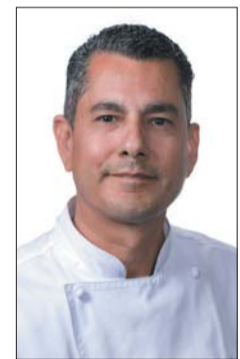
Dressing

1/4 cup seeds and any remaining liquid from whole pomegranate
2 tablespoons champagne vinegar
Dash of kosher salt
3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
Freshly ground pepper to taste

Combine first three ingredients in a blender, and slowly drizzle in olive oil. Season with pepper and add more salt if necessary. Spoon over salad.

Chef Bio

DANIEL ELINAN has been the executive chef at The Hyatt Regency Monterey since November 2018. Elinan has extensive experience in hotel restaurants worldwide, including Washington D.C., Key West, Prague, Budapest and Shanghai.



Daniel Elinan

A graduate of the Culinary Institute of American in Hyde Park, N.Y., Elinan's first job was in New York City as a line cook at

Chef Eric Ripert's Michelin three-star Le Bernardin, and he has been a guest chef at the prestigious James Beard House. Instead of a signature dish, he said he has "signature sauces, spice blends, powders and techniques that can be used in the creation of a variety of entrees and accompaniments."

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HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

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300 mg of cholesterol daily for average people. Sobkowicz said that number is 200 mg for those who need to cut back.

When a doctor orders a blood test for fat, called a lipid panel, cholesterol is measured in milligrams per deciliter of blood. The total amount should be less than 200, LDL should be less than 100 and HDL should be greater than 40 or 50, depending on age and sex.

Speaking of that, Sobkowicz said that many women don't know that after menopause, their LDL cholesterol may climb, while HDL can decline. "Just because you were fine in your 30s doesn't mean you're going to be fine forever," she cautioned.

She also noted that doctors used to believe high levels of HDL offset high levels of LDL — so much so that folks were told not to worry, as long as the

ratio between the two was good. Now, however, she said high LDL should always be of concern.

And, Sobkowicz said, there's another number to watch: triglycerides. They increase when you consume excess calories, which are stored in fat cells for when you need extra energy. Some people, however, have stored sufficient power to run a triathlon while only using enough to operate a smartphone and a corkscrew. High numbers (200 or above) are associated with increased risk of heart and stroke, as well as diabetes and pancreatitis.

Room for omelets

So, what about the egg? Nutritionally, it has a lot going for it. It's only got around 75 or 80 calories, but has as much protein as an ounce of salmon. It contains lutein (associated with good eyesight) and vitamins A and

D. However, that comes with somewhere between 180 and 200 mg of cholesterol, or two-thirds of a normal day's intake.

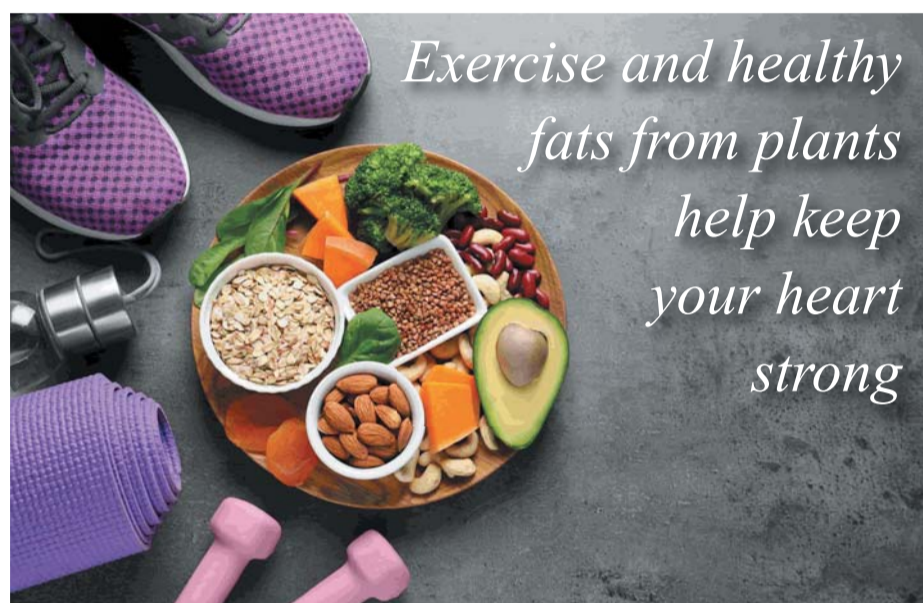
Sobkowicz said you may be able to have an egg for breakfast a couple times a week with no ill effects — but you'll only know if you ask your doctor and get tested. She theorized that consumers don't hear as much about the relatively high cholesterol in foods like shrimp (189 mg per serving) because most people don't eat them daily.

To improve heart health, Sobkowicz suggested consuming more healthy plant fats, like those found in avocados, flax seed and olive oil, as well as foods high in omega-6 (soybeans,

corn, nuts and seeds) and omega-3 (mackerel, salmon) fatty acids. Sardines are also high in omega-3s, but have as much as 131 mg of cholesterol per can, so go easy.

She also recommended doing cardio exercise at least four days a week, and cutting down on simple carbohydrates, like baked goods and refined sugar, which deliver a lot of calories but little other nutritional value. And watch the alcohol, which can also send triglycerides and cholesterol soaring.

In other words, a balanced, healthy lifestyle has room for an occasional omelet. Just don't get too carried away.



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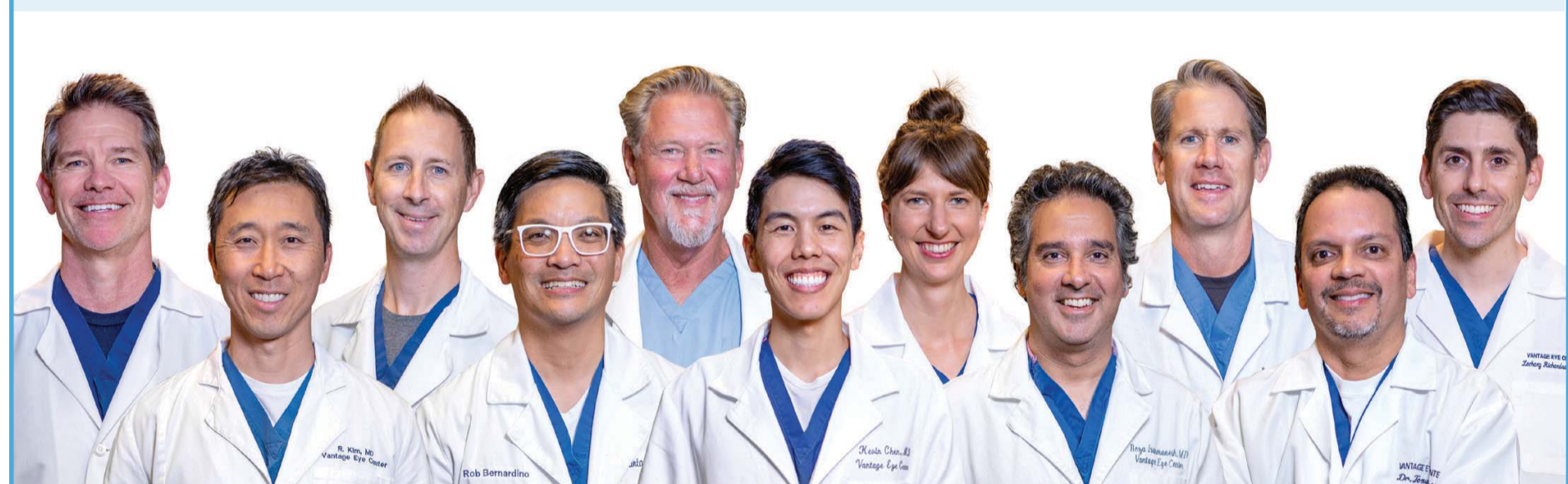
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waistline (men) and overweight with a 35-or-more-inch waistline (women), prediabetes and poor cholesterol numbers. "When we study metabolic syndrome, we find that high-intensity interval training, when compared to more moderate exercise, increases muscle mass and yields better cholesterol and sugar numbers," he said.

More fat on the body decreases the levels of an important hormone called adiponectin, which helps regulate blood sugar levels and deposits of fat — called plaques — in the heart arteries. Manchanda ex-

plained that decreased levels of adiponectin play a central role in the development of Type 2 diabetes, obesity and cardiovascular disease. Several studies have found that high-intensity interval training is an appropriate method to reduce body fat and, consequently, improve adiponectin levels in the body.

Common sense

Another study showed positive changes in blood pressure with as little as six weeks of high-intensity exercise — a good result, concurred Manchanda. And, he said, "These

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high-intensity exercises can outperform statins in raising good cholesterol," as statins take six months to six years to yield results, while studies have shown that people participating in a high-intensity interval training regimen can see results in as early as six weeks.

However, he also warned that anyone who has a known heart condition, has suffered a heart attack within the last year, has congestive heart failure, bad heart valves or muscle weakness of the heart, or is at risk for having arrhythmias, needs to take it easy or consult with a cardiologist before

starting high-intensity interval training. For those with other physical issues, Manchanda urged common sense. Arthritis, joint problems, or difficulty with balance can increase the risk of injury. People with those conditions should do moderate exercise. Swimming and biking are great and easy on joints — as opposed to walking or running — he suggested.

So, as you faithfully stick to your New Year's resolution of getting fit, consider including some high-intensity interval training in your exercise regime. But remember that it has to be vigorous. "If you are not breaking a sweat, you are not going to get the health benefits," said Manchanda.

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heart failure.

What does this mean? People who have had heart problems are, of course, at high risk for getting Covid and for having serious complications, and should take all recommended measures to protect themselves. If you've been diagnosed with heart disease, hypertension, high cholesterol and other related problems, follow your doctor's advice on diet and exercise, and continue taking prescription medications.

If you get the virus, there's not much you can do but follow doctor's orders and, as Gray said, "Don't try to rush it. Use wisdom." If you've been exposed, you should protect others by letting quarantine run its course. As Gray noted, Covid is "a widely varying process. Some people get slightly ill, while other cases are more severe."

Doctors also worry that people

are afraid to come to the emergency room for treatment when they're having a heart attack or stroke. Dr. Casey Grover, the medical director of the emergency department at CHOMP, said people should feel safe coming in. "All patients are screened upon arrival, and those with Covid-19 symptoms are isolated from others," he explained. "If you suspect you are having a heart attack, please do not hesitate to call 911 or go to the nearest emergency department."

Finally, Gray said, it's important to know that the vaccines are safe. The American Heart Association strongly urges people with a history of — or even risk factors for — heart disease or stroke to get vaccinated as soon as they can. "The vaccines currently approved for use in the U.S. do not have a live virus, so that reduces concerns for heart disease patients or others with weakened immune systems," the group said.



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HISTORY

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August, Kuster's students performed another satire, "The Sabine Women."

The University Players returned in September to perform G. B. Shaw's "Candida," and later that month, concert baritone F. Jetson Ryder, fresh from a European tour, made his West Coast debut at the Golden Bough.

While the Kusters vacationed in Hawaii In October 1925, George Ball who had been a student in the 1924 summer program, directed Clemence Dane's "A Bill of Divorcement" to open the Fall-Winter season. Ball's production went so well that he branched out on his own and in December leased the Arts and Crafts Hall theater. Kuster later recalled the rivalry with Ball in 1926 and 1927 as "interesting and healthy."

Gaining acceptance

The 1926 play season at the Golden Bough began in March and continued similarly to 1925. A notable addition was that Herbert Heron, one of the old guard, produced "Arms and the Man." Kuster and his theater were earning acceptance in the community.

In September 1926, Kuster announced plans for the 1927-28 season. For the next season, he would travel to Europe to seek and acquire rights for the first American production of plays written there, and opening nights at the Golden Bough would be sold on a subscription basis. By November, he had sold 300 subscriptions at \$10 each.

His plans changed when, in March 1927, Ruth told him she wanted a divorce. They quickly agreed on a property settlement and finalized the divorce in April. Ruth moved to Hawaii. Kuster continued to operate the theater while seeking an appropriate group to lease it; he did not want it to become a movie house. He settled on a one-year lease to local impresarios Dene Denny and Hazel Watrous.

Before leaving for what he hoped would be a two-year

sojourn, studying theater in Europe, in July 1927 he acted in and directed one last play, "Captain Applejack," in which he played Ambrose. In the role of Poppy Faire was Gabrielle "Gay" Newby, a young mother, and daughter of Mary Young-Hunter of Carmel and John Young-Hunter of Taos. Gay was born in England in 1905 when her parents were both artists at the Royal Academy. She had a son in 1925 during her brief marriage to Los Angeles attorney Nathan Newby. She left the marriage and joined her mother, who had moved to Carmel in 1924.

Kuster returned to town in February 1928. His plans changed when he learned the Abalone League was on the warpath. Denny and Watrous were unwilling to provide the League free use of the theater for their Follies fundraiser. Kuster was too late to make peace between the groups, and in March, the League bought the Arts and Crafts Hall and theater, intent on putting Denny and Watrous out of business. The League retained Ball as a director and went into business as the Abalone Theater.

Denny and Watrous formed a Theater Guild to help with fundraising and to combat the efforts of the league to close them down, but it wasn't enough. Kuster waited in Southern California for word and returned to Carmel in July when the ladies gave up their lease.

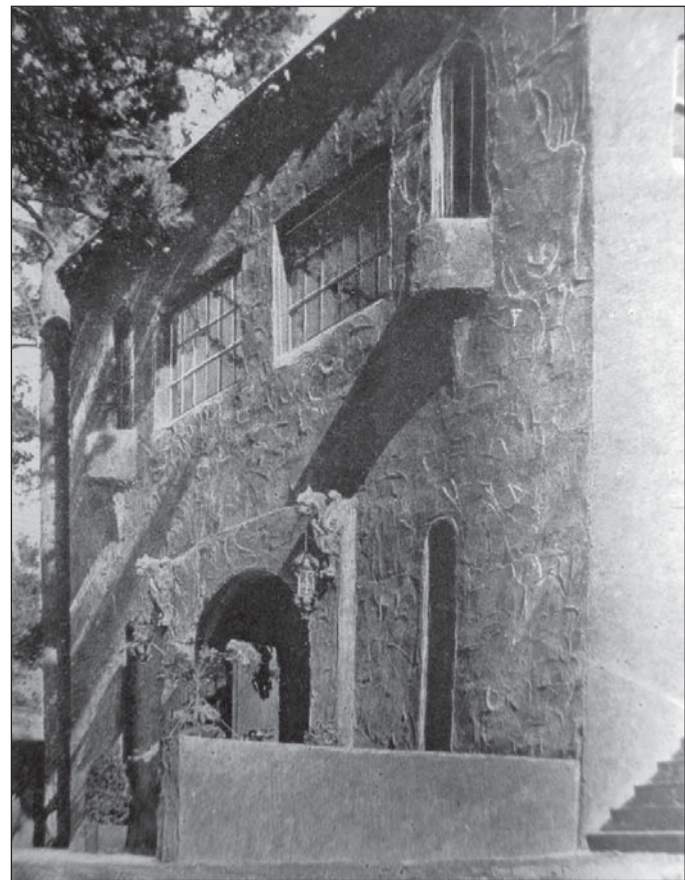
The league was no friendlier to Kuster's efforts with the theater. On September 1, Kuster closed the Golden Bough, making reopening contingent on subscriptions.

When the subscriptions didn't come, Kuster made three announcements. He would leave for two years in Europe. While he was away, Gerald Hardy, who had been showing movies at Manzanita Hall, would now use the Golden Bough. And Gay Newby would soon join him in Europe where they would marry.

As planned, Kuster married Gay in Europe in early 1929. However, as before, his European plans

were cut short. Next week we continue the Kuster saga with their return to Carmel in August 1929.

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An exterior view of the Theatre of the Golden Bough, as seen from the Monte Verde side of the courtyard in the mid-1920s.



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The Carmel Pine Cone

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■ This week's cover property, located in Big Sur, is presented by Ben Heinrich & The Heinrich Team of Coldwell Banker Realty. (See Page 2 RE)



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Big Sur Skies

This Luxurious Modern Masterpiece on Big Sur's Pfeiffer Ridge is ready to be moved into now. Designed by Carver and Schicketanz architects with exquisite landscape design by Bernard Trainor, the property was completed in 2014. Nothing was spared in the building of this nearly 5000 Sq Ft residence, which sits on over five acres with views of the Pacific, the Santa Lucia Mountain Range, the Big Sur River Gorge, and the property's own redwoods. Floor to ceiling windows and massive glass sliders line the radiant heated stone floors. The private master suite with fireplace, sauna, tub, and adjacent media room sits above a full downstairs suite, with exercise room and wine storage. Stroll outside towards the detached guest house where an infinity edge lap pool and spa both become waterfalls in a garden setting that is as mesmerizing as the ocean view. This is some very dreamy Big Sur living, a place apart where time slows down.

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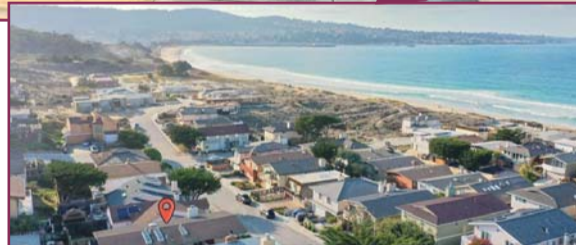
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Week after week I look to see if I am there. After more than 300 weeks, I'm not. So I've decided to interview myself. I've prepared a series of questions I think will bring out the inner me and will make readers understand why I fit into that "great" category.

Q. What is your idea of contentment?

A. Living in the Carmel area. I know that sounds like I'm striving for chamber of commerce points, but it's true. Plus, at the rate people are leaving California, there's a good chance I'll be able to move into an abandoned mansion on 17 Mile Drive.

Q. What is your greatest fear?

A. That my editor will catch on to me. He thinks I churn out these pearls every week on my own. In reality I have a staff of writers banging away on typewriters night and

day. How can I afford that? Easily. I keep them supplied with bananas.

Q. What historical figure, fictional or real, do you most identify with?

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

A. That's easy: Cyrano de Bergerac. Aside from the obviously similar outstanding facial feature, I am a dashing romantic able to pull sonnets out of thin air as I destroy my detractors during lawn bowling duels.

Q. What is your greatest extravagance?

A. Ruby port and Lula's sea salt caramels, often consumed together.

Q. Which talent would you most like to have?

A. Flying. I see myself dilly-dallying with drones, soaring with the thermals high above the traffic on Highway 1.

Q. What are some of your happiest moments?

A. Playing catch with my son.

Q. Do you believe in God?

A. Yes. And when He created women He was showing off.

Q. Really! What is the quality you most like in a woman?

A. Clarity. But I like that characteristic in everyone.

Q. What dangers lie ahead for our country?

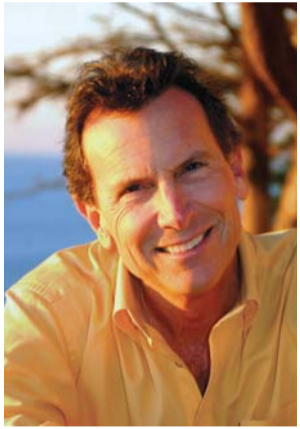
A. The deterioration of free speech — and how quickly it is happening — as we go slouching towards totalitarianism. When Jack Dorsey, Mark Zuckerberg and Jeff Bezos come for your freedoms, it won't matter that your mantra was "Orange Man Bad." Radicals end up eating their own.

Q. What are your favorite movies?

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12400 Saddle Road — \$775,000

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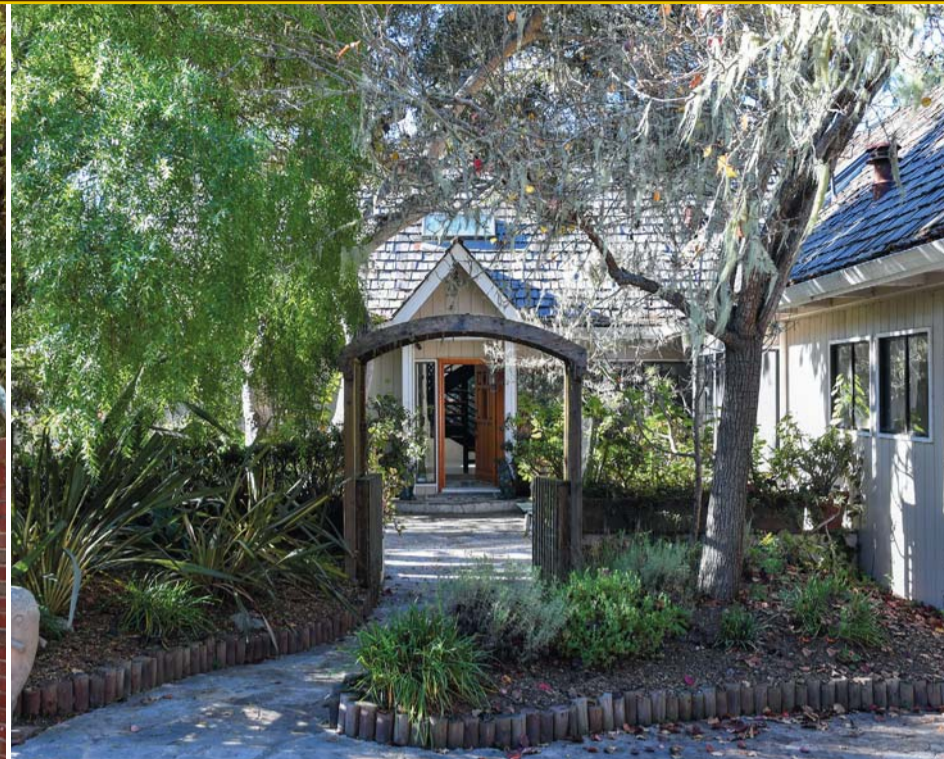
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POLICE LOG

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

- Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Verbal dispute on Junipero north of 10th among family members.
- Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Adult Protective Services referral on Junipero north of Vista.
- Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Traffic stop at Torres and Third led to a 40-year-old male driver being cited for three warrants and driving while on a suspended license.
- Pacific Grove:** Suspicious circumstances on Ocean View Boulevard.
- Pacific Grove:** A citizen brought in a wrapped gift that had been left on his front porch on Spruce. He did not know the person it came from and did not believe it was left for him. Assumed the person must have had the wrong address. Item will be held as found property for 90 days.
- Pacific Grove:** Person reported an ongoing dispute between roommates at a Ransford residence.
- Pacific Grove:** A cell phone was found on Lighthouse Avenue. Owner picked up the item.
- Pebble Beach:** Online report of stolen property on Forest Lake Road.
- Carmel area:** Mal Paso Road resident reported his stolen credit card was used fraudulently.
- Carmel area:** Deputies served a temporary restraining order on Rio Vista Drive.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

- Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Traffic stop at Lincoln and Eighth at 1358 hours resulted in a 22-year-old male being arrested for smoking marijuana while driving and possessing drug paraphernalia.
- Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A hazardous waste spill was reported at San Carlos and Fifth.
- Pacific Grove:** Subject verbally threatened to kill a person on David Avenue.
- Pacific Grove:** Subject fell off a bicycle on Ocean View Boulevard.
- Pacific Grove:** Welfare check on a Locust resident. Resident was found deceased.
- Carmel area:** Report of domestic violence at a residence on Mentone Road.
- Big Sur:** A 21-year-old male and a 23-year-old male were cited for trespassing on grazing lands on the Old Coast Road.
- Carmel area:** A verbal altercation between brothers at a residence on Rio Road turned physical. Property damage occurred in the process. The victim did not wish to press charges for battery, and the property damage was resolved.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

- Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A 29-year-old male was arrested at Highway 1 and Valley Way at 0222 hours and booked into county jail on a felony warrant.
- Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Wallet reported lost was turned in to the station at 1115 hours. Owner contacted and will pick it up.
- Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Watch found at the beach.
- Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Hit-and-run reported at San Antonio and Ninth. No suspect information.
- Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Dog bite to a person at 10th and San Antonio. Parties exchanged information.
- Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Attempted theft at Ocean and San Carlos.
- Pacific Grove:** A bag of miscellaneous teas was found on Forest Avenue and brought to the police department.
- Pacific Grove:** Subject reported taking photos of individuals at Lovers Point.
- Carmel area:** Report of found property on Rio Road.
- Big Sur:** A 23-year-old male was cited for trespassing when he was flying a drone over cattle on Highway 1, lost

See **SHERIFF** next page



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A. Movies? It has been so long since I've been to one. Someone told me they have sound now. And color! Remarkable. I liked "The Sheik." That Valentino. Amazing.

Q. Who are your favorite writers?

A. Alicia Colon, Thomas Sowell, James Gould Cozens, Emily Dickinson and Victor Davis Hanson.

Q. What is your greatest achievement?

A. I'm still here.

Q. If you could afford to live any place in the world, where would that be and why?

A. Tuscany, with my family, near the 900-year old Castello Di Verrazzano vineyards. Because I could spend each day sitting in a rocking chair and send them out to find the best wine, the best cheese, the freshest bread — and then share them with the best people.

Q. What philosophical truism do you wish you were ignorant of?

A. "In everyone's life, no matter how good their intent, there are people they made suffer." (Plato)

Q. What social or political breakdown do you wish you could fix?

A. Covid-19 vaccine distribution. I'm supposed to be at the head of the line, but there is no line.

Q. What are some things you dislike?

A. Injustice. People who sign greeting cards "Warmly." Leaf blowers.

Q. Anything else you'd like to change?

A. Yes. The disparity between what athletes earn compared to teachers, policemen, firefighters and other first responders. When I was in sales, if I failed seven out of ten times I'd be fired. As a baseball player I would be in the Hall of Fame. Sadly, 70,000 people never paid for a ticket to see me drum up sales.

Q. Is there anything that you just don't understand?

A. Yes. Why do things that are good for you taste bad, and things that are bad for you taste good? Why can't broccoli taste like chocolate? What if kale tasted like cabernet? We'd be a much healthier and happier population.

Q. What are your most cherished possessions?

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Q. Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

A. Hey, I'm in my mid-eighties. God willing, I'll finally be flying with my own set of wings.

Contact Jerry at jerrygervase@yahoo.com.

SHERIFF

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control of the drone, and it hit a telephone pole and crashed in the private grazing land.

Carmel Valley: Male was taken to CHOMP on a mental-health hold. Case closed.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Graffiti discovered on Ocean west of San Carlos.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Wallet found on a hiking trail off Highway 1 south of Rio Road. Owner was texted and a voicemail was left. At 1635 hours, the wallet was picked up at the station.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Remote control garage door opener found at Rio and Ladera.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Bicycle wheels found on the side of the road on San Carlos south of Fourth.

Pacific Grove: Backpack found outside of a residence on Arkwright Court.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle towed from Lighthouse Avenue for expired registration.

Carmel Valley: Subject reported a vandalism that occurred overnight on Old Ranch Road.

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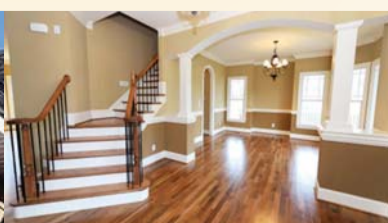
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF PATRICIA REBECCA WHITE

Case Number 21PR00015
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of PATRICIA REBECCA WHITE.

LIEN SALE AUCTION ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act, (B&P Code 21700 et. seq.), the undersigned will sell at public auction; personal property including but not limited to furniture, clothing, tools, and/or other misc. items.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20202389
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Grey Oaks, 200 Aromas Rd., Aromas, CA 95004.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20210090
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Smiling Tiger Daoist Arts, 700 Cass St., Ste. 116, Monterey, CA 93940.

NOTICE OF APPROVAL BY OPERATION OF LAW

Notice is hereby given by the applicant, ARAM KINOSIAN, pursuant to Government Code Section 65956 that the following permit will be approved on March __, 2021:

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

In accordance with Section 15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, this notice is to inform the general public that the Carmel Area Wastewater District (CAWD) has completed an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for pruning eucalyptus trees at the CAWD wastewater treatment plant and intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project:

Project Name: Kinasian
Monterey County Resource Management Agency [RMA]
Planning Number: PLN190387
Project Location: 3202 Del Cervo Rd., Pebble Beach, CA 93953
Assessor's Parcel Number: 008-361-029
Permit Type: Combined Development Permit
Planning Area: Del Monte Forest Land Use Plan
CEQA Status: Categorically Exempt [CEQA Guidelines Section 15302]

Project Title: Eucalyptus Pruning
Project Location: Existing Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP); APN 009-521-004
Comment Period: February 8, 2021 to March 15, 2021
Contact Person: Mr. Patrick Treanor, Plant Engineer
Carmel Area Wastewater District
3945 Rio Road
PO Box 221428
Carmel, CA 93922
downstream@cawd.org

Carmel Area Wastewater District (CAWD) proposes to prune existing eucalyptus trees at the CAWD Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The pruning is being done to control the growth of the trees and to mitigate falling branches. The existing eucalyptus trees have the potential to fall or drop debris which could damage existing wastewater treatment plant infrastructure.

The IS/MND shall be made available for public review on the CAWD website at www.cawd.org and at the following location:

Carmel Area Wastewater District
Administrative Offices
3945 Rio Road
Carmel, CA 93922

Please submit any comments on the IS/MND in writing to Attn: Patrick Treanor by email, hand delivery or postal carrier to the above noted Contact before 5:00 PM on March 15th, 2021. A public hearing to approve said IS/MND before the CAWD Board has been scheduled for April 29th, 2021 at the CAWD Board Chambers located at 3945 Rio Road, Carmel CA 93922.

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Should the project be deemed approved under this Notice, such approval is appealable to the California Coastal Commission.

THIS NOTICE WAS PREPARED BY ANTHONY LOMBARDO & ASSOCIATES, AGENTS FOR THE APPLICANT ARAM KINOSIAN.

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