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## Police warn of lions after pair seen on Scenic



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A mountain lion exploring the hills above Carmel Valley was captured by a critter cam after sunrise last Monday, raising little alarm from a landowner who's used to seeing them. But two cougars caught on camera ambling down Scenic at 12:15 a.m. on Valentine's Day have a lot of people talking – and hiding their small pets.

### ■ Big cats in many neighborhoods

By MARY SCHLEY

FANS OF midnight walks or pre-dawn strolls along Scenic might think twice after a security camera at a house near Eighth captured two young mountain lions strolling through the neighborhood in the early hours of Sunday morning. The sighting followed several others in recent weeks, both on camera and in person, and

police are warning residents to keep their small pets indoors at night and be alert when out after dark.

A little more than a month after a resident at the north edge of town looked up to see a mountain lion peering in through his window, police responded to a report of one just a few blocks away at Carpenter and Second at around 9:30 p.m. Feb. 3 and found the creature in a yard, prompting Carmel Police Chief Paul Tomasi to post a warning about the big cats while animal control

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## Cold delays vaccine delivery to county

### ■ New eligibility tier fails to launch

By KELLY NIX

THE MONTEREY County Health Department this week announced it was ready to start vaccinating new groups of people — including seniors at greatest risk of getting Covid-19 — but the first day of the rollout had to be canceled because the county didn't have enough vaccine.

The health department Tuesday night issued a revised timeline indicating that on Feb. 17 it would begin administering the first shots to residents age 65 to 74 who have high risk of exposure to the virus because they work in agriculture, childcare, education and emergency services jobs. Also eligible under the plan are those 65 to 74 who live in the 12 county zip codes where the virus is most prevalent.

### More waiting

However, health officer Dr. Ed Moreno told reporters Wednesday that the county didn't receive the vaccine shipment it was expecting Tuesday, and that the icy winter weather across much of the United States had delayed the delivery.

"The vaccine order placed last week hasn't arrived, so we may have to put the clinic off," Moreno said, adding that he did not have a new date for this week's allocation.

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## Virus cases low enough so schools can reopen

By MARY SCHLEY

THE COUNTY'S daily average of new coronavirus infections per 100,000 population dipped below 25 this week — after being as high as 129 just six weeks ago — which means schools for kindergartners through sixth grade can reopen to students and teachers, provided the state and county approve their Covid safety plans.

So far, officials said, Carmel Unified is the only district in the county that has taken the necessary steps. River and Tularcitos schools are set to reopen March 8, the district announced Feb. 10.

### No more waivers

While some private schools on the Peninsula, including All Saints, San Carlos and Santa Catalina, have already welcomed students back under a state program that allowed schools to apply for a waiver from state shutdown rules, the state did away with that system when it adopted new guidelines in mid-January that included the 25-per-

See **SCHOOLS** page 12A

## Closed area shrinks near Big Sur washout

### ■ Still no estimate to reopen highway

By CHRIS COUNTS

WHILE THERE is still no estimate for how long it will take to fix Highway 1 at Rat Creek — or how many millions of dollars the task will cost — workers are getting ready to shrink the closed area of Highway 1 nearby Rat 16

miles to about 5 miles. On Friday, the southern roadblock will be moved north to Big Creek, where a turnaround has been established.

"This is three days earlier than originally anticipated," Caltrans reported Thursday. "This will open up an additional 11 miles of the highway on the south side of Rat Creek."

Motorists coming from the Monterey Peninsula can get as far as Lime Creek, where another turnaround has been constructed. The site is located just south of Esalen.

The turnarounds "will be improved with permanent surfacing and enhanced striping," and "will serve as the landmark limits for public travel on Highway 1 while repairs are being made at Rat Creek." In some areas close to the turnarounds, there will be one-way traffic and possible delays.

While repairs are still in the future, crews remain busy cleaning up the area around Rat Creek, where a Jan. 28 landslide during a major winter storm caused a 150-foot

See **HIGHWAY** page 19A

## Groups ask for more low-income houses at Rancho Cañada

### ■ Developer says 'workforce housing' is what's needed

By CHRIS COUNTS

SEVENTEEN YEARS after the late Rancho Cañada Golf Club owner Nick Lombardo proposed replacing a golf course with affordable housing, the latest push to get approval for a scaled-down version of the subdivision drew fire this week from two county advisory groups, with each voting to recommend that the percentage of low-income housing in the plan be increased.

Lombardo's original plan included 281 homes, with 140 to be sold at below-market prices, but the current plan calls for creating 105 unbuilt lots on land on Rancho Cañada's former West Course, which is located behind Carmel Middle School. It also includes 25 rental units for local workforce housing, flood control measures that would benefit 400 homes and 270 businesses, and a crucial trail link for hikers.

### LUAC takes aim at plan

The Carmel Valley Land Use Advisory Committee voted 4-1 Tuesday to recommend denial of the plan because

See **HOUSING** page 11A

## Heritage society wants to see Covid through your eyes

By MARY SCHLEY

REMEMBER WHEN there was that pandemic that changed Carmel forever? Oh, wait, we're still in it.

But at some point, we won't be, so the Carmel Heritage Society is asking for photos documenting this odd, distressing, depressing, illuminating, scary and otherwise unique period in the city's history. The images will be used in an exhibition, and unlike displays featuring the works of a particular photographer, this one will include pictures submitted by people from all walks of life.

"History is being made," commented Thomas Hood, president of the heritage society's board. "People are going to be glad that it's over, but we just felt since we're a historical organization, it's important to document it."

Board members initially considered holding a juried competition for photo submissions but ultimately decided to invite anyone who wants to share images to do so.

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One for the history books: The first photo to appear in The Pine Cone about the coronavirus epidemic showed a triage tent being set up at Community Hospital in anticipation of an expected surge of virus patients. The date was March 13, 2020 — before Monterey County had recorded a single case.

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# Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

## Gus got home

SHE WASN'T sure why she got a puppy when her life was already so busy, or why she got an Australian shepherd-golden retriever mix when she wanted a Labrador retriever, or why she named him Gus. She is sure that she fell in love, at Animal Friends Rescue Project, with the little bundle of fur who, now 3 years old, seems to have grown into his name.

Gus is an active, enthusiastic canine, who loves to cavort with other dogs, particularly across the fields near Quail Lodge, which was practically a daily routine prior to the pandemic.

"Gus is like the mayor of the dog park," his person said. "He loves to play with other dogs. When he sees one in the distance or hears a car door, he has to see who's arrived."

Gus also enjoys his regular romps on Carmel Beach, where he runs off the excess energy of an Aussie, or chases a ball, to which the retriever in him is devoted. Yet last month, something spooked him. He escaped the care of his dog-walker and bolted from the beach.

For five dreary days and long, cold nights, Gus was out on his own. His person, having recently lost her husband, was already feeling the hollowness of her Carmel Highlands home. She couldn't bear to add her lost dog to her grief. The canine community of Carmel couldn't bear it, either.



Within hours of Gus' escape, volunteers had paraded the town with a picture of him, plus phone numbers and the offer of a \$500 reward. Beginning in the predawn hours of the day, and continuing well after dark, often in driving rain, dozens of volunteers searched, unwilling to give up until Gus got home.

Regular reports of "Gus sightings" led to his rescue. No one was willing to accept the reward.



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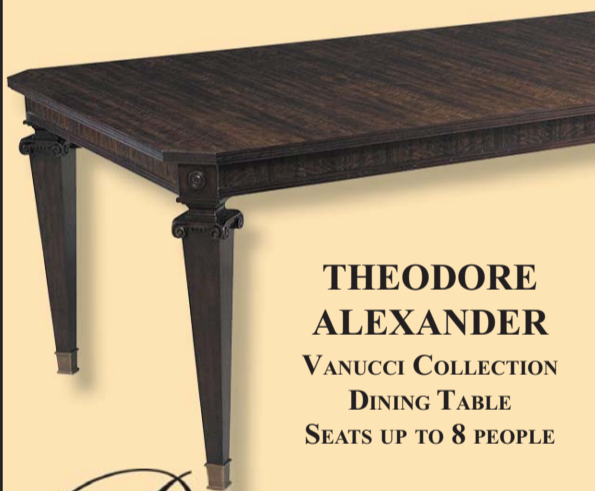
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# Two dozen trees to go, nearly 60 to come at old Carmel Resort Inn

By MARY SCHLEY

A DEVELOPER planning to tear down the old Carmel Resort Inn on Carpenter between First and Second to build eight new houses and a boutique hotel received permission last Thursday to cut down nearly two dozen trees to make way for the project — as long as he plants 57 new ones.

The plans call for demolishing the old resort cottages, which became very run down when the inn was closed and involved in legal fights under the previous ownership. After the property was sold, the new owners freshened them up and reopened the inn in early 2018.

The new proposal submitted by owner Hitesh Desai of Santa Rosa Motel Co. and designed by architect Eric Miller would have eight of the property's 16 4,000-square-foot lots used for new single-family homes, with the other eight merged and then developed with a hotel and spa.

The plan forest and beach commissioners considered Feb. 11 was revised slightly from one they saw last month, when they put off voting so they could go visit the site as a group. All told, the site has 54 trees, including pines, tea trees, Acacias, cypresses, pittosporum, pyrocantha, toyon, oaks, redwoods, a cedar and a brush cherry, according to city forester Sara Davis.

### Pay fee for one tree

The revised plans call for removing 23 trees, preserving eight that had been proposed for removal in the first proposal and adding four that are dying and need to be taken out, anyway. Davis said Miller redesigned some of the homes to accommodate the roots of the healthy trees.

She recommended approving the plan, which retains 31 trees and requires the de-

veloper to plant 57 more, which will result in 88 trees on the property.

Miller couldn't redesign the hotel to avoid cutting down an Acacia and a tea tree that Davis originally said should be kept, though. Since the trees are growing where one of the hotel units will be, she said he could take them down and pay an "in lieu" fee into the city's reforestation fund to make up for it. She didn't indicate how much that would be.

### No objections

No one from the public commented at the hearing, which was remarkably non-controversial for a project of such magnitude in Carmel. One of the commissioners speculated that was due to "Covid fatigue."

"I can't believe nobody's called in," Michael Caddell said. "Wow."

He observed that "the big picture" calls for "a net increase of more than 30 trees."

"If you follow the recommendation," Davis responded. "That's a lot of trees, and to provide adequate space for them all to grow, we would need to be very creative."

That creativity could include planting some of them on public property, she added.

Davis also suggested the commission not allow the developer to get the tree removal permit until the city has approved the entire project and he has received his building and demolition permits.

"I wouldn't allow them to remove any trees until they go through the process and get a building permit," agreed public works director Bob Harary. "We don't want those trees cut down and then a hole in the ground and have a delay for a year-and-a-half."

New planning director Brandon Swan-

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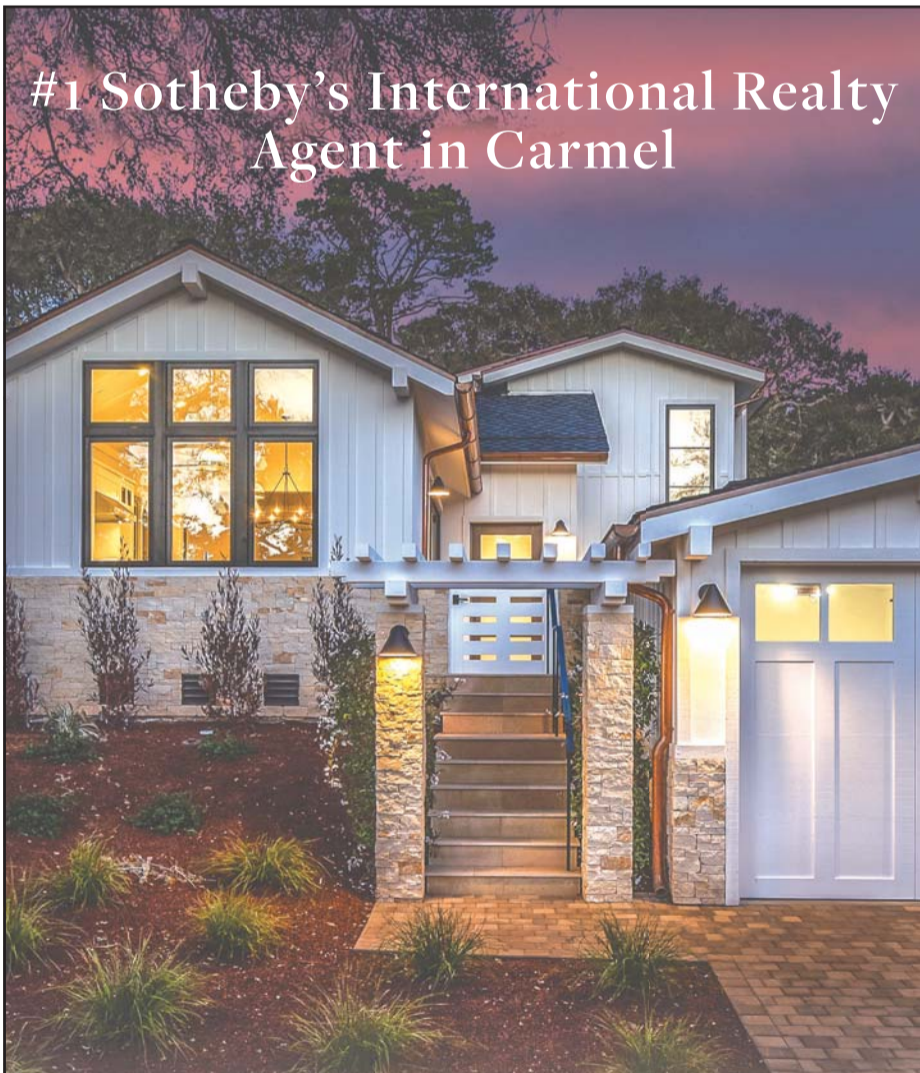
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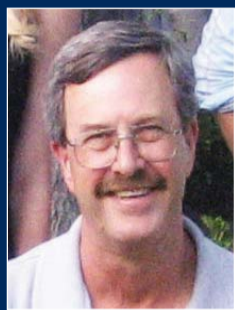
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# Police & Sheriff's Log

## Yep, that sure is a mountain lion

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.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

**Pacific Grove:** Victim reported construction materials had been stolen overnight from a site on Lighthouse.

**Pacific Grove:** Subject was reported missing from a residence on Arkwright. Contacted and advised she was OK.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Subject at Santa Rita and Second cited for warrants.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A citizen at Carpenter and Second reported seeing a mountain lion walking down the road at 2117 hours. Patrol units responded and verified the sighting in the front yard of a residence. Normal and healthy behavior displayed while it ran off.

**Pacific Grove:** Subject was found in possession of a stolen vehicle on Asilomar at 0239 hours. The 33-year-old male was arrested for vehicle theft, mail theft, fraud, identity theft and driving on a suspended license, and was booked into Monterey County Jail.

**Pacific Grove:** Unlawful entry into an attached garage on 11th Street. Property left and booked for safekeeping.

**Pacific Grove:** Theft of two bicycles on 13th Street.

**Pacific Grove:** Unknown subject(s) vandalized a the door to a room at an inn on Asilomar.

**Pacific Grove:** Damage on Lighthouse Avenue due to vehicles parking on a sprinkler system.

**Pacific Grove:** A 50-year-old male was arrested on Ocean View Boulevard at 1331 hours for public intoxication and obstruction and was booked into Monterey County Jail.

**Pacific Grove:** Committal of a Sinex resident for being a danger to others.

**Pacific Grove:** Dispatched to a theft of a bike on 17 Mile Drive. Additional bike was located on the property.

**Pacific Grove:** An earring was found on Pine Avenue. Owner is not known, so the item will be held for safekeeping.

**Pacific Grove:** Family quarrel on Jewell Avenue.

**Pacific Grove:** Theft from a retail store at Country Club Gate. Unknown value of items.

**Pebble Beach:** Sunset Lane resident reported a prowler at her residence at 0723 hours.

**Big Sur:** Report of lost property on Highway 1.

**Carmel area:** Found property on Agujito Road.

**Carmel Valley:** Allegations involving juveniles on Hidden Valley Road were reported. For informational purposes only.

See **POLICE LOG** page 8RE in the Real Estate Section



## The gavel falls

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

**Jan. 14** — Marlon Marcell Mebane, 45, was found guilty of criminal threats following a jury trial.

On July 18, 2018, Jane Doe reported to the Marina Police Department that her boyfriend, Marlon Mebane, threatened to sock her in the face, kill her and bury her body where no one would find it. Doe immediately left to stay with her mother where she felt safe. While at her mother's home, she received more threats from Mebane via phone and text messages, including repeatedly threatening to kill her for being a "snitch." She feared he would carry out these threats because five months prior he had severely beaten her.

Visiting Judge Gilbert Brown presided over the trial and sentenced defendant to three years' probation, ordered him to serve 60 days in jail, and complete a 52-week domestic violence educational program.

**Jan. 21** — Rafael Becerra, 47, a resident of Salinas, pled no contest to four felony counts involving various allegations of child molestation, with two of the counts alleging that the acts involved force or occurred multiple times over the course of years.

In 2005, Jane Doe 1, a relative of Becerra's, disclosed to a school counselor that she was being sexually abused by Becerra. At the time, the Salinas Police Department was unable to follow up with Doe 1 to obtain more details and closed the case. In 2011, Doe 1

again disclosed the abuse to a school employee but was unable to proceed with the investigation because of the emotional difficulty of the process. In 2019, when it was discovered that the Becerra had sexually abused other children, Doe 1 courageously agreed to come forward and give a full statement despite still suffering from extreme emotional distress from the abuse. Doe 1 disclosed that the Becerra had sexually abused her on a regular basis, starting at the age of 6 and continuing until she was a teenager. As a result of Doe 1's disclosure, Becerra pled to one count of continuous sexual abuse of a minor under 14, in violation of Penal Code § 288.5(a).

In 2019, Jane Doe 2 — another relative of Becerra's under the age of 10 — disclosed to her family that she was forcibly molested by the Becerra while visiting his house on multiple occasions, starting when she was 6 years old. During a forensic interview, Doe 2 disclosed multiple incidents that involved substantial sexual conduct. As a result of Doe 2's allegations, Becerra pled to a violation of Penal Code § 288(b)(1) — lewd and lascivious acts with a child under 14 involving force.

After Doe 2's disclosure, two more families came forward with identical allegations. Jane Doe 3 and Jane Doe 4, both under the age of 10, alleged that Becerra had

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# Gang member jailed for illegal gun

By MARY SCHLEY

A KNOWN gang member from Seaside was taken to Monterey County Jail early Friday for being in possession of a loaded handgun after an officer stopped the truck he was riding in because the driver failed to dim the high beams, according to Carmel P.D. Sgt. Jeff Watkins.

Officer Greg Johnson was on patrol at around 12:30 a.m. Feb. 12 when he saw the truck behind him on Ocean Avenue with its brights on and pulled over to let it by. He then attempted to stop it at Ocean and Mission, but the driver continued on, finally pulling over behind Carmel Plaza at Junipero and Seventh, Watkins said.

When he approached the truck, the officer recognized the woman driving it as “a Crip associate known to hang out with Crip gang members.” There were two men in the truck, too — a 19-year-old Pacific Grove resident named Steven Smith, and 27-year-old George Hill, whom Johnson also recognized as a Crip gang member from the years Johnson served on a regional task force that deals with violent crime and narcotics cases, according to Watkins.

## Under the back seat

Hill was on parole — and therefore subject to search by law enforcement at any time — so after summoning Sgt. Ron Pflieger and asking the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office to send someone to help back them up, the officers had everybody get out of the truck. “There was a bunch of weed in the car,” Watkins said.

They also found a case for a Glock pistol, but not the weapon itself, and several devices used for quickly loading ammunition into magazines for semiautomatic handguns. A sheriff’s sergeant who was searching the front of the truck then spotted a pistol hidden in an empty space under the rear seat where Hill had been sitting, according to Watkins. It was fully loaded

and had a round in the chamber, ready to fire.

The other passenger, Smith, told police the 9 mm semiautomatic was his, but officers didn’t buy that, considering where it had been hidden.

“It’s hard for the front passenger to shove something under the back seat,” Watkins noted.

So they arrested both men on the weapons charges, including carrying a loaded gun in a vehicle without a permit. The pistol was not registered to either man, and it’s illegal for felons to possess any firearms or ammunition.

Smith made bail from Monterey County Jail, but Hill remained there on five felony charges and one misdemeanor. The female was interviewed and released at the scene.

Watkins noted the stop was fortunate, since it’s unknown what their reasons were for being in Carmel late at night with a loaded handgun.

# Suspect gets ride in stolen car

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER YOU’VE been arrested and you need to get your car out of impound, don’t have a friend give you a ride in a stolen vehicle to the police station to get it.

That might be one of the lessons Stanley Mendez, the Monterey resident who was arrested in downtown Carmel a couple of weeks ago alongside his wife, Jeannie, for possession of counterfeit bills, burglary tools and stolen property, among other offenses, learned Feb. 5, when his friend, 34-year-old Santa Cruz resident Raen Murphy, gave him a ride and ended up get-

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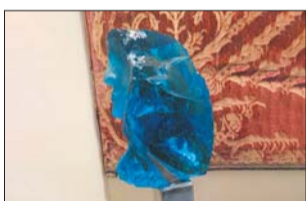
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# CUSD to meet with supe search firms

By MARY SCHLEY

HONORING THEIR promise to make haste in their search for a new Carmel Unified School District superintendent to take over from Trisha Dellis, board president Sara Hinds and clerk Tess Arthur announced this week they received proposals from two executive search firms and will meet with them Friday.

Shortly after the board voted Feb. 2 to move ahead with the search and hire a firm to help, Hinds and Arthur put together a list of requirements and expectations, and invited companies to submit proposals, which were due Feb. 10. At last week's board meeting, they said they had received some and were reviewing them.

"Things are moving along at a pace which we feel is accelerated," Hinds said. "We look forward to identifying the search firm best equipped to serve our district."

This week, the subcommittee reported receiving two "responsive" proposals and conducting "thorough reference checks."

The board will hold a special meeting at 8:30 a.m. Feb. 19 to hear the firms argue for "why they should be selected to support CUSD in the search for our next superintendent," Hinds and Arthur said in their an-

nouncement. The meeting can be streamed through the board's YouTube channel.

### Many meetings

A firm called Leadership Associates was paid nearly \$25,000 to find a new leader after longtime superintendent Marvin Biasotti retired in 2015, and turned up Scott Laurence, who left not long after due to medical reasons. As a result, the company conducted another search and found Barb Dill-Varga, who worked for CUSD for a few years but was let go with a hefty severance last May. Dellis stepped in as interim but announced she will retire when her contract expires at the end of June.

"Following the search firm presentations and related questions from the board, the board will select one of the firms to conduct the superintendent search," Arthur and Hinds said in their announcement. They plan to have another special meeting on the topic next week and will provide an update at the regular March 10 meeting.

"Our goal is to continue to keep our community informed and engaged throughout this process," they said. "We look forward to identifying the search firm that is best equipped to support the district in hiring our next superintendent."

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# Group plans hearts in public places

By MARY SCHLEY

**ELEVEN LOCALS** taking a leadership course are hoping the city will give them permission to install painted fiberglass hearts throughout town as part of a temporary art project that will also raise money to help cover tuition for the next round of students. After spending several months developing their “Heart of Carmel” project, the group asked the community activities commission for its blessing last week.

Commissioners will have to sign off on the hearts, since the CAC oversees the placement of art in public spaces. Years ago, the city had a “committee on art in public places,” but it has long been defunct, so the responsibility belongs to the community activities commission.

Shannon Highfield and Wanda Vollmer, who took the proposal to the commission Feb. 9, are among those who signed up for nine-month program offered by a Marina-based company “to help current and future leaders in business and other community organizations develop their leadership skills, community knowledge and professional networks.” At a cost of \$995 for chamber members and \$1,095 for nonmembers, participants “develop the leadership skills, values, knowledge and community awareness necessary to serve as effective and visionary leaders in our workplaces and in our community.”

As part of their work, participants were asked to “come up with a legacy project to give back to the community,” Highfield said, so they developed Heart of Carmel, based on similar efforts in other cities.

## Art hearts

Assuming the city agrees to the plan, local artists will submit proposals for painting one of up to a dozen 52-by-52-inch resin hearts, and a committee will select the winning designs. Artists will receive

a stipend and supplies to complete their works. The group is hoping individuals, organizations and businesses will sponsor the hearts (\$2,000 for a whole one, \$1,000 for half a heart and \$500 for a quarter), which will be installed on stone and metal bases in places like Carmel Plaza, the Carmel Woman’s Club, Harrison Memorial Library, the Carmel Art Association — anywhere the landlords and the city allow — for a few months. Plaques will identify the artists and sponsors.

## ‘Bringing community together’

The group chose hearts “because of what’s going on with this pandemic,” and people’s need for joy. “The heart evokes emotions of unity and really bringing our community back together,” Highfield explained.

A guide and map in digital and print will help people find the hearts and learn more about them, and at the end of the exhibit, the art pieces will be auctioned off, with the funds going to the chamber to help future participants pay for their leadership training and the Carmel Woman’s Club for a youth scholarship. The group hopes to raise \$75,000.

Participants “truly love this village and want to represent it as best we can,” Highfield said.

Commission chair Judy Refuerzo cautioned that if the heart buyers live in Carmel, they probably won’t be allowed to put them anywhere visible from the street, considering the city’s history of cracking down on what residents can have in their own front yards. (The best remembered example is city officials forcing a resident to get rid of a metal dinosaur sculpture he installed in his front yard several years ago.)

Commissioner John Micek said he supports the idea but wants assurance the hearts won’t impede traffic, especially

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# Police called after bicyclists swarm P.G. and Monterey streets

By KELLY NIX

A GROUP of about 100 bicyclists — some of whom flouted traffic laws and intimidated drivers and pedestrians — rode through Pacific Grove and Monterey last weekend, but police issued no citations nor made any arrests.

The dozens-strong group, mostly males on mountain bikes, made their way around the Monterey Peninsula Saturday, popping wheelies, blocking traffic and riding on the

wrong side of the road. Smaller groups of the aggressive riders are also commonly seen on the Rec Trail, which has recently become much more dangerous because of the proliferation of electric bicycles.

A Pacific Grove resident said some in the weekend gathering that took to the streets were “screaming obscenities” when they converged on her as she drove eastbound on Lighthouse Avenue.

The woman, who told her story online, said she stopped

to let a woman cross 18th Street in Pacific Grove, but the bicyclists “wouldn’t let her cross. One slapped my car and screamed, ‘move asshole.’”

When the driver yelled back, “There’s a pedestrian,” the teens “terrorized” the walker by “riding closely in front and back of her,” according to the eyewitness. The resident said she called the Pacific Grove Police Department but was told “there were only two cops on duty,” and that “they were already busy searching for a missing child.”

Pacific Grove police spokeswoman Jocelyn Francis told The Pine Cone that the department had four complaints

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Other than riding on the wrong side of the road, dozens of cyclists on Cannery Row last weekend were law abiding, according to video footage, though several drivers complained to police.



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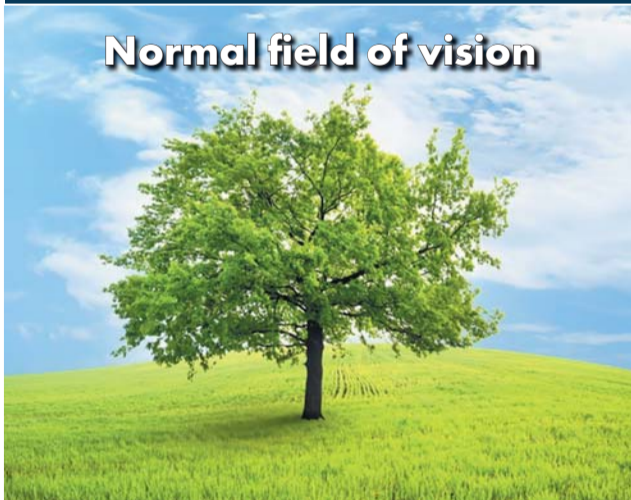
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# Parent: Official plagiarized quote

By MARY SCHLEY

A PARAGRAPH Carmel Unified School District human resources director Craig Chavez used in his presentation to the board of education Feb. 2 regarding how to conduct the search for a new superintendent was directly taken from a 70-page document written for the Washington State School Directors' Association by Michael R. Boring, Ed. D, a decade ago, prompting parent Evelyn Dincer to ask board members whether they hold district staff to the same ethical standards as they do their students.

### 'Most significant'

The paragraph in question described the importance of a school board's work in finding and hiring a superintendent, and is in the first paragraph of the introduction to Boring's lengthy paper. It reads, "The selection of a superintendent is among the most significant decisions any school district board of directors will make. The superintendent should be the person and office through which the direction set by the board is carried out. The working relationship that develops between the board and superintendent is thus absolutely criti-

cal and the selection of the superintendent provides the initial definition to that relationship. As befits a decision of this importance, it is one that should be arrived at with care. And, as is also frequently true in other critical endeavors, the process of arriving at that decision is time consuming, hard work."

The same sentences appeared verbatim on the second slide of Chavez' presentation, with his name at the bottom. There was no attribution to anyone else.

During the meeting, after commenting on the search process, Dincer said, "I also feel compelled to add a quick comment regarding the second slide of the presentation. CUSD is doing a great job teaching our children what a serious offense plagiarism is and what kind of devastating consequences it can have to your academic career, and the kids are held accountable every single time. I'm just wondering if CUSD staff is held to the same standards."

Dincer did not elaborate on her comment further at the time, and nobody raised it afterward.

Following The Pine Cone's coverage of the hearing, including quotations from the

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# Ex-principal sues CUSD over records

## ■ 'No name' seeks personnel files

By KELLY NIX

A FORMER principal of Carmel Valley High School is taking legal action against Carmel Unified School District to prevent it from releasing his confidential personnel records, according to a lawsuit filed last week in Monterey County Superior Court.

Tom Stewart was the principal of the alternative high school on Schulte Road for two decades before retiring in 2017. But on Jan. 16, 2020, three years after he left the school, someone using a pseudonym requested per the state's Public Records Act that CUSD release "any and all disciplinary records, emails and any other complaints" regarding alleged misconduct against Stewart during his entire 20-year tenure there.

CUSD officials then informed Stewart that the district intended to release his records this month to the anonymous person, who went by Sine Nomine — Latin for "without name" — unless Stewart sought legal action to prevent the disclosure.

On Feb. 10, Stewart did just that by filing suit against CUSD, maintaining that the disclosure of his personnel records would amount to an invasion of his privacy and potentially the privacy of his former students, which could result in "unwarranted publicity, scorn and obloquy."

### 'Letter of warning'

The former principal indicates he knows specifically what the anonymous person is seeking in the request, and argues the personnel record is exempt from release under the Public Records Act.

The document at issue is a "letter of warning regarding a complaint" made to the district in 2016 concerning his "position and responsibilities as the principal," Stewart said. The document contains a summary of the complaint, and "involves interaction(s) with a teacher(s)," and does not involve students.

The record, Stewart claims, does not contain any "substantial" allegations of a sexual nature, physical violence, threats of violence, drug-related wrongdoing, criminal activity "or any other egregious misconduct."

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■ Redo of election recommended

By KELLY NIX

WHAT SEEMED to be a minor clerical oopsie related to a sales tax increase that Pacific Grove voters OK'd in the last election is turning out to be a nagging headache that could cost taxpayers \$1 million or more, result in a lawsuit against a state tax agency, and force city hall to redo an entire election.

On Nov. 3, 2020, nearly 60 percent of Pacific Grove voters passed Measure L, which was intended to increase the city's portion of its sales tax from 1 percent to 1.5 percent, raising the overall rate in the city to 9.25 percent. The increase was expected to generate \$1 million in annual tax revenue.

But as the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration was going over the paperwork for P.G.'s ap-

proved ballot measure, officials noticed an error. Following the election, the Pacific Grove City Council — instead of approving a resolution supporting voters' decision to increase the sales tax — inadvertently supported a resolution to increase the city's "uniform sales and use tax" — a different type of tax.

The two separate tax categories, represented by numbers, are differentiated by just one digit in the city's Municipal Code, and nobody noticed that the resolution referred to the incorrect category.

City attorney Dave Laredo told The Pine Cone, however, that the language in Measure L that went before voters "was correct," and refers to the proper tax section.

After the tax agency informed P.G. of the blunder, the city council tried to fix it by repealing and replacing the bungled resolution. But that didn't satisfy the state. On Jan. 28, officials told Pacific Grove that because of the error, it would not honor Measure L and would not collect the increased sales tax on the city's behalf.

**Lost revenue**

The seemingly insignificant mistake could lead Pacific Grove to lose out on \$1 million in sales tax proceeds this year. It could also force the city to spend thousands of dollars to redo the Measure L election — a route the state tax agency recommended Pacific Grove take to straighten out the mess.

And if the P.G. is forced to redo the election and voters decide to reject the sales tax increase, it could mean millions of dollars more in lost revenue in the long-term — money taxpayers in the city would get to keep.

The snafu could also lead to a courtroom battle if the city decides to sue the state over the issue. In a report to the council this week, Laredo said the City of Pacific Grove, "if needed," would "file an action to challenge the state's refusal to collect the tax."

"The city remains firm in its position that the ballot language complies with legal requirements, and council's subsequent corrective action cured" the clerical error, Laredo wrote.

He went on to say that the state tax agency's "narrow interpretation that Measure L attempted to amend the city's uniform sales and use tax" under the erroneously referenced municipal code chapter "is nonsensical because such effect would be unlawful and not capable of implementation."

The "plain language" of Measure L — which was presented to voters accurately — was to increase Pacific Grove's sales tax, Laredo said.

City officials are planning to discuss the conundrum with the director of the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration in hopes of a resolution.

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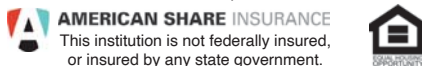


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# HOUSING

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it “doesn’t meet” the affordable housing requirements of the Monterey County General Plan.

So how much affordable housing should it have? According to Carmel Valley Land Use Advisory Committee chair Janet Brennan, the county has three options. It could go with 50 percent, she said, because that’s what Lombardo wanted. Alternatively, the county could go with 35 percent at various levels of affordability, which the general plan calls for, or 25 percent for more limited affordability categories.

Leading the opposition to the plan is the Carmel Valley Association, which sued the county after the board of supervisors initially approved the Rancho Cañada development in 2016. The lawsuit hasn’t been resolved, and CVA President Pris Walton said nothing should be approved until the legal action is.

Several speakers at Tuesday’s hearing criticized builder Alan Williams for downsizing Lombardo’s 281-home plan, but Williams called the comments disingenuous.

“It was clear from the comments I was getting for the bigger project that nobody wanted it,” said Williams, whose partners include Clint Eastwood.

Williams said moderate-income housing is really what’s needed in Carmel Valley, and he pointed out that there are many teachers, firefighters and other “working people who live here” who can’t afford to buy homes. He called his project’s emphasis on moderate-income housing, “totally appropriate.”

Walton suggested otherwise. “We know there are waiting lists for all levels of affordable housing,” she said.

Several questioned how local workers could afford to develop pieces of land that would cost \$450,000. But Williams said there’s lots of demand for such properties.

“There are people waiting for this,” he said. “They’re begging us.”

## Is there a rush going on?

The Monterey County Housing Advisory Committee voted 4-1 Wednesday to recommend that the project include a minimum of 35 percent affordable housing.

Several speakers characterized the recent push by Williams as a “rush” to get the housing OK’d, but the builder noted he’s been working on it for 17 years.

“If this is a rush, you’ll never get housing,” he countered.

While Williams questioned the feasibility of doing the project with so much affordable housing, others insisted it could be done — and still be possible for Williams to make money.

Larry Bacon of the CVA claimed the plan in its current incarnation would generate an “unreasonable and egregious amount of profit.”

The subject of flood control also came up, and resident Margaret Robbins, who has previously taken issue with projects in her neighborhood, defended Williams’ plan. She said it would protect more than 400 homes, along with numerous businesses.

“He’s going to build a dike and keep floodwaters from coming down Rio Road,” said Robbins, who called the development “our best hope to get flood control.”

Several speakers suggested the site represents Carmel Valley’s best opportunity for affordable housing — in part because it’s located so close to shops and services.

## Builder doesn’t back down

On Thursday, Williams responded to claims by some that he could still make money after increasing the percentage of low-income housing on the site.

“We’ve done a financial report that no one seems to read,” he said. “It proves that 20 percent affordable is feasible, but 30 percent creates a loss of \$3 million to 4 million.”

Williams also suggested that numerous accessory dwelling units could be constructed on the 105 lots, which would boost the overall percentage of affordable housing in the subdivision dramatically.

The builder stood firm on his insistence that the new

housing should benefit local workers, and he noted that there are nearly 200 units nearby that accommodate low-income and very-low-income tenants. Meanwhile, local workers often have to commute long distance. He said his plan would help “create a balance” of affordable housing in the area. “The board of supervisors understood that when they approved it” in 2016, he added.

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# SCHOOLS

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100,000 threshold.

During a weekly county media conference Wednesday, Monterey County Office of Education superintendent Deleen Guss said most public schools don't have the space to accommodate all their students at once, so they'll adopt a program that has children alternating between being in the classroom and learning at home.

"We're talking about that hybrid model, and only the elementary grades at this time," she said.

Schools and districts interested in reopening must submit their extensive coronavirus safety plans and checklists of protocols to the county health department and the state for review. If they don't hear anything back from either

agency in seven days, they can reopen on the eighth day, according to the county education superintendent.

"If they find anything in the plan that needs to be addressed or changed, they will work with the school to address the deficiencies so they can reopen," Guss said. "If there's no response, then the plan is considered approved."

### Not so fast

But, she said, many are far from being able to bring kids and teachers back to campus.

"Even though that's very exciting news, I want to caution everyone that schools are all over the place right now," she said. "Some are more ready to open than others."

Reopening requires a lot of logistical planning, technology — and negotiations with unions.

"If some have been doing planning, then they may be more ready to open than those just starting to work with their union partners," she said.

CUSD interim superintendent Trisha Dellis said Wednesday that the district's elementary schools are on track to reopen in-room teaching for all grades starting the week of March 8, in line with the plan she announced last week. Administrators submitted their coronavirus safety plan and all the accompanying documents to the county and state Feb. 5 and heard nothing in response, so they're good to go.

Dellis said she started hearing from other local superintendents soon after the news broke that the coronavirus case rate was low enough to allow schools to bring students back to their classrooms.

"I guess everyone else is now starting on the next steps to reopen," she said. "We seem to be about a month ahead of other Monterey County school districts."

According to the timeline revealed at the Feb. 10 CUSD school board meeting, teachers will return from break Monday to work on assessments and report cards, since schools just finished their winter semester. The week of March 1, they'll begin preparing themselves, their classrooms and their students for hybrid teaching, which has groups trading between in-person and online instruction Monday through Thursday, and Fridays saved for kids to meet with teachers and do distance learning in the morning, and teacher prep, planning and collaboration the rest of the day. It's likely some students' teachers and classmates will change. It will take about four days to get the technology working properly, set up the students in their new online classrooms, finalize the new bus schedules and get everything else in place, school officials said.

### Weekly testing

The district has been testing teachers and staff for coronavirus infections weekly since early January and reported two teachers with positive results during the first two weeks, but no cases since Jan. 15. Small groups of students, such as English learners, children of faculty and staff, and those with learning disabilities, have already been on campus for months, and of those, four kids tested positive, all in the first three weeks, with no new cases since Jan. 22.

While state guidelines change regularly, Guss said Wednesday that once a school has reopened for in-room teaching, that won't change even if the average spikes above 25 cases per 100,000 people in the future.

"If they're open and then the metrics go in the wrong direction, the schools are allowed to remain open," she said Wednesday.

Guss and county health officer Dr. Ed Moreno said Carmel Unified is the only district in the county they know of that had submitted the required documents to the county and state.

The Pacific Grove Unified School District board of education was set to meet Thursday night to discuss reopening plans.



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# HERITAGE

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“They can be funny, what families have done, empty streets, opened and closed businesses” — anything that captures the spirit of life in Carmel during the coronavirus pandemic, he said. The beach shut down, with nary a dog or human in sight? That would qualify. Litter of gloves and masks dropped on the sidewalk? That, too. Masked sculptures, Christmas trees in March, outdoor dining, balcony performances, drive-in concerts at Sunset Center, grocery-store-aisle fights over toilet paper — the sky’s the limit.

Hood has even already contributed to the effort. His French bulldog is featured in a heritage society ad seeking submissions. “We wrestled our dog down on the ground long enough to get a photo of her with a mask on,” he said. Frenchies are known for being small but mighty.

The nonprofit hopes to get a wide range of photos from locals.

“We want to be respectful of the losses everywhere, but we also want to be truthful,” Hood said. “What better way than to include our entire community?”

He acknowledged the photos will probably be able to fill up the heritage society’s entire First Murphy House headquarters at Lincoln and Sixth. He’s hoping to set up the exhibition in late October, perhaps around the time of the city’s birthday parade, and if conditions permit, to hold

an opening.

Hood was also happy to report that despite the pandemic’s dire effects on the local economy, the heritage society is still going strong. “We already have grant support from

the City of Carmel and the Arts Council for Monterey County,” he said.

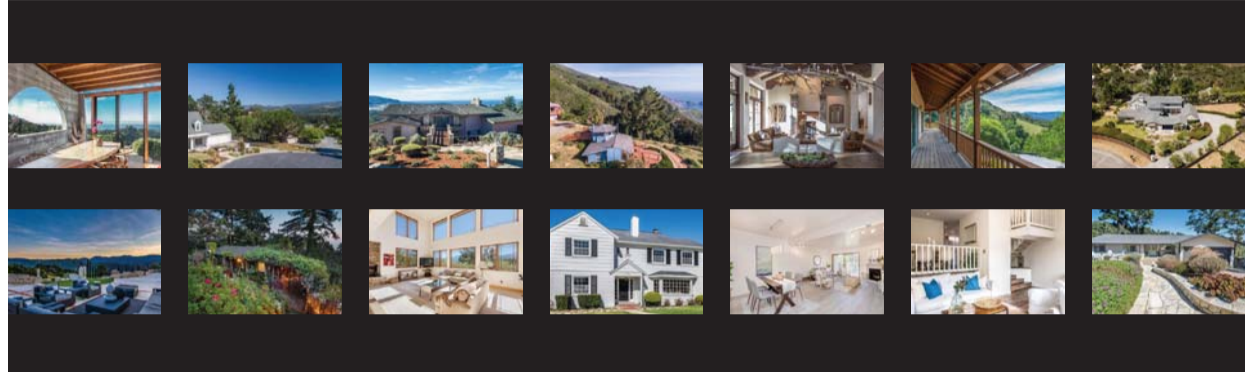
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# DELAYS

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The county gets about 3,000 to 4,000 first doses of vaccine per week, for a population of roughly 440,000 people, and is behind many other California counties, including Santa Cruz County, in its immunization effort. It's unclear whether the delay in shipment of the vaccine to the county this week will disrupt other dates in the new timeline.

In any case, Moreno said the county would begin March 3 administering first shots to people in the same 65-74 bracket, along with residents of all ages who also work in the agriculture, food, childcare, education and emergency services sectors.

"That's those who are 65 to 74 regardless of whether they are working or where they live," Moreno said.

On March 17, the county hopes to start giving the first

shots to individuals 16-64 who have medical conditions or disabilities that put them at high risk of sickness and death from the virus. The conditions include cancer, kidney disease, oxygen-dependent chronic pulmonary disease, Down syndrome, serious heart conditions and severe obesity.

### Painful waiting game

Moreno said the state has not provided his agency an estimate of how many people in Monterey County are included in the 16-64 bracket.

"This strategy continues to prioritize Monterey County residents most likely to die of Covid-19 while beginning to protect additional essential workers," Moreno said in a statement.

People who think they're eligible for the shot will have to get confirmation from their doctors. Vaccinations will be done at community-based clinics, healthcare provider offices, hospitals and some pharmacies.

Two months after the first shipments of vaccines arrived

in Monterey County, the supply of the Pfizer and Moderna versions continues to lag, and only 49,000 residents have been vaccinated.

Montage Health has said it has the capacity to administer 7,500 doses per week at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula and at its Wellness Center in Marina, but doesn't have the supply to do anywhere near that.

"For the last few weeks, we have received an average of 2,700 doses a week, enough to run just four days of clinics (our capacity is 10 clinic days per week)," hospital spokeswoman Monica Sciuto told The Pine Cone Tuesday. "We are all hopeful that vaccine supply will increase soon, but we have no confirmation that this will occur or when."

Reservations for the first dose at its Marina clinics on Wednesday and Thursday for 1,130 people filled up in 25 minutes, according to Sciuto. As of Tuesday, Montage Health had administered 11,668 doses, with 3,285 of them to people 75 or older.

"We are ready and willing to increase our capacity to 7,500 doses per week should additional vaccine be made available to us," she said.

### Trickling in

While there's no indication that the vaccine supply will improve dramatically in Monterey County soon, there is some good news on the immunization front.

Moreno announced Wednesday that some Monterey County health clinics will be designated federally qualified health centers, which will enable them to get weekly federal vaccine allocations. The government will notify vaccine manufacturers to deliver a specified amount of the Moderna version to clinics in the national program, including Clinica de Salud in Salinas, Moreno said.

"Clinica de Salud is one of the first in the nation to get vaccine, and that's supposed to happen this week," he explained.

Monterey County Health Department Clinic Services, which operates 10 clinics in Salinas and Seaside for those who can't pay, is expected to start receiving vaccine from the federal program in a third phase, though Moreno didn't say when that would be. The government, he said, would provide as few as 200 doses and a maximum of 500 doses each week.

In a move that promises "rapid delivery" of vaccine to Californians, Blue Shield of California is expected to take over vaccine administration starting March 7, Moreno said. The healthcare company has an agreement with the State of California to act as a third-party vaccine admin-

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“Blue Shield will operate as the administrator and build a statewide vaccine network to ensure the rapid delivery of current supply of the coronavirus vaccine to Californians,” according to Blue Shield’s contract with California.

While the company has said it wants to administer at least 3 million shots per week, that target is dependent upon how much vaccine California gets each week.

Moreno said county officials are scheduled to meet with representatives from Blue Shield and the state Department of Public Health this week to discuss the plan.

**1,000 veterans to be vaccinated**

There has also been recent progress in immunizing military veterans in the county. Jason Cameron, with the Military and Veterans Affairs office, said Wednesday that the first shipment of 600 doses of the Moderna vaccine arrived in Monterey County last week and were administered to

veterans that weekend.

“Before, veterans had to travel a couple of hours one way in order to get the Pfizer vaccine,” Cameron told news reporters. “So the Moderna vaccine being administered here is a tremendous win for the veterans of this county.”

An additional 400 doses have been allocated and will be administered Feb. 25 to veterans who are enrolled in the VA health-care system. Eligible are “high-risk” veterans, including those with serious medical issues, at risk for severe illness from Covid-19, homeless veterans and those over 70 years old.

The Feb. 25 clinic is by appointment only, and eligible veterans must pre-register by calling (650) 496-2535. Veterans with questions about eligibility are asked to call the Military and Veterans Affairs Office at (831) 647-7613.

Cameron credited his office, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors and Democratic Congressman Jimmy Panetta with getting the vaccine for the county’s veterans.

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# LIONS

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officer Cindi Mitchell contacted people in the neighborhood.

“A citizen reported seeing a mountain lion walking down the road,” reads the officer’s report. “Patrol units responded and

verified the sighting in the front yard of a residence. Normal and healthy behavior displayed while it ran off.”

One mountain lion was found dead on Highway 1 near Ribera Road Feb. 6. Early Feb. 7, another lion was spotted by a resident in the neighborhood of Rio Road and Ridgewood Road, and a police officer saw one that night a little after 9:30 in the same neighborhood. Dave Mosley, who lives in

that area, too, reported a mountain lion on his property around 2:30 a.m. Feb. 9 and again at 3:30 a.m. Friday. A security camera recorded the animal in his yard.

On Saturday, a resident in the area of Camino Real and 12th reported “a mountain lion eating something in the backyard” at 4:10 a.m., according to police.

And a man reported nearly hitting one with his car in the area of Ocean and Carpenter shortly before 6 a.m. Sunday.

Some speculate there are more mountain lions around than usual because last summer’s fires destroyed much of their habitat and forced them into other areas in search of food, though Tomasi pointed out mountain-lion sightings are not uncommon in town during certain times of the year. And now that more people have security cameras, they’re seeing nighttime wildlife activity they might have previously missed.

But, he said, “it could be the result of the fires squeezing their habitat.”

Certainly, with forested areas surrounding the city, mountain lions naturally roam here, especially when their favorite prey, deer, are abundant. Bobcats are also prevalent, and both animals sometimes prey on pets. A Pebble Beach man said he believes a bobcat killed his cat a month-and-a-half ago, and he’s seen the creature on the fence around his yard on more than one occasion.

Mitchell said that so far, no pet-lion interactions have been reported in connection with the recent sightings.

She asked residents to keep their dogs on leash when taking them out at night, even if just into the yard, and requested those with security cameras check them

for lion footage.

Tomasi advised people to take the usual precautions. “Please take care of small pets and be aware of your surroundings when you are out and about,” he said. And if you see a lion, stay calm, hold your ground or back away slowly, do not approach it, and don’t run away, since that could trigger the predator’s instinct to chase. Don’t crouch down or bend over, either. Instead, be as large and as loud as possible.

### Worth a thousand words

Mountain lion sightings don’t cause quite the same level of alarm — or calls to law enforcement — in the mountains of Carmel Valley as they do downtown, and as owner of San Clemente Rancho up Robinson Canyon Road, Bruce Dormody has seen his share over the years.

So have his wildlife cameras, which regularly capture images of the cats, most often at night. But last week, a cougar was still wandering the hills of the 2,600-acre property at sunrise when a critter cam snapped a photo, he said.

While Dormody wasn’t there at the time, he had recently visited the site to replace a culvert, and when he returned, he noticed fresh lion tracks in the soft soil. “It’s been hanging around for about a week,” he said.

Because he lives on the edge of the wilderness — the property backs up to hundreds of thousands of acres of forest and dense brush — Dormody sees more wildlife, including bears and mountain lions, than most local landowners do.

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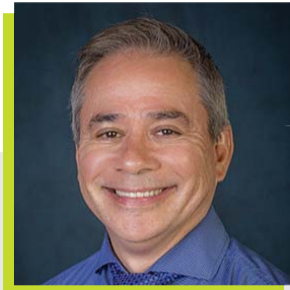
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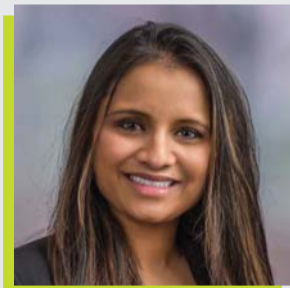
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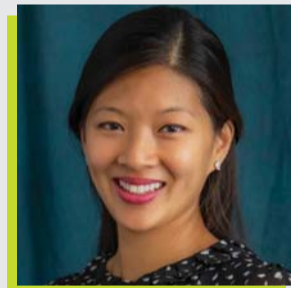
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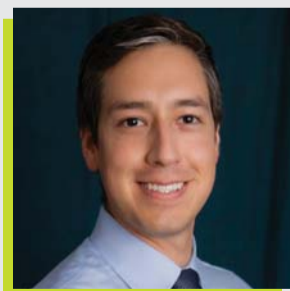
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# HIGHWAY

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section of Highway 1 to collapse.

“Caltrans maintenance forces continue work in the open sections of the highway clearing ditches and debris,” Caltrans said. “Crews continue to work in support of emergency contractors inside the closed section of highway with guardrail repairs and restoring drainage facilities.”

Caltrans hasn't yet determined how much the repairs at Rat Creek will cost or how long they will take. Kevin Drabinski of Caltrans said there's still much assessment to be done. “Once we understand what the process will be to fix it, we'll have a better idea how long it will take and how much it will cost,” Drabinski said.

Meanwhile, Big Sur businesses as far south as Esalen are open for those traveling south from the Monterey Pen-

insula, the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce reported. That means you can have an Ambrosia Burger at Nepenthe, spend the night in a treehouse at Post Ranch, peruse the local art at Coast Big Sur, and watch the water rush by at the Big Sur River Inn.

Big Sur's three state parks — Andrew Molera, Pfeiffer-Big Sur and Julia Pfeiffer Burns — are all open for day use, but have limited access for hikers, district ranger Brent Marshall said.

### More closures

At Molera, the East Molera Trail is open, along with some trails along the river, but no bridges are in, making a river crossing chilly and a little dicey.

Hikers can access the Buzzards Roost and Oak Grove trails at Pfeiffer-Big Sur, but other hiking trails are closed. Hiking access at Julia Pfeiffer Burns is very limited for now due to “extreme” storm damage. As for camping, it's allowed at Pfeiffer-Big Sur, but not at Molera.

# GAVEL

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sexually molested them as well. Both children alleged the conduct occurred more than once and occurred when they were the ages of 4 to 6. For Doe 3 and Doe 4, Becerra pled to two counts of lewd and lascivious acts with a child under 14, in violation of Penal Code § 288(a).

Becerra will receive a prison sentence of 30 years and will be forced to register as a sex offender for 20 years after being released from prison.

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T H I S W E E K

# ADD JAZZ TO THAT PIZZA: LIVE MUSIC RETURNS TO ALVARADO STREET

JAZZ HAS returned to Midici Neapolitan Pizza in downtown Monterey, which before the pandemic began, had been hosting weekly jam sessions on Thursday evenings, showcasing an assortment of talented local musicians.

Singer **Miranda Perl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** played at Midici this past Thursday, while singer **Laurie Hofer-Romero** and guitarist **Bruce Forman** are set to play Feb. 25.

Due to coronavirus restrictions, the performances are done outside.

“The outside tables at Midici are at least 6 feet apart,” said singer and music teacher Janice Perl, who organizes the

events. “They have their own patio, with heaters, plus the additional sidewalk space that surrounds their patio.”

The outside space limits the number of

## On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

performers. “Now that we’re outside, we can only fit duos because of social distancing,” Perl explained.

Two years ago, Perl brought the idea of weekly Jazz Thursdays to Midici owner **Jeremy Mathias**, who it turns out, loves the genre of music. “He was super excited about it,” she recalled, and Jazz Thursdays turned out to be a success.

### A welcome return

Despite the space and spacing limitations at Midici, Perl is thrilled to see live music return to downtown Monterey.

“It’s great to be able to share music with the public again,” she said. “It’s been tough especially for us full-time pro musicians.”

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### Drive-in show celebrates love songs

For those who fret that Valentine’s Day has come and gone, **PacRep Theatre** presents “Sea-

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# Drawn to concrete landscapes, painter explores fine art of fast food

FINDING CREATIVE inspiration in places where few dare even to look, painter **Marc Trujillo** celebrates American junk food in the online show, “Fast,” which was recently unveiled on the Monterey Museum of Art’s website at montereyart.org.

Trujillo’s work celebrates what he calls “the purgatory” of American urban and suburban landscapes. Besides the display at the museum, which continues through April 18, his art is also displayed at Winfield Gallery on Dolores between Ocean and Seventh.

Gallery owner **Chris Winfield** told The Pine Cone he has long been impressed by Trujillo’s talent.

“Marc is a really intelligent painter,” Winfield said. “It looks like he’s working from photos, but he’s really not. He moves figures around, and paintings are really

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well thought-out in terms of composition. I find his work fascinating.”

### ‘brilliant and eye-opening’

The museum show, meanwhile, is being billed as “a brilliant and eye-opening series” that explores “one of America’s most ubiquitous urban environments, the take-out franchise and its drive up windows.”

The museum’s interim executive director, **Corey Madden**, is thrilled to bring Trujillo’s work to the Monterey Peninsula.

“All of us have moments when only a drive-through meal will cure whatever ails us,” Madden said. “Marc’s wondrous paintings place the viewer in an intimate relationship to a ubiquitous

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Singer and violinist Razzvio plays Friday at Rio Grill and Saturday at Tarpy’s. Friday’s show starts at 4 p.m., while Saturday’s performance begins at 1 p.m.



Finding creative inspiration in the urban landscape – and beauty in unlikely places – painter Marc Trujillo celebrates American junk food and drive-through restaurants in the online show, “Fast.”



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# FOOD & WINE

## What's next for farmers market, outdoor dining update, and drinks to go

**NILE ESTEP** and Raul Lopez of Good Roots, Inc., shared some of their visions for the future of the weekly downtown farmers market with the community activities commission last week, including fundraising lunches or dinners in Devendorf Park, more live music and other upgrades.

Many of the changes won't happen until the coronavirus pandemic is well under control, of course.

Estep, a Carmel High alumnus, has operated the market since January 2020, when the city chose him to take

park as a gathering space.

"There have been a couple of different organizations that have reached out," like the Carmel Youth Center, he said. "When we see events coming back, we would love to have some cultural celebrations — maybe some fundraisers with local chefs."

In the coming year, tote bags featuring a design by a local artist may be sold, too, and the market could have live art as part of its allure, like sculptors and painters creating onsite.

"Carmel has this history of art and music, and revitalizing that in the farmers market is kind of our vision," Estep said.

On the practical side, he and Lopez are working to expand the market's customer base by spreading the word that government-sponsored EBT cards for programs like Cal Fresh can be used there to buy produce and other products.

"We really want to make that more known, especially for seniors," he said. "That should be up and running in the next month."

### 'Suits all my needs'

Commissioner Linda Calafiore said the little downtown market has grown enough to provide almost everything she needs, saving her the trouble of having to trek to the larger market now held at Del Monte Center on Fridays.

"The Thursday market suits all my needs, and I love the energy, I love the growth, and I can't wait for us to do things in the park," she said.

Commissioner John Micek mentioned how much his kids enjoy visiting the market and suggested including activities that might get them more involved. It's important for him to meet the people who grew and made the food, and "to learn, as well, how that food finds its way to the table," he said.

Commissioners and Estep discussed the possibility of extending the market's hours once a month to accommodate shoppers who work during its normal schedule and kids who might go after school. Community activities director Ashlee Wright said she would conduct a brief survey with a few questions to get people's input on the market, including altering the hours.

"It probably wouldn't hurt to do a simple three-question survey to check in with the community and see where they are," she said. The survey would be distributed by the city through various channels.

"I think the sky's the limit on the market — it's its own little entity," Lopez said. "It's a nice meeting place for people and provides a sense of normalcy. That's the atmosphere that's been created."

### 7D building for sale

He facilitated the sale of two of the four Dolores Street lots to Monaco businessman Patrice Pastor for \$4 million last summer, but realtor Jamal Noorzoy of Carmel Real-

ty is still marketing the Seventh & Dolores building on the southeast corner of the intersection for \$7.9 million on behalf of Jeff Peterson, whose family foundation has long been trying to offload the property. The mid-century modern building had been at the center of several legal fights years ago over one developer's efforts to demolish it and another group's desire to save it, but the battleground has been relatively peaceful for the past several years, as Folktale Group owner Greg Ahn has converted the spacious, light-filled, former bank into a successful high-end steakhouse.

"When the building sells, everybody still gets to enjoy the wonderful 7D cuisine," Noorzoy promised.

"The restaurant is not part of that sale, only the real estate," Ahn confirmed, considering the restaurant is solidly in the middle of a 10-year lease.

### Outdoor dining update

Mayor Dave Potter's ad hoc committee on outdoor dining met again Tuesday and will next gather March 8, members decided during their hour-long session.

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More vendors and activities are in store for the downtown Carmel farmers market (top), while Mezzaluna restaurant in Pacific Grove has been adding to its inventory of hard-to-find, high-quality Italian ingredients that shoppers can take home and enjoy (above).



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## Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

over after the previous operator decided to get out of the business. When they took charge, Lopez said at the Feb. 9 meeting, the market had seven regular vendors. Now, the roster runs between 35 and 38 sellers.

"We have different meats — fish, chicken, beef, goat — and coming soon, we're going to have duck, rabbit, a little more beef, and some pork options, as well as quail," he said. "Our vendors are really happy. It's nice to see the growth of the market," and the friendly familiarity between vendors and customers increasing to the point where many are on a first-name basis.

### Chefs take over park?

Estep said he wants people to know how much variety they can find at the market, which runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays on Sixth Avenue and Mission Street bordering Devendorf Park, and pledged to focus on building a stronger connection with the community and using the



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# FOOD & WINE

## FOOD

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There seems to be some support for letting Parker Logan keep his Lincoln Street bar, Sade's, open until 1 a.m., with last call 30 minutes earlier, but the full city council will have to buy into that idea, planning director Brandon Swanson told the group, which includes Potter, city councilman Bobby Richards, and several residents, business owners, restaurateurs and hotel operators. "Assuming that consensus is still here, staff would look to take it to the next city council meeting in March to get that exception for Sade's," he said.

"Parker knows there will be immediate consequences for bad behavior," Potter commented. "There didn't seem to be any residents or businesses nearby who are concerned about it."

During the hour-long session, committee members also cleared up the issue of water use — a restaurant can have up to half the number of its interior seats outside without requiring additional permits — and Ken Spilfogel of Flaherty's estimated many people will want to continue eating outside even after the pandemic is under control.

"We need to make sure they have a place to sit," he said. "And a lot of times, it's not going to be inside."

Committee members further discussed the issues of parking, charging fees for the continued use of parking spaces after indoor dining resumes, and how to get more input from more community members. "It's going to take a long time to transition from a temporary basis to a permanent program, if there is one," Potter said.

Richards observed that "there isn't anything, at least during my time in Carmel, that will affect our look and feel and charm and vibe of our village more than this will," so it's important to do it correctly, and Police Chief Paul Tomasi said the structures will have to "be safer than they are now."

While it's unknown whether tasting rooms will be allowed to continue serving on public property after indoor operations resume, Kim Stemler from the Monterey County Vintners & Growers Association said downtown is losing one tasting room (Scratch, on Dolores), nine would like to use outdoor space on private property, three would like to continue using parking

spaces, and one hopes for both.

Committee member Graeme Robertson said outdoor dining on public property will mark "a huge diversion from the past."

The meetings can be streamed through the city's website at ci.carmel.ca.us.

### ■ Cocktails to go to stay?

Napa Democratic Sen. Bill Dodd introduced legislation last week that would make to-go cocktails a permanent fixture of takeout and delivery. The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control temporarily set aside laws banning the sales of alcoholic beverages to help restaurants survive during the pandemic, but Dodd is arguing the provision should become permanent.

"If allowing restaurants to sell carry-out cocktails alongside a meal helps keep their doors open, we must do it," he said in a Feb. 11 announcement of his proposed law. "Ultimately, it's about preserving jobs and getting our economy back on track."

Senate Bill 389 comes as restaurants nationwide experience an estimated \$165 billion in losses since last March due to lockdowns. SB 389 would make permanent the ABC's decision to allow the sales of cocktails to go as long as they accompany food orders. Dodd is chair of the Senate Governmental Organization committee, which oversees alcohol regulation. His bill is of course supported by the California Restaurant Association.

### ■ Triple deals extended

Rio Grill and Tarp's extended their deals based on the magic number 3 through the end of the month. The purchase of any entrée, for instance, gets the customer up to two \$3 drinks — select wines by the glass, draft beer and well drinks — or the purchase of any three entrées earns a fourth for free. Alternatively, buy any three main courses and get a bottle of wine for just \$3.

Tarp's is located at Highway 68 and Canyon Del Rey and can be reached by calling (831) 647-1444. It's open daily from 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Rio Grill at the Crossroads has the same hours, and the number is (831) 625-5436.

### ■ GoFundMe for Epsilon

Christos Hix, owner of Epsilon Greek restaurant on Tyler Street in Monterey, is trying to raise enough money through

traditional black-and-white photography — and keep the medium alive — the annual Weston Scholarship competition was established 17 years ago. The contest awards cash prizes to photography students.

Presented by the nonprofit Weston Collective, this year's contest and exhibit will be done online due to Covid.

The deadline for submitting photos is April 30, and applications are available at thewestoncollective.org. Besides filling out a form, applicants must attach a portfolio with 10 digital photos.

All contestants must be high school or college students who live in Monterey or Santa Cruz counties.

Besides the online show, an exhibit of photographs by past scholarship winners opens May 7 at the Monterey Museum of Art.

a GoFundMe campaign to reopen, with \$8,300 of his \$15,000 goal donated so far.

"After 30 years of serving the community authentic homemade Greek food, combined with an incredible dining experience so many have come to love, Epsilon was forced to close its doors in early November due to the Covid-19 pandemic," he wrote.

If he can reopen, he said, Epsilon "will host an appreciation dinner for all our friends who supported us with donations."

### ■ Cocktails for sale

Mezzaluna restaurant's bartender, Francis Verrall, has bottled four signature cocktails that can be purchased with takeout and served up or poured over ice, with nothing more complicated than a simple citrus or Luxardo cherry garnish.

Packaged in 8-ounce and 16-ounce round glass bottles sealed with screwcaps, the featured drinks include the Mezzaluna Negroni (gin, Punt e Mes, Campari), Black Manhattan (rye, Averna, Angostura bitters), Walnut Old Fashioned (bourbon, Vicario Nocino, orange bitters) and Back to Black (mezcal joven, Campari, Branca Menta, coffee liqueur). Verrall made them

to be served straight from the fridge or freezer, without even needing to be stirred or shaken.

The batched cocktail program is a work in progress, with product labels and instruction cards on the way, as well as more drinks.

Mezzaluna also has more high-quality Italian products than ever for sale, from specialized Pasini pizza flour, to the best carnaroli rice for making risotto. With a lot of space inside that can't be used for dining at the moment, chef/owner Soerke Peters and partner Amy Stouffer are going to great lengths to find and sell high-quality products from Italy and California. The shelves are stacked with dried porcini and black trumpet mushrooms, jars of baby red and yellow tomato confit, truffle honey, black truffle oil, amaretti cookies, capers in salt, tuna or anchovy fillets in oil, imported olive oil and 40-year-old aged balsamic vinegar, to name a few.

The market is open during the restaurant's regular service hours, 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Mezzaluna is located at 1188 Forest Ave. in Pacific Grove. Call (831) 372-5325 or visit mezzalunapasteria.com for more information.

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## ART

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American experience: the fast food meal. Using his prodigious technique as a painter, he asks the viewer to reconsider the still life, our definition of beauty and who in fact his paintings are for."

A graduate of Yale, Trujillo lives in Los Angeles, home to a number of legendary fast food joints. The artist describes himself as both intrigued and repelled by the affection people have for fast food.

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# MUSIC

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sons of Love,” a drive-in tribute concert that celebrates the love songs of Broadway Wednesday at the Monterey Fairgrounds. Showtime is 6 p.m.

Performers include **Velvet Piini**, **Justin Gaudoin**, **Rhett Wheeler**, **Lydia Lyons** and **Jeff Hinderscheid**, along with MC **Scott McQuiston**. They will sing an array of Broadway hits, including music from classics like “Mandy La Mancha” and “My Fair Lady,” and contemporary favorites like “Rent” and “Wicked.” The show will open with “My Funny Valentine,” and will include a section dedicated to the music of “West Side Story.”

The drive-in concert is the first in a series of six that will be offered during the first half of 2021.

“We’re going to do one each month,” PacRep executive director Stephen Moorer said. “Next month we plan to do a tribute to the British Invasion, and we’re planning a few surprises.”

Moorer is hopeful it won’t be long before stages are busy again. “Knock on wood, maybe by July or August we can go back to Forest Theater in some fashion,” he said.

Proceeds from the show will benefit PacRep and keep prices affordable. Tickets are \$75 per vehicle. Discounted packages are available for all six concerts. The site is 2004 Fairground Road. Call (831) 622-0100.

## Live music Feb. 19–25

**Julia’s Vegetarian Restaurant** in Pacific Grove singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Folk, Friday at 5:30 p.m.); singer-songwriter **Zack Freitas** (Saturday at 12:30 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Rachael Chloe Williams** (Sunday at 12:30 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave., (831) 656-9533.

**Folktale Winery** in Carmel Valley — **Two Rivers** (Americana, Friday at 3 p.m.), singer-songwriter **Johan Sotelo** (Saturday at 3 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock, blues and jazz, Sunday at noon) and singer-songwriter **Alex Lucero** (Thursday at 3 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road, (831) 293-7500.

**Massa Tasting Room** in Carmel Valley — singer and

guitarist **Rick Chelew** (folk, Sunday at noon). 69 W. Carmel Valley Rd., (831) 659-6221.

**Midici Pizza** in Monterey — singer **Laurie Hofer-Romero** and guitarist **Bruce Forman** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St., (831) 264-7013.

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**The Trailside Cafe** in Carmel Valley — singer-songwriter **Kaye Bohler** (blues, Friday at 6 p.m.) and singer-songwriter **Scott Fenton** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place, (831) 298-7453.

**The Whaling Station Steakhouse** in Monterey — singer and harmonica player **Chuck Brewer** and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (rock, Friday at 5:30 p.m.) and singer-songwriter **Dave “Nomad” Miller** (rock, Saturday at 5 p.m.). 763 Wave St., (831) 373-3778.

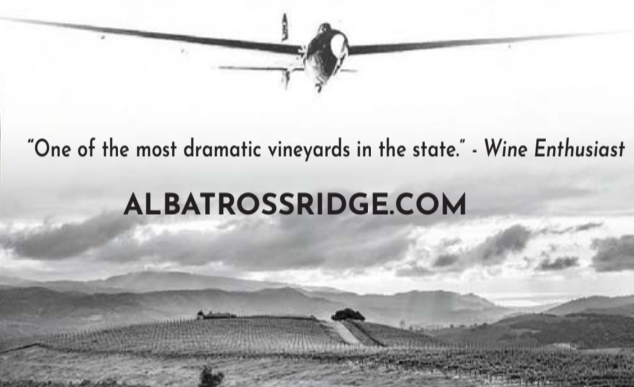
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# Broadway Joe's enormous shadow didn't dim Dave Miller's dreams

IMAGINE BEING an aspiring athlete, 12 or 13 years old, in a small, sports-crazy, Western Pennsylvania town, where the star of the high school team in football, basketball and baseball was Joe Namath.

Dave Miller, who coached football on the Monterey

Namath sat out his senior season of basketball to deal with the recruiting frenzy swarming around him as a football quarterback. Before he became Broadway Joe, the white-shoed superstar who led the New York Jets to victory over the heavily favored Baltimore Colts in the '69 Super Bowl, Namath was "The Hungarian Howitzer," the kid who passed for 27,663 yards and 173 touchdowns as a three-year starter at Beaver Falls High School. He went on to lead Bear Bryant's 1965 Alabama team to the NCAA championship.

Every athlete who followed Namath to Beaver Falls High shivered in that towering shadow, but Dave Miller had his own glory days there playing for Larry Bruno, the same coach.

In 1964-65, Miller's senior year, he captained the Tigers as a halfback and safety, and was voted Most Valuable Player. He co-captained the Tigers' county champion track team, served in student government, and graduated with highest honors.

Miller took recruiting trips to Yale and U. Penn before accepting a grant-in-aid athletic scholarship to play wing-

back for Princeton's football team.

"I was a good student in high school, but Princeton made me feel very average. As a freshman, I had an 8 a.m. economics class with a professor (Burton G. Malkiel) who wrote 'A Random Walk Down Wall Street,' and basically invented mutual funds," he said. "I took 10 classes in my freshman year — five each semester — and half of those were taught by department heads," he said. "I took English from Ernest Hemingway's official biographer, Carlos Baker, who would drop the name into every lecture."

### Feeling a draft

Academically, Princeton was the hardest school at the time, Miller said. "And it's the hardest school now, so it still surprises me that I graduated with honors."

Miller's plan to take a year off after graduating from Princeton was disrupted when his draft board became aggressive as the Vietnam War raged. He applied to graduate schools, confident he'd get into Harvard, but was rejected.

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## Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Peninsula for 31 years (23 at Seaside, another eight at Stevenson), remembers being a wide-eyed seventh-grader, sitting in the basketball bleachers at Beaver Falls High, watching Namath lead the Tigers onto the floor for pre-game warmups.

Miller recalls the team emerging in a slow, dramatic stroll, as opposed to the traditional energetic gallop, with Namath in front, palming a basketball painted in the team colors — orange, black, and white — in each of his huge hands.

"They wore these flashy, silk pajama-style warmup suits when they came out of the locker room," Miller recalled. "Joe, who was 6-foot-3, would walk underneath the basket, wearing sunglasses, take a flat-footed leap, jam both basketballs, then walk over and sit down next to the coach, Nate Libby."

This was Namath's junior year — the 1959-60 season — long before athletes preened for a basketball crowd, danced in the end zone after scoring a touchdown, or stood like a statue at home plate to watch a home run sail over the wall.

"Joe had a '53 Lincoln convertible, with a raccoon tail on the antenna. He had a key to the gym so he could practice on his own. He'd break into the storage room on Sundays and give team jerseys to his friends," Miller remembered.

### Sports and steel

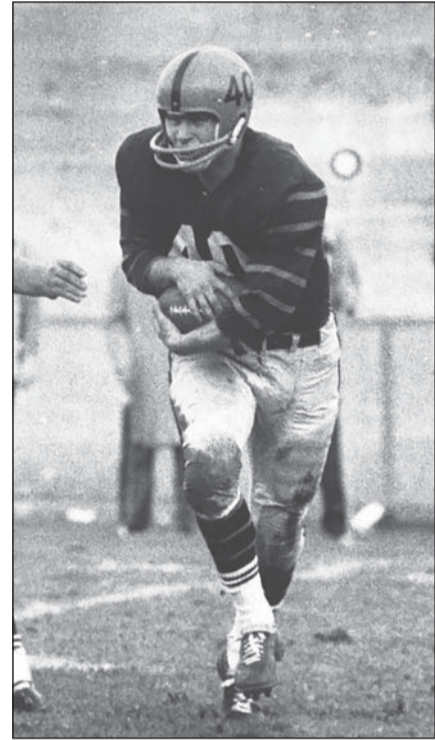
Sports were a way of life in the hardscrabble steel town of Beaver Falls, Pa., and boys like Miller were mesmerized by Namath as they approached their own high school years.

As a power-hitting centerfielder, Namath turned down a \$15,000 offer to sign with the St. Louis Cardinals during his junior year. The Orioles, Athletics and Cubs (who dangled \$50,000) also were rejected.



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(Above) Beaver Falls High alum Joe Namath, second from the right, posed with Dave Miller (white shirt), his son, Matt, daughter Erin, and wife, Pam, at a 2019 ceremony honoring Miller. (Right) Miller running the ball against Penn in his junior year at Princeton, where he played wingback.



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# Editorial

## A riddle, wrapped inside a mystery ...

MONTEREY COUNTY officials have said so little about the county's poor vaccination record, it's impossible for the average citizen to have the slightest understanding of why things have gone so wrong.

The numbers themselves practically shout from the rooftops: In this county, the vaccination rate stands at 11,500 per 100,000 residents, while in California, it's 16,000, and the nationwide figure is almost 17,000. You don't have to be Tony Fauci to see that we are way behind.

But even more telling is the contrast between Monterey County and its neighbor to the north, where medical officials held a news conference Tuesday to announce they had given an initial dose to nearly 20 percent of Santa Cruz County residents, and that almost 11 percent of them have been fully vaccinated with two doses of either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine.

It would be tempting to explain the striking difference between the very impressive numbers in Santa Cruz and the miserable ones in this county by saying their health officials are just more competent than ours. Monterey County health officer Dr. Ed Moreno has handled the epidemic so poorly, such an explanation seems an obvious possibility.

But Moreno isn't running the vaccination effort by himself, and there is no reason to doubt the skills of the hundreds of people involved in administering the county's day-to-day inoculation program. And don't forget the hospitals and pharmacies that are also on the front lines of giving Monterey County residents the jab. CHOMP, for example, announced several weeks ago that its facilities in Monterey and Marina are ready to start injecting 7,500 people a week. No doubt, they could probably even do a few more.

But they don't have the vaccine. And according to the data, that is where the true problem lies.

On Tuesday, the Monterey County Health Department said it had received a total of 54,500 doses of the two vaccines. This was on the same day the California Department of Public Health said the state had received a little more than 8 million doses. Monterey County has about 1.1 percent of the state's population ... which means our total of 54,500 should be at least 88,000. We are way behind in administering doses mostly because we're way behind in getting them.

Three weeks after we first raised the point, it remains true that the reason for the discrepancy is the absence in Monterey County of chain hospitals. Companies like Kaiser and Sutter have been getting their own allocations, which Monterey County has been denied because those hospitals don't operate here. So if you're still wondering why many 65-plus Monterey County residents who couldn't get vaccinated here have been able to do so by traveling to other parts of the state, now you know.

But the question remains, "Why?" If a county doesn't have any chain hospitals, why doesn't it receive a larger allocation through regular channels?

The question has been out there for weeks, but not one local politician or health official has seriously addressed it, and neither have their compatriots in Sacramento and Washington.

We may be a small county, but we're a mighty one. The neglect we are suffering is inexplicable.

## BEST of BATES



"We want to buy a painting. I brought my swatches."

## Letters to the Editor

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### All in this together?

Dear Editor,

Throughout the pandemic, the Monterey Peninsula has had a low coronavirus positivity rate, yet has remained in the Purple Tier because positivity rates have been high in other areas of the county. Businesses in the Monterey Peninsula have had to suffer losses due to the county's tier status because they were told that the "county" is the unit of measure for determining tier status. However, the Monterey County Health Department has now decided that vaccine access can be determined not by county but by zip code. Which is it?

If the county can be subdivided by zip code such that some residents, including those who are vulnerable for age or health-related reasons, can be denied timely access to the vaccine, then this subdivision by zip code should allow businesses in zip codes with low positivity rates to reopen with fewer restrictions. Monterey County Health Department can meet health equity metrics through inclusive

means that are good sound policy; excluding residents by zip code seems blatantly unfair and discriminatory.

Elizabeth Turner, Carmel

### Words matter

Dear Editor,

Listening to a local TV newscaster's explanation of the logic behind prioritizing South County agricultural workers over other Monterey County 65-75-year old seniors for coronavirus vaccinations, I was struck by her use of the words "most vulnerable." As in, the county is doing the right thing by targeting the most vulnerable population. When used in this fashion "most vulnerable" means "more likely to catch the virus," which is quite different than what the phrase meant when the state's vaccination tier structure was initially announced: more likely to get seriously ill, or die, if one catches the virus.

In terms of vaccine distribution, these different definitions of the phrase result in markedly different outcomes, and so amount to a substantial shift from state-mandated policy. I know we cannot expect transparency from the county, but it would be nice if the news media would pay more attention to the way in which unannounced but significant changes in the definitions of such key policy words are used to disguise such major policy shifts.

John Shupe, Carmel

### Kudos to CHOMP

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my appreciation for the outstanding vaccine service at Marina Montage where I was efficiently

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## His pictures are in an exhibition, but his life's story is right here

ONE OF the most celebrated of Monterey's early artists is Francis John McComas, who achieved fame at an early age. The Monterey Museum of Art ([monte-reyart.org](http://monte-reyart.org)) is offering a virtual exhibition, "Francis McComas: Rediscovering California's First Modernist."

McComas, born Oct. 1, 1874, was a native of Tasmania. He developed his skills as an artist in Sydney, Australia, and while still in his 20s became a member of the board of governors of the Sydney Society

He spent several months in Europe in 1904, working in Spain and with exhibitions in Paris and London. When he returned to California, rumors linked him romantically with Marie Louise Parrott, who was a beautiful society debutante from 1900. Her father was an executive with Parrott & Co., a banking and real estate conglomerate begun in the 1860s by his uncle. Spending more time in San Francisco, McComas took studio space at the Sketch Club on Post Street. Many of the artists there also spent time working in Monterey.

On June 18, 1905, McComas married Parrott and cemented his position as a member of San Francisco society. McComas appreciated that a successful artist had to understand it was also business. Among the maxims attributed to him was, "It pays a painter to appear dignified to his patrons. Dignity raises prices; familiarity lowers them."

### Earthquake

During their honeymoon, they traveled from Mexico to British Columbia, McComas making sketches all along the way. Toward the end of summer, they settled in Santa Barbara, where he produced a number of paintings which he exhibited in San Francisco in February 1906. Following that, McComas and his wife headed east and then on to Europe.

They were in Chicago in April 1906,

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## History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

of Artists. In the summer of 1898, he set sail for San Francisco. Overwhelmed by the beauty of Hawaii, he remained there, painting for a month before continuing to California.

Soon after arriving in San Francisco, McComas traveled to Monterey and began long associations with William Keith and Charles Rollo Peters. A review of his February 1899 exhibition of watercolors at San Francisco's W. K. Vickery gallery on Post Street called attention to his painting of Monterey's Custom House, "getting entirely new effects." McComas included work from Australia and his stop at Hawaii in the exhibition.

McComas produced a few more paintings in Monterey before heading for a show in Chicago. He sold so well there that he had nothing left to show as planned in New York, and continued on to London and Paris, where he worked and exhibited before returning to California in the summer of 1900.

### Debutante

McComas created a variety of works in California from July to October 1900, and then returned to his home in Australia. He vowed to return and make California his home, which he did in February 1901. Back in Monterey, he rented the Sherman Rose Adobe at Alvarado and Bonifacio as his home and studio, and prepared work for a 1902 exhibition in New York.

Ethel Crocker, wife of banker W. H. Crocker, helped introduce McComas to wealthy society and demand for his work grew. By 1903, his small watercolors fetched more than \$100 and his larger paintings approached the \$1,000 mark.

(Right) Artist Francis McComas (with glasses), frequented Del Monte Golf Course after taking up the sport in 1912. In this photo he is with San Francisco shipping magnate Roger Lapham, circa 1929. (Below) On his first visit to Monterey in 1898-99, McComas painted Monterey's historic Custom House.

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## She Googled — and took up art

AFTER RECEIVING a mediocre grade on a work of art as a third-grader at her Connecticut elementary school, Rose Hagan held a bit of a grudge. For 20 years.

The 8-year-old accepted her teacher's critique as glum repudiation of any notion that she might have a scrap of artistic talent. She banished any art aspirations to the rearview mirror and sentenced herself to an alternative pathway that included graduating at the top of her high school class, earning a bachelor's degree from Stanford University, a law degree from Harvard, and embarking on an 18-year legal career that culminated with seven-and-a-half years as Google's first-ever trademarks attorney, a job she loved.

And then — just like that — she walked away to give art another try.

Since 2010, Hagan has been a full-time artist, painting blazing sunsets and dramatic landscapes in oil — many inspired by views from her Rocky Point home and the Big Sur coast — along with brilliantly colorful digital abstracts, and one-of-a-kind glasswork.

"I was super-serious and very bookish as a little kid.

My parents were constantly trying to get me to go outside and play, but you couldn't drag the book out of my hands," said Hagan, who was raised in Stamford, Conn., the daughter of Henry Hagan, a tax lawyer and CPA, and Josephine Hagan, who came to the United States from Cuba at age 17, after Fidel Castro rose to power.

### College visits

"My mom came by herself to Philadelphia in February and thought she had died and gone to hell," she said with a laugh. "She had no idea weather could be so cold."

Hagan says her parents were intense advocates of education, routinely taking their daughters — Rose and Trish (15 months older) — on trips to visit prominent universities during their high school years.

### February volleyball

"They wanted to help us get a sense of where we might like to go," she said. "We visited Stanford one year in February, when it was snowing back home. I saw kids playing volleyball in their shorts and decided, 'Wow, this would be a great place to come for four years!' Once I discovered that you could choose to live in a place where it didn't snow, I was sold."

Her sister, who knew from age 6 that she wanted to become a doctor, went to Princeton and fulfilled that dream. Rose admits that she had no plan when she arrived in Palo Alto as a Stanford freshman.

"I've never been a five-year-plan kind

## Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

of person, and I was just floating around, basically just jumping through any hoop that was put in front of me when I got to college," she said.

As a junior, Hagan decided to sign up for the school's semester abroad program. The university discovered that she had not yet declared a degree path, and required her to pick a major before she left. Since she intended to study in Spain, she chose Spanish, figuring she'd change her major when she got back. She never did.

Hagan graduated Phi Beta Kappa in 1989 with a B.A. in Spanish, still lacking a clear blueprint for the future.

"My dad always told us that law was a very practical pursuit. He said we could study law, then do anything with our lives, because it was just good training," said Hagan, who applied to top law schools around the country. Stanford, her alma mater, turned her down. Harvard didn't.

### Self doubts

"I was terrified when I got to Harvard," she said. "I remember showing up for my orientation group as a first-year student, sitting in a circle with all these very-accomplished people — one had already taught English literature at Yale — and I was like, 'Uh ... I just came out of college, and I worked at a department store this past summer ... oh my God, what am I doing here with these people?'"

And then school started. She found herself in a class

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Rocky Point resident Rose Hagan walked away from a successful career as an in-house attorney at Google to focus full-time on oil painting and glass art.

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# HISTORY

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frantically trying to get word from family and friends following the San Francisco earthquake and fire. From Chicago they went to New York, and then London, where a July 1906 exhibition of his work drew high praise. They spent nearly two years abroad, with McComas garnering inspiration in France, Spain and Greece, further developing his personal style.

### Taking up golf

In Greece, his work caught the attention of the royal family, providing him with access to the nation's plentiful ruins and leading him to extend his stay for a few months. Prince Nicholas, an artist himself, traveled with them for a time and acquired McComas's painting, "Palace of Corfu." From Greece, McComas sent paintings for November exhibitions at Vickery's in San

Francisco and the Orbach gallery in London. Some of his work from Greece from this trip is included in the Monterey Museum of Art's exhibition.

McComas was exhibiting in London in April 1908, when Marie's father died in Alameda. They returned to California and rented a cottage at Blithedale, near Mill Valley, for several months.

A November 1908 exhibition at Vickery's introduced society to his latest work. The style of his watercolors had evolved so that one writer declared, "it has a distinction and originality that puts it in a class of its own," while another wrote that for anyone "who looks for beauty, poetry and quality in his work, the reward is full."

In the summer of 1909, McComas traveled to New Mexico and spent several months capturing the beauty of that area. Rather than join him, Marie visited with friends in New York. They both returned to San Francisco in the spring. Twenty of his desert watercolors were exhibited at Vickery's in April 1910. The exhibit also

included some Monterey paintings and several of his charcoal sketches.

For about two years, the McComases split their time between the Monroe Hotel in San Francisco and Hotel Del Monte at Monterey. They became socially active with the art community of Monterey and Carmel and rented a cottage in Carmel which he used as a studio where he painted and taught. One of his students was Gene Baker, daughter of Oakland Tribune editorialist Joseph Baker, and secretary of the California School of the Arts at UC Berkeley. She began visiting Carmel regularly in 1909, when she was 22. There were rumors she had had an affair with poet George Sterling. (More on Gene next week.)

In early 1912, the McComases built a modern, two-story \$10,000 home on Hellam near High Street in Monterey and named it "Midwood." It had an inspiring view of Monterey Bay. They also took up golf and were often seen on the Del Monte Golf Course, joining society friends from San Francisco who frequented the Hotel Del Monte. Marie came in third in the women's qualifier for the 1912 Decoration Day tournament in Monterey. The earliest recorded score from McComas was a 90,

net 78, well back in the field in the course's 1912 year-end tournament. But he improved. A year later he was runner-up.

### Don't be late

McComas made plans to return to New Mexico in June 1913, taking along fellow artist Xavier Martinez to introduce him to the state's beauty. Martinez went ahead as McComas delayed his departure to play in the July Fourth tournament at Del Monte. Martinez was not happy with his friend showing up nearly three weeks late. The tension was too much, and McComas returned to Monterey alone after only a few weeks. Plans for a joint exhibit of their desert work ended, and they had individual showings in early 1914.

In December 1914, McComas had a special exhibition in Los Angeles, and his acceptance as California's premier artist made him the choice to lead curation of art for the 1915 Pan Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco. We will continue the McComas story next week.

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



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This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.  
S/Amy Snyder  
Jan. 5, 2020  
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Zachary Cole Properties LLC  
S/ Zachary Freedman, President,  
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**SUMMONS - FAMILY LAW**  
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The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, is:

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Date: Nov. 10, 2020  
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The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, is:

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **Tuesday, March 2, 2020** on or after the hour of **4:30 p.m.**, the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will hold a **Public Hearing** in the Council Chambers located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California for the following purpose:  
**Proposed Action:** Consideration of an Appeal of a decision made by the Forest and Beach Commission on January 14, 2021 for penalties to be paid and other mitigation measures to be provided for damage to the urban forest.  
**Parcel Description:** Northwest corner of Junipero Street and Thirteenth Avenue (APN: 009-353-010-000)  
Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 has allowed local legislative bodies to hold public meetings via teleconference and to make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the local legislative body. Also, see the Order by the Monterey County Public Health Officer issued March 17, 2020. The health and well-being of our residents is the top priority for the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea. To that end, this meeting will be held via teleconference and web-streamed on the City's website ONLY.  
All interested persons are invited to attend via teleconference at the time and place specified above to give oral or written testimony concerning this matter. Written comments may be submitted to the City Clerk at City Hall located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921 or P.O. Box CC, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921 or by email [cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us](mailto:cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us) prior to the meeting. With respect to written comments, please submit them at least 2 hours before the meeting in order to ensure they are provided to the legislative body and made part of the record. Comments received after that time and up to the end of the public hearing will be saved as part of the record but may not be provided to the legislative body prior to or during the public hearing.  
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# LETTERS

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**Gary Koepfel, Carmel**

## City being ruined?

Dear Editor,

As I walk along our tree-lined streets, I notice a change that saddens me. Carmel's picturesque architectural character — the look that makes us different and special from Anywhere, USA, is disappearing. Homes built with wonder and imagination are now being replaced with big modern glass boxes with no visible roofs; the exact look of Malibu and Newport Beach.

Carmel has historically embraced new homes that honor what people before us have worked so hard to achieve. Rooflines pitched towards the heavens and stone chimneys have been replaced with two story homes with flat walls to the sky. Carmel doesn't have to be a village of fairytale houses, but we can build homes with the spirit of the guidelines in mind. A "volumetrics" approach to plan approval has created accepted building codes that result in houses that are an anathema to Carmel's visual appeal, charm and idyllic beauty.

While the tear-down-and-replace approach is often necessary; replacement should show regard to the heritage that is part of the fabric of Carmel.

Our architectural board was abolished; a team of residents that once protected our character. The current system is an adversarial process that pits neighbor

against neighbor and requires each plan be contested but without the underpinnings of a cohesive code approach to restrict big, square and sterile structures which are lining our little streets. Further, "zoom" meetings have reduced participation of concerned citizens. Remodeling can be accomplished without changing our distinctiveness — after all, until recently, we had been doing it for over 100 years.

Quirky and village quaint is rapidly being replaced by square, sharp-edged, industrial-appearing dwellings, as opposed to the unexpected visual wonder that created our magic. This is not progress. This is encroachment on a "subtle European city with a quaint feel with a village like atmosphere, full of character" (a quote from our city website).


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**Carolyn White, Carmel**


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# SPORTS

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“The next week I got a letter from Stanford, telling me I had been accepted there with a full stipend — it wouldn’t cost me a dime,” he said. “I graduated from Princeton on June 6, and had to be at Stanford on June 12 to start their program.”

Miller drove coast to coast, arriving just in time. When he walked into the venue, he spotted three attractive women, and sauntered across the room to make his move.

“Of course, they were all engaged,” he said. “But I wound up marrying one of them anyway, and we’re still married 51 years later.”

Dave Miller and Pamela Jean Davis (a former Seaside High song leader and pompom girl) were married in the spring of 1970 in the chapel at Stevenson School, where he had accepted a position to teach English. His contract also called for the Millers to double as “dorm parents” — to live in a campus dorm and monitor the behavior of the

students — an assignment that made them feel less than comfortable.

“Stevenson was much different then — all male, with a lot of discipline problems, including kids who were there to be fixed — and we decided it wasn’t the right living situation for us,” he said.

Pam, who had graduated from Immaculate Heart Catholic Women’s College magna cum laude in just three years before earning her master’s from Stanford, was hired to teach math and science at Seaside High. When the new principal, Jim Solberg, mentioned that he also needed an English teacher and football coach, she recommended her newlywed husband, who held an American Lit master’s degree from Stanford, cum laude.

Pam spent 38 years at Seaside, heading the school’s biology department, working with Stanford professors to develop a worldwide teaching link for climate change, earning a trip to the White House as California’s Math and Science Teacher of the Year, and co-founding Seaside’s Gifted and Talented Education Program with her husband.

### 13 seasons as head coach

Dave had equal affection for teaching and coaching during his 23 years at the school, helping head football coaches Howard Hartman and Carl Stephenson before taking the reins of the program himself in 1979. In 13 seasons as head coach of the Spartans, Miller’s teams won 70 percent of their games and three league titles, qualified for the playoffs multiple times, sent countless players on to collegiate athletics, and a handful to the NFL.

In 1992, Miller moved to Stevenson School, where his son, Matthew, would be a senior, and his daughter, Erin, would enroll as a freshman.

“I wanted to help coach football for Matt’s senior season as a cornerback and receiver, and head coach Jeff Young invited me to do that,” he said. “We turned out to be kindred spirits, and I stayed for eight years.”

Miller and Young retired together as football coaches after Stevenson’s 2000 season, when the Pirates went 12-1, won the only league football title in school history, and played for the Central Coast Section crown.

As an educator, Miller served as Stevenson’s director of college counseling (a post he also held at Seaside), guiding students toward colleges or universities that best fit their aspirations.

In 2019, Miller revisited Western Pennsylvania to be inducted into the Larry Bruno Foundation Circle of Achievement as a distinguished alumnus of Beaver Falls High. Namath returned to serve as master of ceremonies for the event, as he does each year.

Matt (a three-sport jock at Stevenson), 45, is an orthopedic surgeon at Stanford University Medical Center. Erin (who won 14 letters with the Pirates, and became a pro triathlete), 41, is a healthcare analyst for McKesson Corporation. Like their parents, both are Stanford alumni.

# ARTIST

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taught by Clark Byse, the legendary professor who helped inspire Charles Kingsfield, the character portrayed by actor John Houseman in the 1973 film, “The Paper Chase.”

Byse proved as acerbic as his fictional counterpart. “He was in his 80s by then, but still wore a three-piece suit and a pocket watch to class every day,” she remembered. “The first time he called on me, I wasn’t prepared, and said, ‘I pass.’ And he said, ‘Miss Hagan ... this is not a bridge game ... we do not ‘pass.’”

She recovered, thrived, and graduated in 1992, then returned to California to interview with multiple law offices, including one that specialized in intellectual property. Everyone there seemed to love their work.

“I didn’t get an offer there and landed at a place that that did insurance defense, which was mind-numbingly dull. Fortunately, I got an offer during my second summer to work with the firm I wanted,” she said.

Over the next decade, Hagan worked for several firms, specializing in patent litigation, then trademark law. Along the way she met and married Mark Lemley — now a law professor at Stanford — who learned that a Silicon Valley tech company called Google was looking for a patent and trademark lawyer. She was hired in September 2002, worked there until January 2010, and loved the company and the job. “I remember driving home one day and telling my husband, ‘I can’t believe they pay me!’” she said.

In 1994, she took an art class — her first since that third-grade smackdown — enjoyed it, and began creating art as a stress reliever. Sixteen years later, after placing her terminally ill father in hospice, she abruptly resigned from Google, in part to spend more time in her studio.

### We don’t have forever

“I just realized we don’t have forever — our futures are not guaranteed,” said Hagan, who is largely self-taught, particularly as a glass artist. “I wasn’t exactly sure what I was going to do, but decided I’d figure it out along the way. And I followed my heart.”

Besides falling in love with the process of making art, Hagan discovered she had talent. In 2011 — a year after leaving her law career — she sold multiple paintings while participating in her second-ever Open Studio tour.

“I think it was about 18 months after I left Google that I finally developed the confidence to say, ‘I’m an artist,’ because I realized that’s something you decide for yourself,” she said. “And it’s not really about sales — Van Gogh never sold a piece while he was alive — it was about having enough confidence to say, ‘Yes, this is what I’m doing. I’m not playing at it. It’s not a vacation. It’s me.’”

Over the past nine years, her work has been exhibited in 14 shows, and represented by four galleries.

Hagan’s paintings can be viewed online at rosehagan.com, and her glass art can be seen at rosamoderna.com. Additional images can be found at instagram.com/rhaganart.

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# FILES

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Stewart contends the Public Records Act allows a public agency to withhold records when “the public interest served by not disclosing the record clearly outweighs the public interest served by disclosure of the record.”

CUSD human resources officer Craig Chavez said the district offered Stewart a chance to seek a protective order to prevent the release of the records. “The requestor of the records has been notified and has been given an opportunity to intervene in that case,” Chavez said.

# HEARTS

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during busy times like Concours Week.

Community activities director Ashlee Wright said she sent the information to public works director Bob Harary, who responded with several logistical questions. Once all the pertinent information, including locations, insurance and how the hearts will be anchored is gathered, and the community activities commission provides input, the proposal will go to the planning commission.

The final number of hearts installed in town will depend on what the city allows. Highfield said it won't be a challenge to find people to sponsor them or artists to paint them, but, “We didn't want to overwhelm the city.”

“We didn't want a heart on every single corner,” she said.

# QUOTE

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same slide that were attributed to Chavez in the story, Dincer explained her concerns and provided a copy of Boring's paper.

“In my comment during the board meeting, I tried to draw attention to the second slide of the presentation,” she said. “Specifically, the second slide was not written by Mr. Chavez but was plagiarized verbatim from a publication written by Dr. Michael Boring in 2011.”

She said she raised the plagiarism issue with the district but had not heard back. “I would think Dr. Boring would strongly object to his incredibly well written introduction to a 70-page publication being attributed to Mr. Chavez in a newspaper, among other places.”

The Pine Cone also reached out to Chavez but did not receive a response.

# RESORT

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son, who also attended the meeting, said the conditions of approval will include all the tree-related requirements, and Miller agreed with them, too — as long as the commission's decision doesn't prevent him from applying to remove a tree if it becomes dangerous for any reason.

Caddell made a motion to accept “the city forester's recommendations as to the handling of this permit, with the proviso that none of the trees at issue will be removed until the city planning department has completed its process and issued a permit.” Commissioner JC Myers seconded it, and it passed 4-1, with new commissioner Brian Sours dissenting.

# STOLEN

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ting arrested, too.

Mendez showed up at the police station that afternoon to retrieve his car from the yard at Carmel Towing, according to Carmel Police Sgt. Jeff Watkins, but the officer wouldn't release it because Mendez doesn't have a valid driver's license. “He said he would go get a licensed driver, and when the officer came back to look for him, he was gone,” Watkins said.

An hour later, though, Mendez was back. But before going outside to talk to him, officer Gerald Maldonado decided to have a look around the area to see who brought him. “He saw a car being parked and ran the plate — and saw it was a stolen car out of Scotts Valley,” Watkins said.

As is protocol when dealing with suspected felons, Maldonado ordered the people in the car — including Mendez's wife and Murphy, who was driving — out at gunpoint.

He ended up arresting Murphy for a litany of charges, including possessing a stolen car, check fraud, vehicle theft, possession of drugs and paraphernalia, carrying a concealed dirk or dagger, possession of burglary tools, appropriation of lost property — and driving on a suspended license. The Mendezes were interviewed and released.

Because the car was reported stolen from Scotts Valley, police and the courts there will handle the case.

# AGGRESSIVE

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about the bicyclists, but no citations were issued. The missing child was found.

The consensus on social media was that most of the bicyclists were teenagers and young men.

Another driver reported encountering the bike mob on Lighthouse Avenue and 17 Mile Drive, where they were doing wheelies and stopping traffic.

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FEW THINGS bring me more joy than so-called media experts tripping over themselves to display their arrogance and ignorance.

A recent dustup involved Sen. Ted Cruz, NBC's Andrea Mitchell and the Washington Post's Jennifer Rubin. The senator quoted a passage from Shakespeare that methinks left Mitchell and Rubin protesting too much. Mitchell challenged his attribution of the quote and Rubin backed her up.

In a television appearance last week, Cruz described Impeachment 2.0 as "a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury signifying nothing." And he correctly attributed the quote to Shakespeare.

Then, with a particular combination of condescension and ignorance, NBC's Mitchell jumped in with a tweet that said, "No, that's Faulkner."

Rubin came to her media sister's aid. Rather than checking her facts, she rushed to mock the senator, claiming in a tweet that Cruz' supposed misquote, "said volumes about his lack of soul."

Yes, Falkner used "The Sound and the Fury" for a book title — but not until a few centuries after Shakespeare coined it. Mitchell apologized, but was left with "a countenance more in sorrow than in anger." ("Hamlet")

Parts of the soliloquy from "Macbeth," Act 5, Scene 5, have been used in a number of literary titles. Here is the

entire soliloquy:

*She should have died hereafter;  
There would have been a time for such a word.  
— To-morrow, and to-morrow, and to-morrow,*

## Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

*Creeps in this petty pace from day to day,  
To the last syllable of recorded time,  
And all our yesterdays have lighted fools  
The way to dusty death.  
Out, out, brief candle!  
Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player  
That struts and frets his hour upon the stage  
And then is heard no more: It is a tale  
Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury,  
Signifying nothing.*

The soliloquy may have helped more artists with their titles than any other from Shakespeare:

Kurt Vonnegut used "Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow" for the title of a 1953 short story.

*And all our yesterdays have lighted fools the way to dusty death*

Actor Edward G. Robinson, known for his tough-guy roles in films including "Little Caesar," used "All My Yesterdays" as the title for his autobiography. A similar phrase — "all our yesterdays" — has been used as the title of several works of literature, music and television, including an episode of Star Trek, and a 1994 novel by Robert B. Parker.

In 1973 Alistair MacLean published his novel "The Way to Dusty Death."

*Out, out brief candle*

"Out, Out" is a rather macabre poem written by Robert Frost about a young boy who loses his hand in a buzz saw and bleeds to death, but life goes on because that's the way things are. His line "No more to build on there," reminds me of "move on, nothing to see here." Not one of my favorite Frost poems.

"Brief Candles" is the title of a collection of short stories by Aldous Huxley that was published before his famous "Brave New World."

*Life is but a walking shadow, a poor player that struts and frets his hour upon the stage*

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**POLICE LOG**

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idence on Yankee Point Drive was discovered by a passerby.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A 51-year-old male marijuana dealer from Pacific Grove was arrested at Highway 1 and Rio Road at 0124 hours for DUI and drug sales and was booked into Monterey County Jail.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Lost cell phone on Torres south of Mountain View.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Citizen on Seventh west of Mission reported a lost bag containing personal items and identity information.

**Pacific Grove:** Commercial burglary on Forest Avenue at 0545 hours. A 19-year-old was arrested.

**Pacific Grove:** Stored vehicle for expired registration with a false plate. Towed from Walnut Street.

**Pacific Grove:** Outside jurisdiction assist was a DUI collision. Exam completed. Subject arrested and transported to county jail.

**Pacific Grove:** Subject was placed on a mental health hold after admitting to wanting to take pills as a suicide attempt.

**Pacific Grove:** Subject on Eardley reported a theft of CDs with medical records on them. No evidence based on statement to support claim. Determined to be unfounded at this time.

**Pacific Grove:** Subject on Sinex reported checks ordered without the account holder's permission. No loss at this time. Accounts were canceled.

**Pacific Grove:** Report of a minor at a Second Street residence receiving nicotine products in the mail. Items were collected for destruction.

**Pacific Grove:** Suspicious person on Ransford.

**Pacific Grove:** Violation of a restraining order at a residence on Arkwright Court.

**Carmel area:** Subject was served with a temporary restraining order at a residence on Carmel Knolls Drive. Subject arrived back at the residence two hours later in violation of the order and was arrested and booked at Monterey County Jail.

**Carmel area:** A broken window at a res-

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A dog was found in the county at Camino del Monte and Pico and brought to the station for safekeeping. The owner of the dog was found, and the dog was returned with educational information.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A report of a road-rage incident at Junipero and Eighth. Both parties were contacted and admonished.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Records check on a motor vehicle at Fourth and Torres revealed the vehicle was an outstanding stolen vehicle. A high-risk traffic stop was conducted, and the driver, a 34-year-old unemployed male from Santa Cruz, was arrested and lodged at county jail for several charges, including vehicle theft, possession of unlawful paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance, possession of burglary tools, appropriation of lost property, driving while unlicensed, possession of a stolen vehicle and check fraud.

**Pacific Grove:** Report of a catalytic converter theft on Junipero. No suspect information.

**Pacific Grove:** Report of a catalytic converter theft on 19th Street. No suspect information.

**Pacific Grove:** Unknown subject(s) stole the victim's catalytic converter from a vehicle on Gibson sometime overnight.

**Pacific Grove:** Report of a catalytic converter theft on 14th Street. No suspect information.

**Pacific Grove:** Report of a non-injury collision between a vehicle and a parked vehicle on Pine.

**Pacific Grove:** Catalytic converter theft on Walnut Street. Occurred overnight. At this time, there are no leads.

**Pacific Grove:** Report of a subject who fell on public property on Ocean View Boulevard. The subject declined transportation to the hospital.

**Pacific Grove:** Unknown subject(s) took the catalytic converter from vehicle parked in front of a residence on Pine. Perpetrators are unknown and at large at this time.

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### 10 Cielo Vista Terrace — \$820,000

Dmitry Rachmanov to Redwoods Holdings LLC  
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### 711 Belden Street — \$915,000

Christopher Suhr to Ryan Hambley  
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### 141 Via Gayuba — \$920,000

Miles and Kelly McCullough Madison Basham  
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### 715 Ramona Avenue — \$1,275,000

Sheila Hutchings to Virginia Courtney  
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### 778 Hawthorne Street — \$1,300,000

American Youth Hostels to Otterway LLC  
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### 382 Larkin Street — \$1,675,000

Dyanne Mondragon, Francesca Bongiorno and Mark Russo to Michale and Concettina Bruno  
APN: 001-381-050



1427 Lisbon Lane, Pebble Beach — \$4,750,000

### 810 Taylor Street — \$3,500,000

Larry and Shonna Scholink to Legacy Real Estate LLC  
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## Pacific Grove

### 816 Maple Street — \$772,000

Estate of George Divine, Mary Fromm administrator, to Redwood Holdings LLC  
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### 906 Short Street — \$1,100,000

Natasha Gray to Michael McStocker and Patricia Weber  
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### 381 Laurel Avenue — \$1,384,500

Domenica Gianino to Brent and Hillary McLoughlin  
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### 857 Grove Acre Avenue — \$1,575,000

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# GERVASE

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Robert B. Parker dipped into the soliloquy for a second time with his “Walking Shadow,” the 21st novel in his popular Spenser series.

“Struts & Frets” is a 2009 novel by Jon Skovron, who writes fantasy and adventure novels for adults, teens, and children.

When he wrote the soliloquy in “Hamlet,” Shakespeare may have accidentally anticipated the way we currently live our lives under the shelter-in-place rules of the pandemic. *There would have been a time for such a word — To-morrow, and to-morrow, and to-morrow, creeps in this petty pace from day to day, perfectly describes our humdrum confined lives as days seem to proceed at a petty pace until wine time comes. Then let’s do it again tomorrow, tomorrow and tomorrow, alternating reds and whites, of course.*

*It is a tale/Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury/Signifying nothing.*

Here’s where the Bard of Avon had terrific prescient knowledge. He obviously anticipated the confusing announcements emanating from the CDC and from certain health officials who pontificate as we listen patiently to tales told by idiots and consider them much ado about nothing.

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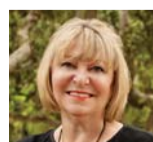


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# SHERIFF

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**Pacific Grove:** Violation of a temporary restraining order on Lighthouse reported. Suspect contacted protected party by mail. Matter referred to Monterey County District Attorney's Office for prosecution.

**Carmel Valley:** Adult Protective Services referrals at residences on Carmel Valley Road and Chaparral Road.

**Pebble Beach:** APS referrals at homes on Lasauen Road and Majella Road.

**Pebble Beach:** Online report of stolen mail from a Sloat Road residence.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Information report for a civic organization at San Antonio and Fourth.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Cell phone found at the beach was brought to the station. The battery died, no adapter.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Wallet lost at the Crossroads. Owner called back at 1820 hours stating he found the wallet.

**Pacific Grove:** Dispatched to an elder abuse case on Second Street at 0344 hours. An adult female, age 44, was arrested and transported to county jail for battery, felony harm or death of an elder/dependent adult, public intoxication, and battery causing serious injury. The victim was transported to CHOMP.

**Pacific Grove:** Subject contacted possible juveniles on Alder Street regarding one removing a road sign. Sign collected. Identity of possible juvenile is not known at this time.

**Pacific Grove:** Theft of a catalytic converter from a vehicle on Walnut Street.

**Pacific Grove:** Juveniles reported an incident involving them and their mother on Lighthouse. Report taken for information and forwarded to CPS.

**Carmel area:** Report of a domestic dispute on Valley Way. A 50-year-old male was arrested.

**Carmel area:** An attempted burglary occurred on Ocean Pines Lane.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A citizen at Ridgewood and Rio reported seeing a mountain lion.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A protected party in a served restraining order reported receiving a phone call believed to be from the restrained party while at Carmel Beach.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Rear license plate lost or stolen from a vehicle at San Carlos and Eighth.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** An officer reported a mountain lion sighting at Ridgewood and Rio.

**Pacific Grove:** Suicide threats made via landline. Unable to locate subject.

**Pacific Grove:** Officer was dispatched after report of theft regarding a catalytic converter from a vehicle on Gibson.

**Pacific Grove:** Vehicle towed from Morse Drive for expired registration.

**Pacific Grove:** Officer was dispatched to report of a suspicious fax message which was determined to be an out-of-country scam.

**Pacific Grove:** Fall on public property on Ocean View Boulevard. Subject transported to the hospital by ambulance.

**Carmel area:** Person at a home in Mission Fields was placed on a 5150 hold for their safety.

**Pebble Beach:** Deputies responded to a report of a shoplifting at a store on Cypress Drive.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A makeup bag containing over-the-counter medications found at Mission and Fourth at 0159 hours was turned over to Carmel Police Department for safekeeping.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Ongoing neighbor dispute on San Carlos north of Fourth.

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**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Arrested/cited a 47-year-old driver at Dolores and Seventh for false registration tab.

**Pacific Grove:** Subject on Mermaid reported a civil issue with her neighbor regarding a property-line dispute.

**Pacific Grove:** A homeowner on Ocean View Boulevard reported that one of his garage door windows had been vandalized in an attempted burglary.

**Pacific Grove:** Four subjects with 5-gallon buckets collecting at the Foghorn turnout on Ocean View Boulevard.

**Pacific Grove:** Violation of a restraining order at a residence on Arkwright Court. Suspect identified as a 46-year-old male.

**Carmel area:** Fairway Place resident reported receiving multiple collection notices from utility companies in another state. Resident has never lived in that state.

**Carmel area:** Morse Drive resident was a victim of identity theft

**Carmel area:** Report of found property at Carmel Center Place.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Civil dispute between two people at Monte Verde and Ocean.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A dog incident occurred when a loose dog ran out of its prop-

erty at another dog on a leash being held by its owner on Ocean east of Forest. No injuries sustained in this incident. Later, the dog offending owner was contacted. Information was obtained and a warning was given. Educational actions discussed to prevent future violations.

**Pacific Grove:** A 47-year-old male was arrested for violating a domestic violence restraining order and was booked in Monterey County Jail.

**Pacific Grove:** A cell phone was turned in to the lobby. Owner information is unknown. Property will be held for safekeeping until it is claimed.

**Pacific Grove:** Subject reported a non-injury traffic collision where the other subject did not provide insurance information.

**Pacific Grove:** Theft of catalytic converter reported on Locust Street. Upon conclusion of this investigation, it was determined there was no suspect information or investigative leads.

**Pacific Grove:** Camera equipment was found on Ocean View Boulevard and turned in to the lobby.

**Pacific Grove:** A subject reported that three of his paintings were stolen within the past couple of months.

**Pebble Beach:** Larkin Road resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.

**Carmel area:** APS referral at a residence on San Juan Road.

**Carmel Valley:** Female on Jeanette Road reported a verbal domestic with her ex-boyfriend. Case closed.

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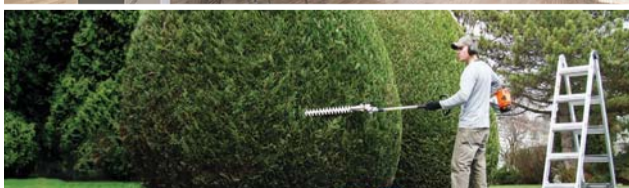
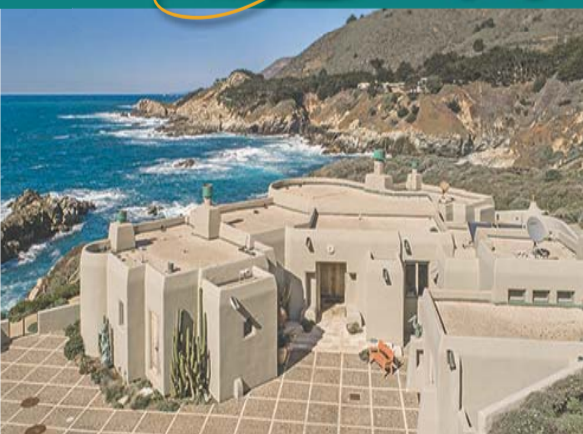
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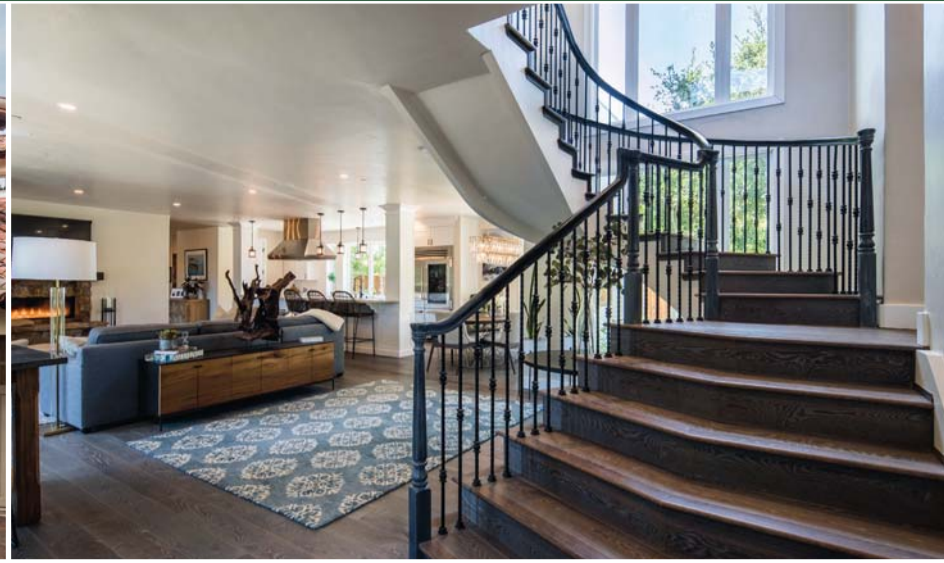
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