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## CALTRANS UNVEILS \$11.5M PLAN TO REOPEN HIGHWAY 1



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If all goes according to plan, the washout along Highway 1 in Big Sur could be repaired by early summer, and motorists will again be able to travel between the Monterey Peninsula and San Simeon. For now, work crews are still busy clearing and leveling the site.

■ Work could be completed 'by summer,' agency says

By CHRIS COUNTS

A MONTH after a strong winter storm triggered a slide that wiped out a 150-foot section of Highway 1 about 2 miles south of Esalen, Caltrans has a plan for fixing it, and the state roads agency said the world-famous route through Big Sur could reopen by early summer.

"After assessing the damage, removing debris and making minor repairs, Caltrans will reconnect the roadway with an enhanced fill option," the agency reported Thursday. "We will fill the canyon with dirt in a large V-shape and construct a new road on top of the fill."

Caltrans director Toks Omishakin said crews have been busy clearing debris and assessing damage at the site, and they will begin emergency construction on a new stretch of highway March 1. "Highway 1 is an iconic roadway that connects travelers with small businesses on the Central Coast, and we're focused on restoring travel on this section by early summer," Omishakin said.

With minimal level ground to navigate, five excavators on the scene removed rock, mud and debris. "It's like a ballet of excavators," Kevin Drabinski of Caltrans told The Pine Cone. "They're working together to dig out at least 40 feet of debris."

See **HIGHWAY** page 15A

## Monterey County to get lots more vaccine, state says

■ Desperate supervisors ask out-of-county hospitals to share doses

By KELLY NIX

A DAY after county supervisors said they would ask chain hospitals such as Kaiser and Sutter to give some of their vaccine doses to Monterey County, where the supply has been much lower, the state announced it was dramatically upping the number for Monterey County and other parts of the state that have lots of agricultural workers.

On Wednesday, the state Department of Public Health said Monterey County is to receive 10,600 vaccine doses this week — more than double last week's supply of 4,950.

The vaccine increase will continue, 5th District Supervisor Mary Adams told The Pine Cone.

"It's going to keep going up," Adams said of the county's vaccine supply.

Monterey County is one of 10 that state health officials said would receive extra vaccine for farmworkers. Those counties are receiving a combined 70,000 more this week than the previous week, with Monterey County getting the second highest number after Tulare County.

Other counties that don't have prominent ag industries, such as Sacramento, are to receive fewer vaccines, according to the state.

**Begging for more**

The sudden announcement of the increase came a day after Monterey County supervisors said they would send letters to Kaiser Permanente, Sutter Health, Dignity Health and other chain hospitals requesting vaccines, since they get more allocations from the state than the four non-chain hospitals in Monterey County do.

District 4 Supervisor Wendy Root Askew said the letter would ask the hospitals "if they would be willing to share some of their allocation with us locally, or even come

See **VACCINE** page 11A

## Hungry ravens pose new threat to tiny plovers

By CHRIS COUNTS

A SMALL seashore bird that lays its eggs and raises its chicks on the sandy beaches along Monterey Bay, the western snowy plover contends with many obstacles in its quest for survival, but none poses a greater immediate threat than a natural predator and recent arrival to their habitat, the common raven.

Crows have long been found in Monterey County, but they largely leave plovers alone. Ravens, though, turned up locally only about a dozen years ago, and researchers quickly recognized the danger they pose to plovers, which are listed as a threatened species by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and a species of special concern by the State of California.

**Eating birds and their eggs**

Larger than crows and often seen in pairs, ravens have frequently been caught snatching up plovers and raiding their nests for eggs with deadly efficiency. Researchers also find their footprints in the sand where nests have been attacked.

So what can researchers do to save plovers from ravens? Amy Palkovic, an environmental scientist for California State Parks, told The Pine Cone that her agency uses an array of tools and strategies, including lethal and non-lethal means, to reduce the threat ravens pose.

Besides putting up fences and enclosures, state parks contracts with a company that uses depredation permits to kill ravens that are hungry for plovers.

Ravens aren't the only danger plovers face. There's been a dramatic uptick in the number of people encroaching on their breeding grounds. Researchers also worry about how they will fare if rising sea levels reduce the sandy habitat they favor.

The western snowy plover can be found between Washington and Baja California. Nearly 30 years ago, researchers set a goal of expanding the local population of breed-

See **PLOVERS** page 14A

## Livingston dies at 92 after half-century of service

By MARY SCHLEY

A WOMAN who single-handedly impacted the character of Carmel-by-the-Sea through her strong voice, devotion to preservation, and political activism died at home early Tuesday morning. Barbara Livingston, a 12-year city council member and key figure in several community organizations, was 92.

"To talk about Barbara means talking about Carmel's history," said former Mayor Sue McCloud, who was often

*Restaurant owner Gaston Georis dies after battling liver cancer. See page 9A.*

at odds with Livingston politically but also collaborated with her — including organizing the city's centennial in 2016 — and had known her since childhood.

"Her passion and dedication were unsurpassed," said councilman Bobby Richards, who has frequently said he was proud to earn Livingston's support since taking office more than four years ago. "I will miss her upbraiding as well as her praise."

**'A loss for words'**

"The loss is so close that I'm at a loss for words, for a change," commented city administrator Chip Rerig, who knew Livingston for decades, beginning with when he first came to work for the city's planning department more than

See **BARBARA** page 16A



PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

After attending her last meeting as a city council member in April 2004, Livingston was honored for her 12 years in office. But her service to the community didn't stop there.



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A tiny seashore bird that is listed as threatened faces many challenges trying to survive, including a scary new one.





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# Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

## Losing Toby

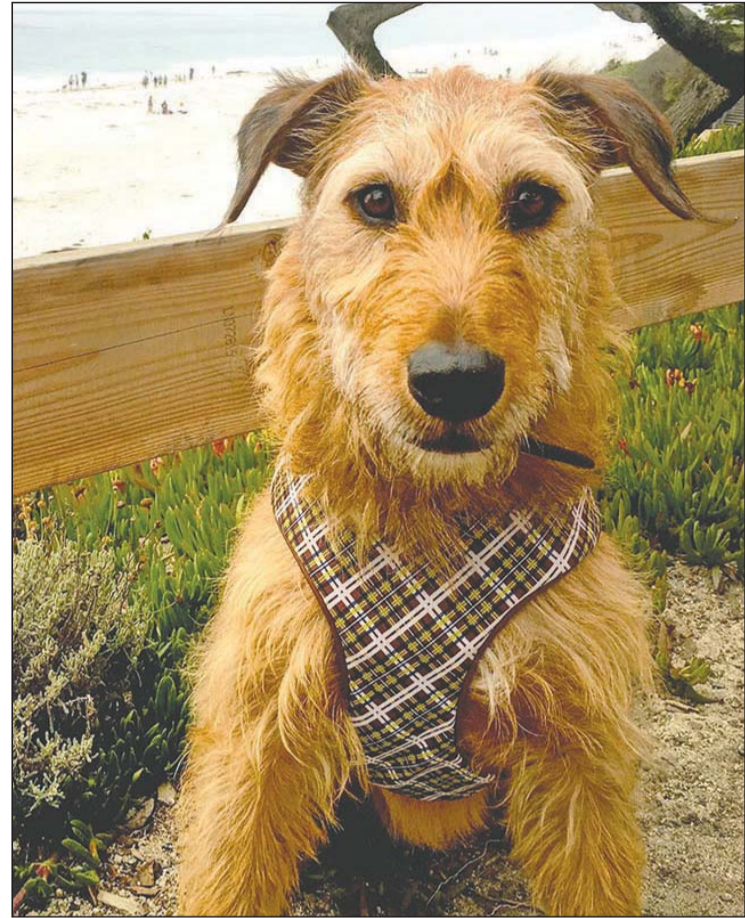
I KNEW the day I brought Toby home from the SPCA to join our family that we wouldn't have him forever. But I might have believed, deep down, that we would.

Frankly, I didn't want a dog. At least not one that would jump, bark, bite, drool or shed. But when I saw right into his soul through deep brown eyes that seemed to reach into my own, it was I who brought home the tousled terrier mix with the velvety ears and long, skinny legs. He could have starred in "Annie."

I gave him a name that ended in "y" because those names are more tender to say, and I was looking for a way to connect, to claim him, to be ever kind. We didn't know how old Toby was and weren't sure of his breed, but we recognized his gentle spirit as he quickly became the heart of our home. We always asked him to stay a long time.

Unless someone came to our front door and Toby barked like a guard dog, he was a silent presence in the house, leaning into us for affection, and resting his head on us when we were injured or sad. But outside, particularly when unleashed on Carmel Beach, his spirit shifted into an exuberant energy, and he raced down the shore on those long legs.

Yet last week, just four years and nine months into our love affair, Toby left us, without so much as a whimper. The veterinarian imagined the cancer



had been silently simmering inside for quite some time. He slipped away in our arms as quietly as he came into them.

We didn't just lose a dog. We lost Toby. And those who have suffered the loss of Jenner, Hugo, Henry, Shelby, Lucy, Moxie, Kramer or Beau know in our hearts, we'd do it all over again. And we will.

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# Adams sets up meeting as anger simmers over lagoon flooding

By CHRIS COUNTS

SAYING THEY'RE "fed up" over yet another flooding incident last month that allowed water from the Carmel River Lagoon to damage homes, residents of the low-lying neighborhood near the lagoon have called for a public meeting on the topic, which has been set for March 11 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

"I've counted at least 14 homes with damage just by talking to people," resident Renee Thevenot said. The woman said at least six homes had "extensive" damage, and she suggested there could be others.

The flooding happened early Jan. 28, with homes along Camino Real, River Park Place and Monte Verde Street sustaining the worst damage. Just two days earlier, the Monterey County Public Works department had bulldozed a shallow channel in the Carmel River Lagoon sandbar to let the lagoon drain before it got to flood stage. The channel failed because waves and a

high tide buttressed the sandbar.

Lorin Letendre, who represents the community service district that represents the Carmel Point area, urged 5th District Monterey County Supervisor Mary Adams to set up a meeting where locals could voice their concerns about the flooding.

"There is a lot of anger brewing in the neighborhoods that flooded when the sandbar failed to breach," Letendre said. "I strongly recommend that you arrange a meeting with them soon to help defuse some of that anger before you get hit with a lawsuit. They will want to hear a clear plan to avoid a repeat of this avoidable flooding and perhaps some restitution from the county for their living costs while their homes are repaired."

Each winter, county officials walk a tightrope of bureaucratic and engineering challenges as they try to lower the water in the lagoon without sending young steel-

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The Carmel River is pictured here flowing out to sea on the morning of Jan. 28, when homes located along the southern edge of the lagoon flooded.

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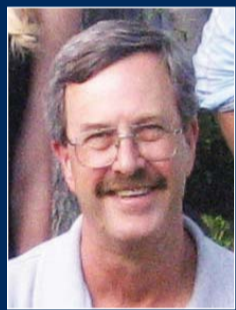
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## Police & Sheriff's Log

### Flying rainhat, misplaced shoes

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

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Civil issue at San Carlos and 12th.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Gang documentation information report at San Antonio and Ocean.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Vehicle towed from Sixth and San Carlos per section 22651(o) CVC [registration expired more than six months].

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Unattended wallet found at Carmel Mission. There are no contacts with the owner of the wallet.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A vehicle was stopped at Ocean and Carmelo for traffic violations. The vehicle had a license plate reported lost or stolen. Both plates were on the vehicle. The lost or stolen license plate was removed from the system.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Mountain lion sighted at Lasuen and Franciscan.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Individual was placed on a 5150 hold for being a danger to self and others.

**Pacific Grove:** A subject on Central reported the theft of his catalytic converter.

**Pacific Grove:** Dispatched after a report of items taken from the rear of a pickup truck bed while it was parked on Ocean View Boulevard. The owner did not want prosecution in this case.

**Pacific Grove:** Suspicious person reported by 19th Street resident who saw the person

on her side patio. No additional leads or suspect information was discovered.

**Pacific Grove:** A citizen brought in a sweatshirt that was sitting at Caledonia Park for a week.

**Carmel area:** Hatton Road resident reported her husband missing. Male suffers from Alzheimer's and is at risk.

**Carmel area:** Online report of fraud on Mentone.

**Pebble Beach:** Two males fraudulently used a credit card to purchase food and beverages at a restaurant on Cypress Drive.

**Carmel area:** Deputy sheriffs conducted a welfare check at a residence on Hitchcock Canyon Road.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Investigated a non-injury collision on Dolores Street involving a city fire truck.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Subject reported losing his phone while visiting Carmel Beach.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Subject on Casanova was placed on a mental health evaluation hold.

**Pacific Grove:** Barking dog complaint on Chestnut Street.

**Carmel area:** An elderly male resident of Dove Court passed away.

**Carmel area:** Subject reported finding a wallet on Monte Verde Street.

**Pacific Grove:** Child Protective Services referral on David Avenue.

See **POLICE LOG** page 13RE in the Real Estate Section



## The gavel falls

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

**Jan. 25** — John Anthony Fickas, 50, a resident of Salinas, entered pleas of no contest to six counts of sexual assault on five victims. He also pled no contest to a felony count of animal cruelty for neglecting to provide adequate sustenance, shelter, and medical care for his collection of approximately 42 rabbits. Fickas coached the North Salinas High School junior varsity field hockey team and acted as the shot-put coach for the track and field team. He also worked as a local political advisor.

He raped Victim 1, a former North Salinas High student whom he had coached, while she assisted him on election night, Nov. 3, 2015. She was 22 years old when he raped her while she was unconscious.

He sexually assaulted Victim 2, who was 15 years old and a North Salinas High student at the time, while she campaigned with him in 2009 to fulfill the school's volunteer hours requirement. He sexually assaulted her while she was unconscious.

He raped Victim 3, who was 42 years old at the time, the day after a rabbit show in San Francisco. She had known Fickas for several years due to their common interest in raising

rabbits and attending the shows.

He sexually assaulted Victim 4, a 15-year-old North Salinas High student, while she assisted him with campaign efforts to satisfy her school volunteer hours requirement. He pled no contest to two forcible sex charges for sexual assaults he committed against her over a two-year period, 2010-2012.

He also pled no contest to aiding and abetting oral copulation on a person under the age of 18 for arranging, transporting, and influencing Victim 5, a 15-year-old North High Student, to have sexual relations with a prostitute.

Victim 2 reported to the Monterey County Sheriff's Office in 2018 and Victim 1 reported to the Salinas Police Department in 2019. None of the five victims were acquainted with one another. After the initial filing of charges in July 2019, both law enforcement agencies received many calls reporting inappropriate conduct by Fickas, including reports from Victim 4 and Victim 5.

On Feb. 26, Judge Pamela L. Butler will sentence the defendant to 28 years and eight months in state prison and order him to register as a sex-offender for the rest of his life.

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# Pot taxes to finance help for small businesses affected by virus

By MARY SCHLEY

MONTEREY COUNTY is issuing grants of up to \$10,000 to small businesses struggling to survive during the coronavirus pandemic, Laura Kershner from the county's workforce development board announced this week. The \$825,000 up for grabs is coming from cannabis taxes and follows \$1,268,000 in federal tax dollars from the CARES Act distributed last fall.

The deadline to apply for the grants has been extended, and to be eligible, businesses must have between two and 25 employees. The business must be owned and operated in Monterey County and have been up and running since Oct. 1, 2020.

"Applicants must describe both their need for financial relief and their plans to use the grant funding to stay open and keep their workers employed," Kershner said. They also have to prove they experienced losses due to the pandemic.

The money can be used for operating expenses like payroll, rent and lease payments, and basic utilities, as well as coronavirus-related costs like PPE and other equipment.

Priority will be given to small businesses in the hospitality and tourism sectors, particularly in the unincorporated areas, and to those that haven't gotten any other pandemic-related government assistance.

Businesses that received money during the first round of Monterey County Small Business Relief grants are not eligible, nor are those that are "not in good standing" with the county or the city in which they operate. Also, permanently closed businesses can't get money, nor can independent contractors who don't have employees. Nonprofits are not eligible, either.

The application is available at [montereycountywdb.org/monterey-county-cares](http://montereycountywdb.org/monterey-county-cares),

and the board can be contacted by email at [mcsbg@co.monterey.ca.us](mailto:mcsbg@co.monterey.ca.us). The application must be submitted online, in person or by mail by March 8.

## More state help on the way

On Feb. 23, Gov. Gavin Newsom signed a new relief bill that includes \$2.1 billion — four times the \$500 million being distributed now — for grants up to \$25,000 for small businesses impacted by the pandemic, including \$50 million for "nonprofit cultural institutions."

The last round of grant applications closed Feb. 8, and Lendistry, the entity tasked with managing the program, hasn't announced when the new application period will open or whether eligibility requirements will change. For more information and updates, go to [careliefgrant.com](http://careliefgrant.com).

Newsom's bill also waives licensing fees for the roughly 59,000 restaurants and bars that have permits through the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control and provides fee relief for more than 600,000 barbering and cosmetology individuals and businesses licensed through the Department of Consumer Affairs.

## PPP update

The Small Business Administration recently hit the milestone of approving \$103 billion in Paycheck Protection Program funds for more than 1.4 million small businesses, with 82 percent of the loans being for \$100,000 or less.

In addition, according to the SBA, more than a quarter of the loans have gone to businesses in rural communities.

To help ensure the smallest businesses are getting help, the SBA imposed a two-week window starting Wednesday that

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# SUNSET CENTER GROUP WANTS OUT OF FOREST THEATER ADMIN LEASE

## Pittosporum penalties, outdoor bar service also on March 2 council agenda

By MARY SCHLEY

FOLLOWING SEVERAL closed-session city council meetings with Sunset Cultural Center Inc. regarding its long-term lease of the Forest Theater, the group announced it no longer wants to be in charge of the historic outdoor venue. At next Tuesday's meeting, council members are set to figure out how to find someone to take over.

Formed to manage Sunset Center following its extensive renovation more than 15 years ago, SCC signed a 15-year lease to handle programming and facility management at the Forest Theater in June 2017, with a right to renew for another 15 years. The agreement provided SCC with income from the theater — backed by a taxpayer-funded \$25,000 guarantee — and a \$20,000 "operating grant" from the city for the first three years. The contract was the result of eight months of negotiations between council member Carrie Theis, then-councilwoman Carolyn Hardy, city administrator Chip Rerig and Sunset representatives.

In December 2019, members of the Forest Theater Guild objected to how the Sunset Center group was running the theater, including not giving it weekend dates for plays, though SCC officials said that was because the guild had paid very little rent. The conflict subsequently became moot when the coronavirus pandemic hit and completely shut down the theater, keeping it dark for a year and counting.

Now the nonprofit wants out, and community activities director Ashlee Wright is recommending the city council at its March

2 meeting vote to put out the call for other organizations or companies that might be interested in taking over the 111-year-old outdoor theater.

In the report she's set to present to the council, Wright suggests posting an online survey, holding a special meeting of the community activities commission, and conducting in-person surveys at the weekly farmers market to get public input on what a new lease should contain. After putting the description together based on all that information, she will "conduct outreach to experienced professionals within the theater community based locally and in the surrounding bay area to raise awareness of this unique opportunity and to encourage a diverse group of qualified respondents."

According to the timeline Wright is suggesting, proposals from organizations interested in leasing the Forest Theater would be due by May 28, with a new agreement signed by August or September. She said the Sunset group agreed to oversee the theater until a new lessee is on board.

### Pittosporum appeal

Also on the agenda for next Tuesday's meeting, the new owners of a home at the northwest corner of Junipero and 13th who had three non-native invasive pittosporum cut down without a permit will ask the council to overturn penalties imposed by the forest and beach commission as a result.

A building official performing an inspection at their home last November discovered the cut trees in the backyard and ordered that all work on the property stop. At the forest and beach commission meeting in January, Vivian Price and Susanne Davis said they didn't realize they needed a permit and apologized. Commissioners de-

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# Firm picked to find next CUSD supe

By MARY SCHLEY

THE BOARD of education at a special meeting Friday selected Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates to find Carmel Unified School District's next superintendent, after having two permanent hires and two interim hold the position during the last six years. Directors heard presentations from two firms that answered their call for proposals and selected HYA because they felt it would do a better job of communicating with the board and reaching out to communities in the 600-square-mile district.

Leadership Associates, which performed the last two searches after longtime superintendent Marvin Bisotti retired in 2015, was not considered.

HYA and the other company that made a pitch at the Feb. 19 meeting, McPherson & Jacobson, are national firms with teams in California led by former school and district administrators.

### Making their job hard

Max McGee, president of Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, said his company has more than 30 years' experience placing top executives and has done 116 searches in California. He also said HYA prides itself on excellent communications — including providing 24-hour access to applications, resumes, reports and the like — and promised to help the board define exactly what it wants in a new superintendent and to bring forward solid candidates.

"Our job is to make your job really difficult, because we'll bring you a slate of candidates that are second to none," he pledged. McGee is based in Illinois, but his associate, Valerie Pitts, lives in Marin County and is well familiar with the Peninsula, having lived in Aptos for many years.

McGee and Pitts said they would facilitate all the interviews, forums, outreach to stakeholders — including those in Big Sur and Cachagua — and other aspects of the search, and would help define the timeline, which they acknowledged must be short. In a recent recruitment for a Southern California school district, the firm started the search at the end of February and announced the final candidate in early May, according to McGee.

"We are capable of doing this quickly,"

he said. "And in fact, we could probably accelerate it by a few weeks, if necessary."

The firm will also work with the district and the new superintendent to help make the transition as smooth as possible, in hopes of ensuring it's a good fit and remains so. If either the district or the candidate leaves in the first year, HYA will redo the search for free, other than incurred expenses, and also promised not to recruit the person for a position at another district for at least three years.

HYA's headhunting fee is \$22,950, including costs and travel.

## District to get fifth superintendent in six years

### Who will know?

While the full school board is making the critical decisions, board president Sara Hinds and clerk Tess Arthur are overseeing the search. Arthur asked during Friday's meeting whether HYA would publicize the names of the finalists.

"We are in very fragile times in this district," she said, with some parents and the teachers union at odds over school reopening and other issues, and board members, the acting superintendent and others caught in the friction.

"I'm curious to hear your thinking behind involving the community when we get down to two or three candidates," Arthur said.

McGee said he generally favors being open at that stage, assuming the school board agrees.

"We need confidentiality in the first phase," he said, when some candidates don't want their employers to know they are looking at jobs elsewhere and would not apply if they couldn't be assured of privacy.

"But when it comes to the final two or three, our philosophy and recommendation is to open it up," he said.

"We think they ought to be willing to put themselves out in public, to show that they have skin in the game," including spending a day or two in the district meeting with school officials, community members, students and teachers.

Pitts mentioned that most districts in California choose to keep the search closed until the very end, when the final choice is announced. "We want the community to be

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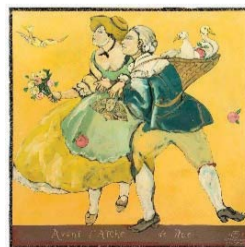
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# Esalen to reopen with more baths but fewer bathers

■ Highway 1 closed 2 miles south of famed retreat center

By CHRIS COUNTS

DESPITE THE closure of Highway 1 and an assortment of social distancing challenges facing its staff, Esalen Institute in Big Sur plans to reopen March 1.

Esalen has always been a very socially interactive place, and nowhere has that been more visible than in its famous hot springs, where for decades, strangers crowded into several large tubs to soak in the soothing water. But that's changed now.

"Yes, the baths will reopen in a whole new way," Esalen general manager Terry Gilbey told The Pine Cone. "Each party will receive their own tub, and we've brought in additional ocean-view clawfoot tubs to ensure everyone has their own serene bathing experience. While we will temporarily miss the ways that the baths allowed for a communal experience, this will be an entirely new way to experience Esalen."

Just as it did before the pandemic, Esalen will continue hosting workshops. Some, like "Cultivating Resilience During Challenging Time," have been created with recent events in mind, while others, such as a workshop that delves into the shamanism of ancient Mexico, explore personal growth. "There are multiple workshops already posted and more coming shortly," Gilbey reported.

## Same place, fewer guests

The resort plans to restrict the number of guests to make distancing easier. "Due to Covid safety, we are limiting the number of guests on campus at any given time to stay within the safe number of people for what we are doing at Esalen that week," Gilbey explained.

Esalen has long been a place where big ideas are contemplated, and its leaders have previously hosted symposiums on an array of difficult issues, including racism and relations between the United States and Russia. Gilbey said the workshop center's programming will address the angst people are feeling over contemporary events and embrace ideals from the social justice movement.

"Esalen is always on the edge, and being on the edge works out well in some cases and not so well in others," he said. "There is no way we can avoid the events of the past year, and we have just announced a series of 'digital summits' that will address the collective traumas that we have all gone through — from the global pandemic and anti-democratic political violence, to the upswell of international protests for Black lives and the call for racial justice."

Esalen is located 2 miles north of Rat Creek, where Highway 1 collapsed after heavy rain Jan. 28. While the road is closed to the south indefinitely, it's open to the Monterey Peninsula.



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Esalen Institute will soon be open again, but there will be fewer people in their famous baths due to Covid precautions. The Big Sur workshop center and hot springs retreat will be back in business March 1.

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# Schools have grace period to reopen

## ■ Governor also releases rules for sports

By MARY SCHLEY

SCHOOLS HAVE until at least March 9 to reopen their pre-K-through-sixth-grade classes for in-person instruction under state guidelines adopted last month, Monterey County Health Officer Dr. Ed Moreno said during a weekly media conference call Wednesday. On Feb. 16, the state logged the average daily coronavirus case numbers in Monterey County at under 25 per 100,000 people, the threshold at which schools can reopen for teaching younger students in their classrooms.

Carmel Unified School District is in the process of preparing to bring kids and teachers back the week of March 8, while Pacific Grove Unified School District's board of education decided last Thursday night to begin "a phased hybrid elementary school 'in-person' instructional program" April 19 — assuming case numbers remain under the threshold.

### Contact sports

Last Tuesday marked the start of a three-week window in which schools can reopen and stay open even if new infections increase again, Moreno said. A school that hasn't opened in time would have to continue offering only distance learning if case numbers increase.

"The schools that were closed have three weeks to open, regardless of what happens to the case rate," he said. "If they don't reopen during that time and the case rate goes above 25 per 100,000, they will have to wait."

But when the county gets to the less restrictive Red Tier, marked by fewer than seven cases per 100,000 people, all grades can reopen for in-room teaching, as long as the schools' virus safety plans and other related documents are approved by the county and state and have been posted online.

Gov. Gavin Newsom also released new guidelines for

youth and adult sports that take effect Friday. The state classifies activities by their "level of contact and transmission risk," with low-contact sports described as those in which keeping 6 feet apart is easy and exertion — and therefore exhalation — is low, like archery, swimming, skeet shooting and golf. Only low-contact sports are allowed in the Purple Tier when average case numbers are above 14 per 100,000 people.

Moderate-contact sports "can be played with only incidental or intermittent close contact between participants," and are generally allowed in the Red Tier, while high-contact sports, allowed in the Orange Tier, involve "frequent or sustained close contact (and in many cases, face-to-face contact) between participants and high probability that respiratory particles will be transmitted between participants."

Indoor sports like wrestling, boxing, curling and ice skating are not permitted until a county reaches the least restrictive Orange and Yellow tiers, which require extremely low rates of infection.

But the new rules include some allowances for high-contact outdoor sports like football and water polo to be played even in the most restrictive Purple Tier as long as several conditions are met.

For one, the average case rate needs to be below 14 per 100,000 people, and everyone involved has to complete a consent form confirming they know the risks of catching the virus in such conditions. For football, rugby and water polo, players over the age of 12 and coaches have to undergo routine testing for coronavirus infections.

And, of course, the state recommends wearing face coverings and maintaining physical distancing during play "to the greatest extent possible," as well as hygiene and sanitation, additional testing, and limits on mixing by participants.

Moderate-contact outdoor sports, such as volleyball,

# EXPERTS: LOWER TESTING RATE MAKES IT HARD TO FIND VARIANTS

By KELLY NIX

WHILE A steep drop in Covid-19 testing in Monterey County is a sign that the virus isn't as prevalent here as it once was, the lower test rate also makes it more difficult to identify newer and possibly more severe strains of the virus in circulation, according to physicians.

Long lines and wait times that were common at testing sites in Monterey County last year have disappeared. County health department clinic services director Dr. Caroline Kennedy blamed the decline on "testing fatigue" and "denial" by those with very mild symptoms.

"This new focus on immunization is definitely distracting all of us," Kennedy told reporters Wednesday. "No longer are people calling in and asking about testing."

### Testing still crucial

But Kennedy and county health officer Dr. Ed Moreno said coronavirus testing is still very important, and they urged people who may have been exposed or have symptoms, even mild ones, to be tested. Not only does testing large groups of people help determine the transmission rate in a county, it helps the state decide what types of restrictions should be placed on businesses, schools and other sectors.

Testing "can also help us to continue to check for locally circulated viruses to see what variants are present," Moreno explained.

For instance, Moreno said Wednesday that in Monterey County, there are 33 confirmed cases of the L452R strain, which was first identified last year. There are believed to

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# Big-hearted Belgian, restaurateur and musician Gaston Georis dies at 79

By MARY SCHLEY

A MULTITALENTED, congenial, creative man who helped change the culinary landscape of Carmel, Gaston Georis died last week, five months shy of his 80th birthday. The owner of La Bicyclette restaurant, Georis was a long-time musician, a former professor, and the first importer of Birkenstocks, among many other achievements.

He was diagnosed with liver cancer just a couple of months ago and passed away in the Lincoln Street home he shared with his wife, Sheila Sheppard, for more than half a century.

“It was quick enough that he didn’t suffer, and slow enough that we could say goodbye,” his older son, Gabe, said this week. “There was nothing left unsaid between us. He took his last breath in his sleep.”

Born in Belgium during the war in July 1941, Georis moved to the United States in the mid-1950s with his parents and brother, Walter, after they came to visit their sister, who had married an American serviceman and was living in Southern California. His mother liked California so much that she convinced his father they should stay.

### ‘The Endless Summer’

After Georis skipped a year of high school and graduated in 1958 when he was 16, he went on to earn a degree in French literature from UC Riverside, where he also met Sheppard, and graduated in 1963. At 21, he began teaching at Polytechnic High in Riverside, where the students also came to recognize him from the band he and his brother

had formed, The Sandals, which recorded the music for Bruce Brown’s iconic 1966 surfing documentary, “The Endless Summer.”

A master’s degree in French lit and a desire to teach at the college level eventually brought him to the Monterey Peninsula to work at what was then the Monterey Institute of Foreign Studies and is now Middlebury Institute.

His brother was already here running a photography studio, and after their sister and her new boyfriend joined them, they together opened La Boheme, a French restaurant on Dolores that served a prix fixe menu once daily. (La Bicyclette occupies the building now.)

Their foray into restaurants led to more, including Pacific Grove’s Fandango, owned since 1986 by Pierre and Marietta Bain, and Casanova, a longtime favorite of locals and visitors. They also had a bakery, as well as a shop that carried the country’s first Birkenstocks.

The siblings eventually divested themselves of some of those businesses, and later, the

brothers divided their small restaurant empire, with Georis retaining control of La Bicyclette, which he often referred to as his “little jewel.”

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Photographed at Casanova Restaurant by son Gabe Georis when he was in high school in the mid-1990s, Gaston Georis and Sheila Sheppard shared more than 50 years together.

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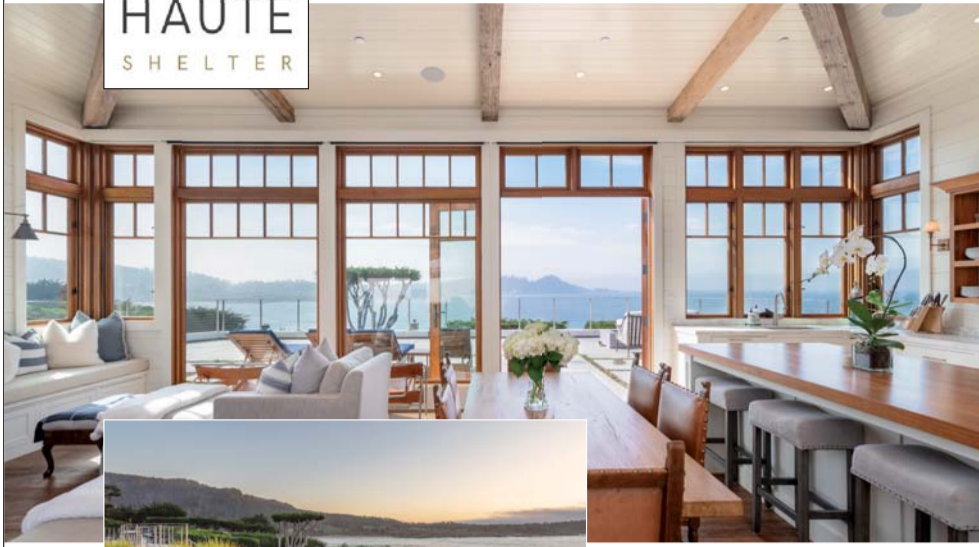
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# Panetta moves to limit Biden's nuclear option

■ Democrats send letter to president calling for multiple authorizations

By KELLY NIX

CONGRESSMAN JIMMY Panetta this week led a group of 30 other Democratic lawmakers in asking President Joe Biden to relinquish his sole authority to launch nuclear weapons.

Panetta and California congressman Ted Lieu sent a letter Monday to Biden that was signed by 29 other democrats, including Minn. Rep. Ilhan Omar, Mass. Rep. Ayanna Presley and California Rep. John Garamendi, in an effort to limit the president's power over nukes.

"As president, two of your most critical and solemn duties are the security of the country and the safeguarding of its nuclear arsenal," Panetta's letter says. "You alone possess the authority to order the use of nuclear weapons, which assures that nuclear weapons remain under civilian control."

### Enhance security

Though the letter says that, while presidents would "presumably consult with advisors" before ordering a nuclear attack, it also acknowledges there is no requirement to do so, and the military is obligated to carry out the order if it's believed to be legal under the laws of war.

In a social media post, Panetta said "Vesting a single person with nuclear authority entails real risks."

The Pine Cone asked Panetta Wednesday if he was concerned about Biden's acuity. He didn't address the topic but said, "My colleagues and I are requesting a straightforward review of our nation's nuclear command-and-control structure to determine how we can have a safer nuclear weapons launch authority, not to jeopardize, but to enhance and bolster our national security."

Past presidents, according to the democrats, have threatened countries with nuclear weapons "or exhibited behavior that caused other officials to express concern about the president's judgment."

Since World War II, the closest the United States has come to nuclear war was the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis, when President John F. Kennedy was what one contemporary official described as "eyeball to eyeball" with Soviet premier Nikita Khrushchev in a confrontation over deployment of each country's nuclear missiles — Russian missiles in Cuba, and American in Turkey.

### 'Checks and Balances'

Panetta and his fellow lawmakers outlined several alternatives to the nuclear command structure currently embodied in U.S. law, including requiring the vice president and speaker of the House of Representatives to concur with a launch order and "utilizing the Federal Emergency Management Agency's tracking of those officials to ensure prompt communication." They also proposed requiring a congressional declaration of war and authorization from Congress before "any nuclear first strike can be conducted."

They also note Biden's "distinguished record and leadership on nuclear arms control" while he was senator and vice president.

"We respectfully request that you, as president, review ways in which you can end the sole authority you have to launch a nuclear attack, and to install additional checks and balances into the system," the lawmakers said.

Republic Congressman Matt Gaetz Wednesday night rejected the proposal by the democrats.

"I oppose this letter because I do believe that no matter who the president is, they have to be vested in the authority to be commander in chief, to take care of the country, even if it is Joe Biden during that time," Gaetz said.

Other critics of the plan have said it would erode the deterrent effect of the United States' nuclear arsenal by promising a window of political discussion to any attacking power before it could expect a response.

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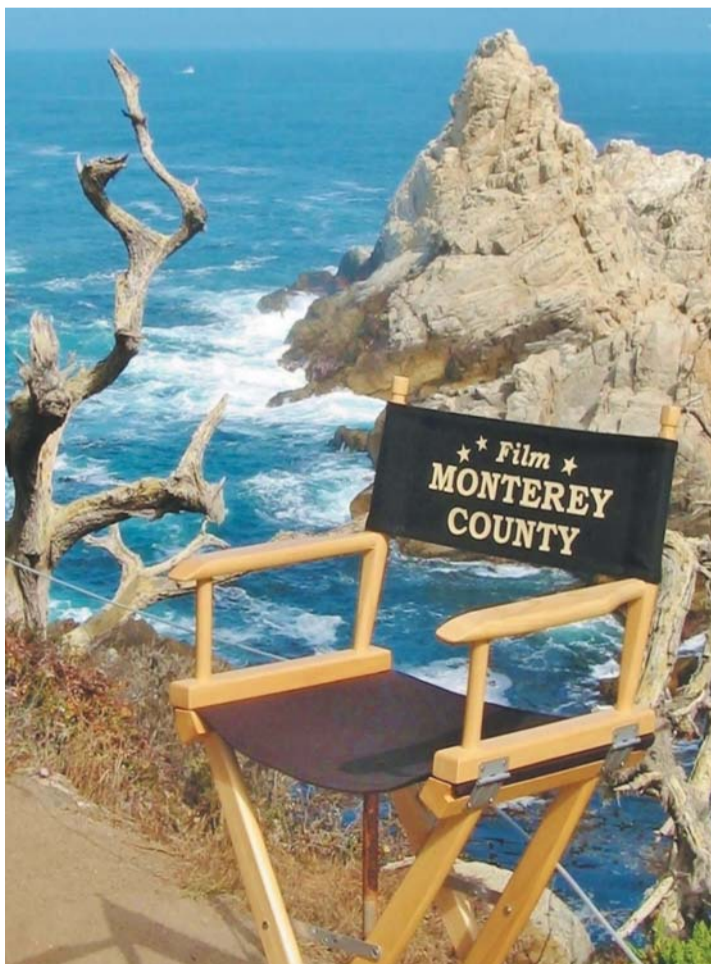
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# VACCINE

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down to Monterey County to provide vaccination clinics.”

Monterey County has been woefully behind Santa Cruz and other counties in vaccine supply and administration, state data show. According to the latest numbers from the California Department of Public Health, Monterey County has administered about 14,000 doses of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines per 100,000 residents, while in Santa Cruz County, 26,000 doses have been administered per 100,000. The vaccine surplus in Santa Cruz County has led many Monterey County residents to travel there to get the shot.

“We are in a position where we have to try everything, and I think our community appreciates us trying every

which way to get our fair share of vaccine allocation,” District 1 Supervisor Luis Alejo said.

District 2 Supervisor John Phillips also commented on the disparity in vaccine distribution.

“Clearly, we have been disadvantaged by this,” Phillips said. “When you see Santa Cruz County with 10,000 more vaccines than we have gotten, then there’s something wrong.”

Askew noted that the board of supervisors, county hospitals and the community are “aligned in terms of doing absolutely everything we can to fight for every single additional vaccine we can get.”

On Jan. 28, the supervisors sent a letter to Gov. Gavin Newsom asking for more vaccine, considering the number of agricultural workers in Monterey County. Askew said Tuesday — weeks later — that she got a call from a Newsom representative asking if there were any additional concerns.

## Cases declining rapidly

While vaccines are still in short supply, the silver lining is that the number of coronavirus cases in Monterey County — and other parts of California and the country — is on a steep decline.

“I’m very glad it’s decreasing,” Moreno told the supervisors. “It’s a sign that transmission of the virus in Monterey County is on a decline.”

Hospitalizations have also dropped sharply. As of Feb. 24, there were only 45 people being treated for coronavirus in the county’s four hospitals.

“As a reminder, we were over 200 hospitalizations on a daily basis in early January,” Moreno said. “We are in a much better situation at this point.”

The spike of cases during the fall and winter was largely caused by holiday travel and gatherings. Because those two things aren’t occurring as much now the case rate has dropped, Moreno explained.

“I haven’t seen any evidence yet from major researchers in the U.S., but I’m hopeful that the ability to vaccinate individuals here has also contributed to the decrease” in Covid-19 cases in Monterey County, he said.

Some experts say the United States will have herd immunity by summer.

## Vax arrived late

The county did receive a shipment of vaccine that was delayed last week as a result of bad weather, Moreno said, and it started immunizing a newly eligible group, including those 65 to 74 years old who have high risk of exposure to the virus because they work in the agriculture, childcare, education and emergency services sectors.

Others eligible for the vaccine starting March 3 are anyone 65 and older. Those 16 to 64 years old with medical conditions or disabilities that put them at high risk of complications from coronavirus will be eligible for the shot

starting March 17.

Interestingly, the county health department this week started posting on its website how much vaccine has been given to residents in the county’s four regions — North County, Peninsula and Big Sur, Salinas, and South County.

For instance, 46 percent of the county’s vaccine supplies have been given to people who live in the Monterey Peninsula and Big Sur, which makes up 31 percent of the county, while 35 percent of the doses have been given to residents in Salinas, which makes up 38 percent of the county.

Moreno said the county would work with vaccine providers in the county to “implement strategies” to get more people in the areas with fewer vaccinations — including those in the poorest areas — “greater access” to them.

## Farmworker safety

On Jan. 26, eight Monterey County mayors asked that farmworkers coming to the county from Yuma, Ariz., which, at the time, had the highest infection rate in the country, get tested for the coronavirus before being “allowed” to work here.

In response to the concerns, an ad hoc committee composed of Alejo and District 3 Supervisor Chris Lopez and members of the agricultural industry developed safety guidelines for Monterey County and the Central Coast.

Monterey County Vintners & Growers Association executive director Kim Stemler said companies follow CDC guidelines, including initial testing of all workers before entering a workplace, periodic testing of employees at regular intervals, and targeted testing of new workers or those returning from a prolonged absence, such as medical leave, furlough, or working in another location.

“We have no incentives for not doing everything we can to keep all of our employees safe and healthy and at work,” Stemler said.

Supervisor Phillips lauded the industry guidelines, “because this is the place where we experienced the biggest problem last year in the workforce.”

Similarly, Supervisor Adams said, “no one wants to see what they went through and everyone went through last year. So whatever we can do to support this, I think it’s really important.”

Askew suggested sharing the safety protocol with the eight Monterey County mayors to determine whether the plan “satisfies their concerns.” She also asked whether the ag industry had considered referencing worker safety requirements outlined in the state’s Division of Occupational Safety and Health in its own guidelines.

“Everyone is obligated by law to comply with” Cal/OSHA requirements, Stemler replied. “But they are so complex and we do not, as trade associations, feel comfortable trying to decipher them or communicate them. They are really, really complex and not always implementable, honestly.”



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One of the county’s first vaccine shipments arrives at Natividad Medical Center in December. Inadequate supplies since then have made it difficult for even eligible county residents to get jabbed.

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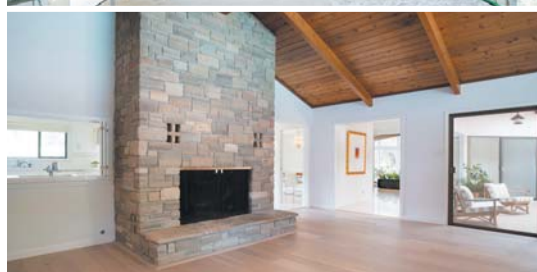
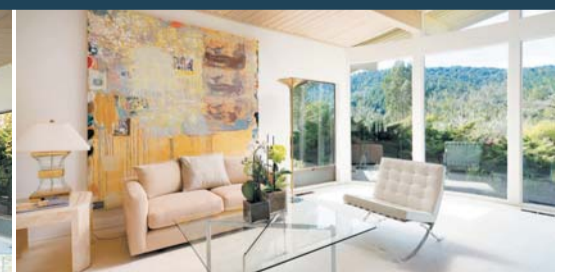
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## Supes want citizenship for immigrants

By KELLY NIX

A PLAN by Democratic lawmakers to give millions of illegal immigrants the chance to become United States citizens got unanimous support from the Monterey County Board of Supervisors this week.

At the five-member panel's meeting in Salinas Tuesday morning, supervisors voted to authorize a letter of support for the U.S. Citizenship Act of 2021 — legislation which calls for a "pathway to citizenship" for those who were illegally brought to the United States by their parents as children, those with temporary status and others.

District 1 Supervisor Luis Alejo called the support for the legislation "historic for Monterey County," because it would be the first county in California to endorse the proposal by the Biden administration.

"This certainly has brought hope to a lot of our local residents," Alejo said.

While the proposed bill claims the United States has "11 million undocumented immigrants" — a number that has been used for at least 15 years — some experts believe the figure to be much higher. A 2018 study by Yale and MIT estimated the actual population of illegal immigrants in the United States is more than 22 million.

### Addresses 'root causes'

The legislation would allow a citizenship path for "essential workers who have made enormous sacrifices during the pandemic; prioritize family reunification and keeping families together; and bolster the country's long-term economic growth," according to a White House "fact sheet" on the proposal, which was introduced by California Congresswoman Linda Sánchez and New Jersey Sen. Bob Menendez.

"The bill would also equip the country to responsibly and effectively manage the border with smart and effective investments, address root causes of migration that force people to leave Central America, and restore the United States' commitment to human rights," the county report said.

District 2 Supervisor John Phillips offered support, but said he hadn't read the

bill to determine if it's the best means to solve the country's immigration issues.

"I think all of us support immigration reform, and hopefully this is the way to bring that about," Phillips said.

Monterey Peninsula supervisor Mary Adams said that when she was employed at United Way Monterey County, she worked with people whose parents brought them to the United States illegally as children.

"I remember when President Reagan took a very bold step back in the '80s to really move our communities forward," Adams said, referring to a 1986 bill Ronald Reagan signed that granted amnesty to millions of illegal immigrants.

Congressman Jimmy Panetta is a co-sponsor of the legislation, which additionally calls for securing the southern border between ports of entry, and "focusing on flexible solutions and technologies" that expand the ability to detect illegal activity.

## TESTS

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be more than 800 cases of that variant in California.

While the number of county residents who have been infected with the variant is small compared to the roughly 40,000 people with the dominant strain, Moreno said there is indication — according to UCSF genotyping research — that the variant is more infectious.

The strain is also associated with "more serious illness" and is "partially resistant to neutralizing antibodies," which means those who have been infected with the dominant strain or have been vaccinated for that strain "may not have much immunity to this variant," Moreno said.

Testing provides "valuable information for individuals to protect their loved ones and co-workers, and valuable information for the community, as we can gather more information and track this pandemic," he explained.

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# Samaritan learns to care for herself so she can care for her community

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

LISA CHAPPELL knew that if she had any hope of finding the lost kitten, she would need to start her search while the city was still and silent, before the dawn. Cats are nocturnal, she reasoned, and there was just enough light to look before the animal would retreat to sleep.

She wanted to find Ollie, who had slipped from the grasp of his Salinas family as they got ready for a walk (yes, Ollie is leash-trained — sort of) on the beach. Chappell knew she could do this. She had, after all, located someone's lost keys in the sand and had recovered Ellie, an errant stuffed elephant, for its toddler. She'd also found another missing cat in a nearby town — all in just a few short months.

And so, she waited patiently until she heard a rustling in the bushes not far from Camel River Beach. By mid-morning, she had Ollie back in his family's embrace.

Chappell has always been driven to help others, but for a long time, she didn't take care of herself. That became clear on a long-awaited trip to Disneyland. She was as excited as her young daughter was to go to the "Happiest Place on Earth." Upon arrival, when her child flung wide her arms and spun round and round, saying, "We're here, we're finally here," she felt the same way.

## Goofy symphony

She had long anticipated their adventure, waiting until she had the funds and her daughter was old enough to enjoy it. And she wanted to wait until she had lost her baby weight, but instead, she had actually put on some more.

"My daughter weighed 6 pounds at birth," she said. "But I had gained 106. Nobody talked to me about weight during my pregnancy. They were just so happy about my child. Afterward, that's all they talked about, and when the postpartum depression set in, I lost the ability to deal with it."

Depression led to disappointment, which led to disgust. Once she reached 250 pounds, Chappell refused to look in the mirror.

Within the first hour at Disneyland, Chappell's ankles became painfully swollen. She simply couldn't stand it. She also couldn't disappoint her daughter. So, she rented a wheelchair.

As she sat outside Toon Town, wondering how she had lost control of her life and waiting for her child to exit the funhouse, she felt a hand on her back. Chappell turned to see Goofy, his head cocked to the side in a sad tilt. "When you get a pity pat from a cartoon character," she said, "it's time to do something about your condition."

## 'Elephant in the room'

Chappell wasn't used to being overweight. Her parents weighed themselves every morning and asked the same of her. Maintaining weight, she learned, was a function of discipline and a sign of respect. She'd always been slim — until the baby, the divorce and the pressures of life took hold.

"I was in a state of being my parents couldn't understand," Chappell said. "I became anxious whenever they came to visit, knowing they'd be disappointed in me. My mother would tear up and say, 'Ah, Lisa,' in her Lauren Bacall voice. My father wouldn't make eye contact with me. I'd always been a daddy's girl and spent my life trying to please him by being more like my mother. It was something I just couldn't deliver."

After her mother was diagnosed with leukemia, Chappell moved with her daughter to Carmel to care for her. She also knew she needed to take care of herself, but she couldn't do it alone.

"So, I joined Weight Watchers. There, I found people bigger and smaller than I, people who would cheer me on, people with a sense of humor. My family didn't have a sense of humor. To them, I was the elephant in the room. At Weight Watchers, we were all elephants in the room."

After her mother passed away, Chappell turned her attention toward taking care of her father.

"As my daughter grew, needing me less and less, my dad needed me more," she said. "I also needed to keep taking care of myself, so I could care for him."

Chappell began walking, strolling through the streets of Carmel just before daylight, when no one was around to judge her. Eventually, she joined a gym. For 18 months, she rarely missed a day, working through weight machines and walking on the treadmill. Ultimately, she lost 120

pounds. Ten years later, she has maintained her workout schedule and her weight loss.

Her walking routine, paired with her penchant for looking after others, led to her practice of "finding lost loves."

"I often get jobs to take care of someone's second home or their pets when they travel. This has led to looking after the whole community," she said.

She begins her day just before dawn by looking online to see if anyone has posted a need or a plea for help finding a lost pet or some other treasure. Then, she sets out to see who or what she can find.

Chappell recently spent three days in the driving rain,

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Lose something? Lisa Chappell did — 120 pounds. Then, with her newfound love of long walks, she discovered she had a knack for finding other people's lost pets, stuffed animals and other missing items. She's shown here with Lily, her Bengal kitten.

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## Driver caught with pot, cash

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A PACIFIC Grove resident who thought he was headed home but was in fact speeding south on Highway 1 near Rio Road was arrested early Feb. 4 for DUI and several other charges, including possession of marijuana for sale, according to Carmel Police Sgt. Jeff Watkins.

Fernando Colella, 51, was “speeding and crossing over the double yellows on the highway” when officer Greg Johnson pulled him over at around 1 a.m. Johnson could smell alcohol and marijuana through the window, according to Watkins, so he got Colella out of the car to administer field sobriety tests and subsequently arrested him for DUI.

“When he searched the vehicle, he found 10 prepackaged baggies of marijuana” totaling more than 2 pounds, and another bag containing \$12,900 in cash, Watkins said.

“This guy, when he was interviewed, he was telling Greg that he was trying to go to P.G. and didn’t even know he was in Carmel,” Watkins said. “He missed his turn and continued toward Big Sur.”

It was fortunate police caught Colella before he headed down the coast. “There were road crews and a lot of people he could have seriously injured,” Watkins said.

## PLOVERS

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ing plovers — mostly along a 33-mile stretch of coastline between Monterey and Manresa state beaches — to 338. They reached that goal a few years ago, but the numbers have since slowly declined. The total counted last year was 313, according to Point Blue Conservation Science, a non-profit research firm that works with federal and state officials to study plovers and help boost their numbers.

Plovers haven’t been using Carmel River Beach for breeding, but they can still be seen there.

“It is an important wintering site for plovers,” Palkovic explained. “During the fall and winter, you can regularly find a flock of plovers roosting there.”

Palkovic urged those who visit the beach to keep dogs on leashes. Dogs can snatch a plover from the sand so quickly their owners don’t even notice. She also pleaded with them to respect signs and noted that tickets will be given to those who don’t follow the law.

“When visiting that beach, it benefits the plovers to keep your dog on a leash and avoid disturbing the plover flock,” she added. “You may not see it until you are upon it, but if you can avoid flushing the birds from their roosting site, that is best.”

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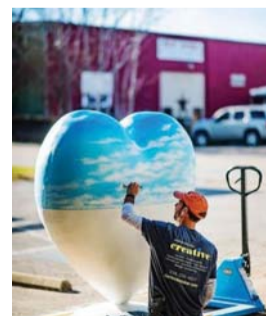
her passion for painting. Currently Ashley exhibits in her family gallery that she co-owns with her Mom Debi Bennett, Bennett Sculpture Carmel.

A strong community is the basis for Ashley’s work and life. Throughout her long career she has volunteered to support organizations crucial to the development of the community and causes she believes in. She gives boundless energy to projects working to create a better world. She has worked with: YWCA, YMCA, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Boys and Girls Club, Rape Recovery Center SLC, IPRAS Women for Women, Hope Alliance, and AIM Youth Mental Health just to name a few.

Her unique gift of creating silver and pewter pendants for non-profit organizations as a meaningful symbol and as a source of fund raising has been extremely successful. Her first pendant was created for “Image Reborn”. To date she has created 33 different designs for non-profit organizations. Her paintings and her pendant sculptures reflect her desire to be of service. Ashley states “I am inspired by God, nature, community and philanthropy...I feel blessed to be able to create and do what I love.”

Ashley moved to Carmel with her husband and three children full time in 2018. She sits on the Carmel Chamber Board; and is a member of the Carmel Sunset Rotary Club. She dove into the village community with all of her heart.

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# SCHOOLS

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softball, field hockey and cheerleading, can also be played when case numbers are under 14 per 100,000 people, as long as everyone gives consent and follows the same guidelines for masking, physical distancing and cleanliness when possible. Testing is not required.

Moreno said he anticipates Monterey County will soon reach the threshold allowing high-contact sports. "We anticipate that will be for Monterey County fairly soon," he said. "Hopefully things will continue to go well and the numbers will continue to decrease."

### CMS closed to public

Numerous other general rules apply for all the tiers and many organized indoor and outdoor sports, which are listed at covid19.ca.gov. Competition should only occur between teams in the same county or in adjacent counties, assuming teams from both are allowed to play under local rules, for instance.

The guidelines don't apply to collegiate or professional sports, or to "community events" like marathons, half-marathons and endurance races.

At Carmel High, small groups of student athletes have already been attending workouts on campus, and this week, Carmel Middle School assistant principal Jennifer Kasper said all of its cross-country runners — as well as choral classes and band students — are back on campus.

"We will be continually adding on-campus sport and elective opportunities through June," she said.

Kasper also wanted members of the public who have been using the track and other outdoor space at the campus to know that CMS will now be closed to outside users from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"Public usage is available after 5 p.m. and on weekends," she said.

# HIGHWAY

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The work will also involve "replacing the main drainage system with an oversized main culvert, a secondary culvert and smaller overflow culverts closer to the highway grade, which will increase the capacity of the drainage system, add redundancies designed to withstand future debris flows and enhance the resiliency and sustainability of the highway against rising sea level and coastal erosion," according to Caltrans.

The slide happened where Highway 1 crosses Rat Creek, and the work to reopen it will also include "improvements" that seek to minimize the chance such a wash-out will happen again.

The cost of repairs is estimated to be \$11.5 million, which includes \$5 million for repairs to the highway north of the bridge. About five miles of pavement are expected to be closed to traffic. The northern turnaround is at Lime Creek and the southern turnaround is at Big Creek.

Construction is set to happen seven days a week, with longer shifts as it winds to a close. Since the work involves moving tens of thousands of cubic yards of material — and is subject to delays due to wet weather — the schedule could be adjusted.

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## Sabrina Theresa Lecce

April 4, 1997 ❖ February 2, 2021

Sabrina Lecce, a day care center worker from Paso Robles, California, lost her life in a sudden car accident on Highway 101 in Southern Monterey County on Tuesday, February 2nd, with her boyfriend and her beloved dog, after a day at the beach when they were struck by a wrong-way driver who was arrested on suspicion of drunken driving. She was 23 years old.

Sabrina was born in Salinas, California and is the daughter of Paul Lecce of Carmel Valley and Michelle Gurley of Paso Robles. She attended St. Rose Catholic School in Paso Robles and graduated from Paso Robles High School. She continued her education at Monterey Peninsula College, where she took general education courses with an eye toward a career working with young children or animals.

Sabrina was a lover of the most vulnerable, especially infants, toddlers and ALL animals. Her passion for protecting these two groups ran deep. She loved them and they loved her back just as much. Sabrina was as pure, innocent and as loving as the toddlers and animals she cared for. The toddlers at the day care center called her "Brina" and they adored her so much that their parents often invited Sabrina to their children's birthday parties and other special events outside of work hours.

Sabrina had a dream of getting married one day and having a large home with plenty of land to accommodate her children and even her very own private zoo!

Sabrina had several of her own animals including but not limited to: dogs, cats, rats, frogs, birds and even a couple ferrets. Sabrina possessed such a natural talent for communicating and caring for animals that her family members used to refer to her as their very own "Doctor Doolittle," after the popular children's book character who could speak to animals in their own languages.

She was a lover of the outdoors and enjoyed camping, long walks in the mountains and going to the beach whenever she could get the chance.

Sabrina was known for her kind and generous spirit. She had a huge laugh and the uncanny ability to laugh and cry at the same time. Sabrina had many friends due to her magnetic and vivacious personality and was truly loved by all who knew her.

Sabrina is survived by her parents Paul Lecce of Carmel Valley and Michelle Gurley of Paso Robles; three brothers: Patrick Lecce and Clay Clifton of Paso Robles, and Paul Jr. of Carmel Valley; and two sisters: Madison Clifton and Megan Harris of Paso Robles. Her best friend and cousin Bethany Beguhl of Arizona; and numerous other cousins, aunts, uncles, Godparents and grandparents. She is also survived by her boyfriend and her dog, Marley.

Private services will be held for family members.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to The SPCA for Monterey County, 1002 Monterey Salinas Highway, Salinas, CA 93908.



## BARBARA

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20 years ago. "She was an amazing individual who championed preservation of the urbanized forest and the character of the village, and she always put residents first. And she was always kind and always a lady, and I will miss her dearly."

Livingston moved to Carmel as a child with her family in 1936, and McCloud remembered their homes being so close that when Livingston babysat McCloud and her sister, all she had to do to get to the back door of their house was walk through a neighbor's yard. Livingston later left to attend Stanford — a choice that also impacted McCloud's trajectory, since an invitation to attend an event there led to her decision to go to school there, too.

A political organizer in high school and college, Livingston worked on former Republican U.S. Congressman Pete McCloskey's campaign against Shirley Temple Black — a campaign she once recalled as being "fun" and "exciting." She married, raised two sons, Michael and Brian, who now live on the East Coast, and ran an interior design business in Menlo Park.

There, she served on the board of the Palo Alto Junior League, was president of the Peninsula Volunteers, one of the first groups to develop public-private partnerships for senior housing, and was chair of the Palo Alto branch of Guide Dogs for the Blind. "I've always been an activist," she told The Pine Cone in 2003.

In 1978, she moved to Carmel Valley but sold her house there 10 years later, because it was too far from Carmel, and

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## John Scardina

1938 ❖ 2021

John Scardina, age 82, passed away peacefully February 14, 2021. He was born October 16, 1938 at the old Pacific Grove Hospital on Carmel Avenue. He attended Pacific Grove Schools where he excelled and lettered in football and baseball. He enlisted in the United States Navy and was honorably discharged in 1958. He worked for the Monterey Peninsula School District his whole life and retired after 31 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Eleanor Scardina; his daughter, Denise, and his son, John. He is survived by his devoted wife, Maria; his three brothers, Tom (Yvonne) Scardina of Pebble Beach, Mike (Cyndy) Scardina of Rathdrum, Idaho and Bob (Melinda) Scardina of Monterey, along with many nieces and nephews.

He will be buried at California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery.



## Brenda Gail Clark

Our hearts are deeply saddened by the passing of our precious Brenda Gail, beloved wife, mother, sister, grandmother, aunt, and friend to so many. She passed peacefully at her home on December 20th with her family by her side.



She was born May 23rd, 1960, in Goldsboro, N.C. to Cecil and Catherine Register. In 1963 her family moved to Lompoc, CA, where she attended school and graduated from Lompoc H.S. in 1978.

She gave birth to Christopher J. Scanlon on October 4th, 1989.

Brenda moved to Monterey in 1994 where soon after she met her future husband, Bill Clark. Brenda and Bill were best of friends and inseparable from then on. They were married on May 15th, 2004, and they began to build their family and home together with their 3 sons.

Brenda loved working with small children through the M.P.U.S.D until her career was tragically ended by a serious injury in 2001. Through all the misery she went through due to her injury she fought so hard to get strong again and have a normal life.

She loved dancing and she always had the rhythm. She loved going for long walks in the beautiful Monterey Peninsula. One of her favorite things was to cuddle up and watch a movie with Bill. She loved to cook and was a wonderful chef. One of the most amazing things about Brenda was her classy sense of style and her beautiful smile.

When it came to her family, her boys and her grandkids always came first. She would always go above and beyond for family. Her door was always open for any family or friend in need. She always inspired all us to be better and give our best effort.

Brenda started her battle against cancer in the winter of 2017. She fought courageously through it all. She was so giving and humble until the very end. We will never forget how hard she fought and how strong she was. She will always be our champion!

Brenda left behind her husband Bill; her sons and their wives, Christopher & Rachelle Scanlon, Nicholas W. & Aliya Clark, Christopher R. & Tasha Clark; 2 sisters and their spouses Cheryl & Terry Mudica & Susie & Jim Bogner; and sister-in-law Pam Register; 10 grandchildren — Cheyanne, Pieter, Miley, Amanda, Bowan, Benny, Lenyce, Jack, Alexandra and Ellie.

*I am not truly gone.  
if you keep me in your heart  
I'll forever be alive.  
and we'll never have to part.*

## REMEMBERING THOMAS YOONSIK LEE

On Sunday, January 31, 2021, at the age of 88, Thomas Yoonsik Lee passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by family. Strong willed and bright of mind, Thomas left our world on his own terms. The two defining aspects of his life were his love of innovation in his field and his dedication to his family.

Born in Taegu, Korea, Thomas survived the Korean War after which with the support of his family, he traveled to the United States to continue an education in chemical engineering. A graduate of TriState College of Engineering in Indiana, his first career successes were in plastics research on novel polymers which resulted in two patents for the company Allied Chemical. After this practicum training, he forged on as an early innovator in Korea's chemical and plastics industry and developed and manufactured his own process technology and products. In addition, he proved the value and quality of his products by licensing his technology to multiple sites in India, China, and Belgium.

While working at Allied Chemical in the late 1950s, Thomas met Joyce James who was studying at nearby Indiana University in Bloomington. When they married they were pioneers in the bicultural experiment and began their family and life together in Terre Haute, Indiana. In the early 1960s they traveled to Thomas' homeland of Korea where they established a family home and lived for 20 years. From there, a love of travel, adventure and fun highlighted their time together and is fondly remembered by their children and grandchildren. After their children were grown and had returned to the United States, Thomas and Joyce relocated to California and enjoyed the beauty of place on the Monterey Peninsula for many years. This year celebrates 62 years of dedication to one another.

Thomas Lee is survived by his wife Joyce Lee and their children, grandchildren and great grand-child — Jai Sun Lee and his 3 sons Julian Lee, Aaron Lee, and Nathan Lee with his wife, Sharon Lee and son David Lee; Susan Lee and husband Tim Bergeron; Jon Lee and wife Frédérique Lee; and Jamie Lee with her husband Chris Arnold. Thomas's sister Cheung Soon Lee also survives and lives in Korea.

During his life Thomas made important contributions through his work to his scientific field, his countries and communities. Through his love, he brought laughter and joy to a multitude of friends and families. Remember Thomas in your lives when you enjoy a meal surrounded by family and when you walk in the woods or by the sea. In these places he found daily grace and solace. We have an opportunity to celebrate his life and memory every day when we are together and alone.

For more information about how to contact the family, memorial plans or condolences, please send a note to: [pbrgrandparents@icloud.com](mailto:pbrgrandparents@icloud.com)





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found a home on San Carlos Street near 13th Avenue. Soon after returning to town, she began attending planning commission and city council meetings, and friends encouraged her to get more involved by running for office, which she successfully did in 1992. She was elected to the city council three times, but often found herself the lone dissenting voice during her final term, which ended in April 2004, when she decided not to run for reelection.

“While we may have gone about it differently, we were both grounded in our respective interests in preserving the unique qualities of Carmel-by-the-Sea, as is evident by Barbara’s serving on the city council and working to establish what is now the Carmel Residents Association,” said McCloud, who was elected mayor in 2000 at the start of Livingston’s final term in office.

In 2002, Livingston ran for mayor against McCloud and joined forces with two council candidates, former Mayor Ken White and former councilman Jim Wright, to try to take back control of city hall, but all three lost.

While in office, Livingston helped develop the Design Traditions Project guidelines which govern the appearance of housing in town, and worked with residents and then-assistant city administrator Greg D’Ambrosio to write “Carmel from A to Z,” a handbook answering basic questions about city rules.

**A force of nature**

After her council career, Livingston devoted herself to the CRA and became its longest-serving president, holding the position for 12 years. She was president of the Friends of Carmel Forest and a vocal advocate of historic preservation, and always strove to represent “the residential interests in Carmel-by-the-Sea,” as she would put it.

To that end, Livingston could almost always be found seated in the front row in the chambers of city hall during

spread that word and that effort throughout the village. New people in town really need to come to understand what we’re all about and why Carmel is the way it is, and hopefully we can continue to keep the integrity of the village for quite a while.”

When the CRA announced Livingston had died this week, Cindy Lloyd, who knew her since childhood, recalled her “relentless spirit, energy and enthusiasm,”

which weren’t at all diminished by her vision loss.

It’s up to those Livingston left behind to carry on her mission and activism, Lloyd said. “After serving on the city council, she became the voice of the residents with the ardent hope that Carmel’s character would be preserved and protected,” she said. “We owe it to Barbara to carry on voicing our concerns when our longstanding traditions are in danger of erosion.”



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Barbara Livingston campaigned with council candidates Jim Wright (at left) and Ken White when she ran for mayor in 2002.

council, planning commission and other public meetings, and she frequently and passionately spoke about issues that concerned her or the CRA. Even after macular degeneration took her vision, she continued attending, accompanied by friends who would assist her.

“Most people would probably never know how significant her vision challenges were,” commented realtor Adam Moniz, who befriended Livingston and her late partner (and eventual husband), Bob Kohn, in 2009. “She recognized people mainly by voice, and she could almost instantaneously match a voice with a name. In my last phone call with her the other week, she told me, ‘Adam, of course it’s you, I’d recognize your voice anywhere.’ And I think there are probably thousands of voices she could easily identify.”

Moniz said Livingston had a “zest for life that was contagious” and described the impact she had on Carmel as “monumental.”

Friend and former city administrator Doug Schmitz said Livingston tended to the city with loving devotion. “If metaphorically Carmel was a garden, Barbara was its civic gardener,” he said, taking care to protect it while scrutinizing and eventually accepting and caring for newcomers who understood her vision.

**A proclamation**

In recognition of Livingston’s 50-plus years of service to the community, last August, Mayor Dave Potter and the city council presented her with a proclamation extolling her “passion and integrity” and crediting her with “the most apt description of Carmel-by-the-Sea as ‘a village in a forest by the sea.’”

“Barbara has forcefully, consistently, compassionately and successfully promoted the imperative need to preserve the unique character of Carmel-by-the-Sea,” Potter said, reading the proclamation while standing next to her on the deck of her home during a ceremony that friends and fans gathered on the street below to witness.

“I believe we all have to have more passion in our lives to get things done and to support everybody with passion,” Livingston said as she received the honor. “We need to



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The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: GLACIER BAR MD, 26135 Carmel Rancho Blvd, Suite F-21, Carmel, CA 93923.

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File No. 20210213
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The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: 1. AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INC. 2. AITS, INC. 2434 DEL MONTE AVE., MONTEREY, CA 93940.

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File No. 20210248
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The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: MR. PUFF, 214 Lewis Road, Royal Oaks, CA 95076.

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ROAD II LLC, 214 Lewis Road, Royal Oaks, CA 95076.
Name of Corporation of as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: JAY PENNOCK, MD, A Professional Corporation, 1840 41st Ave., Suite 102-325, Capitola, CA 95010.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20210206
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The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: MARITA'S BOUTIQUE, 551 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

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File No. 20210236
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The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: SALSAL LOBO, 607 Traflet Rd., Moss Landing, CA 95039.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20210161
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Studio 71, 639 Ramona Ave., Monterey, CA 93940.

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File No. 20210225
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The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: 1. PACIFIC GABLES 2. PACIFIC GABLES HOME INSPECTIONS 3. PACIFIC GABLES CONSTRUCTION 14338 Westside Dr., Carmel Valley,

CA 93924.

Mailing address: 27640 Schulte Rd., Carmel, CA 93923.
Name of Corporation of as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: MONTEREY. Registered Owner(s): BRANDALYN REXEEN RAYMOND, 14338 Westside Dr., Carmel Valley, CA 93924.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20210208
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20210223
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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File No. 20210268
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20210296
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The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: AMERICAN ART GALLERY, Dolores and 7th, Carmel, CA 93921.

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File No. 20210322
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The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: 1. Zachary Cole Properties, 2. Zak Freedman Properties, 3. 1102 Hoffman Ave, 4. Moonstone Marketing, 5. Jade Cove Investments, 3775 Via Nona Marie STE 100, Carmel, CA 93923

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(a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20210242
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Dr. David A. Martinez Psychological Services and Consulting, 4500 Great America Parkway Suite 100, Santa Clara, CA 95054, County of Monterey.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20210150
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: HEARTS IN LINE THERAPY, 33773 E. Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel Valley, CA 93924.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20210178
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: TILLYS, 10 Whatney, Irvine, CA 92618.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20210272
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1. Zachary Cole Properties, 2. Zak Freedman Properties, 3. 1102 Hoffman Ave, 4. Moonstone Marketing, 5. Jade Cove Investments, 3775 Via Nona Marie STE 100, Carmel, CA 93923

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ness under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. Zachary Cole Properties LLC S/ Zachary Freedman, President, This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 01/29/2021. CNS-3433702# CARMEL PINE CONE Publication dates: Feb. 19, 26, Mar. 5, 12, 2021. (PC221)

SUMMONS - FAMILY LAW CASE NUMBER: 20FL000252

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: TARA J. BARB You are being sued. PETITIONER'S NAME IS: ROBERT R. BARB

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call, or court appearance will not protect you.

For legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services website (www.lawhelp.org), or by contacting your local county bar association.

NOTICE - THE RESTRAINING ORDERS ON PAGE 2:

These restraining orders are effective against both spouses or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgment is entered, or the court makes further orders. They are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them.

Fee Waiver: If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. The court may order you to pay back all or part of the fees and costs that the court waived for you or the other party.

The name and address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY MONTEREY 1200 Aguajito Road Monterey, CA 93940

The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, is: RONALD D. LANCE 11 W. Laurel Dr., Ste 215 Salinas, CA 93906 (831) 443-6509 Lic: LDA #5 of Monterey County ROBERT R. BARB 1261 Palm Ave. Seaside, CA 93955 601-9156 Date: Mar. 4, 2020

This summons was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Mar. 4, 2020. Publication Dates: Feb. 19, 26, Mar. 5, 12, 2021. (PC 222)

SUMMONS - FAMILY LAW CASE NUMBER: 20FL001054

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: JONECE S. MCQUISTON You are being sued. PETITIONER'S NAME IS: TIMOTHY D. MCQUISTON

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This summons was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 10, 2020. Publication Dates: Feb. 19, 26, Mar. 5, 12, 2021. (PC 223)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20210298
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: AAA Smart Home, 1277 Treat Blvd., Suite 1000, Walnut Creek, CA 94597, County of Contra Costa Registered Owner(s): A3 Smart Home LP, 1277 Treat Blvd., Suite 1000, Walnut Creek, CA 94597; California This business is conducted by a limited partnership Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 09/15/2019 S/ Dustin Cramer This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on February 2, 2021 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12/21 CNS-3437660# CARMEL PINE CONE Publication dates: Feb. 19, 26, Mar. 5, 12, 2021. (PC 224)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20210387. Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: MOTO TOWN, 3016 Del Monte Boulevard, Marina, CA 93933.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20210328. Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: SUR CRAFTY, 5315 Highway One, Big Sur, California 93920.

aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).

UP 21-012 (Luna Cafe) Luna Wang, Business Owner. SEC Ocean & Mission, Carmel Plaza Block: 78, Lots: 1 & 27. APN: 010-086-006.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (SECS 6104, U.C.C.)

Escrow No. 42943CA-502-2DS. Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named seller that a bulk sale is about to be made of the assets described below. The names and business addresses of the seller are: M. BAKER MANAGEMENT, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 520 E. BEL MAR DR., LA SELVA BEACH, CA 95076.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20210358. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Fourth House Design, 222 17th Street, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KATHERINE ANN ROTHROCK

Case Number 21PR000054. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of KATHERINE ANN ROTHROCK.

DS 20-392 (Jung) Erik Dyar, Architect. Camino Real 3 SW 13th Block: DD; Lot: 7. APN: 010-284-003.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20210503. Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: PEACE TREE MASSAGE & WELLNESS, NW Corner Mission & 8th, Carmel, CA 93921.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ANTHONY ROTHROCK BRITTO in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

The Petition for Probate requests that ANTHONY ROTHROCK BRITTO be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

DS 20-373 (Black) Harlan Bradley, Contractor/Designer. Camino Real 2 SE 11th Block: L; Lot: 6. ANP: 010-273-008.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20210455. Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: BLUE DOOR GARDEN DESIGN, INC., 3 Phelps Way, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20210487. Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: REDEFINED CLOTHING & BRIDAL, 10 W. Gabilan St., Salinas, CA 93901.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20210366. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: OG Cleaning, 1571 Darwin St., Seaside, CA 93955.

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

Date: April 7, 2021. Time: 9:00 a.m. Dept.: 13. Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea Brandon Swanson, Community Planning & Building Director. Publication dates: Feb. 26, 2021. (PC237)

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

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

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CARMELO-BY-THE-SEA

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a public hearing via teleconference, on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CARMELO-BY-THE-SEA WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING VIA TELECONFERENCE, ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021 AT 4:00 P.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE.

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The Commission will consider approval of the proposed sphere of influence amendment and annexation described above. The agenda and Executive Officer's report for this public hearing will be available by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 18 at LAFCO's web site: www.monterey.lafco.ca.gov

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20210492. Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: 939FOGO, 53 Country Club Gate, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

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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 Community Planning & Building Department 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 bswanson@ci.carmel.ca.us prior to the meeting.

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The staff report and relevant documents will be available at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting on the City's website at https://www.ci.carmel.ca.us. The Planning Commission meeting will be televised live on the City's website and archived thereafter after the meeting.

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ARTIST PROFILES

MARCH 5, 2021

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LAFCO of Monterey County LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF MONTEREY COUNTY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Carmel Area Wastewater District Sphere of Influence and Annexation Proposal

The Local Agency Formation Commission has received an application from the Carmel Area Wastewater District for a sphere of influence amendment and district annexation totaling approximately 925 acres (approximately 1.45 square miles). LAFCO File #20-03.

Carmel Area Wastewater District provides a full range of wastewater/sewage-related services including collection, treatment, disposal, and recycled water. This proposal would expand the area in which the District is authorized to provide these services.

The proposal area includes portions of Carmel Valley and Carmel Highlands. A map of the proposal area, and other detailed information about the proposal is available on LAFCO's website: www.monterey.lafco.ca.gov

The proposal area consists of lands that the District has identified as having a reasonable likelihood of requiring or requesting the District's sewer services in the foreseeable future. Most of the parcels within the proposal area are currently on individual septic systems.

Annexation to the District will not trigger a requirement for properties to immediately connect to the District's sewer system and/or pay connection fees. Connection fees and other applicable District fees for service will be assessed by the District when individual properties connect to the District's sewer system in the future.

Notice is hereby given that LAFCO will hold public hearings to consider the actions listed below. All persons wishing to speak regarding the proposed actions will be heard.

- 1. On Monday, March 22, 2021, at 4:00 PM:

The Commission will consider approval of the proposed sphere of influence amendment and annexation described above. The agenda and Executive Officer's report for this public hearing will be available by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 18 at LAFCO's web site: www.monterey.lafco.ca.gov

- 2. On Monday, April 26, 2021, at 4:00 PM:

If the proposal is approved at the March 22 public hearing, then LAFCO will hold Conducting Authority ("Protest") Proceedings to consider any written protests. The agenda and Executive Officer's report for this public hearing will be available by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 22 at LAFCO's web site.

Written protests regarding approval of the proposal may be filed by registered voters residing within proposal's boundaries or by owners of land within the proposal's boundaries. Written protests may be filed with the LAFCO Executive Officer. Written protests must be filed after the March 22 public hearing, but no later than the conclusion of the April 26 protest proceedings.

Based on guidance from the State of California aimed at minimizing the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the Commission will hold these meetings electronically only, without a physical location for public participation. The meetings will be accessible by online video conference or by telephone. The meeting agendas, when posted, will include instructions for viewing or participating in these public meeting online or by telephone. The meeting agendas will also include instructions for submitting written comments in advance of the meetings.

As the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, the Carmel Area Wastewater District adopted a Negative Declaration, finding that the project will have no significant detrimental effects on the natural environment, in July 2020.

Please contact us at (831) 754-5838 or email LAFCO Principal Analyst Darren McBain at mcbaidd@monterey.lafco.ca.gov if you have questions or would like more information. KATE McKENNA, AICP, Executive Officer. Local Agency Formation Commission of Monterey County. Publication dates: Feb. 26, 2021 (PC229)



# HELP

From page 5A

allows only companies with fewer than 20 workers to apply. It also revised its funding formula to provide more money to sole proprietors, independent contractors and the self-employed.

Also, small business owners who are convicted felons can now get loans, as long as their past wrongs didn't involve fraud, as can those who have defaulted on their student loans and immigrants who are here lawfully but are not U.S. citizens.

### Some still excluded

The SBA hasn't, however, changed the requirement that a business demonstrate at least a 25 percent loss between a quarter in 2019 and one in 2020, which eliminates those that were brand new in 2019, so their revenues were low that year, anyway, and those that have worked very hard to survive 2020 but are still in need of assistance, such as

newer restaurants and markets.

"The rules, in fact, exclude new businesses, which are equally burdened by the restrictive mandates of the governor's office and the health department," said Anthony Carnazzo, owner of Stationaery restaurant, which opened on San Carlos Street in 2018.

"Additionally, it should be noted that new businesses are in a much more precarious position to begin with. This is not to say that they deserve something more, only that they should be allowed the same opportunity for relief as other businesses," he said.

Carnazzo received PPP money in the first round and would have been eligible for the second round, but he couldn't demonstrate the required losses.

"We grew in sales, but only because we expanded our hours and bent over backward to hustle ourselves into some degree of solvency," he said. "Quite frankly, we are being punished for working hard and keeping people employed, when the expedient thing would be to have closed and wait for a big check."

The deadline for applying for a PPP loan is March 31, and borrowers must work through their banks.



PHOTO/JOSHUA ROSE

Alissa and Anthony Carnazzo opened their restaurant, Stationaery, in 2018 and have worked hard to keep it going through the pandemic. Financial helps is available to them, but not PPP money, due to a requirement some say is unfair.

## SAMARITAN

From page 13A

looking for a lost dog that had bolted from Carmel Beach, a saga which became a community event, inspiring dozens of people to search for the young Australian shepherd-golden retriever mix. After five days, he was home — although none of the searchers, including Chappell, took individual credit or claimed the \$500 reward.

"It feels really good to keep an eye out for lost pets and other precious items on my walks," said Chappell. "It gives me purpose and makes me feel connected to my community."

Everybody reads The Pine Cone

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS BID NO. 21-01

#### For the Pavement Improvement Project At Holding Field Run in The Santa Lucia Preserve

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Santa Lucia Community Services District ("District") hereby calls for sealed bid proposals to be received by the Director of Operations of the District, at the Gate House, One Rancho San Carlos Road, Carmel, California 93023 on or before Friday, **March 26, 2021** at 10:00 am U.S. Pacific Time Zone, verified at [www.time.gov](http://www.time.gov).

Description of Work: These bids shall cover all the furnishing of all labor, material, equipment, mechanical workmanship, transportation and services which are required for **construction of pavement improvement on the Santa Lucia Preserve**. The work generally includes, but is not limited to, AC repair for approximately 10,460 sq ft, cut out and replacement at 4" with 2" lifts, and other items that are required, standard specifications or the Invitation to Bid. Bids are required for the entire work described in the Bid Documents.

Contractor's License Requirement. The bidder and all subcontractors of the bidder shall possess a valid California contractor's license issued by the Contractor's State License Board ([www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov)) for the type(s) of work they are proposing to perform at the time the bid is submitted. The bidder shall possess at a minimum the following California contractor's license Class A or C-12. The Contractor must be properly licensed as a contractor from contract award through contract acceptance (California Public Contract Code §10164). When the Contractor submits its bid to the District, the Contractor must list each Subcontractor whom the Contractor must disclose under Public Contract Code Section 4104 (Subcontractor Listing Law), and provide all required information.

Contractor Registration Requirement. Pursuant to California Labor Code Section 1771.1(a), a contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, as defined in this chapter, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5. To register, go to: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/PublicWorks.html>

Bidding Procedures. Bids must be made on a proposal form which is included with the contract specifications and must be signed by the bidder and accompanied by a deposit in the amount shown on the Bidder's Bond which is part of the Proposal, and sealed within a bid envelope. The bid envelope is to be addressed to:

"Sealed Bid – Bid No. 21-01 – Holding Field Run, Santa Lucia Community Services District, Attn: Director of Operations David Simpson, Gate House, One Rancho San Carlos Road, Carmel, California 93923."

The deposit may be cash, cashier's check made payable to the District, certified check made payable to the District (certified without qualification and drawn on a solvent bank of the State of California or a National Bank doing business in the State of California), or bid bond executed by an admitted surety insurer, made payable to the District, or the bid will not be considered. This deposit is to serve as agreed liquidated damages should the party or parties to whom the contract is awarded fail to enter into the contract after the award, or fail to give the bond required for the faithful performance of the contract, or fail to furnish any other bond required by law.

At 10:00 am March 26, 2021 the Bid Proposals will be taken by the Director of Operations of the District and opened and publicly read by him or his authorized representative. All bids received after this time will be returned unopened. The bids, together with a report of the bidders and the respective amounts of the bids, will be presented to the Board of Directors of the Santa Lucia Community Services District on Tuesday, March 30, 2021.

The successful bidder shall furnish a performance bond and a payment bond.

Questions. Direct any questions to:

Director of Operations David Simpson  
Santa Lucia Community Service District  
One Rancho San Carlos Road  
Carmel, CA 93923  
831-620-6772  
[dsimpson@santaluciapreserve.com](mailto:dsimpson@santaluciapreserve.com)

Obtaining **SCHEDULE** and **CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS** may be obtained by contacting the Director of Operations. Each bidder shall furnish the District with the name, address, and telephone number of the firm requesting specifications. It is the bidder's responsibility to regularly check for any addenda that may be issued prior to the bid opening date. Failure to acknowledge receipt of an issued addendum will be cause for a submitted bid to be deemed non-responsive. The Plan Holders' List is available by contacting the District.

Addenda. Any addenda issued prior to the bid opening shall constitute part of the Contract Documents. Subject to the limitations of Public Contract Code Section 4104.5, District reserves the right to issue addenda prior to bid time.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and any or all items of such bids and to waive any informality or irregularity in any bid but if the bids are accepted, the contract for the improvement will be let to the lowest responsible bidder for the Project.

Date of Publication: February 26th, March 5th & March 12th, 2021

By order of the Board of Directors of the  
Santa Lucia Community Service District.  
State of California  
Forrest Arthur General Manager

Publication dates: Feb. 26, Mar. 5, 12, 2021 (PC240)

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# ANGER

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head out to sea before they are mature enough to survive there.

Along the way, the juggling act has drawn the ire of residents, who don't want their homes flooded, and environmental groups, who want to see an increase in the number of steelhead in the Carmel River and don't want to see bulldozers lowering the water level in the lagoon to the detriment of the fish. Backing the concerns of environmentalists is the National Marine Fisheries Service, which must sign off on any work the county does on the beach.

### 'It's a tragedy'

Adams said residents "have every right to be angry" after their homes were flooded. "My heart goes out to people whose lives were disrupted," she said. "It's a tragedy that people have gone through this time

and time again."

The supervisor said it's taken a couple weeks to pull together representatives from all the agencies that have a hand in protecting homes or fish. "It took us a little bit of time to get organized," she said. "We wanted to get some key people involved."

The speakers will include Randy Ishii from Monterey County Public Works, Brian Garcia from the National Weather Service, Larry Hampson of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, Mara Orescanin of NPS, and others.

They will discuss what caused the flooding, how their work is limited by state and federal law, and how to prevent flooding in the future.

"We're going to talk about what took place during the atmospheric river event," Adams added. "We're also going to talk about permits and the regulatory requirements for the management of the lagoon sandbar. And we will talk about progress that has been made, and what the next steps are for a long-term solution."



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At least 14 homes located just south of Carmel River Lagoon were flooded Jan 28. A community meeting on the topic has been set for March 11.

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# When ‘cute little Carmel’ showed the big boys how to get things done

UPON FURTHER review, your mother may have fibbed when she said, “Nobody’s perfect, sweetie.” But she wasn’t far off.

Since the first Central Coast Section football championship game was played in 1972 — nearly 49 years ago — only two Monterey Peninsula teams have won the title with an unblemished record: no losses, no ties.

North Monterey County did it first. The Condors won the Division 2 trophy in 1988, finishing at 11-0. Twenty-one years later, the Carmel Padres outgunned Menlo, 56-35, to capture the Division 4 crown with a 12-0 record.

North County and Carmel also are the only two public schools in the county to achieve perfection. Palma, a private school in Salinas, did it three times.

## An offense for the ages

The Padres in 2009 — Golden Anderson’s first season as a head coach — boasted one of the most explosive offenses in California history, finishing with 637 points (34th all-time) and a 53-points-per-game scoring average (14th all-time).

Carmel’s defense, meanwhile, ranked No. 2 among the 27 teams in the Mission Trail, Monterey Bay, Santa Cruz, and Tri-County leagues for fewest points allowed — 13.5 per game.

“Our defense was fast, physical, and we had played together for a long time,” said safety Cody Johnston, who intercepted a team-best four passes and tied linebacker

Dominic Rivera for the lead in solo tackles, with 97. “We studied film, and we practiced like it was the game. Nothing surprised us when game time arrived.”

## A coach’s dream team

For Anderson and his assistant coaches, it was a perfect storm of talent, toughness, football IQ, dedication and selflessness.

“Those 2009 guys changed the trajectory of the program. They did what no team had ever done in Carmel,” said Anderson, who was 30 years old when he took the Padres to the school’s first (and still only) CCS football crown, their first three playoff victories in school history, and the first of eight league championships the team would win over the next 10 years.

“We’d had success in the program, battling for league championships, and football was something kids wanted to be part of, but this group exploded all of that into a new stratosphere,” Anderson said. “They showed us all that we could go beyond others’ expectations — that we could work hard, sacrifice, put the collective goal ahead of the individual, and achieve things we never thought possible.”

Postseason honors rained down on the Padres like an El Niño storm.

Two players on the 2009 roster — Johnston at defensive back and Devin Pearson at quarterback — were Cal-Hi Preps first-team all-state selections in the small-school division, and Andrew Franks, a kicker and punter, earned

second-team plaudits. Pearson, a 10th grader that year, made the all-state sophomore team.

MaxPreps’ first-team all-state squad included two more Padres, Dylan Hopkins at running back and Rivera at linebacker.

All-Mission Trail Athletic League picks included Hop-

## Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

kins (Offensive Player of the Year), Rivera (Defensive Player of the Year), Johnston, Pearson (who played outfield at Cal-Berkeley), and Franks (a future NFL placekicker), along with offensive and defensive lineman Keenan Lucero (Lineman of the Year), defensive back Dahan Kim, guard Branden Wilson, and wide receiver Mike Manas.

All-county selections were Hopkins (Offensive Player of the Year), Franks, Johnston, Lucero, Manas, Pearson and Rivera.

“We had so many amazing, dynamic players at every position,” said Hopkins, who ran for 1,539 yards and 26 touchdowns in his senior season. “If the other team’s defense crowded to stop the run, the pass was there, both short and deep. If we completed a 50-yard bomb and they backed off to stop the pass, our offensive line would part the seas for an easy rushing touchdown.”

## Building on success

The cupboard wasn’t exactly bare when Anderson replaced his predecessor, Craig Johnston, Carmel’s head coach for the previous 19 years. The 2008 squad had gone 8-2 overall, winning the MTAL crown with a 6-0 record, and only nine seniors on the roster.

But the ‘09 team figured to be undersized, particularly on the offensive and defensive lines, by comparison to some of its competition — a disadvantage the new coach planned to mitigate.

## A need for speed

Anderson recruited John Ables, Carm-

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(Left) Devin Pearson, cool under pressure, had great field vision and a rocket arm, throwing for 2,442 yards and 31 TDs as a sophomore starter. (Right) Carmel’s swarming defense ranked No. 2 among 27 schools in three counties for fewest points allowed.

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# SPORTS

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el's legendary and former track and cross-country coach, to share his expertise during summer workouts — an innovation designed to improve speed and quickness.

"I asked John to train our team like he trained his sprinters," he said. "Most schools practice football throughout June and July, but at Carmel we don't start summer workouts until after July 4. I decided the best use of our time would be to hold off on weightlifting until after that speed work was finished."

Unsurprisingly, the players hated it — at least at first — but appreciated the investment as the season went forward and physical conditioning became a factor.

"The memories I have of those summer workouts were just how hard we worked," said Manas, a co-captain who would start on both sides of the line of scrimmage. "Those workouts always sucked in the moment, but we really leaned on them later in the year, when we faced adversity."

Gaspere Aliotti, a sophomore starter at tackle, said

Ables' first act was to inspect everybody's shoelaces to make sure they were properly tied. Most weren't, and players wearing those shoes dropped for pushups.

Then came the drills, beginning with 200- and 300-meter sprints, heavy on pain. "I remember Ables yelling 'We'll never be the biggest team, but, goddamnit, we will be the fastest and best-conditioned,'" Aliotti said.

## A question of quarterbacks

The other priority was replacing 2008 quarterback Kenny Johnston, a three-year starter whose 8,162 yards and 93 TDs set Monterey County records and earned Johnston a scholarship to play at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

Anderson picked Pearson, the talented sophomore (and '08 JV quarterback) to run the offense, in part so Cody Johnston (the varsity's backup QB the previous year) could be used at both wide receiver and safety.

"Everything we do is to protect the QB, especially if he's young," said Anderson, who designed run-heavy game plans for Carmel's first two games. "We wanted to surround Devin with talent and bring him along slowly."

The rookie threw just 11 times, completing seven passes, for 91 yards, in Carmel's opener, a 20-13 conquest of

St. Francis. Then he went 12-for-14 for 140 yards the following week in a 49-14 rout of the same Menlo team they were destined to face four months later in the CCS finals. Pearson threw an interception in both games — notable because he would be picked off just once more in 181 throws over his next 10 games.

Then came the match that changed everything — a showdown with the Monterey High Toreadors before a large, rowdy crowd at Monterey Peninsula College.

"The Monterey game, I think, is when we realized how good we could be," Pearson said. "People thought cute, little Carmel couldn't hang with the big boys from the Monterey Bay League — my own uncles were telling me that — and when you hear it all week, you start to believe the narrative a little bit, no matter how confident you are."

"And then we came out and executed to perfection," he said. "That's the game that earned us respect on the Peninsula, and took our self-belief to the next level. After that, we rolled."

**Next week, Part 2:** Rolling over Monterey and the MTAL

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# Editorial

## All in this together — or aren't we?

THE ONGOING saga of Monterey County's hapless vaccination program can be illustrated with just a few statistics from state and federal sources.

According to the California Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control, Monterey County has administered 14,000 doses of coronavirus vaccine per 100,000 people, while the statewide number is 19,600 per 100,000, and the national figure is 20,000 per 100,000. Even worse is the fact that our neighbor to the north, Santa Cruz County, has somehow managed to get 26,000 shots into the arms of every 100,000 people — a rate almost twice as high as what has happened here.

Similarly discouraging numbers have been reported almost since Day 1 of the vaccine era in Monterey County. But here's one you probably haven't heard: Health officer Dr. Ed Moreno told the board of supervisors this week that 49,979 shots have been administered in the county, but the state health department says 60,904 doses have been given to Monterey County residents. Which means about 10,000 of Monterey County's citizens have been forced to get inoculated by going somewhere else — many of them to Santa Cruz or even Watsonville.

Obviously, there is no practical reason why the county's very sorry deficits had to happen. Santa Cruz County doesn't have better roads or airports than Monterey County. Their healthcare system isn't more advanced, and as far as we've heard, FedEx doesn't prefer to deliver packages there. Instead, the only possible explanation for Monterey County's dismal record of administering coronavirus vaccines is bureaucratic. We don't have the vaccine because the people who control the allocation decided not to give it to us, and the people who represent us in government haven't been able to get them to change their minds. In some cases, they haven't even tried.

For weeks, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors was the lead in the "Why don't they do something?" story. Even when a stubborn mule would have admitted there was a vaccination crisis in this county, the members of the board spent as much time telling Moreno how great he was or making excuses for him as they did asking him about getting more doses.

Not until two weeks ago did the board of supervisors get around to asking the state to allocate more vaccine to Monterey County. As we report on this week's front page, there's finally some news about the county starting to achieve parity when it comes to vaccine distribution. Hallelujah.

The extra vaccine will mostly be for ag workers, but that is no cause for Peninsula residents to become alarmed. Sure, throughout the epidemic, we were told there could be no extra steps taken to combat the virus in the Salinas and Salinas Valley hotspots because "we're all in this together" — a principle that apparently does not apply when it comes to vaccine allocation. But fear not. Whatever political reasons may be behind the decision, as long as the vaccine goes where the virus is prevalent, everyone will benefit, not only health-wise (because even if you don't get a shot yourself right away, you'll have less chance of being exposed to the virus), but economically, because the lower the case numbers get on a countywide basis, the sooner our economy will be able to reopen. We'd love to see the aquarium, for example, back in business as soon as possible. It's been closed for nearly a year — a scenario nobody could have imagined until it happened.

Covid-19 is a dangerous disease. Monterey County residents deserve to be protected from it as much as anybody. It's about time people started paying attention to us.

## BEST of BATES



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### Unfair vaccination plan

Dear Editor,

If you are 65 and older and live in the cities of Monterey, Carmel or Pacific Grove, you have been pushed farther back in the coronavirus vaccination line, thanks to the Monterey County Health Department and its director, Dr. Ed Moreno. The health department has just decreed that those 65 and older living in certain zip codes, such as Salinas and Marina, are free to schedule their vaccinations now, but seniors of the same age living in other zip codes, such as the cities of Monterey and Carmel, cannot.

The health department attempts to justify this unequal treatment with vague generalities, but the reality seems Dr. Moreno caved in to special interest lobbying. To

many, the department's plan is nothing short of discrimination based on address. Contrary to CDC guidance, the health department's plan divides an entire vulnerable population into winners and losers. What did the officials of the "excluded" areas do to protect the rights of their citizens? It is no wonder those seniors living in the excluded zip codes feel outrage and resentment. Let those city officials and Dr. Moreno know that the health department's new plan is unfair and wrong.

Barbara Lovero, Monterey

### 'Fix this now'

Dear Editor,

I whole heartedly agree that Carmel is changing for the worse by losing its long-held architectural character. Allowing homes that are too big and out of character changes the unique ambiance that makes Carmel special. Let's fix this now, before charming becomes not so charming.

Gail Bower, Carmel

### 'Glaring white'

Dear Editor,

I would like to add my strong support to the thesis of Carolyn White's excellent letter concerning the changing architectural character of Carmel. We see more and more large, often glaring white, "subdivision" homes that don't fit Carmel's heritage.

Niels Reimers, Carmel

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## ‘California’s first modernist’ at the end of an adventurous life

ARTIST FRANCIS McComas (1874-1938), a native of Tasmania, first visited Monterey in 1898 and quickly built an international following. Over the next decade, he had studios in Monterey and San Francisco, and in addition to multiple exhibits in Chicago and New York, twice traveled to Europe with shows in Paris and

left with her mother for an extended trip to Asia with stops in Hawaii, Tokyo, Shanghai and the Philippines. In China, she met English writer Putnam Weale — the pseudonym of Bertram Lenox Simpson.

Soon after Marie returned to California in August 1916, she filed for divorce. It was granted in October and allowed Marie to keep their beautiful home near High Street in Monterey. McComas moved into Charles Dickman’s studio on Laine street in New Monterey. A year later, Marie married Simpson and moved to China, and McComas married Gene Frances Baker.

Baker was raised in Oakland, where her father, Joseph E. Baker, was editor of the Oakland Tribune. She became an art student at UC Berkeley. Last week, I wrote that she and McComas met in Carmel, but Pierce’s catalogue says otherwise.

“The first time I saw him, he was sitting on the stairs of Xavier Martinez’ Piedmont house,” the catalogue quotes Gene as recalling. The meeting happened in 1910, and it was later that she encountered McComas while he was painting with friends on the Peninsula. Gene called McComas “the wittiest man I ever knew.”

After her father died in 1914, she put her easel away to focus on writing. By late 1915 she was receiving regular bylines in the Oakland Tribune on a variety of topics.

Gene joined McComas in the Dickman studio, which remained their home for the next several years. McComas also maintained a studio on Reeside at Ocean View

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## History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

London. The second European sojourn lasted nearly two years, from mid-1906 thru early 1908.

### Modernist movement

Thereafter he called California home, building his first house in Monterey in 1912 with his wife of seven years, the former Marie Louise Parrott. She was from one of San Francisco’s wealthy society families. In 1914-15, he became a frequent passenger on the Del Monte Express between Monterey and San Francisco as he curated the art exhibit in the Palace of Fine Arts, built for the 1915 Panama-Pacific International Exposition. After the exposition, as president of the San Francisco Art Society, he worked to be sure the Palace was retained and the went East to acquire new art.

Robert Pierce, curator of “Francis McComas: Rediscovering California’s First Modernist” at The Monterey Museum of Art made a strong case that this is when McComas became the primary influencer of the modernist movement in California.

In his beautifully illustrated catalog for the show, he provides a well researched narrative. The evolution of McComas’ style led to the “proto-cubist geometrization” of his desert paintings and earned him an invitation to the 1913 International Exhibition of Modern Art in New York, a significant show generally referenced today as New York’s “Armory Show.”

Soon thereafter, the art McComas selected for the post-exposition exhibition at the beginning of 1916 showed a decided turn toward modernism and opened a debate in California about its artistic merit.

### New love

Professionally, McComas was a success. The Jan. 1, 1916, Los Angeles Times listed him among California artists “who are regarded as institutions.” However, his marriage was falling apart. Marie was feeling ignored and he didn’t seem to care. In March 1916, she



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Artist Francis McComas (right) with Mrs. Charles Crocker (the former Virginia Bennett) at a 1930 New Year’s Day luncheon at a private home on 17-Mile Drive. The talented and witty painter was a popular guest at many society functions throughout his life.

## Photography is his biography

THE FINE art photographer who has worked at Gallery Sur on Sixth between Dolores and Lincoln since 1993, and owned it since 2000, said he needs only to look out the window, toward the other side of the street, to remember the epiphany that changed his life.

David Potigian was a 15-year-old kid at Clovis High, near Fresno, when his photography teacher, Ron Webb, brought

Potigian’s signature images feature ocean scenes: waves exploding against jagged rocks, surf rushing onto the sand, a sweeping seascape viewed from a high perch, a placid cove framed by tree silhouettes at dusk, a brilliantly colorful family of jellyfish...

“The ocean has always called to me — it always felt like home, even when it wasn’t my home,” said Potigian, whose father, Leonard, owned a Fresno-based trucking company, and whose mother, Patt, was a homemaker.

“In 1990, I stayed overnight on the Peninsula with a friend who said, ‘Why

don’t you just move here?’ I said, ‘You know, I really don’t have any reason not to.’ And the following weekend, I did.”

In 1993, he began working for Gallery Sur owner Nancy Dejohn. Seven years later, an inheritance from his grandmother allowed him to buy the gallery.

“I lived in Carmel, right next to the firehouse, for the first eight years, and the idea that I could walk a block and a half to work was just incredible,” said Potigian. Since 2005, he has resided in a Victorian home in Monterey that he renovated with his wife, Liliana, whom he married in 1998. “I could walk down to the beach after work, then walk home, barbecue upstairs, spend time with good friends...

“It was a dream to have that kind of life and lifestyle — to be so relaxed, and yet still be on the grid,” he said.

### Bohemian destiny

Potigian, 52, is entirely self-taught as a photographer, tracing his interest all the way back to the summer after kindergarten, when his mother gave him a Kodak Brownie camera to use on weekend trips to the mountains with his grandfather.

“I played with that camera for a while, moved on to another, then another, and was using a 35-millimeter by the time I was 10 or 11,” he said. “I took the photography class when I got to high school, where they had one of the best photo labs of any school in California. We had large-format, medium-format, and 35-millimeter cameras, and Mr. Webb would loan them out.”

The experience inspired Potigian to build a darkroom at home and begin considering photography as a career path.

“I really wasn’t big into academics — I loved to learn, but not in the academic way,” he said. “That kept me away from a formal education — I never went to college — but the silver lining is that it led me to a place where I probably

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## Carmel’s Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

the whole class to Carmel on a field trip that included a 20-minute stopover at the Weston Gallery.

### The ocean’s call

“I vividly remember seeing the price tags on the prints, and saying to myself, ‘Wait a minute ... this is something a person can do to make money?’ That was the moment I realized fine art photography could be a career,” he said. “We probably were only in there for around 20 minutes, but I walked out with a whole different concept of what photography could be.”

Gallery Sur has been a showcase for more than two decades for Potigian’s fine art photography, along with spectacular images shot by Winston Swift Boyer and Gary Geiger (both Carmel residents), Gary Lopez (Jacks Peak), Joann Dost (Monterey), Jeannine and John Henebry (Aptos), among others.

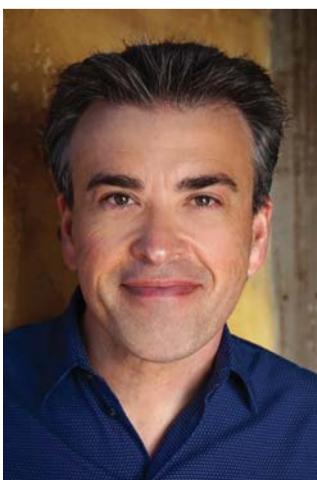
The gallery also displays 50 or more hand-carved Shona stone sculptures by nine internationally known artists from Zimbabwe.



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Gallery Sur owner David Potigian said he feels fortunate to be able to capture images of Monterey County’s amazing scenery, which his gallery exhibits alongside the work of multiple other fine-art photographers and stone sculptors.

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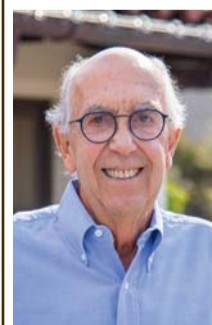
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# An epic road trip, some scuba diving and truckloads of popcorn

IT COULD have been the end of Linda Ausonio Grier's scouting career. She joined Brownies as a youngster in Castroville, but when she was ready to become a Junior, there were no adult troop leaders. And that, she thought, was that.

She certainly never imagined herself in her mid-50s, receiving the Silver Beaver award for contributions to her local Boy Scout Council. It was presented to her on Feb. 13, with her husband, DL, and son, Gino, doing the honors.

Grier is a Castroville native and a member of the Ausonio Construction family, whose projects can be found all over Salinas and the Peninsula, from Garland Ranch and Asilomar, to Poppy Hills and the Monterey Jet Center.

She graduated from Notre Dame High School in Salinas and earned her teaching credential at Chico State. After teaching for a year in Castroville, she decided she needed to see the world. "I saved all my

She took a pickup truck and camped out in about 38 states. This time, when she got home, she met DL, an infantryman stationed at Fort Ord. They got married and he was reassigned to San Antonio, Texas, where Grier taught fourth grade for three years.



Linda Grier

DL had a daughter in Iowa and a young son, Chris, who was being raised by DL's former in-laws in Houston. They welcomed his new bride, who went to visit Chris and got to know him on weekends, holidays and summer breaks from school. When DL got word of a yearlong hardship tour (no family allowed) in

Korea, Linda stayed in Texas. Chris was in Cub Scouts, and when the Pinewood Derby came around, she asked, "What the heck is a Pinewood Derby?"

It's a scouting event where kids build their own gravity-powered miniature cars from wood and race them on downhill tracks. And it's kind of a big deal, Grier learned.

She and DL eventually returned to Castroville, and had their son, Gino. In 2010, they signed him up for Cub Scouts. At first, Grier said, she was "just another parent." Then she became a den leader. "They don't call them 'den mothers' anymore," she noted.

Grier and her husband — who became a plumber — went to work for the family business. "My dad built houses and apart-

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## Great Lives

By **ELAINE HESSER**

pennies," she said, and bought an international airline ticket that resembled an old-school Eurail pass.

"You paid by the number of stops and it was good for a year," she recalled. She backpacked through New Zealand, Australia, Southern Africa and England, then returned home and substitute-taught for another year before deciding to see her own country.

## ARTIST

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wouldn't be otherwise. I wanted to live my life without being boxed in. I was far too bohemian to have an interest in corporate America.

"But I also wasn't the starving-artist type, so when I was first hired at Gallery Sur, it started to make sense that fine art photography was something I could do — and I really got into it."

Potigian and Liliana, a native of Colombia, have traveled to Colombia, Spain, Greece, and Egypt, but he admits gravitating toward the ocean at every exotic location, seeking out scenes to photograph that remind him of home.

"Whenever I go out of the country, I always seem to be looking for water, waves, rock and sand," he said. "In Colombia, I recall getting out of bed early, when I could have been cuddling with my wife, and sitting on rocks 300 feet above the ocean,

waiting for the sun to come up.

"I'd be looking through my viewfinder, thinking, 'Wow, this is really weird. I'm 3,500 miles from home, taking a picture of something I could see in Big Sur, 20 miles from my house.'"

Managing and curating his gallery, running the business, and working with his artists, is a labor of love that often keeps him from creating his own images for months at a time.

"But I'm fine with that. I feel like my best work is yet to come," Potigian said.

"I've never written a bio — the gallery is my biography ... it's who I am," he said. "I tend to enjoy staying in the background, and I think the work on our walls speaks for itself."

Images by Potigian and his other featured photographers, and the sculptures from Zimbabwe, can be seen daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Gallery Sur or on its website at gallerysur.com.

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Boulevard, across from the Monterey Fish cannery, and it was probably in that studio that McComas painted two large pueblo scenes commissioned by S.F.B. Morse to hang over the fireplaces of the Terrace Lounge in the lodge that opened at Pebble Beach in February 1919. The pictures remained there into the 1990s, and are now displayed at The Inn at Spanish Bay.

Commissions, especially as mansions began to spring up around Pebble Beach in the 1920s, provided a good income for the rest of McComas' life and he no longer depended on public exhibitions. Gene returned to painting. She exhibited as "Gene Frances" throughout the 1920s, insisting there was only one McComas.

In the summer of 1920, the couple went on a painting trip to the desert, where McComas was especially fond of the light. He returned there often.

### Sailing with Morse

The dramatic beauty of those desert paintings led Cecil B. De Mille to pursue McComas for set design for his 1923 epic "The Ten Commandments," prompting newspapers across the country to declare, "McComas is the first of the really great artists to enter the motion picture field." De Mille agreed. "To attract a man of such eminence is further evidence of the high point of artistic success of cinema," he said.

McComas became close friends with Morse and his wife, and the couples made many trips together. Morse owned a series of yachts and, in February 1924, they sailed together from California through the Panama Canal and spent time in both Havana and Palm Beach before returning six weeks later.

Morse gave McComas a 2.2-acre lot near The Lodge, and in August 1925, the McComases moved into a sprawling home designed for them by Clarence Tantau with separate studio space in which the two artists could work.

McComas had also become a regular competitor on area golf courses. Morse even called on his artistic eye and golf skill to make improvements to his resort's courses. When the Cypress Point Club opened in 1928, McComas joined up and sat on the greens committee. In 1929, he served as a member of the committee that hosted that year's U. S. Amateur at Pebble Beach.

In February 1930, McComas and his wife traveled to Mexico with the Morses,

stopping at several ports before sending Morse's yacht back to California so they could make an inland trek. They were gone nearly two months. In 1931, they sailed to Hawaii together, and in 1934 the couples took a trip up the Redwood Highway to Oregon.

Of all those places, it was Mexico that attracted McComas to return. He and Gene spent several weeks in Mexico in the fall of 1935 and met with Mexican artists Diego Rivera and Jose Orozco. It was his most productive trip in years and led to his first solo exhibit since marrying Gene. His showing at San Francisco's Courvoisier galleries featured 15 watercolors.

The next summer, the McComases sailed up to Alaska with aircraft pioneer William Boeing, returning just in time to complete two large charcoal murals for the new Carriage Entrance Lounge at San Francisco's Roos Bros. department store, in the triangular block east of Stockton Street between Market and O'Farrell.

Soon after the installation, in late 1936, McComas collapsed from a heart attack. He only occasionally went out after that, and society columns throughout 1937 and 1938 more often showed Mrs. Francis McComas attending functions without him. On Dec. 27, 1938, he died in the community hospital on Carmel Hill, bringing to end a long and illustrious career.

In May of 1939, the Legion of Honor in San Francisco's Lincoln Park mounted a Francis McComas retrospective. It was the last major exhibition of his work until the current show in Monterey, which hopefully will open for in-person viewing later this year. For more on McComas, you can plan to attend a live virtual lecture by curator Robert Pierce on March 18 or purchase a copy of his informative catalog (monterey-art.org).

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This 20x24 watercolor from 1914 is a good example of McComas' geometric, proto-cubism that led exhibit curator Robert Pierce to declare Francis McComas "California's first modernist."

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## GRIER

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ments and leased them," she said, and she became the property manager for them, along with the business' commercial properties.

As Gino worked his way through scouting's ranks, Grier followed a parallel path as a volunteer. She was an assistant scoutmaster, treasurer for Pack 68, committee chair for Troop 73, and chair of the Santa Lucia scouting district, among others. She's worked hard to help maintain the Pico Blanco scout camp and was an important part of the merger of the Monterey Bay Area and Santa Clara regional councils.

### A giving family

Also, since she had all those commercial properties to manage, she helped the scouts warehouse popcorn for their annual fundraiser. "We used different spaces over three or four years," she said, noting that there were usually "a couple of semi-trucks full for different packs and troops to pick up from all over the county."

Grier said that the Santa Lucia district chair is "like the CEO for the district," which includes all of Monterey County, as far south as San Ardo. There are more than 3,800 scouts in the county, in areas that "all have their own personalities," Grier said.

She held that job for three years, ending on Jan. 1, but remains active as a volunteer. And really, that would have been enough for any one person to contribute to the community.

But giving back is in Grier's DNA. Her mother, Nancy Ausonio, has received numerous awards for public service,

including being a founding board member of the Foundation for Monterey County Free Public Libraries. She also provided generous support to Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System and to the mammography center in Salinas that bears her name. Naturally, Grier is on the center's board.

One of Grier's longest-running volunteer gigs is as a diver for the Monterey Bay Aquarium. She learned to dive at age 12, was certified at 18, and began doing the feeding shows at the aquarium a few years after its 1984 opening. She left and later returned as a member of the cleaning team, and is still scrubbing gunk off the glass 28 years later, occasionally subbing in the feeding shows.

### Feral cats

Her resume continues: the Castroville Artichoke Festival, California Rodeo Salinas, California International Air-show, Red Cross, Relay for Life, the board of Monterey One Water, and more. Then there are the cats.

"The people in my office think I should have been a veterinarian," she laughed. Grier traps feral cats around the Ausonios' properties and has them spayed or neutered, then releases them. If she can catch the kittens when they're young enough, she likes to get them socialized and adopted into homes.

Grier shares the family home in Prunedale with DL, Gino, four cats, two dogs and three horses. She said she's looking forward to Gino attaining Eagle Scout status. The Palma High senior should finish that up this spring. He's putting elevated planters at the Castroville recreation center so senior citizens can garden. Then he'll be going off to college, while Grier hopes to get back to traveling a bit when the pandemic lets up.

Probably not in a sleeping bag in the back of a pickup, though.

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as engaged as possible, but we also want to respect your thoughts," she said.

Board members also heard a presentation from McPherson & Jacobson, which proposed a similar strategy for mapping out the search, finding the right candidates, and bringing the deal to a close. No members of the public commented at any point during the meeting.

### Splitting hairs

Hinds and Arthur "conducted thorough reference checks" on both firms and contacted more than a half-dozen districts that had used them.

"They both come very highly recommended," Arthur said, though she and Hinds preferred HYA's creativity in getting various segments of the community involved in the process, and the promised 24-hour access to information. Hinds also said the firm emphasized involving the unions, as "they have as big of a part in this as anybody else."

Board member Seaberry Nachbar favored HYA, too, while Anne-Marie Rosen said she thought M&J's endorsement by the California School Boards Association, to which CUSD and other districts turn for a lot of training and information, bore some weight.

"I think the CSBA label has some credibility," she said. After commenting that it was difficult to differentiate between the firms, the board voted unanimously to hire HYA. Board member Karl Pallastrini was absent.

This week, Arthur and Hinds sent an email to parents and staff updating them on the search.

"Our intent is to have another special board meeting on Feb. 26, which will serve as a planning session with HYA consultants and the board," they said, and the committee will "provide an in-depth update" at the regular meeting March 10. Friday's meeting will start at 8:30 a.m.

"The board is very aware of our community's sense of urgency around this search, and we share your desire to move things along quickly," Hinds and Arthur said. "Know that we are moving as efficiently as possible and we will continue to keep you informed and engaged throughout this process."

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## COUNCIL

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cided they should pay the city the appraised value of \$4,700 for two of the three trees, reimburse taxpayers for the \$1,100 appraisal, plant three or more new trees on the lot, submit a tree management plan detailing "irrigation, pest management, and pruning regimes" for approval, and provide a plan "including trees and other landscaping adhering to the city's landscaping guidelines," also for approval by city forester Sara Davis. The backyard contains two oaks and a pine, and several oaks are growing in front of the house.

Price and Davis are asking the city council to overturn the forest and beach commission's decision, though in their Feb. 8 letter, they don't say why it should be undone. They explain that they inadvertently broke the rules and plan to replace the pittosporum with native trees. "We are working with a licensed landscaper on creating a plan for the backyard so we make sure we plant trees and plants that are mutually beneficial for each other," they write. "We understand the city rules and plan to abide by them."

The city forester is recommending the council uphold the commission's decision on the tree fine and other requirements.

### Pension, events, bars

The council meeting will begin at 4:30 p.m. and can be watched online at [ci.carmel.ca.us](http://ci.carmel.ca.us) or on the city's YouTube channel, and those who want to participate can call (510) 946-0036 and enter PIN 123285133#. According to

the agenda released this week, the council will also discuss the ever-growing problem of pension debt, which is unfunded to the tune of nearly \$25 million, and climate change, including what, exactly, the city is legally obligated to do about it.

Council members will offer their opinions on whether Sade's and other bars downtown should be allowed to seat and serve outdoor customers later than the recently mandated 10 p.m. cutoff for restaurants, and whether wine-tasting rooms should be subject to an earlier closing time, since they don't serve food.

And they'll get an update from the community activities director on special events for this year, including the proposed cancellations of the Memorial Day ceremony and July Fourth celebration due to the pandemic.

The full agenda is available through the city's website.



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# HEALTHY *Lifestyles*

## Addiction during a pandemic — making a hard road harder

By ELAINE HESSER

**THE TOPSY-TURVY** world of the coronavirus pandemic has been enough to drive anyone to drink — and has made it easier to do so. You can pick up cocktails with your take-out food, or have booze brought to your doorstep. Suddenly, it seems, wine o'clock arrives earlier in the day and some people are wondering aloud about how much is too much.

The isolation and anxiety brought on by shelter-in-place orders and economic woes are contributing to an increase in drug and alcohol abuse. Dr. Lee Goldman, director of chemical dependency services at Community Hospital, said that although he didn't have specific numbers, he knew of "many, many people who relapsed"

amid the stress.

Gauging the level of substance abuse in a community is complicated — various state, national and regional reports use different combinations of data about alcohol and prescription drug sales, overdoses, hospital admissions, auto accidents, drug-and-alcohol-related diseases and other metrics to try to get a grasp on the subject. Many of those with substance abuse problems use more than one kind of drug, further muddying the statistical waters.

### Increase in opioids

Twelve-step programs like Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous provide support for many who deal with addiction. There are 18 AA meetings each week on the Monterey Peninsula, but Goldman said Zoom gatherings didn't seem to work as well for members, and some couldn't access them. The potential for unwanted visitors to become disruptive or



*Isolation and anxiety are contributing to increased drug and alcohol use*

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# Everyday Hazards — Medication interactions

By ELAINE HESSER

**DO YOU** think you could identify your friends by the contents of their medicine cabinets? You could probably at least tell a 20-something woman's (a

bottle of Advil, makeup and maybe some birth control pills) from that of her mom, who might have several prescriptions next to her Night of Olay — maybe a statin and a blood pressure med for the heart, or something to help with insomnia or hot flashes.

Pharmacist Dana Gordon at Central Avenue Pharmacy in Pacific Grove said that if you want to use multiple medications safely, "By all

means, work with one pharmacy," so it can check for possible drug interactions.

But while technology has made keeping tabs on prescriptions easier, it can't take into account all the over-the-counter medicines and supplements you might use.

### Good records

Brent Capuano, clinical pharmacist at Community Hospital, sees a lot of possible interactions in his work. "Every over-the-counter drug has issues," he said. For example, people with high blood pressure should ask a pharmacist or doctor before taking decongestants like Sudafed (pseudoephedrine), which can aggravate the condition.

Those on prescription blood thinners need to be careful with painkillers referred to as NSAIDS — nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs — like aspirin, ibuprofen (sold under brand names including Advil and Motrin) and naproxen (Aleve), because the

combination can lead to excessive bleeding.

It's also important to read the labels on the over-the-counter medications you buy. Gordon said that there are many versions of some, like the popular cold medicine NyQuil, with different combinations of drugs.

"If you ask me to recommend a pain reliever, the first thing I'm going to do is ask what other medications you're on," said Gordon. "Everyone should have a list of the medications they're taking that's easily retrievable and updated regularly," he recommended. That can be a slip of paper in your wallet or a phone app from the drugstore.

There are many free, blank forms online that you can print out and fill in to keep track and to share with your healthcare providers. Most of the forms ask for each drug's name, the dosage, how often you take it and why (many drugs have multiple uses), and when you first started taking it. Another option is just to line up the bottles and take pictures of the labels with all the info.

You should add over-the-counter meds you take regularly to the list, along with vitamins and herbal supplements. In some cases, for example, the Mayo Clinic says that vitamin K can interfere with warfarin, used to prevent blood clots.

Capuano said that kava and valerian root — herbs

commonly found in teas that claim to promote sleep — can increase the drowsiness that accompanies many pain medications, anti-anxiety meds and muscle relaxants, making driving or operating machinery more dangerous.

### 'Lack of standardization'

Another widely available herb, St. John's Wort, is believed by some to help with depression and menopausal symptoms. Capuano said it interacts with hundreds of drugs, notably (and ironically) antidepressants, migraine medications and warfarin. Women of childbearing age might want to know that the Mayo Clinic includes birth control pills on the list.

Black cohosh, another herb that's used for meno-

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# SORTING IT OUT

## Can what you eat improve your immunity?

By SALLY BAHO

**'LET FOOD** be thy medicine and medicine be thy food," said Hippocrates about 2,500 years ago. As everyone's waiting their turn for a vaccine, it makes sense to ask whether something as simple as what you eat could help boost your immune system. It can, but there's no miracle food — it's more about how you eat and what to limit.

The immune system is a multifaceted network that help our bodies ward off harmful microbes and diseases,

and some doctors spend years studying it. As Dr. David Craig Wright, an infectious disease specialist in Pacific Grove, said, "The immune system is complex." It includes white blood cells, the lymphatic system, spleen, thymus and bone marrow — and that's just the start.

Getting enough nutrients from a varied diet is necessary for the healthy functioning of every cell in your body — especially the immune system — but there isn't any one food that will

provide special protection. In fact, a diversity of vitamins and minerals is required for proper function, according to the Nutrition Source, Harvard University's website for all things related to diet.

Although modern access to fresh food has made significant nutritional deficiencies rare, it's important to know that the immune system becomes weakened when there are insufficient levels of even one nutrient. For example, a lack of vitamin D can lead to a variety of ailments in the body, from fatigue to osteoporosis. Other nutrients critical for the growth and function of immune cells are zinc, selenium, iron, and amino acids in protein, found in a variety of plant and animal sources such as nuts, whole grains, fish and meat.

### Unnecessary supplements?

While it's tempting to reach for a bottle of pills in the supplements aisle instead of eating a balanced diet, Wright does not recommend people take vitamins because "they're not regulated by the FDA, and we don't know where they're made or what's in them."

Rather, he suggested we get our nutrients from the foods we eat, particularly fruits and vegetables.

Part of Wright's rationale for not taking supplements lies in the absorption mechanism of each nutrient. Vi-

tamins come in two types: water- and fat-soluble. So, for example, taking a fat-soluble vitamin with water doesn't make sense, but meat and eggs come with the necessary fat to process the nutrients in them. "Which is why you should just get your vitamins from your food," he said.

There are cases where people will need to supplement their diets, but Wright suggested consulting a physician to understand your body's needs and potential deficiencies. Paying attention to how you feel, scheduling regular checkups with your doctor, and having routine blood work can identify vitamin deficiencies.

### Skip the fads

Sometimes it's more about what you don't eat. Diets high in ultra-processed foods and refined sugar have been associated with suppressed immunity.

In fact, one study conducted by Loma Linda University found that after being fed sugar, participants had



Dr. David Craig Wright



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# HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

## ADDICTION *cont. from page 29A*

violate members' anonymity was an early concern, as well.

Even before the pandemic, in October 2019, Community Hospital issued a press release lamenting a "dramatic increase in opioid overdose cases and deaths in Monterey County." It noted that there had been more than 29 deaths that year, an increase from nine in 2018 and seven in 2017.

According to Dr. Reb Close, who works in CHOMP's emergency department, from Jan. 1 through approximately the end of September 2020, that number was 38 deaths, with some coroner's cases still pending.

Dr. Christina Zaro, assistant program director for the Natividad Family Medicine Residency program and assistant clinical professor for the University of California San Francisco, works with Natividad Medical Center's new opioid disorder clinic in Salinas. She said that it hasn't been open long enough for her to judge this year against previous years, but does think the pandemic has made many people's situations worse. However, she also said treatment for the addiction has evolved considerably in the last 20 years.

Zaro explained that everyone's brain has opiate receptors. They're there to process endorphins, the "happy"

chemicals that the body makes naturally during exercise, or when someone is in pain. They elevate mood and help reduce physical discomfort.

### Easing withdrawal

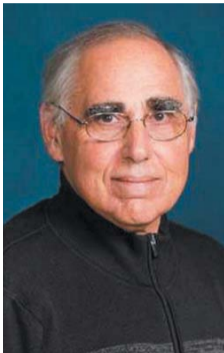
Prescription opioids bind to those receptors, which can create physical dependence. Some people who use the drugs for pain find that when they try to stop, they experience withdrawal symptoms that include anxiety, insomnia, diarrhea, abdominal cramping, nausea and vomiting. Zaro said that can lead to attempts to get more of the drug, often by turning to heroin or pills bought on the street.

Instead of leaning on counseling alone, which Zaro said had a nearly 100 percent relapse rate in repeated studies, doctors are prescribing opioid substitutes. In addition to methadone, which has long been used to treat heroin addicts, Suboxone, the brand name for a combination of buprenorphine and naloxone, has been available since 2002. Unlike methadone, Suboxone does not create a high and is "very hard to overdose on," Zaro said.

"Ideally, Suboxone or methadone helps someone get control and get stabilized, then we can wean them off," she said, although some long-time users may use them indefinitely to quell the urge to take opioids. "For some people, it takes away withdrawal symptoms and keeps cravings from coming back. They say, 'I just feel normal,'" she said.

The approach has met with some resistance among recovery experts

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Dr. Lee Goldman



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# Spicy chipotle chicken soup

**IF YOU** have a hankering for soup, we've got you covered. This tortilla-chipotle pot of warmth comes from Chef Annie Hobbs at A Taste of Elegance Catering. It's pretty straightforward, but you may want to start small with the chipotles. They're dried, smoked jalapeño peppers that come canned in a vinegary adobo sauce, and a 7-ounce can packs quite a wallop. You can try using just one chili — or even half of one — and adding it with a little of the sauce, then adjusting to your taste while it's simmering. According to the chef, the soup freezes well and you can add or substitute any vegetables you like or have on hand.



**INGREDIENTS** *Makes 7 quarts*

- 2 organic boneless, skinless chicken breasts**
- 1 tablespoon olive oil**
- 7-ounce can whole chipotle chiles in adobo**
- 28-ounce can diced tomatoes**
- 2 quarts chicken stock (preferably homemade)**
- 1 lemon**
- 1 bunch cilantro (remove and chop leaves, finely chop the stems)**
- 1 bunch kale (any variety, stemmed and chopped)**
- Fresh corn stripped from five ears or a 16-ounce bag of frozen corn**
- 4 zucchinis (diced)**
- 1 pound green beans (trimmed and cut into thirds)**
- salt and pepper to taste**
- Garnishes**
  - Shredded cheese (your choice)**
  - Tortilla chips**
  - Diced avocado**
  - Chopped cilantro**

Place an 8-quart soup pot on high heat and add the olive oil. Sear the chicken breasts until golden. Add the chopped cilantro stems and leaves, reserving some leaves for garnish. Add diced tomatoes and chipotle in adobo (see notes).

Add chicken stock to deglaze, scraping the brown bits from the bottom of the pot. Add the juice of one lemon and bring to a simmer for 20 minutes. Remove the chicken breasts and pull apart with two forks, then return the shreds to the pot with the remaining vegetables and simmer for 10 more minutes. Stir, breaking up any large chunks of chipotle with a spoon. Adjust salt and pepper, serve with garnishes, and enjoy!

## Chef Bio

**ANNIE HOBBS** is the executive chef of A Taste of Elegance Catering. She grew up in her father's south

Florida restaurants — three Chinese and one Japanese — where her favorite kitchen memories are of folding dumplings. It was in those eateries that she discovered the power and

beauty of food. Annie and her team at A Taste of Elegance have won national and international awards for their work in catering by turning meals into experiences. Most recently, the International Catering Association gave the company its award for 2018 wedding of the year. A Taste of Elegance has

a roster of clients from celebrities to captains of industry, and frequently turns out beautiful food in Carmel, Pebble Beach and Big Sur — although they've gone as far afield as Canada. Annie is now in her 16th year in her catering kitchen, where she continues to find elegance in simplicity.



Annie Hobbs

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**ADDICTION** *cont. from page 33A*

and 12-step advocates. “There was a time when most of us didn’t believe in it,” Zaro said, referring to healthcare providers. She added, “Many 12-step programs still frown upon it,” telling addicts they shouldn’t substitute one substance for another.

Narcotics Anonymous’ pamphlet, “Narcotics Anonymous and Persons Receiving Medication-Assisted Treatment,” says that NA “has no opinion on the practices of any organization or individual outside of NA.” It adds, however, that theirs is a program of complete abstinence — including from drugs like Suboxone and methadone. NA continues to welcome anyone who wants to stop using, but its publication, “NA Groups and Medication,” expresses ambivalence about the roles those on medication-assisted treatment should play in local meetings.

**Dangerous detox**

If medication-assisted therapy works for opium (and nicotine, for that matter), why isn’t there something someone who abuses alcohol can take? Goldman said that medication-assisted treatment for alcohol abuse is not as simple as that for opium, because alcohol acts on many parts of the brain and body. “It’s very complicated,” he said. Some medications are available, like disulfiram, marketed as Antabuse, which causes violent and unpleasant reactions if alcohol is consumed. Others — naltrexone, for example — suppress the pleasant effects of drinking to help people avoid it.

Whatever path a person chooses, talking with a healthcare professional is a good first step. Longtime substance abusers may need to detox in a treatment facility. Severe alcohol withdrawal can lead to seizures and death, and while opiate withdrawal rarely has such dire outcomes, diarrhea and vomiting can cause extreme dehydration, so medical supervision may be recommended.

**Local treatment options**

Inpatient treatment is also recommended if a person needs to be temporarily removed from an environment where drugs or alcohol are easily available. Until last year, Beacon House in Pacific Grove offered such an opportunity, but it fell victim to pandemic safety concerns, as well as dwindling insurance reimbursements.

Its demise leaves Community Human Services’ Genesis House in Seaside, Sun Street Centers in Salinas (men only, women have to go to King City) and Door to Hope in Salinas as the closest options for inpatient treatment in Monterey County.

There are facilities elsewhere, but, Goldman explained, “People need to continue recovery when they get back. If you’re local, you have a chance to go to meetings and get a sponsor in your area.” The most important thing is to recognize the problem and get help.



Dr. Christina Zaro

## Worried about your drinking? Read on.

**HEAVY DRINKING** while sheltering-in-place has become the subject of some humor during the past year. However, if you’re concerned that your consumption is less funny than it is concerning, here are some signs that WebMD says you should watch for:

- Being unable to limit the amount of alcohol you drink
- Wanting to cut down on how much you drink or making unsuccessful attempts to do so
- Spending a lot of time drinking, getting alcohol or recovering from alcohol use
- Feeling a strong craving or urge to drink alcohol
- Failing to fulfill major obligations at work, school or home due to repeated alcohol use
- Continuing to drink alcohol even though you know it’s causing physical, social or interpersonal problems
- Giving up or reducing social and work activities and hobbies
- Using alcohol in situations where it’s not safe, such as when driving or swimming
- Developing a tolerance to alcohol so you need more to feel its effect or you have a reduced effect from the same amount
- Experiencing withdrawal symptoms — such as nausea, sweating and shaking — when you don’t drink, or drinking to avoid these symptoms

If these sound familiar, talk with your family doctor or other trusted healthcare provider. Calling a self-help group or organization like Alcoholics Anonymous can also be helpful, but make sure you’re contacting a reputable institution.

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# HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

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pausal symptoms, can cause liver problems, and saw palmetto, which some people believe can help with prostate issues, has “multiple interactions,” Capuano said.

Gordon added that there was “a lack of standardization” where nutritional supplements like herbal remedies were concerned. “They’re not FDA-approved,” he noted and said he was concerned that people who order them on the internet “don’t know

where the substance is coming from or what it really is. Someone can make anything in their garage and market it.”

Research on the effects of THC — the ingredient in marijuana that gives people a high — is spotty at best, but if you use it, you should include that info in conversations with your health-care providers. Gordon said that CBD, which does not contain THC, “is fine, to the best of my knowledge,” meaning it is likely safe to use with other medications.

And we haven’t even looked at

the pantry and fridge. Have you ever wondered why so many medications come with warnings to avoid grapefruit juice? Capuano said it’s because the tangy citrus inhibits enzymes in the body that, in turn, affect how the drug acts. Fermented soy products like tofu and soy sauce have multiple drug interactions, too. Heck, even your morning hit of caffeine can work against blood pressure meds.

Capuano also cautions patients that topical drugs — those applied to the skin — are still drugs, and can interact

with those you take internally.

The good news is that you don’t have to memorize all this. The best idea, Capuano said, is to “always take the consult” when you pick up your drugs. That’s the mini-conference with the pharmacist that most people skip because they’re in a hurry. It gives you the condensed version of the pages of information that gets stuffed into the bag. And, as Gordon said, “Keep that drug list, and keep it up-to-date. It’s not really that complicated. Just ask a healthcare professional.”

## IMMUNITY cont. from page 32A

a 50 percent less effective immune response for as long as five hours. The U.S. Office of Disease Prevention and the World Health Organization recommend that you get no more than 10 percent of your total calories from sugar. That’s no more than six teaspoons of sugar daily for optimal immune health. Drinks like sodas and fancy coffees are often sources of excess sugar and should be limited.

Wright also warned of the effects of too much drinking on the immune system. “People who consume alco-

hol excessively are more susceptible to liver disease and have increased infections,” he explained. A large body of research has studied the effects of excessive alcohol and its disruptive effects on the immune system. So, as always, drink in moderation.

Ultimately, Wright recommends eating a diet filled with a variety of fresh fruit and vegetables. But, he said, “There is still nutritional value in canned and frozen fruits and vegetables.”

Wright also encourages people to eat meat because it’s a great source of vitamin B12. He explained that a severe deficiency of the nutrient causes neurological damage that can be permanent. He also warned against extreme fad diets.

We are fortunate to live in a place where fresh and healthy foods are readily

available to us, so by all means, let them take up lots of space in your fridge and diet. After all, they say variety is the spice of life — and it may be the key to keeping your immune system nice and healthy.



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# This Week

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## Monterey Symphony streams recital Monday

FOR THE latest offering in its distancing-friendly Balcony Sessions recital series, the Monterey Symphony will stream a performance by symphony violinist **Thomas Yee** on Monday, March 1, at 4 p.m.

The session, which will be available at [montereysymphony.org](http://montereysymphony.org), was recorded in the symphony's headquarters

### On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

on Seventh at San Carlos. When the series debuted last spring, the intention was to use an adjoining balcony as a stage for musicians. But due to coronavirus precautions, the recitals are being recorded and streamed on the internet.

"We built a mini-studio in our office for this," symphony executive director **Nicola Reilly** told The Pine Cone.

Besides being a gifted violinist, Yee is associate concertmaster for the symphony.

"Thomas is a very interesting member of our orchestra," Reilly said. "He owns a violin shop in the San Francisco Bay area. Whenever he come here, he brings an amazing selection of violins and bows for us to try — he's sort of a scientist of the violin."

The symphony gave Yee lots of latitude in choosing what to play, which Reilly said has been the practice since the pandemic began.

"He's put together a really cool program," she noted.

The music includes J.S. Bach's *Preludio from the Partita No. 3 in E Major for solo violin, BWV 1006.2*; Fritz Kreisler's *Recitativo and Scherzo Op. 6*; Georg Telemann's *Fantasia #2 in G Ma-*

*ior from the 12 Fantasias for Solo Violin, TWV 40:14-25 I. Largo II. Allegro III. Allegro*; Eugène Ysaÿe's *Ballad #3 from the 6 Sonatas for Solo Violin*; Pietro Locatelli's *The Harmonic Labyrinth from Violin Concerto in D Major Op. 3 #12*; and the world premiere of Charles Morey's *Improvisations on 'America The Beautiful.'*

### ■ Alone together in song

Also, be sure to check out the new video for Monterey Symphony violinist **Christina Mok's** performance of **John Wineglass' "Alone,"** which can be viewed at [montereysymphony.org](http://montereysymphony.org). The piece is dedicated to the victims

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The Monterey Symphony will stream a recital Monday at 4 p.m. by violinist Thomas Yee. The event is the latest in its Balcony Series.

## Cherry Center founder, sculptor team up for show

A NEW show at the Cherry Center of the Arts pairs the gallery's late namesake with a contemporary artist. Titled "Days of Heaven," the exhibit showcases the works of painter **Jeanne D'Orge** and sculptor **Brad Schieger**.

Born in England, D'Orge was living with her second

### Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

husband, inventor Carl Cherry, when the latter encouraged her to take up painting while he tinkered with his latest creation. The success of one of his inventions — a riv-

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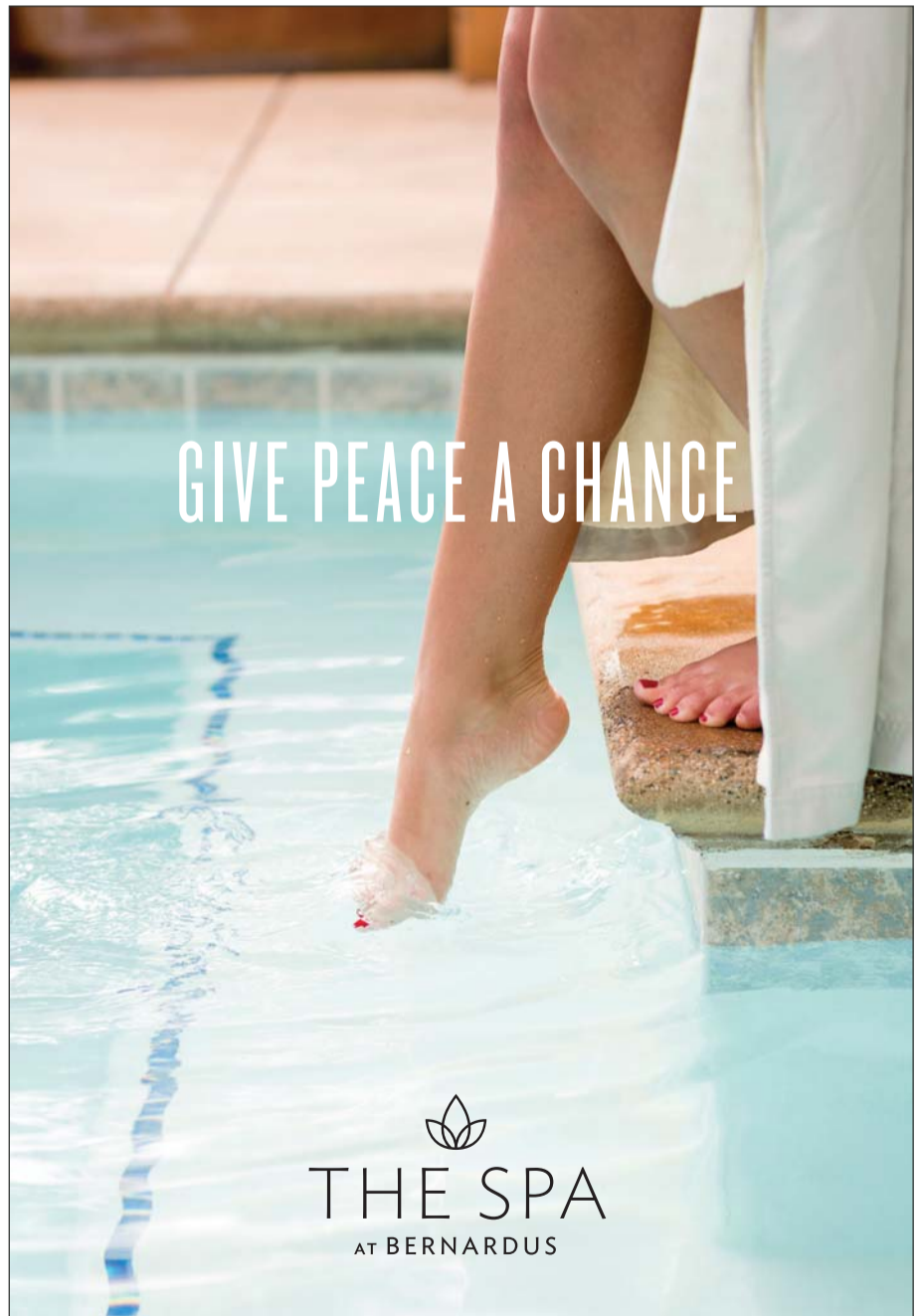


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# FOOD & WINE

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Those permits are set to expire March 1, and the city is accepting applications from anyone interested in operating a cart

downtown, if any spots open up. Vendors who previously received permits have priority and will get their renewals as long as their applications and fees are in before the deadline.

But any existing street vending permits that are not renewed will be up for grabs, and the planning department will handle applications based on the order they're received. If there are no openings, the city will keep a waiting list of those who have applied and will contact prospective vendors if and when permits become available.

The fee is \$425 for new applicants and \$210 for renewals, and the application is available at [ci.carmel.ca.us/post/applications-informational-handouts](http://ci.carmel.ca.us/post/applications-informational-handouts) under "Planning Applications." Anyone with questions should call (831) 620-2010 or email planner Evan Kort at [ekort@ci.carmel.ca.us](mailto:ekort@ci.carmel.ca.us).

### Speaking of planning

The outdoor seating ad hoc committee headed by Mayor Dave Potter and councilman Bobby Richards is next set to meet March 8 at 4 p.m. The group includes several tourism officials, restaurant and hotel operators, residents, city staff and others, and holds regular meetings that are open to the public. "The purpose of the committee is to discuss current issues with outdoor dining in the parklets and to look at what a long-term outdoor seating program may look like post-pandemic, including things like sidewalk bump-outs and permanently constructed seating areas," according to the city. The committee will ultimately make recommendations to the city council.

Agendas are posted in advance on the city's website under "Meetings." The next session will focus on how a future permanent outdoor seating program might work, including design rules, fees, impacts on parking and special events, caps on the number of spaces, and safety issues.

Meanwhile, the planning and building department is "increasing efforts over the coming weeks to help parklet operators bring their structures into compliance with the conditions of their permits," including getting rid of illegal signs and making sure awnings, coverings, heaters and overall aesthetics are in line with design standards for the commercial district.

"The goal of this effort is to work with businesses to ensure our outdoor dining program, which was one of the first in the area, remains successful and represents the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea in a positive, safe and beautiful way," planning officials said. "Thank you in advance to all of our wonderful restaurants for helping preserve the magic of the village by working with us to keep the parklets looking great."

### Great Plates extended

The Great Plates program, which has local restaurants preparing food for residents over 60 who are sheltering in place

during the pandemic, has provided more than 156,000 meals and funneled more than \$3.6 million in taxpayer funds to local restaurants since its start last year.

## Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

Diana Jimenez, who works for Monterey County, said last week that the Federal Emergency Management Agency provides 75 percent of the funds, the state kicks in 18.75 percent, and the rest is covered by county tax dollars. "The dilemma we have is they don't notify us until the end of the month whether it will be extended," she said during a media call last week. "It's month by month, and we're hoping it will continue for as long as we have the pandemic in our area."

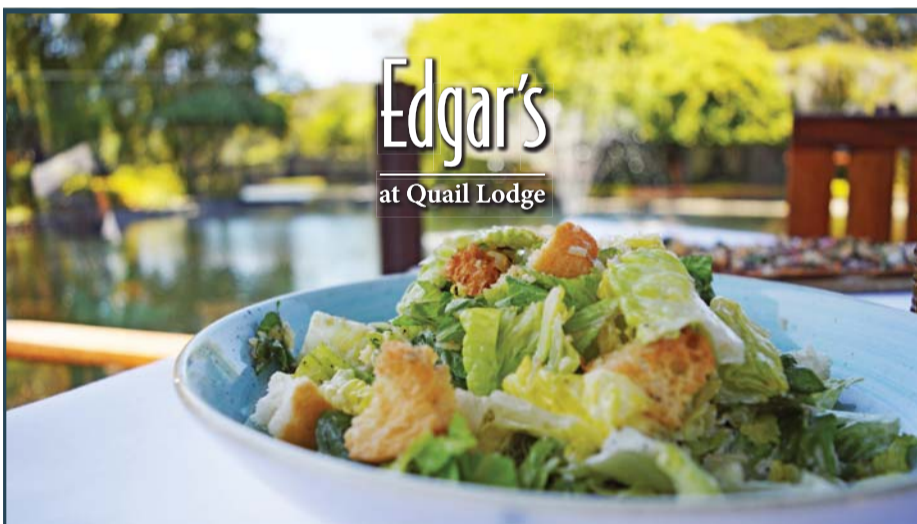
Meanwhile, she said, the county board of supervisors has OK'd a similar program for seniors who don't meet the age and income thresholds required by FEMA, so local restaurant operators will be tapped for that effort, too, bringing more food to those in need and getting more much-needed economic stimulus.

"It ended in December due to the end of state funding, but we're hoping with the

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Karen Anne Murray (right) will soon release a cookbook of her "inspiring teatime creations from California's Central Coast," with photography by her niece, Sophia Sorenson.



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# FOOD & WINE

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board of supervisors' support it will restart in March to serve an additional 120 seniors," Jimenez said. "We know hunger is everywhere."

## World of Pinot goes virtual

The annual gathering of pinot lovers that usually takes place in Santa Barbara will go virtual this year, and some local winegrowers will be hosting a tasting and seminar on Zoom March 11 at 4 p.m. entitled "Santa Lucia Highlands: Pinot Noir Paradise."

Master Sommelier Evan Goldstein will lead viewers through a tasting and discussion with Steve McIntyre of McIntyre Vineyards, Matt Revelette from Siduri, Megan Gunderson of WALT, David Coventry with Talbott Vineyards, Ed Kurtzman with Mansfield-Dunne, and Adam Lee of Clarice Wine Company. They'll discuss "the region's history, people, and its climatic combination of sun, wind and fog that makes it a pinot noir paradise."

Their featured pinots will be Clarice Wine Company 2018 Garys' Vineyard, Mansfield-Dunne 2018 Santa Lucia Highlands, McIntyre Vineyards 2017 Santa Lucia Highlands, Talbott 2017 Sleepy Hollow Vineyard, Siduri 2018 Santa Lucia Highlands and WALT Wines 2018 Sierra Mar Vineyard. Wines must be purchased by March 2 for \$295 at [worldofpinotnoir.com/events/santa-lucia-highlands-east-of-edden-pinot-noir-paradise](http://worldofpinotnoir.com/events/santa-lucia-highlands-east-of-edden-pinot-noir-paradise). Registration for the Zoom meeting can be made from that site as well.

## Carmel Host Lions Club food drive

The Carmel Host Lions Club has organized a drive to help collect nonperishable items for the Food Bank for Monterey County, which has seen unprecedented demand during the pandemic and is now serving more than 60,000 families monthly at its drive-up food handouts.



Parker-Lusseau Pastries needs help making its delectable chocolate Easter bunnies and other sweets. And Adam Lee of Clarice Wine Co. will be part of a virtual talk and tasting hosted by the World of Pinot Noir next month.

Donations are being collected at the Park Branch library at Mission and Sixth Wednesday through Friday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. or by the front or back doors Monday and Tuesday. Just look for the red buckets.

## Parker-Lusseau wants you

Professional pastry chefs with extra time on their hands, other chefs not afraid of dabbling with chocolate, bakers and "hardworking souls with an artistic streak" are needed to help Parker-Lusseau meet its extensive demand for beautiful Easter sweets.

"We are recruiting weekend warriors who want to learn how to create our Easter chocolates," owners Anne Parker and Yann Lusseau announced, and all are welcome to apply by contacting the bakery through its website at [parkerlusseau.com](http://parkerlusseau.com). Parker-Lusseau Pastries is located at 539 Hartnell St. and at 731 Munras Ave. in Monterey.

## Happy 20th, Eddison & Melrose

Chef Karen Anne Murray is celebrating 20 years in business by releasing a cookbook, "Tea Table, Inspiring Teatime Creations from California's Central Coast," which is being published by Pacific Grove Books. A portion of sales will be donated to Friends of the Pacific Grove Library.

"The book celebrates teatime and encourages readers to awaken their creativity," publicist Wendy Brickman said. "It's not a huge or complicated book, but one that showcases what Karen truly enjoys, life's simple pleasures."

Murray started her catering business in Sand City and went on to open her first public tearoom in Monterey in 2009. She relocated to Pacific Grove four years ago.

Murray is particularly well known for making Karen Anne's Granola, and her tea cottage is open most Fridays and some Saturdays for scones, granola, afternoon tea, high tea and a variety of custom blended loose-leaf teas, all to go.

The book features her recipes accompanied by photos of the California coast taken by her niece, Sophia Sorenson. Fellow English friend and food writer Josie Cowden tested and edited the recipes, and local food writer Raul Nava wrote the foreword. The book is scheduled to be released in the spring. In the meantime, visit [eddissonandmelrose.com](http://eddissonandmelrose.com) for more details.

## ASB BBQ

Alvarado Street Brewery and Grill isn't open for outdoor dining yet — the latest word is the "maintenance issues" will be resolved by next week — so the chef and his crew have set up an outdoor kitchen and barbecue pit in the beer garden and are serving made-to-order BBQ to go Wednesday through Sunday from noon to 7 p.m. Choose from racks of ribs, smoked brisket, chicken and other goodies, as well as plenty of beer. Go online to [asb.beer/pages/montereybrewpub](http://asb.beer/pages/montereybrewpub) or call (831) 655-BEER. The brewpub is located at 426 Alvarado St. in Monterey.

## Fieldwork takes reservations

Fieldwork Brewing Company near Trader Joe's in Monterey now takes reservations for groups of up to eight people for its beer garden at 560 Munras Ave. The outdoor area is open from noon to 9 p.m., and reservations can be made up to 10 days in advance online.

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## Learn some stuff

The 8th Annual Salinas Valley Ag Tech Summit set for March 18-19 will focus on "presenters from Latin America and a diversity of experience and expertise from California," all virtually via Zoom. The free event — available at [hartnellfoundation.org/2021-salinas-valley-ag-tech-summit](http://hartnellfoundation.org/2021-salinas-valley-ag-tech-summit) — will feature speakers and panelists discussing the new technology and emerging markets that make farming increasingly complex.

AgTech experts and industry leaders will tackle workforce challenges and the critical role of education, farming here and in Mexico, and many other topics. Portions of the program will be available in Spanish and English. The roster of presenters is long and impressive, with innovators, economists, educators and others from all over the world.

For more information, contact Clint Cowden at (831) 755-6702 or [ccowden@hartnell.edu](mailto:ccowden@hartnell.edu).

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## GEORIS

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“As a businessperson and restaurateur, he was unique in his authenticity,” Gabe said. Not only did Georis love his restaurant and everyone who worked there, they all adored him. “He treated everyone in a way that they felt understood, and they were often inspired by him.”

That warmth and inclusion extended to his customers, too, as he often took time to welcome them, thank them for their patronage — and occasionally pause to read their fortunes in their bowls of the restaurant’s well known chocolate mousse for two.

“He was able to lead from the heart in a way that nobody ever took advantage of, at least not in any major way,” Gabe said. “It’s easy to be a sucker and it’s easy to be a dictator, but to find that fine line in between being heartfelt and caring and not letting people take advantage of you is a real tightrope to walk, and I think he was a master of that.”

### Just to visit

Throughout his life, Georis continued writing music — a talent his younger son, Nico, inherited — and wrote his memoirs. “He just finished writing a book,” Gabe said. “They were working on editing it, and he had a publisher lined up.” Plans are in the works to get it published.

Gabe said his own work in the restaurant business was inspired by his upbringing and his father, who before the pandemic frequently visited his restaurants, Pescadero and Barmel — but only to spend time with his son and the customers, and to enjoy himself, often dancing in the bar late into the night.

“He was really hands-off and wanted me to do it,” he said. “Sometimes I’d be like, ‘Dad, help me out here.’”

Sheppard and their sons will continue

running La Bicyclette, which was named Business of the Year by the Carmel Chamber of Commerce in 2019. “My mom and my brother and I will all be involved,” he said. “Obviously, with my experience, I will be spearheading the thing a bit more. We’ll keep his vision alive.”

### The importance of travel

Georis’ love of travel and other cultures inspired him to take his family to see other parts of the world. “We lived in France when I was 10, and I moved to Spain when I was 18 because of that culture he created — understanding different people and cultures and languages, and trying to understand people and trying to have meaningful communication with people from all over the world,” Gabe said.

It’s an experience he wants to share with his own children. “What I learned was an appreciation and to channel his observant and curious nature,” he said. “I want to emulate that for my kids, because I think traveling and being exposed to other people and cultures is the best education you can get.”

He’ll continue trying to follow in his father’s footsteps in terms of character, too. “My dad was such a kind and honest and good person through and through,” he said. “There wasn’t a bad bone in his body.”

Georis, a devoted cyclist, was also remarkably healthy. His cancer diagnosis followed minor symptoms that arose around Thanksgiving and had worsened within a month. “He had a really healthy life all the way up to the end. The first time he ever set foot in a hospital in his life was at Christmas,” Gabe said. “He definitely was not the kind of person who wanted to be dependent on anyone. He didn’t want to be a burden.”

Plans are in the works for a celebration of Georis’ life, but they’ll wait until people are allowed to gather again.

“He was such a people person,” Gabe said, “I think he would love for us to throw a party in his honor.”

## FOOD

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### ■ Pearl Hour reopens

Cocktails and vegetarian sushi are being served in the back patio at Pearl Hour, which closed for a while this winter but recently reopened. Guests are asked to enter via the gate and walk around to the back “to find our secret outdoor hideaway,” which is open Friday through Sunday from 5 p.m. to midnight.

Customers must order food in order to drink cocktails, according to state rules. The bar, which also has a bottle shop, is located at 214 Lighthouse Ave. in Monterey. Find more information at [pearlhour.com](http://pearlhour.com).

### ■ Wrath wine wins

Wrath’s pinot noir from the San Saba Vineyard received a Coin award from an organization called Slow Wine USA in recognition of being “excellent value for the money.”

Wines submitted for judging “must represent awareness of sustainable practices in the vineyard to promote biodiversity, in the winery — where production methods should intervene as little as possible so the wines are an expression ‘of place’ — and in the community, to support the living environment for their employees and neighbors,” said Claire Marlin, Wrath’s marketing director.

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# MUSIC

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of Covid-19. Wineglass is the symphony's composer-in-residence, and he penned the piece in Big Sur.

Recorded in an empty Sunset Center, the 11-minute piece begins at a frenzied pace, taking the listener into the collective mindset of a society trying to gain its footing during the early days of the pandemic. But as the pace of the piece slows, the music takes on a more soothing and hopeful tone.

## ■ No ordinary brass band

Chamber Music Monterey Bay will stream a concert Saturday, Feb. 27, by **The Westerlies**, a brass quartet from Seattle with an aversion to musical boundaries.

Founded in New York City by childhood friends from Seattle — **Riley Mulherkar** and **Chloe Rowlands** on trumpet, and **Andy Clausen** and **Willem de Koch** on trombone — the quartet explores the vast territory that exists between musical genres.

"This is not your regular, garden-variety brass quartet — far from it," CMMB executive director **Sue Mudge** suggested. "The group's music isn't easily described

as it doesn't fall into any one genre, though it's often categorized as jazz. One can use the label 'fusion,' which includes classical, folk, jazz, and rock."

The concert starts at 11 a.m. and is free. To watch it, RSVP at youthmusicmonterey.org.

## ■ A Perl of a singer

Jazz is back on Thursdays at **Midici Pizza** in downtown Monterey, and this week's offering showcases singer **Janice Perl**, who organizes the shows.

Perl once dreamed of being a dancer, and even did a concert tour as one with Danny and the Juniors and the Platters. But fate intervened.

"I wrecked my knee and quit dancing," she said. "I moved back to Monterey and started singing."

Becoming a musician was a natural transition for Perl, who practically grew up in her late father's shop, ABC Music, next to the Golden State Theater in Monterey.

Her dad, **Mike Marotta Sr.**, AKA "The Mayor of Alvarado Street," was also an accordionist, as is her brother, **Mike Marotta Jr.**

Another brother, **Dave Marotta**, works in Southern California as a professional bassist.

Perl didn't plan on becoming a vocal instructor, but that's what happened. "I nev-

er thought of myself as a teacher, but I'm really good at bossing people around, so I became a teacher," she joked.

Now Perl is stepping up her profile as a singer, and she's busy behind the scenes working on her debut album with pianist and producer **Bill Spencer**.

The record will pay tribute to "the songs that helped shape me as a musician, while growing up in musical family," she said.

This Thursday, Perl will be joined by pianist **Jon Dryden** at Midici Pizza. A music teacher at San Jose State University, Dryden has played or recorded with singer Norah Jones, Natalie Merchant, Paula Cole and others. "We're going to play a lot of jazz standards, along with a little bit of pop and fusion," she added.

The music starts at 4 p.m.

## ■ Live music Feb. 26 - March 4

**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.

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# The Carmel Pine Cone

# Real Estate



■ This week's cover property, located in Carmel,  
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# About the Cover

The Carmel Pine Cone

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**Ocean Avenue, 2 NW of Carpenter Street —  
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Beth Deatley to Seyedeh Mardani Shahram Mostafazadeh  
APN: 010-033-011

**Junipero Avenue, 6 NE of Eighth Avenue —  
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Heddi Bradley to TSN Junipero Investors LLC  
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APN: 010-411-003

**2385 Stewart Way — \$4,650,000**

Gloria Horsley to Erin and Michael Hagan  
APN: 009-431-025

## Carmel Highlands

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Anne Fisher to Carl and Eric Fisher  
APN: 243-032-002



181 Ocean View Blvd., Pacific Grove — \$2,900,000

## Carmel Valley

**9500 Center Street unit 59 — \$475,000**

Lynda Santiago to Maria Gomez  
APN: 169-237-059

**3850 Rio Road unit 15 — \$910,000**

William and Paula Chase to Gerald and Traci Klarsfeld  
APN: 015-531-015

**E. Carmel Valley Road — \$1,010,000**

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APN: 418-301-085

**10715 Locust Court — \$1,525,000**

Stuart Jacobs to Steven Lome and Helen Jeong  
APN: 416-593-064

**61 E. Carmel Valley Road — \$1,550,000**

Danilo and Ana Oxford to Christian and Sylvia Lee  
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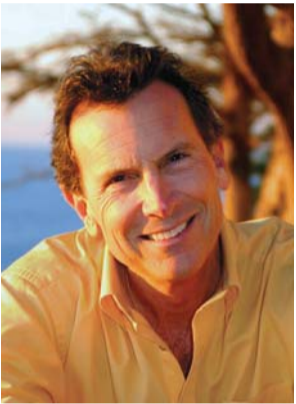
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We had an aunt and uncle with four girls. I bonded with the cousin who was close to my age, and to this day we

remain "brother and sister."

I envied my friends who had sisters because girls were mysterious and seemed to know everything, and if their brothers behaved, the sisters were usually willing to dole out their knowledge to them in snippets.

I'm sure my parents also envied families with daughters, because after me they kept trying for a girl. There are nine years between me and my younger brother, and 14 years between my youngest brother and me.

Then, bang! I married a girl with four sisters and was immediately immersed in sisterly hovering. The girls had two brothers, but my sisters-in-law embraced me with all the obsessiveness and playfulness of a family that had just adopted a new puppy.

Coming from a male-dominant family, the experience

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By JERRY GERVASE

of being surrounded by one that was prevalently female filled me with shock and awe. And since my bride and I were living about 250 miles from my family, our Sunday dinners, holidays, birthday celebrations, and outings were usually spent in the bosom of my wife's family. My in-laws were Southerners, so I was introduced to some mouth-watering south-of-the-Mason-Dixon-line home cooking. With so many females at the dinner table, the men did a lot of listening.

### 'Shirley was different'

It was inevitable that I found a favorite among my new sisters. All were friendly and welcoming, but I leaned towards Shirley. She was a nun, a member of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Ky. Nuns had been my teachers all through grade school, but I can't recall having one less than 200 years old. Shirley was different. She was only four years older than me and was always relaxed and friendly during her home visits. She had a wonderful sense of humor and delighted in the camaraderie of family gatherings — which were many when she was home since all her relatives dropped by to see her.

It was the first time I had seen a nun without the intimidating habits they wore. Those outfits were body armor to a young schoolboy. The double-veiled hood and the coif that framed their faces reminded me of a building's triangular pediment, so in essence the habit acted like an impediment to getting to know them. The long black tunics made them look like they were gliding on wheels, and the

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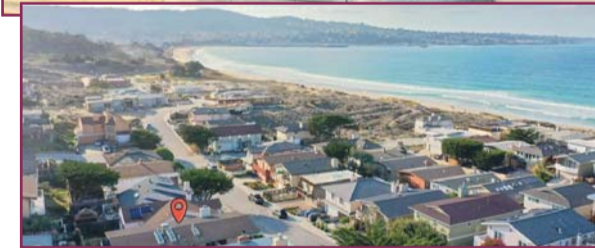


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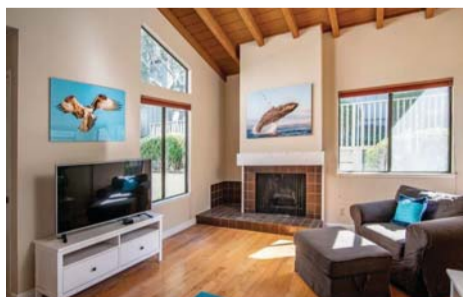


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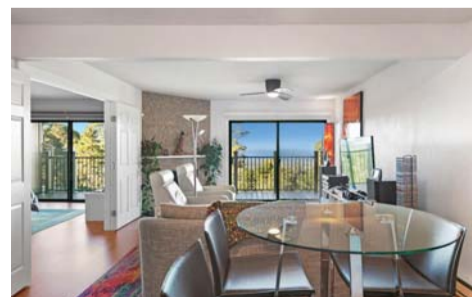


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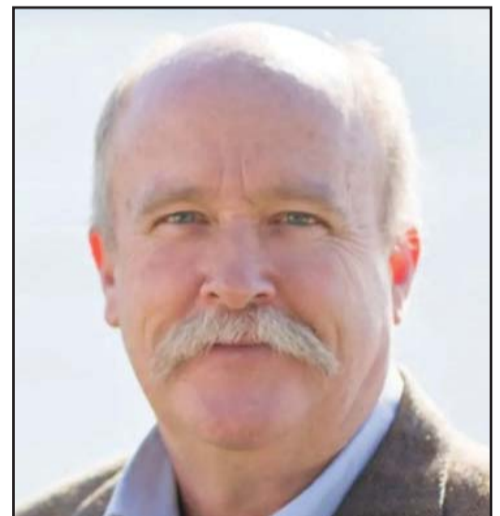
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# ESCROWS

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## Carmel Valley (con't.)

**8630 River Meadows Road — \$4,900,000**

Larry and Tracy Odle to Suzanne Cook and KLC 018 Trust  
APN: 416-028-018

## Greenfield

**Elm Avenue — \$2,500,000**

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## Highway 68

**2969 Highway 68 unit B9 — \$1,378,000**

Monterey Motorsport Park to Leslie Stretch  
APN: 259-022-020

## Marina

**3143 Rosie Lane — \$589,000**

Juan Vazquez to Samantha Sakay  
APN: 032-142-034

**312 Carmel Avenue — \$649,000**

Christian Niles to Michael Guichet  
APN: 032-283-037

**3024 Bayer Drive — \$685,000**

Yolanda Biasotti to Jose Martin  
APN: 032-373-002

**3196 Martin Circle — \$690,000**

David Ritter to Angela Yap



8630 River Meadows Road, Carmel Valley — \$4,900,000

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**3006 Highway 1 — \$700,000**

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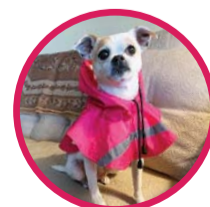
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## Marina (con't.)

**146 Dolphin Circle — \$757,000**  
Michele Anderson to Stanley Surabian  
APN: 033-075-015

**3961 Garnet Way — \$1,200,000**  
JPF Properties to 104 Investments LLC  
APN: 031-273-029

## Monterey

**141 San Bernabe Drive — \$1,125,000**  
David and Teresa Homen to Paul Costa  
APN: 001-474-025

## Pacific Grove

**311 4th Street — \$1,550,000**  
Larry and Mary McReynolds to Vijay Jajoo and Vandhana Kwatra  
APN: 006-256-012

**192 Sloat Avenue — \$2,025,000**  
SF GASPG LLC and EF GASPG LLC to Richard and Nancy Trissel  
APN: 006-224-016

**275 Crocker Avenue — \$2,293,000**  
Maggie McGovern to Shane and Karen McMillan  
APN: 006-391-004

**181 Ocean View Blvd. — \$2,900,000**  
Campbell Sheldon to Shanhari Sivagnansundaram  
APN: 006-224-005

## Pebble Beach

**1176 Arroyo Drive — \$1,850,000**  
Wayne and Jean Lowell to Joseph Capuccio  
APN: 007-531-009

**1520 Cypress Drive — \$21,000,000**  
Barbara Britton and Jay and Raymond Miller to 1520 Cypress Drive LLC  
APN: 008-411-010

## Sand City

**440 Ortiz Avenue — \$1,875,000**  
Donald Davis to Mark Talbott  
APN: 011-581-002/003

## Seaside

**967 Hilby Avenue — \$475,000**  
Catamount Properties 2018 LLC to Kristen San Paolo  
APN: 012-362-037

**1260 Waring Street — \$675,000**  
Wave Crest Investment LLC to Fred White  
APN: 012-336-015

**5025 Beach Wood Drive — \$1,058,000**  
David Rice to James Harvey  
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275 Crocker Avenue, Pacific Grove — \$2,293,000

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# GERVASE

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dangling rosary beads with their heavy crucifixes made me think they could lash out at me at a moment's notice.

Then, after 25 years, Shirley left the convent. She lived with her parents in Detroit for a short time, then moved to Phoenix, Ariz., got a job as a schoolteacher, met a wonderful man, and married him.

### Family magnet

She outlived her four sisters, and passed away last week. After all these years, my children still have the ability to surprise me. This is how my youngest daughter, Jenny, used social media to spread the news of Shirley's death:

*Remembering my sweet Aunt Shirley who went to her heavenly home today. She faithfully served the Lord as a nun for 25 years. When I asked her why she quit being a nun, she said, "I wanted to get married." That she did. She met Uncle Damian (who had been a Trappist monk for 25 years) at a Catholic singles dance. They danced together for over 30 years. And although they never had children of their own, they adored their many nieces and nephews.*

*As the years went on, and she outlived all her sisters, and all of us lost our own mothers, she became our surrogate mom.*

*She always sent birthday cards to us, our spouses and our kids until it got too taxing and then she called us on our birthdays (and there are many of us). But today, she rejoices with the Lord, her husband, sisters and all her other loved ones. She was a very special lady.*

She was, indeed. After my wife died, I had a tendency to drift away from her side of the family. They were scattered across the country. Shirley was the magnet that always pulled me back. She let me know that even though my wife was gone there was a familial bond that could never be broken.

She eventually moved to St. Louis to be near her two brothers. She lived in a semi-assisted living facility. Its stringent Covid-19 precautions prevented her from having visitors or from getting out during the last year of her life. She handled it all cheerfully. We remained connected by phone and blessedly we spoke 10 days before she died.

Perhaps it is a misnomer to refer to her as the family matriarch with its connotations of a dominant sovereign. She was a gentle lady who, as Jenny said, never had children of her own but nurtured the whole family. In his Sonnet 116, Shakespeare described her perfectly: "An ever-fixed mark that looks on tempests and is never shaken."

RIP, dear sister.

Contact Jerry at [jerrygervase@yahoo.com](mailto:jerrygervase@yahoo.com).

# POLICE LOG

From page 4A

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A 27-year-old male and a 19-year-old male were arrested at Junipero and Ocean for gun charges and parole violations at 0035 hours. They were booked into Monterey County Jail.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Female left shoes in a vehicle that wasn't hers and is now reporting her shoes missing.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Trespass advisement at Seventh and Lincoln.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Information report for a subject at Dolores and First who had been drinking.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A deceased cat was reported at Santa Lucia Avenue and San Carlos. It was collected and held for its owners.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Mountain lion seen running across the road at Junipero and Rio.

**Pacific Grove:** Person on Sunset placed on a 5150 hold due to being a danger to others.

**Pacific Grove:** A firearm was surrendered by a Jewell Avenue resident for destruction. Booked into the evidence room.

**Carmel Valley:** Vehicle towed from Center Street for vehicle code violations.

**Carmel area:** Verbal argument over quarantine issues at a residence on Grey Goose Gulch after international travel.

**Carmel Valley:** Deputies responded to a Del Mesa Drive residence for a report of a fraud.

**Pebble Beach:** Battery reported on Stevenson Drive.

**Pebble Beach:** A 53-year-old male was arrested on Sunridge Road for driving under the influence. The male also obstructed/

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# SHERIFF

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delayed deputies during an investigation of domestic violence.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Mountain lion eating something in the backyard of a residence at Camino Real and 12th at 0410 hours.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Domestic dispute on Santa Lucia Avenue.

**Pacific Grove:** A bicycle was found on 12th Street and turned in to CPD.

**Pacific Grove:** Prowler reported on 12th Street at 2208 hours.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A report of a motorist almost hitting a mountain lion crossing the roadway at Carpenter and Ocean.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Two mountain lions walking together were caught on camera at a residence on Scenic south of Ocean.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Verbal dispute between husband and wife at hotel on Mission north of Fourth. Allegation of physical altercation unfounded. Both parties were counseled and warned.

**Pacific Grove:** Dispatched to a physical fight in progress on Sinex. Upon contacting the victim, he advised the suspect had threatened him with a knife. Officers were unable to locate the suspect and the victim did not want prosecution.

**Pacific Grove:** DUI accident on Lighthouse Avenue at 2005 hours. A 55-year-old male was arrested for driving under the influence after causing a hit-and-run collision.

**Big Sur:** Subject on Garrapatos Road was placed on a 5150 hold.

**Carmel Valley:** Deputies responded to a female who was unresponsive while in her vehicle at Mid Valley Center at 1215 hours. The 22-year-old female was ultimately arrested for driving under the influence.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Wallet lost in the beach area.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Apparent streaks of blood discovered on multiple vehicles parked in the business area at Ocean and Monte Verde. Unknown source or circumstances. Evidence retained for possible analysis.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Wallet lost.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Rain hat flew off a woman's head in the area of Dolores and Fifth. Information left in case it is turned in.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Welfare check on a possible domestic violence incident. Outside agencies assisted, and no merit found.

**Pacific Grove:** A 47-year-old male was arrested for making terrorist threats, spousal battery and child cruelty causing injury or death, with bail set at \$50,000. He was transported to Monterey County Jail for booking.

**Pacific Grove:** Catalytic converter theft on Junipero. Upon completion of this investigation, it was determined there was no suspect information or investigative leads.

**Pacific Grove:** Theft of a catalytic converter from a vehicle reported on Ninth Street, with investigative leads.

**Pacific Grove:** Personal property taken from an unlocked vehicle on Cypress.

**Pacific Grove:** Hit-and-run on Arkwright Court with no suspect information.

**Pacific Grove:** Vehicle on Lighthouse Avenue was egged.

**Pacific Grove:** Officers assisted with me-

diating a civil dispute on Del Monte Boulevard.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Civil dispute over contract terms and labor responsibilities at Oak Knoll and Forest. Information only.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Welfare check conducted on male at San Carlos and Sixth requesting a cab. Checked OK. Information only.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Verbal-only domestic dispute in a hotel room at Junipero and Ocean. Both parties' welfare was checked and no merit found.

**Pacific Grove:** Sexual assault occurred in

the City of Pacific Grove on Prescott. Suspect was known by victim.

**Pacific Grove:** A 21-year-old female on Asilomar was cited and released on a traffic warrant.

**Pacific Grove:** Officer was dispatched to a person possibly passed out behind the wheel of a vehicle on Pine. Upon conclusion of the investigation, the 25-year-old male suspect was placed under arrest for DUI and released to Presidio police department.

**Carmel Valley:** Subject on El Caminito reported a court order violation by a 63-year-old male.

**Carmel area:** Report of identity theft on Mesa Place.

# ART

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rivet that revolutionized the shipping and aircraft industries during World War II—made the couple wealthy.

D'Orge, meanwhile, cultivated her skill as a painter. "One of Carmel's preeminent visual storytellers, she employed modernist forms and muted colors to narrate an internal experience so readily indefinable in her paintings of processions, landscapes, rituals and ceremonies," executive director **Robert Reese** told The Pine Cone.

"Days of Heaven" includes a series of paintings D'Orge did in the late 1940s and early 1950s, "Paintings Under Glass."

After her husband died in 1947, D'Orge founded the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts in his memory. The gallery, which also has a small theater and sculpture garden, opened the following year.

Complementing D'Orge paintings are Schwieger's large, vase-like ceramic sculptures. An art teacher at Ohio University for three decades, he explores the similarities between architecture and pottery. "D'Orge's use of blues and greens, contrasting with the whites of the figures, grants the work a nocturnal, dreamlike quality," Reese said.

The show continues through March 26. Located at Fourth and Guadalupe, the gallery is open Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 4 p.m., or by appointment. Visit [carlcherrycenter.org](http://carlcherrycenter.org) or call (831) 624-7491.

## ■ 'Salon Jane' group shares new work


Under the banner of "Salon Jane," six photographers — **Martha Casanave, Susan Hyde Greene, Jane Olin, Anna Rhein, Robin V. Robinson** and **Robin Ward** — unveil a group show of their latest work Saturday at the Center for Photographic Art.

After forming the group seven years ago, the women committed to gathering quarterly "for feedback and inspiration." Since Covid began, those interactions have become monthly Zoom meetings.

"This exhibition is the result of each artist's intention to create their deepest work during an unsettling time, when time itself has felt uncertain," a description of the show reads. "Themes of isolation, decline and uncertainty are balanced by connection, transcendence, emergence, and beauty."


The center will host a virtual reception at 4 p.m. For more details, visit [photography.org](http://photography.org).

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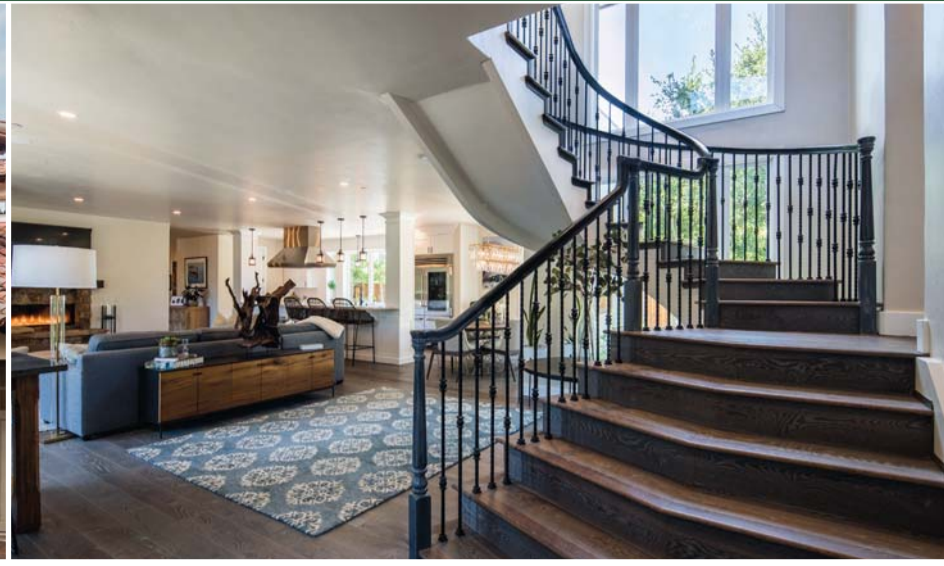
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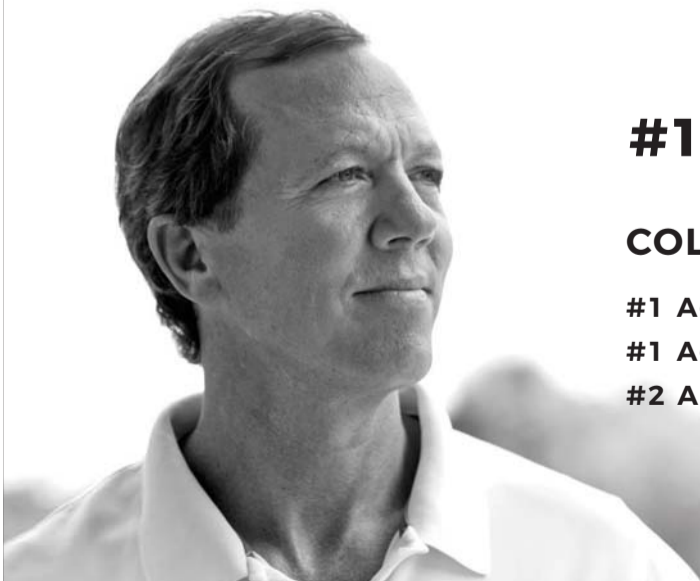
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