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Newsom visits Big Sur, warns of disasters to come



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Gov. Gavin Newsom (front of group at left) and other officials got a tour of a work site on Highway 1 Friday. After participating in a ribbon-cutting ceremony, Newsom (above) took questions from reporters, including one about the recall election he faces. See Page 9A.

Covid researchers want your blood ... and will pay for it

By KELLY NIX

IF A letter arrives asking you to answer some Covid-19-related questions and submit a finger-prick blood test to determine if you have antibodies for the virus, don't toss it in the trash — you're among a select few chosen to participate in an important new study.

Monterey County Health officer Dr. Ed Moreno announced Tuesday at the board of supervisors meeting that the county is one of only seven in California chosen to take part in a study, called CalScope, which seeks to determine how many people are immune to coronavirus, either through infection or vaccination.

"They want to learn about Covid-19 prevalence by demographics, such as age, race, ethnicity and by region," Moreno told reporters during a press briefing Wednesday.

The study is run by the California Department of Public Health and Stanford University.

Gift cards

County residents chosen to participate will be asked to fill out a roughly 20-minute online survey on "basic information about you and your household, as well as your activities and medical history," the CalScope website says. They will also be asked if they would like to receive a free

See **BLOOD** page 18A

Mascot supported by CHS students, staff and alums

■ Poll: 62 percent want him to stay

By MARY SCHLEY

THE PADRE should remain Carmel High School's mascot, according to survey results released by CHS principal Jonathan Lyons. The survey is part of an extensive process the school is undertaking to decide whether the mascot — a caricature of one of the Spaniards who founded the California Missions system and helped establish towns throughout the West in the 1700s — should stay or go.

The issue arose last summer after an online petition asked for the change, saying "it is time for Californians to reappraise our history and the figures we take pride in" because of the "unjust and shameful treatment of California Indians" by European settlers.

'Remain the Padres'

But in the online poll, 62.1 percent of respondents said the school should "remain the Padres," with 37.9 percent wanting a new mascot. Of those who answered, just over 53 percent were age 46 and older, while people 30 and under accounted for 32 percent, with the balance in the 31-45 age group.

The 405 students who responded were narrowly in favor of keeping the mascot, 52 percent to 48 percent.



School staff, including teachers, supported the Padre a little more, with 54 percent voting to retain the Padre and 46 percent voting to replace him. Parents also favored keeping the Padre, 60 percent to 40 percent, with 378 people responding.

The most well-represented group in the poll was alumni, with 779 graduates taking the time to answer the questions, and perhaps not surprisingly, 70 percent of them voting in favor of keeping the Padre. And "community members" — presumably people who have no direct connection to the school — also voted in favor of keeping the 80-year-old mascot by a margin of 64 percent to 36 percent.

When asked to select from a number of "influencing factors" on their answers, the majority — 1,005 people — picked "long-standing tradition," with "important part of the pride of alumni" coming in second at 725, and "I like the current mascot," the third most common reason, with 666 votes. Of the negative factors, "oppression of a minority" got the most, 523, followed by "mascot is a religious symbol," with 484, and "symbolizes colonization," at 466. The least common reason was the fact that other schools have changed theirs, which only influenced 169 people.

In the words-people-associate-with-the-mascot section, the most frequent answer, with 670 people choosing it, was

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Ire over omission of Asians in race resolution

By KELLY NIX

A BOARD member and former president of the country's oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization said the Monterey County Board of Supervisors "promoted systemic racism" when they approved an "anti-racism" resolution earlier this month that failed to include any mention of people of Asian heritage.

In an April 6 resolution declaring "racism a public health crisis," the supervisors said racism against Black and Latino people "creates disparate outcomes in many areas of life," including in housing, education, employment and physical and behavioral health.

'Marginalized'

But despite several documented verbal assaults on people of Asian heritage in Monterey County in the past year — three of them in the Monterey Peninsula — there was no mention of the group in the resolution.

Asked about the omissions last week, Monterey County

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PLANNING COMMISSION SENDS PASTOR'S 'PIT' DESIGN BACK TO DRAWING BOARD

By CHRIS COUNTS

AFTER THE planning commission weighed in Wednesday on developer Patrice Pastor's proposal to build a complex with 12 apartments and 15 shops at what's become known as The Pit, and a handful of former town officials made comments, one thing was abundantly clear: The plan for what is being called Ulrika Plaza has to go back to the drawing board.

"The message to the developer is that this project needs to be redesigned," said the chair of the planning commission, Michael LePage.

LePage and others spoke out on Pastor's plan during the online workshop. Architect Henry Ruhnke kicked off the event by reporting that an "overwhelming number" of comments he has received about the design have been positive, and he called it "appropriate and sensitive to Carmel."

Ruhnke described Pastor as a "great developer" who is taking over a "very challenging project," and has enough resources "so no expense will be spared."

The architect also noted that Pastor's proposal is smaller in scale than a previous plan by one-time property owners Bob Leidig and Michael Draper, which fell apart more than two years ago when they couldn't get funding.

'Conflicting styles'

The design combines Tudor and Mediterranean styles. Also proposed is a rooftop deck, along with a lower-level gym and garage with 27 parking spaces. The site, located at Dolores and Fifth, measures 16,000 square feet.

But former town planning commissioner Don Goodhue dismissed the design.

"It's two conflicting styles," Goodhue said. "It's a

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"The Pit" on Dolores Street will become a housing and commercial development — if building plans can pass muster with the city.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

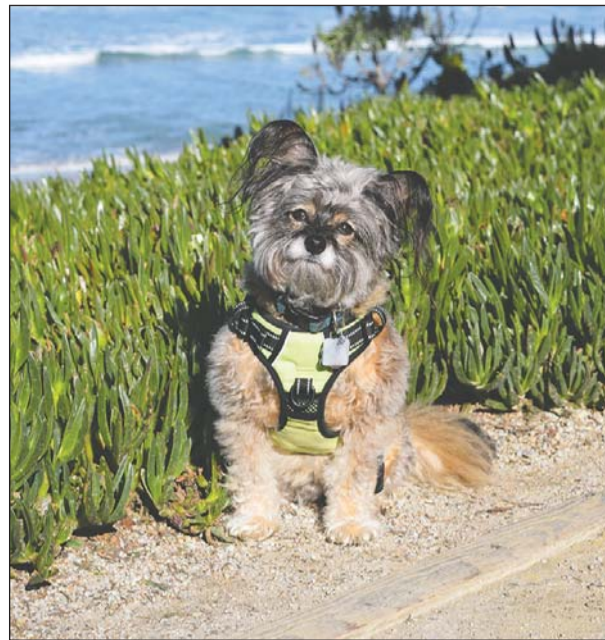
The Darby deal

ALTHOUGH SHE grew up with dogs, liked dogs and kinda wanted a dog, she had three cats. One summer day, when she saw a stray dog in the street without a collar, she had no choice but to take her to an animal shelter. Just for a moment, she imagined keeping the little dog.

As that experience unfolded, she realized she was ready for a dog. She also knew her husband wasn't. What he really wanted was a truck.

Since her husband wasn't on board, she grabbed a girlfriend and set out for the animal shelter to see if she might make a love connection with an abandoned animal. As soon as she saw the little Yorkie-colored Chihuahua-Pomeranian-Poodle-Ewok puppy, she knew she had a match.

Although the shelter claimed he was 3 years old, a veterinarian later said he was more like 6 months. They also told her he'd overstayed his welcome and would be euthanized that day if she



didn't take him home.

Her husband's first trip in his new truck was to collect the little dog she'd named Darby. Everyone else in the Irish household has an Irish name, including the cats – Bridget, Nuala, and Molly.

"After just a couple of months with Darby, my husband adores him," his person said. "He talks to him like he's a baby. I think dogs are smart. They know who they have to win over."

Darby loves the beach, which is not far from his Carmel Woods home. What he doesn't like is the water.

"I keep a ball in my pocket to throw for Darby after he's done meeting other dogs," his person said. "One time, he chased the ball into a tiny pool and, because he's so small, he had to swim his way out. It wasn't his thing."

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GROUP GETS LOOK AT CUSD SUPE FINALISTS, PLEDGED TO SECRECY

By MARY SCHLEY

A 14-MEMBER panel of school officials and staff, professional representatives and community members — including former Mayor Ken White — spent Friday morning meeting via Zoom with finalists for the Carmel Unified School District superintendent position, with the intention of providing feedback to the consultants tasked with finding the right person for the job.

The panel spent 50 minutes with each candidate, according to consultants Valerie Pitts and Max McGee, whose firm, HYA, was hired by the board a few months ago to lead the search. “Much like prior engagement sessions, the panel is only asked to provide feedback to us, not directly to the board,” they said.

The panel included administrators from the district and schools, as well as representatives of faculty and staff. White was chosen to serve on behalf of Carmel, while Plasha Will, Mayor Dave Potter’s business associate and publicist, was selected to represent the Carmel Valley community. Sonya Ramirez participated on behalf of Cachagua residents and was the group’s Spanish speaker. Lisa Morgan spoke for Carmel High parents, while Majo Spencer represented those with kids in the district’s elementary schools.

‘Longstanding ties’

School board President Sara Hinds and clerk Tess Arthur are overseeing the search, with input from the rest of the board, and said Tuesday the panel was a critical component. “From the onset of the search process, we looked for ways to engage a broad representation of the public to honor the collective voice of our district,” they said, including assembling a group to give ob-

jective feedback regarding the candidates.

“The selection of panelists took into account longstanding ties to the community and district, different lenses and perspectives, and those with reputations that carry the utmost integrity, character and respect for our district,” they said. Ten members have a total of 19 children in Carmel’s public schools, and almost everyone has had kids in CUSD at one point or another.

‘Obvious choice’

Arthur said White and Will were natural choices.

“As a longtime Carmel native, educator for almost 30 years, past board member and president, as well as mayor of Carmel, Ken White was an obvious choice for our community advisory panel,” she said. “He is held in very high esteem and is a man of character and integrity.”

As for Will, she said that in addition to having lived in Big Sur and Carmel Valley, “which we wanted to ensure were represented,” she also has experience serving on the board of trustees for the International School of Monterey. “She has two students in the district and is an active member of our community,” Arthur said. “We were happy she was willing to take time to participate.”

In determining which candidate should get the job, the board has been considering the panel’s input alongside other public feedback and the consultants’ evaluations based on the “leadership profile” developed to describe the ideal candidate for the job.

Since longtime superintendent Marvin Biasotti retired in 2015, the district has had some trouble retaining a leader. His replacement, Scott Laurence, served for just

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Police & Sheriff's Log

Two bikes in search of their riders

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, APRIL 14

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Woman's wedding ring was found in the parking lot of Wells Fargo bank back in October 2020. The person who found it said the bank refused to turn it over to the police department until now. Finder wishes to claim the property if no owner comes forward.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop at Forest and Seventh yielded controlled substances. The 19-year-old male was cited out in the field.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Credit card found in the middle of a roadway. The owner was contacted and later retrieved the card.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Police officer followed up on a patrol officer's observation of a loose dog on Santa Fe south of Ocean Avenue. Officer located the dog and the owner, who was advised of the city ordinance. The dog was returned to the owner and a warning was given.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A business on Fifth west of Mission said a terminated employee arrived on scene to pick up his property and caused a disturbance. The business did not want any criminal or civil action at this point but will call back if the issues continue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fall on city property on Ocean east of San Carlos.

Pacific Grove: Report of a hit-and-run collision involving two vehicles on Light-house Avenue. Second party was later identified and contacted. Incident documented as a non-injury collision. Original caller did not desire prosecution.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to Ford Road for a possible prowler.

Carmel Valley: Found wallet on Carmel Valley Road.

Big Sur: Welfare check on a suicidal subject on Palo Colorado Road.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

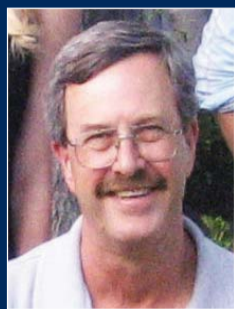
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop at Carpenter and Fifth revealed the 38-year-old male driver had a suspended license for DUI and an outstanding warrant.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject at Santa Lucia Avenue and Dolores Street reported suspicious online activity via Craigslist.

Pacific Grove: Grove Acre resident reported an attempted fraud via email. Reporting party did not provide information or money to the sender. Report for informational purposes.

Pacific Grove: Ocean View Boulevard resident reported injuries to her daughter.

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The gavel falls

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

Feb. 25 — The district attorney's cannabis enforcement unit entered into a stipulated civil judgment with William Peck of Aromas for cultivating cannabis cuttings or "clones" without the required state and local licenses and permits. The judgment requires Peck to pay a total of \$166,000 to resolve these violations, including \$115,000 in civil penalties and forfeiting \$51,000 in cash that was seized from his residence during the execution of a search warrant. Additionally, the stipulated judgment includes an injunction prohibiting Peck from illegally cultivating any cannabis plants in the future.

On August 5, 2020, law enforcement executed a search warrant on Peck's property, revealing numerous hoop-houses containing "mother plants" used to create cannabis clones. These clones can then be used to grow new cannabis plants. In total, 4,000 rooted cannabis clones were seized and eradicated from Peck's property. Further investigation revealed that Peck was engaged in cultivating clones for the purpose of selling them to cultivators throughout California.

In California, cultivating more than six cannabis plants, including clones, requires a state license and numerous local permits, and Peck did not possess any of the requisite authorizations. Peck cooperated with law enforcement throughout the entirety of the investigation of this matter.

The Monterey County District Attorney's Office is committed to ensuring a level playing field in the emerging licensed cannabis industry in Monterey County, strategically utilizing civil and criminal legal processes to disrupt unfair and unlicensed business practices.

March 1 — The Honorable Pamela L. Butler sentenced Bernardo Gomez, 30, a resident of Salinas, to four years in state prison. He had previously entered pleas of no contest to a felony charge of evading a peace officer and to misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence and possession of burglary tools. Gomez admitted one prior strike offense under California's three strikes law.

On Nov. 9, 2020, California Highway Patrol officers attempted to conduct a traffic enforcement stop on a vehicle for weaving within a lane, weaving over the center dividing line multiple times, and nearly hitting a parked vehicle. The driver, later identified as Bernardo Gomez, yielded into the Quik-stop Market on Williams Road. As California Highway Patrol Officer DePedrini approached the vehicle, Gomez aggressively accelerated the vehicle across the parking lot of the Quik-stop and fled onto Haven Boulevard. Gomez continued fleeing, at speeds up to 80 miles per hour on residential streets, running five

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Sampognaro convicted of murder

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER A nearly two-week trial, a jury found 32-year-old Joseph Sampognaro Jr. guilty Monday of first degree murder for shooting his father to death in a barn on Los Laureles Grade last September. Jurors also found he fled from police “with willful or wanton disregard for the safety of the public,” and other violations, according to Monterey County deputy district attorney Matthew Johnson, and he faces nearly 54 years in prison.

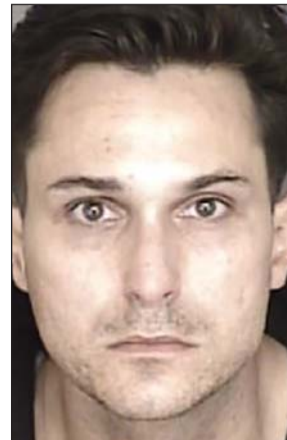
After they were seated April 15 and the trial began, jurors heard from several law enforcement officers and witnesses who described the chain of events Sept. 12, 2020, including the argument between Sampognaro and his father that led to the shooting, car chase and arrest. The murder occurred at a barn off the Grade that had been converted by the property owner into small living spaces for people who would otherwise be homeless, some of whom were there when it happened, according to testimony.

Car keys

Sampognaro and his father, Joseph Sampognaro Sr., argued over the use of a vehicle, and during the fight, Sampognaro “produced a handgun and shot his father multiple times in the hand, arm and head,” Johnson said. A Monterey County Sheriff’s homicide detective who attended the autopsy said he died within minutes of being shot.

Sampognaro fled in his father’s black Corvette, and deputies who had been dispatched to the shooting encountered him

on the Grade and tried to stop him, but he took off toward Carmel, hitting speeds of 100 mph and crossing over the center line on Carmel Valley Road. Other drivers had to swerve to avoid getting hit. At the intersection with Highway 1 — where drivers can only turn right — he ran the red light and turned left, nearly colliding with southbound drivers.



Joseph Sampognaro Jr.

The chase finally ended when one of the deputies used his patrol car to ram the Corvette, which crashed into the stone wall of a house off the highway in the Highlands area. Sampognaro was taken to Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula for treatment of minor injuries before being arrested and booked into Monterey County Jail, where he has been held on \$2.2 million bail ever since.

Photos and facts

During the trial, jurors saw numerous photos of Sampognaro in the hospital, his bloody clothes and shoes, and his father’s body lying face down in a puddle of blood in the center of the barn’s breezeway, which is how Monterey County Sheriff’s detective Mike Smith found him that morning. The body was covered in bloody blankets and towels, and had been dragged a short distance, leaving a smear of blood on the floor. Other photos showed blood splatters from the shooting and other details of the crime scene. Bloody footprints matched Sampognaro’s shoes.

After several days of hearing testimony, followed by closing arguments, jurors

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Illegal parkers on Scenic face \$250 fines, may be towed

By MARY SCHLEY

THE MONTEREY County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday approved an emergency ordinance immediately implementing a \$250 fine on people who park illegally on Scenic Road on Carmel Point, and authorizing police to tow their cars. The new law also allows the county to contract with Carmel P.D. to patrol and enforce it, because the sheriff's office is too overextended to handle it.

The road is popular with locals and tourists who appreciate its stunning coastal beauty — and has grown even more congested during coronavirus shutdowns that drove more people to spend time outdoors. “This attraction has created a safety problem as people ignore the existing ‘No Parking’ signs and park in such a way along Scenic Road as to block travel lanes and residential driveways,” civil engineer Chad Alinio said in his April 27 report.

He suggested that a bigger penalty and the threat of a tow might deter people from parking illegally on Scenic between the city limits and Carmelo Street near the River Beach parking lot more than the ex-

isting \$28 fine has.

Imposing the new fine and tow-away zone immediately is “critical” to public health, safety and welfare, since more tourists are expected as travel restrictions loosen further and summer gets underway, according to Alinio.

But the Monterey County Sheriff's Office doesn't have the deputies available for enforcement on Scenic, so he recommended the county have Carmel P.D. officers handle it. The county code “does not explicitly authorize the county to contract with other public agencies for enforcement of ‘no parking’ regulations in the unincorporated areas,” so the new ordinance does.

The “urgency ordinance” was on the consent calendar for approval without board discussion at the April 27 meeting, but 5th District Supervisor Mary Adams pulled it to explain that parking is already illegal along the problematic stretch of Scenic, “but it is consistently ignored.”

Adams also thanked city officials for being willing to work with the county, and the board unanimously approved the emergency ordinance, which took effect immediately.



A vintage Corvette makes the trip around Carmel Point Thursday. The stunningly scenic road attracts so many illegal parkers, the county has increased fines and authorized towing cars that create a hazard.

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5,000 migrant kids could be housed in county

By KELLY NIX

AS MANY as 5,000 unaccompanied migrant children could soon be housed in an emergency shelter in south Monterey County, and Rep. Jimmy Panetta and the county board of supervisors this week called for the federal government to provide oversight and transparency if that happens.

In its struggle to contend with the immigration crisis, the Biden administration is considering using Camp Roberts — a California National Guard post — to house as many as 5,000 unaccompanied minors, most of them from Mexico and Central America. The facility would hold the asylum-seeking children until they can be handed over to relatives, friends and guardians who live in the United

States, pending a determination whether they'll be allowed to stay in this country permanently.

County supervisors Tuesday adopted a resolution that not only offered a "welcome" message to the children, they urged the Biden administration to "keep them at Camp Roberts in humane conditions and adequate facilities for no longer than two weeks" before they are found homes. The panel also said the minors need to be provided "legal representation" for their immigration cases.

"With this resolution, we are asking and ensuring that the children will be kept in the more modern facilities that are safe and adequate for the needs of minors," First District Supervisor Luis Alejo said at the meeting.

Though the federal government initially estimated 2,000 kids could be housed at Camp Roberts, Alejo said

he's been informed the figure could actually be much higher than that.

"Now the number might be larger, maybe up to 5,000" children, Alejo told his colleagues at supervisors' meeting, not citing a source for the new estimate.

Close contact

Though unaccompanied migrant children are supposed to be transferred within 72 hours from U.S. Customs and Border Protection facilities to those run by the Office of Refugee Resettlement, a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, that often does not happen because of the volume of children coming across the border. A facility at Camp Roberts would be run by HHS.

A U.S. Customs and Border Protection facility in Donna, Texas, made international news when photos emerged of children kept in extremely cramped quarters, conditions that led lawmakers, including Panetta, to call for the government to provide better conditions.

Panetta told The Pine Cone Monday that his office has been in close contact with Health and Human Services on the possibility of keeping migrant children the Camp Roberts, which is located in both Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties.

"They are on the pathway to making that decision, but they have not made it yet," Panetta said of the agency. "We want to make sure we're the first to know so we can provide the appropriate oversight and appropriate transparency, as well."

Panetta and Democratic Rep. Salud Carbajal, whose district includes San Luis Obispo, spoke with HHS officials on the matter last week. Panetta also set up a briefing between the federal agency and county supervisors, administrative officer Charles McKee and Sheriff Steve Bernal to discuss the possibility of the temporary facility.

"I plan on visiting it if it happens," Panetta said.

'Long hot summer'

Before voting to OK the resolution, District 2 Supervisor John Phillips said he was stationed at Camp Roberts in 1965 and characterized it as a "long hot summer."

"Maybe they have improved it since then, but there needs to be some investment to the infrastructure, temporary or otherwise" before kids are housed there, Phillips said.

Priya Murthy, a member of a San Jose-based immigrant rights organization, told the supervisors that the group opposes the use of Camp Roberts to hold the minors.

"It's going to be considered what's called an influx facility, which traditionally has had little oversight in terms of taking care of children who are held in these types of facilities," Murthy said.

Border Protection officers last month took in 18,890 children — a 100 percent increase over February.

The supervisors' resolution also asks the Biden administration to provide ongoing information and data on the number of unaccompanied minors at Camp Roberts, the services that are being provided to them, and other information, including reports of abuse.

"The Monterey County Board of Supervisors further urges President Biden and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to permit Monterey County officials and trusted community-based organizations to conduct site visits," the members said.

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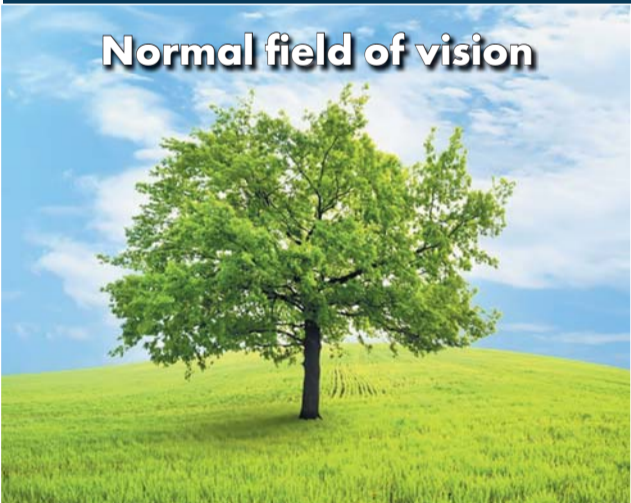
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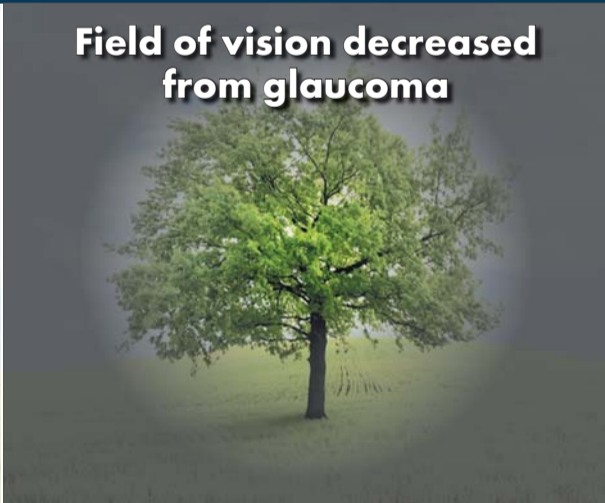
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Highway 1 reopens, Newsom attends ceremony & talks climate

By CHRIS COUNTS

AT A dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony for Friday morning for the re-opening of Highway 1 at Rat Creek in Big Sur, Gov. Gavin Newsom thanked workers for getting the scenic route repaired so quickly, spoke on a topic he wanted to talk about — climate change — and was confronted by a topic he didn't want to talk about — Caitlyn Jenner's decision to enter the recall race for governor.

Newsom noted that repairs to Highway 1 were completed way ahead of schedule.

"We're here just 86 days after the closure of this highway," said Newsom, who was flanked by Congressman Jimmy Panetta, Supervisor Mary Adams and a slew of officials, workers and residents. "We got something done ahead of schedule and on budget — that's a testament to the men and women behind me."

The governor noted that construction on the highway had been underway 7 days a week for more than 12 weeks. The effort cost taxpayers \$11.5 million.

"No one took a day off," Newsom reported.

Highway 1 had been closed at Rat Creek since Jan. 28 when the hillsides stripped bare of erosion-controlling vegetation by the Dolan Fire gave way and caused a mudslide that washed out 150 feet of pavement.

Governor gets fired up

Newsom noted that the Dolan Fire — which was started by an arsonist last August — came at a time when the state was being ravaged by lightning strikes, which led to a startling number of fires throughout the state. "There were 12,000 lightning strikes in 24-hour period that sparked 566 large scale fires," he said. "We had more than 4.4 million acres burn — it was the

worst fire season in the history of our state."

He then steered the talk to global warming.

"The hots are getting hotter, the dries are getting dryer and the wets are getting wetter," Newsom said. "If you don't believe in science, believe your damn eyes — climate change is real."

The governor said projects like the one that fixed the highway at Rat Creek must be done in a way that anticipates a changing climate.

"As we rebuild, we do so with the knowledge that the conditions that washed out this section of roadway will become more common in the future," he said. "We must fortify our infrastructure with climate resiliency in mind."

What about Caitlyn?

Newsom took questions, and was asked what he thought about transgender activist and Olympic Gold medalist Caitlyn Jenner's decision to enter the recall race for governor. Opponents of Newsom have collected enough signatures to force a recall election, which will probably take place in the fall. But instead of responding to the question, he used it as an opportunity to talk about coronavirus vaccinations.

"I'm here focusing on the iconic infrastructure and on this remarkable and historic moment getting the work done here well beyond expectations that were set — and getting vaccinations in arms," he declared. "California not only has the lowest positivity rate in the United States, but also the lowest case rates. We're making real progress, and you're seeing businesses up and down the state open, and this state is certainly getting back on its feet."

From there, Newsom launched into an update on the state's economy, which he

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'My Monterey' comes alive in painter's new work, shows unveiled in P.G.

OPENING THURSDAY at the Carmel Art Association are new shows by five artists, including one by painter **Mark Farina**, who finds creative inspiration right outside his front door. The exhibit is titled,

adobes, and beautiful vistas of Monterey Bay have been the inspiration for hundreds of painters, just as they are for my oils and watercolors in this show."

Farina and his wife, Susan, live in Monterey's Vista District, above Peters Gate and below Skyline Forest. He said that many notable artists have resided nearby.

"Early California painter Rollo Peters lived in our neighborhood, as did so many other renowned artists like Armin Hansen, Evelyn McCormick, and Francis McComas, to name just a few," said Farina, who lives in a house that was built by Tony Berry, the skipper who piloted the boat that took John Steinbeck and Ed Ricketts on their famous

voyage to the Sea of Cortez in 1940.

Turn up the color

In another exhibit, painters **Erin Lee Gafill** and **Gerard Martin** team up to present "Painting the Central Coast." The display includes landscapes and seascapes.

"Both artists are known for their exuberant, color-rich oil paintings," gallery manager **Sally Aberg** told The Pine Cone. "In this exhibition, their respective new works weave different artistic influences into a triumphant whole. Martin's impressionist paintings of coast, harbor, sailboats, and life on the bay share the wall with Gafill's expressionist works investigating coastline, mountainside, and valley. Both use vibrant color to convey emotion, connection, and a unique sense of place."

Also new at the downtown gallery is new work by painters **Heidi Hybl** and **Fred Carvell**.

Hybl's work is influenced by her surroundings south of town.

"Living along the Big Sur coast, I experience the light changing throughout the seasons and also day by day," Hybl said. "Sometimes these transitions are subtle and sometimes, stark, making every hour unique."

Honors late friend

Carvell's display recalls a trip he made to Italy before the pandemic with a friend who later passed away.

"We traveled from Naples to Venice following country roads past ochre-colored plowed fields and tiny, tiled-roof farm houses," he recalled. "Recently, my friend passed away, and I retrieved my

almost-forgotten sketchbook with notes and drawings from our trip together. These became the inspiration for the bright, primitive paintings in this show — a tribute to this Italian sojourn and a long-treasured friendship."

The shows will be on display through May 31.

Located on Dolores between Fifth, the gallery is open Thursdays through Monday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Private tours are available by appointment. Call (831) 250-3347 or visit carmel-art.org.

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Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

"My Monterey."

"Monterey is packed with far more than simply echoes of California history in every arena of life — cultural, economic, architectural, and political," Farina said. "It is alive with history. Over the decades, the commercial fishing community, historic



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A pair of paintings, Mark Farina's "Net Menders" (top) and Erin Gafill's "Big Sur Afternoon," (above) are included in new shows opening Thursday at the Carmel Art Association.

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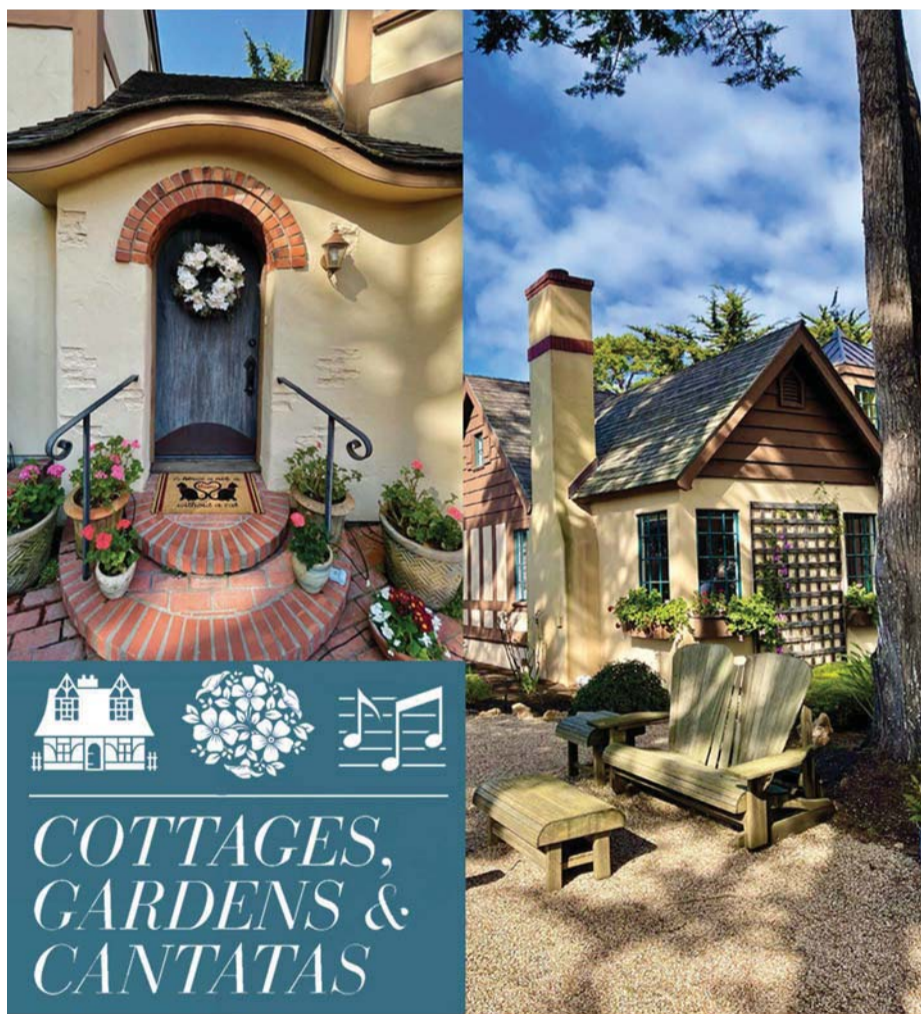
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MAN WHO ATTACKED CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL BUS PLEADS GUILTY

By KELLY NIX

HE NEVER offered a motive, but the man who for almost a year terrorized motorists in the Prunedale area by launching glass marbles at vehicles from a slingshot — and injuring five people in the process — pleaded guilty to the crimes Thursday morning in a deal with prosecutors that will send him to prison for more than a decade.



Charles Lafferty

Charles Lafferty, 54, was initially charged Jan. 27, 2020, with dozens of felonies connected to the 69 attacks that occurred on Highway 101 and Highway 156 between February 2019 and early January 2020. His agreement with the Monterey County District Attorney's Office reduces the number of charges and the amount of time he will spend in prison.

"Lafferty pleaded guilty to 28 counts of assault with a deadly weapon and two counts of assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer," deputy district attorney Matt L'Heureux told The Pine Cone Thursday. "He will receive 15 years in state prison."

Superior Court Judge Mark Hood will sentence Lafferty on June 29.

One of Lafferty's attacks involved hitting a Carmel High School bus carrying varsity football players to a game in San Jose in November 2019. In all, his attacks

injured four adults and one child.

Lafferty, who has been held in Monterey County Jail on \$517,000 bail since his arrest on Jan. 22, 2020 in Nipomo, had been charged with 58 counts of assault with a deadly weapon, two counts of child abuse, and two counts of assault with a deadly weapon on a police officer. The child-

abuse charges stemmed from the projectiles Lafferty fired striking vehicles carrying kids.

Though Lafferty admitted to carrying out the crimes, he never offered a reason for them.

"He never disclosed what his motive was," L'Heureux said.

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County planners to weigh in on Rancho Cañada

By CHRIS COUNTS

TWO MONTHS after the Carmel Valley Land Use Advisory Committee recommended denial of a plan to create 130 lots on land on Rancho Cañada's former West Course — along with 25 rental units for local workforce housing and flood control measures that would benefit 400 homes and 270 businesses — the Monterey County Planning Commission will take a look at the plan. An online hearing is set for Wednesday at 9 a.m.

Besides seeking permission to move forward with his plan, builder Alan Williams and partners also want to amend the text of the Carmel Valley Master Plan to allow for a density of up to 10 units per acre with a minimum requirement of 20 percent housing. The master plan contains a "preference" for 50 percent affordable housing, while it allows up to four units per acre if the tenants are of low or

moderate income, or are eligible for workforce housing.

The LUAC voted 4 to 1 Feb. 16 to recommend denial of the project because they said it "doesn't meet" the requirements of the Monterey County General Plan.

According to Carmel Valley Land Use Advisory Committee chair Janet Brennan, the project should have at least 25 percent affordable housing, based on the inclusionary housing requirement. She suggested the county could set the number as high as 50 percent, because that's what the late Nick Lombardo once suggested when he first proposed doing the subdivision. She said existing zoning calls for 35 percent.

The Carmel Valley Association sued the county after the Monterey County Board of Supervisors approved the plan in 2016. The group's president told The Pine Cone the project shouldn't be approved until the legal action is resolved.

Paid parking, cell towers, outdoor dining on agenda

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE CITY council will hold back-to-back meetings May 3-4, with some major items scheduled for each.

At Monday's meeting, the council will first hear presentations from two tourism groups and Sunset Center and then vote on the routine business listed on the consent calendar, before delving again into the meaty topic of paid parking. Also on Monday's agenda is a lease agreement with Verizon for the installation of several small cell towers in the residential area and on the roof of Sunset Center.

At Tuesday's meeting, the council is set to approve the list of streets that will be repaired during the 2021-2022 fiscal years and approve the new ordinance on special events that it reviewed last month.

The city is now hosting its meetings via Zoom. For logon information and full agendas, go to ci.carmel.ca.us. Both meetings will begin at 4:30 p.m.



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WHEN NICK Nelson was growing up in the south of England, he didn't know much about golf. His parents didn't play, nor were they huge fans of the game. "We watched a little of the Ryder Cup on TV, but not that much," he said.

per, and for some reason, found himself drawn to a weekly series called "Gary Player's Golf Class," in which the famous pro's tips and advice were illustrated by cartoons. "I cut them out and put them into a scrapbook — I just thought it was fun," Nelson remembered.

One day, on a lark, his father suggested that the family visit a new "American-style driving range," and Nelson found he had a knack for the game. He enjoyed plenty of other sports, he said, but his dad offered some important guidance.

"You can play golf when you're in your 80s, and it's good for business," said his father, who had heard about the career connections others made on the course.

When Nelson finished with the English high school system at 16, he decided to turn pro. "My parents were nervous about the decision," said Nelson, who was the youngest of three children, "but once we sat down and talked about it and how it would work, they supported me 100 percent."

He took a minimum-wage job in a pro shop that started each day at 8:30. He'd play a round at sunup, and then again after work until sundown — which was as late as 10 p.m. in the summer. By the time he was 18, he was the youngest fully qualified member of the PGA of Great Britain and Ireland.

He won at least two tournaments before he turned 21. One had a purse of "a few hundred pounds," he recalled, comparing it to the roughly 10 pounds a week he made at the pro shop.

"It funded my first trip to America," he said. "I left with my golf clubs on my shoulder and a suitcase in my hand," he said. Upon landing at LAX, he took his father's advice, hopped on a shuttle labeled "Disneyland," and secured one of the many hotel rooms near the theme park.

A distant relative offered to take him in for a couple days, but then he was back to motel living and driving what

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Great Lives

By ELAINE HESSER

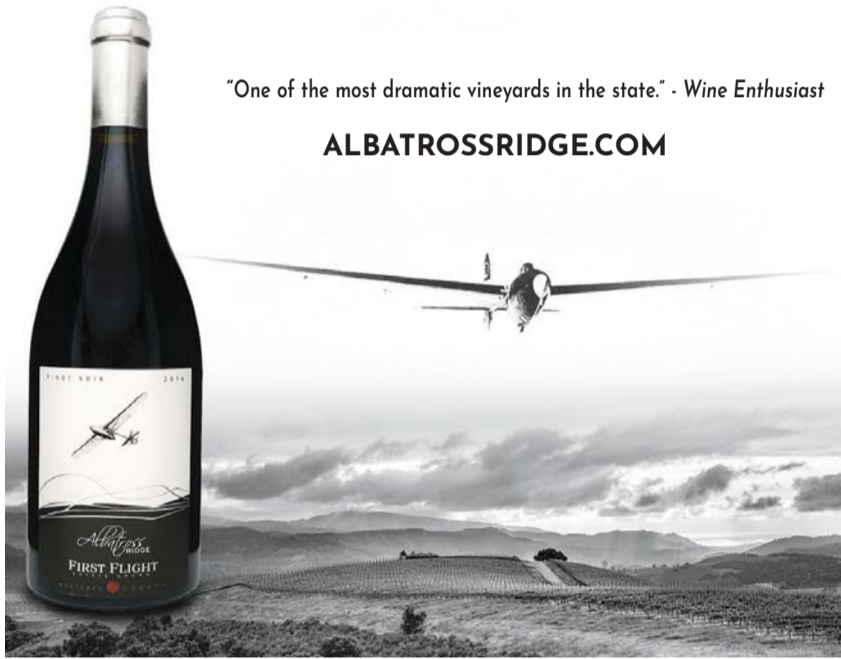
Nelson certainly didn't anticipate a long career in the sport that would lead to his new job as CEO of the Future Citizens Foundation, the nonprofit umbrella under which First Tee Monterey, the Taylor Farms Center for Learning, and the Pay It Forward Scholarship and Mentoring programs do their work.

But as a youngster, Nelson did like the Sunday newspa-

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suggested is on an upward trajectory.

“Forty-one percent of America’s jobs came out of California in February,” he said. “This state is going to come roaring back.”

The governor invited former Congressman Sam Farr to say a few words, and he recalled efforts by his father, Fred Farr, to recognize the highway’s special status.

“This highway is probably the most political highway in California,” Farr explained. “It’s the first scenic highway. My father was in the state senate in 1966 when he carried the legislation to take this out of the freeway master plan for California, and make it the first state scenic highway. Lady Bird Johnson came here in 1966 to dedicate it as the first state scenic highway in the United States. I think that was last time that we had a governor on this highway, and it was Gov. Edmund G. Brown. In fact, they used the Hearst Castle that night to throw a party to welcome the First Lady.”

ART

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Printmakers ‘Press On’

Three shows open at the Pacific Grove Art Center May 7, including one which showcases the creative talents of the artists who rent studios inside the gallery — as well as those who run it. “We are proud to present a sampling of the creative work generated not only by our studio artists’, but also our instructors’ and board members,” art center president **Adrienne Jonson** said.

Another new show, “Press On,” displays the latest creations of **The Monterey Peninsula College Printmakers**. Postponed last year due to COVID, the show includes prints made by 40 members of the MPC Printmakers.

The third exhibit calls attention to painter **Ronald Walker’s** “Suburban Primitive Paintings.” The artist is influenced by symbolism and primitive art, and the belief that “we aren’t as civilized as we think.”

The last show celebrates new work by student-artists

and student-photographer from Pacific Grove High School.

The center will host an informal opening May 7 from noon to 5 p.m. Located at 568 Lighthouse Ave., it is open Wednesday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m., and Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. Call (831) 375-2208 or visit pgartcenter.org.

City vax clinic May 3

MONTEREY FIRE is coordinating with city officials to host a Covid-19 vaccine clinic at Vista Lobos Monday, May 3, from 9 to 11:30 a.m., and everyone age 18 and over is eligible.

Signups are available at caprepmod.org/reg/0661601692 (ignore the “Monterey Fire Station 1” header), and after selecting an appointment time, recipients will be asked to enter their personal information. No insurance information is needed, though, so Panholzer advised people to select “no insurance” because the shots are free.

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1938 ❖ 2021

Richard K Rhodes was born in Salinas, California on December 23, 1938, and passed away peacefully on April 21 at the age of 82. He attended Salinas High where he made many memories with his friends Jim, Julie, Alvin, Terry, and Anne. He graduated from the University of California Berkeley School of Architecture and then returned to his hometown to begin his career and to marry Sally Smith, with whom he spent 56 years.



Richard was a practicing architect for nearly 60 years. Most of his clients became his lifelong friends. He received the 1976, 1983, and 1988 Awards of Merit from the Monterey Bay AIA for the Salinas Community Center, the Markham Ranch, and the Merrill Ranch House, respectively. He also received the Stanton Award from the Monterey County AIA in 2003, an honor that recognizes a significant contribution to the profession of Architecture on the Central Coast of California.

He was a director for the California Rodeo Salinas and was awarded the 1992 Saddleman Award for outstanding contributions to the rodeo.

Richard enjoyed making ebelskivers and singing "hun skal leve" with his Danish friends and family. He loved Salinas, Steinbeck, martinis, convertibles, and discussing conspiracy theories with his son-in-law, John. He explored many interests throughout his life including art, sailing, canoeing, stamp collecting, hiking, flying, reading, traveling, giving back to his community, and listening to his vast collection of vinyl.

He is survived by his wife Sally Rhodes, his daughters Sarah DeSantis (John) and Elena Mueller (Topher), grandchildren Nico DeSantis, Anthony DeSantis, and Julia Sexton, and sister Barbara McQueen (Jim). Lastly, but by no means least, he leaves behind his Welsh Terrier Molly, whom he adored.

Quick-witted, warm, charismatic, and loyal — Richard Rhodes will be missed. RIP RKR

Due to COVID restrictions, a private service for close friends and family will be held next week. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: Chartwell School, Palma School, or Santa Catalina.

MASCOT

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"religion," followed by "honor" (633), "commitment" (579) and "character" (568). "Nostalgia" barely edged out "oppression," 503 to 501, and the least common responses were "sexist," with 231, and "appropriation," with 239. Other options were "courage," "identity," "inappropriate," "passion," and "racist."

One of the questions on the survey was so vaguely worded, it's hard to know what the answers might signify. The question asked respondents to rate their "level of concern about the current mascot for CHS." Almost 75 percent of the people who want to keep the current mascot said they're not very concerned about it, while 68 percent of the people who would like to see it replaced say they are very concerned. But that doesn't necessarily mean one side is more passionate than the other.

A group formed to study the mascot issue will consider the survey results when developing recommendations regarding the Padre's fate.

Mary Thomson Cayce

1943 ❖ 2021

Mary Thomson Cayce was born on June 8, 1943, and died April 1, 2021. She had resided in Manhattan, New York City, before she moved to California and worked as a teacher at St. Dunstan's pre-school.

She worked at The Bully Three in Carmel and the King's Cross in Pacific Grove. Mary studied art and graduated from Columbia University with a degree in art. She later enjoyed acrylic painting classes at Vista Lobos Studio in Carmel.

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JOHNSTON WILLARD NORTHROP

September 9, 1953 – April 19, 2021

Johnston "John" Willard Northrop, 67, of Pebble Beach, CA passed away peacefully on April 19, 2021, surrounded by family in his final days.

John was born in Washington D.C. and raised by parents Abby Willard Northrop and Johnston Filmer Northrop in Bedford, NY with summers spent at his family's beloved Orange Street home on Nantucket Island, MA.

John was educated at The Choate School, Yale University and received his Master of Business Administration from Columbia University. He began his financial career at Manufacturers Hanover Bank in Manhattan and continued on to positions at TIAA CREF, GE Capital and AT&T Capital where he handled international capital financing projects. He was a member of the Yale Club of New York City and Nantucket Yacht Club.

A great lover of the outdoors, John's gardening skills were legendary and he treasured his "green thumb" creations wherever he lived. He was also proud to be a carpenter and general "fix-it man." On the waters of Nantucket Sound, he learned about sailing, boating and fishing which he pursued all his life. Many can still picture him with his windblown hair and aviator Ray Bans slapped by the sea spray as he captained his boats.

His other great passion was singing. He was a proud member of Yale University's a cappella group, "The Spizzwinks" and participated in several musical worship groups at various churches. John retired to a bi-coastal life with wife, Diana, living on Nantucket Island and Ventura, CA until settling in Pebble Beach, CA.

John was predeceased by his sister Abby Willard Northrop and his parents. He is survived by former wife Jill Muir; daughters Kristen Braun and Lindsay Stewart; son Peter Northrop; sons-in-law Peter Braun and Conor Stewart; sister Kelly Hill-Neidigh; grandchildren Emma and James Braun and his widow, Diana Northrop.

The family wishes to thank Choice Home Health and Peninsula Senior Care for their assistance in caring for John at home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Cancer Society.

**Conley Richard (Dick) Ward**

1930 — 2021

Captain Conley Richard Ward, USN (ret.) was born October 1, 1930, in Zionsville, Indiana, to parents Leslie and Mabel Ward and passed away peacefully surrounded by his family in Roseville, California, on April 18, 2021, at the age of 90. He and his wife Mary Lou (died December 18, 2019) were long-time residents of the Monterey Peninsula. For the full obituary please go to the following link:

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PIT

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hodgepodge of design.”

Former planning commissioner Ian Martin was next up. “Given the scale and location, we cannot lower our standards just because we were tired of looking at the Pit,” he said. “Whatever gets built there could easily be there for 100 years or more. It is a building that will shape the look, feel and character of the downtown for the rest of our lives.”

Martin suggested the design was “trapped in the past” and lacked “original ideas.”

Another former planning commissioner, Victoria Beach, described the design as “a very serious deviation from our standards, not just in style, but size.”

Beach and former city council woman Carolyn Hardy used Disney as an adjective when describing the style. Hardy also said the complex is too big for the neighborhood, and she noted another rooftop deck was rejected by the town.

“It looks phony,” she said of the design. “It’s like putting lipstick on a pig.”

Back to the drawing board?

Planning commissioner Gail Lehman encouraged the builder and architect to come back with something different.

“It’s so easy to go back to the drawing board or CAD system and redesign a project,” Lehman said. “But it’s very difficult after you’ve poured concrete to change your mind.”

Planning Commissioner Stephanie Locke said affordable housing should be part of the project, and she’s also concerned about the impact of it on parking near the Carmel Post Office, which is just steps away.

“Our town is desperate for affordable housing,” Locke said. “Most people can’t afford to live here. We rarely get

a second bite out of the apple — we need to get it right.”

Planning commissioner, Christopher Bolton called the proposal “massive,” and seconded the call for at least some affordable housing. He also suggested banning short-term rentals there.

New planning commissioner, Robert Delves urged the applicant to come back with a “different” and “more thoughtful design” more in line with the town’s guidelines.

Can it ‘fit in?’

Planning commission chair Michael LePage was insistent that the project meet the town’s standards and said he’s hopeful it will do so.

“I don’t want this to be a negative process for the appli-

cant,” LePage explained. “I want it to be a process where they can find a way forward. I think everyone is sincere when say we’re very appreciative of someone taking on this project and completing something that the last applicant pretty much left a disaster for the community. But any project has to meet our commercial zoning and our commercial guidelines.”

Adding his voice to a chorus of others, LePage said the plan needs some affordable housing, and he also objects to the rooftop deck.

LePage asked the builder to consider what surrounds his site, and what he can do to complement it.

“You want to look around the neighborhood and see what other buildings look like,” he added. “It has to fit in.”

ELIZABETH MOLEY

March 9, 1939 - April 21, 2021

Elizabeth Moley (née Thompson) was born March 9, 1939 in Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, England. The third daughter, following Jane and Anne, of Frederick and Josephine Thompson. Liz was a curious and imaginative child. From keeping a mouse in the pocket of her school blazer to climbing a circus tent, Liz never said no to a challenge or a dare. She loved all animals and kept a menagerie of pets throughout her life.

Liz attended the University of Manchester where she studied social work, excelled academically and found her true calling in serving others. At a Catholic Society meeting during her second year at University, Liz met her future husband, Richard (Dick) Moley. Liz and Dick realized that their birthdays were one day

apart and planned to celebrate together at her party the next day. It was love at first sight and

Liz immediately knew that she would marry

Dick. After receiving her bachelor of arts,

Liz went on to receive her master’s degree

in Social Work from University College,

London. Liz and Dick married June 16,

1962 at St Bonaventure’s Church, Welwyn

Garden City. Soon after, she found her

first hospital job and gave birth to

a daughter, Susan Frances, a month

before her first wedding anniversary.

It was not long before the New

World called and the family of three

immigrated to the United States.

Dick’s first job in America took them

to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where

son Andrew was born. Eager for more

opportunity, Liz and Dick crossed the

States and found a forever home in

California. Soon after, their third and

fourth children, Peter and Joanna, were born.

Eventually, they settled in Saratoga, California

where the Moley children were raised.



Once Joanna started preschool, Liz found her dream job as a medical social worker at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center. This part-time position gave Liz the ability to be with her children as well as serve others in a way that was hands on and meaningful. Liz never met a person she could not help and Valley Medical provided lots of those opportunities. The boundary between work and family life never existed and the Moleys hosted many people in need of a warm meal and/or a cozy bed.

Liz’s deep Catholic faith called her to give of her time, treasure and talents. True to Ignatian teachings she found God in all things, promoted education and sought social justice for all. The prosperity Liz and Dick achieved in America enabled Liz to pursue her many passions, including helping refugees with resettlement in the Bay Area, providing education for those in need and teaching English as a second language to recent immigrants. Her quiet generosity touched too many people to count.

Liz will be remembered for many things, particularly her quick mind, magnetic smile, infectious laugh and her ability to connect with people from all walks of life. Her interests were vast and eclectic: playing tennis and bridge, gardening, architecture, composing limericks and traveling. She fell in love with the Holy Land and visited often. Two of her favorite places were Bethlehem University and the Benedictine monastery in Abu Ghosh. Liz generously helped to support both and enjoyed corresponding with the many friends she met at each institution.

Liz passed away in her Carmel home surrounded by her family after enduring Alzheimer’s disease with great dignity for many years. She was predeceased by her parents and sisters. She is survived by her husband, Richard M. Moley; her four children, Susan Frances, Andrew (wife Cathy), Peter (wife Liz) and Joanna (husband Ned Stork); and 14 beloved grandchildren, Mary Frances, Willy and Jack Hock; Caroline, Kate and Claire Moley; Joanna, Eliza and Jack Moley and Ellie, Ben, Annabel, Beatrix and Teddy Stork.

Liz’s immediate family will celebrate her life with a private funeral Mass at the Carmel Mission Basilica. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to hospice: Central Coast VNA, 45 Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA 93901, Attn: R. Young, or a charity of your choice.

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BLOOD

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“home collection kit,” which will allow them to prick their fingers and draw a small blood sample and send it for analysis.

“The folks conducting this will not be asking for personal, identifiable information such as names or dates of birth,” Moreno said.

Moreno said the state on April 20 began mailing survey letters to 15,000 Monterey County residents.

Some of the questions will center on certain activities, and how those activities might lead to people becoming infected with the coronavirus, though Moreno didn't know what specific questions would be asked.

Besides receiving the results of the blood test in the mail in three to four weeks, participants will also be compensated for their efforts.

“To thank you for taking the time to join the study, you will receive a \$20 gift card

for each online survey that is completed for your household,” CalScope said. “You will also receive a \$20 gift card after the CalScope team receives each completed test kit from your household.”

Households can receive a total of \$80 if one child and one adult complete the survey and blood tests.

“I really encourage people here who receive the invitation to respond and submit the [blood] specimen,” he said. “It will definitely provide Monterey County and the state information about the proportion of Californians that have immunity to Covid-19.”

Nearing Yellow Tier

The results will also likely satisfy county residents who believe they may have been infected with coronavirus at one time but were unable to confirm it, Moreno said.

Although participants are encouraged to complete both the survey and the blood test, it's not required, and they can choose to just complete the survey.

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Meanwhile, 58 percent of Monterey County residents 16 and older have gotten the first dose of the vaccine. And more than 43,000 county residents have been infected, which further advances the county toward herd immunity.

While the county's test positivity and healthy places index scores are within the least restrictive Yellow Tier, Moreno said the county would have to vaccinate more residents in order to get from the Orange Tier to Yellow.

"We have been in Orange Tier for three weeks," he said. "We continue to meet Yellow Tier criteria for positivity rates but are just above the threshold for cases."

As the vaccination effort in Monterey County continues, a small number of people who got the first dose of Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are skipping out on their second shots, according to local hospitals.

"Approximately 10 percent of the people being vaccinated at our clinics have skipped the second shot," Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System spokeswoman Karina Rusk said. "When there is a no-show, we follow up and contact them in an effort to get them rescheduled."

Mask order lifted

Because the CDC has said there is no upper limit on the interval between first and second doses, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula said it won't consider people having declined the second dose "unless they've informed us of a decision to forgo it," according to spokeswoman Monica Sciuto.

"At this time, less than 1 percent of those who have received a first dose from us have declined the second dose," she said. "This includes those who do not want a second dose and those who received their second dose at another clinic outside of Montage Health."

Meanwhile, confusion over the use of face coverings continues.

While Moreno in April 2020 issued an order requiring the use of face coverings to prevent the spread of coronavirus, the CDC and the state Department of Public Health recently offered guidance allowing fully vaccinated people from different households gathering to remove their face masks, in certain situations.

Because of the new state guidelines, Moreno this week lifted his earlier mask order.

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LIVES

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he called a “rent-a-wreck.” As he mulled over what to do, his father’s advice came through again.

“Your business is golf. Get to a golf course,” he said. So, in those pre-GPS days, Nelson pulled out a map and drove to a course — although he’d gotten a bit turned around and it wasn’t the course he planned to visit.

Nevertheless, he introduced himself as a pro from England, and played nine holes with the course’s pro, who became his “American dad,” looking after him while he

got his footing.

Then, he said, “I heard there were lots of golf courses in Palm Springs,” and went there to play and give lessons. He also managed to visit and play a round at Pebble Beach. As his one-year adventure drew to a close, he told his boss in Palm Springs that he would like to stay, but was reminded that his parents were expecting him back in England.



Nick Nelson

He said he didn’t realize how difficult it had been for his mother to let him go until his own children began leaving the nest. “It was really hard for her. My brother went east, and I went west.” His brother went on to become an engineer in the Philippines, Hong Kong and other international locations, while his sister stayed close to home and became a teacher.

After returning to England, he began alternating between playing there in summers and playing in the United States in the winter. Then, he said, “I began investigating all the steps to move to America. I did it the right way.”

He got a 12-month temporary work permit, which could be extended to 18 months, found an immigration attorney and applied for his green card. For several years, he maintained his British citizenship. “It was hard to let go of my English roots,” he said, but after 9/11 he decided, “America is my home now,” and became a citizen.

Staying young

Nelson said tournament play wasn’t his true calling — teaching was. He’s done a lot of that, coaching golfers on four major tours. He opened a golf club manufacturing business in Los Angeles and later sold it, which enabled him to move here, to a home near the Crossroads.

He found work at a driving range in Del Rey Oaks, as well as on Bayonet & Black Horse, where he said he met many promising junior golfers. He also met his wife, Elisa, and they’ve been married for 19 years.

In 2002, Nelson was approached by Ollie Nutt and John Zoller to help them found the First Tee of Monterey, which officially launched in 2004. He became executive director of the organization and said he loves the energy he gets from being around the kids — they keep him young.

He began his job as CEO of the Future Citizens Foundation, First Tee’s parent organization, on April 8. After First Tee opened, it added other after-school programs in music, chess and STEM topics, which were moved to a new 5,000-square-foot building sponsored by, and named for, Taylor Farms. The center serves kids 7 to 22, offering tutoring and homework help, SAT prep, college and vocational exploration and myriad other educational services.

The third group, the Pay it Forward Scholarship and Mentoring Program, offers \$20,000 four-year scholarships to local kids who want to attend CSUMB.

As Nelson settles into his new job, he’s excited for the future. “I feel honored to be given the support of our board and to take the reins of this impactful organization,” he said.

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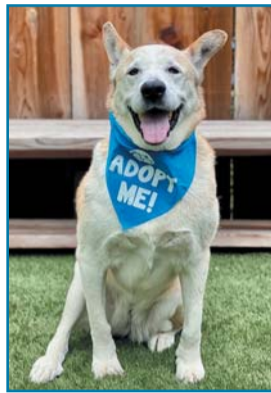
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RACE

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Health Department director Elsa Jimenez offered a wordy explanation to The Pine Cone, including a seemingly irrelevant reference to what she said is Asians' superior performance in eighth-grade English proficiency.

This week, Larry Oda, board member and past national president of the Japanese American Citizens League, rejected the explanation and the "unrelated metrics" used to defend why the county did not include Asians and Pacific Islanders.

"The explanation was that eighth grade English scores of Asians were comparable to Whites, and that proves that Asians and Pacific Islanders are not affected by racism," said Oda, who addressed the letter to board chair Wendy Root Askew. "Is that how the county measures racism, by comparing [English] scores?"

He also accused the supervisors of perpetuating the "model minority" stereotype, which includes the notions that all Asians are successful, smarter, studious and free of problems and — as the absence of the group in the resolution suggests — are somehow immune to the effects of racism.

"Does the board of supervisors think it's permissible for racism against Asians and Pacific Islanders to continue because they feel it does not affect the health of the victims?" Oda wrote.

Adams speaks out

Furthermore, he accused the supervisors of "marginalizing and promoting systemic racism" by ignoring the existence of the groups in the document.

Askew did not respond to Oda's letter or

numerous questions from The Pine Cone, including if she believed that Asians and Pacific Islanders do not suffer the same adverse health effects from racism that Black and Latino people do. First District Supervisor Luis Alejo also did not reply.

However, Fifth District Supervisor Mary Adams — who learned of Oda's concerns at Tuesday's board meeting — said Wednesday she now believes the supervisors should have included Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, "and possibly other groups," in the document.

"There is certainly history of discrimination against people of Asian descent in Monterey County, and sadly we continue to see it today," Adams, who said she was not directly involved in authoring the resolution, told The Pine Cone Wednesday.

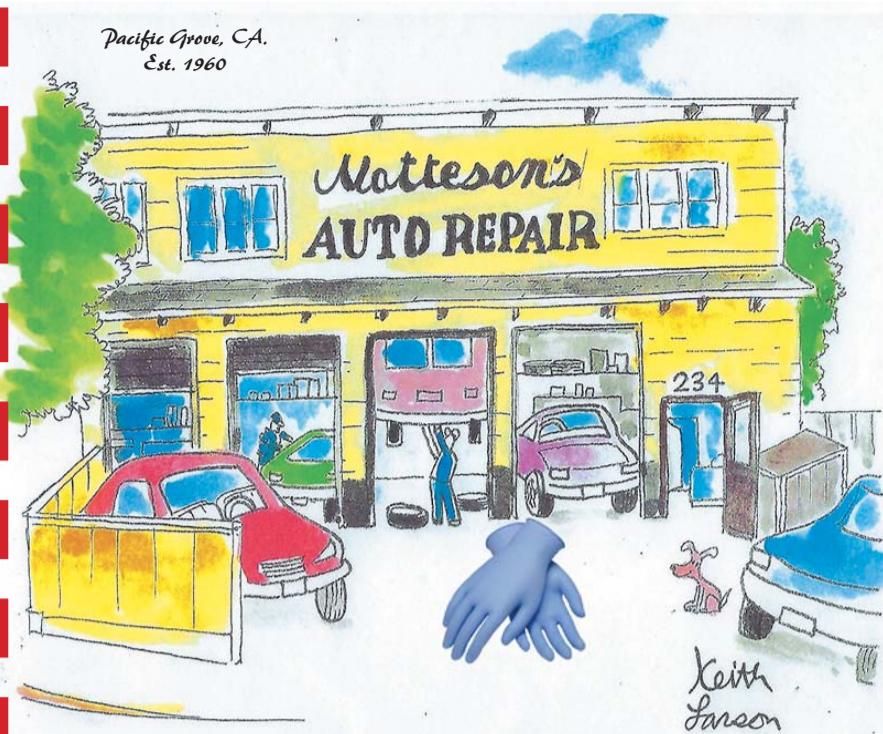
'Ignores the racism'

While the supervisors on March 2 denounced hate crimes against Asians and Pacific Islanders, Oda said the "racism is a public health crisis" resolution "completely ignores the effects of racism on the health of the entire Asian American and Pacific Islander community."

In emails last week, Jimenez said the intent of the document was "to recognize racism as a social system with multiple dimensions and elevate disparate impacts on specific communities of color locally in the areas of housing, employment, economic development, healthcare, and public safety. Furthermore, the resolution highlights the role that the county will play in dismantling racism."

She also said it was written by county and nonprofit leaders "to advance racial equity." It's unclear if any Asian people or organizations helped write the document, and Jimenez did not respond to further questions.

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over six months before going out on medical leave and then leaving in June 2016, after which former HR director Karen Hen-

dricks was the interim superintendent until the board decided to hire Barb Dill-Varga in July 2017. Dill-Varga worked for the district until she was fired by the board in May 2020, and HR director Trisha Dellis stepped in. Her contract as interim superintendent expires at the end of June, and she has said she plans to retire.

MURDER

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briefly deliberated before returning with their verdict Monday, finding him guilty of first-degree murder and other felonies for evading police officers with willful or wanton disregard for the safety of the public, evading police against traffic, and of being a felon in possession of a firearm. Sampognaro has an extensive criminal record dominated by drug crimes, and faces up to 53 years and eight months to life in prison, according to Matthews. His father also had a lengthy arrest record.

Sampognaro is set to be sentenced by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Mark Hood May 25.

'Large, broad, deep'

McGee and Pitts said they and the district are striving to keep the public updated while promising the candidates confidentiality.

"Keeping the search itself confidential enabled us to attract a large, broad and deep field of highly qualified applicants," they said. "We have promised these candidates confidentiality throughout the process, including during the board and panel interviews."

On Tuesday, Hinds and Arthur announced they were "close to introducing the district's next superintendent." Board members met with the finalists April 23 after the panel interviewed them and are now working on a contract. They intend to announce the new superintendent at the board's regular meeting May 12.

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Pandemic shuts down a great season twice — but not permanently

EVERY OLDSTER reading this column right now secretly has one thing in common with 22-year-old Carter Hayes. We're all aching to play one more summer of baseball.

For the rest of us, it's just a dream, permanently truncated by the march of time. For Hayes, a former Monterey County Player of the Year, there's no time like the present.

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

On May 15, the one-time Carmel High baseball standout (Class of 2016) will report to the Sauget, Ill., Gateway Grizzlies, a professional baseball team in the Frontier League, which is an independent league, unaffiliated with any major league club.

Indy-league ball can be a hospice — a place where baseball careers go to die — but professional baseball's last-chance circuit also has been a stopover for big-league all-stars like Rickey Henderson, Darryl Strawberry, Jose Canseco, Carlos Baerga, Ruben Sierra, Jack Morris, John Rocker, Armando Benitez, J.D. Drew, Dante Bichette and so many others who decided they weren't quite ready to padlock life's toybox.

And if the plot needs any thickening, try this: Hayes, an infielder throughout his high school and college years, has been signed to pitch for the Grizzlies — a window of opportunity he never saw coming.

Heroics and humility

Hayes obliterated Mission Trail Athletic League pitchers at Carmel High, batting .437 as a sophomore, .493 as a junior, and .505 as a senior, earning all-league and all-county recognition all three years, and making California's Small School All-State team twice. The Padres were MTAL champions all three years, and played in the Central Coast Sec-

tion's Division II championship game twice.

As a senior, he also was pressed into duty on the mound, compiling a 1.11 earned-run average, with three saves, in 15 appearances. But third base was his position.

He played collegiately at the University of the Pacific, appearing in 104 games — 78 as a starter — during his four seasons as an infielder with the Tigers.

But much of his college career was a struggle. As a freshman, Hayes compiled an abysmal .109 batting average, with just five hits (all singles) in 46 at-bats. As a sophomore, he started all 36 games, improving to .248 — still a major disappointment, but better than the following season, when he hit just .175 as a junior.

'Get a job, son'

Hayes' senior year, 2020, might have been the most frustrating of all, but for a much different reason. As UOP's starting third baseman, he was ripping the ball at a .321 clip, with a .446 on-base average, and a .528 slugging percentage, when the coronavirus pandemic shut down his season after just 17 games.

"After struggling for three years, I finally felt like I had figured it all out. I really thought I was doing something right. Then Covid hit, and it was all over," he said. "That was a huge bummer. I try not to think very much about my

senior season."

There was little else to do but limp home, flop on his father's couch in Salinas, and lick his wounds. It was the beginning of an improbable roller-coaster ride.

"After a couple of days, my dad said, 'Look, man, you need to get a job,'" remembered Hayes, who found work delivering hot tubs for a local company while he finished up his degree — online, since the campus was closed — with UOP's Eberhardt School of Business.

Opportunity knocks

Then the NCAA granted an extra year of eligibility to student-athletes whose seasons had been shortened, and Hayes' phone rang: CSU Monterey Bay baseball coach Walt White needed a third baseman for the 2021 season.

Hayes cogitated for two weeks, then happily accepted the offer and began practicing with the Otters. He simultaneously was offered an opportunity to put his business education to use with an internship at Michael B. Kelly Insurance Services, owned by a baseball-friendly boss, Carmel High baseball coach Mike Kelly.

"I was super-excited to be playing baseball again, and working with Mike Kelly," he said. "And then, in Octo-

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PHOTOS/(LEFT) UNIVERSITY OF PACIFIC, (ABOVE) COURTESY CARTER HAYES

Carter Hayes (left), was an infielder at University of Pacific and was batting .321 when his senior season was brought to a halt by the pandemic. Hayes was an all-state infielder at Carmel High (above), but also had a 1.11 ERA as a pitcher in his senior year.

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ber, CSUMB canceled its season. So, once again, I was left with nowhere to play.”

That’s when former Salinas High standout Nathan Martorella — whose freshman season at UC Berkeley had been shortened — came back to town with few Cal teammates. They were looking for somebody to pitch batting practice to them on weekends.

“I said, ‘Hey, I’m not doing anything. I’m not a pitcher, but my arm’s in shape — I’ll throw to you guys,’” Hayes recalled.

As Hayes pitched BP, the Cal hitters attracted a gaggle of pro scouts, including Carmel High and UC Berkeley alum Devin Pearson, currently the assistant director of amateur scouting for the Boston Red Sox.

“Ever thought about pursuing pitching?” Pearson inquired after watching Hayes’ fastball light up scouts’ radar guns with impressive velocities.

The question surprised Hayes, who shrugged. “Y’know, I really don’t know what to do,” he responded.

Pearson asked Hayes to consider testing himself in the California Winter League season in January. Hayes took the suggestion seriously, pitching with surprising success.

“Facing those Cal Berkeley hitters, who were no joke, was a confidence-builder for me,” said Hayes, who throws a curveball, change-up, and is developing a slider to go with a fastball that has been clocked in the low 90s.

“I threw about 15 innings in winter-league ball, and only gave up two or three runs, but best of all is that I only walked a couple of batters,” he said. “Throwing strikes is my big thing — I’d rather get lit up than give out a free pass.”

Packed with pros

His performance impressed the Gateway Grizzlies, who signed him to a contract for their upcoming season, which opens May 27 and ends Sept. 12. At 22, Hayes is the youngest pitcher on the roster, and he expects to be facing high-level competition.

“Major League Baseball eliminated a

whole level of minor leagues because of the virus,” Hayes observed. “Something like 1,600 players got cut, and word on the street is that the indy leagues are going to be packed with those guys — players who kind of got screwed because of their circumstances — so the level of play is going to be very tough.”

‘First things first’

To prepare, Hayes is lifting weights six days a week with Salinas-based strength coach Paul Cater, and pitches most days into a mattress into his backyard, or at Carmel High, assisted by the CHS pitching coach Scott Brown, among others.

The dream of every independent league player, including Hayes, is to get an offer from a minor league team that is affiliated with a major league club, but first things first.

“Everything has happened really fast, so I’m honestly not thinking much past opening day,” he said. “I just feel really grateful that these opportunities have come up for me.

“I won’t be young forever, and my family is telling me to go for it,” Hayes said. “Like my dad says, ‘Work is always going to be there ... baseball won’t.’”

Truer words were never spoken, kid. Carpe diem.



Carter Hayes in his official University of Pacific baseball portrait.

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Editorial

Confused about taxes

DEMOCRATS ARE always expressing outrage at the alleged failure of “the rich” to pay their “fair share” of taxes. But then remember a couple of years ago when they were all up in arms about President Donald Trump’s plan to cap the deduction for state and local taxes at \$10,000 a year?

While capping the deduction left most people’s taxes alone, it amounted to a major tax increase on upper-income individuals, especially those who live in places with high state taxes and inflated real estate values — in other words, places like New York and California. But because those states are deep blue, instead of supporting Trump’s tax increase, the Dems attacked it, with Sen. Chuck Schumer calling the cap on deductions “punitive” and Rep. Nancy Pelosi condemning it as “mean-spirited and politically targeted.”

So does that mean the left has changed its mind about raising taxes on the wealthy in the states where they’re politically dominant?

Hardly. What Trump did was peanuts compared to what President Joe Biden proposed in his speech to Congress on Wednesday night. And, like the cap on deductions for state and local taxes, what Biden wants to do will have the most impact on wealthy individuals in places like California, including right here on the Monterey Peninsula.

Since 1921, federal law has allowed people who owned homes that have appreciated in value to sell their homes without being taxed on the gain — provided they rolled it into the purchase of a new home.

Such transactions — sometimes called 1031 exchanges — have been used by millions of families to help them move up from smaller houses to larger ones, and have become so common, they’re almost taken for granted, especially in places in California and New York.

The details of Biden’s plan aren’t certain, but the Wall Street Journal reports they could mean real estate rollovers will be subject to major new restrictions and higher taxes. And that means you.

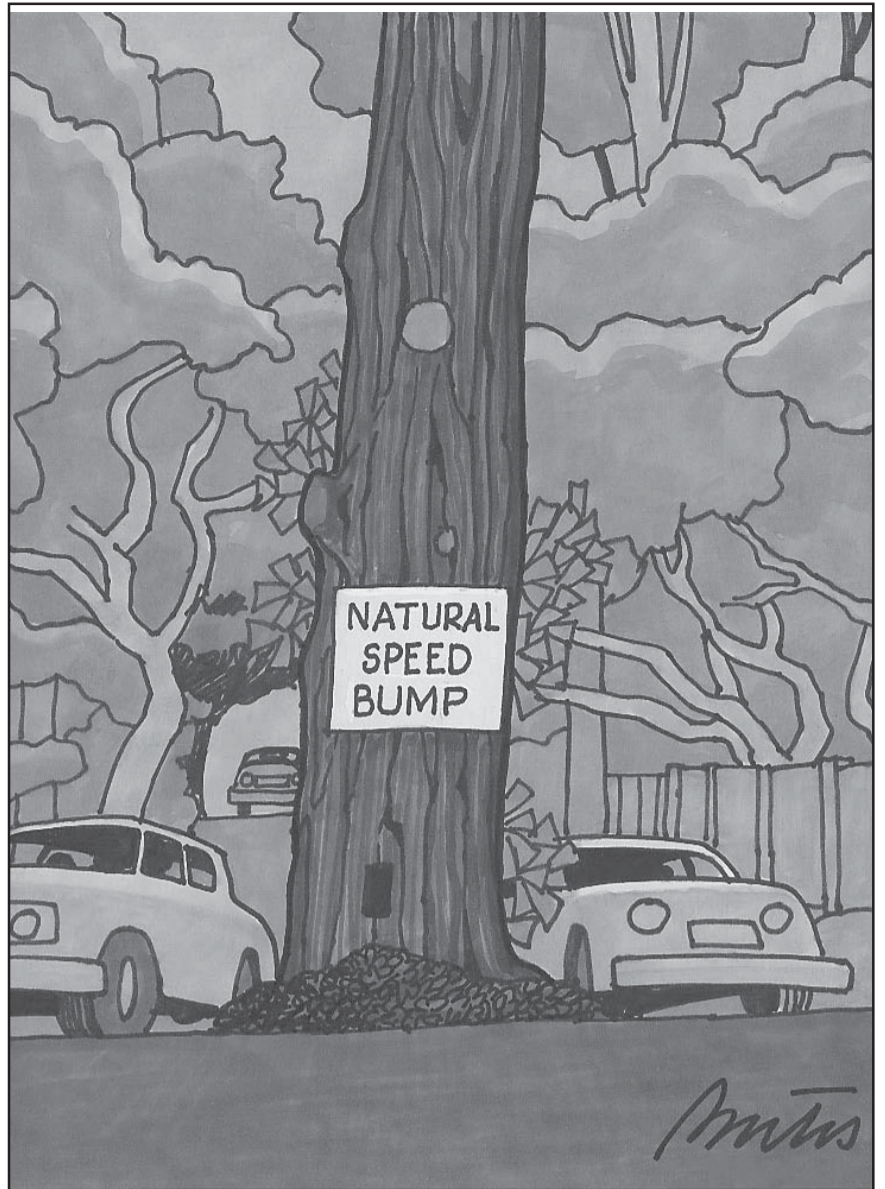
But even more damaging to high-income people in places like the Monterey Peninsula is Biden’s proposal to raise the capital gains tax rate all the way up to 43.4 percent. Holy cow! That would really hammer people whose homes have increased significantly in value. Biden also plans very significant increases in taxes against your assets when you die — again an increase that would fall most heavily on people whose homes and other assets are worth more than they used to be. Which means California if it means anywhere.

Since Trump’s tax increase mainly affected people in California and New York, it was the subject of bitter criticism — so you’d think Biden’s plan would be attacked with the same vehemence. But since Schumer and Pelosi are close political allies of Biden, not only will they surely support his tax increases, they’ve probably already signed off on them.

Hypocrisy in politics is nothing new, though with the media taking sides as blatantly as they do now, politicians are able to ramp up their mendacity without anybody calling them on it.

If you’re paying a higher tax bill because of Trump, we have news for you: Biden has drawn a big target on your back. And don’t expect the Democrats to try to protect you this time.

BEST of BATES



Letters to the Editor

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Don’t leave it empty

Dear Editor,

Isn’t it time to put something back up at the intersection where the statue of Junipero Serra used to reside in Carmel Woods? It’s so unsightly (and rather depressing) to keep driving by this unoccupied structure with its awkward, empty pedestal. Surely there is something.

Adam Moniz, Carmel

Electric cars are too quiet

Dear Editor,

Pedestrian death rates are increasing due to lesser ability of people to hear an oncoming quiet electric vehicle. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration conducted a large-scale 12-state study that showed electric vehicles are 35 percent more likely to cause a pedestrian fatality. The pedestrian deaths by electric vehicles are particularly high for children and seniors.

Pedestrian deaths had declined steadily since 1980 had declined steadily until 2010, when electric cars were introduced; in the next nine years pedestrian deaths increased by 70.1 percent.

Bicyclist deaths due to electric vehicles demonstrates an even higher percentage kill rate compared to pedestrians. If the White House is successful in eliminating conventional vehicles by 2035, the number of excess deaths per annum in the USA will rise to 150,000. This is a rather inconvenient truth for the electric vehicle crowd.

C. Michael Hogan, Carmel

Hate crimes hysteria

Dear Editor,

Once again, the Democrats, led this time by our own Congressman Panetta (Pine Cone, April 23), are attempting to inject more division amongst the American people for their own political purchase. The new hysteria regarding hate crimes against Asian-Americans is just that, hysteria. Two family members recently asked my wife (of Philippine heritage) if she was afraid to go out by herself. She scoffed at the absurdity of it.

We have shrill warnings beamed at us by the propagandists citing hate crimes against Asians as increasing as much as 150 percent in one year. On the face of it, that is actually true in the case of San Jose. However, one needs to note that this is a highly disingenuous claim as the “Asian hate crimes” in that city of slightly over a million people increased from 4 in 2019 to 10 in 2020. Hardly a crime target group in a city with 38 percent of the population

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Unfulfilled romance, a mysterious rose, or just ‘bunk’ — you decide

LAST WEEK, I briefly mentioned that artist Francis McComas had lived in Monterey's Casa Bonifacio, also known as the Sherman Rose Adobe. A century ago, the legend of Señorita Maria Ygnacia Bonifacio and the Sherman Rose was well known, and her adobe was one of the most

legend of the rose was true, others insisted it was not. Regardless, the story was so well known that Casa Bonifacio became one of the most visited of Monterey's adobes in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Bonifacio, who never learned English, could not understand most of the questions from her unknown visitors, but never refused requests to take pictures with her and the famous rose. She and the legend appeared in newspapers across the country. I've even found an account of the legend in England's Manchester Weekly of 1893.

History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

popular stops in historic Monterey.

The lovely señorita lived in a home on the east side of Alvarado Street where Bonifacio Street and the Mechanics bank are today. Her home was a two-story adobe structure on a large lot that included other buildings, such as "a pantry and a kitchen with a wooden roof, a privy and a water well."

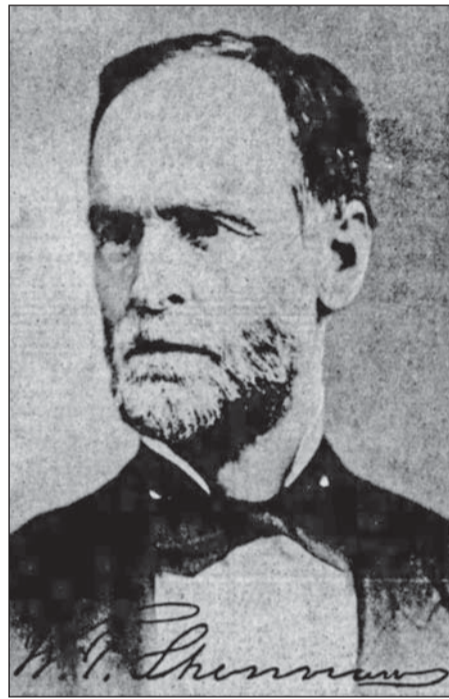
Soon after the United States claimed California as a possession in 1846, Lt. William Tecumseh Sherman was assigned to Monterey. He sailed from New York, around the Cape, and arrived on Jan. 28, 1847. His Monterey headquarters still exist, next to the Larkin House on Calle Principal between Jefferson and Madison. Sherman was a young and free-spirited officer, age 26. Maria Bonifacio was 16.

Never returned

According to the legend, during his brief two years in Monterey, Sherman and Bonifacio fell deeply in love. When he was recalled to Washington, D.C., he promised to come back for her. According to a widely believed legend, "in the moonlit garden he took a rose from her hair and, digging a little place beside the path with the point of his sword, planted it. 'Before that shall grow and bloom again,' he said, 'I will return for my beautiful bride.'"

The years passed. Bonifacio tended the rose as it grew and blossomed, and she remained unmarried. Sherman never returned for her. He instead married Eleanor Ewing on May 1, 1850 in Washington. Sherman and Ewing grew up together. He was 9 when his father died, leaving a widow with 11 children. The Ewing family took in Sherman as a favor to their family friends, and he grew up to become a famous Union general in the Civil War.

Some who knew Bonifacio insisted the



This autographed photo of General Sherman appeared in the May 28, 1916, San Francisco Examiner after it was discovered among the deceased Señorita Bonifacio's treasures.

Room for doubt comes from the earliest known publication of the legend. It came in the 1870s from the pen of Daniel O'Connell, a member of San Francisco's Bohemian Club, who was known to never let the truth get in the way of a good story. Regular readers of this column may recognize the name. O'Connell's poem of Monterey is engraved on the Bertold Monument in

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An early 20th-century postcard of the entrance to Casa Bonifacio. Hidden in the foliage is a small sign stating, "Sherman Rose."

Bringing monsters into the light

AN IMAGINATIVE child has few places as versatile as a bed, the top of which could become a pirate ship, a magic carpet, a fort or a wrestling ring with great ease. The underside was equally useful as a place to avoid an annoying sibling, or a stalking parent on bath night.

But everything changed at bedtime, when the lights went out.

A year ago, when the coronavirus pan-

book industry at the same time."

Barnes' artistic style is liberally splashed with the brilliant, bright, acrylic colors, and his books are populated with the kind of wide-eyed characters that mesmerize children.

But the vast majority of his work has metaphorical messaging targeted toward a mature and thoughtful audience. Themes of his paintings can be ominous, hopeful, political, sad, optimistic, dark, or humorous, with titles like "Forces of Chaos," "3 Guns, 1 Bullet, 4 Dead," "Waiting for the Next Big Wave," "Currents of Love," and "Journey over Sorrow Mountain."

"I think you have to look at everything when you're trying to understand the world you live in," Barnes said. "I can't seem to paint a happy painting without also painting something that might be a bit dark. I need that balance."

Some of his work has local flavor. A three-part series of renderings tells the mythical story that inspired Pacific Grove's famous Feast of Lanterns festival. Thirteen of his paintings have been made into greeting cards.

But the children's books are meant to have widespread appeal to anyone who ever had a fantastic dream or an unsettling nightmare as a kid.

A cathartic bearhug

"I never had a monster under my bed, but I can recall being afraid at night as a little kid," Barnes said. "I remember a very vivid dream that there was a bear in my bedroom. I was afraid until I walked over and gave him a hug. After that, I don't think I ever had another nightmare about an animal."

Barnes grew up in San Jose and Cupertino. His father spent more than 30 years as a production manager at a plant that made monosodium glutamate, and his mom was a homemaker who, when her children were grown, worked in the cafeteria at Cupertino High, Barnes' alma mater.

"My parents were Depression-era people, and going to art school was not something they thought was wise, to say the least," he said. "I ended up going to Cal Poly to study architecture — I guess to make everybody happy — but didn't graduate. At some point, I just decided it wasn't working for me."

In need of a job, Barnes began selling cars — his brother's business — and in 1975, he accepted an offer to manage a used-car dealership on the Monterey Peninsula.

"We had an aunt and un-

Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

demic nudged many of us into long-forgotten regions of our minds, Carmel artist Kimm Barnes batted away a few cobwebs to write and illustrate "What's Under Jack's Bed?" — an ominously entitled children's book about scary monster and a posse of courageous toys who come to life to help Jack on a great adventure.

A bucket-list goal

It's one of three colorful children's books Barnes has authored during months of shelter-in-place, along with "The Big Search," (a boy embarks on an ocean voyage looking for his lost father), and "Take Me Home: Alex blasts into Outer Space" (Alex buys a used robot to help on his farm, but trouble ensues when space bots come to visit), which should be available in mid-May.

"Writing children's books has been on my bucket list for a long time," said Barnes, who, at 69, has scaled back his work as president of Vista Advertising and Design, the agency he founded 33 years ago. "I actually began working on 'The Big Search' shortly before the virus hit, and started trying to learn about the children's

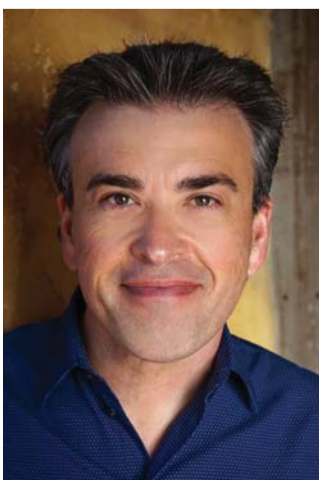


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Carmel artist Kimm Barnes has written and illustrated three children's books, but much of his artwork makes more serious statements about our world.

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ARTIST

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cle who lived on Franklin Street in Monterey, so we came here all the time when I was young. I can remember when Dennis The Menace Park opened," he said. "I loved it here, and this became a place where I always wanted to live."

Great teachers

At 36, Barnes opened Vista Advertising and Design, a successful agency that focused heavily on making retail television commercials, mostly for clients in the San Francisco Bay Area.

"It was a lot of work, like any business is when you're self-employed, but I really enjoyed it," he said. "I liked the people, I liked the atmosphere, I liked the creativity ...

everything about it."

Despite working with artists nearly every day, Barnes was in his mid-50s before he became focused on his own art, taking classes at Monterey Peninsula College in painting, drawing, figure-drawing, sculpture and ceramics.

"I took everything I could, and it was really good for me — something I had always wanted to do," he said. "The teachers were great, the facilities were reasonably good, and I started becoming really serious about it.

"Nowadays, I work every day if I can, even if only for a couple of hours," Barnes said. "People like to say, 'You're so lucky to have passion,' which is true, but making art also a lot of work. It's not like you're just sitting with a glass of chardonnay, pushing some paint around."

Barnes also sits proudly on the board of directors for Arts Habitat Inc., a grassroots organization formed in 1996, as Fort Ord was closing, to advocate for the building of low-cost live-work housing, along with day-use art stu-

dios, for local artists.

"Arts Habitat signed a contract with the county and a developer in the '90s, but the money never came through," he said. "It seems like we might be a bit closer now to making it all a reality, so we just keep working on it, going to meetings, keeping track of what's going on."

Two more books for kids?

The artist said he has at least two more children's books that he'd like to write and illustrate as his knowledge about the industry evolves.

"It's been an interesting voyage, just trying to figure out how it all works," said Barnes, who belongs to the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, an international organization with a local chapter extending from San Francisco to Carmel. "I've learned that probably 90 percent of the businesses in the industry belong to women, and I've found them to be very helpful."

Barnes and his husband, Ryotaro Umegaki, currently reside in a cottage he purchased more than 30 years ago in downtown Carmel-by-the-Sea, near Harrison Library.

Much of his artwork is marketed via word-of-mouth, he said, but it also is available through his website at kimbarnes.com.

Dennis Taylor is a freelance writer in Monterey County. Contact him at scribelaureate@gmail.com.

Big Sur Lodge offers new workers \$500 bonus, stipend for commute

IN BIG Sur — where housing is nonexistent for most, and workers face a long commute in the best of times — businesses have had so much trouble finding workers that one is offering a \$500 signing bonus, along with a gas stipend to lessen the expense of the drive.

The Big Sur Lodge is hiring for many part- and full-time positions.

"We still have openings in all departments," Sonia Marie Martino of the Big Sur Lodge reported this week. "Head over to bigsurlodge.com and click 'careers.' It's a beautiful drive!"

For more details, visit bigsurlodge.com.



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State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
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This business is conducted by a corpo-

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 21CV001360
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, NICHOLE MARIE VINCI, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. Present name: NICHOLE MARIE VINCI
Proposed name: SAHIRA MARIE VINCI
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before

the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: June 25, 2021
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
DEPT: 14
The address of the court is 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week

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(s) Thomas W. Willis
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: April 27, 2021
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Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 has allowed local legislative bodies to hold public meetings via teleconference and to make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the local legislative body. Also, see the Order by the Monterey County Public Health Officer issued March 17, 2020. The health and well-being of our residents is the top priority for the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea. To that end, the public hearing will be held via teleconference and web-streamed on the City's website ONLY.

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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 <http://www.ci.carmel.ca.us> and found by clicking on "Government" and then "Meetings". The Planning Commission meeting will be broadcast live on the City's website at <http://carmel.novusagenda.com/agenda/public/meetings/responsive.aspx> and the City's YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuOeLwMJCdzDzJ88mA>, and archived there after the meeting. For more information regarding Planning Commission meetings, please contact the Community Planning & Building Department at (831) 620-2010.

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Eric Miller Architects, Architect
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Block: 142; Lot: 19
APN: 010-162-009
Consideration of a Final Design Study (DS 20-196, Turner) and associated Coastal Development Permit for the construction of an 1,800 square-foot, single-family residence, inclusive of an attached garage, on a vacant lot located on Mission Street, 5 northwest of Santa Lucia in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District.

CDP 16-155 (Mission Trail Nature Preserve)
City of Carmel-By-The-Sea
Mission Trail Nature Preserve
APN: 009-341-001
009-341-008
010-061-006
Consideration of a 5-year extension of a Coastal Development Permit (CDP 16-155) for maintenance activities as set forth in the 1996 Mission Trail Nature Preserve Master Plan, and invasive species removal as described in the Baseline Biological Assessment. Activities include weed management, trail maintenance, rare plant conservation, the Lester Rowntree Native Plant Garden and Flanders Mansion, stream stabilization, and general property management.

DS 20-339 (Takizawa)
Adam Jeselnick Architect
Casanova 4 southeast of 9th Ave
Block: D; Lot: 12
APN: 010-186-013
Consideration of a Concept Design Study (DS 20-339, Takizawa) and associated Coastal Development Permit for the construction of a 177 square-foot addition to an existing 1,328 square-foot single-family dwelling and 210 square-foot detached garage located on Casanova Street, 4 southeast of 9th Ave in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District.

DS 21-082 (Torru)
Adam Jeselnick Architect
11th Avenue 2 northwest of Dolores
Block: 115; Lot: W. 1/2 of 17 & 19
APN: 010-158-010
Consideration of a Concept Design Study (DS 21-082 (Torru), Variance and associated Coastal Development Permit for the construction of a 270 square-foot addition to an existing 1,330 square-foot single-family residence located on 11th Avenue 2 northwest of Dolores Street in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District.

DS 20-373 (Black)
Harlan Bradley, Contractor/Designer
Camino Real 2 southeast of 11th
Block: I; Lot: 6
APN: 010-273-008
Consideration of a Final Design (DS 20-373, Black) and associated Coastal Development Permit for the demolition of an existing 1,114 square foot 1-story, single-family residence and detached garage and construction of a new 1,590 square foot, 2-story, single-family residence with a 210 square foot detached garage located on Camino Real 2 southeast of 11th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District.

DS 20-205 (Rainey), Lot Merger (LM 20-290)
David Stocker, Contractor
Lincoln 5 southwest of 10th
Block 114; Lots 11, pts. 9 & 13
APN: 010-182-004
Consideration of a Final Design Study (DS 20-205, Rainey), Lot Merger (LM 20-290), and associated Coastal Development Permit for the demolition of an existing 1,752 square foot one-story single-family residence with detached garage and construction of a 2,868 square foot two-story single-family residence inclusive of a basement and attached garage located at Lincoln 5 southwest of 10th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District.

UP 21-105 (Carmel Academy of Pampered Animals)
Kellie Hoffmeister, Partner
Mission 2 northeast of 8th
Block: 89; Lot: 18
APN: 010-087-006
Consideration of a Use Permit (UP 21-105, Carmel Academy of Pampered Animals) for the establishment of a Dog Day Care Facility (Kennel) located on Mission 2 northeast of 8th Avenue in an existing 3,087 square-foot commercial building in the Residential and Limited Commercial (RC) Zoning District.

DS 21-004 (Yonekura)
James Newhall Smith, Architect
Mission 3 southwest of 13th
Block 142; Lot 5
APN: 010-162-002
Consideration of a Final Design Study (DS 21-004, Yonekura) and associated Coastal Development Permit for the demolition of an existing carport and 719-square-foot rear portion of an existing one-story single-family residence, and the construction of a 1,073-square-foot, two story addition and 240-square-foot detached garage in the front setback of a residence located on Mission 3 southwest of 13th Avenue the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District.

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
Brandon Swanson,
Community Planning & Building Director

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HISTORY

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Friendly Plaza.

In the case of the Bonifacio legend, O'Connell's daughter Mabel insisted it was true, and in the 1950s, Mabel's daughter provided the Monterey History and Art Association with a letter written to her mother in 1935 that affirmed it.

Robert J. Richards, the letter writer, was born in Monterey in 1858. He said that when he was baptized at the San Carlos church, Bonifacio was his godmother, and growing up, he called her "Madrina."

Richards also said that his mother, Carmen Simbrenos de Richards, and Bonifacio "were devoted friends." His mother had dated another military officer while Sherman courted Bonifacio. "My mother often told us that our Madrina never married but that she expected Lt. Sherman to return and make her his bride. She also told of the rose bush, which grew very large," Richards claimed.

Gertrude Atherton included a telling of the legend in her 1894 book, "Before the Gringo Came." Her story, "The Wash-Tub Mail," omitted the names and told the story from the perspective of the town gossip, but readers of the day knew its basis. Atherton referred to Bonifacio as "La Tulita, the prettiest girl in Monterey." Sherman he simply called "the Lieutenant."

The growth of the legend led the San Francisco Call to interview Bonifacio and publish a lengthy report about her in its September 1896 edition.

A 'mute confession'

According to the story, Bonifacio laughed "heartily over the picture of 'La Tulita,'" and said, "I never knew Gen. Sherman. I was little more than a child when Sherman was in Monterey. The rose tree? My uncle brought the cuttings to me from San Jose in 1855."

Despite her denial—which was perhaps to lessen the pain of being jilted—the legend lived on and tourists continued to seek out Bonifacio and the Sherman Rose.

Untold in every account of the legend is that Sherman did return to Monterey in September 1880. As Commanding General of the Army, Sherman accompanied President Rutherford B. Hayes' special train across the country and arrived at Monterey's newly completed Hotel Del Monte on Sept. 15, 1880. The next day, there were speeches at Colton Hall and a parade down Alvarado Street, past Casa Bonifacio, and back to the hotel. Hayes left that afternoon

for San Francisco. Sherman stayed one more night and hosted a party for "all the old pioneers." While the legend was known by 1880, no paper wrote of it, nor was there mention of whether Bonifacio was among those "old pioneers."

Bonifacio was 85 years old when she died in her home on Jan. 5, 1916. She was not wealthy. She had met her needs by taking in boarders and had been generous to the church with her time and tithes. She left her home and everything in it to her friend, Robert Johnson, a former mayor of Monterey. Her brother's eldest son filed a petition on behalf of her nieces and nephews, but Johnson won out. In May 1916, while going through a trunk, "carefully laid away in rose leaves," Johnson found a yellowed photograph of Sherman. For many, this was "the mute confession of the lifelong romance." Others continued to doubt.

Her nephew John called it bunk and threatened to sue to stop a historical pageant planned for the 1923 Salinas



This popular postcard shows the aging Maria Bonifacio along with the large rose bush dubbed the Sherman Rose.

Rodeo that included a portrayal of the romantic legend. The production included it anyway. Call me a romantic, but I think the core of the legend is true.

Holding up progress

As for the house, it ended up in the hands of Monterey developer Thomas A. Work, who saw it as an obstacle to progress. Work was about to begin to build the First National Bank on the site, and in July 1922 offered the historic adobe for free, "to any civic body which will promptly remove and preserve [it] elsewhere in the City of Monterey."

While not a civic body, artist Percy Grey saved the structure by having builder J. C. Anthony dismantle it and reassemble the adobe bricks on Mesa Street, where they stand today. Later, Work's contemporary, S. F. B. Morse, the developer of Pebble Beach, said in his memoirs, "Tom Work frequently told me that he regretted more than he could say the fact that he had moved the Sherman Rose; that it would have been a great help to him had he left it where it was and built the bank on the parking lot to the rear."

Cherry Center's poetry contest goes online

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

CELEBRATING YOUNG wordsmiths from Salinas to Big Sur, 25th annual Robert Campbell Monterey High School Poetry Awards ceremony will be done online this year, and its set for Saturday, May 1.

Presented by the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts and the Monterey Public Library Friends & Foundation, the event will honor winners with certificates of merit, cash awards and books of poetry. Hosted by poet and teacher Elliot Ruchowitz-Roberts, the virtual gathering will also feature a poetry reading.

The awards recognize "excellence in high school poets" and encourage "an interest in creative expression through the written word."

Just as it does each year since 1996, the Cherry Center will also publish an anthology of poetry showcasing the work of 40 local students.

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LETTERS

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being Asian.

There is a more definite dynamic to many supposed "hate" crimes. Most predators, animal or human, go first for the weak and infirm. Many of the current victims categorized as Asian were more specifically either female or elderly.

Democrat Party leaders know full well the power of harvesting turmoil. Turmoil is the perfect foil for more government action, more tax expenditures, more controls on our everyday lives. We have certainly seen that boldly evidenced this past year.

Richard S. Hellam, Seaside

Sewer district greed

Dear Editor,

The proposal of a rate hike by Monterey One Water of what amounts to 122 percent by 2025 represents the absolute worst in a government agency — an agency that thinks itself so important and untouchable that it can impose upon an outrageous, unjustified increase so gigantic it is almost hard to believe.

A huge segment of the population this organization is supposed to serve and help is just emerging from a year where we saw our own elected officials and unelected bureaucrats strip business owners along with their workforce of their livelihoods, and individuals of their freedoms, causing enormous financial hardship. It is a very sad state of affairs when government agencies we rely on to be our partners in living and working in Monterey County become our enemy operating against us and taking advantage of the citizens while at their lowest.

The majority of us have to live within a budget and can only spend what we have earned. When we do not have enough money, we cut something from our budgets. We do not have the ability to put our hands out and demand money from others who work hard and deserve to keep what they earn.

Perhaps Monterey One Water and all government agencies need to learn to do the same and live within their means. I do not wish to imply that what Monterey One

Water does is not important as it certainly is, but not more or less than what any other businesses or agencies contribute to our community and most certainly not worthy of such an insultingly huge increase. Even the suggestion of it is despicable.

Any member of the Monterey One Board that sat in a meeting and with a straight face agreed that a more than 100 percent increase was a good idea should be embarrassed and ashamed.

Lauren Cohen, Monterey

'An agricultural crop'

Dear Editor,

Most of you know that adult use of cannabis is legal in California, though how it is managed is up to each county. In our county, indoor grows in greenhouses are legal. There is a process, which is being discussed at various levels, for application for a revised permit to grow cannabis in the outdoors. The permit, as it is, is extremely prohibitive, both in requirements and cost of applying.

We have all heard of outdoor grows where streams are polluted, trash tossed around, etc. Those behaviors, however, are results of actions by outside groups, who have no interest in preserving anything, but rather, in making as much money as possible and then getting out.

Big Sur, in particular, has a long-standing history of growing appellation-quality cannabis. The local people, who are trying to get the permits to grow legally, have a buy-in to the area, to preserve the environment, to have inspections to do it right. These are families who are part of our community.

If you have an opportunity to support the revised permit process, I hope you will listen to and weigh in to the upcoming planning commission meeting, and also to the board of supervisors when discussion moves to that group. Cannabis is an agricultural crop, and growers deserve the opportunity to be part of our business community.

Mary Masten, Carmel

Supports hotel plan

Dear Editor,

I am a resident of Pacific Grove and I wish to express my full support for the

development of the American Tin Cannery site as proposed by Comstock Development. As an environmentalist and historian, I see this as an extraordinary opportunity to achieve a balance between the preservation of history, enhancement of the environment, and generation of revenue essential to the community — with essentially zero impact on traffic, noise, or other disturbance to the day to day lives of the citizens or wildlife of the city.

David A. Laws, Pacific Grove

'Extremely supportive'

Dear Editor,

As the owner of a piano shop in Pacific Grove, like many other businesses, I've been hit hard by the pandemic. While the public and our elected officials have been focused on restaurants and retail locations, and rightfully so, other businesses like mine are also an important part of our local economy. That is why I'm extremely sup-

portive of projects that will bring opportunity to Pacific Grove, and the American Tin Cannery hotel project will do just that.

The support Comstock Development has already shown our community is well documented, but that support will continue during construction and operations. Yes, local small businesses will see an immediate increase in foot-traffic, but service-based businesses will also thrive. From commercial laundries and landscapers to florists and yes, fine pianos, we all have a better chance at success with the approval of this project.

Mark Stevens, Pacific Grove

Take back the park

Dear Editor,

The silver lining to the pandemic is the neighborhood bonding and peace and quiet

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we've enjoyed. While I'm hopeful our neighborliness will persist, I'm concerned the peace and quiet is coming to end.

Despite a petition submitted to the city prior to the shutdown, signed by over 100 residents who live within earshot of the park, and tennis players who actively use the courts, the City of Monterey is reopening the courts at Via Paraiso Park for pickleball.

The people who signed the petition oppose a pickleball club, primarily composed of people from outside our community, commandeering our park; the intolerable, asynchronous noise which penetrates walls and windows of nearby residents, and distracts and annoys residents utilizing the park; and use of available on-site parking by the club, denying our community members, especially families with children, easy access to our park. Further, the resident tennis community opposes the current reservation system and the need for pickleball lines on both courts, which are distracting to tennis play.

Why Monterey continues to allow this club play at a residential, community park is beyond comprehension when residents of the community have clearly voiced their opposition, similar to residents of cities surrounding our own, Pacific Grove, Carmel Valley, and Seaside, as well as countless other communities throughout the country. These communities adamantly oppose the intolerable noise. One just needs to Google "pickleball noise" to understand why those living within earshot oppose the game within residential areas. Some are even bringing lawsuits because of an unacceptable degradation to their quality of life and negative impact on their property values.

Sufficient accommodation for resident pickleball is one thing, 30-50 club participants play is another. And residents have clearly voiced their opposition. We chose to live in this neighborhood for the wonderful quality of life. The city should preserve it. Give us back our park.

Paul O'Leary, Monterey

A tribute to Mom

Dear Editor,

'My Mother's Hands' is a poem in honor of my own mother and all of the ways her love was shown to me. I recited this as her eulogy upon her passing. With Mother's Day coming up, I'm sharing this poem to acknowledge all mothers and the loving gifts they continuously manifest for others.

My Mother's Hands

Imagine the hands
That first held me when I was new
Consoled me to sleep
Caressed my plump cheek

With guidance and grace
They directed my life
Held my own hands tight
In safety and fright

Picked me up when I fell
Turned the pages of stories she would tell

Those were my mother's hands

Embraced me when I woke
Tucked me in at night
Combed through my hair
Donned me with ribbons to wear

Created comfort and joy
Cooked, shopped, and cleaned
Sewed doll clothes and pinafores
Made my young face beam

Imagine her hands
How busy and prompt
Throwing birthday parties, festive dinners
Sweet treats were the top

They gardened
Decorated
Those hands did it all
A favorite was shopping at the nearest mall

As an adult they continued
To love and help me grow
Buttoned my wedding dress
Knitted blankets for a throw

They cherished my own children
Cuddled, played, and taught
Without a doubt
Those hands were so sought

For me and my family
Siblings and school children
Teaching and creating
Gifts for the next generation

Delicate and graceful
Yet strong and filled with purpose
I have been touched
By her hands that were so beautiful

In the last month of life

I continued her will
I held her hands through the fright and fear
I admired them lovingly
Massaged them with cream
Touched them so softly
Held them so near

My mother's hands
Are those that showed love
Gave me so much to live for
Then just like a dove
Flew up to the heavens
To watch from above

What I wouldn't give
To see them once more
Feel their embrace
Have them open her door

Her hands
How they manifest
All desire and will
Taught me to do the same
With my own I hold dear

I have been blessed
Touched by my mother's hands

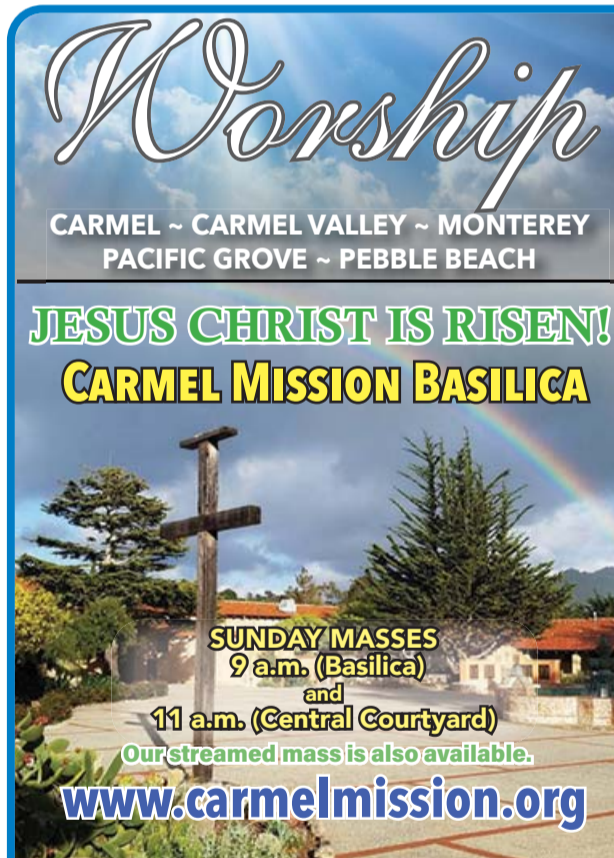
Tracie Zelei-Rossi,
Carmel

GAVEL

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posted stop signs. The officers discontinued the pursuit because of its dangerousness. Shortly thereafter, the officers observed the vehicle in a solo-vehicle collision, crashed against a tree and stone wall, resting on the driver's side. Due to the nature of the collision, Gomez was trapped inside the vehicle until firefighter personnel arrived with breaching equipment.

Gomez later admitted that he fled from law enforcement because he was on parole, had recently smoked methamphetamine, was uncertain of any illegal substances in the vehicle, and believed he had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. Gomez submitted to limited field sobriety tests and a drug recognition evaluation, which indicated he was under the influence of drugs.

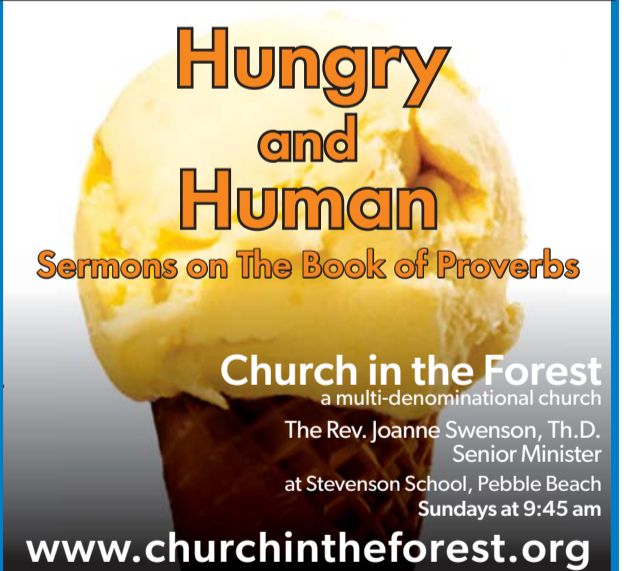


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Aging isn't the only thing making those good vibrations harder to hear

By SALLY BAHO

OUR HEARING is one of our greatest assets — and not just for the obvious reasons, explained Laurel Hinton, a doctor of audiology with Central Coast Audiology.

She said, "Hearing is a brain function. When you don't hear well, you begin to have a disconnect, then the brain gets dull because it doesn't have the auditory stimulus."

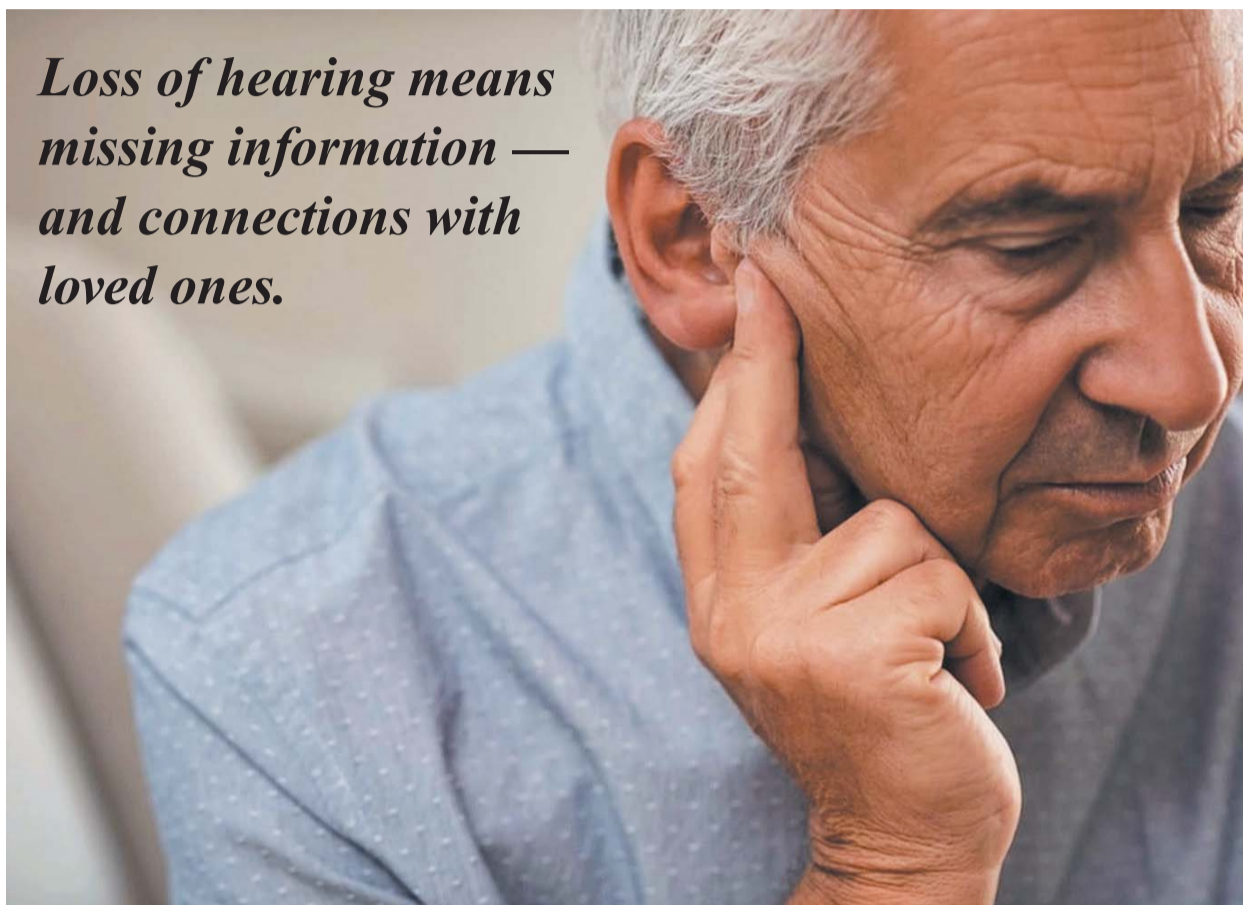
Hearing loss can lead to social isolation and often correlates with dementia, too.

Chain reaction

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As people age, it's natural for the delicate hair cells of the inner ear to wear, and the first thing to go is the ability to hear the higher frequencies in speech which are critical to clarity and understanding. "When people lose the high frequencies, they start to say 'What?' more in conversation," explained

Loss of hearing means missing information — and connections with loved ones.



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S O R T I N G I T O U T

If you need to have your head examined, it might take a village

By ELAINE HESSER

WHEN YOU'RE navigating your way around the medical community, professional titles can start to run together. There's an -ologist for this and a specialist for that, and they all have enough initials after their names to fill a rack or two of Scrabble tiles.

Sometimes, they handle seemingly unrelated issues because of anatomy — your ears are responsible for hearing, but also play a major role in balance. Problems in the throat can affect speech, but also how well you swallow and breathe. Those multitasking body parts call for an otorhinolaryngologist, also called an ear, nose and throat specialist, or ENT. And that mouthful of Greek is commonly shortened to otolaryngologist.

According to the American Academy of Otolaryngology — Head and Neck Surgery, it's the oldest medical specialty in the United States. And ENTs cover a lot of territory.

Broad scope of practice

Dr. Ameet Grewal, an otolaryngologist at Monterey Ear, Nose and Throat on Cass Street, completed her medical training at Georgetown and Stanford universities, and took some time to help Healthy Lifestyles understand her scope of practice — the areas where she is qualified to lend a hand.

"It's everything above the clavicle, except the eye, brain or spine," she said. (The clavicle is your collarbone.) "We deal with cancers of the head and neck, ear problems, salivary gland problems, nasal blockages, sinus issues, thyroid problems," and many others. In fact, the Mayo Clinic lists more than 100 conditions that ENTs can treat, including cleft lip or palate, facial nerve paralysis and sleep apnea.

To become an ENT, a doctor must complete five years of residency after medical school, including one year of general surgery and four years of gener-

al ENT surgery, Grewal said, adding, "I like the variety, it's constantly challenging."

You might see an otolaryngologist for a speech problem, in which case they would ask about medical issues — like stroke or Parkinson's disease — that might have caused the problem, as well as do an exam to make sure everything else is working correctly. "With Parkinson's, you get problems with your vocal cords and difficulty swallowing," among other things, Grewal said.

Sound booth

After a visit with an ENT, a person with speaking or swallowing difficulties might be referred to a speech language pathologist, who we'll get to in a bit.

If a patient came to Grewal's office because of a hearing problem, she said she would rule out any medical issues, like a blocked ear canal, an infection or a hole in the eardrum. If appropriate, she would refer them for a hearing test at a facility that had a sound booth.

"I have headphones to do hearing tests if there's an emergency or I need a quick answer," she explained, "but the best quality hearing tests are done in a sound booth."

For that, you might see an audiologist, who will have either a master's or doctorate in their specialty. They are not medical doctors, but, according to Johns Hopkins University, they can "identify, assess and manage disorders of hearing, balance and other neural systems."

Why balance? Because your vestibular system, which detects movement and plays a major role in helping you stay steady as you stand and walk, is in your inner ear. An ENT would work to determine the cause of a balance problem, and then likely refer

the patient to an audiologist or a physical therapist, depending on what kind of treatment was needed.

Speaking and swallowing

Hearing aid specialists do exactly what you'd expect — test, fit and counsel people who need devices to help them hear. Ganesh Kripapuri of Carmel Hearing Aids is licensed in that area.

Kripapuri said that qualifications for his job include a high school diploma, and comprehensive written and practical testing. Like other healthcare professionals, hearing aid specialists need to take continuing education to keep their skills up-to-date.

People who have trouble speaking might go to a speech therapist, more accurately called a speech language pathologist. Katherine Imbeau of CHOMP is one, and she said many people are surprised by how broad her scope of practice is.

Imbeau said she deals mostly with people who have swallowing disorders. The muscles you use to swallow also keep food and liquid out of your airway. If they don't work properly, food, saliva and liquids (along with bacteria) could enter the lungs, leading to aspiration pneumonia, which can be fatal.

That condition is often seen in people who have



Dr. Ameet Grewal

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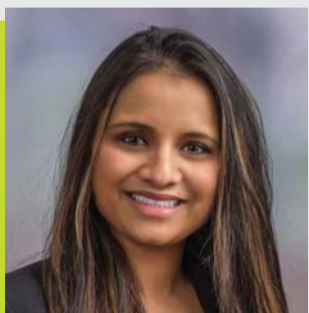


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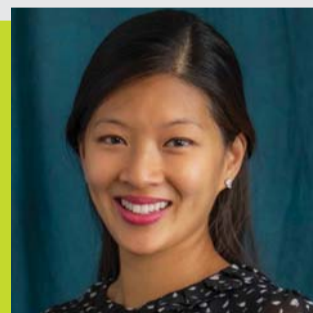


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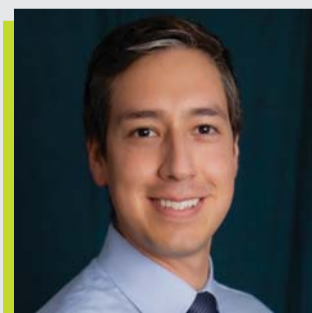
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A tiny little swimming pool with a big, welcoming heart

By ELAINE HESSER

FOR NEARLY 50 years, people have been learning to swim and enjoying warm-water exercise about a half-block off of Casa Verde Way in Monterey, where the Josephine Kernes Memorial Pool and its aquatics program began at Edith and Herb Perry's home, in their backyard swimming pool.

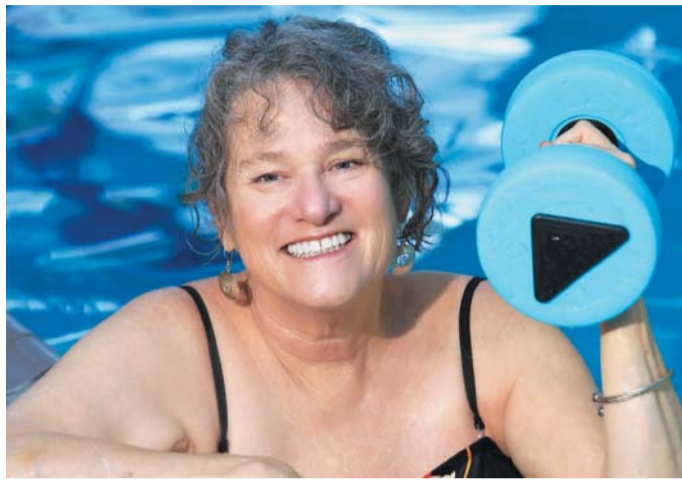
Kernes Adaptive Aquatics has been shut down since the beginning of the pandemic, but when it's operational — Executive Director Lynn Young said it should reopen by Aug. 1 — it serves more than 100 clients a week, many of whom have no other way to exercise. They range from young children with physical and/or emotional disabilities, to wounded veterans and senior citizens. Young noted that Covid restrictions may lower that number, however.

Edith, who offered swimming lessons at local beaches and other pools, knew that exercising in warm water would benefit people with disabilities, and she invited them to her small pool. Over the years, the facilities were rebuilt and improved. The pool is now indoors, and the place was named in honor of Edith's mother, who, according to accounts of the pool's history, taught her children the importance of community service.

Who can benefit?

Young, who has worked at the facility for 11 years, said that while it's been closed, it's undergoing some major renovations. The deck around the pool has been covered with soft flooring, for example, and the pool is being resurfaced. Concrete walkways and parking will also be improved, thanks to a grant from the City of Monterey.

Young said there are three groups of clients who use the pool in roughly equal numbers — children with special needs, senior citizens, and adults with disabilities including cerebral palsy and spinal cord injuries.



Clients of all ages and conditions at Kernes Adaptive Aquatics find a "warm, accepting and encouraging" environment to exercise.

"The youngest member we've had was 3 months old, and the oldest was 103 years," Young said. Unlike other local facilities, there are no large classes and no drop-ins. Each person is scheduled for a specific time — usually about an hour long — based on their needs.

Some require one-on-one attention throughout their time in the water, while others can exercise independently. "It doesn't matter what your age or physical ability is. This place is warm, accepting and encouraging," she said.

Scheduling wizard

The schedule is adeptly handled by Linda Gomez, the facility's associate director, who has been there for 13 years. She makes sure that, for example, a child who likes to scream and shout isn't there at the same time as someone with PTSD, or that people who have doctors' appointments during their regular time slots can still find an hour to come in.

And Gomez makes sure the instructors — many

of whom are students in CSUMB's kinesiology department fulfilling their service learning requirements — are there when they're needed, while still leaving them enough time to do homework and study for crucial exams.

"Linda's brilliant," Young said.

The private, easy-to-use showers and dressing rooms are also a draw. Young noted that even during the shutdown, some clients came to use the showers, which were more accessible than what they had in their homes.

South County clients

Kernes Adaptive Aquatics is funded mostly by private contributions and foundations, Young said, with a small amount coming from taxpayer-funded grants, like the one used for the renovations. For another example, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County provides accessible rides to the pool

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Hinton. People then tend to rely on their vision more, watching others speak to catch what they're saying, but that has become difficult, if not impossible, with masks.



Dr. Laurel Hinton

"Everything is so individual with hearing," said Hinton. There are the obvious genetic and age-related components to hearing loss, but what else? People who have been around loud noises, like veterans, construction workers, rock musicians and concertgoers, are more likely to experience hearing loss over time. Also, some antibiotics and chemotherapies are known to be toxic to the ear.



Dr. Joel Jacobson

Emergencies

Dr. Joel Jacobson, an ear, nose and throat specialist with Central Coast Head and Neck Surgeons, described some of the other ways people can experience hearing loss. "For example, you could have a cold or sinus infection, or get fluid in your ear and experience hearing loss. And that becomes an emergency," he said, because if

it's not treated quickly, damage to the inner ear could cause permanent hearing loss.

If you develop sudden hearing loss, see a specialist immediately.

Typically, if treated early, your hearing can be salvaged. Often a simple steroid treatment can fix the problem if the inner ear is inflamed or infected, but an exam is required to properly diagnose the situation.

Thorough exams

Another potential problem is otosclerosis, said Jacobson, which is an abnormal fusion of the bone in the middle ear.

This typically occurs in adults in their 40s or 50s and causes hearing impairment due to the inability of the ear bones to vibrate freely and amplify sound, but it can be helped with a hearing device or ear surgery.

Both Hinton and Jacobson recommended regular diagnostic evaluations by an audiologist to test the health of the ear and the status of your hearing.

These thorough exams look at everything, including inflammation and tumors in the ear, and can also "test bone conduction or air conduction of sound to see where the loss is coming from," explained Jacobson.

You should also wear ear protec-

tion if you are going to be around loud noises.

Hearing aids

If you are experiencing hearing loss, Hinton explained that "the healthiest thing you can do is wear a hearing device because it slows down cognitive decline. It slows dementia."

If you experience hearing loss, ringing in your ears, or vertigo, be sure to have your ears checked out. Also, if you catch yourself turning up the TV or asking people to repeat themselves in conversation, get an exam. Hinton explained that, "the longer you

wait, the harder it is to rehabilitate. And wearing a hearing device is not a death sentence."

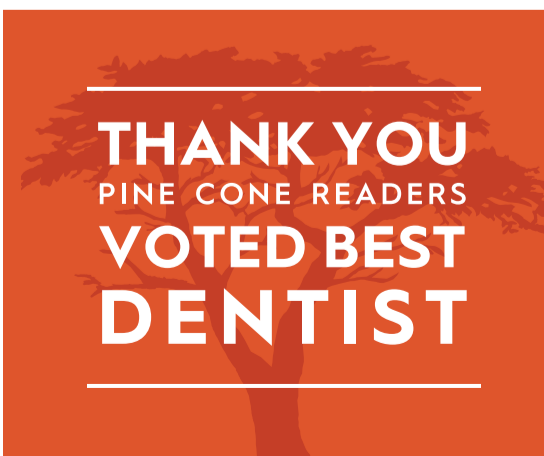
From a preventative standpoint, stay healthy, eat well and exercise. "Exercising is good because it brings fresh blood to your ears all the time," Hinton said. Jacobson explained that while no supplement has been identified as targeting hearing health, diets rich in antioxidants have been linked with overall hearing health and the prevention of hearing loss. So, eat your blueberries, walk on the beach, and when you're listening to your music, turn it down just a little lower.



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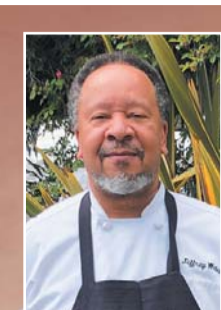
THE KITCHEN

Roasted cauliflower steaks with pistachios and pomegranate seeds

CAULIFLOWER IS often maligned, but that's only because it's so misunderstood. Some people seem to want you think it must be eaten raw, and while the appeal of the crunch is considerable, the flavor can be a bit strong. Others have only had it after it's been cooked a bit too long in water, leaving it devoid of bite and flavor.

But cauliflower has a secret identity — earthy, nutty and still toothsome — that comes out when it's roasted. This month's recipe, from Chef Jeffrey Walker at Tarp's, takes full advantage of that preparation to create "steaks" cut from a full head of cauliflower. Now, there's no way you're going to slip these to a meat eater in place of their New York strip, but as an appetizer, side or even main course — this dish will undoubtedly surprise people who normally avoid the vegetable.

Walker likes a hearty, 2-inch-thick slab of cauliflower, but you can experiment with the thickness of the slices. Just remember to start checking them a little earlier. And do take the time to let the onions caramelize slowly. It's worth every minute.



Jeffrey Walker



INGREDIENTS

Serves 4

- 1/2 cup olive oil (more if needed to rub cauliflower steaks and dress the arugula)**
- 1 medium onion, peeled and thinly sliced**
- 1 large cauliflower, leaves removed and base trimmed, sliced vertically into 2-inch thick "steaks"**
- 1 teaspoon black pepper**
- 1 teaspoon salt**
- 1 ounce parsley leaves, finely chopped**
- 1/2 ounce mint leaves, roughly chopped**
- 4 ounces arugula**
- 2 ounces golden raisins**
- 1 teaspoon madras curry powder**
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cumin**
- 1 1/4 ounce pistachios, shelled, toasted and lightly crushed**
- Seeds of 1/2 medium pomegranate (approximately 1/2 cup)**
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice**

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Meanwhile, warm about half of the olive oil in a small sauté pan over medium-high heat. Add the onion and cook for eight to 10 minutes, until golden brown and starting to crisp. Remove from heat and set aside to cool. Add the raisins, cumin and madras curry powder to the cooled onion,

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Chef Bio

JEFFREY WALKER'S passion for cooking began on Oct. 24, 1984 at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, where he started as a dishwasher and quickly rose through the ranks to become kitchen manager. His climb to the top continued as he was promoted to sous chef, then executive sous chef.

His career with the companies that managed the Aquarium's kitchen led to exciting and educational opportunities with Chevron in Houston, the Exploratorium in San Francisco, and

eventually to a job as executive chef for Santa Catalina School.

Walker's expertise and leadership caught the eye of executives at Santa Clara University, who convinced him to take a position as executive sous chef.

Other cooking experience includes time at Santa Lucia Preserve, Bird of Paradise Catering, Rappa's on the Wharf in Monterey, San Francisco University, Yahoo!, and the Culinary Institute of America at Hyde Park, N.Y.



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had strokes and those with multiple sclerosis, dementia or other mental impairments, or ALS (Lou Gehrig’s disease), as well as those who abuse alcohol. Covid is another risk factor, Imbeau said, because “it impairs the coordination of breathing and swallowing,” as patients gasp for breath while trying to eat or drink.

Imbeau noted that since she works in a hospital, she doesn’t see many people for speech therapy, which normally occurs in an outpatient office. “A lot of speech problems are first found in a school setting,” she said, like those involving stuttering, so specialists like her can have patients of all ages.

Find the right person

A speech language pathologist can work on the voice — what happens in the vocal cords, including hoarseness or recurring laryngitis, volume problems and so on — and articulation, which involves the mouth, tongue, teeth and lips.

Stuttering or stammering, which is often hereditary, is treated with a variety of approaches, including reducing tension and anxiety — which can

exacerbate the problem — as well as therapy to help patients slow down and gain confidence.

“We have a super-broad scope of practice,” Imbeau said. To qualify in her field, she earned a master’s degree and completed a nine-month supervised clinical fellowship. A speech language pathologist can diagnose some conditions, but must consult other professionals for things outside of their scope of practice. They cannot prescribe medications.

No matter what your condition, when you’re confronted with options about who to see, it’s always OK to ask why you’re being referred to a particular type of practitioner, what to expect when you meet with them, and of course, whether they’re covered by your insurance. It’s part of being a smart consumer, and it can be pretty interesting, too.



Katherine Imbeau

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then add the remaining olive oil and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Add the pistachios and pomegranate seeds, and stir to combine.

Gently rub cauliflower steaks with olive oil, salt and pepper, and place on a half-sheet pan. Roast for 20 minutes,

or until cooked through and dark golden-brown. Remove and set aside to cool.

Just before serving, reheat the cauliflower steaks for about five minutes, and serve with arugula tossed in a bit of olive oil, the onion-raisin mixture, and a squeeze or two of fresh lemon juice.

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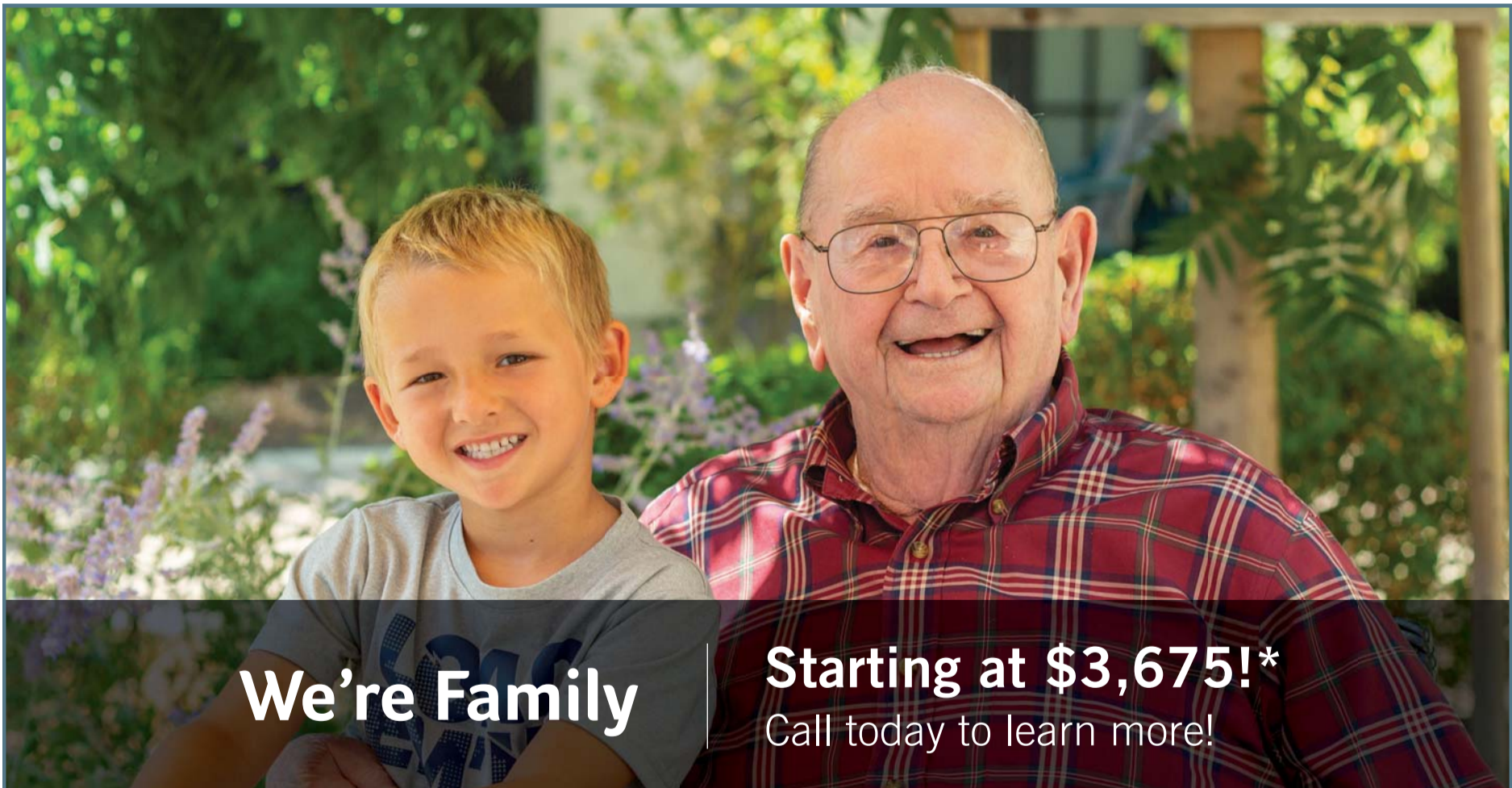
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for members from all over Monterey County, some as far south as Soledad. The center also raises money through its annual Splash-a-thon fundraiser.

Although members are asked to pay fees, Young said, "We provide services without regard to income. No one is turned away." Special needs children of active duty service members use the pool, which benefits local military parents, who would otherwise have to travel to San Francisco for similar services.

'Dedicated'

Once people discover the joy of being in the water, they keep coming back — some for decades. "We have young people in their 30s who have been coming since they were toddlers," Young said.

She has story after story of people who have benefited from using the pool. One older adult who spent most of her waking and sleeping hours seated because of her physical condition told Young, "It feels so good not to be in the shape of a chair." The staff



Instructors work with a wide variety of physical conditions.

has also successfully accommodated people with oxygen tanks and colostomy bags.

"In 50 years, we've figured out a lot of things. We've never found a single condition or age we couldn't work with," she said.

The executive director said she understands how freeing it is to be in the water, since she fractured her hip and used the pool herself while recovering. "It felt so good not worrying about slipping and falling," she recalled.

Young credited the facility's instructors with a great deal of the center's success. "They are just fantastic. They are the most unbelievable young people — smart, dedicated and compassionate." She said that they are certified by the Aquatic Rehabilitation and Therapy Institute, a nationwide organization that says it's for "health care professionals working in the aquatic environment," and many are also personal trainers. Some get separate certifications to work with children, too.

The relationships that instructors and students have are significant, as everyone learned during the shutdown. "It's very nurturing. People get to know you. They form friendships and spend time chatting. It's a family," Young said.

"It's been so sad — heartbreaking — not having everyone around," she added, and she looks forward to welcoming folks back to the renovated pool. If you'd like to learn more about Kernes Adaptive Aquatics, you can visit their website at kernespool.org. The link for frequently asked questions is particularly helpful.

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Students to serenade Bach Festival's fundraising home and garden tour

WHILE THE Carmel Bach Festival has been postponed until October because of the virus, its 6th annual "Cottages, Gardens & Cantatas" Home and Garden Tour will open online May 1. Besides offering a look inside some unforgettable local homes, the tour will include performances by student-musicians who have been featured at the festival in recent years.

This year's lineup includes violinists **Elena Oh** and **Hannah Shu**, pianists **Gia Panetta** and **Siri Panetta**, and cellist **David Elyoussoufi**. The performers will mostly play Bach — Oh, for instance, will perform his *Partita No. 2 for Violin, Allemande and Sarabande*.

"These are mature works," **Scott Seward** of the Bach

Festival told The Pine Cone. "What these students can do is quite impressive."

Oh, Shu and Elyoussoufi recorded their performances in the gardens of the homes, while the Panettas played a piano inside of one of the houses.

Thanks to the wonders of digital technology, the performances serve as a soundtrack for the tour. "They are expertly weaved into it," Seward added.

The tour, meanwhile, can be watched online through May.

The homes on the tour are all distinctive, and some have ties to the town's rich history. One has special connection to the festival — the cottage was the second built

by Carmel Bach Festival founders Dene Denny and Hazel Watrous. Another, meanwhile, is filled with mostly Italian antiques from the 16th and 17th centuries.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

"The homes are architecturally wonderful and the owner's collections are unique," suggested **Gail Dryden** of the Bach Festival.

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A student at Santa Catalina School, violinist Elena Oh (left) performs during the 6th annual "Cottages, Gardens & Cantatas" Home and Garden Tour, which is set to start online Saturday. Singer-songwriter Fred McCarty (above) plays Saturday at the Hyatt Regency Hotel & Spa in Monterey.

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ON THE eve of its 50th anniversary, Scheid Vineyards has a lot in the works: growing some brands, transforming others, diving further into a commitment to the environment, and planning a year-plus-long celebration of reaching such a significant milestone.

Last week, for Earth Day, members of the Scheid family invited fans to the winery in Greenfield not just to learn about all the sustainable practices they are employing and their plans for the future, but to sip wine, enjoy a picnic and play a bit of bocce at the first event there in more than a year.

While its namesake wines are limited in production and made in a dedicated winery that's separate from the rest of its winemaking operations, Scheid is large. All told, the company produces some 600,000 cases a year under various labels and farms about 4,000 acres of vineyard — so changes there have a big impact.

Wind and sun

In 2017, Scheid installed a 400-foot-tall turbine with three 132-foot-long blades, and in the windy Salinas Valley, it generates enough energy not just to power the winery, but to keep the lights on in 125 homes, as well. There are no batteries onsite, so the extra power is fed back into the grid.

The vineyards contain more than 250 owl boxes to attract the nocturnal birds to help control the rodent population, and the leavings of winemaking, including grape skins and stems, are composted. All wastewater is treated onsite and used for irrigation. Solar panels on the roof

fied after a years-long, arduous process, with more in the works. "We're trying to be all organic by 2025," he said this week. "Our overarching desire to implement as many sustainable practices as we can, and the shift to organic is one way we can accomplish that."

No herbicides are used in the vineyards. Instead, tractors pull large rigs that blow super-heated air to discourage weeds on the ground and fungus in the vines.

"The vineyard is the most obvious place to look where we're working to be innovative and environmentally friendly," he said. "That's the ethos of Scheid Family Wines."

It's also about creating a positive, productive and comfortable environment for employees, he said, from the skylights that allow a lot of natural light into the buildings, to the battery-powered clippers that help vineyard workers

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Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

gather more energy.

But the efforts to farm responsibly and sustainably include much more, according to brand manager Andy Abraham. More than 1,500 acres of vineyard are being grown organically, 80 of which have already been certi-



(Left) Plump pinot noir grapes at Scheid Vineyards ready for the crush in 2018. (Right) A large wind turbine being assembled in 2017 to provide power for Scheid's winemaking operations.

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avoid repetitive stress injuries in their hands.

“Creating a better environment for employees is really important to the family,” Abraham said.

On the wine front, executive vice president Heidi Scheid has been spearheading new projects and transforming other brands, with the help of a dedicated winemaking team, according to Abraham.

In the emerging sector of wines for the more health-conscious consumer, she launched Sunny With a Chance of Flowers nearly a year ago, and other wineries soon followed suit. A glass is 85 calories, and the wine is 9 percent alcohol, compared with the 14 percent and higher common in California wines.

“It’s half the alcohol — so half the calories, but still tastes delicious,” Abraham said. “Shortly after we came out with Sunny With a Chance of Flowers, there were several others that got released. I like to think we’re a leader in an emerging category.”

Maintaining the body

The Sunny With a Chance of Flowers portfolio includes sauvignon blanc — Abraham’s favorite in the lineup, for its aromatic nose and crispness — chardonnay and pinot noir, with a rosé and even a cabernet sauvignon in the works. Considering Scheid’s vineyards span 70 miles in Monterey County, its southernmost properties get more than hot enough to produce well rounded and robust reds,



A Brunch Box from Baker’s Bacon is just one of the sumptuous ways local restaurants and shops offer to treat your Mom like royalty this Mother’s Day.

so a low-cal cabernet is not out of the question.

“The biggest challenge is trying to maintain the body in a wine without the normal amount of alcohol,” he said, but given the company’s penchant for innovation and technology, it’s hardly insurmountable.

With the exception of its Scheid Vineyards label, which will always be most important, he said, “as an organization, we feel so confident in Sunny With a Chance of Flowers’ success that it’s our No. 1 priority.”

To try it, order through cheersandco.com or ask your local liquor store to get some. And for more about everything else happening at Scheid, including upcoming events and new releases, go to scheidfamilywines.com.

■ Celebrating Mom

Mother’s Day is coming up on May 9, and with restaurants able to serve more people both inside and out under current pandemic rules, there should be ample ways to celebrate.

Edgar’s at Quail Lodge in Carmel Valley will be serving a prix fixe brunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., as well as offering meals to go for those who prefer to celebrate elsewhere.

For the dine-in experience, options for the first course will include a choice of salads, heirloom tomato tarts, or crab and caviar deviled eggs. Entrée choices include Quiche Lorraine, Eggs Benedict, herb and mushroom omelet, roasted halibut with confit potatoes, herb-roasted prime rib or chicken breast, or fire-grilled shrimp. And a dessert buffet will feature strawberry tarts, chocolate and vanilla cheesecake, assorted petits fours, and cookies and macaroons. Assorted breads and breakfast pastries will be served, too. The cost is \$65 per person.

The to-go option, meanwhile, costs \$250 and serves six. It includes wedge salad, assorted breakfast pastries, Quiche Lorraine, lobster Eggs Benedict, and cookies and macaroons.

Reservations can be made for dining in or takeout at exploretock.com/quailodge.

Grab and go

If sitting in a restaurant isn’t quite what you’re looking for, though, there’s Baker’s Bacon, which has been selling holiday-inspired boxes out of its store in Marina and plans to do the same for Mom’s day.

The Brunch Box includes a kit for making Croque Madame sandwiches (back bacon, aioli, Swiss cheese, Mornay sauce, brioche bread, custard batter and organic eggs), along with more bacon, strawberries and fresh orange juice, while the Sides & Desserts Box features a wedge salad kit, green beans almondine, twice-baked potato cas-

day at noon). Lincoln and Sixth, (831) 626-8000.

Puma Road Winery in Soledad — singer-songwriters **Tom Faia** and **Kate Miller** (Saturday at 1 p.m.). 32075 River Road, (831) 675-3548.

Rio Grill — singer-songwriter and violinist **Razzvio** (rock, Friday at 4 p.m.), singer-songwriter **Adrea Castiano** (Saturday at 1 p.m.) and singer-songwriter **Johan Sotelo** (Sunday at 1 p.m.). In the Crossroads shopping center, (831) 625-5436.

Schooners Coastal Kitchen & Bar in Monterey — guitarist **John Sherry** (rock, folk and blues, Sunday at noon). 400 Cannery Row, (831) 372-2628.

Tarpy’s in Monterey — singer-songwriter **Zack Freitas** (Friday at 4 p.m.), singer-songwriter **Taylor Rae** (Saturday at 1 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Steven Shook** (Sunday at 1 p.m.). 2999 Highway 68, (831) 647-1444.

Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — singer-songwriter **Dave “Nomad” Miller** (Friday at 6 p.m.) and singer-songwriter **Deja Vu** (rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place, (831) 298-7453.

The Whaling Station in Monterey — singer-songwriter **Matt Masih** (Friday at 6 p.m.), and singer-songwriter **Linda Arceo** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 763 Wave St., (831) 373-3778.

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serole, and pastry chef Michelle Lee’s strawberry rhubarb crumble cake. The boxes serve four and cost \$65 apiece.

To give Mom the gift of bacon, instead, consider the \$75 box that contains a bouquet of fresh flowers, a generous Baker’s Bacon sampler, strawberries, shortbread cookies and dark chocolate fondue.

For more information, to order, and for other offerings, go to shop.bakersbacon.com or call (831) 250-0606. Orders must be in by May 3.

Spanish style

Estéban Restaurant in the Casa Munras hotel also released its brunch, tapas and dinner menus in celebration of Mother’s Day. Executive Chef Mario Garcia’s a la carte brunch lineup features a salad with grilled stone fruit, a shaved asparagus dish with duck egg and Serrano ham, vegetable tagine, and a French omelet, among other dishes. Tapas and dinner will include grilled octopus, fish of the day, lamb chops, paella, and other indulgences. An All About Mom three-course dinner will also be available.

The restaurant is located in the hotel at 700 Munras Ave. in Monterey. For reservations, call (831) 375-0176.

■ Carmel Burger Bar

The owner of Big Basin Burger Bar in Saratoga hopes to open the Carmel Burger Bar in Carmel Plaza, according to paperwork filed with the city last month, and is set to go before the planning commission for a permit hearing in June. The Saratoga restaurant features an expansive menu of sides and gourmet burgers, with heavy emphasis on top-quality beef, bison, turkey, chicken and other meats.

The new burger bar would replace the long-closed Bistro Beaujolais on the ground floor near the Wrath tasting room and the Cheese Shop. “Carmel Burger Bar will bring its own unique menus which will be different from Big Basin Burger in Saratoga, but it is a similar concept of serving grass-fed beef and all-natural meat products,” owner Janice Albright told The Pine Cone. “We are on the June agenda with the planning department as of now, with no dates for opening yet.”

■ Breakfast of champions

What better way to start your day than with freshly made doughnuts and Acme coffee? The folks at Poppy Hall in Pacific Grove might venture to say, “Nothing.” On Sunday mornings, they’re opening their “donut shop” from 9 to 10 a.m. to sell their goodies to go before they start brunch, which is available until 2:30 p.m.

For information, reservations or orders, call (831) 204-9990, visit poppyhall.com, or stop by the restaurant at 589 Lighthouse Ave.

■ Fundraiser for fire victim

Friends are rallying around a Spreckels woman who lost her husband, two dogs and home in a fire Feb. 11 by hosting a fundraising barbecue for her in May. Stevie and Stephanie DiMarco are hoping to sell 500 dinners — options are pulled pork sandwiches and barbecued quarter chickens for \$10 per plate — for pickup outside the Walmart on North Davis in Salinas between noon and 5 p.m. May 15-16.

“Eva lost her husband, Merriel ‘Pinky’ Davis, and their two dogs, Lily and Pete, in the fire,” Stevie DiMarco said. “Both dogs died from smoke inhalation, and Pinky was rushed to Santa Clara Medical Burn Center, where he succumbed to his injuries.”

Facing such devastating loss, along with mounting medical bills and having to find a new place to live, “Eva needs the help of her surrounding community,” he said. “Please help us raise all the money we can to help Eva rebuild her life.”

To reserve and pay for dinner, send money through Venmo to @Stephanie-DiMarco-5 and note dinner choices, number of plates, name and pickup date under “What For,” or send it through PayPal to @StevieDiMarco and list the pertinent information under “add message.” For more information, call or text (831) 206-1830.

MUSIC

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singer-songwriter **Johan Sotelo** (Friday at 6 p.m.) and singer-songwriter **Fred McCarty** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). In the Sea Root restaurant at 1 Old Golf Course Road. Call (831) 372-1234.

Intercontinental Hotel in Monterey — guitarist **John Sherry** (rock, folk and blues, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 750 Cannery Row, (831) 375-4500.

Julia’s Vegetarian Restaurant in Pacific Grove — singer-songwriter **Zack Freitas** (Monday at 6 p.m.), singer-songwriter **Rachel Williams** (Tuesday at 6 p.m.), singer-songwriter **Talmon Owens** (Wednesday at 6 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (folk, Thursday at 6 p.m.). — 1180 Forest Ave., (831) 656-9533.

Massa Tasting Room, Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** and accordionist **Elise Levy** (folk, Sunday, noon). 69 W. Carmel Valley Road, (831) 659-6221.

Midici Pizza in Monterey — singer **Richard Bryant** and keyboardist **Bill Spencer** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St., (831) 264-7013.

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LOCAL ARTISTS ANNOUNCED



Leadership Carmel announces selection of 10 artists for participation in 'Heart of Carmel' installation!

A veritable who's-who of local fine artists will take part in the outdoor Hearts of Carmel exhibit designed to help celebrate the return of life and hope to the village.

Following a lengthy submission process, a panel of local residents, leaders, business owners and artists narrowed the list to the final 10: Sally Russell, Simon Bull, Ann Artz, Nicole Cromwell, Laura Alexander, Scott Jacobs, Katie Karosich, Ashley Stoddard, Edi Matsumoto, and Alyson de Guigne.

Selected artists will receive a stipend and the acrylic paint needed to turn fiberglass hearts into inspirational works of art. Proceeds from online auctions will benefit the Carmel Chamber Foundation and Carmel Woman's Club youth scholarships.

Asked to present a gift to Carmel-by-the-Sea as part of its nine-month program, the 11-member Leadership Carmel decided to use the iconic heart symbol as inspiration.

In partnership with Carmel Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Carmel accepted two ideas from each artist, one expressing what Carmel means to them personally, and an open artist's design.

The finished 3D heart designs will grace the streets of Carmel-by-the-Sea for a period of 8-12 weeks.

The size of each heart will be 52 inches by 52 inches by 10 inches, and each will weigh 40 pounds, with secure metal-and-stone bases weighing 80 pounds each.

Learn more: www.carmelchamber.org/leadership-carmel.

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Born June 25th 1984, Jan grew up in the cheese capital of the Netherlands, Gouda, where he could be found either at the local music school, playing percussion or at the old town market, working at one of terraces as a waiter. Pursuing his passion

for hospitality Jan completed hospitality school in The Hague and with a diploma in his pocket went to London for an internship at the Royal Horseguards Hotel. Jan stayed with the company after his internship for another year before obtaining his bachelor's degree in Business and Hospitality Management from the Swiss International Hospitality School, Les Roches. After his studies, Jan joined The Peninsula Hotels in Chicago, US, following a career in Front Office and Housekeeping before visiting Carmel for the first time in 2012. "I had heard of the beauty of Carmel and the Monterey Peninsula, but nothing does it justice until you visit in person". Jan assisted Quail Lodge & Golf Club with the re-opening and returned to Chicago in 2013. Jan continued his attached to Quail from afar until a permanent position became available as Resort Manager in 2017. "Quail has, is and will always be a special place. I'm very fortunate to be working with some of the best in the business". Jan, joined by his wife Katey and their dog Sammy reside in Pacific Grove.



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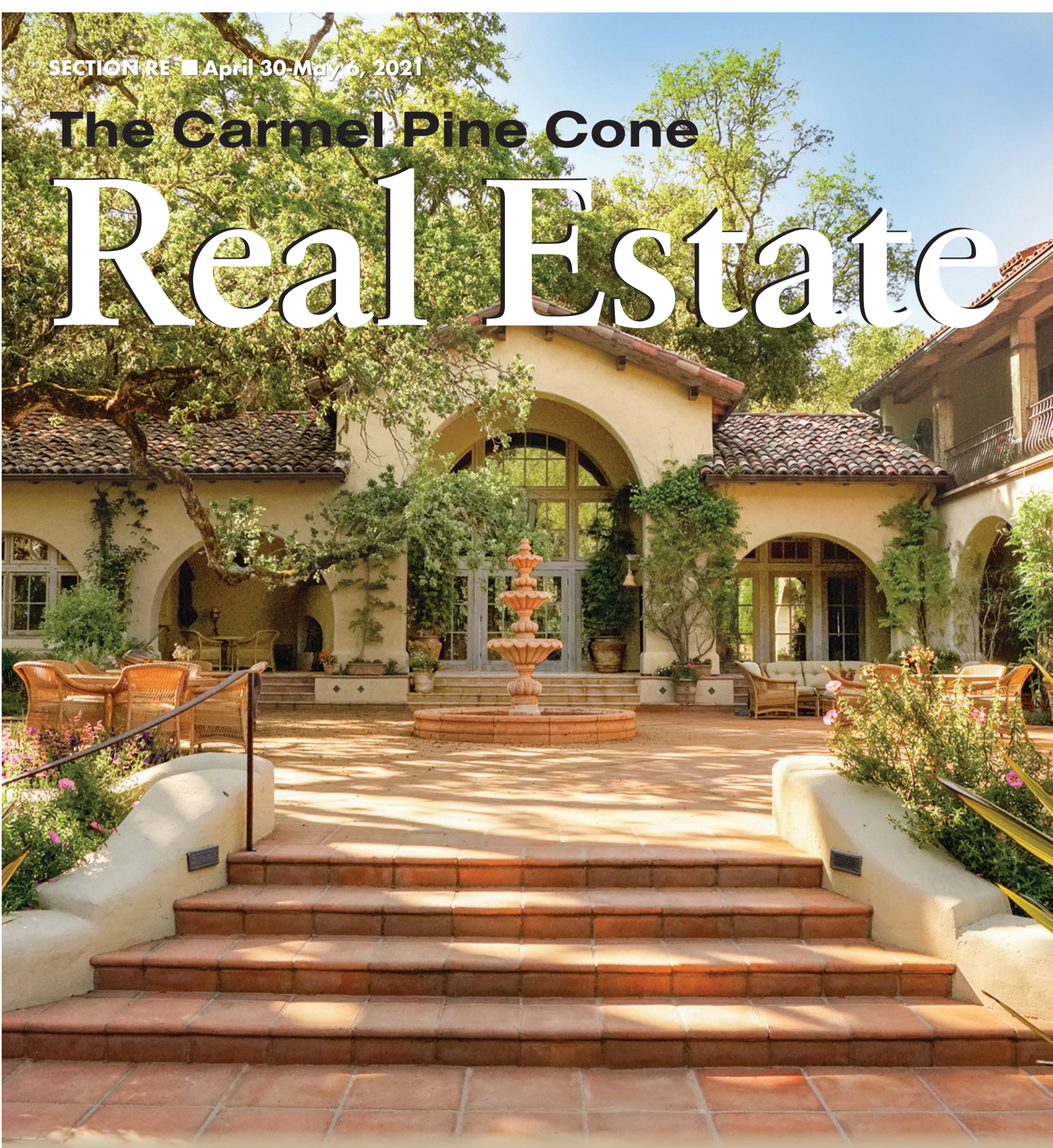
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The Carmel Pine Cone

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■ This week's cover property, located in Santa Lucia Preserve, is presented by Lisa Guthrie of La Tierra Home & Ranch (See Page 2RE)



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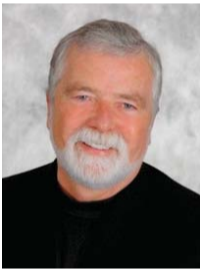


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APRIL IS National Poetry Month, although a famous poet called it the cruelest month.

Poetry and spring go together. Any member of the male species who has ever had his eye turned by the swirling skirt of a comely lass has probably poured his heart out in poetic ecstasy, as Robert Herrick did about 500 years ago:

*Whenas in silks my Julia goes,
 Then, then (methinks) how sweetly flows
 The liquefaction of her clothes.
 Next, when I cast mine eyes, and see
 That brave vibration each way free,
 O how that glittering taketh me!*

See? Ogling has been going on for centuries. Imagine what the pearl clutching Georgians thought of that callipygian epigram. Speaking of epigrammatic (two to four lines in length) poetry, here is a catchy one entitled “Carnation

Milk,” written about 1900:

*Carnation Milk is the best in the land
 Here I sit with a can in my hand
 No tits to pull, no hay to pitch
 You just punch a hole in the son of a bitch.*

Why do we like poetry? Or rather, why do I like poetry? Aside from stating facts, poetry makes imaginative statements, or as Shakespeare said, in poetry “the mind’s eye” takes over. Sometimes it only hints at meaning. That’s where many get bogged down by constantly asking what the poem means.

In his insightful book, “How Does A Poem Mean?” John Ciardi says, “The way in which it means is what it means. What for example does a dance mean? Or what does music mean? Or what does a juggler mean when we admire his skill? All of these forms — and poetry with them — have meaning only as they succeed in being good performances.”

In other words, those art forms need to be experienced

— and so does poetry!

In his poem, “Introduction to Poetry,” former poet laureate of the United States Billy Collins described how

Scenic Views

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some people demand to know what a poem means.

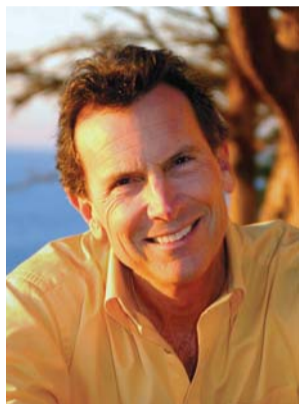
*I want them to waterski
 across the surface of a poem
 waving at the author’s name on the shore.
 But all they want to do
 is tie the poem to a chair with rope
 and torture a confession out of it.
 They begin beating it with a hose*

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POLICE LOG

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THURSDAY, APRIL 15

Pacific Grove: Report of a vehicle burglary on Ocean View Boulevard where money and credit/debit cards were taken. Cards later used in another jurisdiction.

Pacific Grove: Report of financial elder abuse on Central involving theft and use of two U.S. Treasury stimulus payment cards. Possible suspect information. Investigation ongoing.

Pacific Grove: Unknown subject(s) took the catalytic converter from a vehicle while it was parked on Piedmont.

Pacific Grove: Non-injury accident on Highway 68. Vehicle lost control and struck a guardrail. Vehicle towed for storage.

Carmel area: Battery during a parking dispute at the Crossroads between a 28-year-old male suspect and a 51-year-old male victim.

Carmel area: Found jewelry on Scenic Road.

Carmel Valley: Report of a deceased person on Williams Ranch Road.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 30-year-old male Selma resident was arrested at Del Mar at 0225 hours. He was booked into Monterey County Jail on felony charges of identity theft, possession of more than 10 IDs belonging to other people, mail theft and fraud, as well as possession of burglary tools.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop at Ocean and San Carlos at 0749 hours resulted in the 31-year-old male driver from Morgan Hill being arrested for possession of a controlled substance for sale, providing false information to a police officer, driving on a suspended license, possession of an open container, and possession of unlawful paraphernalia.

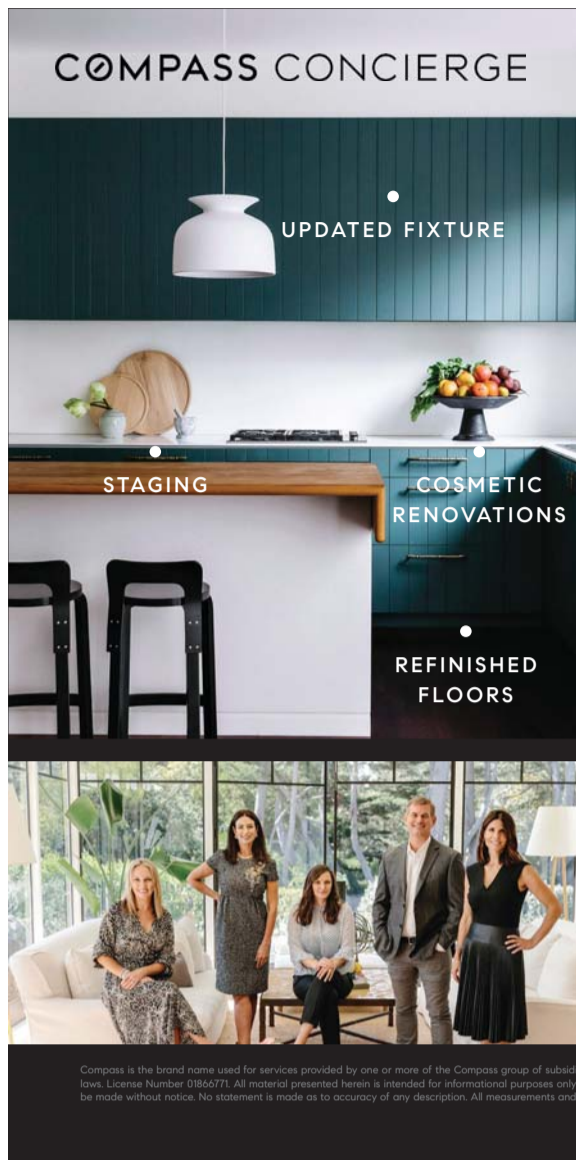
Carmel-by-the-Sea: A resident came to the station to report an incident involving another dog jumping on and menacing her dog at Scenic and Santa Lucia Avenue. Partial information of the offending dog owner was provided. Preventative suggestions for protecting the dog in the future were discussed.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A bone was found on the beach north of 14th Avenue. The bone is believed to be from an otter or wild animal.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Sunset Drive reported suspicious text messages.

Pacific Grove: Unknown subject(s) took the catalytic converter from a vehicle while it was parked on Forest Avenue.

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SHERIFF

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Pacific Grove: Vehicle stop on Sunset Drive revealed the 17-year-old driver was unlicensed. Driver was cited and released.

Pacific Grove: Civil dispute over a child custody agreement. Information only.

Carmel Valley: Person at a business on Carmel Valley Road stated counterfeit currency was found in the register.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 40-year-old male was arrested at Monte Verde and Fourth at 0121 hours for being drunk in public. Transported to county jail.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: City worker found an unattended wallet near a gallery downtown at Sixth and San Carlos. The owner of the wallet was contacted, and she will be arriving at 1200 hours to retrieve it.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Unattended cell phone was found at the library at Ocean and Lincoln and turned over to police department for safekeeping. The owner of the cell phone was contacted and later picked up the phone.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Theft of a bike from a building on Carpenter north of Third.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Two intoxicated subjects were reported yelling at a restaurant owner on Mission south of Ocean for not seating them. Owner was contacted and requested the subjects not return. Subjects contacted and warned.

Pacific Grove: Trespassing admonishment on Sunset Drive.

Pacific Grove: Subject was contacted on David Avenue at 2338 hours during a traffic stop and found to be under the influence of alcohol. The 42-year-old male was given a notice to appear and released to a sober adult on scene. Vehicle towed.

Pebble Beach: Deputies responded to a burglary in progress on Signal Hill Road at 0302 hours. A 42-year-old female suspect was located and arrested for burglary and narcotics offenses.

Carmel Valley: Deputies contacted a 24-year-old male who was intoxicated in public on Tassajara Road.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male wanted to reported losing his wallet while getting off an MST bus.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Welfare check on a subject on Carpenter north of Sixth. Fire department made entry to the home, but the subject was not present. Later determined to be at the hospital.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of theft and fraudulent use of a credit card at Carmel Center Place.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost wallet reported downtown. The wallet contained two driver licenses from Minnesota. The two individuals are leaving to return home and need a report. At 1830 hours, the wallet was found.

Pacific Grove: Female reported her child received a minor injury while in the care of her father. Information to be forwarded to Child Protective Services.

Pacific Grove: Domestic violence incident on Lighthouse Avenue. Suspect was gone upon arrival.

Pacific Grove: Theft of a bike from the porch of an 18th Street residence reported. No suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle reported driving on the rec trail.

Pacific Grove: Abandoned vehicle towed from Gibson.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report taken for found keys at Scenic and 13th. Owner was located and arrangements were made to have

the keys shipped to rightful owner.

MONDAY, APRIL 19

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Intoxicated subject argued with hotel staff at Camino Real and Eighth at 0235 hours about providing him a room for the night. Subject was offered assistance and refused. He was able to care for himself and left without incident.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Business at Mission and Seventh reported receiving a suspicious phone call regarding fraudulent request for payment and employee access to cash. Counseled.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Wedding ring found at Scenic and Eighth brought to the police station for safekeeping.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Hearing aid lost Friday night.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Police units assisted a lost subject who had been drinking. Returned to his hotel at Torres and Fifth where he was reunited with his sober friends.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A loose dog was reported in the area of Lincoln and Eighth, and the bystanders were unable to capture it. With assistance from a patrol officer, the dog

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The cat and the fiddle,
The cow jumped over the moon;
The little dog laughed
To see such sport,
And the dish ran away with the spoon.*

Every writer is a poet at heart, including me. A silly poem was the first thing I ever had published. W. H. Auden was asked what advice he would give a young man who wanted to become a poet. Auden replied that he would ask him why he wanted to write poetry.

If the answer was “because I have something important to say,” Auden would conclude there was no hope for him. If the answer was something like, “because I like to hang around words and overhear them talking to one another,” then he understood the fundamental part of the poetic process and there was hope for him.

I like Shakespearean sonnets, poetry’s version of the military’s close-order drill. They teach you discipline with a structure of 14 lines, each containing 10 syllables, in a very deliberate rhyme scheme. In those 14 lines you must tell a story. In the first

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Another tightly structured form of poetry is haiku. It has been described as an inscrutable way of compressing the world into its simplest patterns while hinting at the interdependence of all objects. If that is so, this haiku by Carmel resident Paul Shortt meets and surpasses those criteria:

*Dog barks at the bird
nestling in the sandy ground.
A child comes looking.*

Think about it. Then think some more. The secret of liking or disliking poetry may lie in Auden’s statement of what he sees hopeful in an aspiring poet: “Because I like to be around words and overhear them talking to each other.”

William Blake said it this way:

*To see a World in a Grain of Sand
And a Heaven in a Wild Flower,
Hold Infinity in the palm of your hand
And Eternity in an hour.*

Read some poetry today. Sit with a poem under a spreading chestnut tree. Compare one to a summer’s day. Stop all the clocks, cut out the telephone and be alone with one. Learn why the caged bird sings. Get to the point where you can say, “I know a lot of poems. In fact, some of my best friends are poems.”

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The boom continues in full force — a market beyond analysis

1st Quarter 2021 Report

EVERYONE KNOWS the real estate market for most of the last year has been bonkers. How to explain it? We do not know exactly, so we offer up an example as illustration.

Imagine an attractive house in the Carmel area with outstanding views of Carmel Bay and Point Lobos. Imagine further that the agents purposely underprice it.

Why would they do that?

Because in a market as crazy as this one, nobody really knew what people were willing to pay. Sometimes, the smart tactic is to pick a price you know is too low and then see what happens, rather than trying to guess what the selling price will turn out to be and setting the asking price accordingly.

Our example is a property that a year ago would probably have taken about 100 days to sell. This year, within a week, it had 11 offers. Seven were rejected outright, even though most of them were above the asking price, and then the remaining four were given a chance to compete. The eventual winner paid more than \$300,000 over asking.

The market sets the price

Did the buyer pay too much? Probably not. When he formulated his final bid, he spoke for the market. When the seller accepted, together they determined the current value.

A real estate price is a buyer/seller agreement. Every-

thing else is conjecture, and in the recent craziness, it's been best to throw away the normal asking price tools and simply open up the process to bid.

The market usually determines values anyway. Seldom do sellers sell too low, or buyers buy too high. The market dictates, and when it's sending prices rapidly higher, no one really knows what the top of the range will be. In such a market, asking prices keep rising until firm resistance is established. Usually, in our experience, this process is orderly, but not this time. It's been fast, furious and unpredictable.

The ugly ducklings of the market and properties in marginal locations have been largely exempt from the fury, but rose anyway.

The accompanying charts tell the story. Here are some of the highlights:

Dollar Volume: More than \$600 million in just three months, up 84 percent over the same period last year, which is an astounding figure.

Median Sales Prices: Up in seven of the eight markets with Pebble Beach leading the way with a gain of 73 percent from last year, with the median price increasing more

than \$1 million.

Unit Sales: 286 in the quarter, up 41 percent from last year — and please do not forget that the first quarter of 2020 was before the pandemic and looked very good at the time.

Distribution of Sales: 74 percent of the sales were over \$1 million. Even Seaside had two sales over \$1 million.

Market Barometer: Record highs in the percentage of listings in escrow, led by Seaside with 60 percent under contract.

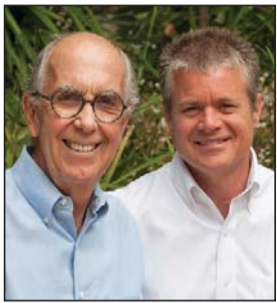
Declining Inventory: On April 1, there were 301 active listing, as opposed to 382 last year, a decline of 21 percent. Add to this the high percentage of listings in escrow and you end up with a market that doesn't offer a lot of choices. Part of the upward price surge has been caused by scarcity.

Looking at the recent market has been like watching a barnburner of an athletic championship, where the team or individual with the last possession, at bat, etc., takes the trophy.

See **BROCCHINI** page 18RE

House Talk

By Paul Brocchini and Mark Ryan



Median sales prices (dollars)

	2020 (full year)	2020 (Q1)	2021 (Q1)
Carmel-by-the-Sea	2,214,000	2,265,000	2,505,051
Carmel Highlands	2,887,500	6,488,889	4,225,000
Carmel Area	1,855,000	1,652,500	1,840,000
Carmel Valley	1,347,500	1,280,000	1,349,000
Monterey	945,500	877,000	977,500
Pacific Grove	1,007,500	940,000	1,377,250
Pebble Beach	2,262,500	1,600,000	2,769,000
Seaside	599,000	622,500	672,500

Distribution of home sales — 1st quarter 2021

	up to \$399K	\$400K-\$699K	\$700K-\$999K	\$1M-\$1.49M	\$1.5M-\$1.99M	\$2M-\$2.99M	\$3M and up
Carmel-by-the-Sea	0	0	0	1	7	9	5
Carmel Highlands	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Carmel Area	0	0	2	15	19	10	14
Carmel Valley	0	0	6	7	4	6	1
Monterey Area	0	4	25	15	7	4	1
Pacific Grove	0	0	9	19	10	10	0
Pebble Beach	0	0	0	4	11	10	17
Seaside	0	18	10	2	0	0	0
Total	0	22	52	64	58	49	41

Average days to sell

	2020 (Q1)	2021 (Q1)
Carmel-by-the-Sea	88	16
Carmel Highlands	72	109
Carmel Area	98	57
Carmel Valley	133	55
Monterey Area	73	33
Pacific Grove	54	32
Pebble Beach	85	42
Seaside	35	42

Gross dollar volume

	2020 (Q1)	2021 (Q1)
Carmel-by-the-Sea	48,482,595	58,908,101
Carmel Highlands	6,800,000	15,920,000
Carmel Area	108,751,321	147,532,111
Carmel Valley	36,687,000	38,255,200
Monterey Area	46,050,695	65,278,153
Pacific Grove	29,811,175	71,826,915
Pebble Beach	28,935,000	181,782,081
Seaside	20,475,600	21,032,724
Total	325,993,386	600,535,285

These charts are based on data supplied by the Monterey County Association of Realtors Multiple Listing Service. Neither the association nor the MLS guarantees or is responsible for their accuracy. The data may also not reflect all real estate activity in the market. For more information, go to www.carmelabodes.com.

Monterey Peninsula Home Sales Market Barometer

in escrow		
Date	/listed	%
Carmel-by-the-Sea		
4/1/21	9/20	45%
1/1/21	11/27	41%
10/1/20	16/33	48%
7/1/20	14/38	37%
4/1/20	9/34	26%
Carmel Highlands		
4/1/21	4/14	29%
1/1/21	3/15	20%
10/1/20	9/23	39%
7/1/20	10/26	38%
Carmel Area		
4/1/21	34/69	49%
1/1/21	25/61	41%
10/1/20	33/93	35%
7/1/20	29/101	29%
Carmel Valley		
4/1/21	20/43	47%
1/1/21	10/49	20%
10/1/20	14/47	30%
7/1/20	22/56	39%
Monterey Area		
4/1/21	25/44	57%
1/1/21	15/52	29%
10/1/20	29/55	53%
Pacific Grove		
4/1/21	16/32	50%
1/1/21	19/46	41%
10/1/20	26/45	58%
7/1/20	20/55	36%
Pebble Beach		
4/1/21	13/43	30%
1/1/21	14/54	26%
10/1/20	23/69	33%
7/1/20	19/74	26%
Seaside		
4/1/21	22/36	61%
1/1/21	14/24	58%
10/1/20	19/32	59%

Number of real estate sales (by quarter)

	2019 (Q3)	2019 (Q4)	2020 (Q1)	2020 (Q2)	2020 (Q3)	2020 (Q4)	2021 (Q1)
Carmel-by-the-Sea	25	23	17	14	53	34	22
Carmel Highlands	4	3	2	4	18	13	4
Carmel Area	43	52	48	23	83	69	60
Carmel Valley	16	18	17	15	46	30	24
Monterey Area	58	48	44	34	77	69	56
Pacific Grove	46	42	27	29	69	60	48
Pebble Beach	31	33	15	18	54	53	42
Seaside	42	51	33	24	41	41	30
Total	265	270	203	161	441	369	286

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With assistance from a patrol officer, the dog was captured and soon after returned to the owner. The owner was visiting a friend in the area.

Pacific Grove: A citizen found a bicycle in front of her residence on Ocean View Boulevard.

Pacific Grove: Subject reported his vehicle was stolen sometime overnight out of his carport on Pine Avenue.

Pacific Grove: A subject turned in a firearm in the police department lobby.

Pacific Grove: Bicycle found on Spruce. Bicycle was transported to the city yard for safekeeping. No owner information.

Pacific Grove: A 28-year-old male on Central was driving with a suspended license. He was cited and released.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle repo on Arkwright Court.

Carmel Valley: Deputies investigated a report of criminal threats on West Garzas Road.

Pacific Grove: Vandalism of a vehicle tire on Ocean View Boulevard.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dog at large at Scenic and 12th. Officer brought the dog to the station, and later the dog was returned to the owner with a warning.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury accident involving a parked vehicle on Guadalupe.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Civil dispute between roommates on Lincoln north of Eighth.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a report of a suicidal person. Person was placed on a 72-hour hold.

Pacific Grove: Theft of a catalytic converter from a vehicle parked on Forest Lodge Road.

Pacific Grove: Unknown injury collision involving a vehicle vs. parked cars and a business on Forest.

Pacific Grove: Burglary of an unsecured storage shed on Sunset.



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Pacific Grove

806 Todd Lane — \$1,075,000

BROCCHINI

From page 16RE

Are there winners and losers? Yes. Unsuccessful buyers have been the losers, often disgruntled ones, but among sellers, no.

To them, it doesn't matter if the home they sold keeps appreciating. They received a nice gain and could put the funds to a different use.

For the buyers, at least around here, real estate investments — whether for personal residences, second homes or income property — have done extremely well for decades. They have done well even when purchased at those times when prices seemed outrageous and destined never to go up — oh, but they do.

Is there a correction ahead? Probably, but who knows when or if.



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