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Using railroad spikes, saw blades, shovel heads and an assortment discarded objects, artist Rusty Croft of Carmel Valley pays tribute to an icon of the Old West. See page 17A.

Council gives three car shows the green light

By MARY SCHLEY

GIVING THE go-ahead for Concours on the Avenue and other Car Week events this year, the city council unanimously voted Tuesday to authorize street closures for the Aug. 10 Concours on the Avenue, as well as the smaller Prancing Ponies event Aug. 11 and a new display of rare Ferraris Aug. 12.

As she did last month, community activities director Ashlee Wright encouraged council members to OK closing the streets, with the understanding that various measures will be taken to ensure people's safety in light of the coronavirus pandemic and that organizers will follow whatever rules are in effect.

Burdens

In anticipation of the June 15 lifting of many restrictions, the state issued new guidelines for "mega-events," defined as more than 5,000 people indoors and more than 10,000 people outdoors. The state strongly recommends asking for proof of vaccination or negative test results from guests and requiring those who don't have one or the other to wear masks. Although the Prancing Ponies and Ferrari shows will be smaller, Wright recommended imposing the same requirements across the board.

She also noted that enforcement of the state's mega-event rules would put "physical" and "monetary" burdens on event organizers.

"I think the rules are important, but I think it's also important to understand what we're asking of people as we go forward," she said, adding that Concours on the Avenue is one of the largest and most important events held in the

city each year. "Car Week is so important to our Peninsula — it's important to our city — I hope we can do something that balances out the safety needs without breaking the backs of our event organizers."

Doug and Genie Freedman, founders and organizers of Concours on the Avenue, agreed to reduce the number of

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PHOTO/PINE CONE FILE

The 1975 Ferrari Testa Rossa that was named Best of Show at the 2017 Concours on the Avenue.

Don't toss masks yet — agency wants you to keep wearing them

By KELLY NIX

JUST AS life in California is expected to return to some sense of normalcy starting June 15 — the date Gov. Gavin Newsom vowed to end most coronavirus restrictions — the state's public health and safety agency is considering requiring workers to wear masks long after that, angering business groups and citizens.

Newsom said on May 11 that the state's mask mandate would end June 15, with only a few exceptions. But the California Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board, or Cal/OSHA, is considering a proposal that would require employees in certain situations to wear face coverings until next year — even though the state's infection and vaccination rates and other Covid-19 metrics are highly favorable.

At a board meeting Thursday, dozens of people spoke

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How many cars drive through Big Sur, anyway?

By CHRIS COUNTS

FOR YEARS, Big Sur residents have tried to figure out how many cars travel along Highway 1 annually — in part so they can use the data to lobby government agencies for solutions to congestion at tourist hot spots.

After asking Caltrans to get the data, the Community Association of Big Sur received permission to collect it on

its own by installing a traffic counter just north of Malpaso Creek in the Carmel Highlands. Bear Engineering did the work, and the foundation paid \$150,000 for it after a successful fundraising effort.

"We're putting our money where our mouth is," the association's executive director, Butch Kronlund, told The Pine Cone. "We need good data — we're trying to get an accurate count of how many visitors are coming in. We've asked Caltrans for years to install the counter, but it wasn't on their priority list."

Data to the rescue

Kronlund said nobody even has a remote idea of how many cars roll down the scenic route annually.

"Is it 2 million or 6 million," he asked. "What is the number? Let's dispel myths."

One number that Kronlund does have is the percentage of people who pass through Carmel on their way to and from Big Sur. He said a study Caltrans did indicated that

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Banded owls yield valuable species info

By CHRIS COUNTS

A SMALL group of volunteers has put up more than 140 boxes for barn owls in the Monterey Bay area, and this spring there's a bumper crop of owlets, the group's leader said. To help track the health and migratory behavior of the birds, the babies are being banded, Rebecca Dymytryk of the group Wildlife Emergency Services told The Pine Cone.

"Many of the boxes are full of baby owls about 4 to 5 weeks old, which is just the right age for them to be fitted with identification rings," she said. "We banded 18 owls

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PHOTO/REBECCA DYMYTRYK

Baby owls are being banded locally so researchers can learn more about their somewhat mysterious ways.

Ken Shen, police officer extraordinaire, retires

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER NEARLY 30 years in law enforcement, almost 15 of them spent in Carmel, Cpl. Ken Shen signed off Wednesday morning at the end of his final shift in uniform. Well known throughout the community for bringing warmth and compassion to an often tough and challenging job — and for his work with kids — Shen is retiring at the age of 55.

"He's probably the finest human being I've ever worked with," said Police Chief Paul Tomasi, who joined the department as a sergeant in 2008, a year after Shen left Monterey P.D. to come to Carmel. "Empathy and compassion — he brought those as a police officer," and he brought them on a different level than most.

"He just loves people," Tomasi said. "And he taught that to our officers."

"He really understands our community, and he

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In uniform for the last time, Cpl. Ken Shen (center) was joined by some of his Carmel P.D. colleagues at the end of his final shift Wednesday.



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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Happy Havanese

OUT OF all their dogs over the years, she is the smallest. She's also the happiest, most exuberant, interactive, self-possessed, "full-of-it" animal they've ever met. Izzy is a Havanese, about 5 years old, who was born in Canada but lives in the Carmel Highlands. Her people, on holiday in Vancouver Island, fell in love with a little house there and, eventually, with this little dog.

"In looking for the right dog, we asked the breeder, 'Will she be a small dog, with a good temperament, who travels easily, and doesn't need excessive exercise?' We got all of that," her person said, "and some extras."

Izzy doesn't curl up in the corner. She's too busy looking for entertainment.

"She spends most of her time training me," her person said. "She knows, when we set the dinner table, if company is coming by how many places we set and which dinnerware we use. She runs to the back of the couch and watches the gate through the window, giving a little woof in anticipation of our guests."

Izzy is the self-appointed pre-washer of dinner plates. Once she's licked clean three of the four plates available, she silently watches the slow eater until the person sets down the knife and fork. Then she paws at the person until the plate is produced for her to lick.

Izzy's too busy to go to the beach, entertaining



herself by dropping a miniature tennis ball into a boot or box and then wrestling with it to retrieve the ball. She also lies on her back with the ball between her paws, and drops it into her mouth. Or, she places the ball beneath her back and rolls it up and down her spine for a little stretch.

"She's the busiest, most joyous dog I've ever known," her person said.

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Home mail delivery rules to change

By MARY SCHLEY

RESIDENTS WHO use the city's taxpayer-funded service to have their mail delivered at home will soon have to prove they are physically unable to go to the post office. If they can't, they'll have to start paying a courier to fetch their mail.

In March 2020, before the spread of coronavirus led to a global lockdown, the city council decided to overhaul the mail delivery program instituted two decades ago, and a month later, members decided to put off the changes until 60 days after shelter-in-place orders are lifted. At the June 1 meeting, budgets and contracts director Sharon Friedrichsen suggested that June 15, when Gov. Gavin Newsom is set to get rid of his tiered reopening system — and with it, most of the restrictions on businesses, gatherings and other activities — should start the timer.

For years, taxpayers have funded a messenger service to deliver mail “as an essential service for those residents that are physically unable to visit the post office or who, for some other reason, cannot obtain mail on a regular basis.”

A lot of stops

Carmel has no house numbers, requiring people to go to the post office to retrieve their mail. To resolve ADA issues raised by a former resident over the lack of home delivery, the city hired the courier service to take mail to anyone who asked for it — including the police department, city hall and the ambulance company. People also objected to the “un-Carmel-like” banks of mailboxes the postal service was proposing to use for home mail delivery at the time.

Over the years, the cost per address and number of people taking advantage of the service have steadily risen, with the 2021-2022 budget anticipating the cost of delivering to an average of 150 addresses

at \$81,000. As of this week, 156 addresses were on the list.

“I don't think anyone at the time expected 150 individuals to receive their letters at home paid for by the city,” city administrator Chip Rerig said.

Verified eligibility

As a result, to cut costs, starting in mid-August, residents who want to continue to have their mail brought to their houses will have to prove they cannot get to the post office and are therefore eligible to continue receiving the service. Friedrichsen and city attorney Brian Pierik worked on a “disability waiver form” that would be filled out by the resident's physician to verify eligibility, but it wouldn't disclose any details about the person's condition. Alternatively, those with disabled parking placards from the DMV can provide the related documentation as proof.

Those who aren't eligible would be on their own.


“If people don't qualify, let's get out of the business entirely and not act as an intermediary,” Rerig said. “We're happy to make an introduction, but we should let people who want home mail delivery coordinate that themselves.”

Resident Vinz Koller told the council not to approve the changes.

“This was a compromise that was worked out 20 years ago as a way to avoid forcing the postal service to offer home delivery to everyone,” he said. “In other words, it's the city that has inserted itself into the postal service business.”

Changing the program would be “picking on people” who use it, or who want to. Koller also noted that since the box lobby at the post office is no longer accessible other than during daytime hours Monday through Saturday, people who work all day will have a difficult time getting their mail.

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Police & Sheriff's Log

Possible streaker in Pebble Beach

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.

SATURDAY, MAY 15

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a civil dispute on East Carmel Valley Road.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Resident on Monte Verde south of Ninth reported a tree had been cut in their backyard without their knowledge or consent. Investigation turned over to the city forester.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Backpack lost at the beach.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Courtesy report taken for a lost wallet in the Big Sur area.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Elderly subject walked away from his residence at Camino Real and Fourth at 2342 hours but was located and reunited with his spouse. Parties were provided medical-related resources to prevent similar issues from occurring in the future.

Pacific Grove: Subject was admonished for trespassing at a local business at Country Club Gate.

SUNDAY, MAY 16

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Repeated sightings of a drone near Monte Verde and Third without a pilot nearby, possibly lingering in the

residential area. Attempts to locate owner/pilot underway. Citizens counseled regarding reporting future activity and safeguarding privacy.

Pacific Grove: A state parks ranger brought in an electric bicycle battery found on Sunset Drive. The owner information was determined. Released to owner.

Pacific Grove: An officer responded to Junipero Avenue on report of a found tire. The tire was taken to the city yard for safekeeping.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a suspicious circumstance on Ford Road.

MONDAY, MAY 17

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vandalism reported at San Antonio and Eighth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost wallet at Ocean and Junipero.

Pacific Grove: Runaway juvenile reported from a residence on Ninth Street at 0133 hours.

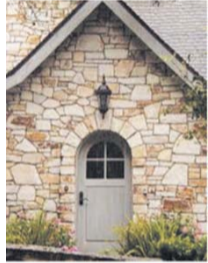
Pacific Grove: Suspicious circumstances on Companion Way.

Pacific Grove: Fraud at Country Club Gate.

Pacific Grove: Theft and attempted burglary on David Avenue. No suspect information.

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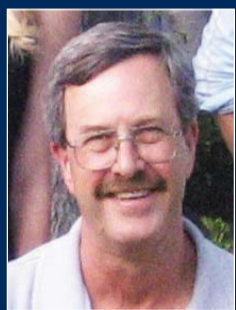


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The gavel falls

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

March 30 — Jose Daniel Perez, a member of the Norteño criminal street gang, was sentenced to 10 years in state prison for attempting to murder a rival gang member.

On Jan. 24, 2021, at approximately 1 p.m., Perez and his associates drove to a residential area near Cortez and Mae Avenue in Salinas. One of the passengers stuck a gun out of the car window and began shooting at the victim who was standing outside his house on Mae Avenue. The victim took out his firearm and started shooting back at Perez's vehicle. The victim was not injured, and Perez drove away. Witnesses reported hearing ten to eleven gunshots.

Several days after the shooting, Salinas Police Department officers found multiple bullet holes in the back of Perez's car, consistent with the victim's description of the shooting. The officers also located a surveillance video from one of the nearby homes showing Perez's vehicle coming to a "slow roll" at the intersection of Cortez and Mae Avenue around the time of the shooting. Perez made statements both to police and associates implicating himself in the shooting.

On March 25, 2021, the Honorable Rafael Vazquez sentenced Jose Perez to 10 years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation after he pled guilty to attempted murder and admitted an enhancement for firearm use.

March 31 — A Monterey County jury found Leonardo Ramirez Jr., 28 and a resident of King City, guilty of violently raping a 10-year-old girl during the commission of a residential burglary in which he had the intent to commit a sex offense. The jury also found that he personally inflicted bodily harm on the child and personally used a dangerous weapon.

On Feb. 3, 2018, around 7 a.m., Jane Doe (age 10) woke up to a man in her bedroom wearing a mask, gloves, a dark hoodie and who was holding what looked like a black handgun. When she tried to scream for help, he covered her mouth and nose and told her to shut up as he pointed the gun at her head. She was scared for her life and complied.

For over two years, police interviewed suspects and took DNA swabs, trying to identify Doe's rapist. However, all potential suspects were excluded by the DNA analysis. Law enforcement uploaded the rapist's DNA profile to the FBI's DNA database but received no matches. Law enforcement even did a familial DNA search to possibly identify relatives of the rapist, but still were unable to find any clues that could identify the perpetrator.

In February 2020, as the case was about to go cold, police received a break. Leonardo Ramirez Jr., a cousin-in-law of Doe's, added

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Convicted rapist to be released from prison

By MARY SCHLEY

TOM POLLACCI, who was convicted of forcible rape in two cases and accused of several other sexual attacks is set to be released from Valley State Prison June 13, one of his victims learned last week.

But he could end up being committed to a state hospital if the Monterey County District Attorney's Office tries to have him classified as a sexually violent predator.

Pollacci was accused of raping a woman in the loft of his family's Pacific Grove liquor store in April 2008 and convicted by a jury of the crime in 2010. After two more victims came forward, he was charged with three more rape counts and was set to go to another trial, but he pleaded guilty to one rape in July 2011 to avoid going before a jury in a case that was set to include several other alleged victims testifying against him and a prosecutor who wanted to seek a life sentence.

Pollacci was sentenced to eight years in the first case

and six years in the second, and has been serving his time at Valley State Prison in Chowchilla. Considering he was in Monterey County Jail for nearly two years before going to prison, and with other credits given for good behavior and working while there, Pollacci's sentence is up, according to a spokesman with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Sexually violent predator?

But at the time of Pollacci's plea nearly a decade ago, the prosecutor in the case explained that even after he's released from prison, due to the violence of his crimes, he could be evaluated by state psychiatrists or psychologists to determine if he has a mental disorder that would make him likely to commit more sex crimes. If they deem Pollacci a "sexually violent predator," the district attorney's office would receive their report, conduct its own evaluat-

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Volunteers undeterred after vandal attacks

By CHRIS COUNTS

FOR THE fourth time since they went up in 2019, the solar-powered speed warning signs that greet motorists east and west of Carmel Valley Village were vandalized Monday. The incident happened between 5 and 9 p.m., according to volunteers.

"This is getting ridiculous," Jeffrey Andrews of the Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee told The Pine Cone. "This is something that's funded by the people for the people."

The sign the vandal attacked is located near the intersection where Panetta Road meets Carmel Valley Road. Andrews said the sign was put up at that location due to good visibility and the proximity of a crosswalk for school

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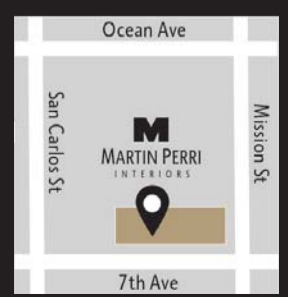
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Citizens needed to revise supervisors' boundaries

By KELLY NIX

MONTEREY COUNTY is looking for 15 voters to serve on a commission that will help redraw the county board of supervisors' boundaries — a process that takes place every 10-year census period.

Monterey County, like other jurisdictions, uses U.S. Census data to revise boundaries every decade to reflect population changes. Over the years, the voting district updates have resulted in major political shifts as the population of Salinas and the Salinas Valley has surged.

In the mid-1990s, the Monterey Peninsula had two supervisorial representatives — Sam Karas and Karin Strasser Kauffman. But redistricting changed that, and now a single supervisor, currently Mary Adams, oversees the 5th District, which stretches from the San Luis Obispo County line north to Seaside and east to River Road.

The U.S. Census Bureau is expected to release redistricting data by August. The data will include local population counts needed to redraw legislative boundaries.

Hearings and maps

As part of this year's redistricting process, the county is putting together a 2021 Advisory Redistricting Commission, which will hold online hearings and mapping sessions before recommending the updated boundaries to supervisors. The county informed the press Wednesday it was seeking volunteers for the panel.

"The advisory commission members will serve a critical role in gathering community feedback as they develop updated district boundaries and draw maps that ensure fair representation," according to a press release from the county.

The five county supervisor districts will each have three commissioner representa-

tives, for a total of 15 commissioners.

In July, the supervisors will appoint the commission, which will hold meetings and hearings from August through October. County supervisors will review the commission's findings and approve the revised boundaries no later than Dec. 15. The new boundaries must be in place before the next election cycle.

Those interested in serving on the commission must apply by Monday, June 28 at 5 p.m.

No privacy

However, there are strict eligibility requirements. Elected officials, their family and staff are barred from serving, as are candidates for elective offices and those already serving on other county boards or commissions.

Applicants may want to reconsider their summer vacation plans. Commissioners, according to the county, must be able to devote about six months to the job and participate "in all meetings of the commission," which could be held "biweekly, weekly, and on occasion during evening hours and/or weekends."

Commissioners also "must possess experience that demonstrates the ability to comprehend and apply the applicable state and federal legal requirements," the county said.

Besides asking applicants to include their names, addresses, ages and other biographical information, the 11-page application requires them to disclose their gender, racial or ethnic backgrounds, the languages they speak and their political party affiliations. They also must reveal any possible conflicts of interest.

The county makes it clear that applicants must waive their privacy rights, and

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Plan for lighting CHS athletic field garners little feedback — so far

By MARY SCHLEY

A HALF-DOZEN people sent letters to the Carmel Unified School District regarding a proposal to install four poles between 70 and 80 feet tall topped with LED lights to allow for night games and practices on the athletic field at Carmel High, facilities director Dan Paul told the board of education last month. Two were in favor, one will be in favor if parking at the high school can be addressed, one was opposed, and two asked questions, he said.

The project was included on the board's May 26 agenda to get feedback for an environmental impact report being prepared by EMC Planning. Based on the findings of an initial study released in mid-May, the lights present possible significant impacts on noise, traffic, aesthetics, and

natural and cultural resources. A draft EIR is set to be released this summer, and community members will have 45 days to submit comments before the final EIR is written and released. Its conclusions will dictate how the project proceeds.

Night games

The lights are planned to be installed before the beginning of the 2022 school year, when a new state law mandating later start times for middle and high school students takes effect — and therefore pushes after-school activities, like sports, into the late afternoon and early evening. During the months when darkness descends relatively early, the lights will be critical for safe practice and play.

The lights would also enable the school to schedule

football games for Friday nights instead of holding them on Saturdays during the day, when student attendance is typically low.

"Students have identified night games as a high priority to create new weekend social opportunities and a chance to build even more school spirit," Stuart Poulter of EMC Planning said at the meeting.

The high school will limit the number of games in order to be considerate of neighbors, and the LED lighting will focus on the field and stands, with very little bleed outside of the stadium, according to the consultant and the district.

Paul noted that technological advances in event lighting during the past five or six years have "been tremendous."

"It's all LED lighting now," he said. "There's a much smaller point of light, and the area they light up is primarily the field and the stands, and there's not a lot of light spill beyond that."

Board member and former CHS principal Karl Pallas-trini recalled receiving more than a few nasty emails when he installed the digital billboard next to the school parking lot and new lights at the pool, and he anticipated the district will hear from critics of the stadium lights, as well.

But, he noted, it makes no sense to have an athletic field that can't be used as soon as it's dark out.

Poulter said the full EIR will contain drawings of the proposed lighting and in-depth analysis of its impacts, including how it will look from Highway 1 and surrounding streets. The state has identified Highway 1 as a Scenic Highway.

Anyone who wants to weigh in on the scope of the EIR has until June 14 to submit comments by emailing them to dpaul@carmelunified.org.

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CHS senior gets lyrical about Covid

By ELAINE HESSER

MANY PEOPLE had a tough time adjusting to the isolation of Covid-19, even if there was nothing else stressful going on in their lives. Imagine what it must have been like for Kate Bernecker, who moved here from Wisconsin last fall year to live with her grandparents in Carmel Valley.

Not only did she arrive during the height of all the pandemic-induced social distancing, but it was also the beginning of her senior year in high school.

“It was crazy and kind of scary. I had no friends and I didn’t know where to go, or what to do,” she recalled.

Bernecker, who uses the stage name Kate Grey, is a musician and songwriter who grew up singing in choirs and playing in bands. She wrote a song called “Class of 2021,” inspired by her experiences here, and you can listen to it on a variety of streaming services, or seek out her YouTube video. $\beta \Sigma$

In the song, which features her layered alto vocals and a gently driving beat, Bernecker recounts how the pandemic started out — “Two weeks of vacation, thought that it was pretty cool” — quickly leading to, “stuck inside our rooms just thinking, ‘Now what do we do?’” She laments the headaches she got from too much time looking at her cell phone, but says, “That’s the only way to socialize.”

They liked it

The refrain, “Why can’t we have a little fun, Class of 2021?” was inspired by a real-life pickup game of Capture the Flag — after the epidemic started winding

down, mind you — that reminded her and her classmates how much they cared about each other, and how much they’d missed being together.

She also says things weren’t all bad. During Zoom classes, other students saw the unfamiliar name and face on their screens, and reached out to meet her in person and welcome her, she says.

And as the year progressed, there were “awesome” experiences — like a winter that didn’t include sub-zero temperatures and giant snowdrifts.

But the isolation amid unfamiliar surroundings inspired her to write “Class of 2021,” and she produced the first version of the it using what her mom, Lori, described as “a little keyboard and a little cheap microphone, a headset and Garage Band on her Apple computer.”

She posted the finished product on Sound Cloud, a social media site where people submit their music to see if others enjoy it.

Somewhat to Bernecker’s surprise, she said, “A lot of people liked it,” among them a producer who offered to help her re-record the song with the help of a professional mixer to balance it out and get the sound just right.

Bernecker said that there have been thousands of downloads and streams already. “I think I reached my goal of changing just one person’s life or perspective,” she said, “but I want more people to be able to hear it and connect to it.”

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out against the proposal, which would exempt indoor workers from wearing masks only if everyone at the office is vaccinated, and if even a single employee is unvaccinated, that would trigger a requirement that everybody wear masks.

In making Cal/OSHA's case for continued Covid-19 restrictions, Eric Berg, its deputy chief of research and standards, noted that the pandemic has had a devastating impact on workers, causing death, serious illness and, "in many cases, long-term chronic illnesses."

"Vaccines are a very important element to prevent the spread of Covid-19," he told the Cal/OSHA board, "but we can't rely on vaccines alone to prevent the spread of the virus in the workplace."

Berg also noted that fewer low-income residents are vaccinated compared to those in wealthier communities.

"Recently, a statistical study published June 1 in the Journal of the American Medical Association found that even with high vaccination rates and high vaccination efficacy, hundreds of thousands of additional Covid-19 cases will result if additional protective measures are abandoned," according to Berg.

The agency's proposal, among other things, would require employers to "provide face coverings and ensure they are worn by employees over the nose and mouth when indoors, and when outdoors and less than 6 feet away from another person." Face shields would not be a replacement for face coverings.

If an employee is alone in a room, they wouldn't need to cover their face, however.

The proposal would also force employers starting to provide N95 masks for "voluntary use" to all employees working indoors or at outdoor mega events where some are not vaccinated. Mega events are those with more than 10,000 people.

'Not about health'

But the vast majority of those who addressed the board didn't share Berg's sentiments, with many asking that the board reject the proposal. Some said the state agency was out of step with federal coronavirus guidance.

Gina Ma, who said she works in the biotech industry in San Diego, pointed to the CDC's amended guidelines on May 16 that allowed fully vaccinated people to resume activities without wearing masks.

"The CDC has posted 142 references on its website regarding vaccine effectiveness," Ma said. "Yet this board still wants to require all indoor workers to wear a face covering, regardless of vaccination status."

Ma, a lab worker who is vaccinated, underscored the frustration and weariness many others have felt in having to wear face coverings numerous hours per day, five or more days per week.

"I am tired," she said. "I am tired of re-breathing my own carbon dioxide for eight or more hours per day. I am tired of seeing all the 'in this together, but alone' ads. I'm tired of hearing, 'wear a mask — save lives.' I'm tired of hearing all the great things I can do now that I'm vaccinated — but only if I don't live in the state of California."

Ma went on to say that "none of this is about health and safety. If it were, you would have proposed these standards at the beginning of the pandemic, not now, 15 months later when case rates are at their lowest and vaccination rates are rising."

By noon, more than 30 people had addressed the seven-member Cal/OSHA

board, and an agency employee indicated there were at least 40 more who wanted to comment.

Melissa Patack, vice president of government affairs for the Motion Picture Association of America, whose members include Disney, NBC Universal and Netflix, said Cal/OSHA has failed to acknowledge that vaccines are readily available in California, its infection rate is extremely low and hospitals are no longer overwhelmed with coronavirus patients.

"We would simply ask that the public health guidance recognize that Covid-19 no longer creates the risk it did one year ago, or even six months ago," Patack said. "We have made much progress in taming this virus, and we ask also that Cal/OSHA not impose unreasonable burdens in the employment setting."

Katie Hansen, with the California Restaurant Association, said that besides the cost to restaurant owners to comply with the requirements, employees, especially vaccinated ones, will become weary of having to continue to wear masks at work.

Hansen also noted the irony of the agency's proposal.

"A fully vaccinated server could work a lunch shift at a restaurant, get off work, go home and change out of their uniform, and then go to dinner at the same restaurant and not be required to wear a mask — even though they had to wear a mask earlier in the day at work," she said.

If the Cal/OSHA board OK's the revised rules, the state's Office of Administrative Law will have 10 days to decide on whether to impose them.

Yellow Tier finally

Meanwhile, on Wednesday, Monterey County finally moved into the least restrictive Yellow Tier, having a rate of only 1.0 new coronavirus cases per day per 100,000 people. The county has about 430,000 residents.

"There are some changes that certainly will affect several of the business sectors here in Monterey County, so I really recommend that businesses check the state website to see how those less restrictive changes would impact their business operations," Monterey County health officer Dr. Ed Moreno told news reporters Wednesday.

In a nutshell, county businesses such as restaurants, gyms, fitness centers, movie theaters and indoor businesses can now expand capacity, per the Yellow Tier. Bars that do not serve food can also reopen indoors. Outdoor conventions, meetings and receptions can resume with up to 200 people, and up to 400 people if all attendees provide proof of vaccination or a negative coronavirus test.

If business owners have questions after reading the state guidelines for the Yellow Tier, Moreno said they could call the health department at (831) 769-8700 for more information.

The county reported only six new cases Wednesday and a total of seven people hospitalized. But it also said one more person died from the virus, putting the total number of deaths at 386. There have been a total of 43,753 Covid-19 cases in Monterey County, as of Wednesday.

With regard to vaccinations, the county is slowly increasing its percentage of those who have received at least one dose of the Moderna, Pfizer or Johnson & Johnson vaccine, a number which has hovered around 60 percent for the past several weeks.

"At this point, approximately 62 percent of Monterey County residents 12 and older have received at least one dose of the vaccine," Moreno reported.

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Panetta introduces \$250 million legislation to take on wildfires

By CHRIS COUNTS

CONGRESSMAN JIMMY Panetta, Sen. Diane Feinstein and others unveiled legislation last week to combat California's growing wildfire crisis by spending \$250 million on large-scale forest restoration projects.

Specifically, the plan calls for "funding up to 20 projects that are at least 100,000 acres each."

Panetta observed that "many precious wildlands" like those in Los Padres National Forest "face the continued threat of wildfires." "As wildfire seasons turn into wildfire years, we must take proactive measures now to protect our communities," he said.

Feinstein put the blame for the increase in wildfires on climate change.

"Western wildfires are becoming more frequent, more destructive and more deadly," Feinstein said. "This is happening because higher temperatures caused by climate change are leading to increased drought, more insect and disease damage and changing weather patterns. We must do more to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire and prepare for the fires we know are ahead of us."

While the amount of money sought is considerable, the task at hand is pretty straight forward: The plan calls for reducing the fuel for fires on a massive scale.

"These forest restoration projects, de-

signed to reduce the potential for wildfires, include removing dead and dying trees, using controlled burns to reduce fuel for larger fires, clearing out invasive and non-native species and creating habitat better suited for wildlife and native species," the plan reads.

The feds plan to contribute up to 60 percent of the expense of each project, "which will require partnerships with state, local, water district and private funding sources," the plan continues.

Bill could boost shutdowns

The bill would OK \$100 million for funding grants so "key structures like hospitals and police, fire and utility stations" can function better without power in the event it is cut off to reduce the threat of wildfires.

Not surprisingly, many have complained about the power shutdowns, which some predict are here to stay. The bill seemingly confirms the state's intention to continue them.

The bill would also authorize spending \$50 million to help disadvantaged communities plan for forest restoration, wildland-urban interface and tribal projects, "as well as projects increasing equitable access to environmental education and volunteer opportunities."

More than 4 million acres in the state were burned last year, the bills' supporters reported.

Garbage company wants more money, and so does the city

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER JACKING garbage rates up by 42 percent last year, GreenWaste will ask for another 2 percent increase at a special council meeting June 8.

The council is also set to consider adopting the \$25.5 million 2021-2022 budget, which is slightly larger than the \$25.3 million draft spending plan discussed last month.

According to the report prepared by environmental compliance manager Agnes Martelet, GreenWaste needs more money to cover the costs of implementing a Senate Bill mandating the recycling of organic waste. The new law takes effect Jan. 1, 2022, and requires a reduction of organic materials disposed in landfills by 75 percent by 2025 and the recovery of 20 percent of "surplus edible food for human consumption" by 2025.

The Monterey Regional Waste Management District, the city and the garbage company all face increased costs of implementing the new rules, according to Martelet, and while the council has the authority to reject the 2 percent increase, she is recommending approval.

Big spending

The main point of the meeting, though, is to adopt the proposed 2021-2022 budget, which must be approved before the fiscal year ends June 30, according to law.

The budget grew slightly to \$25.5 million following direction given by the city council at a meeting last month. The spending plan now includes another full-time planner job — which city administrator Chip Rerig elevated from the part-time position he proposed, and the council accepted, at a special hearing May 18 — an increase of \$20,000 to \$30,000 total for landscaping and other beautification efforts, and an increase of \$3,000 to support the United Way's 211 service.

The roughly \$134,000 jump in costs will be offset by moving money from other reserve accounts and reducing allocations for vehicle and equipment replacements by \$50,000, according to budgets and contracts director Sharon Friedrichsen.

The revised budget also reflects an increase in general fund reserves from 10 percent to 15 percent, which the council requested last month.

The meeting is set to begin at 4:30 p.m. and will be held via Zoom. For information on how to watch or participate, as well as the full agenda and reports, go to ci.carmel.ca.us.

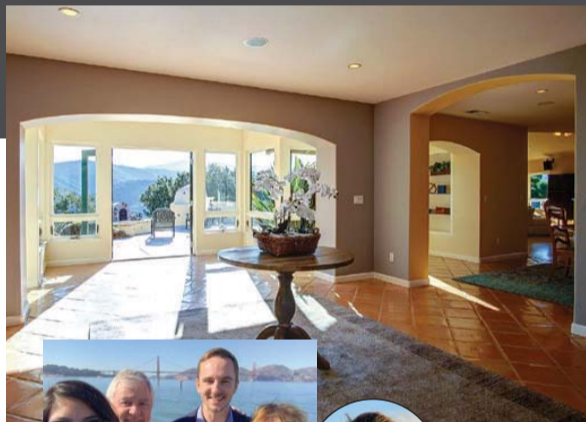
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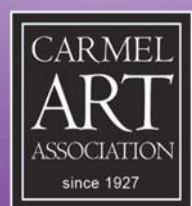
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County tries to lure TV and film productions after pandemic shutdown

By KELLY NIX

THE LIGHTS, camera and action in Monterey County were a bit slow last year as the industry-wide shutdown of movie-making due to the coronavirus meant far fewer TV commercials, shows and movies were shot here. But the Monterey County Film Commission has unveiled a strategy to lure filmmakers back.

The commission released a short, roughly three-minute film, called a sizzle reel, to showcase some of the county's most famous landmarks to attract more business.

"These productions give a boost to the local economy when they come on location," according to the commission. "They take away pictures and leave behind dollars in support of local businesses and crew."

Called "Monterey County ... You Won't Believe Your Eyes," the video says, "From crashing waves to rolling vineyards, farmland and ranches, to quaint beach towns.

It's why filmmakers love Monterey County."

"This new reel has a very contemporary feel and some creative effects to keep the interest moving at a fast pace — a style new filmmakers will likely relate to," film commissioner Karen Nordstrand told The Pine Cone. last week via email.

Scenic locations

Among the locales starring in the promotional video are the Carmel Mission, Tor House, Bixby Bridge, Cannery Row, the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Fisherman's Wharf, Laguna Seca, the Big Sur River Inn, Carmel Fire Station, Stonepine Estate Resort, Point Pinos Lighthouse and lots of footage of Monterey Peninsula beaches and coastline.

The county's more rural scenery is also depicted in images of agricultural fields, grape crops and wineries, and the film commission capitalizes on the diversity of Monterey County's terrain.

"The Monterey County Film Commission offers a wealth of stunning locations that are not only picture perfect, but often double for other parts of the world," the video says.

Film commission director Jeff Clark, a producer and industry professional, "donated his time to direct and produce" the promotional video through his company, Mr. Location Scout, according to the commission.

Nordstrand said the number of productions in Monterey County annually is unpredictable, but on average there are more than 100 each year, ranging from student films, to music videos, to TV shows, corporate videos, documentaries, feature films and other media.

"While many productions are smaller and faster to film and be on their way," Nordstrand explained, "it just takes a couple of large productions to kick up the economic impact when they bring in large crews of 125 and more and stay for several shoot days."

The film commission produced a film locations reel several years ago for trade shows, so this isn't entirely new for the nonprofit, which is funded in part by taxpayers.

Despite the slowdown, the commission said productions filmed in Monterey County during the pandemic included the movie "Malcolm & Marie" with John David Washington and Zendaya at the Caterpillar House in Carmel Valley, and Amazon's "All the Old Knives" starring Chris Pine, which was filmed in Carmel-by-the-Sea, Big Sur and Monterey.



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NOES: NONE
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A certified copy of the complete text of the ordinance is posted and may be read in the office of the City Clerk, Monte Verde south of Ocean, Carmel, CA 93921, and/or a copy may be obtained from that department.
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Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA
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P.G. school board candidate objects because he wasn't picked for open seat

By KELLY NIX

TO FILL a vacancy on the Pacific Grove Unified School District board, trustees last week passed up a former mayor, a scientist and five others — including a candidate who got the support of several thousand P.G. voters last fall — in favor of an MPC chemistry professor.

Frank Rivera will fill the spot held by Jon Walton, who resigned from the board in April. Rivera was to be sworn in by P.G. Mayor Bill Peake Thursday.

Rivera's competition included Naval Postgraduate School mechanical engineering professor Brian Bingham, former Pacific Grove Mayor Carmelita Garcia, federal marine scientist Elliott Hazen, senior paralegal Alysia Morales, retired teacher Beth Shammass, teacher Aaron Vasquez, and festival promoter and former city councilman Dan Miller.

The board voted 3-1 for Rivera, with trustee Carolyn Swanson casting her vote for Shammass.

However, Miller questioned why the school board se-

lected Rivera, and not him, considering Miller garnered several thousand votes in the last election during his effort to get on the board. The two other candidates, Carolyn Swanson and Brian Swanson (no relation), finished ahead of Miller and were elected to the board. They both OK'd Rivera's appointment last week.

Disenfranchising voters?

"The board voted 3-1 to put Mr. Rivera on the school board, thus disenfranchising over 3,400 voters who voted for me," Miller, who served on the P.G. City Council for six years, told The Pine Cone. "When you consider those same 3,400 voters also voted for two of the board members a scant seven months ago, it makes you wonder just who they are representing."

Miller, who has twins at the middle school and another child at Robert Down, also asked why the board chose a teacher, when teachers "obviously have a bias and they already have input through their unions."

Asked why the school board selected Rivera over Mill-

er, board president John Paff said the question was "unanswerable."

"We had six excellent candidates," said Paff, who explained that two of the eight candidates dropped out of the running. "Each trustee has a vote and a majority must agree on a single candidate, 3-1, followed by a second ratification vote. I appreciated the breadth of experience present in those choosing to stand for the position."

Rivera, who has lived in Pacific Grove for four years, has two children, the oldest of which is a second-grader at Robert Down Elementary School. He also attended Pacific Grove schools from elementary through high school.

"I take pride in being an involved parent," Rivera said in his application to the school board. "I was a parent classroom volunteer while my oldest was in kindergarten and in first grade and look forward to volunteering in the future."

Rivera said he served on Monterey's Bay View Academy's school board for two years, and said that experience

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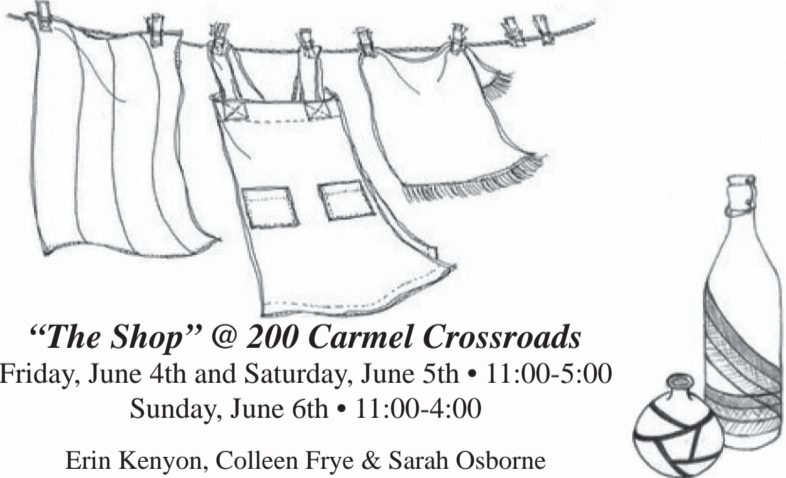
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CARS

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featured cars from 200 to 150 for the event, which occupies 18 downtown blocks, including Ocean Avenue between Junipero and Monte Verde.

The Prancing Ponies show at Dolores and Sixth cut the number it would display from 80 to 40, and the Ferrari show is already small, taking up just one block of Dolores between Ocean and Seventh. Wright recommended allowing Prancing Ponies, because the organizer is "professional and helpful," and 2020's show — which was to be the last — was canceled.

More than a dozen people commented during the meeting, and several more sent emails, all in support of Concours on the Avenue. Among them were people who have shown cars in past years, spectators who have attended every year, business owners, and representatives of the Carmel Foundation, which has received more than \$440,000 from the event to help fund low-cost meals, housing and other services for members age 55 and older.

No one said the city shouldn't allow it to take place.

"Being local and Carmel being my hometown, I take a lot of pride in that particular show," said Cliff Jansen.

Pacific Grove resident Kit Franke said

she and her husband, Rick, have attended Concours on the Avenue many times and have been impressed "over and over again" by "the superb attention to detail" and the quality of the cars. "It is first class, all the way," she said.

"We strongly urge the council to approve these closures for Concours on the Avenue," said Jenny MacMurdo, CEO of the Carmel Chamber of Commerce. "Mainly because this event is the classiest event on the Peninsula — and it's here in Carmel. I think it allows Carmel to get the piece of the pie that we deserve."

Jack Kendall said the Freedmans "created Concours on the Avenue as a labor of love" at a cost of "a lot of blood, sweat and tears, not to mention money." He said the show is "one of the prime events of Car Week, and that cannot be disputed." And it's free, while many others are very expensive, so it's accessible to everyone.

Tex Otto said the show "brings so much camaraderie and such a wonderful feeling for everybody," and he noted that many visitors now arrive in town earlier just so they can attend it.

Questions about ponies

Dolores Street gallery owner Richard Kreitman supported Concours on the Avenue and the Ferrari show but said the council shouldn't bring the Prancing Ponies

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show back — a sentiment also expressed in writing by former Mayor Sue McCloud. Created to celebrate women who own exceptional cars, the show is said to help fund scholarships for young women to study abroad, but the state has suspended the Prancing Ponies Foundation's corporate status for not meeting tax requirements, which could include failing to file or not paying taxes. A 2017 federal tax form — the only one available — shows the foundation received "contributions and grants" totaling \$486,811 but only paid out \$1,721 in grants and donations, with the rest of the money going to expenses, including \$176,243 for travel, \$163,185 for "occupancy," more than \$40,000 for advertising, promotion and office expenses, and more than \$36,000 for conferences, conventions and meetings.

Wright passionately defended the event and its founder, however, saying it "has benefited young women, of color in some cases, and I think students of the high school" and asserting that Carmel is "lucky to have had an event organized by a woman — organized by a woman of color."

"I think we can be gracious hosts for this particular year," Wright said.

Undercover mask police

Councilman Jeff Baron asked Doug Freedman how he would ensure people who have to wear masks would comply,

and Freedman explained that unlike past years, when access to the show wasn't controlled at all, spectators this year will be screened at every entrance. Those who present vaccination records or negative test results will wear a wristband, and those who don't will have to wear masks, which they'll be given at the entry.

Team members circulating throughout the event will approach anyone "not doing the right thing," Freedman said, and will quickly work to convince the person to properly wear a mask or leave.

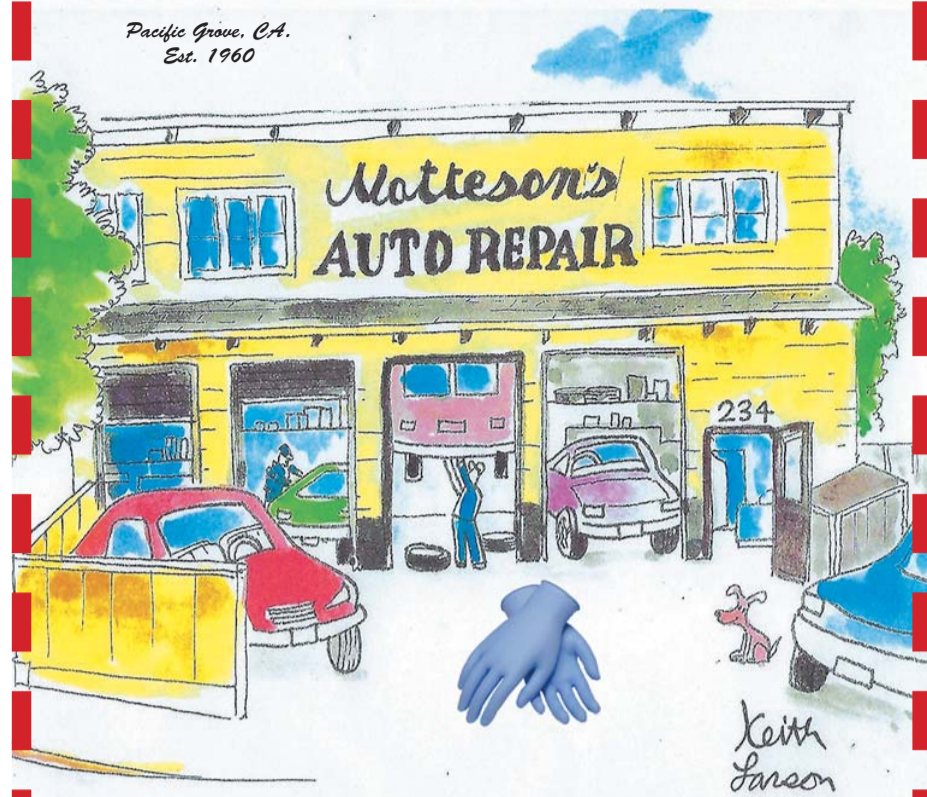
"We will do our dead level best to make it work," Freedman said.

In response to councilwoman Karen Ferlito asking how many volunteers will work at Concours on the Avenue, Freedman answered that the judging team has 60 people, 30 people help with staging, and 100 others handle various tasks, including "individuals we bring in that we don't want anyone to know or meet, because we want them to move through the event to ferret out concerns to deal with as the day progresses."

Everyone on the council was pleased with the safety planning and supported the three events and organizers' efforts to make them as safe as possible, and the vote to authorize the street closures was unanimous.

After the meeting, Freedman said he and Genie were elated.

"We're so fired up, we can't contain ourselves!" he said.

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GROWING UP in Seaside and Monterey, Cindy Walter could always see the ocean from home. Her father, a commercial fisherman, took her out on the bay in a little skiff and showed her how to fish using a pole without disturbing anything else in the sea.

Her grandmother taught her what she said is the Native American approach of accepting nothing without gratitude, taking only what the environment can bear to give, and of giving back to ensure yet another harvest. She also taught her how to make a really fine pie.

When she was 14, Walter's family moved to Salinas, a valley so fertile it's called the "salad bowl of the world." And Walter learned early that the only way to live off the land was to sustain it.

Filled with a wanderlust, she finished high school at 17, joined the Air Force, and flew off to Germany for six years before

returning home. But "never in a million years," she said, did she expect to meet and marry Salinas native Ted Walter, a rising chef with a restaurant called "Teddy's on Main."

Pole-caught fish

Nor did she imagine the couple would establish an award-winning restaurant that would become the first to be certified by what was then called the Monterey Bay Green Business Program. In retrospect, however, she realized she'd been preparing for it her whole life.

When the couple decided to establish a restaurant just blocks from the beach in Pacific Grove, they thought about calling it Simplicity. The name spoke to their culture of creating food that is pure and simple and really, really good. But they also knew the name should reflect their passion for cooking, and a menu that would focus

on fish, so they came up with Passionfish. Although Ted's recipes are more stunning than simple, his philosophy still comes down to, "Serve up good food and great fun."

The Walters also made a commitment to the environment, to foster a future for every food source on the menu.

In the 25 years since its establishment — the couple had a Covid-curtailed anniversary celebration in April — Passionfish has lived up to its promise to provide local produce and sustainable seafood, along with slow-cooked meats and homemade desserts, paired with a carefully curated wine list.

"Everything we do is about sustainability," she said. "From pole-caught wild fish, to beef raised on small ranches, from zero-waste wineries to organic produce, from house-made cleansers to the natural brown paper instead of bleached white table covers, our mission is to provide something valuable and good that serves people without hurting anyone or anything."

When the restaurant opened, the Walters would head to Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey daily and load up the car with fresh-caught fish. Since then, some local fisheries have closed, and it is becoming increasingly difficult, she said, to buy local

fish.

Said Walter, "I remembered my dad hated the trawlers. He saw everything, in addition to fish, that was caught in the nets, and thought they were destroying the bay. So, there was no way I was ever going to buy from the trawlers. I was constantly at

Great Lives

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

the wharf, looking for fishermen working with rods and reels."

Seafood Watch

Then, in 1999, the Monterey Bay Aquarium established its Seafood Watch program to help businesses "make good decisions on behalf of healthy oceans" by identifying which seafood items are best choices or good alternatives — based on sustainability — and which ones should be avoided. Recommendations take into account the well-being of the fishery, the fish, its habitat, species management and other considerations.

After the first Seafood Watch information cards were distributed, Walter called to

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Cindy Walter, shown here in a picture taken around 2011, owns P.G.'s Passionfish restaurant with her husband, Ted. Together, they enjoy country living in Carmel Valley, along with sharing good food and good fun.

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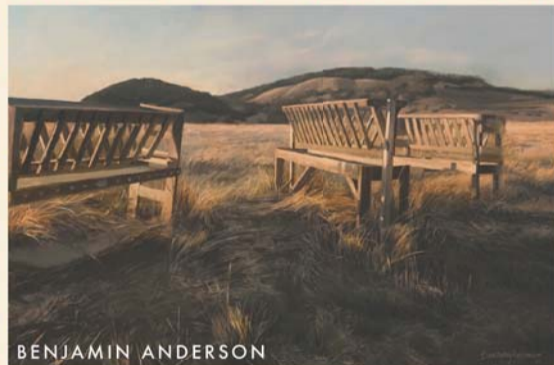
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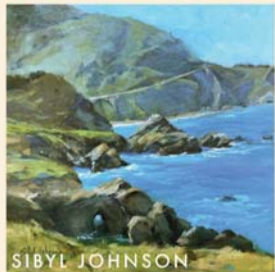
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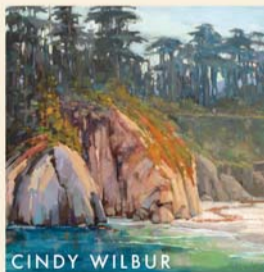
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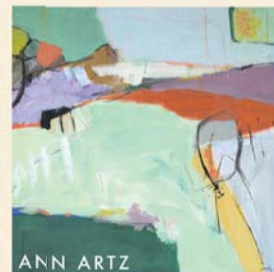
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THOSE WHO drive past Rosie's Cracker Barrel in Carmel Valley this week might catch a glimpse of something truly out of the ordinary — a life-sized sculpture of a buffalo created by sculptor **Rusty Croft**.

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

No ordinary sculpture of bronze or stone, this one is made of "railroad spikes, saw blades, shovel heads, along with some Gold Country artifacts like pick axes," Croft told The Pine Cone. "Its horns are copper, and its body is rust."

Measuring 6 feet high and 7 feet long, the sculpture weighs between 800 and 1,000 pounds, its creator said.

Croft created the buffalo, which he calls "Spike," for a client who owns a ranch in Coalinga. But for at least another week, it will stand vigil outside his studio, where he said it has already become the talk of the neighborhood. He's seen motorists slow down to snap a photo.

"Spike is literally stopping traffic in front of the shop," Croft said.

The artist said he hesitated before even beginning the project. "I was a little skeptical about its aesthetic appeal,"

Croft said.

But Croft was "pleasantly surprised" by how well the piece came out — and startled by how many people have noticed it in the few days that it has been on display outside his studio. He had previously done horses in a similar style.

"It definitely turned out to be an eye-catcher," he added. "There's something about a buffalo that grabs people's imagination."

Taking a closer look

Croft said it took him about two months to complete the piece, which he estimated contains about a thousand individual parts.

The artist added some interesting touches along the

way, including giving the buffalo a subtle red white and blue spine — as a tribute to it symbolizing the American West — and incorporating a couple railroad spikes, to recognize the cruel toll westward expansion took on the majestic animal, which once roamed the Great Plains in huge numbers.

Now that he's done a buffalo, he wants to create an elk in the same style.


To create a life-sized animal of similar stature, Croft charges \$15,000 to \$20,000. He noted a dog would cost much less, and an elephant considerably more.

While Croft admires more realistic renderings of animals, he tries to capture the essence of his subject without

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Made of found objects and an assortment of spare parts, this striking buffalo sculpture greets those who pass by Rosie's Cracker Barrel in Carmel Valley — at least for now. Soon it's headed to the Fresno County ranch of the man who bought the piece.



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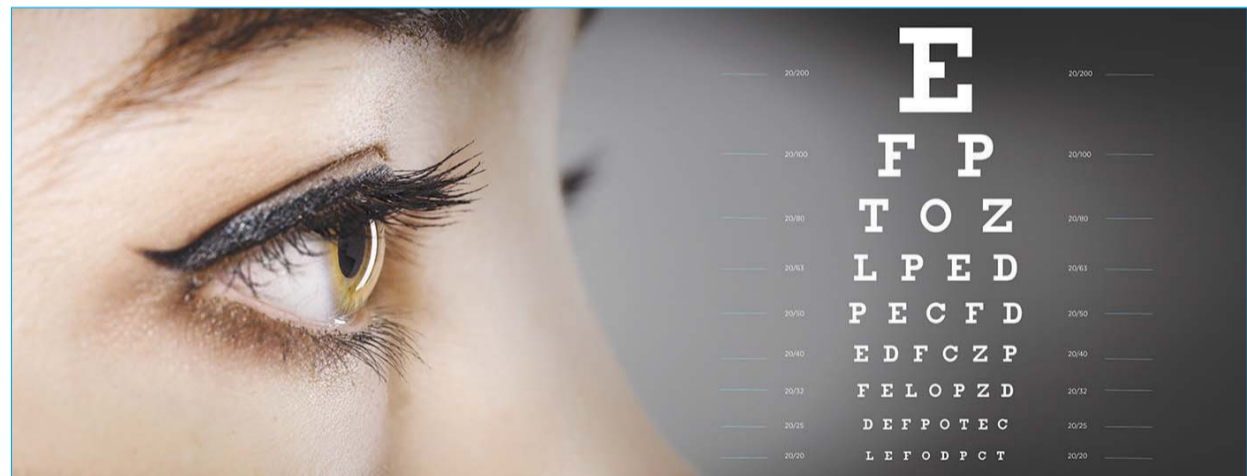


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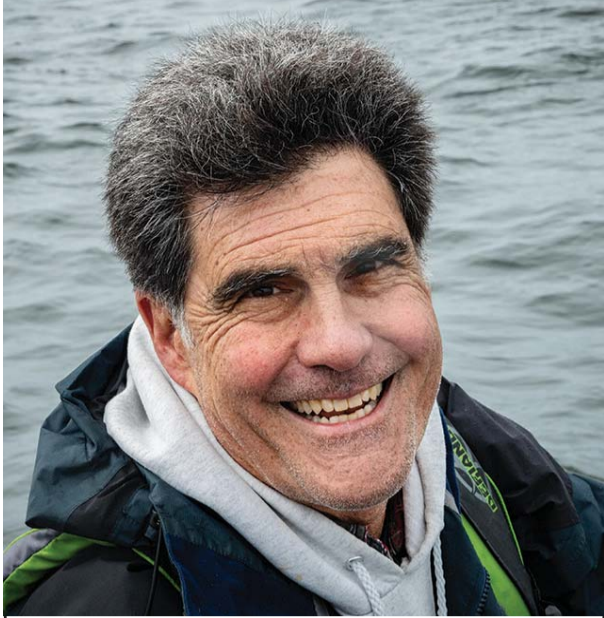
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Michael (Mike) Joseph Guardino

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With great sadness, we are sharing the news that Michael (Mike) Joseph Guardino of Carmel, California passed away suddenly on Sunday, May 23, 2021.

Mike was born to Barbara and Richard Guardino in 1956 in San Jose, California. Growing up he enjoyed family trips to Yosemite, backpacking, journalism, photography, and music. While attending a marine biology course at UC Santa Cruz, he met his wife Patti Long, whom he married in 1987. At this time he became stepfather to Chris and David Spilfogel, and later father to Nancy Guardino (now Nancy Matthiessen).

After graduating from Chico State University, Mike began a 34-year career as a high school science teacher. He was known by colleagues and his students alike for his dedication to teaching and his tireless commitment to his work. Mike had many passions and hobbies which he pursued intensely. He spent many summers backpacking in the Sierra backcountry, where he completed the John Muir trail numerous times as well as the Sierra High Route. He was passionate about marine biology and became a champion of Ed Ricketts Pacific Biological Laboratory, advocating for its preservation and restoration.

Mike was an avid SCUBA diver, logging thousands of dives in the Monterey Bay and teaching friends and family to dive as well. For many years he taught a subtidal marine biology research course, in which he certified high schoolers in SCUBA. Mike loved diving for jade in Big Sur, and proudly brought beautiful stones back to show friends and family- most recently a 56-pound boulder, his biggest find yet. He dedicated many years of service to the Monterey Bay Aquarium, both as an employee and as a volunteer diver for 27 years. Mike conducted feeding shows in the kelp forest exhibit and cleaned windows as part of the Thursday B team, the "Killer B's," a group that became dear friends to him.

We will remember Mike for his delight in sharing the things he loved- pieces of jade, conversation, classic rock tunes, SCUBA dives, walks on the beach, adventures in the mountains, and much more- with his family, friends, and community. We will remember how generously he gave of himself, his kindness, and his commitment to justice.

Mike is survived by his wife Patricia (Patti) Ann Long, stepson Chris Spilfogel, daughter Nancy Matthiessen, son in law Tim Matthiessen, granddaughter Naomi Jade Matthiessen, mother Barbara Guardino, brothers Bill Guardino (Janet), Mark Guardino, and Carl Guardino (Leslee), and many beloved nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his father Richard Guardino and his stepson David Spilfogel.

Donations in Mike's memory can be made to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Foundation, to the Sierra Club, or toward the preservation of the Pacific Biological Laboratory (for PBL, send gifts via PayPal on the website <http://monterey.org/museums> or mail to Library & Museums Department, 625 Pacific Street, Monterey, CA 93940).

ALESSANDRO CHIAPPE

Alessandro Chiappe, 85, died May 23, 2021, with his family by his side in Hayden Lake, Idaho. He was born September 2, 1935, in Lavagna, Italy, to Narciso and Carmen Chiappe. He was the youngest of three brothers. As a young teen, he began work in a local bakery and this was the beginning of a long career as a skilled pastry chef. He sailed and worked on cruise lines for 20 years and traveled the world. He had many lifelong friendships made aboard the ships and had many stories of his years abroad. In the early '70s, he became a US citizen and lived in Carmel California where his brother had immigrated. However, it wasn't long before he shipped off on the American President Lines for one last adventure at sea. A few years later while visiting his brother in California, he met Georgette Roscelli and fell in love. He returned to Italy to say his good-byes and then back to Carmel, CA where they married at the Carmel Mission Basilica in 1973. He loved being a sheriff's posse member and starting a family with Georgette. They owned the last Holly Farm in California where he enjoyed the life of a cowboy. He had a successful wedding cake business where he was sought after by many for his talent at making beautiful and delicious cakes.

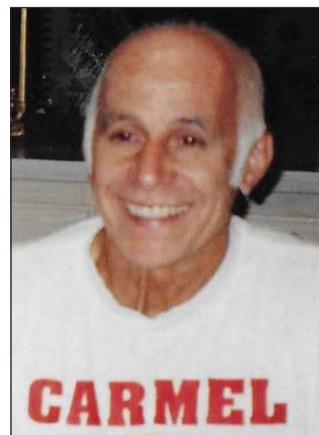
In 1992 he relocated his family to Hayden, Idaho. There he retired and enjoyed life with his family and friends. His table was never empty and he enjoyed people from all walks of life.

The past 20 years he found a renewed interest in his homeland and was able to enjoy many trips back to Italy where he would spend time with his cousins and friends. He spent extended periods of time in Assisi where he felt close to the works of St. Francis.

His zest and adventure for life continued even into his later years. He never said no to a camping trip, hiking, vacations or adventure and because of this was featured in numerous news articles over the years. He made everyone's birthday cakes, wedding cakes and celebratory treats. At age 66 he rode his bicycle from Idaho to California. His sense of humor persisted even in the later, harder years of life. He always found joy in babies and children, starting with his own children and continuing through the years with nieces, nephews, friends and finally his own grandchildren.

His life was always led by his faith. He was a proud Eucharistic minister, member of the secular Franciscan order and attended daily mass at St. Joan of Arc and St. Thomas Church, was a faithful volunteer for No one Should Die Alone, Stephens Ministry and North Idaho Food Bank.

Alessandro will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 48 years, Georgette and his children, David (Alex), Holly (Scott), Sara (Scott) and Bernadette (Jason), nine grandchildren, his brother Elio (Geraldine), his large extended family and many friends. A memorial mass was held at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Coeur d'Alene on June 1 at 11 a.m.



Ronald Willard Frieberg

1935 ❖ 2021

Ronald Willard Frieberg, beloved husband and father, passed away peacefully at his Carmel Valley home on May 11. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Eva Frieberg and his two children, Lars Frieberg of San Juan Bautista and Kristin Gibbs of Carmel Valley, CA.

Born in San Leandro, CA. on February 6, 1935 to Orville and Veronica, Ron had one older brother, John Coleman, who has passed away. He attended San Leandro High School and graduated from University of California Berkeley in 1959 with a degree in Business Administration. Ron was a member of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity and an Air Force Reserve member. After college, he traveled through Europe for six months. During that trip, he met his future wife, Eva, in Stockholm, Sweden. They were later married in Stockholm in June of 1962.

Ron started his long career with the Ford Motor Company in 1960. After advancing through the company ranks, he and his family were transferred to the company headquarters in Detroit, Michigan. After returning to California, he had the opportunity to become a part of the local Ford dealership in Salinas, that was named Erwin Ford. In 1983 he completed the purchase of the dealership on Abbott Street that was now named Salinas Valley Ford and is located at the Salinas Auto Mall. He was co-developer of the Salinas Auto Mall, built in 2000, where all of the franchised new car dealers are now located. He loved being a part of the Salinas business community and seemed to know everyone in local business and the city and county administrations.

Ron was a contributor to many local organizations including construction of The Steinbeck Center Salinas, the Salinas Community Swim Center, Boy Scouts of America and The Salinas Rodeo. Ron also donated to many Veterans organizations and multiple WWII Aircraft restoration projects.

One of Ron's proudest achievements in life was reacquiring the original Frieberg Family homestead farm in Beresford, South Dakota. His great-grandfather, Lars Peter Gustafson, who immigrated from southern Sweden in 1868, farmed the quarter section of corn. Ron's mother had to sell the farm in 1958 after his father died. Ron was so proud to purchase the farm back in the late 1990s and restored the original grand farm house to honor his father and his family heritage in America. It has now grown to over 550 acres of productive corn and soybeans. He loved to tell the local Ag community farm owners that he too was a farmer!

Ron loved traveling around the world with Eva, especially to Sweden that was both of their heritage. As an avid water and snow skier he made Lake Tahoe his most favored place in America for vacations. Many fond memories with family and friends were spent on the lake and mountains. He loved big celebrations including the Thanksgiving turkey that had to be BBQ'd on a slowly rotating spit for many hours. Relatives from all over the state came to give their required Thanksgiving dinner speech to express what they were thankful for. The wine and tears flowed those evenings as multiple generations learned how to celebrate life and to express their thankfulness for all of life's gifts.

His large persona, his personal integrity and strong will to succeed through discipline and hard work were respected by all who knew him. He taught these grand qualities to his children and grandchildren who will honor him by continuing to pursue these traits in their lives. A true leader and great man who will be dearly missed yet forever remembered by his wife, children and grandchildren; Jenna and Laura (Sara & Lars Frieberg) and Brent, Dylan & Sophia (Kristin & Don Gibbs).

Ron will be buried in the Dalesburg Lutheran Cemetery in Beresford, South Dakota near the Frieberg family farm. A memorial service will be held in California to celebrate his life later this summer. To sign Ron's guest book and leave messages for his family, please visit www.thepaulmortuary.com.



C.V. residents plead for fire clearance, park district OKs \$\$ for it

By CHRIS COUNTS

JUST DAYS after 54 residents signed a letter warning of the need to do fire prevention work at Garland Ranch Regional Park in Carmel Valley to protect nearby homes, the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District board voted to unanimously approve a budget June 2 that includes \$250,000 for addressing fire risks.

During a Zoom meeting, one of those who signed the petition, Joe Hertlein, said he was "heartened" by the board's commitment to doing the fire prevention work, calling it a "great accomplishment." "We hope much of the money is used for fuel reduction," he suggested.

Hertlein urged the park district to let volunteers do some of the fire clearance.

"The community is ready and willing to help," he said. "People have come along and asked, 'Can I clear brush along this trail?' There are people out there who are willing to do the work."

'Danger to residents'

The letter, dated May 30, asks the park district board to "bring your attention to the increasing fuel-prone build-up in Garland park which presents a danger to the residents of Carmel Valley."

In the short term, locals want to see a whole lot of vegetation removed, and they'd like to receive some four-legged help. "We believe that cleaning out the dense build-up of sloughed bark and dead branches under those eucalyptus trees — and grazing in the meadows — would be an urgently needed first step," the letter reads.

As a long term goal, the residents suggest that large stands of eucalyptus and expanding patches of genista should be

removed. "It has been done at Glen Deven Ranch, Elkhorn Slough and elsewhere in the area," the residents say.

The petitioners want the work to get started as soon as possible.

"A fire of this sort threatens every household in the valley," the letter adds. "Every day that passes is a missed opportunity to prevent a fire."

VANDALS

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kids.

According to Andrews, this week's vandal tore out the wiring that enabled the sign to operate. Despite the setback, he and other volunteers are undeterred. They plan to get started on rewiring the sign right away — and protecting the wires.

"We're going down there Saturday," he reported. "We're going to put the wires inside hard metal tubing. I'm putting up a camera as well."

The signs were put up two years ago to encourage motorists to drive more slowly as they pass through the village. CVVIC led a fundraising effort, and donors included the Rotary Club of Carmel Valley. The cost to install the signs was \$14,000.

But not long after the signs were installed, someone smashed up the one at the east end of the village with their vehicle. The effort appeared to be intentional, Andrews said.

This week's incident marks the third time the sign west of the village has been targeted. Previously, it's been shot at and had its wires yanked. Just last year, CVVIC spent \$1,200 fixing it.



MARIE (MIMI) LOUISE CLEARY

1949 - 2021

Marie (Mimi) Louise Cleary, born on Jan. 18, 1949, passed away on May 3, 2021, at Del Monte Assisted Living & Memory Care after a struggle with Alzheimer's Disease. She left behind two loving children — her daughter, Dena (husband Robert Lopez and their two beautiful children, Adora and Dante); and son, Damon. Marie's siblings are Ray, Bryan and Anne Cleary.

Marie attended Santa Catalina upper school, was student body president her sophomore year and graduated in 1967. After high school, she applied for nursing school and graduated from Hartnell College to become a registered nurse. She moved to Orlando, Florida, with her husband, Eddie Erickson, and their son, Damon Cleary-Erickson. Soon after, daughter Dena Erickson was born in 1977. Marie and her family moved back to the Monterey Peninsula where she worked at Community Hospital. She attended UCSC and received her master's degree in psychology. Along with all her accomplishments, she was an avid reader and a fantastic quilt maker.

Marie was a loving and compassionate person who touched so many. She will live in our hearts forever.

The family requests that any donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association and Hospice Care.

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Shirley Rae Davis Gere

1929 ❖ 2020

Shirley Rae Davis Gere was born on August 18, 1929, and passed peacefully on to the next adventure December 13, 2020. Despite a period of failing health, she was able to spend all but two of her days in her beloved Carmel Valley home of over 50 years. A Peninsula resident since the early 1950's, Shirley is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia and Paul Cahalan, and her son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Kimberly Gere. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Travers, Samuel, Elle, Michael and Ryan, and her great-granddaughter, Layla. Shirley's only sibling, Marilyn Davis Coole, passed just nine days later on December 22, 2020 at the age of 95.

Shirley Rae was born in Paso Robles, CA to Bertram and Marion Davis. She excelled as a student, and earned valedictorian honors as a senior. She also met her husband to be in her freshman year, Raymond Travers Gere. Shirley graduated in 1947 and entered San Jose State College, eventually settling on a major in Elementary Education. Meanwhile, after spending a year at Redlands University and two years in the Army, Raymond transferred to San Jose State and decided on a major in English.

Shirley and Ray were married in September of 1949, and when Ray received a job offer from Carmel High School in 1952, they moved to the Monterey Peninsula. They bought a house in Mission Fields in 1956, and while Ray taught at Carmel High, Shirley worked at Del Rey Woods Elementary, teaching 5th graders until daughter Cynthia was born in 1957.

Shirley loved living in Carmel and raising her children. She and Ray had many teacher friends from the Carmel High faculty and enjoyed parties and outings with the tight-knit group for years. Shirley became part of a bridge club of 12 young mothers that also evolved into a weekly luncheon group for over 20 years at the Thunderbird book store. In 1967, Shirley began taking pottery classes and eventually became a member of Peninsula Potters. Pottery making became a large focus of her life for the next 25 years and her skill and creativity produced countless pieces that will continue to be cherished by all the friends and family members who she bestowed her work upon.

A move to Carmel Valley in 1969 opened a new chapter in Shirley's life and she relished the opportunity to create a new environment, including filling the home with antique furniture and building an extensive garden she would lovingly tend for 50-plus years. The next two decades were punctuated by many memorable vacations with Ray. Among them, a long trip to Europe during a teaching sabbatical, a 14,000-mile trek around the U.S. and Canada in a VW bus and annual family reunions in Grass Valley and Lake Tahoe. There were also the countless trips to the beach house in Cayucos, an ocean-front home that her father built in 1938 and where she had spent her summer vacations from school as a young girl.

Ray's untimely death in 1991 ushered in a transition to increased activity with her many friends in Carmel and Carmel Valley. She also found enjoyment through working at a Carmel gift shop, teaching ceramics, volunteering at the local church, and spending time with her grandchildren. In the ensuing years, life in the Valley also meshed well with Shirley's love of animals and nature. She adored her dogs, always seemed to have a cat or two, and kept feeders full of seed for the birds. But it was her incredible green thumb and love of plants and flowers that most defined her passion in later years.

Shirley will always be remembered for her love of family, friends, art, nature and all things beautiful. Thank you to all the family members and friends who supported her and loved her. We hope the memories created throughout the years bring you a smile for a long time to come. The family hopes to hold a celebration of Shirley's life in the near future.

A Celebration of Life will be held on August 21st at 2 p.m. at the Carmel Valley Community Chapel.
For further details, please email Cynthia at cynthiacahalan@icloud.com, or Steve at sgere33@gmail.com



Wendy Lazer

WENDY LAZER, 90, passed away on April 30, 2021. She is survived by her husband, Jerome Bookin, children Hank Lazer (Jane), Terri Lazer, Lisa Bookin Johnson, Eric Bookin, sister-in-law Linda Goodman, grandchildren Matthew Schmale (Sandra), Isaac Schmale (Angela), Alan Lazer, Julie Mobley (Chris), and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her first husband Chuck Lazer, by her parents, Charles and Miriam Goodman, and by her brother, Stanley Goodman.



Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, Wendy moved to California in the late 1940s where she met and married Chuck Lazer. They lived in San Jose, California, eventually moving to the Monterey Peninsula (Pebble Beach) where they owned and ran a real estate company, Prestige Properties.

Wendy enjoyed a full, active, intense, passionate life. She traveled widely – her favorite trips being to Israel, Italy, and on safari in Africa including a hot-air balloon ascent of Mount Kilimanjaro.

After living for many years in Pebble Beach and Carmel Valley, and living part-time on Oahu, Wendy moved permanently to Honolulu in 2000. With her husband Jerome Bookin, Wendy enjoyed golf, symphony, opera, theater, movies (especially the Movie Museum), the Honolulu Museum of Art, shopping, and fine dining.

Wendy was an avid golfer, with many close friends at Monterey Peninsula Country Club and Mid Pacific Country Club.

Special thanks to her outstanding, loving care providers Gail Caporaletti and Ila Santa Monica. Thanks, too, to the excellent nurses and staff at Hi'olani and Kahala Nui.

If you wish to make a donation in Wendy Lazer's memory, please consider the Hawai'i Symphony Orchestra ([Donate — HSO \(myhso.org\)](https://www.myhso.org)) or the Honolulu Museum of Art ([Join & Give | Honolulu Museum of Art](https://www.honolulu-museum-of-art.org)).

'Boot camp' to learn about fire safety

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A DEFENSIBLE space “boot camp” June 12 will feature presentations by companies and information from vendors and organizations. The event is also a fundraiser for Cachagua Volunteer Fire Department, Monterey County Regional Fire District's Benevolence Fund and Robles Firewise Group, which is hosting it.

Sessions will be held in the Carmel Valley Village firehouse at 26 Via Contenta at 10:30 a.m. to noon, 12:30 to 2 p.m. and 2:30 to 4 p.m., with the goal of educating residents on “how to harden and protect their homes to increase their chances of their homes surviving a wildfire.” Last year, three fires destroyed dozens of homes and other buildings throughout the county.

Multiple tactics

Defensible zones, air vents and other tools will be discussed, and organizations and businesses scheduled to attend include the Monterey County Regional Fire District, which is hosting the boot camp at its firehouse, as well as the Fire Safe Council of Monterey County, Cachagua Volunteers, Carmel Valley Garden Club, Ember Defense, Vulcan Vents, Community Emergency Response Team and Robles Firewise Group.

There's a suggested \$15 donation to cover costs, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds, and preregistration is required at roblesfirewise.com.

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Mae Sumiye Sakasegawa

1928 • 2021

Mae Sumiye Sakasegawa, beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, and aunt, passed away at home on May 22, 2021, at the age of 93. She was born in 1928 in Salinas, California, the oldest of four siblings, Mae, Marianne, David, and Roberta, to John Urabe and Eva Shirachi Urabe.

In 1950 Mae married Roy Sakasegawa and they started their own family – Lynn, Dean and Debbie. Mae took care of the kids while Roy farmed in Chualar for many years, growing crops for Bud Antle, O.P. Murphy and other companies. Once the kids were a little older she opened a business of her own, Sak's Fabrics & Machines, which she successfully operated for many years before retiring. Mae and Roy enjoyed traveling the world, especially with family, with trips to Japan, Costa Rica, and all over Europe, including a visit to France for a commemoration of Roy's service in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team during WWII.

Mae had a long-standing interest in the history of the Japanese community in Salinas, perhaps fueled by the years she and her family spent at Poston Internment Camp in Arizona during World War II. This interest, and her desire to create a record of the stories she had heard all her life, led to a massive undertaking which she began in the late 1990s. She collected photographs and historical data which she carefully and thoughtfully organized into a chronological history entitled “The Issei of the Salinas Valley: Japanese Pioneer Families.”

This book, more than 300 pages long, took years to complete and she was tenacious in her desire to see it through, with the first publication released around 2007. She was rightfully proud of her accomplishment, a copy of which is maintained at the Steinbeck Center in Salinas. Working with granddaughter Tiffany, Mae recently completed a revision of the book which will be available soon as a legacy for those interested in local Asian American history.

Mae always embraced new experiences and loved meeting people, many of whom became lifelong friends. She loved entertaining, cooking large, delicious meals for family and friends. Her warmth and grace, strength of purpose and kindness, genuine interest in the people around her, were all qualities we loved and admired. She was, as one of her grandkids said, the glue that held the family together, and her loss is keenly felt by all.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Roy.

She is survived by her sisters, Marianne Ida and Roberta Itani, and brother David Urabe; daughter Lynn Sakasegawa; son Dean Sakasegawa (Michelle) and his sons T.J., Michael (Juliette) and Karl, and great-grandchildren Jason, Eva, and Mary; and daughter Debra Sakasegawa Parcasio (Ben) and their children Christopher (Hiromi), Kevin, Tiffany Parcasio Wong (Chris), and Heather, and great-grandsons Royce and Aden.

A celebration of her life will be held on Friday, June 4th at noon at Compass Church, 830 Padre Drive, in Salinas, CA. Following the service, there will be a gathering of friends at the church from 1 to 3 p.m.

Funeral Arrangements by Struve and Laporte Funeral Home.
Online condolences to www.struveandlaporte.com



Thomas Calvin Carr

Thomas Calvin Carr passed away peacefully at home with his loving family on January 31, 2021, at the age of 87. Born in Grand Forks, North Dakota, on May 31, 1933, to Marie Berkeland Carr and Glenn Carr, Tom attended schools in Grand Forks and in Warren, Minnesota. He was active in Boy Scouts; he attained the rank of Eagle Scout and was admitted to the Order of the Arrow. After a year at the University of North Dakota, Tom enlisted in the Army and was posted to Germany.



On his return to the States, Tom enrolled in Moorhead State College where he earned his bachelor's degree in English and business education. He married his wife, Bobbie (Roberta), during his senior year. Upon his graduation, Tom and Bobbie moved to Oregon where Tom began his teaching career and where their daughter, Jane, was born. After teaching for several years, he accepted a job with the State of California. He took evening classes at Sacramento State, earning his lifetime California teaching credential. In 1981 he accepted a job with the Department of Fish and Game in Monterey; he also served as an arbitrator for the California State Employees Association.

A member of St. Philip's Lutheran Church, he sang in the choir and took a regular turn as cantor. He sang in the Monterey Symphony Chorus and spent four seasons with the Troupers of the Gold Coast, performing at California's First Theater. He retired in 1995 and spent much of the next 20 years overseas as Bobbie's career took them to Egypt, Guam, Okinawa, and Germany. He taught English as a Second Language to Eritrean refugees in Cairo, enjoyed field trips with his university archaeology and art classes in Egypt and Germany and sang in church and university choirs every place he lived.

Tom was kind and generous. He enjoyed traveling and planning trips. He loved Norway and was delighted to find a branch of his mother's family in the Setesdal Valley. He was fortunate to be able to visit them several times over the years.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Eugene. He is survived by his wife and daughter, his sister Margaret Stolee, his grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He will be laid to rest in East Walle, North Dakota, where the Lutheran Church is modeled after the church in Valle, in the Setesdal Valley, Norway.

P.G. Chamber to hold protest of proposed sewer rate hike

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE PACIFIC Grove Chamber of Commerce and 18 business and community groups will protest a proposed 122 percent increase in sewer service rates on Friday, June 4, at 9 a.m. at Colton Hall in Monterey.

The rate increases proposed by sewer

agency Monterey One Water "are too sharp in too short a time period at a moment when businesses need as much help as they can get to recover from the effects of the pandemic," the group said in a release.

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SHEN

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was really in touch with our residents and our visitors," city administrator Chip Rerig said. "He just had the perfect approach to community policing in our village."

Wanting to help

Born and raised in Pacific Grove, Shen set out to become a teacher, like both his parents. But as he prepared to attend San Jose State in the mid-1990s, Fort Ord closed, thousands of people left, and teaching jobs in the Monterey Peninsula disappeared.

But he knew that police officers also had opportunities to work with young people — not only while patrolling the streets and enforcing the laws, but in drug education and school resource officer programs.

"You can do some really cool things in a police uniform, and that's the direction I ended up going," Shen said.

He put himself through the police academy at Gavilan College in Gilroy and got his first job with the City of Marina before being hired by Monterey P.D., where he spent nearly 12 years and rose through the ranks.

"That's also where I met my wife, Lauren," he said. She handled jailing and records. "I would hook 'em and she would book 'em."

They worked together for two years before they started dating, and have now been together for more than two decades. Shen has two stepchildren, and they also had a child together. A year ago, he became a grandfather.

His wife retired from Monterey P.D. in 2007, the year he came to Carmel, where he continued running DARE classes, now for Junipero Serra School and All Saints.

"If law enforcement can build rapport with the children, the children will have a good relationship with law enforcement," Shen said.

When he was hired, his superiors also

predicted he would mentor many of the younger officers joining the force.

That was certainly the case with Cpl. Mike Bruno, who came to work at Carmel P.D. in 2014. "At 10 years old, Mike Bruno was my DARE student in Monterey, and then 15 years later at Carmel, he was my trainee," said Shen.

"Today, he was by my side at the end of my logoff, and everything," Shen said. Bruno and other officers have also been trained to carry on Shen's legacy of working with local kids on drug resistance and building relationships.

Over the course of his career, Shen has handled a lot of calls, of course, but he recalled a near drowning at Carmel Beach in 2016. "We saved many people's lives down at the beach, and I remember this one gal — she was a team effort," he said. "She had drowned, and we were able to do CPR on her with Monterey Fire and save her life. She was blue."

The woman, a 37-year-old Sacramento resident, survived. Her father said doctors told him that had she not received CPR at the beach, she wouldn't have.

Home turf

The beach is familiar ground for Shen, a lifelong accomplished surfer who has competed locally, as well as in the Police & Fire Games, for decades and has a strong connection with his fellow enthusiasts.

"He could talk to everybody, but he's really connected with our surfing community, which is critical in our town," Tomasi said. "Ken bridged a gap that existed for a long time. When you talk about building relationships in our community, that guy is a master at it."

Tomasi recalled his favorite Ken Shen story. Riding along with him as a new hire, they rolled up to a brawl at a local pub. "It was a wedding party, and there were multiple fights," Tomasi said. "Ken gets out of the car, and he yells at them, 'This is Carmel, you need to calm down!'"

That was a surprise for Tomasi, who'd come here from Sacramento, where bar-fights were handled a little differently.

As he's seen doing here in 2009, Cpl. Ken Shen has competitively surfed in the Police & Fire Games for 26 years, and will soon head to this year's contest in Oceanside.

PHOTO/PC FILE



"I knew I was working with the right guy, because he summed it all up right there: 'We're in Carmel. It's different in Carmel. And we like it that way,'" said Tomasi.

He also lauded Shen's generous spirit. "One night, we had a guy who was on parole and we had to take him to jail," Tomasi said. "He was at the station for a few hours and said he was hungry. Ken literally went to the refrigerator and gave him his own dinner — he gave his dinner to a guy we had arrested. He's that kind of guy."

Aloha and mahalo

While Shen is a California native, his mother was born and raised on the island of Kauai, and he is well known for his love of Hawaiian culture. It was during one of their many island visits that he first rode a wave as a small child, and he often plays the diminutive soprano ukulele that belonged to her and to his grandfather before her. Shen plays and sings for kids at city events and during other notable moments — including for his fellow officers after the end of his last shift.

He also often mentions "ohana," the Hawaiian concept of family.

When Shen signed off for the final time at 7 a.m. Wednesday, dispatcher Christina Newton thanked him over the air for his years of service. "Cpl. Shen, your brothers and sisters in law enforcement would like to wish you a wonderful retirement,"

she said. "It has been our honor and our privilege to serve with you and to leave you with your legacy of ohana. Family means nobody is left behind or forgotten."

Tomasi then said over the radio to Shen, "Carmel is and always will be your ohana. Mahalo, my brother."

Shen's retirement takes effect July 1, but he's taking this month off to surf in his final U.S. Police & Fire Championships in Riverside as an officer and to visit his new granddaughter, Charlie, who will be turning 1 at the end of the month. The competition marks his 26th year participating in the Police & Fire Games, and next year, he'll be there vying for medals as a "retired officer in good standing." His coworkers in the Carmel Police Officers Association are helping to cover expenses during the competition in Oceanside, he said, "and that just means so much to me."

"It is a big loss for our village to not have him on the streets," Tomasi said, but Shen said he'll still be out there helping people. While he'll be earning roughly \$86,000 per year in retirement, he does not want to stop working, so he's lined up a part-time stint in security at Community Hospital, and will also be teaching state-certified law enforcement classes.

"I'm still going to be doing things that help people — I'm not ready to stop," he said.

And, of course, he said, "I'm still going to be surfing."

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OWLS

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at just at one location near Salinas. One box had 8 owlets.” The bands make it possible for researchers to learn more about the lives of the elusive, nocturnal owls. The bands also help confirm that owl boxes are helping to boost the population. “We don’t know too much about these owls, in terms of their successes and failures,” explained Dymytryk, who described banding “as a tool that will help us learn more about them.”

Bigger boxes = more owls

The owl boxes have been placed in just about every community that surrounds the Monterey Peninsula. They can be found as far north as Half Moon Bay, and as far south as Gonzalez. Locally, there are quite a few in Sea-side and Carmel Valley.

Not only have Dymytryk and others installed numerous owl boxes, but they’ve also put up wildlife cameras at many locations to monitor how the owls are doing. Along the way, they’ve learned that building larger owl boxes—36 inches by 24 inches by 22 inches — really helps. “This amount of space is needed for the parents to raise large clutches of baby owls,” she said.

It turns out that owlets need lots of space to grow up in, and if it isn’t available, the mother will often abandon the nest.

“Bigger boxes produce more owls,” she said. “The cameras confirm our suspicions.”

Besides helping to boost the population of a bird of prey whose numbers are in decline, the boxes bring owls to places where they can feed on pests.

“Barn owls are great for keeping rodent populations in check,” Dymytryk added. “There’s a growing trend to replace poison with safe methods of pest control, and utilizing a natural predator is a great way to do it.”

TRAFFIC

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73 percent of all visitors come in through the north — and exit the same way.

So why are numbers so important? Because state officials say they can’t impose traffic limits, set up shuttles, build restrooms or even put up signs without data.

“Soon, we will have the numbers to justify taking steps to manage overcrowded public hot spots,” Kronlund said.

How much congestion

The data could also be useful to visitors who don’t want to travel to a busy place during peak hours. “From the website, you will be able to track on a given day how many cars went by in the past hour,” Kronlund explained.

To capture and send out traffic data in real time, an electromagnetic detection system known as an inductive loop was installed under the pavement May 26. Next, a computer will be placed in a nearby lock box to compile

the information from the loop. The community association would be able to access that data and make it available online, where motorists could learn in advance what traffic conditions are in Big Sur.

Kronlund is a big proponent of establishing shuttles to reduce traffic at tourist hot spots, and he said the data will aid that effort, too.

CANDIDATE

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plus his “enthusiasm, dedication, and hometown pride” made him an “ideal candidate” and would mean “seamless transition” on the board.

“I have a friendly, easygoing demeanor and am easy to get along with,” said Rivera, who also said his Hispanic background would “provide diversity on the board.”

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Softballs, baseballs — Stevenson's athletes have battered them all

IT'S JUST a theory — devised by a sports columnist, not a scientist — but the most effective way to work out aggression after a year-long lockdown might be to pick up a bat and wreak havoc.

The Stevenson Pirates have been abusing baseballs and softballs with alarming ferocity this spring, surpris-

ulated by six freshmen, four sophomores, three juniors and just one senior.

Meanwhile, the baseball Pirates, coached by Nick Wilcox, have qualified for CCS with a 9-6 regular-season record. They'll learn their opening-round opponent after a June 9 seeding meeting, and games begin on June 12.

Senior leadership

Three seniors — Ian Murdoch (.449), Josh Peyton (.442), and Skye Franklin (.383) — lead a lineup that includes six hitters with batting average at .300 or better, including three sophomores.

Peyton, a shortstop with a .692 slugging percentage, has signed a letter of intent to play next fall at the University of Chicago. Murdoch, a catcher, will try to make the team at San Francisco State as a walk-on, and Franklin, who plays third base, will try to make the team at the University of Maryland.

The baseball team created a buzz — not only on the school's Pebble Beach campus, but all over Monterey County — with a 4-1 start that included victories over Carmel, Monterey, Pacific Grove and Palma, which all have tradition-rich baseball programs.

"We had only practiced three times before we played Carmel in our season opener," Wilcox said. "My only mes-

sage to the kids going into that game was to play hard and be happy that you're finally back on the field, playing with your teammates."

Stevenson's 5-3 victory over the Padres (who were 3-0 coming into that game) was Carmel's only loss in a 10-1 start to its season, and marked only their ninth win in 44 games against CHS since 2001.

As an encore, the Pirates traveled the following day to beat Monterey 9-1 on its home field, the first time Stevenson had beaten the Toreadores in two decades.

A week later, they traveled to Palma and won 7-1, the first victory in 10 tries over the Chieftains this century.

And two days after that, they won 4-3 at Pacific Grove, a school that holds a 30-14 edge in that series since 2001.

Offseason work

Wilcox attributes the quick start to the fact that his players showed up in top shape, thanks to diligent offseason preparation, coordinated by Stevenson athletic director Justin Clymo, who devised workout programs for each team.

"When we finally got the good news that we were going to have a season, they were probably in the best condition

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Peninsula Sports

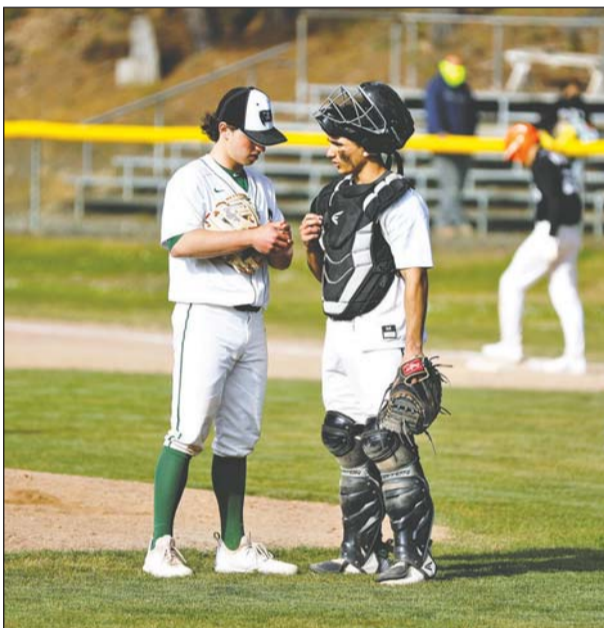
By DENNIS TAYLOR

ing their coaches, stunning overconfident opponents, and putting themselves in position to partake in postseason playoffs.

Coach Thomas Main's softball team heads to a Central Coast Section bracket (all seeding takes place Sunday) with a 12-6 record, thanks largely to 10 players who were batting .370 or better, a list topped by Gaby Perez (.571) and Tomi Main (.556).

The Pirates kicked down the door to a CCS berth on Wednesday, routing Gonzales 10-0 in a "play-in" game, avenging a 14-11 loss to the Spartans on April 26.

And they've accomplished all of that with a roster pop-



PHOTOS/KERRY BELSER

(Left) Skye Franklin, who plays third base and pitches, and catcher Ian Murdoch are two of the senior leaders on Stevenson's baseball squad. Junior leadoff hitter Gaby Perez (center) set the pace for Stevenson's softball team with a .571 average and has played stellar defense at second base. Third baseman Abby Yamashita (right), a junior, is batting .425 in the cleanup spot for the Pirates.

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SPORTS

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of any team I've coached," the coach said. "You definitely could see from the first day of practice that there was something special about this group — their camaraderie and their chemistry," Wilcox said. "They genuinely like and respect each other, and our seniors — Peyton, Murdoch and Franklin, really set the tone as leaders."

Sophomore sensation

A spectacular surprise has been sophomore pitcher-second baseman Trent Toole, who didn't consider himself a pitcher until this year, but currently ranks No. 2 in the CCS with a 0.41 earned-run average over 34 innings, and is 6-0 this season.

"Trent is a competitor, a real bulldog," said Wilcox, who pitched collegiately at St. Mary's College. "He has a fastball, curve and change-up, and great command of the strike zone with all three pitches."

Rounding out the pitching staff have been Sean Cornell, Jaden Franz, Franklin, Murdoch, Owen Schmittgens and Domi-

nec Borgomini.

Exceptional defense has been another asset behind the pitchers, with Murdoch catching, Alex Glasscock and Peyton in the middle infield, Franz, Addison Mohr and Juan Ley sharing first base, and Franklin at third. The infield has turned more double plays than any team Wilcox has coached, he said.

Outfielders include Sean Ishii, senior Nelson Young, Glasscock and sophomore Rider McCormick.

McCormick (.321, with a .393 slugging percentage) and Glasscock (.300) have been offensive surprises.

The Pirates also have stolen 59 bases in 60 attempts this spring, led by Peyton (14), Toole (11), Murdoch (10), Franklin (8) and Glasscock.

The most important factor in the success of the softball team is that "We're a lot tougher than we look — I love our competitiveness," said Thomas Main, whose girls won five of their first six games.

Case in point, he said, was a 15-14 victory over King City on May 20, when the Pirates surged to a 7-0 lead, fell behind 8-7, responded with a 5-run burst, watched the Mustangs battle back to a 13-13 tie to

force extra innings, got a two-run homer from Tomi Main (the coach's daughter) in the top of the eighth, then held on in the bottom of the inning for the 1-run victory.

Tomi Main also hammered a two-run double in the seventh inning to beat Pacific Grove, 6-5, on April 27.

And on May 17, the Pirates pounded 18 hits in a 7-6 victory over Monterey.

"That was a good win for us, because Monterey had just buried Carmel, 24-2, and walked in there thinking they were going to roll over us," the coach said.

Explosive lineup

Junior second baseman Gaby Perez, who has knocked in 13 runs from the lead-off spot, is a college-level softball player, said the coach. Tomi Main, who leads the team with 3 homers and 21 RBI, will play tennis at Texas Tech in 2022.

Kailey Clymo (.375), a multi-sport star who plays first base, is the only senior on the roster, and catcher Bailey Zorn (.408) is the only junior in the starting lineup.

Third baseman Abby Yamashita (.425, 2

homers), left fielder Alex Dalhamer (.431) and Sydney Clymo (.404) are all sophomores, and right fielder Emma Hall (.403), who bats No. 2, and pitcher-outfielder Claren Wong, are freshmen.

Fledgling pitchers

Wong (8-3) and fellow freshman Ashley Bishop (3-3) are the pitchers.

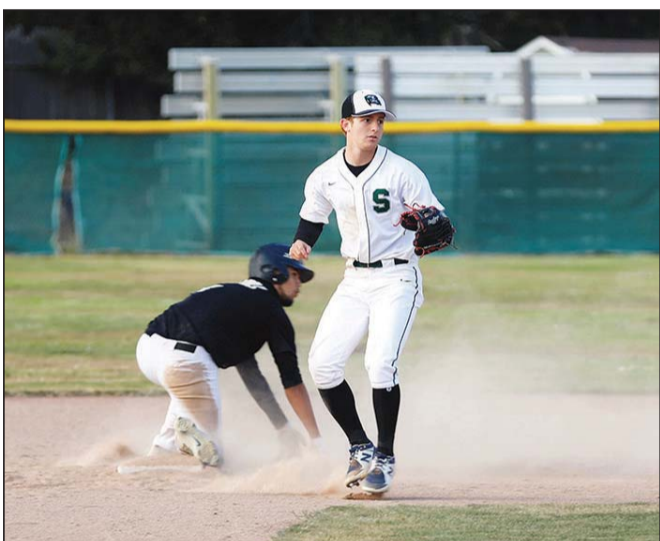
"Claren had never pitched outside of the Carmel Recreation League, but she's a very competitive girl who decided to give it a try for us," the coach said. "She's learning on the fly, but she's done a terrific job."

"Ashley is the same story — a lot of rec ball, but very tough and competitive, and learning what pitching is all about."

In the play-in game against Gonzales, Wong saw three hits, pitching a six-inning shutout, and the offense was led by Main (4 hits, 5 RBI) and Perez (3 hits, 4 runs).

Playoff brackets for all sports can be found at cifccs.org.

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The Pirates' senior shortstop, Josh Peyton, (white uniform) will play next season as a scholarship athlete at the University of Chicago.

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Editorial

Hug a hospital

WITH THE coronavirus epidemic in this country apparently on its last legs, a lot of the discussion that's going on now is of the Monday-morning-quarterbacking variety. Were all the business shutdowns and social distancing needed? How effective was it for everyone to wear masks? Should classrooms have been kept open? Etc., etc.

Turn on cable news or take a look at the internet and you'll be inundated with every possible answer to such questions. Unfortunately, most of what you hear is either guesswork or so tainted with blue vs. red party politics that the only intelligent course of action is to never listen to it in the first place. It will take years, if not decades, before we really know whether Florida or California, for example, had the right answer when it came to limiting the damage the coronavirus did to peoples' lives and livelihoods.

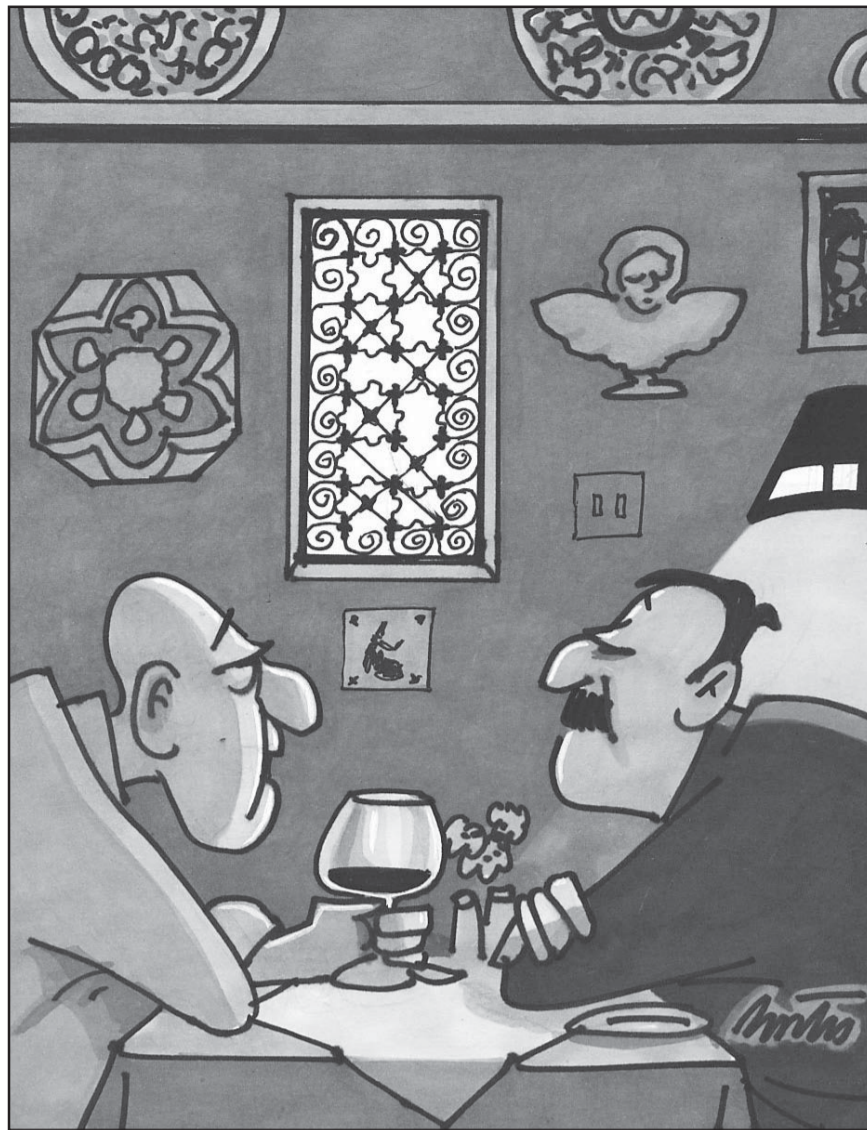
At the same time, some of the big things that happened during the pandemic are already crystal clear, and so is the role Monterey County's hospitals played in helping this county survive the epidemic's worst days and reach the point we're at now, with things getting back to normal and each day's new cases barely making a dent in the spreadsheet.

The epidemic had two main phases: The winter surge of December and January that saw new infections, hospitalizations and deaths in this county reach levels no one would have predicted, followed by the immunity and vaccination phase that's driven all those numbers almost to zero. Along the way, it was the hospitals that not only bore the brunt of caring for hundreds of Covid-19 patients simultaneously, they did so by inventing new methods of patient isolation and treatment at every step, all while their doctors, nurses and other employees exposed themselves to great personal danger. There was no playbook for the coronavirus epidemic; what we had instead was a constantly changing situation that required expert and immediate improvisation, and it was at Monterey County's four hospitals — CHOMP, Natividad, Salinas Valley and Mee Memorial — where this life-or-death drama happened.

Fortunately, just as the winter surge was at its worst, coronavirus vaccines started to become available, and of course the county's healthcare workers couldn't wait to start administering them. But how to do that on a grand scale? Nobody knew, and, again, it was the hospitals that were called upon to quickly invent and implement a host of strategies for getting tens of thousands of doses of the Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines into the arms of Monterey County residents. Working collaboratively, they did it, and the vaccination program has been a huge success.

If the epidemic is, indeed, just about over, we should all take some time to be grateful that it ended it so quickly, and for the heroic efforts throughout to minimize the sickness and death the virus caused. And, in this county at least, most of the credit goes to the hospitals.

BEST of BATES



"I spent most of my money on wine, women and song.
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Full of lies

Dear Editor,

I understand publishing letters from readers wishing to express their opinions on current events is a good thing for a local paper to do. But when I read Jeff Gorman's letter I was troubled. Printing an opinion is one thing, but printing lies disguised as opinions is pretty irresponsible.

Lie No. 1 seems to be saying Congressman Panetta is "among those who relish the destruction and anger" says Mr. Gorman, with relish. Our representative in Congress does not relish destruction and anger and to say so is a lie, not an opinion.

Lie No. 2 is the false equivalency that the George Floyd protests against police brutality last summer somehow justified the attacks on the Capitol and should also be investigated by any commission looking into January 6th. Neither BLM nor Antifa stormed the Capitol.

Lie No. 3 is "Dozens were shot dead by

rioters" — this ignores the involvement of Proud Boys and Boogaloo Boys and white supremacists and the KKK and anarchists who also fought with police and BLM protestors.

Lie No. 4: "Many were beaten mercilessly by riotous crowds." This ignores the fact that many were beaten mercilessly by the police, but overall the protests were peaceful. They took their grievances to Congress, but BLM definitely did not storm the Capitol to stop Congress from certifying the election of Joe Biden and Kamala Harris. Trump supporters did that.

Have an opinion — everybody else does — but if that opinion is based on false narrative, it is not an "opinion" — it is spreading lies. It only echoes the propaganda all around us.

Jay Burriss,
Carmel

Useful idiot

Dear Editor,

If the Bolshevik Vladimir Lenin were alive today, he would characterize Joe Biden as a "useful idiot." "Lunch bucket Joe" was never the brightest bulb in the lighting store.

To make up for this, he was well known as a plagiarist and liar. Now add developing old-age dementia to the mix, and America has a real problem. The leaders of China, Russia and Iran are well aware of uncle Joe's frailty.

For them, he is the gift that keeps giving. This "useful idiot" is a disaster of epic proportions for America.

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There once was a place on the beach to rent suits and get warm

FOR NEARLY 40 years, the bath house at the beach stood as one of the early landmarks of Carmel. It was built in 1892, by early resident Delos Goldsmith. In 1945, several years after it was gone and largely forgotten, a frequent visitor from San Francisco who wrote a letter to Mayor Percy A. McCreery suggesting the city “erect on the beach an observation house where visitors would be protected from the wind and/or fog.” The writer felt “it would be a wonderful attraction to Carmel,” and “it need not be expensive; it could be of wood and glass construction.”

History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

Louis Slevin, who moved to Carmel in 1904, recognized the description as essentially what the city had in the bath house. He suggested that the Cooks — Clifford and Wilma, who owned The Pine Cone — publish an explanation as to why the bath house had been razed. The Cooks, however, had come to Carmel in 1936, and didn't know anything about the bath house. Wilma accepted the challenge and reached out to older residents for the answer. Her quest uncovered many memories of the old bath house, which she compiled in two articles printed in June 1945.

Showers and soda pop

City clerk Peter Mawdsley told Cook the bath house was in operation when he moved to Carmel in 1925, but not when or why it was razed. “It was about 100 feet south of where the telephone booth is now, at the foot of Ocean Avenue on the beach. It was an old redwood board-and-batten building,” Cook quoted Mawdsley as saying. He also recalled that Ivy Basham-Stahl, sister of local builder M. J. Murphy, “and her husband Walter Basham — he's dead now — operated the restaurant

that's Whitney's now, and the concession at the bath house, handing out towels, selling soft drinks — maybe sandwiches.”

Chief of Police Roy Fraties, a resident since 1920, was “just a kid” when it was torn down, he said, recalling “that there were showers at the bath house, and a large front room where people could sit. And several different people ran it at different times.”

Bill Askew, with the city's street department, also claimed to be a kid when the bath house came down. “I remember you could rent bathing suits there and get soda pop,” The Pine Cone quoted him as saying.

Lucille Turner, who built her house in Carmel in 1913, recalled, “The showers were outside and there were only two of them. I do believe they were enclosed. You were supposed to take your shower in your bathing suit so as to wash the seawater off before going into the dressing rooms. And the water for the showers came from the tank on the roof, which was warmed by the sun.”

Parties, dances

Cook called on Ivy Basham-Stahl, who ran the bath house in the early 1920s and remembered a nice big sunroom that was “a lovely place to play and I was a sort of mother down there. I was away for several years when Mr. Basham was ill and when I came back in 1929, I was disappointed to find it gone. I had grown up with that old place.”

After reading the memories of the others, Slevin told Cook, “While several persons remembered the institution as it appeared after about 1910, I doubt whether many remember it in its primitive state. In my picture from 1904, it is very forlorn and lonely looking. No glassed-in pavilion, no tower with tall flagpole and flag and not a person in sight.”

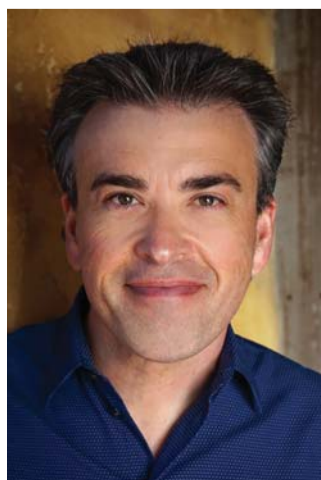
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The bath house is seen in the background of this pre-1910 photo of Arnold Genthe taking a photo of Carmel's famous Bohemians — George Sterling, Mary Austin, Jack London and Jimmy Hopper.

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WHEN IT comes to interests, Helen MacKinlay tends to gain them, rather than lose them.

“I don't know what this word, ‘boredom,’ means,” said MacKinlay, whose artistic journey for the past four decades has taken her through fine-art photography, writing, printmaking, collage, handmade books, and, nowadays, painting.

“I determined that I was a bit of a control freak until I started painting with wa-

of nude photography, mostly males. She also studied the work of other photographers specializing in nudes, most notably Imogen Cunningham, Sally Mann and Robert Mapplethorpe.

“I also photographed the landscape, but when I got home and developed the work, my reaction was, ‘Well, this is lovely ... but all it needs is a nude.’ And I'd often put nudes into those photos.”

In 1988, the MacKinlays left San Francisco for Singapore, where Rob became senior director of internet telecommunications for Seagate Technology.

“Singapore is a very well run city,” she said. “But,

from an artist's point of view, they practiced censorship in those days, and if you were working with nudes, you found yourself on the outer edge. The people there could handle painted nudes, but photographs were difficult for their audiences.”

Nonetheless, MacKinlay had a solo show in Singapore, and in 1991, she published a hardcover book, “Fifty-Five Photographs.”

Fully occupied

“When you're living in a different culture, you discover who you really are, and that was a real eye-opener for me,” she said. “I became a long-distance runner with Rod. We climbed 10,000-foot mountains together in Malaysia. I became a personal trainer. I wrote articles for a photography magazine and airline magazines. I started learning printmaking. So, I was fully occupied there — I wasn't twiddling my thumbs.”

Helen switched to digital photography in 1996, when the MacKinlays returned to the San Francisco Bay area, where she began to focus on printmaking.

In 1999, after Rod retired, they moved

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Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

tercolors, which forced me to lose control and let the water do the work,” said the New Zealand native and longtime Pebble Beach resident. “I've found it to be very freeing, and after working with black-and-white photography for so long, it's a delight to work with color.”

Settling in Europe

As a painter, MacKinlay has a portfolio inspired by mythology, fantasy, ancestry and ancient worlds — all based on voracious reading and research she does on whatever might interest her at the time.

“I've done a whole portfolio on creation myths,” she said. “I'll read about the beliefs of people all around the world, get pictures and ideas in my mind, and I'll paint them. I've done about 30 of those paintings over the past 10 years.”

MacKinlay majored in geography at the University of Auckland on New Zealand's North Island, which is where she met her husband, Rod, a physics student and cross-country athlete, whom she married 60 years ago.

The couple traveled to Europe in 1972, settling in Munich, Germany, where Rod found work in the burgeoning technology industry and Helen began teaching high school geography and English literature to American students at an international school.

In 1979, his IT profession brought them to Silicon Valley, and in 1983, she took an art class at a nearby community college.

Patterns and shapes

“I began with life drawing, which was really scary. I felt so nervous and unsure of myself,” she said. “But, in the end, I was attracted to the patterns and shapes of the human figure, and decided to study photography and photograph it.”

MacKinlay found a mentor in Palo Alto photographer Robert Vernon Wilson.

“He was an expert on the human figure,” she said. “He taught me how to follow Ansel Adams' system of photography, and he really challenged me. I learned a lot from him over a three-year period.”

MacKinlay set up her own darkroom and began to build a portfolio



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Helen MacKinlay with “Grunion Dance,” a monotype that's part of her series on Mating Dances



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to Pebble Beach and joined a local jogging organization, the Wednesday Night Laundry Runners, which coaxed her back into photography for a fundraising project.

"They asked me to create a calendar to raise money for some long-distance runners they were supporting, so I did. I produced a calendar of male nudes, all over 60 years old."

Controversial calendar

That 2004 project inspired a second calendar to raise money that was used to retrofit the Carmel Fire Station — this one featuring women who called themselves the Fire Belles.

"They dressed up in firefighting clothes, although some of them weren't really in clothes at all," she said. "I pho-

tographed them in various positions, posed them with the equipment, and had a lot of fun.

"But we also got into trouble for that ... oh, boy!" MacKinlay remembered. "The city said, 'You're using our fire station? We didn't give you permission for that.' The city attorney threatened to sue us, but the photos were already done, we published the calendar, and they raised money."

MacKinlay has studied printmaking at Monterey Peninsula College and Open Ground Studios, and has affiliations with the Central Coast Art Association, the Pajaro Valley Art Center, and the Center for Photographic Art, for which she served on the board of directors for five years.

She published another book, "Second Skin: Poems and Photographs," in 2000. Since 1983, her fine-art photography has been featured in six solo exhibitions and 18 group shows.

Images of MacKinlay's art and additional information can be found online at helenmackinlay.com.

REDISTRICK

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that the personal information they include on their applications can be released to the public.

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The application can be found at bit.ly/3vOdnXI.

POLLACCI

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tion and file a petition, which could be heard by a civil jury. Pollacci, now 61, could be indefinitely committed to a mental institution following his release from prison if the court determines he's a sexually violent predator.

One of his victims who received notification of his impending release said she is fearful he will attack again if allowed out.

"All of Pollacci's victims, including myself, will cringe knowing this serial rapist is out in June and free to attack anyone's daughter, wife, mom or friend," she said. "I spoke up in his trial because I know now how many others were attacked by this monster."

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HISTORY

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Police commissioner Allen Knight also remembered the early days. "I remember that bath house," he told The Pine Cone. "We kids used to play there. There was a couple, the Burnights, who ran it for a while. They were the people who had the first candy store in Carmel. There was a big glass sitting room at the bath house with benches all around. There was an old piano there, and they used to have lots of parties and dances. And Nana Foster, who was about 80 years old and smoked a pipe, was the life of the party when they had abalone feeds and mussel bakes. We kids used to be sent down to bury the beer in the wet

sand to keep it cool. And there was an old bathing cart they used to pull down to the edge of the beach and get in it to change into their bathing suits. I think it's the ticket booth at the Forest Theater now."

Council minutes

His memories were mostly right. According to other sources, Thomas and Annie Burnight were only in Carmel for a few years and left before 1910. They did have a candy store on Ocean Avenue. Evening card games at the bath house in the Burnight era led to the creation of the Manzanita Club. Burnight resigned as president of that club in 1907.

"Nana Foster" was born Josephine Squire on Aug. 15, 1842. She came to Carmel after her husband died in San Francisco in February 1906. She built a stone

house on Eighth near Monte Verde and was elected president of the Arts and Crafts Club in 1906. She later moved to Oakland and died there in 1921, not quite 80.

According to The Pine Cone, Mawdsley found a key item about the history of the bath house in the council minutes of April 3, 1929: "Communication from Mrs. W.C. Mann, lease of the bath house, submitting an offer to renew the lease of said property or, in case the lease was not granted, Mrs. Mann offered \$150 for the purchase of the building; said building to be wrecked and removed." Subsequent minutes showed the city decided on removal, put it out to bid, and in May, awarded the contract for its removal to the sole bidder, Mann, who paid \$160. Under the agreement it had to be removed in 30 days.

The minutes did not say why it was razed, but another Pine Cone article report-

ed that Ross Bonham, a retired hardware man who had been the mayor, provided the two reasons that led to the bath house's removal. The first was its condition. It would have required too much work and expense to make it usable. Secondly, and in his mind more important, was to discourage swimming in Carmel Bay.

"The current is too strong: it's dangerous," The Pine Cone quoted him as saying. "As long as the city had any lifesaving devices out there at all, the city was liable if anybody got drowned. That's why."

According to Cook, "Coming from the mayor who was in office when the bath house was sold and pulled down, that is as official a statement as it is possible to obtain."

Next week, I will introduce you to Mann and the more likely underlying cause for the demise of the bath house.



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Carmel's bath house, as described by one early resident, "was very forlorn and lonely looking" in 1904. It also seemed far from a town that only extended as far as Monte Verde Street at the time.

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ART ROUNDUP

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being an exact copy. "Sculpture should say a little something more," suggested the artist, who lives nearby along South Bank Road.

If you're interested in learning more about Croft's work, he encourages you to stop by his studio at 1 Esquiline Road. "If the door is open, I'm here," he added.

■ Six new artists unveiled

Not only is the Carmel Art Association welcoming six new shows this weekend, but it is also introducing a bumper crop of new members.

"We are delighted to welcome six new artist members

into our nearly-94-years-old association for their debut show," gallery manager **Sally Aberg** said. "These artists represent an exciting array of talent across a wide variety of mediums, styles and subjects."

One of the new members, **Sibyl Johnson** infuses her paintings with a lifetime of memories.

"As a child, Sibyl spent her summers in Monterey, and viewers will see the influence of these early memories in her oil landscapes," Aberg said. "Using a palette of bright teals and Kelly green, her coastlines and seascapes embody the awe one feels when visiting here."

Also new are shows by painters **Benjamin Anderson, Ann Artz, Robin Sawyer** and **Cindy Wilbur**, and sculptor **Craig Lauterbach**.

The CAA will host an online reception for the new artist-members Saturday at 5:30 p.m. To register, send an email to: gracecarmelart@gmail.com.

Located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth, the gal-

lery is open Thursdays through Mondays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. www.carmelart.org.

■ Fostering good will through art

Broaching a topic that has become headline news, Carl Cherry Center unveils an exhibit, "Becoming Invisible: Countering Asian Hate," Friday.

The show tackles "bias, scapegoating and xenophobia." According to its organizers, the display "stresses the importance of visibility, representation and cross-cultural connection."

"With the significant, troubling increase in anti-Asian hate crimes and bias incidents, the exhibit hopes to directly address these troubling events and support affected individuals and communities through avenues for education, unity, and action," the Cherry Center's executive director, **Robert Reese**, said.

The show, which continues through July 9, includes art by **Lucien Kubo, Joe Aki Ouye, Karen Nagano, Lisa Solomon, Monica Tie, Jerry Takigawa** and **Belle Yang**.

Located at Guadalupe and Fourth, the center is open Wednesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday from noon to 4 p.m.). carlcherrycenter.org.

■ Stuck in paradise

For a painter with wanderlust, the pandemic must have been frustrating, but somehow, **Elizabeth Inglebretson** found creative inspiration in being told to stay home. It didn't hurt that she was stuck here, where muses abound.

"Covid turned our lives upside down for 15 months, but it also gave Elizabeth space to turn introspection into beauty," Venture Gallery's **Johna Thomas** told The Pine Cone. "Used to packing a bag and taking off for parts unknown to paint, she instead was tethered to family and the Central California Coast, and painted waterways and crashing waves."

The gallery, 260 Alvarado Ave. in Monterey, is open every day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call (831) 372-6279.

■ Another door opens

A display by printmaker **Herlinde Spahr**, "The Precipice Within," opens Monday at the Monterey Museum of Art.

Born in Belgium and educated at UC Berkeley, Spahr was studying literature when life transformed her into an artist. Thankfully, just as one door was closing, another sprung wide open, in part because she was also studying stone lithography.

"In 1985, as I was finishing my dissertation, I was diagnosed as unipolar," Spahr explained. "While recurring mania ended my academic career, it marked the beginning of my artistic life."

The show will be on display through Aug. 4. The museum is located at 559 Pacific St. montereyart.org

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LIVES

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initiate a conversation, which opened the door for the restaurant to work with the Aquarium.

“When the Aquarium established Seafood Watch, we got really excited. Not only does this program help us find

DELIVERY

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“As it stands, folks with out-of-town work have their access to mail limited to Saturdays, or they have to pay for a service they shouldn’t have to pay for,” he said.

Koller doubted the city would save much money by implementing the changes.

“I do not want to continue to subsidize the able-bodied individual who does not want to go to the post office,” Mayor Dave Potter responded.

Councilman Jeff Baron wondered if there is any way to ensure Peninsula Messenger Service or another courier service doesn’t hike rates on residents contracting directly for mail delivery. “It would be in the city’s interests to try to keep those fees down, to the extent that we can,” he said.

Before voting on the matter, a couple of council members raised the larger issue of house numbers and the possibility of finally getting home mail delivery by the U.S. Postal Service, pointing out that the lack of addresses makes it difficult to get cable service and cell phones, verify brokerage accounts, have packages accurately delivered, get Uber rides, and basically do anything else that requires a physical address.

“It’s become a much bigger problem over the last many years,” commented councilwoman Karen Ferlito. “I would like to get out of the post office business.”

“I certainly hear from a lot of people who wish we had addresses,” Baron said. “I think it’s just time to go down that road.”

But house numbers were off topic, so Potter brought the council back to the decisions at hand, and councilman Bobby Richards made the motion to approve the new plan, which was seconded by Mayor Dave Potter.

sustainable seafood, they are trying to instill their philosophy and criteria in all restaurants,” she said.

The way the Walters run their restaurant mirrors the way they live in the rustic beauty of Carmel Valley. In a 1,400-square-foot house on a quarter-acre of land, amid eight fruit trees, five cats, a couple of horses, one dog and one beehive, they “live their best lives.”

Busy days

Walter also harvests honey, melts wax, makes facial cleansers and cream, concocts laundry detergent, cleaning products and toothpaste, picks fruit, gathers lavender, snips rosemary, and makes pies.

“Running our restaurant the way we live our lives nurtures and sustains us and we hope it does the same for our guests,” she said. “We don’t talk sustainability because it is in fashion—that would suggest it is a trend—we see it as a lifestyle.”

Walter has served on the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council, and spent a week in Washington, D.C., making visits to Capitol Hill with the Ocean Conservancy as a constituent, endeavoring to educate legislators on the value of recognizing and monitoring the marine-protected areas established in California as part of an effort to set standards for sustainable fisheries. In early 2010, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Walter to California’s Ocean Protection Council Sustainable Seafood Advisory Panel.

GAVEL

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her on SnapChat. Because he was so much older, this made Doe suspicious. Jane remembered that Ramirez had a similar accent and similar build to her rapist and she alerted the detectives. For months, police tried to devise a ruse so that they could obtain Ramirez’s DNA without him knowing.

On May 20, 2020, King City Police set up a meeting with Ramirez under the pretext of discussing another burglary investigation. When Ramirez entered the police station, the detectives threw away their used Covid masks and put on new ones. They then offered Ramirez a new surgical mask to replace his old one. He accepted the new mask and discarded his old one into a waste bin that was actually lined with an evidence bag. Police sent the mask for DNA testing with a rush request.

Because of the seriousness of the case, the California Department of Justice expedited the request and was able to confirm 10 days later that Ramirez was in fact Doe’s rapist.

Judge Rafael Vasquez will preside over his sentencing. Ramirez will receive a mandatory sentence of life without parole because of the various factual enhancements that the jury found true. The case was primarily investigated by Sergeants Joshue Partida and Leo Guzman of the Greenfield Police Department and Detective John Dow and retired Detective Steven Kennedy of the King City Police Department.

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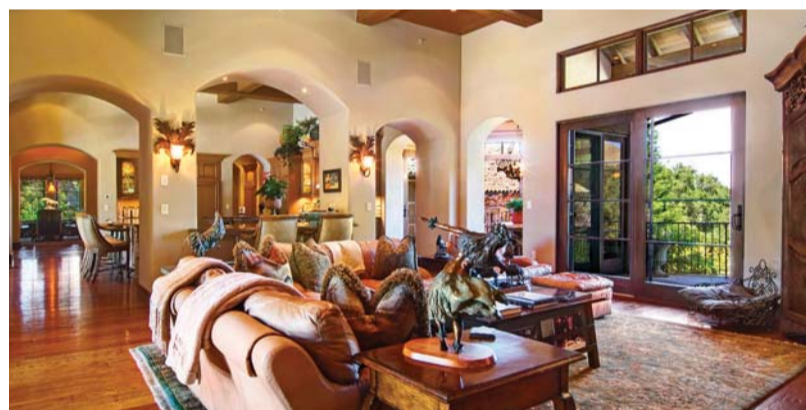
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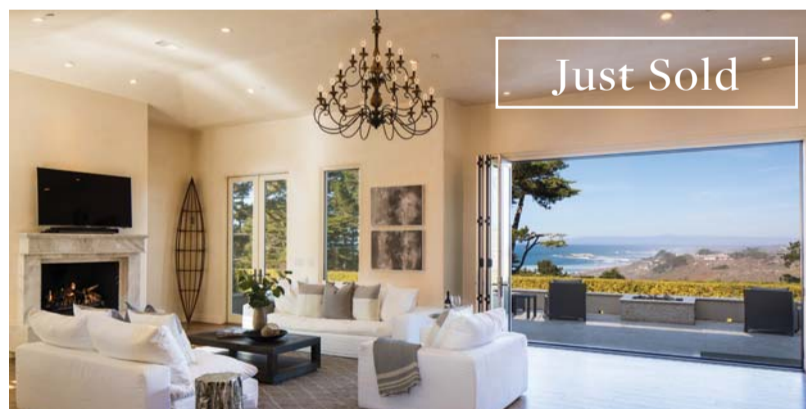
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Class of 2021

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A view of 2021, as seen from the top of the class

By ELAINE HESSER

REMEMBER WHEN you were in school, and that last bell sounded senior year? It signaled freedom from a grind that had occupied almost all of your life, the opening of a door to new adventures and achievements.

In a twist on that theme, members of the Class of 2021 were delighted to barge right back into their classrooms with friends and favorite teachers one last time, as Covid restrictions were lifted and schools reopened.

Still, valedictorians from Carmel High School, Pacific Grove, Stevenson and York, along with some outstanding students recommended by Santa Catalina (which does not have valedictorians) didn't talk about everything they missed. They talked about how they made memories anyway, and how they're continuing to chase their dreams.

Carmel High School produced 16 valedictorians this year. The school has established requirements having to do with grades and course loads, and students who meet them, earn the title.

Final frontier

Among them are two seniors who you might say have stars in their eyes. Hunter Brophy will attend the University of Southern California on a four-year Navy Reserve Officers Training Corps scholarship, and Ivor Myers will be going to the University of California at San Diego.

Myers said he's always had "an affinity for math and science," and became interested in astronomy in eighth

grade. He's going to study aerospace engineering, and hopes to build rockets or work on other space projects.

Brophy wants to major in physics, with a minor in astronomy. He said that knowing he'll have a job after graduation — Navy ROTC students become officers when they finish school — gives him the luxury of taking classes because he's interested in them, as opposed to worrying about building a resume. However, unlike his classmates, he'll have to report for the Navy's new student indoctrination program — similar to boot camp — before he begins classes this fall.

Sporting life

Carissa Mendoza said that becoming a valedictorian was a goal for her. "I've aimed for it since freshman year," she said. She's been an enthusiastic participant in Model United Nations, where she and her teammates have won awards for their efforts.

She played field hockey, basketball and softball and swam competitively. She wrote for the school newspaper, *The Sandpiper*, and said she found journalism was "a lot of work, but it's fun." She'll be working at the Quail & Olive in Carmel Valley this summer, earning money for her education at UC Santa Barbara, where she plans to major in sociology and possibly minor in psychology.



Some of the Peninsula's academic achievers talk about their memories. (Top, left to right) Hunter Brophy, Ivor Myers, Carissa Mendoza; (above, left to right) Tyler Bianchi, Cosima Cristofalo, Will Langmann.

VALEDICTORIANS *cont. on page 37A*



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No prom? No way!

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

FOR HIGH school seniors, prom night is not only something they look forward to for months, it's a memory that lasts a lifetime. But this year, the senior prom at Carmel High School looked like it would end up being just another event canceled by the coronavirus epidemic.

That is, until a cadre of parents launched "Operation Save Prom" to give their teens a night to remember. Hosted on May 15, the private dance, sponsored by parents and local businesses, became a community event not affiliated with the campus.

"It would have been easy for a few par-

ents to put on a prom-like party for our kids and their friends," said Melissa Krueger, who spearheaded the event. "But that we wanted every senior to have the opportunity to be there."

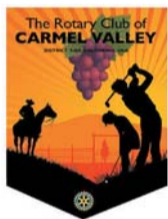
Tuxes & tennies

Krueger — whose daughter, Alicia, is a senior — plus a small army of parents and a group of Alicia's classmates, gathered to make plans. They hedged their bets that the community would be vaccinated, healthy

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A group of Carmel High School parents made sure Padre seniors had a prom to remember, with food, dancing and a movie — all in one family's backyard.



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CLASS OF 2021

Time to leave behind the fields of youth and turn to fields of dreams

By DENNIS TAYLOR

A STUDENT'S senior year in high school is supposed to be memorable for its academics, activities, friendships and excitement of getting ready to go to college or enter the working world.

But members of the Class of 2021 will recall their rite of passage largely for the crucible created by circumstance — a worldwide pandemic that closed their classrooms, canceled athletic seasons, performing arts and homecoming, and obliterated any hope of a normal social life.

As they transition into adulthood, it isn't lost on local student-athletes that such once-in-a-lifetime moments are ir retrievable. They know they were dealt a bad hand. But graduating seniors from Carmel, Stevenson and Santa Catalina were remarkably upbeat as they reminisced about the "Year of Covid" and looked forward to the next phase of their lives.

Adapting to circumstances

"Initially, I struggled with shelter-in-place. I felt confused and sad, and not being around my friends was hard," said Spencer Leatherberry, who thrived on activity at Santa Catalina, where she played basketball, softball, field hockey, lacrosse, and, when all of those options became unavailable during her senior year, competed on the track team this spring.

"However, I started focusing on myself, on maintaining a better work-life balance," she said. "I started baking, reading, running and driving at sunset every night, all of which helped me cope with the quarantine."

Olivia Randazzo, a multi-sport athlete at Carmel, said she and a gaggle of close



Santa Catalina track teammates, left to right, are Niamh Burke, Channing Scott, and Spencer Leatherberry, all seniors.

friends conspired at the outset to confront the pandemic with a positive attitude — an attitude that eased her journey. They assuaged their loneliness with virtual gatherings for Netflix parties, chatting online as they simultaneously watched the same movie. They used their smartphones for group gatherings via Facetime. And as public panic eased, they came together for outdoor study sessions.

"We'd sit together at a safe distance on the lawn in my backyard, which was really nice," said Randazzo, who was able to play in an abbreviated girls basketball season this spring. "Eventually, three of us created our own little 'Covid bubble,' went camping in Big Sur, and took road trips to Joshua Tree and Kirkwood. That's what I'm

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VALEDICTORIANS *cont. from page 33A*

Classmate Tyler Bianchi, an avid golfer since middle school, received two scholarships related to the sport. One is from Youth on Course, a nonprofit that began as “the charitable arm of the Northern California Golf Association,” according to its website, and the other is from the Pebble Beach Junior Golf Association.

Bianchi is also justifiably proud of his four-year scholarship from the Leeds School of Business at the University of Colorado, Boulder. He said that the highly selective program accepted only about 40 students this year. It includes a “first-year global experience,” in which Bianchi and his classmates will study Japan’s economy in-depth, culminating in a 10-day visit to the country at year’s end.

Full STEAM ahead

Cosima Cristofalo will be off to the University of Georgia on an academic scholarship to pursue a bachelor’s degree in fine art, with a focus on graphic design, after what she hopes will be a summer trip to Costa Rica with some friends.

She distinguished herself earlier this year, when her mixed-media work, “The Art of Being,” took second place in the Carmel Art Association’s annual “For the Love of Art” student competition.

Will Langmann, whose pitching career at CHS was recently featured in The Pine Cone’s sports column, plans to study economics at UC Berkeley this fall.

“I love math, and analytical stuff — crunching numbers and learning to grow your money,” he said, and hopes to apply that passion in the business world.

Other Carmel High valedictorians are: Quinn Nachbar, Sierra Seifert, Martin Sevcik, Alexander Selby-Lara, Andrew Wang, Sicheng Wang, Brendan Lin, Nathan Muck, Michael Apfel and Jackson

Dwelle.

Budding writer

Pacific Grove High School’s Caroline Coen said that becoming valedictorian was an important goal for her since she was in middle school, when she first learned about the honor.



Caroline Coen

“I like a good challenge and I like to set goals and achieve them,” she said. The editor of the PGHS newspaper, the NewsBreaker, Coen has written and published a novel, “The Angel Oak,” and has penned two articles for The Pine Cone.

She will study English at Princeton University in New Jersey, as she considers a possible career in journalism, and she said that thanks to a terrific statistics class this year, she was thinking of pursuing that subject further in college, too.

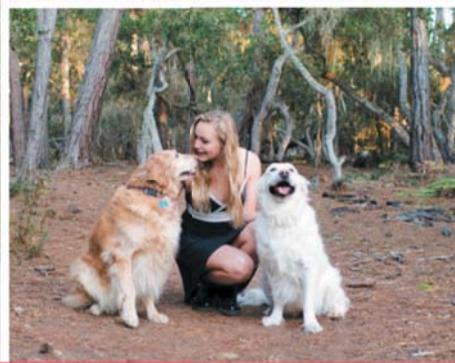


Eliana Heiser

Stevenson’s valedictorian, Eliana Heiser of Monterey, said she was surprised to learn she had earned the honor. “I got an email that said I had a meeting with the head of school. I thought, ‘What could it be about?’” Of course, she quickly received a wonderful answer.

Heiser’s been studying birds since she was 7 or 8 years old, and has done internships in Idaho’s Sawtooth National Forest studying goshawks. She has also volun-

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*Thalia Anne Hubbard
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and willing to help. The parents wanted an outdoor event that catered to their kids. The students wanted an event that would seem magical, where they could feel like adults,

yet enjoy the evening like kids.

In the soft light of that early Saturday evening, teens in stylish suits and elegant dresses (many paired with comfy sneakers) spilled out of buses to a “rustic-wedding-reception-meets-‘Footloose’” at the

Carmel Valley property of Farrah and Josh Rees, whose son, Justus, is part of the class of 2021.

Students were greeted with glasses of sparkling cider and were offered an array of fancy mocktails before taking their

seats at tables of eight with linen cloths and white floral centerpieces. Dinner was catered by Chef Moises Muñoz of Carmel Valley Athletic Club, who prepared his sig-

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EMILY CHRISTINE VALDEZ

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Aubrie Zielinski

* *Valedictorians*

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going to remember most, I think.”

Randazzo plans to live, volunteer, and study Spanish in Oaxaca, Mexico, next year, and attend the University of Colorado in the fall of 2022.

Bonding and reconnecting

Skye Franklin, an infielder and pitcher on Stevenson’s baseball team, competed with classmates in online video games in the early days of the pandemic, and eventually reconnected with old neighborhood pals to play basketball and spikeball at San Benancio Middle School in rural Salinas, near his home.

“The pandemic also helped me realize how fortunate I am to have a great family that I’m comfortable being myself around,” said Franklin, who will enroll this fall in

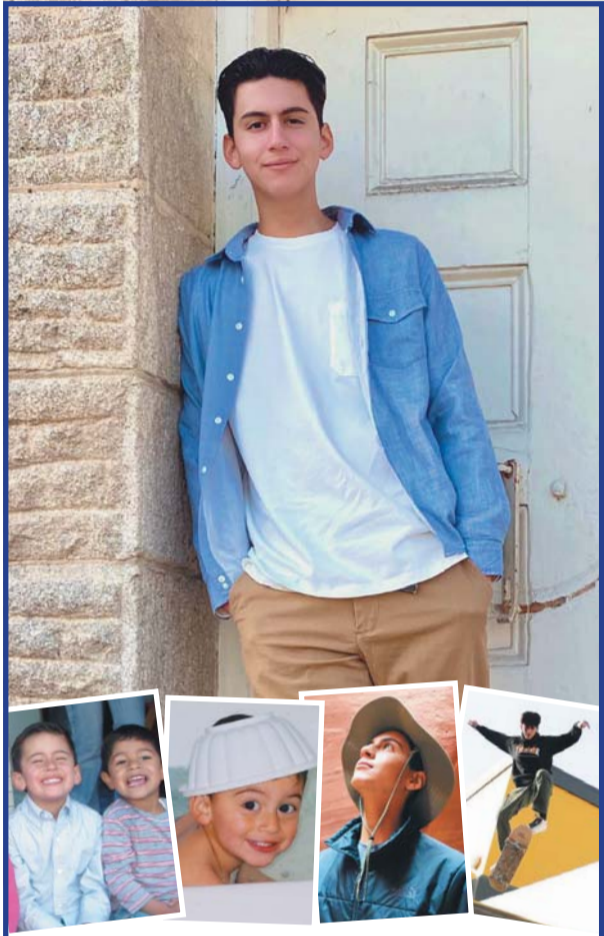
the college of arts and sciences, on a pre-med track, at the University of Maryland.

Without exception, they also spent the school year clinging to hope that the pandemic would ease and high school sports seasons would be revived. That was a pipe

dream throughout the fall and winter, but most students made efforts to stay in shape, just in case.

“The team aspect was completely taken away, which

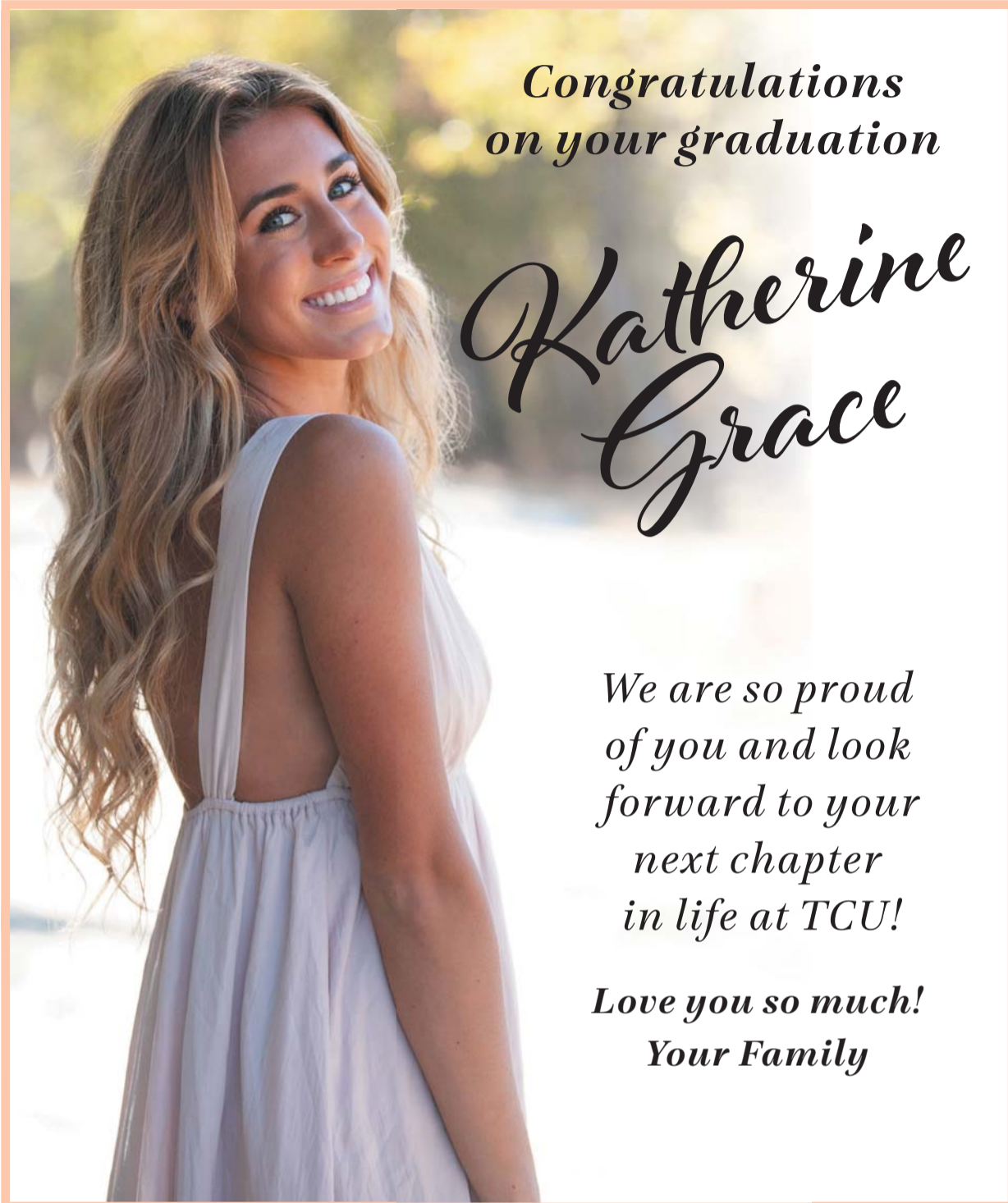
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* 12+ years at Stevenson School
† Valedictorian

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made it challenging to stay motivated,” said Kailey Clymo, a multi-sport standout at Stevenson, where her dad, Justin, is the athletic director. “I switched from going to daily team sport practices to doing strength and conditioning training individually with my father.”

Missed working out

Ian Murdoch missed playing football at Stevenson in the fall, but was a catcher and pitcher on the baseball team this spring. In between, he lamented being separated from his classmates for workout sessions.

“I really missed working out with my friends at the gym, and practicing and playing with my teammates,” said Murdoch,

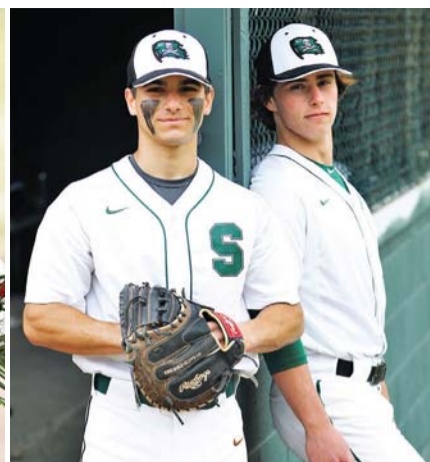
who will attend San Francisco State. “It was really hard to think that I might never be able to put on another Stevenson jersey.”

Ananda Sudol entered her senior year hoping to earn Carmel High’s coveted “Ironwoman Award” as an athlete who played a sport every season of her high school life, freshman through senior year.

“I was planning on volleyball, basketball, and track and field this year, but only got to play basketball,” said Sudol, who plans to attend Santa Monica College for two years, then transfer to a four-year university.

“The pandemic totally put a pause on my physical activity and athleticism,” she said. “I was still working out and running

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Left: Softball player Kailey Clymo is crowned by her younger sister, Sydney, during Stevenson’s Seniors Day victory on May 25 over Carmel. Right: Ian Murdoch, left, and Skye Franklin missed the football season, but starred on Stevenson’s baseball team.

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Carson Biddick-Van Dissen (not pictured)

Together, the Chartwell Class of 2021 received over 50 acceptances and scholarship offers surpassing \$2.25 million.

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teered with the Monterey Bay Aquarium and the P. G. Museum of Natural History.

After a gap year in which she plans to travel around the country — and perhaps beyond — studying birds, Heiser will attend Cornell University in New York, majoring in either environmental sustainability or biology. “Birds are my central passion,” she said.

The valedictorian at York School, Courtney Hand, lives in Carmel Valley and is an All Saints Day School alum. She had no idea she was in the running for the academic honor, so when she got an email from York’s college counselor requesting a meeting, she wondered, “Did I do something wrong?” When she arrived, she was more confused to find other adults present, including Doug Key, York’s head of school.

Not sure how she did it

They quickly solved the mystery for her, except that she’s still not entirely sure how she pulled off the achievement. She said, “I took things I liked. I wasn’t trying to

have a super-high GPA.”

She’ll be off to William and Mary in Virginia, the nation’s second-oldest college (after Harvard), where she plans to major in public policy and international relations. She studied in Spain for a month in her sophomore year, and started a Model United Nations club at All Saints. She also said she indulges her “side passion” of creating art at the Youth Arts Collective in Monterey

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Santa Catalina boarding student Channing-Jaye Scott will attend college close to her home in Philadelphia, at

the University of Pennsylvania on a full academic scholarship. She’s fluent in French, thanks to her mother’s efforts, and plans to major in criminology, then possibly to attend law school.

She’s also participated in debate, Model United Nations and the local mock trial competition. Scott said she enjoys playing tennis and wants to spend the summer taking a little break from studying and maybe doing some recreational reading.

Her classmate, Spencer Grace Leatherberry, lives near

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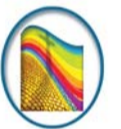
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the Carmel Mission and has been attending Santa Catalina since she was 4. In addition to being outstanding academically, Leatherberry has is a competitive powerlifter.

She said she got into the sport because her mother is a dedicated weightlifter and taught her about it when she in sixth grade. Two years later, she competed in the International Powerlifting Federation's competition in Texas. Last year, she was training

for a spot on the world powerlifting team when she sprained her thumb.

Leatherberry spent her time studying health and wellness, and plans to take pre-med courses at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana.

As for summer plans, Leatherberry echoed the statements of other students when she said, "I want to spend as much time with my family as I can, and with my friends."

A valediction is a farewell address



Courtney Hand



Channing-Jaye Scott



Spencer Grace
Leatherberry

during a ceremony called commencement, and the Class of 2021 has taken its place among those who have shared the bitter-sweet endings and new beginnings.



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during the first few months, but I soon lost the motivation and became lazy.”

The challenges of Zoom

The quarantine also brought academic challenges as classes were moved online, using the now-ubiquitous Zoom — an arrangement that had good points and bad.

Stevenson’s Dana Diniz, a sprinter and triple-jumper on the track team this spring,



Dana Diniz, a three-sport athlete at Stevenson, was only able to participate in track this year.

said she struggled with online school when it was first instituted in the spring of 2020, and was buoyed by optimism that schools might reopen in the fall.

“When I heard we weren’t going back to school in the fall, I struggled to keep my motivation,” she said. “That was a very challenging process to work through.

“As a person, though, I learned to become a lot more independent,” added Diniz, who is bound for the University of Southern California. “I began to figure out who I am, and who I want to be.”

“Online school was very challenging,” said Clymo, who will attend Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo. “Zoom tires you out, even if the meeting is only 20 minutes. If you have a full day of online classes, plus an increased amount of individual work, you feel drained, and get very sick of looking at your computer.”

Staying focused

Franklin, her classmate, clarified that Zoom classes at Stevenson are typically much longer than 20 minutes.

“Staying focused on a computer for 50 to 70-minute class periods was the most challenging thing,” he said.

Added Leatherberry, “Being at home, with a whole new realm of distractions, made it very difficult for me to pay atten-

tion, especially in the beginning.

“I found it really hard to sit in front of a screen and maintain focus for an hour. It was a challenge I really had to work to overcome,” she said.

The quarantine brought other disap-

pointments as well, canceling many beloved traditions that high school seniors covet.

Franklin rued not having a real prom

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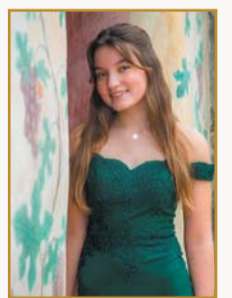
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nature extravaganza of tamales with pork adobo, chicken chile verde, carnitas tacos, beef ranchero, Spanish rice, refried beans, guacamole and tres leches cake.

All good things

After dinner, music filled the air, as a curtain was removed to reveal a large dance floor framed by living room seating, with a basket of slippers for "dancing feet." Students could help themselves at a milk and cookies station or grab candy and popcorn from a cart. The movie, "Footloose," was shown, and guests could sit for caricature drawings, play corn hole, or step into a photo booth to commemorate the evening.

As the sun set and the air cooled, a chandelier and strings of globe lights came on. Kids snuggled up with blankets by the fire in the "S'mores pit" and roasted marshmallows, and sipped coffee and hot chocolate provided by a Captain + Stoker coffee truck. They noshed on pizza and wings, hung out in the donut lounge, and enjoyed treats from Sweet Reba's bakery.

"Because of Covid, these poor kids have gotten the short end of the stick. I love that we went back to earlier days of creating a parent-invested celebration of our kids," said baker Reba Wilson, whose son

graduated from Carmel High in 2015. "I'm always happy to support the local schools, particularly my own alma mater."

One young couple, the first to arrive and the last to leave, said it was the night they'd been waiting for ever since they started dating, freshman year.

"None of us wanted the night to end," Krueger said. "The prom came off beautifully because our kids wanted it so much, and because we have this amazing community of ingenuity, resourcefulness and commitment to our kids. Like a Carmel High basketball game, we just kept passing the ball together, relying on one another's strengths to get it done."

Grateful

The graduating seniors were extremely thankful for "Operation Save Prom," and some of their thoughts are collected here. (The students' expansive notes of gratitude were edited for space.)

"Prom completely exceeded my expectations; it was incredible. It was a fun, special night I won't forget. I'm thankful for the parents and all the effort they put into making this an amazing night. I'm grateful to have such a great, unexpected end to our senior year." — **Carissa Mendoza**


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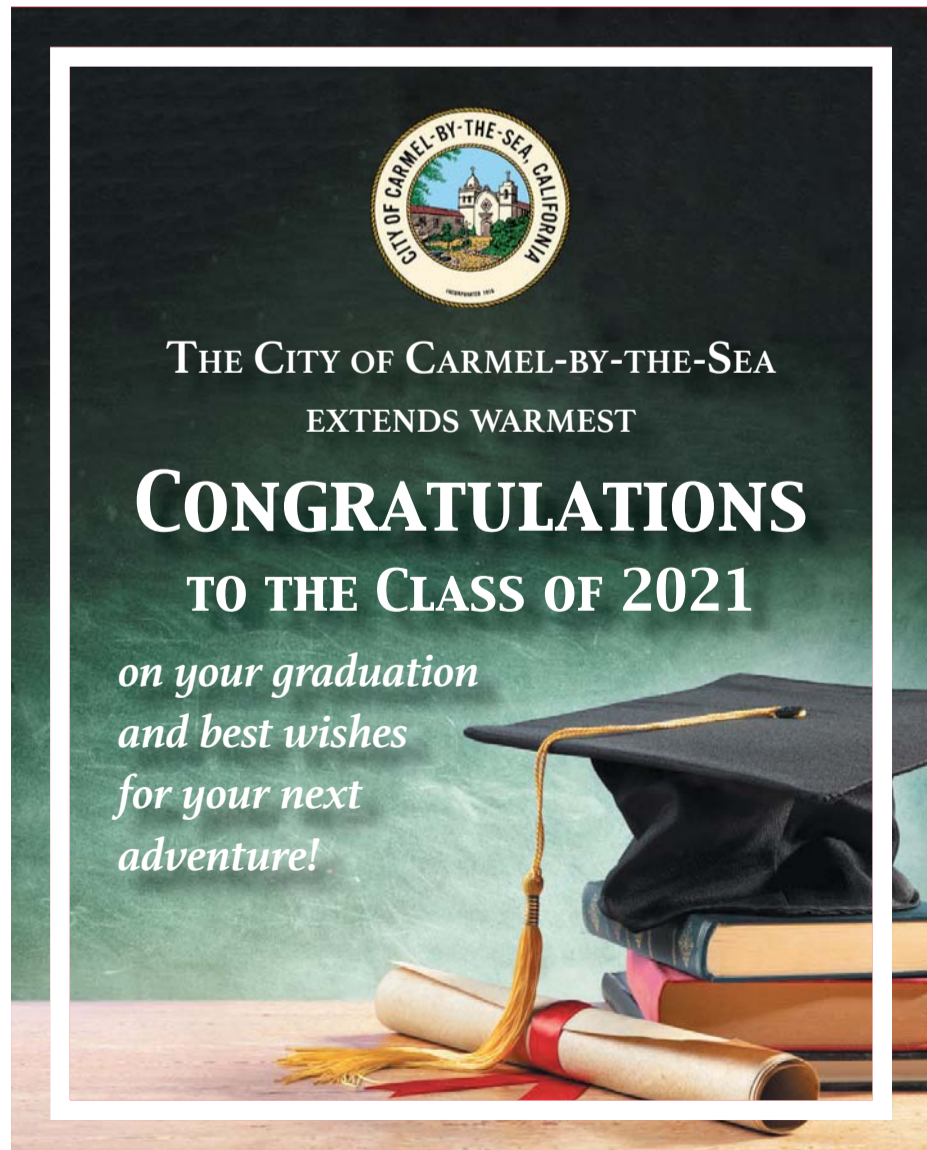
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"It was a great night of catching up and enjoying spending the end of our senior year together. I appreciate the 2021 class, both students and parents, who really care about each other. I especially thank parents, who put in that extra effort to make this happen for us." — **Charlie Rodhouse**
 "I thought the event was gorgeous, and the parents did

an amazing job. They went above and beyond to create the ambiance, the venue, the food and activities to give us a really awesome prom that made up for not having a junior prom. I'm really grateful for them giving us such a great ending to our senior year." — **Makenna Ventura**

"It was amazing to see almost our entire class, and it was a good bonding experience for us before we graduate. I'm grateful for all the parents who pitched in and raised all the money to give us something we can remember for the rest of our lives." — **Emily Valdez**

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experience during his high school life at Stevenson.

Sudol mourned the absence of "the family dynamic of the team sport," she said.

"I especially missed the Senior Nights," Sudol said. "As an underclassman, I was always invested in trying to make those memorable and creative," for the seniors.

Clymo said she missed Stevenson's school dances and its annual spring carnival.

"I was really sad about missing my last Kris Kringle at Santa Catalina," said Leatherberry, referring to the school's annual three-day Christmas celebration. "I've always loved walking into the study hall on the first day, seeing all the desks decorated with wrapping paper, tinsel, ornaments and, of course, lots of candy."

Enduring memories

What will they remember? What will they reminisce about at their 20-year reunions?

"I will definitely remember these past few weeks," Diniz said. "I think not having a whole year has made my classmates and me more grateful for the time we do have together, and we are making the most of it."

"I'll remember our baseball season, which has been very exciting," said Murdoch. "We've played teams that we don't usually play, and we've been able to succeed, for the most part."

"I'll remember that most of the year was about the pandemic," Clymo said. "But these last two months have been the most fun I've had at high school because everybody

was in a good mood, so glad to spend time together again."

"In 20 years, I think I'll remember how amazing it was to spend more time with family during my senior year," said Leatherberry. "The pandemic forced me to slow down and gave me the opportunity to connect with family in a way I hadn't before."



Ananda Sudol, left, and basketball teammate Olivia Randazzo celebrate Senior Day together at Carmel High.



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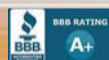
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Their perspectives on the future will depend on the roads they travel

By CAROLINE COEN

AS HIGH school seniors around the Monterey Peninsula graduate and look forward to the next chapters of their lives, not all have chosen to embark on paths that will lead to traditional college experiences.

Although Sierra Seifert of Carmel High and brothers Isai and Aram Valdez Blas of Monterey High plan to attend college this fall, they will have a different experience because of their participation in the Reserve Officers Training Corps.

Seifert will attend Duke University in North Carolina, where she will be active in Air Force ROTC. Along with her other coursework, Seifert will take classes in aerospace studies and train, volunteer and learn with her team of fellow cadets.

Although the prospect of joining ROTC was not initially on Seifert's radar, she said, "When I heard about it, I knew it was for me." Her time as a cadet will prepare her to engage in research with the U.S. Space Force after college, and Seifert said she envisions making service in the Space Force a long-term career — perhaps even as an astronaut.

Military life

On the opposite coast, the Valdez Blas brothers will navigate their studies in the mechanical engineering program at UC Berkeley as Navy ROTC midshipmen. The two explained that they'd "always considered the military as an option after high school," and

their full-tuition ROTC scholarships will enable them to afford college.

Their lives will not differ tremendously from those of other Berkeley students, but they will take additional naval science courses and will participate in naval training. Both brothers intend to make military service their career.

After college, Isai plans to become a F-35C fighter pilot and Aram wants to be a Naval flight officer.

Also opting for a career in the military, Pacific Grove High graduate Hayden McCraner has enlisted in the Navy. McCraner has grown up hearing his family sing the praises of military service, and most of his relatives enlisted in the Navy or Army. He cited his stepdad, an officer in the Navy, as the person who most inspired his decision.

McCraner anticipates heading to Chicago on June 28th for two months of boot camp. He'll spend the following nine months in information technology school in Florida. He explained that one of the most appealing aspects of service is the chance to travel the world. "A change in scenery and culture would be amazing," he said. McCraner hopes to eventually be stationed either in Germany or somewhere in Asia. Although he has thus far only committed to four years in the military, he said, "I do see myself serving on active duty for a long time."

Gap year

Military service isn't the only route graduating seniors have taken to spend time seeing the world — Olivia Randazzo of Carmel High and Lawson Marshall of Monterey High will take gap years to travel. Randazzo, whose family hosted exchange students throughout her youth, has developed an interest in foreign cultures and studying abroad. "I am still unsure of my future career plans, and taking a gap year will give me the opportunity to find something I'm truly passionate about while traveling," she added.

Over the summer, Randazzo will spend a few weeks in Costa Rica. In the fall, she will live with a host family through an exchange program in Oaxaca, Mexico. She will spend her time studying Spanish and attending daily classes. Then, she'll head to Merida, Mexico on the Yucatan Peninsula with The Volunteer Headquarters Program to

serve in a youth support shelter. "Traveling is really important to me because I believe it's how you develop compassion. Traveling, working, volunteering and living with strangers will offer me the opportunities and experiences to learn and share simultaneously," she explained.

A calling

While Randazzo is out of the country, Marshall plans to remain in state. He will camp alone throughout the state of California during his gap year, in what he described as a "loose and nomadic" way before settling down for college — likely art school — in the Los Angeles area. The pandemic caused Marshall to rediscover his calling as an artist, and he feels that he must follow where his art leads.

This adventure will be an "investment" in his art — Marshall said he is "collecting visions, feelings, and motifs" that will inspire his future work. He will travel only within California because he wants to explore his own culture.

"This is me making the decision to follow the lesser-traveled path of the artist," he concluded.

Whether this year's graduates choose to begin traditional college experiences, join the workforce, or take an alternate path, one thing is certain — they stand on the precipice of excitement, adventure and life-changing years of self-discovery.



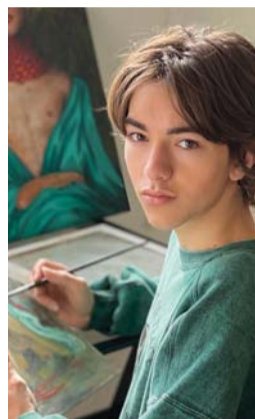
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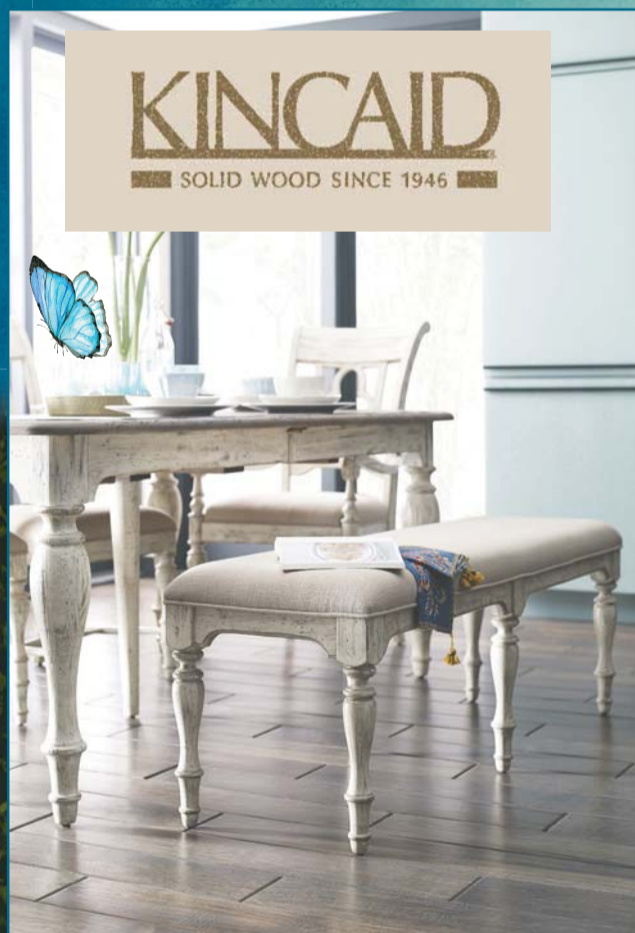
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On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

symphony's downtown office in Hampton Court at Seventh and San Carlos.

Besides her role with the local symphony, Kearns is the principal cellist of the Santa Rosa Symphony. Wie, a Chicago native who played on public radio when she was just 9, is also a member of the Monterey and Santa Rosa symphonies.

In addition to performing classical music — including Carl Maria von Weber's *Invitation to the Dance, Op. 65*, Jessie Montgomery's *Duo for Violin and Cello Movements II and III* and Bohuslav Martinu's *Duo No. 2 for Violin and Cello* — the duo will play reggae legend Bob Marley's "Redemption Sing."

"It's been a wild year of navigating changing rules and finding a way to present music," the symphony's **Nicola Reilly** told *The Pine Cone*. "We're looking forward to bringing more musicians and more audiences together this fall and spring. Folks strolling down Seventh or San Carlos at 4 p.m. Friday are in for a treat."

■ Sand City festival returns

After taking a year off due to coronavirus, Sand City's West End Celebration is set to return Aug. 28-29.

Just as the festival has done for two decades, this year's two-day gathering will feature live music on multiple stages scattered throughout the streets of Sand City. While the lineup hasn't yet been announced, one of the Monterey Peninsula's best loved bands, **Red Beans & Rice**, announced they're playing at the festival Aug. 29.

Along with live music, the festival will showcase more than 100 artists, along with an assortment of performances, exhibits and activities.

■ Live music June 4-10

The Barnyard shopping center — fingerpicking guitarist **John Sherry** (instrumental folk, blues and rock, Saturday at noon). 3663 The Barnyard, thebarnyard.com.

Bernardus Lodge in Carmel Valley — singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (Saturday at noon). In the Lucia Restaurant & Bar at 415 W. Carmel Valley Road, (831) 658-3400.

Big Sur River Inn — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (folk, Saturday at 1 p.m.) and **Along Came Betty** (jazz, Sunday at 1 p.m. On Highway 1 24 miles south of Rio

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Barmel ready for indoors, National Donut Day, and beef and Bernardus

WITH THE county's move this week to the Yellow Tier, bars can now serve customers indoors, and Gabe Georis, owner of Barmel on San Carlos south of Ocean, is planning to welcome guests soon.

"I've been doing a lot of work, reinvest-

Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

ing in the bar and trying to give it a fresh look, which is fun," he said Tuesday, the day the news broke that Monterey County was moving into the least restrictive tier two weeks before the "Blueprint for a Safer Economy" and its numerous restrictions are set to be eliminated. "I'm trying to upgrade things a little bit."

In addition to bringing in more comfortable barstools, buying new tables and chairs, and giving the historic bar a good polishing, Georis removed the small stage in the corner where bands and DJs performed pre-pandemic and is replacing it with a booth.

"I don't think I'll be doing live music anymore," he explained. "The size of the room doesn't really work for what I want to do," because it's difficult to get enough paying customers inside to cover the costs of hiring the bands.

"I've been paying for the bands out of pocket for the last couple of years, so it really doesn't make sense," he said.

No more dance parties

But he's investing in a state-of-the-art sound system that makes music sound phenomenal — without being too loud — and plans to have DJs, including evenings focused on vinyl rather than digital. The

whole barely-drinking-age-dance-party scene will be going away, too, he predicted.

"It's going to be beautiful," he said. "We're classing it up all the way around."

To step up the cocktail offerings, Georis has hired "a couple of bartenders who are a little more worldly and a little more skilled" to overhaul the drinks list, and he's working to upgrade the menu, too.

"I'm revamping it from top to bottom," he said, adding that he's also planning to freshen up Pescadero, the Mexican restaurant he owns next door.

For now, assuming all systems are go, he plans to have Barmel open Fridays and Saturdays from 5 p.m. until closing — usually around 1 or 1:30 a.m. — which will allow him to keep working on improvements inside during the week.

"Our goal is to be back fully open by June 15 or a week after that," he said. "I'm rejuvenated after this year, and I have a lot of energy to put toward all this. Life is too short to do things half-assed or to do things that don't inspire you."

In addition to running his own businesses, Georis is overseeing his late father's restaurant, La Bicyclette, at Dolores and Seventh.

Friday is Donut Day!

The first Friday in June is National Donut Day, and there might be no better time to pro-

vide an update on the long-awaited opening of Dutch Door Donuts in Carmel Plaza. Approved by the planning commission last December, the shop is set to feature fresh donuts made onsite right before the eyes of those who will gobble them up moments later.

The vision is to create a place fun for "kids, kids at heart, locals, tourists, donut lovers and foodies," co-owner Chris Whitman told The Pine Cone, and he predicted it will "be a culinary destination for people coming into Carmel-by-the-Sea for donuts and coffee."

"Ever heard of a Michelin Star or James Beard Award donut shop?" he asked. "Me neither. but why not shoot for the stars?"

For the past several months, work has been underway in the space previously used as a clothing store. "We tore out the 10-foot ceilings and have gone up to 14 feet inside and what you see is the pony wall that will separate the customer area and where the donut magic happens," Whitman said. "The higher part of the wall will have six stools and a bar to enjoy coffee and watch

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Construction has been underway in the Carmel Plaza storefront that will soon become Dutch Door Donuts, and the owners have been experimenting with various flavors and recipes. The donuts will be freshly made in full view of the customers.

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the donuts be made by hand behind the glass.”

Whitman said the idea for the shop came from sitting around with friends, including cofounder and chef Tucker Bunch, during their daughters’ dance competitions. “There is a lot of time waiting for your daughter to be on stage, and we talked about how Carmel had a void in the food scene with no amazing donut shop,” he said. “Tucker said he could make the best donuts we have ever had, and

we said, ‘Game on!’”

A couple of weeks later, Bunch was making good on his promise of “mind-blowing” donuts, and the group began looking for somewhere they could open, finding the perfect spot in the Plaza. “We loved the size of the space and it being basically a blank canvas for us to create our concept location,” Whitman said.

In addition to building their shop, the owners have been testing recipes and selecting their favorites. “My favorite donut is the next new creation that Chef Tucker will dream up!” Whitman said. “But if it has to be something we have already made, it might be the Blueberry Meyer Lemon Glaze.”

Whitman said they all look forward to opening early next month and becoming a downtown mainstay for years to come. He said they also hope their dancing daughters will end up hanging out or working there and will be “excited to be a part of this family business.”

Keep up with the latest at dutchdoordonuts.com.

Where to go

In the meantime, fans of the circular treat can head to Red’s Donuts to celebrate National Donut Day. Opened in March 1950, Red’s is a local institution, turning out spectacular donuts at its Fremont Blvd. location in Seaside starting at 4 a.m. daily and in downtown Monterey on Alvarado Street, open at 6 a.m. daily.

Herman “Red” O’Donnell and his wife, Helen, moved to the Peninsula from Arizona with their two small children and somewhat impulsively bought the donut shop on Alvarado Street for \$3,000. They expanded to Seaside, and the business stayed in the family for two generations before being passed on to two longtime employees, Rosa and Rene Reyes, in 2018. The new owners have stuck with Red’s traditional recipes and practices, and donut choices include all the favorites, from glazed raised, old fashioned and vanilla frosting sprinkle cake, to apple fritters, butter-

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June 28 – Aspire Health Plan Presents “Meet the Author – Alka Joshi,” a Virtual Community Connections Class, 2-3 p.m. The New York Times bestselling author will participate in a discussion about her book. Joshi is a graduate of Stanford University and received her M.F.A. from the California College of the Arts. She was born in India and now lives on the Monterey Peninsula with her husband. Register for this free event. RSVP to (877) 663-7651, or www.aspirehealthplan.org/connections2021

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Outdoor dining update

Carmel city administrator Chip Rerig told the city council Tuesday that nearly 1,500 people responded to the city's online survey on outdoor dining — "a lot more than we expected," he said — with about 60 percent of those responses coming from residents.

The survey collected people's opinions on a permanent outdoor dining program: whether one should exist, what it should look like, how it should operate, whether it should cost restaurant owners anything, how it should be configured, etc. A committee involving Mayor Dave Potter, councilman Bobby Richards and others has been meeting and gathering information and will eventually make recommendations about outdoor dining to the full city council.

"The process that is being headed up by the outdoor seating ad hoc committee is looking at whether we want to have a more permanent program in the village," Rerig said. "The survey asked a whole litany of questions that will help inform the ad hoc committee, so we can have a well educated discussion about outdoor dining in the village."

Last month, the council decided all tables and chairs on sidewalks had to be removed by June 1, and after restaurants and tasting rooms return to full capacity indoors — presumably on June 15 — restaurants will have 90 days to remove their temporary parklets, while tasting rooms will have 30 days. Some restaurant owners spent tens of thousands of dollars on their outdoor dining structures,

which will have to be removed, though something similar may replace them.

Rancho Cielo dinner

Local Beef, Local Bernardus — a dinner prepared by chef EJ Jimenez and students from Rancho Cielo's Drummond Culinary Academy — will take place at the Salinas campus June 5 at 5:30 p.m., featuring Corral de Tierra Cattle Company grass-finished beef and award-winning Bernardus wines.

Tickets are \$125 per person plus tax and 50 seats are available. Sign up at ranchocieloyc.org/BeefDinner2021. The nonprofit Rancho Cielo Youth Campus, which helps kids who've run afoul of the law get on track to better and more productive lives, is located at 710 Old Stage Road in Salinas.

Fish tales

The Fisherman's Wharf Association resurrected its Wharf Walks tours and talks, and a session focused on the history of salmon fishing is set for Sunday, June 6. Historian and author Tim Thomas leads the tours, which begin at the head of Fisherman's Wharf near the pink "Harbor House" store at 10 a.m. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$15 for kids 10 to 15 years old. (The tours are not appropriate for younger children.) Advance reservations are required by calling (831) 521-3304 or emailing timsardine@yahoo.com.

And, of course, during salmon season, many of the wharf's restaurants feature the local fish in special dishes on their menus, from the oven-roasted filet stuffed with shellfish and artichokes at Abalonetti, to grilled salmon cakes at Big Fish grill and the apricot-jalapeño glazed salmon at Scales.

For more information, go to montereywharf.com or call (831) 238-0777.

Pig Wizard's next level

Carmel Valley resident Jonathan Roberts' long-held dream to make salami at his deli at the Coast Guard Pier in Monterey is finally coming true. Nearly six months after asking customers to order salami and other cured meats in advance to help pay for the necessary remodeling, equipment and inspections, he and his crew made their first batch under state inspection a few days ago.

While decrying the bureaucratic hurdles that have often made the process frustrating and time consuming, he said, he also knows "how lucky I am in so many ways."

Those who haven't yet taken advantage of the pre-sale — which includes several different flavors of salami along with products like pancetta, coppa and lonza — have until the end of June to get in on the action.

"Many more ideas are brewing, including some collaborations with breweries and wineries," Roberts said. "But this is where we start."

He and his crew are working feverishly to produce enough charcuterie and other treats to hold a special release party that will also celebrate the shop's 3rd anniversary in August.

PigWizard is located at 32 Cannery Row, Ste. G, near the boat ramp at the Coast Guard pier in Monterey. To take part in the pre-sale, go to pigwizard.com/charcuterie.

Paper Wing Sunday brunches

The Paper Wing Theatre is hosting champagne brunches every Sunday in June, "featuring delicious brunch items, local wine and beer, and champagne and plenty of amazing and fun entertainment."

June 6 will be a magic show with Miguel Vasquez, who has long captivated visitors and passersby at Zucchini's magic shop on Cannery Row. "Miguel is very passionate for his art, and he will be demonstrating magic on a whole different level," organizers said. "This is not your typical magic show — it will have you at the edge of your seat."

June 13, 20 and 27 will feature the "Diamond Drag Show Brunch," with drag queens from Los Angeles and San Francisco performing and cracking jokes for guests.

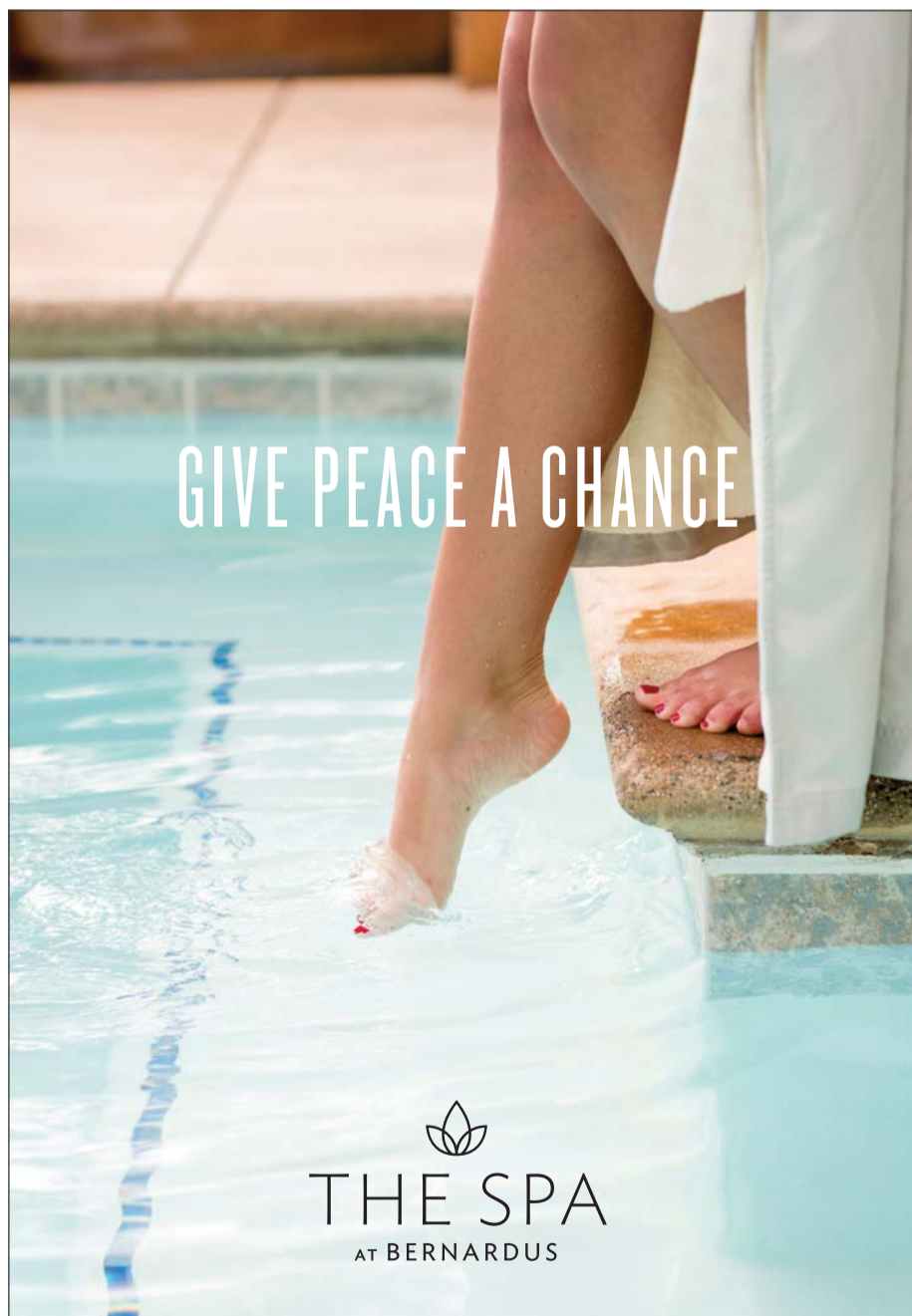
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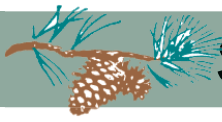
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Publication dates: June 4, 2021 (PC601)

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Dr. Kenneth Gjeltema, a family practice doctor with Montage Medical Group, was awarded a grant to support training in the use of the Butterfly IQ, a handheld ultrasound device usable on the whole body. It will enable imaging for issues like cysts, gall stones, and deep vein thrombosis in the primary care office.



Dr. Maris Stella Legarda, a neurologist with Montage Medical Group, was awarded a grant to support a research project for a retrospective study evaluating treatment response to infra-low frequency brain training for post-concussion syndrome. This grant provides a scientific approach to assessing the value of neurofeedback treatment.



Dr. Juan Magaña, a hospitalist at Community Hospital, was awarded a grant to develop a year-long shadowing program at the hospital for 12 first-generation, low-income college students from underrepresented minority groups who are interested in careers in medicine. Magaña also received a volunteer grant from the foundation to continue mentoring students while he develops the formal plan.



Dr. Michael McGlue, a family medicine and primary care physician with Montage Medical Group, was awarded a grant to support training in the use of the Butterfly IQ, a handheld ultrasound device usable on the whole body. It will enable imaging for issues like cysts, gall stones, and deep vein thrombosis in the primary care office.



Dr. Adefolake Oshodi, a child and adolescent psychologist, was awarded a grant for training in the use of a "gold standard" diagnostic tool for assessing autism spectrum disorders.



Dr. Yuji Saito, a cardiologist was awarded a grant to assist in the training of young physicians in Japan as part of a project at the University of Hawaii to improve teaching effectiveness with medical professionals with different cultural backgrounds.



Dr. Lulu Zhang, an oncologist, was awarded a grant to attend an Intensive Course in Cancer Risk Assessment through the City of Hope to better understand the updated genetic risk and assessment regarding different genetic mutations.

CLINICAL VOLUNTEER GRANT RECIPIENTS



Dr. Edgar Gamboa, a general surgeon, was awarded a grant to support a clinic, he and his wife built in the Philippines, jointly supported by the Missionaries of the Poor, which provides free medical services to one of the largest slum areas in the country. The clinic cares for abandoned and disabled children and elderly adults.



Dr. Emilio Quezada, a pediatric cardiologist, was awarded a grant to support his volunteer efforts with Asistencia Hospitalaria in Guatemala, which provides services to a local pediatric heart center, Unidad de Cirugía Cardiovascular. This institute cares for children diagnosed with congenital heart disease and provides diagnostic and surgical options.

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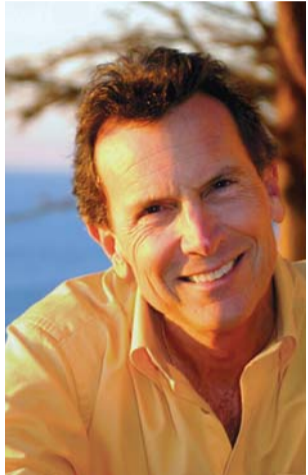
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AFTER VISITING the Carmel Farmers Market the other day, I stopped at the kiosk on Mission offering free books from the Friends of the Harrison Memorial Library. (Take one, leave one.) Rummaging through the titles, I found a gem of a book I couldn't resist taking home.

From the picture on the cover all the way to the end-notes, it is a book that could have been written about me. Its title is, "Cary Grant, A Celebration of Style," and it's by Richard Torregrossa.

Who do you see when look into a mirror? You see your reflection, of course. But beyond that, what do you really see? Do you see someone with the cool clear eyes of a seeker of wisdom and truth? Is there that upturned chin and the grin of impetuous youth? Do you believe in you? (Apologies to Frank Loesser.)

It's always been that way with me. I look into a mirror

and Cary Grant is staring back. No matter what mirror it is. Even the Fun House mirrors that distort your image reflect back a squat or elongated Cary.

You could call me crazy and you'd be justified in do-

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

ing so. I cannot think of anyone on this planet who looks less like Cary than I do. Physical comparisons are almost comical. Suffice to say, as Cole Porter did, I'm the bottom, Cary's the top. How we look in clothes is another laughing matter. Alan Flusser, well known clothier and men's fashion guru said, "Style begins and ends with Cary Grant." With me, it ends. Comedian George Goebel had me in

mind when he asked, "Did you ever get the feeling that the world is a tuxedo and you're a pair of brown shoes?"

Then how do I have the temerity to compare myself to one of Hollywood's most handsome and stylish personalities? For one thing, it's undeniable that Cary and I possess inestimable amounts of charm. Charm is an elusive quality that is difficult to define but is noticeably in short supply in our high-tech society. Charm has several synonyms, such as allure, charisma and magnetism, but none quite capture the essence of the word. I like Sir James Barrie's definition: "Charm is that which, if a woman has it, she doesn't need anything else; and if she doesn't have it, nothing else helps."

I have always equated charm with impeccable manners, so I attribute the lack of charm in our world to the disintegration of good manners. I cannot pinpoint the exact date in history when good manners began their slide down the

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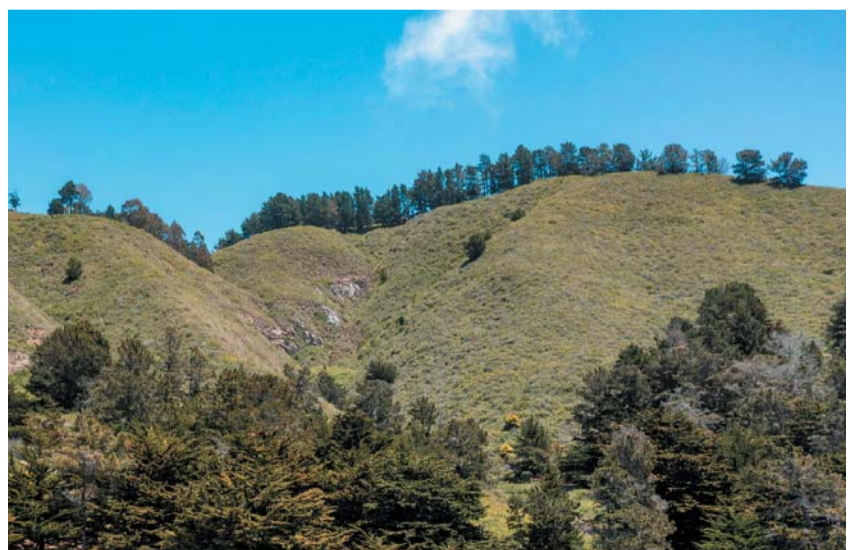


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9546 Maple Court — \$2,050,000

Roger Ruehle and Jana Mar to Evelyn Copeland
APN: 416-531-021

332 West Carmel Valley Road — \$3,350,000

332 West LLC to Kevin and Casey Miller
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4250 Tolando Trail — \$3,400,000

Kurt Kodama to Samuel and Devorah Crews
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Carl and Lois Eklund to David, Karen and Lauren Noel
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41900 Walnut Avenue — \$1,520,000

Deborah Simmons and Sargenti Trust to Creekside Family Farms LLC
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24240 Pheasant Court — \$764,000

Terry Osterdock to Aaron and Wendy Aliotti
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Paul Hiss to Elias Adamopolous
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POLICE LOG

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MONDAY, MAY 17

Pacific Grove: Report of a possible Dead Body Found on Fountain.
Big Sur: Deputies responded to a report of a suspicious circumstance on Highway 1.
Carmel Valley: Adult Protective Services referral at Hacienda Carmel.
Carmel Valley: Online report of identity theft on Via Carmelita.

TUESDAY, MAY 18

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fall on city property on Ocean east of Lincoln.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Backpack found on the beach with paraphernalia inside. Taken for destruction.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Prowler reported at 13th and Casanova.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a victim with head injury at Ocean and Lincoln.

Witnesses on scene stated it was a physical fight with the perpetrator fleeing. Conducted a traffic stop on the suspect vehicle, which led to the arrest of the 40-year-old male driver for assault with great bodily injury, possession of a firearm and various drug-related charges. Suspect transported and housed at county jail.

Pacific Grove: Stolen vehicle recovered on 16th Street.
Pacific Grove: A bicycle and duffle bag were located on Central Avenue. Currently held for safekeeping.
Pacific Grove: Battery reported on 16th Street.
Pacific Grove: Citizen came to the police department lobby to report annoying phone calls/texts.
Pacific Grove: Subject on David was having a mental health crisis.
Carmel Valley: Adult Protective Services referrals at residences on Loma del Rey, Sky Ranch Road and Schulte Road.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

Pacific Grove: Officer was contacted by

a subject about a dog issue on Ocean View Boulevard. As the subject was walking by a lady and her two dogs at Lovers Point Park, one of the dogs lunged aggressively toward him. Though he was not bitten by the leashed dog, he was upset because the dog owner was not apologetic for the dog's behavior. He wanted PGPD to keep an eye out for this lady and her dogs to educate her regarding the dogs' behavior. He also feared the dog would do the same to someone else. Further pending area checks for offending dogs and owner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Resident on Monte Verde south of 10th reported damage to bushes in her front yard. It is unknown if the bushes were cut maliciously or for their blooms. Resident only wanted to make police aware.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Two-way radio found on the beach at Scenic and 11th and turned in to the police department for safekeeping.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 28-year-old female was cited and released at Mission and Sixth for drug violations.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Two 29-year-old males cited at San Carlos and Ocean for

shoplifting and drug charges.
Pacific Grove: Subject on Patterson placed on a mental health hold.
Pacific Grove: Child abuse reported on Forest Avenue.
Pacific Grove: Vehicle collision on Central.
Carmel area: Deputies responded to a report of a found bicycle on Carmel Rancho Boulevard which was previously reported stolen.
Carmel Valley: Lost property reported on Carmel Valley Road.
Pebble Beach: Deputies conducted a welfare check on Sunset Lane.

THURSDAY, MAY 20

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Resident reported damage to bushes in front of her home on Casanova south of Fourth. No investigative leads.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop at Santa Fe and Second resulted in the 32-year-old

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SHERIFF

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male driver being cited for driving while his license is suspended for DUI.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: California driver's license was found at Seventh and Dolores

and turned in for safekeeping. On May 21, credit cards and wallet were found belonging to same individual. The owner was contacted and will call to have the items mailed to him.

Pacific Grove: Theft of a motor vehicle near Railroad Park. Recovered one block away. No suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Responded to a report of a subject who fell on public property on Ocean View Boulevard. Subject was transported by

ambulance to the hospital.

Pacific Grove: Non-injury collision on Gibson involving two motor vehicles. Both vehicles towed.

Pacific Grove: Fall on public property on Congress.

Pacific Grove: Responded to a report of a fallen tree branch that caused damage to two vehicles on Ocean View Boulevard.

FRIDAY, MAY 21

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Elderly woman reported as walking away from an elder care facility on Lincoln south of Seventh. Officers located her during a search of the facility.

Pacific Grove: Damaged window at a building on Asilomar. No suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle stop on 15th Street at 1118 hours for vehicle code violations. Contacted two subjects, and a records check revealed one of them had a warrant. A search of the vehicle prior to tow revealed the other subject was in possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. Both subjects, a 26-year-old male and a 25-year-old female, were cited and released.

Carmel Valley: Welfare check on Via Contenta requested by family members.

Pebble Beach: Deputies responded to a report of a theft on 17 Mile Drive.

Carmel Valley: Female patient was transported from East Carmel Valley Road to the hospital on a W&I 5150 hold.

SATURDAY, MAY 22

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury traffic accident on Oleada Road involving a city vehicle.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a verbal dispute between boyfriend and girlfriend at a residence on West Carmel Valley Road.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle code violation on David Avenue. The 46-year-old male driver had a suspended/revoked driver's license.

Carmel Valley: Intoxicated male and female engaged in a verbal argument at a residence on Cachagua Road. Male caused a minor self-inflicted stab injury to his hand but refused medical attention. Parties separated for the night.

Carmel Valley: A probation compliance check was conducted at a residence on Flight Road.

Pebble Beach: Deputies responded after report of a man running nude inside a business on 17 Mile Drive.

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list of attributes everyone was supposed to have. Perhaps it was August 1969, when a half-million uninvited guests dropped in on a dairy farm near Bethel, N.Y., and introduced us to culture that believed in free everything, except the freedom to bathe.

The same on and off

Cary Grant made good manners sexy. His contemporaries said his screen persona came across as genuine because he was the same off camera as he was on. Perhaps that is why his career never spiraled downwards like so many other actors who have no personality unless they get it from a script. One clue to Grant's and my style is our jaunty air that undercuts any pretentiousness.

Cary Grant's manners, grace, style and wit are (except in myself) in short supply in our society. Modern technology is one of the main villains in the decline of those attributes.

A *billet doux* has charm. A "like" on Facebook is gauche. An e-card is convenient; a personal note, handwritten with a

fountain pen, has both style and charm.

Telling a lady she looks good in a dress is an insult. It indicates that without the dress she is chopped liver. Saying that the dress looks smashing on her lifts her into uniqueness beyond *haute couture*. It is exactly the kind of compliment Cary and I would deliver.

If technology put charm on its last legs, the pandemic almost pushed it into its grave. There was little chance to be gracious when you were afraid of your neighbors. We arose in the morning with mistrust and anxiety because each day was going to be the same as the day before, with another bleak tomorrow facing us. It's also pretty hard to be charming with only half your face showing.

Can we get it back? Can we return to gracious manners, the timeless elegance and that *je ne sais quoi* that Cary and I possess? It depends on who you want to see when you look into a mirror. Guys, do you see Cary Grant? Gals, do you see Audrey Hepburn? Start by being nice to someone. Compliment them on something. Say something that will leave them with a pleasant memory of you. Be charming — like Cary and me.

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Robert Weiner to Thomas Patterson
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Thomas, John and James Gunter and Ann Nash to Douglas and Heather Clay
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7410 Alturas Court, Highway 68 — \$4,100,000

39 Spanish Bay Circle — \$3,500,000

Teresa Casale to 39 SBC LLC
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1535 Palmero Way — \$11,000,000

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1777 Luzern Street — \$600,000

Troy Grose to Mayco Guzman
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1088 Highlander Drive — \$605,000

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