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After losing mom, seal pup finds new home

By CHRIS COUNTS

AN ORPHANED elephant seal pup who charmed Point Lobos visitors last month before facing a setback is now doing well in his new home, Point Reyes National Seashore.

Known to those at the Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito as “Overcast,” the male pup was found on a beach just north of Cambria in March suffering from malnutrition. According to the center, pups are often separated from their mothers during storms and have trouble surviving on their own.

Overcast spent nearly two months at the center, where he was at first fed through a tube. Soon, he was able to drink “fish smoothies” made of ground herring and water. Eventually, he was able to consume a whole herring.

Makes friends, needs help

Overcast was released on Weston Beach at Point Lobos May 5. But instead of getting into the ocean right away, he hung out on land for a few days. He was even photographed visiting a restroom, and he bonded with staff. “Thanks to park aide Connie Speer for keeping track of this wayward seal until open water again beckoned,” the Point Lobos Foundation said.

Dr. Cara Field, the center’s medical director, said there was nothing unusual about Overcast’s behavior. “It is not



PHOTO/COURTESY POINT LOBOS FOUNDATION

An elephant seal pup who was released last month by the Marine Mammal Center at Point Lobos State Reserve takes a detour on his way to the ocean, and visits a restroom.

uncommon for a young elephant seal to stay and explore a general area post-release,” she observed.

Unfortunately, Overcast wasn’t mature enough to fend for himself. Experts from the center returned to Point Lobos May 12 and found the pup at Whaler’s Cove, where he was rescued a second time and brought back to Sausalito.

See PUP page 14A

Virus restrictions ending Tuesday

■ Is the county’s epidemic over?

By KELLY NIX

MONTEREY COUNTY residents will be able to stop wearing face masks in most situations beginning June 15, as California launches its highly publicized reopening day and the California Department of Public Health no longer requires fully vaccinated residents to mask up before going into shops, restaurants and other indoor and outdoor venues. The change will align the state’s guidelines with what the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended as of May 13.

The rules taking effect Tuesday also mean the end of almost all social distancing and capacity restrictions on businesses, churches, athletic events and other public gatherings. Only “mega events” — such as professional sports and large concerts — will still have restrictions.

There will also continue to be some situations where everyone will have to wear masks regardless of vaccination status. On Wednesday, state Health and Human Services secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly outlined those places, which include public transit, such as airplanes, buses, taxis and

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Rapist who attacked woman in driveway gets 25-to-life

By MARY SCHLEY

THE 21-YEAR-OLD Salinas resident who raped and terrorized a 61-year-old woman in the driveway of her vacation home near Carmel Beach more than a year ago

was sentenced by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Pamela Butler Friday to the maximum 25 years to life in prison. Isaac Garcia pleaded guilty in April to forcible rape and admitted causing significant injuries and using a firearm, which added to the severity of his punishment.

Cameras key

The attack occurred May 4, 2020, shortly after 6:30 a.m. as the woman was loading items into a car in the driveway of her vacation home on 13th near Scenic. Garcia pinned her against the vehicle and beat her, first with his fist and then with a pistol until she fell to the ground, where he continued to hit her and raped her. He also repeatedly threatened to kill her, according to prosecutor Danielle VanDamme.

Witnesses described the attacker and his car, and a city-owned traffic camera on Rio Road provided images

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FIERY CAR CRASH DESTROYS P.G. PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING

■ Driver identified with dental records

By KELLY NIX

THE DRIVER of a pickup truck who plowed into a City of Pacific Grove public works building last weekend and died in the fiery crash has been identified.

Pacific Grove police said that on June 5 at about 1 a.m., someone traveling southbound on Grove Acre Avenue in a Ford Ranger pickup truck crossed Sunset Drive and kept on going, crashing through a chain-link fence and into a public works building.

“The collision caused the vehicle and building to be-

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PHOTO/P.G. PUBLIC WORKS

Fire destroyed a Pacific Grove city building last weekend after a driver crashed through a fence and struck the structure in his pickup truck. The driver was killed.

Plan to hold migrants at Camp Roberts shelved

By KELLY NIX

THE FEDERAL government has indefinitely postponed a plan to use Camp Roberts as a detention center for thousands of unaccompanied migrant children who have streamed across the southern border over the past several months.

The Biden administration, in an attempt to contend with the crisis at the border, had been considering using Camp Roberts to house as many as 5,000 unaccompanied minors, most of them from Mexico and Central America.

‘Dropped significantly’

The plan was for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to care for the asylum-seeking children until they could be placed in the care of family members, friends or guardians.

But a spokeswoman for Democratic U.S. Rep. Jimmy Panetta’s office said Tuesday that the plan isn’t expected to happen anytime soon.

“HHS has put Camp Roberts on an indefinite hold,” Sarah Cronin told The Pine Cone. “The number of unaccompanied minors coming to the border has dropped significantly, so the HHS has decided not to pursue using Camp Roberts at this time.”

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Big increase in rates OK’d by sewer board

By KELLY NIX

MONTHLY SEWER service rates for homeowners on the Monterey Peninsula will climb about 50 percent on July 1 and go up steadily until 2025, when they will be more than 120 percent higher, the sewer district board of directors decided this week.

Despite a wave of opposition to the service rate increase, the 10-member Monterey One Water board Monday voted 6-4 in favor of it.

The timing of the rate hikes, citizens and business groups told Monterey One Water’s board of directors,

See RATES page 14A

Cool dude on Dolores



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In town with friends, former President Barack Obama had dinner in the private room at Little Napoli Sunday. Rumor has it he enjoyed the pappardelle Bolognese. See page 9A.



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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

See Remi run

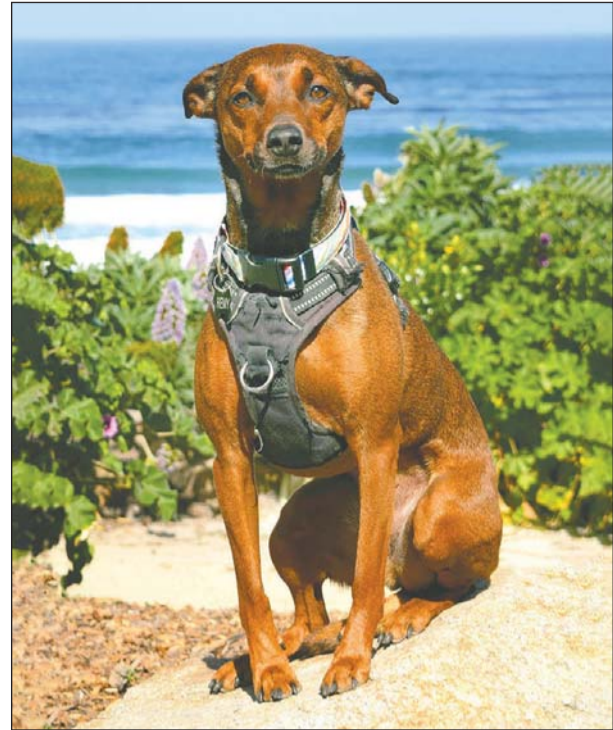
WHEN SHE got her cat, 15 years ago, she considered naming her Remi but decided the name would be more suitable for a dog. So she called the cat Rigby and waited for the dog to show up in her life, which she did, about four years ago, at a rescue organization in Campbell.

Now 5, and weighing in at 15 pounds, Remi's DNA includes pit bull and rottweiler, which accounts for her coloring. But she looks more like a miniature pinscher or maybe a whippet.

"I can see the cuddly, affectionate personality traits of the pit bull," her person said, "but something has made her both a sprinter and a distance runner. She has speed and endurance."

Remi was rescued from a hoarding situation, and after six failed placements, she's found her forever home in Seaside. While she was kicked around as a puppy, she's now in her happy place, where she gets a lot of patience and affection.

"Remi was very broken when we got her and afraid of her own shadow," her person said. "She still doesn't like loud noises or sudden movement, and runs and hides if we raise our voices. But where she used to cower from people, now she'll



give them a little sniff. She's come a long way."

Remi's favorite game is chase. Her people, who compete in various athletic events, started including her in their training, and found a little trail runner in her. But her favorite place is the open expanse of the beach.

"We don't say the word 'beach' in our house because Remi gets super excited," her person said. "It's crazy to see how fast she can run in the sand, up and down the dunes, and along the shore. She makes me a little jealous."

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Council OKs \$25.5M budget

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CITY council at a special meeting Tuesday approved spending a total of \$25,451,785 during the upcoming 2021-2022 fiscal year, surpassing pre-pandemic numbers and adding a dozen people to the municipal payroll.

After passing an extremely lean budget last year amidst the unknowns of the pandemic and related shutdowns, the city council celebrated adopting a robust spending plan that adds jobs and pays for long-delayed capital projects, more equipment and beautification efforts, raises, studies and retirement costs.

No items were removed from the budget, which since the first draft was released in May was amended to add another full-time planner, more money landscaping work and the United Way's 2-1-1 information line, which saw heavy use during the past year due to Covid, for a total increase of roughly \$134,000.

Fed money to come

All told, the budget calls for \$22,128,391 in operating expenses — a little more than half of which will go to salaries and benefits — \$2,324,580 in capital projects and equipment purchases, \$882,656 for debt, including retirement and Sunset Center, and \$116,158 for workers comp.

The plan anticipates \$25,319,177 in revenues, with \$7.63 million coming from property taxes, \$6.67 million from sales taxes and \$5.33 million from hotel taxes, along with \$3.56 million in "other," and \$2.13 million in charges for services.

It does not include the expected \$717,337 in federal taxpayer funds due the city as part of the American Rescue Plan. The council will decide later how to spend that money.

The two written comments submitted on the budget encouraged more spending. The Carmel Residents Association board

of directors asked for additional money for "code enforcement and maintenance of our public spaces."

"Please walk about our village and notice the lack of upkeep in our public areas," the board wrote. "We must have confidence that a viable maintenance budget allocation will address our concerns over the long term without assuming a heavy dependency on volunteer resources."

Lots of donations

Former Mayor Sue McCloud asked why the libraries need \$300,000 but also suggested Sunset Center and the Forest Theater should undergo regular upgrades of their stages, and she asked that a planner be dedicated to developer Patrice Pastor's projects on Dolores and Fifth and Dolores south of Seventh "to ensure they get the timely attention to move them forward and decrease the disruption of the village."

She also said the public works budget should reflect the donations and volunteer hours the city is receiving from Carmel Cares and Carmel Gives. (Last week, the council adopted a resolution accepting \$29,997 in donated equipment and professional services, and more than 1,230 hours worked by Carmel Cares volunteers just during the first three months of 2021.)

No members of the public commented at the meeting, and other than thanking budgets and contracts director Sharon Friedrichsen and other city staff for their hard work and noting some of the challenges of the past year, council members didn't have much to say, either. They unanimously adopted the budget, which takes effect July 1.

The council on June 8 also authorized a 2 percent increase in garbage fees, which follows a 42 percent rate hike last year, to cover the additional costs of collecting and processing food waste. A state law mandating reduction of compostables and edible food in the landfill kicks in next year and will begin being enforced in 2024.

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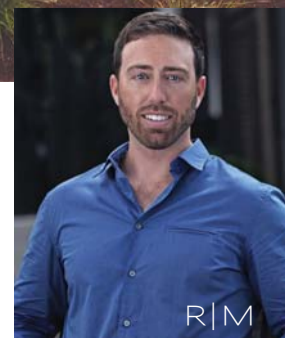
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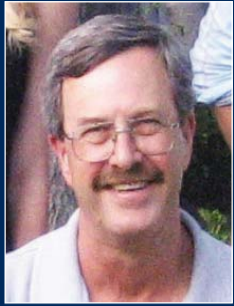
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Police & Sheriff's Log

So that's why we don't like guests

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 22

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost cell phone at Ocean and San Carlos.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a report of a possible burglary on Via Paloma. Deputies determined no burglary occurred.

Carmel Valley: Deputies received a report of cash being stolen from an unlocked vehicle on Quail Meadows Drive.

SUNDAY, MAY 23

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Outside assist with a missing persons case.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Drug overdose at Carmelo and Ninth. Narcan was administered and the patient was transported to the hospital.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fall on city property at Camino Real and Eighth. Victim transported to CHOMP.

Pacific Grove: Responded to the 300 block of Bishop Avenue related to a civil dispute regarding possible trespass by a neighbor while building a fence on the mutual property line.

Pacific Grove: On May 23, a burglary of a locked garage was reported in the 100 block

of 15th Street. No suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Citizen reported vandalism to his vehicle on Arkwright Court sometime overnight

Pacific Grove: Subject on Prescott was placed on a mental health hold.

Pacific Grove: A journal was found near Rip Van Winkle Park and turned in to the PGPD lobby. No owner information is known. Currently held for safekeeping.

Pacific Grove: Theft of personal property from an unlocked vehicle in the 400 block of Wood Street. No suspect information.

Pebble Beach: Sunset Lane resident detained and transported to hospital for a psychiatric evaluation.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a report of shoplifting at the Crossroads shopping center. It was determined that the suspect, a 23-year-old male, drove a stolen vehicle while intoxicated to commit the theft.

MONDAY, MAY 24

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Theft of a bicycle at Vizcaino and Flanders. Loss of \$3,800.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Burglary reported at a construction site at Ninth and Dolores.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Bike found locked near the main library for months. Public works brought it to the police department for safekeeping.

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The gavel falls

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

April 1 — Alex Vdovkin, 55, was found guilty of driving while under the influence of alcohol.

On December 7, 2018, at approximately 3:50 p.m., Monterey County Sheriff's Deputy Aly Najem responded to a 911 call reporting that a vehicle traveling westbound on Highway 68 was swerving over the double yellow line, tailgating, and almost hitting bicyclists. Najem was able to locate the vehicle on southbound Highway 1 driving significantly under the speed limit and impeding traffic. After stopping the vehicle, he identified the driver as Alex Vdovkin and immediately noticed signs of alcohol intoxication. He requested an officer from the California Highway Patrol assist to conduct a DUI investigation. CHP officer McDonald responded, and after a full DUI investigation determined Vdovkin was in fact under the influence of alcohol. Vdovkin refused to submit to a breath or blood test.

The case was heard by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Susan Matcham. Vdovkin was sentenced to five years of probation and ordered to serve 15 days in Monterey County jail.

April 2 — John Anthony Fickas, 50, a resident of Salinas, received a term of 28 years and eight months in the California

State Prison and Rehabilitation Center for sexual assaults on five victims, ranging from age 15 to 40. These assaults occurred from 2009 through 2015. Fickas was also sentenced to two years in prison concurrent for a second case of animal cruelty for neglecting to provide adequate sustenance, shelter and medical care for his rabbit collection, consisting of approximately 42 rabbits.

Fickas coached the North Salinas High School junior varsity field hockey team and acted as the shot-put coach for the track and field team. He also worked as a local political advisor.

He raped Victim No. 1, a former North Salinas High student whom he had coached, while she assisted him on election night, Nov. 3, 2015. She was 22 years old when he raped her while she was unconscious.

He sexually assaulted Victim No. 2, who was 15 years old and a North Salinas High student at the time, while she campaigned with him in 2009 to fulfill the school's volunteer hours requirement. He sexually assaulted her while she was unconscious.

He raped Victim No. 3, who was 42 years old at the time, the day after a rabbit

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DA wants Pollacci committed as a sexually violent predator

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH TWICE-CONVICTED rapist Tom Pollacci set to be released from Valley State Prison next week at the end of his 14-year sentence, the Monterey County District Attorney's Office will ask a judge at a June 11 hearing to designate Pollacci as a sexually violent predator and order him to be committed to a state mental hospital.

"Yesterday we filed a petition for a civil commitment," under the state's Welfare & Institutions Code, assistant district attorney Marisol Mendez, who supervises the DA's SVP unit, said Wednesday. The filing "means we are seeking to have Mr. Pollacci designated as a sexually violent predator, which will subject him to an indeterminate commitment at Coalinga State Hospital."

Pollacci, who was living with his parents in Pebble Beach before he was jailed for raping a Colorado woman in the loft of his family's liquor store on Lighthouse Avenue in Pacific Grove and then leaving her at the hospital with a serious head injury in April 2008, was found guilty by a jury of forcible rape. (The store was later sold.)

Horror stories

During the investigation of that case and the trial, which ended in April 2010, several additional allegations of rape were made against him, including two women whose cases could still be prosecuted, and Pollacci was charged with forcibly raping Jane Doe 1 in April 2007 and Jane Doe 2 twice in the fall of 2008.

As the second case headed to trial in July 2011, Polacci pleaded guilty to one count of rape 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.

A few months later, he dropped the appeal he had filed in the summer of 2010 to try to overturn his first conviction.

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 more than two years before going to prison in November 2011, and with other credits given for good behavior and working while in prison, Pollacci's sentence is up, a spokesman with the

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation said last week.

As is standard when someone is convicted of violent sex crimes, his case can be reviewed before his release to see if he should be deemed a sexually violent predator. Mendez said that last Wednesday, her unit was "given all relevant information" about Pollacci's past, and her team carefully reviewed everything before filing the petition this week to have him committed to a state hospital for treatment as predator.

The first hearing is set for June 11 at 8:30 a.m. in front of Monterey County Superior Court Judge Sam Lavorato Jr.

"Mr. Pollacci is expected to appear remotely from the state prison where he is located," Mendez said.



Tom Pollacci in 2016

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You can't keep a good cat down — even a blind one

By CHRIS COUNTS

THIRTEEN YEARS after seeing an ad in The Pine Cone for a blind cat in need of a home — and deciding right then and there to adopt him — Beverly and Thierry Thompson of Carmel Valley said he has become a truly extraordinary companion.

The ad ran in April 2008 and described the needy cat as a “blind, super-affectionate 6-year-old Siamese who calmly finds his way in the world without light by using his senses of smell, hearing and touch.”

The Thompsons met their new friend at the Animal Friends Rescue Project, where staff had named him Andrea Bocelli after the famous blind Italian opera singer. It didn't take long for him to win the couple over.

“He put on a show,” Beverly recalled. “He was batting

a toy mouse around — we could not believe he didn't have eyes.” Thierry agreed. “He did such a sales job on us,” he remembered.

It was weeks before the Thompsons learned they could adopt the cat — in part because others wanted him, too. When they finally did bring him home, his name was shortened to Bobo.

Feline is ‘fearless’

The Thompsons were surprised at how quickly Bobo adjusted to the inside of a house he could not see. Before long, he was climbing all over the furniture like any other curious feline.

“He's fearless,” Beverly said. “He came in and started

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Advice for Big Sur backpackers: prepare to be visited by bears

By CHRIS COUNTS

WHILE MOST local hiking guides barely mention them, black bears are now officially on the radar of those who like to camp at primitive campsites in the local wilderness. “Backpackers camped at Estrella Camp reported a bear checking out their secure food canisters at 3 a.m. on June 5,” the Ventana Wilderness Alliance told its followers last week. The campground is just north of the San Luis Obispo County line.

VWA, which organizes backcountry volunteer patrols along with fixing trails, complimented the backpackers for using the canisters that protect food from bears.

“Kudos to the campers for having bear canisters,” the group posted on social media. “Let's not habituate bears to human food.”

Same bear?

The report is the second recent one made by the VWA. Another report came in May 30, when a bear was sighted near Spruce Camp, which is also near the border with San Luis Obispo County.

“The person who made the report abandoned camp but returned on Monday with a fish and wildlife agent who corroborated the encounter,” the group posted. “There was tent damage but the person had no contact with the bear. Hair sample's were collected for a DNA profile.”


The VWA urged backpackers to be aware that they are sharing the forest with bears, which not only means keeping yourself safe, but keeping your food out of their paws.

“It's up to visitors to help keep the black bear population wild,” the VWA said.


Andrew Madsen of the forest service seconded the advice to store food in canisters. He also noted that his agency has put up signs warning people about bears.


“Any strong-smelling items should be properly stored outside tents and preferably outside the campground,” he explained. “We don't want bears habituated to human food.”

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COUNCIL REJECTS ARGUMENTS AGAINST ROOFTOP DECK, PERMIT EXTENSION

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CITY council last Tuesday dismissed a resident's complaints about a neighbor's planned rooftop deck and rejected another homeowner's bid to let her construction proceed after years of delays and expired permits. In both cases, council members upheld previous decisions made by the planning commission.

In April, the planning commission approved an addition to a house on Camino Real south of 13th, as well as a new garage and the conversion of the existing garage into a granny unit. But at the June 1 city council meeting, neighbor Peter Smith asked that the approval be overturned, based on privacy impacts of a new rooftop deck. Because the deck is located toward the center of the one-story house and fairly far from neighboring homes, and property owners Joel and Allison Jung also planted a tree for screening, planner Evan Kort recommended the council uphold the approval and deny Smith's request.

Representing the Jungs, architect Erik Dyar noted that in a town with small lots, "a balance always has to be struck between privacy and people being able to enjoy the use of their property."

"We went about designing the roof deck very intentionally to maximize privacy and have it be harmoniously integrated within the architecture of the house," he said, putting it 22 feet from the property line and almost 60 feet from Smith's living room windows. The deck can't be seen from the street or any neighboring property.

"The Jungs don't want to look at their neighbors, either," he said, they just want to be able to go up to their deck to enjoy the open air and light. Also, he noted, they'll be sitting most of the time.

But Smith said his neighbors can enjoy sunlight and fresh air on their ground-level patios, and he asked not that the rooftop deck be eliminated, but that 24 square feet of it be removed.

"We're not really comfortable using foliage to guaran-

tee our privacy from a permanent structure," he said.

Councilman Jeff Baron noted that in Carmel, "we are all stuck on little lots," which requires sharing views and privacy.

"We don't as residents here have an absolute right to privacy," he said. "We all have to learn to live with one another."

Mayor Dave Potter was also inclined to deny Smith's request.

"It's difficult for me to override a planning commission decision," agreed councilman Bobby Richards. "There has to be something to compel me to not agree with the planning commission, who are intimately involved with these projects."

Richards made the motion to deny Smith's appeal, seconded by councilwoman Karen Ferlito, and the council unanimously agreed.

Another neighbor fight

A shared property line between neighbors at Casanova and Fourth started causing problems for the homeowner on the southeast corner, Judy O'Day, and her neighbors to the south, Paul and Julie Bruno, in 2015, when the Brunos built a fence along the property line that prevented O'Day from accessing her carport, because part of her driveway was, in fact, on their property.

As a result, O'Day got permission from the city a month later to enclose the carport and convert it to storage and build a new detached carport.

But the project wasn't built and then underwent revisions in 2017. In June 2018, O'Day requested an extension of the building permit, which she received. That permit expired, though, in January 2020.

Then the coronavirus pandemic hit, grinding everything to a halt. In December 2020, O'Day asked for another extension of the approval of her plans. But the planning commission in April denied her request, concluding that too many changes had been made to the project, includ-

ing altering the height of the carport and adding windows and doors to the storage unit, and that too much time had passed.

O'Day, contractor Scott Hulett and architect Thomas Hood all pleaded with the council to grant the extension, saying the reasons for denying it were unfounded and that the work can be done soon.

"We're committed to this project," Hulett said. "If we can get approval, we will jump in and are committed to finishing by the end of the year."

"I feel their extension is appropriate and reasonable," Hood said. "Unlike a lot of projects that are intentionally delayed, these are circumstances not under their control."

But the Brunos argued against it, objecting to the changes and alleging the project includes stubbed-in plumbing to serve a future illegal bathroom.

"It's unreasonable and unconscionable for Ms. O'Day to ask us to look through our kitchen window into her junk in a storage room," Julie Bruno said. "Those windows that we know nothing about face directly into our only kitchen window."

She also said the carport will block their light and airflow and suggested there are "several creative solutions."

"The planning commission did the right thing by asking Ms. O'Day and her builder to go back to the planning stage so this can be built properly, with all parties involved," she said.

Hood and Hulett countered that the project wouldn't cause any problems and that there are no plans to stub in plumbing.

Although he sympathized, Potter said the project has gone on too long. "I would rather see it go back to the planning commission again for a thorough vetting," he said.

Councilwoman Carrie Theis said she understood the tough situation O'Day is in and her desire to get the work

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Obama and friends visit Carmel, P.B.

By MARY SCHLEY

FORMER PRESIDENT Barack Obama got a head start on celebrating his 60th birthday with a trip to the Peninsula that included tennis and golf in Pebble Beach and dinner upstairs at Rich Pepe's Little Napoli restaurant Sunday night.

And while Pepe knew he was coming to town, city officials and the police — who typically provide extra help and planning to ensure high-level dignitaries and celebrities stay safe and enjoy their time here — did not.

"We had a call a couple of weeks ago, and it was posed to me that a past president was coming to town and needed a private room," Pepe said Monday. The former president didn't want a room he had to access through a hotel or interior space, Pepe said.

But Little Napoli has a private dining room which is accessed by an exterior stairway, he said, which ended up being the former president's choice.

"He's in town for his upcoming 60th birthday, and it was just a group of friends like Steve Kerr, the coach for the Warriors,

and some other business executives."

Pepe was scheduled to be in Santa Barbara with wife Sandra and friends Jack and Dawn Galante, so he put his sons, Christian and Gian, in charge of the VIP dinner.

"They're getting ready to take over the businesses soon," he added.

Little notice to officials

Obama and his small entourage of black SUVs and California Highway Patrol vehicles pulled in for dinner around 6 p.m. June 6 and left a couple of hours later.

"As private as it was supposed to be, they showed up with police cars and four Secret Service cars, and as soon as everybody got out of the car, everyone knew who it was," Pepe said. The group of 10 men had played tennis at Pebble Beach earlier in the day and were casually attired.

Pepe's sons and the servers "did a really great job and said Obama was very interactive and lively and conversant and friendly," he continued. "Apparently a good time was had by all."

The former president had the sausage

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Hyatt buys Ventana for \$148M

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THREE YEARS after Hyatt Hotels took over management of Ventana Big Sur, an affiliate of the company bought the resort for \$148 million, Hyatt said. County records indicate a sales price for the land and buildings of just over \$124 million. Escrow closed June 4.

"We can confirm a Hyatt affiliate has acquired Ventana Big Sur," the hotel's general manager Anthony Duggan said. "There will be no business disruption with this transfer of ownership."

Big Sur's largest employer, the resort has 59 rooms on 162 acres, along with a restaurant, spa, art gallery and campground with luxury tent cabins.

Along with nearby Post Ranch Inn, it's one of two high-end resorts located along the Big Sur coast.

The property was last sold in 2015 when Geolo Capital and Wanxiang America teamed up to pay \$64 million for it.

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Board OKs Pastor project on Scenic

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER WORRYING that it might become a party house when owner Patrice Pastor and his family aren't there, the planning commission unanimously approved a guesthouse and outdoor pool for the middle of his three Scenic Road properties. The project replaces the home and indoor pool the commission approved for the same lot in March 2020.

Most of the discussion focused not on the proposed demolition of the 1,802-square-foot house, its replacement with a 517-square-foot guesthouse and the lot merger with the property to the south, but on the pool and whether it would create noise impacts when it's being used and attract trespassers when it's not.

The property and the houses on either side, all of which the Monaco billionaire purchased over the course of a few years, were first brought to the commission in July 2019 for the proposed demolition of two houses and construction of a new one, an outdoor pool and underground tunnel. Commissioners panned the plans, in part due to concerns about having an outdoor pool visible from Scenic Road. The plans

they eventually OK'd eliminated one of the demolitions and the underground tunnel, and had the pool inside.

With the new proposal again calling for an outdoor pool, planner Evan Kort said architect Jun Sillano proposed screening it with a fence and vegetation. The pool would be set back farther from the property line and would have a "rising floor" that can be raised when the pool's not in use so it looks and functions like a patio.

"It will only appear to be a pool when it's in use," Kort said.

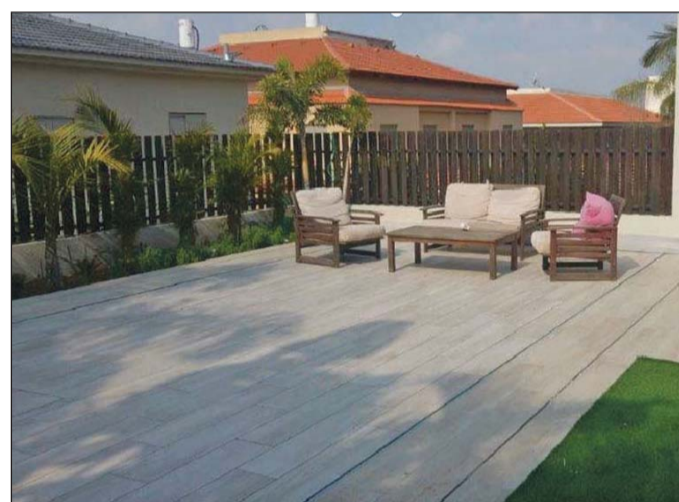
He also said the guesthouse will be well below height limits for Scenic Road homes and is designed to match the existing house to the south. He recommended approval.

Built quickly

Sillano told commissioners at the June 9 meeting that the neighbors support the new project, which will eliminate a garage and driveway on Scenic, will not contain a basement and will therefore not require a lot of excavation, and will be built more quickly than the previously approved house, "which means less traffic conges-

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Patrice Pastor submitted this illustration to the planning commission showing the patio-like appearance and security his swimming pool on Scenic Road will have when its floor is raised.



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Coastal commission urges delay but supes pass Point Lobos parking ban

By CHRIS COUNTS

TWO YEARS after launching a pilot program that eliminated parking on the east side of Highway 1 across from Point Lobos State Reserve due to safety concerns, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously June 8 to make the ban permanent — despite a “strong recommendation” from the California Coastal Commission to postpone taking action on the proposed ordinance.

Supporters of the ordinance, which seems to be just about everybody but the coastal commission, say it’s essential motorists aren’t allowed to park on the east side because it creates traffic hazards for motorists and pedestrians, and makes it difficult for emergency vehicles to reach those in need.

At Tuesday’s hearing, a parade of local leaders and park officials urged supervisors to approve the ordinance.

“It’s really a safety issue,” said Kathleen Lee, executive director of the Point Lobos Foundation. “We’ve seen visitorship just exponentially increase — people have really flocked to the outdoors. We still have plenty of access.”

Rachel Saunders of the Big Sur Land Trust called the ordinance “vital to public safety and emergency transit without affecting public access to the park.”

Martha Diehl of the Big Sur Byways organization and a Monterey County planning commissioner called the ordinance “a great first step for other issues we are facing on Highway 1.” She also noted the coastal commission’s concerns about access.

Monta Potter, president of the Monterey Peninsula Re-

gional Park District board of directors, is leading efforts to create a shuttle system for Point Lobos and encouraged supervisors to move forward with the parking ordinance.

“I urge you to approve the permanent ban,” Potter said. “The pilot project has been successful — I can’t think of a reason to put parking back on the east side.”

Lost parking must be replaced

Everybody who spoke at the hearing Tuesday about the ban agreed it is necessary. But it’s unclear how the coastal commission will respond to the passage of the ordinance, which the state watchdog agency expressed opposition to — at least for now. No one from the coastal commission or its staff attended the meeting, but an official sent a letter in May.

“We strongly recommend that the board of supervisors not take action on the ordinance at this time, but perhaps extend the previous temporary ordinance for another year to allow more time to discuss and plan for regional parking and public access needs in a manner that protects coastal resources and is approvable under the Coastal Act and applicable local coastal plan policies,” coastal commission program analyst Mike Watson wrote.

Watson said “a new similarly sized parking area” must replace the lost parking spaces, which could be as many as 100.

Adams, meanwhile, noted that local and state agencies are working with groups like the Point Lobos Foundation and the Big Sur Land Trust to address the coastal commission’s worries about public access. She said recent talks leave her “encouraged” that the agency can see that “significant progress” is being made in addressing those concerns.



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RATES

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couldn't be worse, with residents and business owners trying to get back on their feet after months of being locked down because of the coronavirus pandemic. The burden on ratepayers would be significant, some said.

"There are a lot of people in Monterey County, and in California for that matter, in pain now with the shutdown and not being able to work and to provide adequately for their families," resident Robert Brannon told the board. "And now we're hit with another gut punch that we weren't expecting."

The board also got some support for the increase. Carmel resident Anna Thompson, who owns a rental property in Marina, advocated for the hike so that "the required repairs and improvements can be made in a timely manner. Somebody has to pay for those repairs."

The sewer district contends that 79 percent of the revenue generated from the increase would help fund capital improvement projects "or position the agency to better respond to its capital needs," while 19 percent would go toward "increased operational costs." The remaining 2 percent would fund Monterey One Water employees' pensions and "personnel obligations."

The agency has promised not use the extra revenue to help pay for the Pure Water Monterey reclamation project.

The sewer district in September 2020 — just nine months ago — imposed a 16 percent increase.

Owners of single-family homes who now pay \$24.55 per month will see an \$11.50 increase on July 1 and annual hikes until 2025, when their bills will more than double to \$54.45.

Costly maintenance

Monterey One, formerly known as the Monterey Regional Water Quality Control Board, processes more than 17 million gal-

lons per day of wastewater. It has 30 miles of underground pipes and 29 pump stations to maintain. Planned improvements to the system include upgrades to the pump stations and other aging infrastructure.

Monterey One Water chief financial officer Fred Marsh said the agency went years without raising rates, which means customers' current rates are about 48 percent less than "what they should be."

"We've had 14 years out of the last 31 years where there have been no increases, and another four years where the rate increase was less than 3 percent," he explained.

Marsh also explained that the sewer agency needs to invest about \$15 million, on average, each year in its system, and that this year it will have invested only \$4 million.

General manager Paul Sciuto said that if there was a catastrophic earthquake that severely damaged sewer infrastructure, the agency would not have the financial means to repair it.

'Too much'

John Phillips, the Monterey County Supervisor for District 2 who represents the county on the sewer district board, proposed a "more modest" increase in rates for one year while the sewer district sought state and federal funding. Sciuto, though, said that the feds primarily finance new projects.

Christie Cromeenes, the board member who represents Salinas, said she was concerned about the impact of higher rates on seniors and those with fixed incomes in the city, while other board members said the agency should no longer delay raising rates.

"I think it's important we don't kick that can down the road like past boards did," Tyler Williamson, a Monterey city councilman who represents that city on the board said.

Phillips said he couldn't support the hikes.

"It's too much too fast," Phillips said.

In the end, the board members representing Boronda, Castroville, Marina Coast Water District, Monterey, Pacific Grove and Seaside voted in favor of the hikes, while members for Monterey County, Del Rey Oaks, Salinas and Sand City voted against it.

Big debt

Monterey County Hospitality Association chair Janine Chicourrat said after the meeting that the agency "did not take care of their core business, which is sewer."

"They knew over seven years ago they had infrastructure issues that they needed to set aside money for, including capital

projects," Chicourrat told The Pine Cone.

Of the agency's \$157 million debt, about \$113 million of it is tied up in the Pure Water Monterey project, while 18 percent of it is for pensions and 10 percent is for wastewater.

Peter Munteer, Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce director of marketing and public affairs, said the organization was disappointed that the board voted for the increase, "despite concerted efforts on the part of more than 15 business associations to produce a different outcome."

The higher rates, he said, will make it more difficult for lower income residents and struggling businesses.

MIGRANTS

From page 1A

The Monterey County Board of Supervisors on April 27 OK'd a resolution that offered a "welcome" message to the children, and urged the Biden administration to house children at Camp Roberts "for no longer than two weeks" before homes are found for them. The panel also said the minors need to be provided legal representation for their immigration cases.

The plan to use Camp Roberts drew criticism from an official with Siren, a San Jose-based immigrant rights organization, who said at the April meeting that there is typically little oversight of government facilities that hold migrant kids. Camp Roberts is located in Monterey and San Luis

Obispo counties.

The federal government calls for unaccompanied migrant children to be transferred within 72 hours from U.S Customs and Border Protection facilities to those run by the Office of Refugee Resettlement, a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. But that did not happen earlier this year due to the large number of children coming across the border.

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

Panetta told The Pine Cone in April that he planned to monitor the Camp Roberts facility to ensure children were being cared for humanely.

PUP

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Dr. Field thanked those who called in the pup's rescue. "This case is a testament to the critical role the public can play by keeping a safe distance and calling our rescue hotline to help give these animals a second chance," she said.

Overcast underwent another round of

care at the mammal center. "During both rehabilitative stays, Overcast was diagnosed with maternal separation, malnutrition and dehydration," the center reported.

But the pup recovered a second time, and instead of returning him to Point Lobos, the center found him another home not far from Sausalito. "Overcast was re-released back to the wild on May 25 in Point Reyes National Seashore, along with several other rehabilitated northern elephant seal patients," the center added.

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REOPEN

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subways, schools and childcare settings, correctional facilities, homeless shelters and in hospitals and other healthcare settings.

Ghaly also said people who are not immunized will be required to wear masks indoors, such as at businesses, public venues and government offices. He added that businesses can require all customers to wear masks and ask patrons for proof they've been immunized.

Meanwhile, the state Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board in a special meeting late Wednesday rescinded a rule it imposed a week before that would have only allowed employees to go without masks if they did not deal with the public and if every worker in a room was vaccinated. It is unclear what Cal/OSHA's final determination about wearing face masks at work will be.

Low youth vaccinations

Very few new coronavirus cases are showing up in the county. Over the last week, county data show a total of 30 new cases, including only four in the Monterey Peninsula.

The minuscule numbers could be the reason that during a press briefing Wednesday,

county health director Dr. Ed Moreno said he had nothing new to offer.

"I really don't have any announcements today," Moreno said.

However, he did respond to reporters' questions, including one from The Pine Cone regarding the vaccination rates for youth ages 12 to 17, which stands at only 29 percent, far behind other groups, including those 18 to 24 years old, of which 56 percent have been vaccinated.

Asked what immunization rate percentage Moreno would like to see for that age group, he would not say, only that there is "more work to do."

"I think we really need to focus our efforts on getting as many teenagers vaccinated as possible," Moreno said.

At the Monterey County Board of Supervisors meeting Tuesday, Moreno did provide coronavirus data and gave an overview of the various groups who have gotten their shots.

Those between the ages of 65 and up have been the most diligent in getting vaccinated, with 80 percent having received at least one dose.

The data also show that Pacific Islanders are by far leading the county in getting vaccinated, with 93 percent of that group having gotten at least one shot. Asian residents are next at 63 percent, followed by White people at 62 percent. Hispanics are next at 55 percent.

The rate for American Indian and Na-

tive Alaskans in the county is 40 percent, while Black people trail with a vaccination rate of 33 percent.

"We continue to see a need to explore ways to understand what are the challenges that our African American community faces in getting vaccinated and continue to provide opportunities an access for them to get vaccinated when they are ready to get vaccinated," Moreno told the supervisors.

In terms of cities and other areas, Salinas is leading the vaccination effort, with 69 percent of its residents having gotten at least one shot. The Monterey Peninsula and Big Sur are just behind at 68 percent, North Monterey County is at 55 percent, and South County is at 54.

"There is more work to do in North County and South County" to vaccinate residents, Moreno said.



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Running group gives scholarships

THE MONTEREY Bay Wednesday Night Laundry Runners recently gave \$5,000 in scholarships to six college-bound student athletes, with individual gifts ranging from \$750 to \$1,000. The distance-running club, which was founded in 1965, hosts daily organized group runs. Through scholarships, it seeks "to recognize local excellence in athletic and academic achievement and to help our Monterey County student-athletes achieve broader success."

Students were nominated by their coaches, and scholarship amounts were based on their track and cross-country times, academic performance, leadership, community service and need. Donations and grants funded the gifts, which this year went to Mario Avila from King City High, Sam Coutts from Pacific Grove High, Ashley Ochoa from Gonzalez High, Jose Velasquez from Alisal High, Andrea Villegas from North Monterey County High and Anna Watson from Stevenson School.

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SENTENCED

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of his vehicle and license plate number, allowing officers to identify Garcia and track him down in Salinas. He turned himself in on the afternoon of May 7 and has been held in Monterey County Jail since then.

He appeared in Butler's courtroom to receive his sentence June 4.

'Worst nightmare'

"This crime is every person's worst nightmare," Butler told him. The judge said she'd read an impact statement from the victim and found it "most powerful," and that she hoped he'd read it, too.

Garcia's defense attorney, Gary Thelander, said his client had read the statement and regrets what he did, even though

he claims to not know why he did it.

"He has no idea why he did what he did," Thelander said. "He hopes he can redeem himself before he passes from this earth."

Thelander also provided three character letters written by Garcia's aunt, grandmother and cousin talking about the difficulties he'd faced as a child and teenager and how he'd become a good, respectful and responsible member of their family. They asked for leniency in his sentencing and a second chance.

"This young man is not the creature who committed these horrific acts," Thelander continued, adding that Garcia understands he made her not just fearful that day, "he has made her afraid of life."

And while Garcia wishes he could "climb into a time machine and go back" to a time before he committed such a brutal crime, the attorney said, he understands

he cannot and accepts the penalties facing him.

"He doesn't want to pay that price, but he knows he has to," he said.

Garcia, whose shaved hair has grown into chin-length waves during his year in jail, told the judge he was "really sorry" for what he'd done.

"I do believe that to be true," she told him before acknowledging his forthrightness with police from early on in the investigation and his apparent desire to take responsibility for what he'd done.

"The most difficult part of this job is to see young people like yourself," who committed crimes that "horribly" impacted not only the lives of the victims their families, but their own lives and their own families, she said.

Prison time

When handing down shorter sentences to young offenders, Butler said, she often counsels them to put their time in prison to positive use — to educate themselves and learn skills so they can lead productive lives once they're out.

"It's hard to tell you to put your nose to the grindstone for 25 calendar years," she said. "But everyone gets one turnaround. You can program into the worst sides of prison behavior" or use the technology and other resources to get educated and stay on the right course. Referring to a comment from Thelander regarding Garcia's newfound religious faith, she also encouraged him to pursue that.

"You have great remorse," she said. "It's inexplicable what happened. Nothing I can say will put her back together. She will live in fear for the rest of her life."

Butler then confirmed with prosecutor Danielle VanDamme, who participated in the sentencing via Zoom, that Garcia's victim did not want a criminal protective order barring him from contacting her in any way.

VanDamme said the woman did not want the order, because she does not want her name anywhere in the record. In all court documents, she's referred to as "Jane Doe," but protective orders include names, addresses and other personal information.

"I do sincerely wish the victim some kind of peace," Butler said, after handing down Garcia's sentence, which also includes fines, court fees, and restitution to the victim of a to-be-determined amount. He must also register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

After the hearing, Carmel Police Chief Paul Tomasi said Garcia's quick identification, arrest and conviction were due to "great teamwork through Salinas P.D., Salinas SWAT, and the DA's office and investigators."

"I can't emphasize how important that camera system is," he added. "Without that, we're still looking for him."

He thanked everyone who helped CPD detective Jacob Clifford and other officers track Garcia down in Salinas.

"We rely on our partners to help us out in big cases," he said, "and they do."



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United Way collects school supplies

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UNITED WAY Monterey County is holding its 11th annual Stuff the Bus campaign to collect school supplies for kids in need. In collaboration with the Monterey County Office of Education, the local United Way administers the annual effort to gather and distribute new school sup-

plies to students living in homeless or nearly homeless conditions throughout the county. Before the academic year starts, backpacks containing binders, paper, notebooks, pens, pencils, crayons and other necessities will be delivered to students by liaisons in each district.

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BLIND

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acting like a normal cat.”

Houseguests, in fact, have gone days without even noticing Bobo is blind.

Besides allowing Bobo free rein in the house — he’s an indoor-only cat — they gave him company by adopting a Siamese kitten shortly after his arrival.

“We wanted a pal for him,” Beverly noted.

The newcomer was named Puddi, and “they took to each other beautifully,” she said. “They wrestled like kittens.”

Bobo’s routine has him hanging out during the day with Thierry, who is a professional artist. He has a gallery, Light & Shadow Fine Art, on Sixth between Dolores and Lincoln, and a studio at home.

Bobo lets Thierry know when it’s time for him to eat by gently turning figure-eights around his ankles. “He also loves it when Thierry holds him in his arms like a baby,” Beverly observed.

Now 19 or 20, Bobo has had some health challenges along the way — he was once hospitalized with a nasty ear

infection and lost all his teeth to another infection. But nothing seems to diminish his spirits. “We’ve been so grateful every day,” Beverly added. “He’s the smartest cat we’ve ever had. He’s thriving and he loves life.”



Despite the many challenges he has faced in his 19 years, Bobo is “thriving and loves life,” reported the Carmel Valley family that adopted him.

OBAMA

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and peppers appetizer and pappardelle pasta with Bolognese, which Pepe’s sons said should now be named after Obama.

Pepe said he was pleased the group was so engaging with his staff, but he said Obama’s representatives asked him “to be very quiet” about the visit, so he didn’t tell the staff, other than those who would be working with the party that night. The Secret Service did not request any background checks on the restaurant employees and also didn’t notify city administrator Chip Rerig or Police Chief Paul Tomasi, both of whom have worked closely with the feds during visits from former President George Bush, then-V.P. Joe Biden, then-second lady Karen Pence and others.

“That was a complete surprise, and that’s a little out of character for them,” Tomasi said Wednesday. “Anytime we get a dignitary who involves the Secret Service, they’re really good about letting us know in advance so we can work with them.”

On Sunday, Tomasi said he received notice an hour or so before Obama’s arrival.

“I did reach out to the Secret Service agent in charge, and he apologized, stating that he didn’t have much advance notice,” he said. “I expressed a desire to have more information in advance, if possible. They

said they understood.”

Advance notice allows the police department and Secret Service to plan for contingencies and threats, go over evacuation routes and establish a secure location where a dignitary can be quickly placed if in danger, Tomasi said. But none of that could be done this time.

Obama, who lives in Martha’s Vineyard, also had a private dinner in a downtown art gallery Wednesday, and Tomasi said he scheduled more officers than usual to work, but that was it.

‘We welcome all visitors’

Rerig said the lack of notice compromised people’s safety.

“We welcome all visitors, including dignitaries, to our village, and we hope they have a good time here. We try to be hospitable and welcoming,” Rerig said. “That said, we are here to protect both the visitors and the residents who are sometimes impacted, which just reinforces the importance of good communication.”

That way, officers can be on hand to help, if needed, and are aware of the presence of a high-level person who may be targeted. If nothing else, they can mitigate the traffic tie ups that occur when motorcades roll through stop signs and shut down intersections.

“It’s just common sense,” Rerig said. “We’re in the public safety business. We’re here to help.”

Consultant will help with redistricting

By KELLY NIX

THE MONTEREY County Board of Supervisors this week OK’d a plan to pay a consulting firm \$190,000 to analyze the demographics of the county’s five supervisorial districts and help with public outreach during efforts to redraw voting boundaries.

The board decided to hire Lapkoff & Gobalet Demographic Research, a firm that promises to provide an “objective demographic evaluation and analysis of current supervisorial district boundaries,” using 2020 U.S. Census and other data.

The consultants, who will work with the county administrative office, county counsel and elections offices, will be paid for 20 meetings.

Any additional meetings would cost taxpayers as much as \$3,900 each.

The plan is to conduct at least two meetings in each supervisorial district.

PERMITS

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done, but she agreed with Potter. “The planning commission wants to see the project again, and I’m leaning that way as well,” she said.

“This is why it’s difficult to be in this position,” Potter said. “It’s why most people don’t want our job.”

The council voted unanimously to deny the extension and require O’Day to submit a new application for her project.

Seeking volunteers

Last week, the county began advertising an effort to assemble a volunteer 15-member Advisory Redistricting Commission. Fifth District Supervisor Mary Adams asked if the demographers would help the county in forming the commission. County official Rosemary Soto said they are already “working closely with us” to do that.

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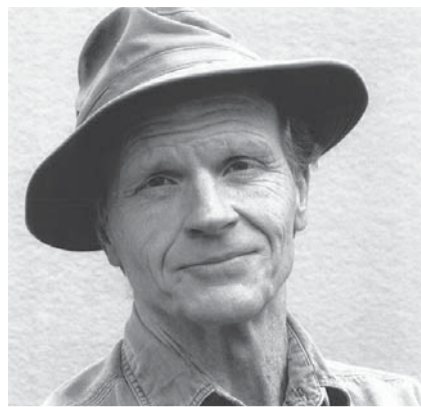


Robert Allen Colter

September 30, 1950 — May 15, 2021



Robert Colter was born in Lynn, Massachusetts, and grew up in Ipswich. He graduated high school in 1969. He had been a member of the wrestling team and coached the team his senior year. Also in his senior year, he caught the acting bug in a play called "The Insect Comedy," in which he played a butterfly.



Inspired by his Ipswich High School drama teacher, Bob became fascinated with reading plays of all sorts, then more and more took to the stage.

He spent the early '70s in LA working in tech theater, then came to the Monterey Peninsula in 1995, working at the MPC theater with Morgan Stock. Bob then moved to Seattle, where he worked with drama coach Earl Kelly, doing theater from 1977 through '81, moving back to the Monterey area after the birth of his son, Bryan.

His biggest passion in life was acting. Bob was among Unicorn Theatre's founders. He was known for the many roles he played in classical and contemporary comedies and dramas. For years he portrayed "Mr. Scrooge," and many times he took Scrooge on the road in support of theaters elsewhere.

He also portrayed Stan Laurel to his brother-in-law Carey Crockett's Oliver Hardy. The pair further appeared in "Box and Cox," a drawing room comedy. It was loved by audiences from 1983 to 2006.

Bob Colter was known locally and in other communities as a man of many talents. As a carpenter he built everything from houses to furniture, and was head of maintenance for many years at Santa Catalina School.

He practiced tap dancing with Ann-Marie Hunter as a sideline for relaxation, and he was also a part of Breakthrough Men's Community.

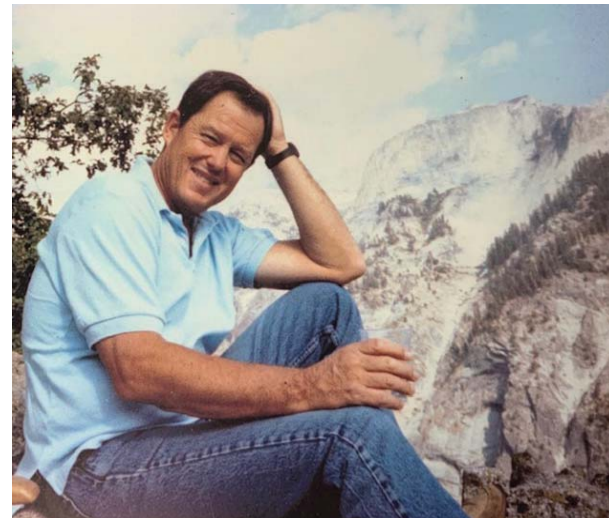
Bob always had the ability to connect with the heart of his audiences, and possessed an outlook of character that was uniquely his. He was always present with an open heart, with a special way of connecting with people day to day. Bob's uplifting energy made him helpful, supportive and optimistic. Robert Colter passed peacefully in his sleep on May 15, 2021.

Robert is survived by his son Bryan P. Colter; step-daughters Jessica Michalek and Lindsay Morrison; his siblings Duncan and wife (Betty), Janic, Norman and wife (Pamela), Stuart, and his youngest sister Martha. Robert is also served by many nieces and nephews, family and friends.

A celebration of life will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 26 at the Santa Catalina School Performing Arts Center. Please RSVP by calling 831-595-7376. Due to special Covid restrictions, seating will be limited.

There is also a special Facebook page that will carry information regarding the memorial.

Donations in his memory are preferred to Breakthrough Men's Community.



Jerry Allen Holden

1938-2021

Jerry passed away suddenly from an aggressive form of melanoma of the liver. His family was by his side, and all are feeling sadness and shock beyond belief.

Jerry was born in Lompoc, CA to Mildred and Ted Holden. During his high school years he spent every summer at the Bixby Cattle Ranch as a "working cowboy."

After graduation from high school he joined the Navy and spent two years traveling through the Pacific. After finishing his tour he enrolled in Fresno State University, where he met the love of his life, Esta. They went on to celebrate 60 years of marriage that produced 3 amazing children and 6 perfect grandchildren who adored him.

Jerry was an entrepreneur who was never afraid of "starting something new." The latest was when Jerry and Esta moved from Fresno after residing there for 33 years to begin SignWorks together in Monterey. They owned the business for over 17 years before fully retiring in Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Jerry was loved by all who knew him, and his stories were a part of any social gathering, along with his famous Manhattans.

Jerry loved his fly fishing and high Sierra trips, leather making hobby, and pickleball with all the friends he made became a big part of his life.

He is survived by his loving children, Brett (Charlotte), Brenda (Brad), Denise (Chris). Also survived by his grandchildren Sarah, Joe, Haley, Holden, Nathan, and Matthew, along with his adorable dog and constant companion, Lucy

Service to celebrate Jerry's life will be held at Carmel Presbyterian Church at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 17th.

In lieu of flowers, donations to American Cancer Society will be greatly appreciated.

Donald Eugene DeAmaral

1948 - 2021

Donald Eugene De Amaral, member of a pioneer Carmel and Point Lobos family, passed away suddenly of natural causes on May 20, 2021. Born in Carmel to George and Janice DeAmaral, Don is the grandson of Joseph De Amaral and great-grandson of Jacinto DeAmaral, immigrant to Carmel from Portugal in the late 1800s. Don's maternal grandparents were Irma and Harvey Noy of Concord, California.

In 1958 Don and his family relocated to Lake Tahoe where Don developed his love and skills for baseball while playing in the High Sierra Babe Ruth League, coached by his father. Don also discovered his love of snow skiing while living in Lake Tahoe.

As a member of the Carmel High School class of 1966, Don excelled in leadership and sports. He served as student body president and was awarded Most Valuable Player in his senior year for both football and baseball. After graduation, he continued his love of sports and played both football and baseball at Monterey Peninsula College. While a student at MPC, he and a friend, embarked on a cross-country adventure, visiting nearly all of the Major League ballparks.

Don received a football scholarship from the University of Pacific (UOP) in Stockton, California in 1969. While at UOP, Don also played baseball, and was co-captain of the baseball team his senior year. He was also a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

After college, Don worked alongside his father as a craftsman, renowned in the region for beautiful and innovative stone work.

In 1980 Don followed a dream and attended the British School of Motor Racing at Laguna Seca, and then raced a Formula Ford for several years while continuing his stone work. Don later joined the crew of a professional racing team which raced at the Indy 500 as well as locations throughout the US and Canada.

Don and his wife, Kelly Cardella, spent 42 wonderful years together, full of love for each other. Most recently, they lived in Antioch, California. They enjoyed fishing, kayaking, water skiing, and snow skiing, and spending time with their rambunctious families. Don cherished his role as "Uncle Don" to his beloved nieces and nephews, was an avid reader, and made the best margaritas.

Don's loving spirit will be missed by his wife, Kelly; brother Jim DeAmaral and sister-in-law Cindy DeAmaral; nieces Rochelle Flores and Nicole DeAmaral; and grandniece Aurora Stansberry; sisters Cathy Finnegan and Judy Shannon; nephews Jeff Stewart and Matthew Shannon; and grandnephews Deegan and Logan Shannon; sister-in-law Holly Bourne; brother-in-law Bill Bourne; niece Carly Stearnbourne (Adam); nephew Eric Bourne (Gena); grandniece Charlotte Stearnbourne; brother-in-law Joe Cardella; sister-in-law Monica Cardella; niece Marisol Cardella; nephew Carlo Cardella; brother-in-law Craig Cardella; sister-in-law Lynn Lawrence, and nephew KC Cardella, as well as many other very dear family and friends.

Adventurous, loving, generous and fun! We will miss you, Don.

A Celebration of Life will be planned for a later date. In lieu of flowers, a donation to The League to Save Lake Tahoe - keptahoeblue.org - would support Don's love and respect for this beautiful natural resource that he so enjoyed year round.



SCENIC

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tion time along Scenic.” He speculated it would take less than a year to build.

Commissioner Gail Lehman said she was “torn.” She was pleased by the fact very little of it will be visible from Scenic and the walkway above the beach, but she preferred an indoor pool, which would be less noisy and probably more useful, considering Carmel has a mild climate.

“I’m concerned this will be a rental when the owners aren’t here,” she said, and that it could become a noisy party house. “My suggestion would be a row of trees along the fence that would be high and fast growing and would give further noise insulation.”

“I don’t think Scenic is an ordinary street,” she added, considering it’s adjacent to the walkway and the beach.

Sillano noted Pastor has five children and wants to get the project done quickly so they can enjoy it while they’re still young. He also said the family is very private and would not rent out its houses to vacationers when not in town. The home he owns on the south side is occupied by a long-term tenant.

But Lehman and commissioner Stephanie Locke wanted to look beyond Pastor and his family, considering the property could end up being owned by someone else.

Locke suggested asking Pastor if he would agree to a condition that would prohibit renting out the home for shorter than a year, in perpetuity, but the commission ended up concluding such a deed restriction would not likely withstand legal scrutiny.

“I would hate to see this project get approved and then get into the wrong hands and all of a sudden, we’ve got a party house on the beach,” Locke said, and people could hop the fence to use the pool.

Fancy pool forever

She suggested a condition of approval forbidding replacement of the rising-floor pool with an open pool, and planning director Brandon Swanson said the floor should always be up when the pool is not in use. The rest of the commission agreed.

It probably won’t be much of an issue, anyway, commissioner Robert Delves suggested.

“I think our climate will limit the use of that pool,” he said. “I suspect we’ll see a lot more pickle ball being played on that surface than use as a pool.”

He also supported fencing and landscaping to block it. Commissioner Christopher Bolton acknowledged

many of his objections were personal and based on emotion, but from a less subjective standpoint, he focused on screening and noise mitigation. “I think it’s critical how the landscaping turns out, so I want to make sure that the staff keeps a tight eye on it,” he said.

The fence would protect the public, too, according to Bolton. “I don’t want to see people on the pool deck from Scenic, and a taller fence would make that absolutely impossible,” he said.

Since the first project to the present, chairman Michael LePage said, “the pool discussion has always been front and center.”

“It’s driven the design since the first application, so any efforts and any direction by the commission to mitigate those impacts should be seriously considered,” he said.

Commissioners unanimously approved the preliminary plans, which will come back for a final OK before construction can begin.



JAMES ALAN YATES
June 12, 1942—February 5, 2021

Larger than life, boisterous, fun-loving, father and grandfather, Jim Yates was an outstanding guy who always loved a good time. Jim passed away peacefully on February 5th, in Tucson, Arizona after a long battle with Parkinson’s disease. Jim is survived by his daughter, Jennifer Miller (Tom), son Jeff Yates (Stacie), four amazing grandkids, Maddie, Olivia, Malia, and Jagger, and his brother, Barry Yates (Victoria), and nephew Ryan Yates (Janice).

Jim was born in Shenandoah, Iowa on June 12, 1942, to parents Verlin and Fay Yates. Jim spent his boyhood on the family farm in Randolph, Iowa and graduated from Taber High School, Class of 1959. Jim went on to play basketball for the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, graduating in 1964 with a business degree.

After graduating, Jim was a salesman for several different companies before becoming the owner and President of Master of Mixes, a consumer cocktail mix company (still on the shelves today!). In 1979, Jim moved his business headquarters to Carmel and became a fixture in the Carmel social scene with his then wife Pat Yates. Many years later, he and son Jeff worked together to build an incredible restaurant equipment brokerage firm, Inform Food Service.

In the last few years before his illness got the best of him, he spent time traveling northern California and the Western United States. Although we are sad Big Jim isn’t here with us any more, we know he is dancing in heaven watching over us.

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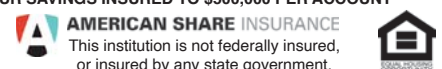
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Editorial

Inflation and housing

YOUNG PEOPLE, middle-class workers and even many professionals already feel totally priced out of the Monterey Peninsula housing market, and the bad news for them is that the problem isn't going away.

The essence of the situation has been the same since the beginning, especially in places like Carmel and Pebble Beach, which were planned and developed to be elite — to cater, as Perry Newberry enthusiastically put it in a November 1931 Pine Cone editorial, to a “certain high type of people.”

The ambitions of those early years have been wildly fulfilled, of course. These days, what could be more exclusive, or come at a higher price, than an address on 17 Mile Drive or Scenic Road?

And as the uber-wealthy snap up all the homes in the most desirable locations — a trend that's accelerated during the coronavirus pandemic — the somewhat-less-wealthy have been driving prices in places like Pacific Grove and Monterey to heights that would have been unimaginable just a few years ago.

Statewide, there's more and more talk about an affordable-housing crisis, with solutions being discussed that include forcing cities and counties to downzone single-family neighborhoods and eliminate some of the hurdles for building permits. Such drastic steps, if fully implemented here, could mean not only infill development in existing towns but the creation of new subdivisions and even the approval of multistory apartment buildings in places like downtown Carmel and along Carmel Valley Road. Fortunately for us, Sacramento politicians seem more inclined to stimulate development in places like San Jose and the East Bay. Nobody wants to ruin our amazing scenery, and then there's our water shortage to deal with.

Which means that, even if a project like Rancho Cañada Village occasionally gets approved, the overall level of development around the Peninsula is likely to stay about the same, which is wonderful news for people who live here but a disaster for non-rich people who would like to.

And now there's a whole new element looming over the local housing shortage: Inflation and the higher interest rates it will bring. For the average homebuyer, a single-digit increase in mortgage interest rates means a monthly payment that's 10 to 15 percent higher — obviously a major obstacle for middle class homebuyers, especially in an already expensive market.

The good news is that, even if interest rates double, they'll still be far lower than they were for most of the last 30 years (see chart). And believe it or not, except for the insanely high interest rates of the early 1980s, during the entire period depicted on the chart, there was a very active home market here, and rates like 6 percent or 7 percent weren't seen as even a slight impediment.

So sharpen up your pencils, folks. Homebuying around here is already a major challenge, but modestly higher interest rates aren't going to make it that much worse.

Average 30-year mortgage interest rates, 1970-2020



BEST of BATES



“Bring your checkbooks, ladies.”

Letters to the Editor

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'Support residents'

Dear Editor,

Over the last 20 years, the city has provided residents with an answer to our lack of mail delivery. Retrieving mail was never easy and became impossible during the pandemic, but the city made it manageable by retaining Peninsula Messenger Service. This took the stress out of receiving mail. We pay significant taxes, and mail delivery is our money well spent. Charge the tourists, not the full-time residents.

The city has invited an influx of tourists, with locals having to deal with the consequences. Parking is nonexistent in town and intrusive in our neighborhoods. Sidewalks are impossible to walk down, our beach is filled, and film companies are blocking off precious walking/parking areas. Mail delivery is a cost to the city? Try cutting something else that does not impact locals.

Support local residents and continue

the program without added expense for all who are enrolled.

Jennifer Holmes, Carmel

Viral evidence

Dear Editor,

I know something about the genome of the Covid-19, since I was a member of the Princeton research team that decoded the first Messenger RNA genome. It is quite clear that this virus originated in the Wuhan Bioweapons lab, especially after publication in the Wall Street Journal that Wuhan Lab workers had Covid as early as November 2019.

We know the lab was engaged in “gain of function” research to create viruses more deadly than earlier coronavirus strains. We also know that the Obama/Biden administration funded the Wuhan Lab \$3.7 million. This would also explain China's millions in bribes to Hunter Biden, as confirmed by the New York Post, Hunter's laptop and Tony Bobulinski's testimony.

If you need further proof of the Wuhan origin, note that the WHO report has not found any animal intermediary to support the wild theory that a dead bat infected a pangolin, which then infected a human. Furthermore, the genome sequence strongly suggests human engineering, and the disease development indicates a virus with unusual properties of human lung attack and ability for asymptomatic transmission.

Dr. Tony Fauci's recent email releases show he was informed by Wuhan Lab insiders in early 2020 that the genomic sequence resembles a virus of engineering origin.

Dr. C. Michael Hogan, Carmel

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Perry Newberry's key role in the demolition of Carmel's bath house

LAST WEEK'S column included memories from the 1940s of the bath house that stood atop Carmel's vast white sandy beach from 1892 to 1929. In 1945, Pine Cone editor Wilma Cook was looking for the reason the bath house was torn down and got an answer from Ross Bonham, the then-mayor. One reason was that it took

C. Mann. They first lived in Tehama County, and then Lassen County.

In 1923, Mann went to work at the Red River Lumber Company department store in Westwood (Lassen County) and quickly moved up the ranks from assistant in the millinery department to general manager of the store. Newspapers of the day credited her with greatly improving sales and profits through clever promotions. To the disappointment of company president, Willis Walker, she resigned in July 1927.

Before she did, she had a chance to visit Walker at his home in Pebble Beach. When she did, she fell in love with the area, and she and her husband bought a house on English Street in Monterey. Her son had become a carpenter, her daughters married carpenters, and they all moved to the Peninsula.

Open all winter

At that time, the operators of the Carmel bath house were Walter and Ivy Basham (sister of contractor M. J. Murphy), who also had a candy store and restaurant on Ocean Avenue and held the bath house lease in the early 1920s. Later, Walter was forced to move to Grass Valley for his health, and the city had to retain an operator of the bath house each season. In May 1928, Mann saw an opportunity and sublet the final year of the Basham lease.

She loved the bath house and, despite its rundown condition, ran it profitably. So much so, she decided to keep it open through the winter of 1928-1929; that was a first — and a last.

Mann revealed her passion and plans for the bath house in the Nov. 30, 1928,

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History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

too much work and expense to maintain. More important, in his mind, was that removing the bath house discouraged people from swimming in dangerous waters of Carmel Bay.

But there was another reason. Perry Newberry hinted at it in his Pine Cone editorial of Jan. 9, 1929. To understand it, I first need to introduce you to Mrs. W. C. Mann, the last operator of the bath house and the individual who tore it down.

Kate to her friends, Mann was a young 50 in 1929; she claimed to be in her late 30s. The bath house was clearly in bad shape. In The Pine Cone of Nov. 30, 1928, Mann called it, "a terrible old wreck, a regular old eyesore." Nevertheless, she had big plans for it and hoped to get city permission to "paint it, mend the roof, walls and sidewalk, scrub it until it shines, and rearrange the counters so I can serve lunches and chicken dinners."

Millinery department

Mann was born in Louisiana, married in Texas, and widowed with three children (ages 11 to 17) in 1914. She brought her children to northern California and in 1916, married building contractor Wilbur



A postcard from the 1920s (left) shows Carmel's bath house, which stood atop the beach, just south of Ocean Avenue. Below, an unsigned painting illustrates the rustic setting of the bath house before 1910 in the wilderness that became Carmel. (Painting courtesy of Mike Weaver)



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WAITING FOR JUST THE RIGHT SHOT

A BRIDE in a white wedding gown strolls along a cobblestone walkway in Paris, embracing the arm of her dapper groom as they pass two lovers amorously entwined on an adjacent bench.

The fortuitous moment was captured in black-and-white from a high perch — perhaps a second-floor window or balcony — by fine-art photographer Meredith Mullins, who believes that luck is often the residue of design, anticipation and endless patience — "the Zen of waiting," she calls it.

Stop and see

"Patience is the name of the game," said Mullins, a bicontinental resident of both Paris and Pacific Grove. "I teach photography in Paris, and I always tell my students the same thing: You have to stop and see, and that has to do with pausing."

"I often look at tourists in Paris who are just shooting, shooting, shooting," she said. "Pausing to see and feel what's happening, and anticipating what great synergy or collision of forces might be happening next, is essential. You might have to wait for hours for that to happen ... and that's a good thing."

The bridal photograph will be part of "In A Paris Moment," an exhibit that opens July 2 and runs through Aug. 26 at the Pacific Grove Art Center.

Her presentation features three themes, depicting scenes she has captured from rare Paris snowfalls, the artistry of gravity-defying circus performers, and what she calls "secrets of the streets" — images of the eclectic cast of characters she notices daily on the streets of the City of Love.

"The Monterey Peninsula is such a beautiful place, but I feel like I have to look harder for cultural inspiration when I'm here. I go to the symphony ... the Bach Festival ... the Monterey Museum of Art, but I have to search it out," said Mullins, who returns to Pacific Grove every summer. "In Paris, it's all around me the minute I step onto the street, and for a street photographer, the human part is really what it's all about."

Em Le's

Mullins grew up free-spirited and artistic in Maryland, went to the University of North Carolina to study journalism, graduated as a film major, then spent a year traveling through Europe before heading to California with her college roommate in 1972.

"I think we were on our way to Santa Barbara, with no real plan, when we stopped in Monterey, because I had an aunt and uncle here," she remembered. "We loved what we saw and found waitressing jobs right away in Carmel. I was at Scandia, she was at Em Le's, and she would report

Clint Eastwood sightings to me whenever he'd come past Em Le's on his way to the Hog's Breath."

She never met photography legend Wynn Bullock, who died in 1975, but worked for a time as a caretaker at his home, where his wife, Edna, permitted her to use his darkroom.

Mullins enjoyed a 28-year career at McGraw-Hill Publishing in Monterey — 18 as an editor, the final 10 as marketing and communications director — developing her photography skills on the side, in part through classes she took from Roger Premier and David Williams at Monterey Peninsula College.

She also taught photography at both MPC and Hartnell Community College.

"During those years that I worked at

Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

McGraw-Hill, I spent almost every vacation in Paris, but never seriously considered living there until the day I retired," she said. "I was literally on my way to the office to give my notice when I saw a bumper sticker that said, 'Don't postpone joy.' I had known people who worked late into their lives, then something happened to their health as soon as they retired. I knew I had to do it — I couldn't postpone my joy."

Staying in Paris

Mullins spent the next year writing a book about Paris — a collection of stories and photographs, also entitled, "In A Paris Moment," published in 2005 — then visited for a signing tour at the four English-language bookstores in the city.

"It was on that trip that I found the apartment that I still live in today, on Ile Saint Louis, one of two tiny, natural islands in the Seine River," she said. "It was per-

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PHOTO/JIM BUONGIORNE

Meredith Mullins, who lives in Pacific Grove and Paris, will show her photography at the P. G. Art Center this summer.



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Pine Cone. "It was love at first sight," she told Pine Cone publisher Perry Newberry. Referring to the department store she had managed before she came to Carmel, she said, "running a store with sales that run over \$2 million is fun," but not as much fun, she continued, "as listening to what the wild waves are saying — especially when they tell me with crashing emphasis."

In the course of the story, written with a twinge of satire by editor Newberry, Mann said she understood that some

people didn't want Carmel "to get any bigger" but was sure the town would grow anyway.

"It's too beautiful, the climate in winter is too entrancingly lovely," she said.

A carousel and a roller coaster

She was right, but her vision for what Carmel would become was not the same as Newberry's. With her business sense and promotional bent, Mann might have helped turn Carmel Beach into another Santa Cruz amusement park — which had also begun with just a bath house, followed by the addition of a carousel in 1911 and a roller coaster in 1924.

In a January 1929 editorial, Newberry called for the demolition of the bath house when its lease expired. "If it is Carmel's intention to exploit its beach for a tourist attraction, that is one thing," Newberry wrote. "But if Carmel wants to hold its waterfront for its own pleasure and the happiness of those visitors who can appreciate a stretch of white sand and keep it free from the annoyances that must come with a summer bathing place, then the bath house should be removed."

The poor condition was genuine, but wasn't the real reason for demolition. The Mann clan could have easily made the repairs, and likely would have done so at their

expense. Beach safety may have also been a factor, but the real reason for demolishing the bath house seems to have been to prevent over-commercialization.

Longtime resident and extraordinary pianist David Alberto (more on him next week) made that point clear when he responded to Cook's 1945 research. In a letter to The Pine Cone, Alberto referred to Newberry as "that great seer and possessor of that amazingly subtle mind so familiar with the ins and outs and twists and turns of the most distorted of all mundane things — the law."

Alberto went on to describe the bath house as "the seed," and gave Newberry credit for identifying how evil promotion could germinate the seed to the demise of the beauty. The only solution was to eliminate the bath house. "You see, Wilma," he concluded, "when the law reads 'no development,' it would prove somewhat difficult to make it read 'some development.' And so the seed was destroyed and until this present day we still retain an uncontaminated beach."

At least they got the wood

By April 1929, it seemed likely that Newberry had convinced the public, so Mann went to the city with an offer that would allow her a win either way. On the off chance the city extended her lease, she would happily continue to operate the bath house. If not, the contractors in her family would have access to a supply of inexpensive redwood they could reuse. They got the latter, and by the mid-1930s the Mann clan had moved back north.

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Fake attorney busted again

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE PACIFIC Grove man who pleaded guilty in 2017 to pretending to be a lawyer and forging a document in a civil lawsuit in which he was the plaintiff was busted again for offering legal services without a license. This time, Monterey County deputy district attorney Christopher Judge said, Henry Leinen, now 67, was providing legal document assistance services even though his license to do so was revoked due to his previous conviction.

Four years ago, Leinen owned a business he called LRDI Legal Services, even though he was not a licensed attorney, and he “unlawfully practiced law by giving legal advice, selecting legal forms, and drafting legal instruments for persons who were

representing themselves in state court and federal bankruptcy court,” the prosecutor in the first case said when he was convicted. At the time, Leinen was a registered legal document assistant, unlawful detainer assistant, and process server, but he was not an attorney — a fact which he failed to note on his company website.

Following his conviction for forgery and unlawful practice, Leinen was stripped of his right to serve in any of those other legal capacities, but Judge said he did so, anyway. He was arraigned on the new complaint last October and subsequently failed to appear in court.

Ultimately, Leinen was convicted and sentenced May 27 to 20 days in jail, which he can serve through the work alternative program, and was fined \$1,000.

CRASH

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come engulfed in flames,” according to the Pacific Grove Police Department. “The fire caused major damage to the building and destroyed the vehicle.”

Monterey County Sheriff’s Office spokesman Cmdr. Derrel Simpson told The Pine Cone that the body was so badly burned that dental records had to be used for identification. On Thursday morning, Simpson said the driver was identified as Joseph Braig, a 29-year-old man from Pacific Grove

There was only one occupant in the vehicle, according to police, and nobody else was injured. To help with their investigation, officers are seeking video surveillance from nearby residents.

Big damage

Public works director Daniel Gho said a person who saw the accident while driving first believed that the truck engulfed in flames was a dumpster fire.

The fire caused major damage to the public works warehouse and to a connected administrative building.

“It got so hot that the steel beams twisted and got bent out of shape,” Gho said.

“The fire department did an excellent job of isolating the fire to the warehouse structure. But the administrative office suffered smoke and water damage.”

The fire damaged the power infrastructure to the yard, too.

“All of the electrical panels, information technology and phone structures were all housed in the warehouse, and they have been destroyed,” Gho said.

There were efforts Monday to get temporary power to the buildings. The plan is to use cellular equipment for internet and enable the phone numbers at the yard to be answered on mobile phones.

“We have the wheels in motion without disruption to our customers,” Gho said.

Records lost

No city vehicles were damaged, but some historical blueprints and other paperwork were lost, as well as some other things that had been stored in the warehouse, including emergency response equipment. Gho said the city would conduct an inventory of the lost items. It’s possible losses could be in the millions of dollars.

A structural engineer will evaluate the warehouse building to see if it can be saved, and there are plans to have an electrical engineer redesign the electrical panels. Gho said the city has also contacted a disaster cleanup company.

ARTIST

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fect, and I immediately flew back and told my friends that I was moving there.”

Multiple exhibitions

Since 2014, Mullins’ photographs have been featured on multiple occasions at the Pacific Grove Art Center, the Bach Festival and the Center for Photographic Art in Carmel, the PH21 Gallery in Budapest, Hungary, and several venues in Paris.

Her online portfolio is highlighted by slice-of-life, black-and-white images of men intently studying a floating chess board in the Szechenyi Baths in Budapest ... a dramatic shadow created by a couple performing a tango ... a streetlamp, in a

swirl of snowflakes, glowing softly over a descending stairway ... underwater photography, shot from beneath, of a long-haired woman floating in a swimming pool ... Buddhists deep in prayer at a monastery in Myanmar. But this exhibit highlights the city where she chose to retire.

“What people will see next month at the Pacific Grove Art Center show is really a retrospective of my last eight years in Paris,” said Mullins, who has lived there for 15 years. “My life there is quite diverse, so this show also is multifaceted.”

Images of her work can be found on her website meredithmullins.artspan.com. Call (831) 375-2208 for additional information about the July/August exhibition at the Pacific Grove Art Center.

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POLICE LOG

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Pacific Grove: Graffiti at a building at the 17 Mile Drive ballpark.

Pacific Grove: Missing person reported on Cedar Street.

Pacific Grove: Subject fell on private property on Asilomar and was transported to a trauma center.

Pacific Grove: Runaway juvenile reported on Lighthouse.

Pebble Beach: Male on Sunset Lane was taken to Natividad Medical Center on a mental health hold. Case continues.

TUESDAY, MAY 25

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Assisted with educational wildlife information regarding a raccoon under a house on Santa Fe south of Fifth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a lost women’s wallet.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Forgery reported with losses less than \$950 [threshold for petty theft].

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male reported he left his driver’s license at an airport in Georgia. Officer was able to confirm his identity. Police report will be verification for his Georgia driver’s license.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Park Street reported a house guest stole some of his money.

Pacific Grove: Fight in a public place on Forest Avenue. No prosecution.

Carmel Valley: Private property damage as a result of a vehicle trespassing on Lupin Lane.

Carmel area: A female on Carmel Rancho Boulevard reported she was the victim of fraud.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

Carmel area: Online report of vandalism at a residence on Lower Trail.

Carmel area: Adult Protective Services referral at a residence on Lower Walden Road.

Pebble Beach: A resident of Oak Knoll Road reported an unauthorized credit card

transaction, possibly via computer hack.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Medical emergency on Ridgewood involving alcohol and an injury.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Unattended wallet found in the area of Del Mar and Scenic. The owner was later contacted and made shipping arrangements to have the wallet shipped back to her.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Unattended wallet found near the Bank of America ATM machine at Mission and Seventh.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female reported her at-risk husband walked away from their home at Camino Real and the Jane Powers Walkway. The husband suffers from medical-related issues. He was located not injured and was reunited with his wife.

GAVEL

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show in San Francisco. She had known Fickas for several years due to their common interest in raising rabbits and attending rabbit shows.

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

He also was charged with aiding and abetting oral copulation on a person under 18 years old for arranging, transporting, and influencing Victim No. 5, a 15-year-old North High student, to have sexual relations with a prostitute.

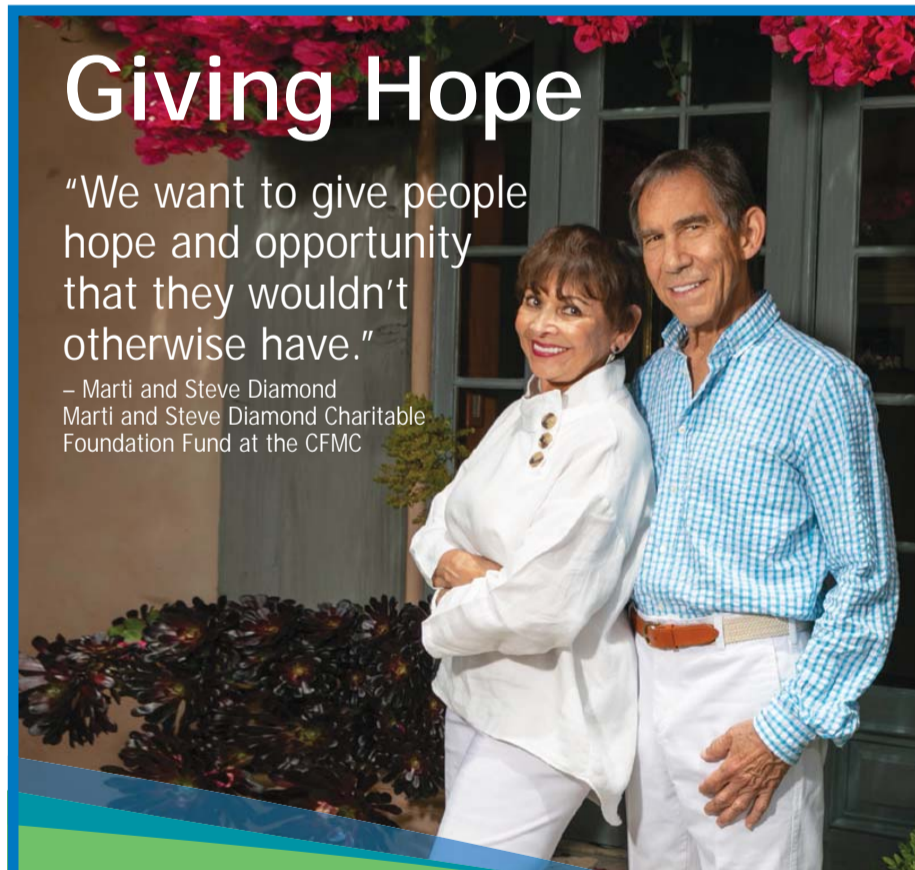
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Section 2

When it comes to Pirate swagger, stats are only part of the story

SPORTS RANKINGS are a whole bunch of fun, and, no doubt, they can have an impact. They can bolster confidence or inflate egos on a highly regarded team. They also can motivate an underdog opponent to rise to the occasion. But after the opening whistle blows, they mostly mean

All-American in lacrosse at Stevenson (Class of '07) and Colorado State University.

"I don't put a lot of weight on the rankings because we haven't played any of the top teams," said girls coach Carolyn Arrix, whose closest game of a seven-game season was a 13-9 victory over ninth-ranked Salinas on May 15. The Pirates outscored their opponents 90-27 in their other seven, including a 17-5 rout of Salinas the first time they played each other on May 1.

were not available at press time, but if the Pirates prevailed, they earned a 3 p.m. road game in Saturday's semifinals against undefeated, top-seeded St. Ignatius, which didn't have a first-round game. Sacred Heart Prep, Los Gatos, Menlo Atherton and St. Francis are on the opposite side of the bracket, working their way toward a championship game that will be played Monday at a site and time TBD.

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

doodly-squat. The burial grounds of athletic history overflow with the bones of top teams and athletes who basked in the glory of press clippings exactly like this one.

With that disclaimer out of the way, we can gleefully report that the Stevenson Pirates soared through rarified air this week as they geared up for the Central Coast Section's first boys and girls lacrosse playoffs.

According to computerized ratings devised by MaxPreps.com, Stevenson had the fourth-best boys team in the CCS — a section that stretches from San Francisco to King City — and the Pirates' girls squad was ranked No. 5.

The algorithm used by MaxPreps to determine rankings utilizes a huge number of game results to rate every team in the U.S. on the basis of wins, losses and strength of schedule. Factors like prior-season history, school size, and human judgment have no impact.

When the numbers were crunched, only St. Ignatius of San Francisco (16-0), Sacred Heart Prep of Atherton (14-4), and Los Gatos (14-1) fared better than Stevenson's boys (10-1). And in the girls rankings, the Pirates (8-0) trailed only St. Ignatius (11-2), Sacred Heart Prep (10-3), Archbishop Mitty (6-3) of San Jose, and St. Francis of Mountain View (9-3).

Stevenson's coaches are privately bursting with pride, no doubt, but also know rankings don't win games.

"I'm careful with those rankings — we stay away from that stuff," said boys coach Cooper Kehoe, a two-time

When the playoff schedule was released on Monday, neither team got any big break from the CCS committee members, who put little or no weight on the MaxPreps rankings when they draw up the brackets.

Stevenson was, in fact, seeded No. 4 in a seven-team boys bracket, and was rewarded with a first-round home game against No. 5 Bellarmine (9-4), which has one of the most tradition-rich athletic programs in California history. Results of that game — which was played on Wednesday —

A remarkable spring

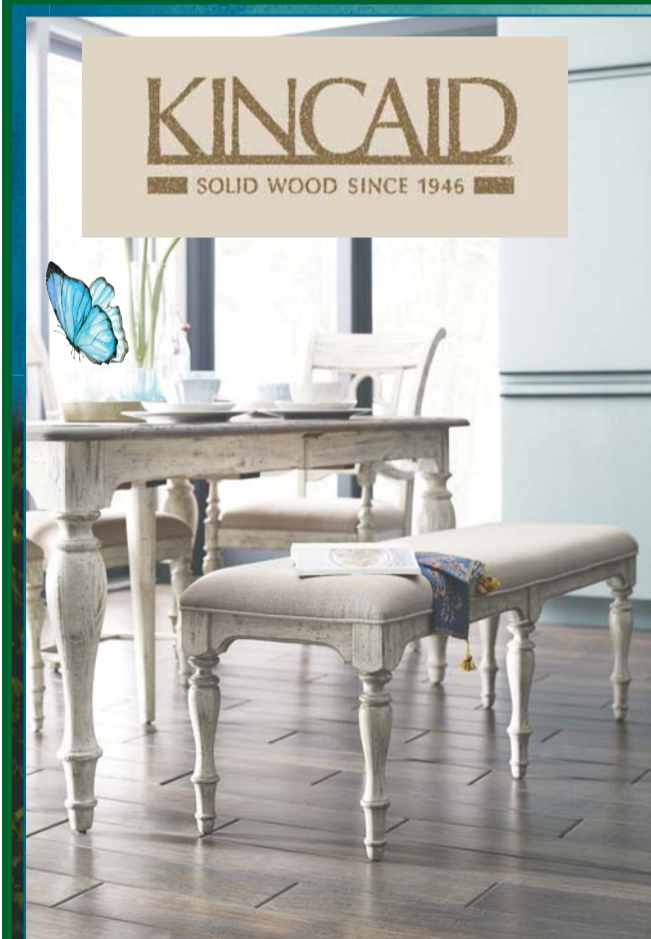
Stevenson's girls team, meanwhile, was seeded seventh in a 10-team bracket, which earned them an opening-round game (which also was played Wednesday) against No. 10 Hillsdale (6-2) for the right to join the top six seeds, who got to skip the opening round and go directly to the quarterfinals. If the Pirates defeated Hillsdale, they earned a Thursday showdown on the road against St. Francis (9-3),

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PHOTO/STEVENSON SCHOOL

Senior Jackson Swette (above) has been a top defender for Stevenson's boys lacrosse team this year, while midfielders Connor Cosand (10), Tyler Olson (2), and Tristan Evans (16) have also helped lead the team in a 10-1 regular season.



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SPORTS

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the No. 2 seed. Semifinals are Tuesday and the championship game is Thursday.

Regardless of what happens at CCS, both teams already have enjoyed a remarkable spring. The boys posted one of the biggest victories in school history in their regular-season finale, a nonconference contest at Belmont, where they beat Carlmont 10-8. The Scots brought an 11-0 record into that game.

The Pirates faced two other CCS-ranked teams this season, handing No. 8 Salinas its only two losses of the year, 12-5 and 11-2, and suffering their only loss, 9-7, against Los Gatos (ranked No. 3 with a 14-1 record). That one actually was a confidence-builder, said Kehoe, because it showed the players that they could com-

pete on the same level with one of the best teams in the section.

Connor Cosand and Tyler Olson, both seniors, are college-caliber lacrosse players (Olson also has a football scholarship) and stellar midfielders, along with sophomore Tristan Evans.

"Our midfielders have a swagger, and we use that word in a good way," Kehoe said. "Midfield is really a tough position, given that you've got to run the full length of the field — 110 yards. Those guys play both offense and defense, and they're definitely the backbone of our team."

Senior Dev Patel, junior Peter Butler, and sophomore Craig Chiu are attackers who lead the assault on opposing goalkeepers in an offense highlighted by balance. The Pirates have scored 129 times in 11 games this year.

"Our motto is, 'How do you make the other guy look good by your actions?' We take pride in distributing the ball around,

because you're only as good as your worst offensive player," said the coach.

Seniors Jackson Swette and Paul Villarreal team with sophomore David Bray to provide the last line of defense for goalkeeper Darnell Adler — a rangy and athletic junior at 6-foot-3 and 190 pounds — during a season in which the Pirates have held five of their opponents to two or fewer goals, with two shutouts.

Double-edged sword

The good news and bad news for Stevenson's girls is that they've steamrolled the competition this spring, but they also didn't play any highly rated opponents. None of their eight victories came against teams in the CCS playoff bracket.

"It's true that we really haven't had any close games, so we were trying to create high-pressure scenarios for our players in practice the other day — tie game, one minute left ... that type of thing," Arrix said. "We're trying to put them in tricky situations, because they haven't experienced much of that, and we know we're going to run into really challenging, competitive teams at CCS."

The starting lineup includes at least three players who are expected to play lacrosse in college, led by junior midfielders co-captains Rhea Cosand (who already has committed to play at UC Davis in 2022) and Gabby Torres, and small-but-energetic senior Grace Baldrige, also a captain.

"Rhea and Gabby are our rockstars, along with Molly Bufkin (a sophomore attacker). I'm certain all three will play college lacrosse, and they're like coaches on the field for me," Arrix said. "I put so much responsibility and trust in them. The rest of our players watch every move they make, on the field and off."

Bufkin (39 goals, 10 assists) and Torres (38 goals, 21 assists) have been Stevenson's most pro-

lific offensive threats, followed by Cosand (18 goals, 13 assists.)

Bufkin is joined on the front line by two freshmen, Naiya Patel and Maxime Vandendriessche, and the defense has been led by senior co-captain Hanna Lewis, juniors Lucy Drake and Sara Barsamian, and freshmen Georgina Madisto.

"Our goalkeeper has been absolutely amazing this year," Arrix said of junior Romi Fernandez, who gave up an average of five goals per game. "She played the position for the very first time this season, and she has absolutely crushed it."

With a 24-girl roster that includes four sophomores and eight freshmen, Arrix said her goal this season has been to give the younger players as much playing time as she can.

"Our approach from the beginning has been 'just play and have fun,'" she said. "We didn't have a JV squad this year, so it's a small, diverse team, but I really felt I started to see some things coming together — trust and communication — in our last game."

Updated playoff brackets and results can be found online at cifccs.org.



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Junior midfielders Gabby Torres (6) and Rhea Cosand (23) led Stevenson's girls team to the CCS playoffs with an undefeated record this year.

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West End Celebration unveils musical lineup, includes tribute to late singer

A WEEK after word went out that Sand City's West End Celebration will return Aug. 28-29, organizers announced the

as they can.

"All the vendors will be spread 6 feet apart," Vagnini told The Pine Cone. "We want to make everyone feel as comfortable as possible."

The Sand City celebration turns 20 this summer. Besides live music, it will showcase more than 100 artists, along with an assortment of performances, exhibits and activities. For more details, visit westendcelebration.com.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

musical lineup, which includes 17 mostly local bands performing on four stages. More acts will be added.

Playing Saturday (Aug. 28) will be **Laura Monroe and the Big Love Band**, **Sensory Tribe**, singer-songwriter **Manda Mosher**, **Dusty Mustard's Mystical Blues Band**, **Fields of Eden**, singer-songwriter **Katherine Lavin**, **The Whiskey Wasps**, singer-songwriter and violinist **Razzvio** and **Guitars Not Guns**. Joining Monroe will be a special guest — her husband, Def Leppard drummer **Rick Allen**.

Sunday's lineup features singer-guitarist **Chris Cain**, **The Bassment**, **Red Beans & Rice**, **Meez**, **The Eldorados**, **Leche Malo**, **The Breedlove Acoustic Duo** and singer-songwriter **Moshe Vilozny**.

Other musical highlights include an all-star tribute to singer **Troy OShann**, who passed away last year at 59.

Despite the loosening of coronavirus restrictions by state officials, the festival's founder and general manager, **Steve Vagnini**, said they'll be making the event as safe

Live music June 11-17

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Bernardus Lodge & Spa in Carmel Valley — pianist **Michael Culver** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock, folk and blues, Saturday at noon), pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Fred McCarty** (Sunday at noon), singer-songwriter **Johan Sote-**

lo (Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.) and guitarist **John Sherry** (rock, folk and blues, Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.). Restaurant & Bar at 415 W. Carmel Valley Road, (831) 658-3400.

Big Sur River Inn — saxophonist **Roger Eddy** (jazz, Sunday at 1 p.m.). On Highway 1 24 miles south of Rio Road, (831) 667-2700.

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Cypress Inn — singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Friday at

7 p.m.), pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Saturday at 7 p.m.), **The Andrea Carter Trio** (jazz and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.), guitarist **Richard Devinck** (classical, Sunday at 6 p.m.), and singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, (831) 624-3871.

Cibo restaurant in Monterey — singers **Lee Durley** and **Scotty Wright** (jazz, Tuesday at 7 p.m.) and **The Ben Herod Trio** (jazz, Wednesday at 7 p.m.). 301 Al-

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Singer-songwriter Taylor Rae (above) plays Thursday at the Terrace Lodge in Pebble Beach, while blues singer and guitarist Chris Cain (right) will be one of the headliners at Sand City's West End Celebration, which is set for Aug. 28-29.



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Lula's new home, support for a chef, and the booze keeps flowing

BELOVED LULA'S Chocolates, founded by Scott Lund in 2006, is moving its retail store from Mission Street to Carmel Plaza.

"We loved being in Court of the Fountains for the last 10 years, but our lease ended," explained Victoria Lund, daughter of the founder and great-granddaughter of the woman whose confections inspired the company's creation. "But we are looking forward to 10 years in Carmel Plaza."

Her father, she said Tuesday, "is actually at the new Plaza store right now, painting and getting everything ready for the new move."

Lula Lund, born in rural Wyoming in 1901, learned confectionary from her home economics teacher in high school and went on to start a business in Salt Lake City, Utah, that continued for 30 years. She continued making candies and chocolates for friends and family after retiring and handed down her knowledge, secrets and recipes to her grandson, Scott.

'Chocolate weather'

After she died at the age of 99, he carried on her traditions and was even asked to make chocolates for several

Winter Olympic ceremonial events in 2002. The response was so positive, he decided to pursue a new career in candy-making, moving his family to Carmel — "a scenic location with 'chocolate weather' all year round" — in 2004 and opening his business in 2006. He named his company

Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

Lula's Chocolates, after his grandmother.

"Lula's original recipes are at the heart of everything we make," Lund says, "and we do our best to carry on her legacy with the best ingredients to create the world's premium gift chocolate."

Plaza GM Gayle Speare said she was happy to find a ground-floor storefront for Lula's after Lund inquired whether anything was available in the Plaza. She moved another retailer to the third floor in order to accommodate the confectioner.

For information about Lula's famous sea salt caramels,

truffles and other items, how to take a (virtual, for now) tour of the Ryan Ranch factory where everything is made, retail locations and to order, visit lulas.com.

Wendy Brodie update

A fundraising effort to help chef Wendy Brodie cover the costs of an expensive legal fight she's engaged in over the Carmel Highlands home she and her late husband, Bob Bussinger, built together stalled out a few months ago after bringing in about a third of the \$150,000 her supporters are hoping to raise. But her battle in court is still raging.

The case involves a reverse mortgage the couple took out on the home they built 20 years ago in part to support her endeavors as a chef, caterer, event planner, cooking instructor and TV personality. In addition to being located in a beautiful spot that's perfect for entertaining, the home on Mentone Road features a large commercial kitchen, top-of-the-line equipment, and a walk-in refrigerator/freezer.

In 2008, they took out a reverse mortgage so they could live there until their deaths, at which time the loan on the

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home would come due and be paid with the proceeds from selling it. But, at 57, Brodie was too young to qualify, so they took her name off the title of the home, with the understanding she could be added back when she turned 62.

In 2013, when she reached that age, the couple went to the bank to see what they needed to do to add her, but that bank was no longer in the reverse-mortgage business and couldn't help. They had their attorney update their estate, and he gathered information on the required steps to get the reverse mortgage set up to protect both owners.

'Irreparable harm'

But after Bussinger died in 2019, the company holding the reverse mortgage sent Brodie a letter declaring the loan of more than \$3.3 million due and demanding full payment within 30 days. Otherwise, the lender would foreclose.

She sought legal help and filed suit in August 2020. Her lawyers managed to get a judge to temporarily stop the foreclosure while the long and convoluted legal fight continues, but the financial institutions have insisted the type of loan the couple had did not allow her to be added later.

According to her complaint, Brodie will "suffer irreparable harm if the foreclosure proceeds and her home is sold, in that she will be forced to vacate the home she and her husband built and have lived in for 20 years, with all of its special memories and which is and continues to be the principal place of her business."

The lending companies filed denials in May, saying Brodie signed a document "acknowledging that she had no ownership interest in the property and would need to repay the loan if her spouse predeceased her," and that they had no duty to confirm whether she was still alive when they recorded the notice of default on the loan. They also denied acting "wrongfully without any reasonable grounds, outrageously or in reckless disregard" of her rights by pursuing the foreclosure and said she didn't seek assistance to avoid it.

In March, the lenders also tried to get the judge to dismiss the case but failed. It's next set for a hearing in August.

Meanwhile, a GoFundMe campaign set up by her friends to help cover the legal bills has raised just under \$50,000 of its \$150,000 goal. In March, she wrote, "As one might imagine in this daunting situation, it is easy to fall prey to fears of loss and get depressed. I am humbled by your beautiful gift of friendship, love and support. Your generosity has enabled me to pay almost all of my current legal expenses up until now. Your belief in me gives me the strength to stay the course and fight, despite there being at least another year before we get to trial. Thank you from the bottom of my heart, and I look forward to whatever ways I can give back to you and our cherished community."

■ Peter B's reopening June 16

Closed more than a year due to the coronavirus pandemic, Peter B's Brewpub at the back of the Portola Hotel in Monterey is set to reopen June 16, with new head brewer Natalie Mika hard at work brewing flagship ales like Legend of Laguna and Inclusion Amber Ale.

The popular spot, with a spacious bar and dining area inside, and a courtyard with firepits outside, will host KRML radio's "Pub Talk" show, which broadcast from there regularly before the pandemic. On reopening night, the show's hosts will be there from 5 to 6 p.m.

The menu is getting a refresher but can still be relied on to have plenty of great beer food, like wings, crispy cheese



Victoria Lund, daughter of Lula's Chocolates founder Scott Lund, works in the business with her dad, who's been busy getting a space in Carmel Plaza ready to open this month.

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■ Liquor laws lax until Dec. 31

To "support the expanded outdoor operations of the alcoholic beverage industry to slow the spread of the virus while assisting the industry in its economic recovery from the impacts of the pandemic," the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control decided to not impose all its normal rules governing liquor sales until next year.

Shortly after pandemic shutdowns closed bars and restaurants in March 2020, the state agency relaxed many of the prohibitions on selling cocktails to go and the like. Last week, officials determined that extending them to Dec. 31 would not "jeopardize the public health, safety or welfare."

Therefore, restaurants and other businesses that can typically only serve wine, beer and other alcoholic beverages onsite can continue selling them to go. Businesses can deliver alcohol to customers and don't have to charge for it. Restaurants and cafes serving in parklets and other outdoor dining areas can still bring people their cocktails, beer and wine, and bars that don't have kitchens are allowed to keep pouring drinks for patrons outside, too.

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virtual meet-the-winemaker or brewer dinners, and rules on using alcohol for fundraising remain relaxed, too.

The ABC is rescinding several of its other “regulatory relief” decisions, though, governing returns of alcoholic

drinks, drive-through liquor sales, extended hours for retail sales and deliveries, virtual wine tastings, and allowing spirits manufacturers to provide high-proof alcohol for disinfecting. Those provisions will be rescinded at close of business June 30.

And, of course, the state could change the rules again

without any notice at all, “should the needs of public safety dictate,” and any business caught abusing its privileges could have them rescinded.

Finally, ABC officials noted, their relaxation of the rules doesn’t mean restaurants, bars, tasting rooms and other businesses don’t have to comply with local rules and regulations that are more strict.

Vote for your favorite market

The American Farmland Trust and the Farmers Market Coalition are collaborating on this year’s America’s Farmers Market Celebration and are asking people all over the country to vote for their favorite farmers markets. From June 21 to Sept. 19, the campaign showcases how markets help farmers, ranchers and communities all over the country, and shoppers and supporters can vote for their favorites at markets.farmland.org. In addition to recognizing the top markets in each region, the organizations will offer cash prizes — \$2,500 for first, \$1,500 for second and \$1,000 for third — to the top three finishers in the “People’s Choice” category. The cash can be used for marketing, communications and other ways to expand their reach and impact.

“As we head into the second summer of the coronavirus pandemic, the role of farmers markets as both a vital venue for farmers to sell their goods and consumers to access local, healthy food is being recognized like never before,” organizers said. “If the last year has taught us anything, it is that farmers markets are not a luxury to communities. They are essential businesses that provide a vital service and should be celebrated.”

The markets also connect consumers with the people who grow their food, and “as eaters, the most important tool we have at our disposal to keep farmers and ranchers in business is our fork,” they said.

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Old friends share new work at Carmel Art Association gallery

BESIDES SHOWCASING six new members this month, the Carmel Art Association presents a show by two longtime friends, painter **Lucas Blok** and illustrator **Will Bullas**, whose creative careers have

taken parallel paths. After “serendipitously” meeting 45 years ago, Blok and Bullas launched their first show together at the Stevenson School art gallery three years later. The new show marks their second collaboration. “We felt it was about time,” said Bullas, a former president of the CAA, whose current gallery manager, **Sally Aberg**, said she’s thrilled to see the two artists’ creations exhibited side-by-side.

“Both artists are internationally known and recognized for their distinctive oeuvres,” Aberg said. “Will is offering watercolors with subjects ranging from fine art to fun art centered around play on words. Lucas is showing his latest colorist abstracts in acrylic on canvas and on paper. Now, four decades later, they are exhibiting together again at last.”

Last Saturday, the gallery hosted its first ever Zoom reception for the six new artists, and everybody seemed to have a good time.

“Over 130 people attended,” Aberg reported. “I have been hearing nonstop how well it went.”

Still, the gallery is hoping it can do in-person receptions again — but for now, they are waiting on news from state officials about what will be allowed after June 15.

The show continues through July 5, along with an exhibit that calls attention to the new members.

Located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth, the gallery is open Thursdays through Mondays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. www.carmelart.org.

to the epidemic, the Weston Collective’s community darkroom in Seaside is set to reopen June 15, executive director **Zach Weston** told The Pine Cone.

When the darkroom reopens, photographers will be able to visit thewestoncollective.org to book time.

Weston said the nonprofit is reaching out to the public for financial help as it reopens. Not only did it have to postpone its annual fundraising dinner, but much of its photographic chemicals have expired, and its insurance rates have increased. See the website for more details. “Any donations would be extremely appreciated and would help us tremendously in restarting our programs,” Weston added.

announced the winners of the local 2021 Congressional Art Competition. The top prize in this year’s contest went to **Sophia Lamarque** of Santa Catalina High School for her painting, “Another Generation.” She and her family have been invited to attend a reception in Washington D.C. Her piece will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year.

“I continue to be impressed by the creativity of high school students,” Panetta said. “I am proud to extend my congratulations to Sophia, and I am honored that her piece of art will be displayed in our nation’s capital.”

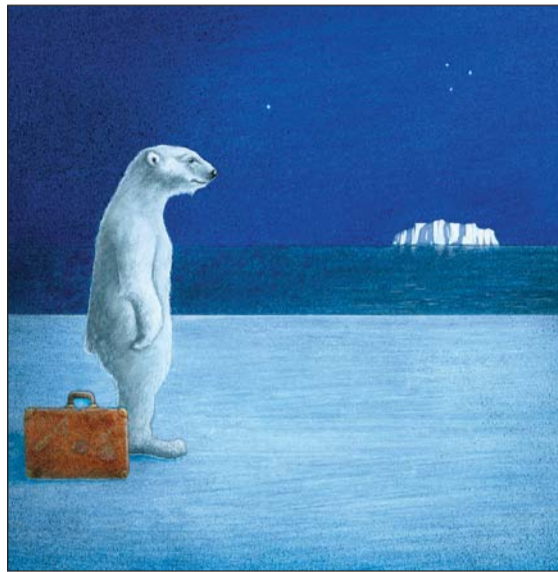
“Ellis in Monterey” by **Hayley Armstrong** of Carmel High took second place and will be displayed in Congressman Jimmy Panetta’s office for a year.

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

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“Last Train to Clarks” by illustrator Will Bullas is featured in a show this month at Carmel Art Association. Bullas’ work is paired with paintings by an old friend, Lucas Blok.

■ Student goes to Washington

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MUSIC

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varado St., (831) 649-8151.

Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel — singer and guitarist **Jenna Vivre** (soul, folk and jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.). 1 Old Folk Course Road, (831) 372-1234.

Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley — **The Rough Jazz Combo** (Friday at 3 p.m.), singer-songwriter **Johan Sotelo** (Saturday at 3 p.m.), singer-songwriter **Alex Lucero** (Americana, Sunday at 11:30 a.m.), guitarist **John Sherry**

ART

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‘Emerging’ artists get \$\$

Five artists will share \$12,500 in grant money, thanks to the the Arts Council for Monterey County. The winners include visual artists **Efrain Jimenez**, **Jesus Nunez Navarro** and **Natalia Corazza**, performing artist **Janice Roche** and digital artist **Samantha Saldana**.

The money comes from the arts council’s Local Emerging Artists Program. “This year, more than ever, we recognize how much the arts play in our social and emotional well-being to ease us through a crisis, executive director **Jacque Atchison** said. “We are excited to see these artists expand their creativity with the support of these grants.”



A painting by Hayley Armstrong of Carmel High, “Ellis of Monterey,” will be displayed in Congressman Jimmy Panetta’s office.

(rock, folk and blues, Monday at 3 p.m.) and singer-songwriter **Adrea Castiano** (Thursday at 3 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road, (831) 293-7500.

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

Juice and Java in Pacific Grove — Open Mic Night (Friday at 6 p.m.). 599 Lighthouse Ave., (831) 373-8652.

Julia’s Vegetarian Restaurant in Pacific Grove — singer-songwriter **Zack Freitas** (Monday at 7:30 p.m.), singer-songwriter **Rachel Williams** (Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.), singer-songwriter **Talmon Owens** (Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Andrea Carter** (folk, Thursday at 7:30 p.m.). 1180 Forest, (831) 656-9533.

La Playa — **The David Morwood Band** (jazz, Sunday at 4 p.m.). Camino Real and Eighth, (800) 582-8900.

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — singer-songwriter **Taylor Rae** (Thursday at 6 p.m.) In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17-Mile Drive, (831) 624-3811.

Midici Pizza in Monterey — **The Stu Reynolds Saxtet** with guitarist **Adam Astrup** and bassist **Steve Uccello** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.) and singer **Janice Perl** and guitarist **Bruce Forman** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St., (831) 264-7013.

Mission Ranch — singer and pianist **Maddaline Edstrom** (jazz and pop, Friday through Sunday at 5 p.m.) and pianist **Gennady Loktionov** (jazz, Monday through Thursday at 5 p.m.). Due to Covid, the singalongs are on hold for now. 26270 Dolores St., (831) 625-9040.

Rio Grill — singer-songwriter **Luis Fer** (Friday at 4 p.m. and Saturday at 1 p.m.) and singer-songwriter **Adrea Castiano** (Sunday at 1 p.m.). Crossroads shopping center, (831) 625-5436.

Tarpy’s in Monterey — singer-songwriter **Adrea Castiano** (Friday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Mark Creech** (acoustic classic rock, Saturday at 1 p.m.) and singer-song-

writer **Johan Sotelo** (Sunday at 1 p.m.). 2999 Highway 68, (831) 647-1444.

Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Scott Fenton** (Friday at 6 p.m.) and **Sweet Dreams Duo** (rock and r&b, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place, (831) 298-7453.

The Whaling Station in Monterey — singer-songwriter **Matt Masih** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer **David Marzetti**, accordionist **Mike Marotta** and violinist **David Dally** (world music, Saturday at 6 p.m.) and singer-songwriter and violinist **Razzvio** (rock, Thursday at 6:30 p.m.). 763 Wave St., (831) 373-3778.

CALENDAR

June 12 – Saturday Music Series at The Barnyard. Live music noon to 3 p.m. every Saturday at the Barnyard Shopping Village, 3663 The Barnyard, Carmel. Local musicians perform in the gardens. No cover charge. www.thebarnyard.com

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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

June 29 – Aspire Health Plan Presents: Discussion - Jo Mora, artist and longtime Monterey County local, a Virtual Community Connections Class, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Join Aspire Health and Peter Hiller for a presentation and audience discussion about artist Jo Mora whose roots run deep in Monterey County. Event is free. Register so we can know how many people to expect. RSVP to (877) 663-7651, or www.aspirehealthplan.org/connections2021.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20211327
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **ROSYS HOUSE CLEANING, 850 Munras Ave., Suite #6, Monterey, California 93940.**
Mailing address: 254 Grant St., Marina, California 93933.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): ROSALBA CARDENAS PEREZ, 254 Grant St., Marina, California 93933.
This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 28, 2021.
S/Rosalba Cardenas Perez
Date: May 28, 2021
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication dates: June 4, 11, 18, 25, 2021. (PC608)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20211333
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **WINDMILL PRODUCE, 115 Monterey-Salinas Highway, Salinas, CA 93908.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): JOSEPH OSCAR MURILLO, RENATA BERNARDA MURILLO.
This business is conducted by a married couple.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Renata Bernarda Murillo
Date: May 28, 2021
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 28, 2021.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication dates: June 4, 11, 18, 25, 2021. (PC611)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20211339
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **PONICLOGIC, 395 Del Monte Center 106, Monterey, CA 93940.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): BRITTON ANTHONY McLEVIS, 395 Del Monte Center 106, Monterey, CA 93940.
This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 1, 2021.
S/Britton Anthony McLevis
Date: June 1, 2021
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 1, 2021.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of

this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication dates: June 4, 11, 18, 25, 2021. (PC612)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20211279
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **VISION BUILDERS, 590 Brunken Ave., Suite A, Salinas, CA 93901.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): JARED DUKE TIKKER, 224 Wildwood Way, Salinas, California 93908.
This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 10, 2021.
S/Jared Duke Tikker
Date: May 21, 2021
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 21, 2021.
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Publication dates: June 4, 11, 18, 25, 2021. (PC613)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20211277
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **The DeLauras, 50300 Partington Ridge Rd., Big Sur, CA 93920,** County of Monterey.
Registered Owner(s): Kendal DeLaura, 50300 Partington Ridge Rd., Big Sur, CA 93920
This business is conducted by An Individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 07/26/2018
S/ Kendal DeLaura
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 05/20/2021
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Publication dates: June 11, 18, 25; July 2, 2021. (PC616)

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Publication date: June 4 & 11, 2021 (PC609)

LEGALS DEADLINE: Tuesday 4:30 pm

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING On California American Water’s Urban Water Management Plan

California American Water will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 17, 2021, on the final draft of the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plans for its Monterey County District service area. **This service area includes the cities of Monterey, Pacific Grove, Carmel-by-the-Sea, Del Rey Oaks, Sand City, a portion of Seaside, Hidden Hills and Ryan Ranch subdivisions, Bishop subdivision including the area known as Laguna Seca Ranch Estates and vicinity, and certain unincorporated areas in the County of Monterey.** Copies of the plan will be available for public review, and public comment will be accepted. The hearing will be held online at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, June 17, 2021.

The link for this meeting is as follows: <https://bit.ly/3b00C70>
Or call in (audio only) +1 916-244-8157
Phone Conference ID: 187 057 3#

Draft plans are available for review in the customer notifications section of www.californiaamwater.com.

Publication dates: June 4 & 11, 2021 (PC604)

Notice is hereby given that at the next Regular Board meeting of the Carmel Area Wastewater District, held at the District office, 3945 Rio Road, P.O. Box 221428 Carmel, CA. 93922, on **9:00 a.m., Thursday, June 24, 2021**

Via **ZOOM**. Please visit our website homepage at www.cawd.org and use Webinar ID# 876 7611 2791 & Password 149153 or call 1 (669) 900-9128 or 1 (346) 248-7799 to access.

The Board will publicly discuss and approve the:

FY 2021/22 Final Budget

No later than June 15, 2021, the full budget documents will be available on the District’s web site www.cawd.org
Any member of the public may appear virtually at the meeting and be heard regarding any item in the recommended budget or for the inclusion of additional items.
All proposals for revisions must be submitted (written or oral) to the District Secretary before the close of the public meeting.

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 48123 CA Investors LLC to HE Ventana LLC
 APN: 419-321-002

Carmel

Pine Ridge Way — \$1,341,000
 Christopher and Veronica Tierney to Ronald and Donna Garren
 APN: 009-202-020

Casanova Street, 5 SE of Fourth — \$2,225,000
 William Davis, Jan Painter and Lisa Bradley to Mitchell and Patricia Tarica
 APN: 010-214-043

26166 Valley View Avenue — \$4,200,000
 Dan Hearn to Brown One LLC
 APN: 009-404-001



30650 Aurora del Mar, Carmel Highlands — \$6,995,0000

2692 15th Avenue — \$5,100,000
 2692 15 Street LLC to Barbara and David Goeckeler
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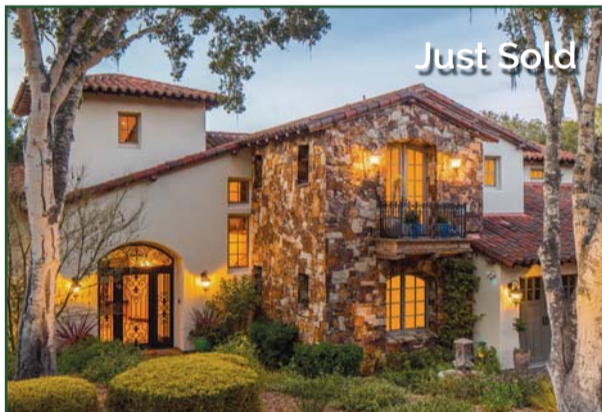


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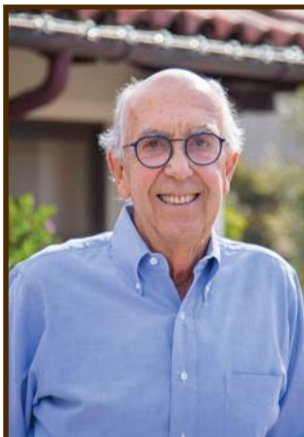
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29798 Highway 1 — \$7,700,000

Angela Scontrino to Bruce Brown and Bruce Lion
APN: 241-192-002

Carmel Valley

7020 Valley Greens Drive unit 13 — \$1,200,000

Peter and Judith Levin to Donald and Margaret Black
APN: 157-111-013

25395 Telarana Way — \$1,600,000

Paul Costa to Christopher and Tiffany Grandstaff
APN: 169-361-001

556 Corral de Tierra Road — \$2,050,000

Wallace and Johnna Jansma to Brian Carr and Linda Martin
APN: 416-452-026

Tehama — \$6,000,000

Canada Woods LLC to Beth Pennington
APN: 169-421-060

Highway 68

23799 Salinas-Monterey Highway unit 11 — \$500,000

Carrie Williams to Robert Hedberg
APN: 161-542-011

23799 Salinas-Monterey Highway unit 13 — \$679,000

Ann Erwin to Charla Randall and Kevin Spry
APN: 161-542-013

9913 Club Place Lane — \$1,245,000

Fairway 12 LLC to Roger Lundblad
APN: 416-561-039

25380 Boots Road — \$1,395,000

Tai and Cathy Tsou to Jeffrey and Robyn Smith
APN: 416-194-014

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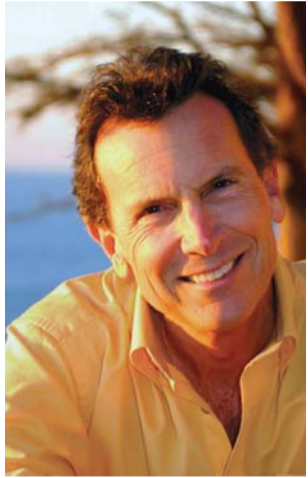
2202 Golden Oaks Lane — \$400,000

Jonathan Belmont to Nabil Elayyan
APN: 001-943-010

671 Lottie Street — \$730,000

Thomas Griffin to Paegon Park
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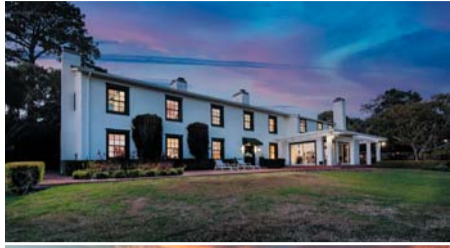
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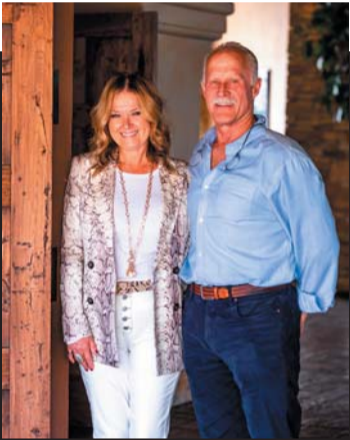
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My color-coded threat assessment system can mend relationships

IT WAS a heartening moment when our county was moved from Orange Tier to Yellow Tier in the California four-tiered coronavirus shutdown system. Purple was used to signify the virus was widespread.

between the sexes. And it's true. Color us clueless. Many husbands could have benefited greatly from an early warning system before walking into the house. How many bartenders have listened sympathetically to the sad tale of the poor guys who left for work in the morning, departing a house where bliss reigned supreme, only to return in the evening to face recrimination over something they

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

Red meant a substantial spread, orange a moderate, and yellow minimal. I was so happy that things were opening up I had tiers in my eyes. All in all it was a useful system that allowed us to track where the virus was most widespread by looking at a color-coded map. If only our county health officers had glanced at the map occasionally.

The California system made me realize that this was the second time in 20 years that government agencies used color-coded systems to manipulate, oops, I mean to protect our citizenry from existential threats. It happened in 2002, when the Department of Homeland Security inaugurated a threat assessment system based on colors. That agency's system had five tiers, from Red (severe risk) down to green, which indicated a low risk. The system was in effect until 2011.

Clueless

I thought it a shame that such a useful system was discarded and not put to other uses. The color-coded threat assessment system could have had a very practical application in a variety of scenarios where the threat was serious but not existential. It could have been used in relationships between husbands and wives.

Men are often accused of "never having a clue" when it comes to the differences

did, or rather, didn't do, that made them seem heartless, uncaring, indifferent or not interested in peaceful relations with their spouses. And they had no idea why.

Bad vibes

How useful it would have been to have some kind of colored alert to clue them in before opening the door. It could have saved hours of grief for men who approach their homes not knowing there is an annoyed wife waiting for them behind the front door. A color-coded threat assessment system designed for marriage could save thousands of dollars in counseling fees. Let me explain.

Say the color green, for a low-level alert, is posted on the door. That means there is "bad juju," as the natives said to Tarzan, inside that household. It could mean you didn't take the trash out. Having been forewarned, once inside you could immediately head for the trash and offer some lame excuse such as, "Oops, honey, I forgot the dang garbage again." By the time you finished taking those 30-gallon aluminum trash cans to the curb, all would be quiet and peaceful.

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Doug Maund to D&K Padre Lane LLC
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1064 Trinity Avenue — \$635,000

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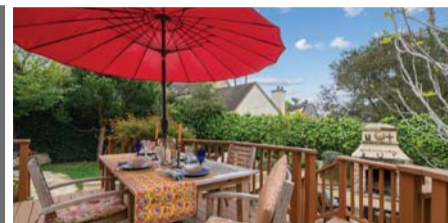
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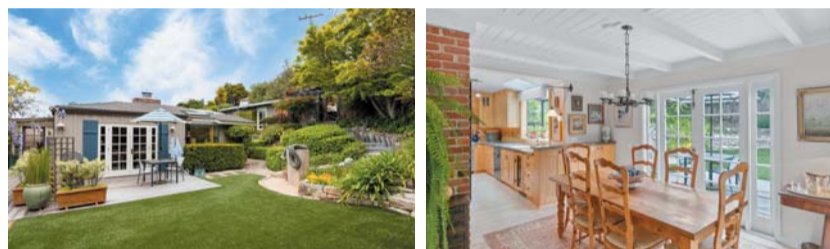
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A yellow color, indicating an elevated warning, could be remedied with Chinese food and flowers. Maybe you let your Netflix subscription lapse and she missed an episode of "Tiger King." You better hope the roses work, or you might have to hit the jewelry store before things calm down.

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