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## Verizon tower OK'd for Sunset Center roof

By MARY SCHLEY

AS ANTICIPATED, though after a little bit of kicking and screaming, the historic resources board and planning commission OK'd Verizon Wireless' plans to install cellular equipment on the roof of Sunset Center. The votes — 3-2 from the HRB and 3-1 from the planning commission — came at a joint meeting Monday. Much of the equipment will be shielded from view, while the tower itself will be disguised as a grey smokestack that's 4 feet tall and 14 inches in diameter.

Built in 1925 but renovated almost from the ground up nearly two decades ago, Sunset Center is on the National Register of Historic Places.

In her presentation on Verizon's application, which was revised after the city rejected the company's original bid to install five small cell sites in residential neighborhoods, senior planner Marnie Waffle recommended the historic resources board find the project consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, and that the planning commission approve it because it complies with the zoning code and general plan.

### No damage to 'historic character'

According to Waffle's staff report, Verizon wants to add the tower to bolster the existing network, which "is overloaded and no longer provides satisfactory service."

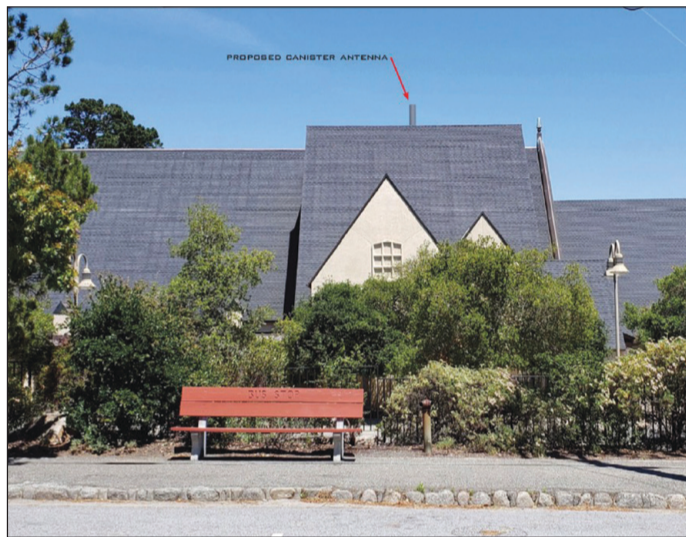
Hired by the city, historical consultant Margaret Clovis concluded the project would "not detract

from the historic character of the building, and no distinctive features would be removed," Waffle said. "Additionally, the project would be located on a portion of the building that was altered in 2000 and will be installed on non-historic roofing fabric."

She also noted it could be easily removed without having an impact on the roof.

For the planning commission, Waffle determined the

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A rendering provided by Verizon shows how a new cell antenna will be disguised inside a grey smokestack on the roof of Sunset Center.

## Restaurant fund brings huge amounts of cash to Peninsula businesses

By MARY SCHLEY

NEARLY 120 restaurants and other food-and-drink-related businesses on the Monterey Peninsula received \$53.4 million in taxpayers' money through the Small Business Administration's Restaurant Revitalization Fund, according to data released by the federal agency this month, and many of those had already gotten tax-free income via the SBA's Paycheck Protection Program.

The fund earmarked nearly \$29 billion for restaurants across the country through President Joe Biden's American Rescue Plan Act, and payouts were based on the difference between their 2019 gross receipts and their gross revenues in 2020, minus any PPP money.

### The biggest beneficiaries

Topping the local list of recipients of federal subsidies was Aqua Terra Culinary catering, which shuttered its Pacific Grove operations last year and is now apparently operating as TerraMar Catering. Aqua Terra Culinary Inc. was given \$3,313,398 to make up for pandemic losses after receiving \$446,183 in the first round of Paycheck Protection Program payouts and \$308,917 in the second. No

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## Very few vaccinated people getting sick

### ■ Still no surge, health officer says

By KELLY NIX

AMID WIDESPREAD publicity about a surge of coronavirus cases across the country, only a minuscule number of infections have occurred among Monterey County residents who are vaccinated, according to data provided to The Pine Cone. At Community Hospital, not a single vaccinated person has been hospitalized for Covid since the beginning of the year, a spokeswoman said.

On Monday, county health officer Dr. Ed Moreno recommended everyone — even those who are vaccinated — wear masks indoors at public places.

### Few hospitalizations

But while the highly contagious and heavily publicized Delta variant is believed to be generally causing more infections, it hasn't led to a big jump in the number of cases in Monterey County. Case and positivity rates are higher, and there has been a slight increase in hospitalizations, to a total of 13 countywide.

Moreno said this week that the bump in infections is

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## MASKS WILL BE THE NORM WHEN SCHOOLS REOPEN

By MARY SCHLEY

KIDS AND adults will have to wear masks when they're indoors on Carmel Unified School District campuses after classes resume Aug. 9, new superintendent Ted Knight announced this week, though they'll be allowed to remove them when outside. The masking rules follow guidance released by the California Department of Public Health earlier this month.

"We're following CDPH guidelines, and in my opinion, the best way to make sure that kids are going to stay in school and not be pulled out is to mask them," he told The Pine Cone Wednesday. "That's what the experts are telling us."

Knight said the yo-yo between in-person school and

distance learning as infections rise and fall and quarantines come and go has been the most detrimental factor for students during the pandemic, and masks will help prevent that from happening again when school starts in a couple of weeks. Wearing masks also means there's no need for physical distancing, and that allows students and teachers to be together in classrooms as they should be.

### Get the shot, mask up

According to the state, the "surest path to safe and full in-person instruction" includes "vaccination for all eligible individuals," "universal masking" and "access to a robust Covid-19 testing program."

The steps are also the best way to have a semblance of normalcy in schools this year, according to Knight.

"We are looking forward to what should look like a very traditional school year, except with masks," he said. "And I think the average parent would rather have a traditional school year with masks, rather than be unmasked and have kids sent home, and classes and cohorts closed, and schools closed."

His reasoning was backed by Natividad Medical Center Chief of Family Medicine Dr. Melissa Nothnagle, who spoke during a Tuesday town hall organized by the hospital

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## Opposition rises to C.V. car event

By CHRIS COUNTS

THREE CLUBS dedicated to German car enthusiasts are planning to bring the Legends of the Autobahn concours event to Carmel Valley Village for the first time Aug. 14. But some locals are pushing back against the size of the gathering, which would bring hundreds of cars to the village and could attract as many as 1,000 people.

Organizers received approval from the Carmel Valley Recreation and Park District to use Carmel Valley Community Park, pending approval of permits the county requires, but the county told them they can't use the airfield for parking because the land is zoned residential, which means a special permit would be required — a process that would take too long with the event just weeks away.

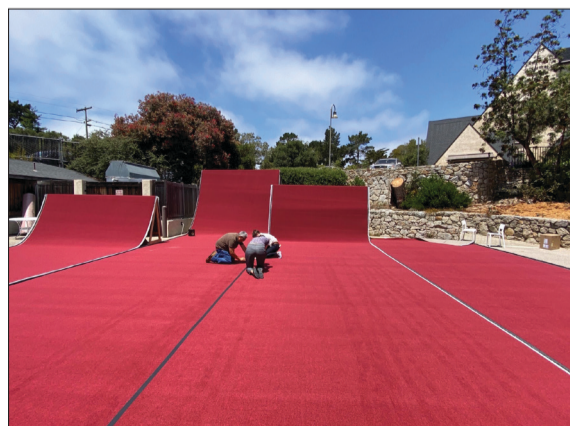
### Too big?

The event involves displaying 300 cars at two sites in the village — 175 would be presented in Carmel Valley Community Park, while the other 125 will be seen along Pilot Road and Del Fino Road.

Now in its 11th year, the all-German concours gathering was previously held at Pasadera. It's hosted by the BMW Car Club of America, the Mercedes-Benz Club of

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## Weekend brings new dance fest, firefighters BBQ



Workers install what looks like a red putting green on top of the pavement in the Sunset Center parking lot (left), but it's actually a surface for performers at this weekend's inaugural Carmel Dance Festival. Down the coast, Big Sur volunteer firefighters (right) will take a break from saving homes to play some games. See 10A for both stories.





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# Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

## Refusing to pose

KEVIN IS part of a menagerie of dogs, but he couldn't cooperate for the photo, which earned him his own column. His people, realizing this might reward bad behavior, don't plan to tell him.

Just 10 months old, the border collie was rescued at 2-to-3 months from a hoarding situation in Chualar, where he'd been badly mauled and lost one of his back legs. The folks at Animal Friends Rescue Project took in Kevin and his siblings, and provided for his surgery, which began his healing. His family is dedicated to continuing the effort, fostering his sense of security and wellbeing.

They started with weekly puppy training, supplemented by daily at-home reinforcement.

"My husband is so good about working with Kevin, and he adores my husband," his person said. "He's also obsessed with our other dogs, and is as hyper as can be. Everything's a game."

The other dogs are not super-excited about Kevin's antics, his person says. One asserts himself, and the other just runs away.

Kevin's people can't correct him or call out to him without thinking of the scene from the movie, "Home Alone," where the mother yells, "Kevin!" and



passes out.

"With everything he's been through, and he's still so young, he's quite the package," his person said. "But, he's our package."

Kevin, who lives in a neighborhood near Mission Ranch, has been for a walk along Scenic Road overlooking Carmel Beach, but he hasn't actually set foot in the sand. His family finds it too crowded for an animal with a major physical disability plus canine attention deficit disorder.

"We usually take Kevin to Carmel River Beach, where there's less chance of distraction from other dogs," his person said. "And we never let him off leash. We'd never see him again."

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# Newsom signs massive taxpayer plan to ‘end homelessness’

■ Hasn't outlined plan to clear trash from encampments

By KELLY NIX

CALIFORNIA GOV. Gavin Newsom this week signed a \$12 billion homeless aid bill he says will get tens of thousands of people off the streets and out of encampments, while also demanding “greater accountability and more urgency” from cities and counties.

“I don’t think homelessness can be solved,” Newsom — who is facing a recall election in September — said Monday. “I know homelessness can be solved.”

Newsom said the \$12 billion will be

investments in mental health housing in California history,” he told reporters during a visit in Sonoma.

The plan includes \$5.8 billion for 42,000 new housing units through Homekey, a program that converts old motels and hotels so homeless people can live in them, \$1.75 billion for 7,200 housing units for extremely low-income families and others, and \$3 billion for mental health help, including boarding care, conservatorships, Laura’s Law placements and to “provide opportunities for people in crisis.”

### Opting out

The 2002 Laura’s Law, in part, mandates court-ordered outpatient treatment for adults who have serious mental illness and are “unlikely to survive in the community without supervision.”

However, Monterey County will likely not get state funds earmarked for Laura’s Law since the county board of supervisors in May voted to opt the county out of the state program.

Newsom’s plan also includes \$2 billion in aid to counties, large cities and other programs through a state homeless housing, assistance and prevention grant program. In order to qualify, recipients “must follow strict accountability measures and submit a local homelessness action plan that includes quantifiable, data-driven goals that jurisdictions must commit to meeting,” Newsom said.

The program also calls for \$45 million

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This rubbish in the sand dunes is located next to a homeless encampment adjacent to Highway 1.

spent over the next two years on rental subsidies, mental health treatment, more than 40,000 homes for people without them, and other programs. Previously, the state’s largest amount spent on trying to end homelessness was last year at \$950 million.

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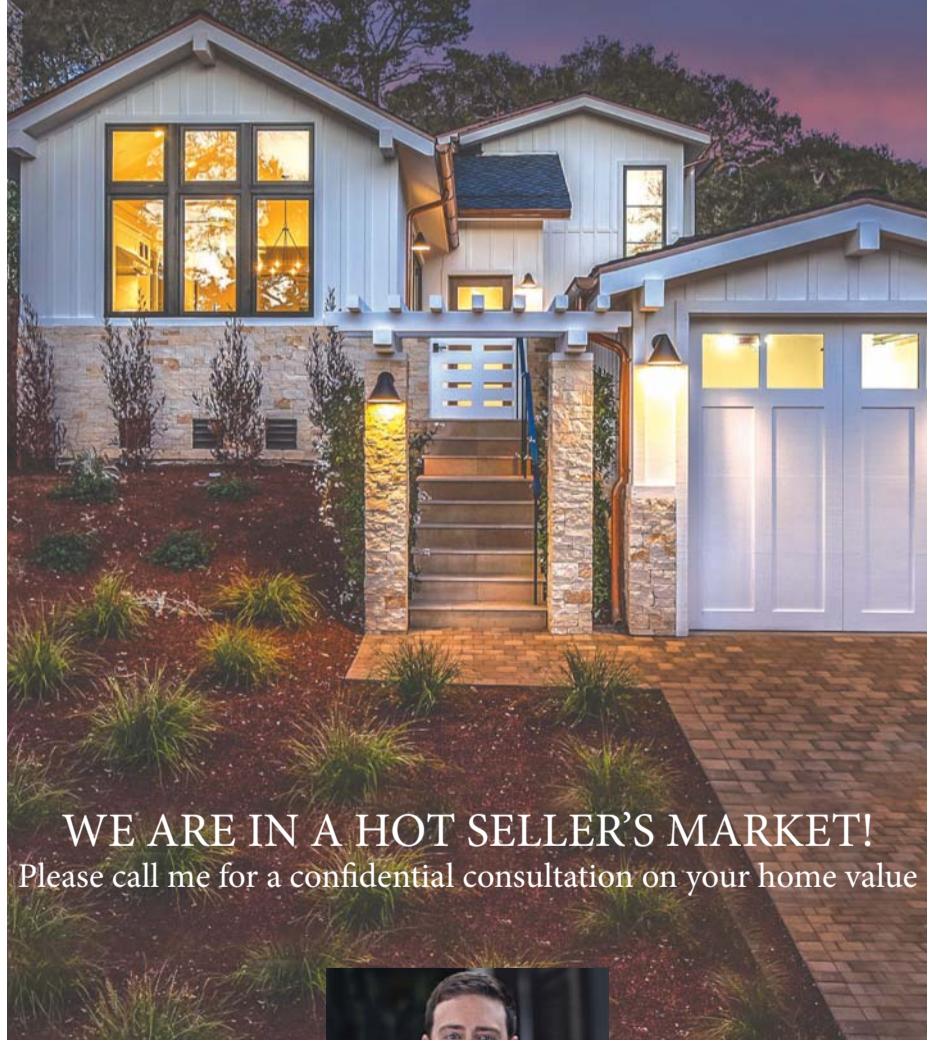
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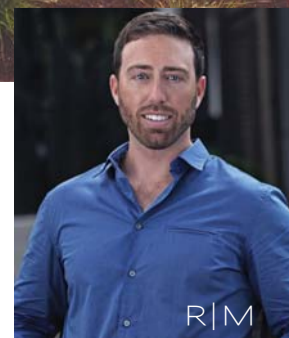
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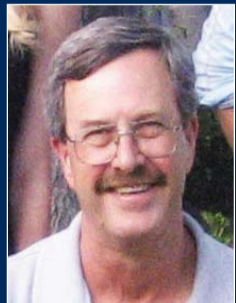
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# Police & Sheriff's Log

## Squirrels can be quite ungrateful

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, JUNE 26

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Traffic collision with a parked vehicle on Fifth. No suspect information.

**Pebble Beach:** Wrangler Trail resident reported unknown subject(s) forged several digital checks and attempted to deposit them.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 27

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Carry-on-size suitcase left on the street next to a hotel on San Carlos. Filled with women's clothes and makeup. Messages left with nearby hotels.

**Pacific Grove:** Dispatched to a disturbance on Lighthouse Avenue.

**Pacific Grove:** Vehicle-vs.-animal collision on Ocean View Boulevard. Owner of the animal left the scene without providing required information.

**Pacific Grove:** Muni code violation, illegal dumping, reported on Arkwright Court.

**Pacific Grove:** A wallet was found on Sunset Drive. Owner notified and picked up the property.

**Carmel Valley:** Deputies received a report of fraud on White Oaks Lane.

**Big Sur:** Subject on Highway 1 received an annoying and threatening email.

### MONDAY, JUNE 28

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Flag-down regarding an unattended purse found in the business district on Lincoln Street. Purse taken for safekeeping pending owner notification.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Report taken for a lost wallet and satchel.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Male trespassed from a local establishment on Fourth Avenue.

**Pacific Grove:** Dispatched to a found dead body on Central Avenue.

**Pacific Grove:** Subject reported a non-injury hit-and-run on Park with suspect information.

**Pacific Grove:** Domestic squabble on Central Avenue over a backpack.

See **POLICE LOG** page 12RE in the Real Estate Section



## The gavel falls

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

**May 6** — The Monterey County District Attorney's office announced a consumer protection false advertising law settlement in a civil action against Cannacraft Inc., a licensed cultivator and manufacturer of cannabis products based in Sonoma County. Under the terms of the stipulated judgment, Cannacraft will pay \$250,000 in civil penalties, \$25,000 in restitution, and \$25,000 in investigative costs. Cannacraft also agreed to be bound by an injunction for 10 years.

The action was filed in Monterey County Superior Court, and on May 5, 2021, the Honorable Thomas W. Wills entered the stipulated judgment. The complaint alleges that Cannacraft made representations regarding the efficacy of its Care By Design products on its internet website, www.cbd.org, that were not supported by competent and reliable scientific evidence, including that "Cannabidiol can change gene expression and remove beta amyloid plaque, the hallmark of Alzheimer's, from brain cells," "Scientific and clinical studies have shown that CBD could be therapeutic for many conditions, including chronic pain, cancer, anxiety, diabetes, epilepsy, rheumatoid arthritis, PTSD, sleep

disorders, alcoholism, cardiovascular disease, antibiotic-resistant infections, and neurological ailments."

District Attorney Jeannine Pacioni, in connection with the settlement, stated that: "This civil False Advertising Law settlement between law enforcement and a licensed California cannabis business may be the first of its kind."

**May 10** — The Honorable Pamela L. Butler sentenced Jacob Gomez, 30, a resident of Salinas, to five years in state prison. Gomez previously entered a no contest plea to a felony charge of corporal injury on a spouse/cohabitant. Gomez admitted an enhancement for personally inflicting great bodily injury upon Jane Doe. This plea constitutes one "strike" under California's three strikes law.

In Sept. of 2020, Doe and Gomez met through mutual friends and began a casual dating relationship. Shortly thereafter, Doe wished to discontinue the relationship. On September 25, 2020, Doe asked Gomez to leave her residence and a verbal argument ensued. Doe began putting Gomez's belongings

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# Man jailed for trying to steal tequila, another cited for drinking milk

By MARY SCHLEY

A 26-YEAR-OLD Seaside man found himself in Monterey County Jail July 11 after he tried to steal a bottle of tequila from the bar at a San Carlos Street restaurant at around 12:45 a.m. He didn't get the liquor, after all.

Christopher Ramsey grabbed the liquor from Pescadero restaurant but "was confronted by security guards fleeing the scene," Sgt. Jeff Watkins said, and a server grabbed the bottle from Ramsey as he tried to run away.

Officers tracked Ramsey down at another local bar and identified him as the would-be tequila thief "by matching the initial suspect description, surveillance footage and an in-field identification by the security guard who confronted him fleeing the scene," according to Watkins.

Ramsey was booked into Monterey County Jail on charges of burglary and theft but has since been released. The district attorney's office has not opened a case against him yet, according to the court sys-

tem.

A day earlier, officers were summoned to Bruno's market at Junipero and Sixth to deal with a 50-year-old man who was misbehaving inside the store.

### 'Drinking three boxes'

They ended up citing him for theft and making criminal threats for "drinking three boxes of milk inside of Bruno's without paying and threatening the staff as they attempted to stop him from leaving," Watkins said.

Richard Rodrigues was also warned never to return to Bruno's or the Surf N' Sand store next door, or he would be cited for trespassing.

While the criminal justice system also showed a warrant had been issued for Rodrigues' arrest, it "had not been activated yet," so he was not taken into custody, Watkins said.

Rodrigues was subsequently arrested by Monterey P.D. July 11 and remains in Monterey County Jail on charges of trespassing, theft and violation of probation.

# New job center opens in Marina

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE MONTEREY County Workforce Development Board collaborated with Monterey Peninsula College to open a new job center at 289 12th St., Room 402, in Marina. Students and others looking for work now have access to a wide range of employment and training resources, in-

cluding job listings, computer and internet access, information on labor markets, career assessment, online training, career coaching, help with job searches, and resume development.

The Marina Job Center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and anyone can drop in or call (831) 597-2858 for an appointment.

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# City gets first chunk of nearly \$1 million in federal bailout money

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER FINISHING the 2020-2021 fiscal year with a sizable surplus due to conservative budgeting at the start of the pandemic, the city received its first big check from the federal government July 13. As part of President Joe Biden's American Rescue Plan Act, Carmel is on track to get nearly \$1 million in federal taxpayer funds, with the first 50 percent, \$455,836, now in the bank.

Assistant city administrator Maxine Gullo said the council was anticipating the money when it adopted the budget that took effect July 1, but no one knew exactly how much would be coming in and when.

"We did budget that money as 'TBD' and will bring it back to council at a forthcoming city council meeting to discuss

how we will use it," she said Friday. According to the act, which was passed in response to the coronavirus pandemic, cities and towns with populations under 50,000 that did not receive direct allocations from the U.S. Treasury are eligible to receive money to cover the costs of responding to the pandemic and mitigate the financial losses it caused. The funds are also meant to "support job creation in their communities."

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The \$19.5 billion allocated in the act for smaller towns and cities throughout the country is being distributed by the states, and the funds can be used to cover costs incurred by local governments beginning March 3. The money has to be allocated by Dec. 31, 2024, and spent by New Year's

Eve 2026. Local governments are receiving their first payments now and will get the other half in a year.

Counties and larger cities in California are getting their taxpayer-funded bailout money, approximately \$14.7 billion, directly from the federal government.

According to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds "provide

substantial flexibility for each government to meet local needs — including support for households, small businesses, impacted industries, essential workers and the communities hardest hit by the crisis. These funds can also be used to make necessary investments in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure."

Gullo said the city has to follow specific rules on how the funds are spent.

# COVID, FIRES HIT COUNTY AG HARD

By MARY SCHLEY

SHORTLY AFTER the coronavirus pandemic shut almost everything down in March 2020, Monterey County farmers reported having to till under many of the crops they could no longer sell. And last August's wildfires ruined tons of grapes that wound up withering on the vine instead of being turned into wine.

Those two factors led to a steep drop in crop values in 2020 to a total \$3,910,135,000 — a nearly \$500 million decrease, or 11.3 percent — county ag

commissioner Henry Gonzales said in the annual crop report he released this week.

"Every year, for farmers, there seems to be a disaster, and farmers always step up their efforts and overcome this adversity," he told the Monterey County Board of Supervisors July 20. "In 2020, we not only had the pandemic, but a number of wildfires."

The fires alone accounted for \$74.5 million in losses, he said, mostly to grapes and strawberries, crops that were damaged by ash and became tainted by smoke.

Kim Stemler, executive director of the Monterey County Vintners & Growers Association, explained in a presentation Tuesday that the California lab growers use to check for "smoke taint" had a 42-day backlog, which is far too long a wait when it comes to harvesting wine grapes. Without certainty they could sell their fruit or turn it into palatable wine, growers left it in the vineyards so they could at least file insurance claims on their losses. Yields in wine grapes dropped 29 percent



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Between the pandemic and fires, the Monterey County agricultural industry lost more than 11 percent of its value in 2020.

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**The Carmel City Council has voted 5-0 to have the Carmel restaurants remove their outdoor dining “parklets” by September 12, 2021.**

- 1) The Covid Delta Variant is more infectious than the other versions, and mask wearing mandates are returning to California.
- 2) The majority of our guests ask to be seated outside.
- 3) Carmel restaurants are not at 100% seating capacity inside, because guests do not want to be in close proximity to other guests. They are still demanding social distancing.
- 4) Many Carmel restaurants were shutdown for more than 150 days in 2020/2021 which greatly hurt our employees and businesses.
- 5) Travel trends show that the #1 concern for travel is SAFETY.
- 6) Outdoor dining is a great lifeline to help Carmel restaurants survive.
- 7) The City of Carmel conducted an outdoor dining poll and early results according to the City, favoured keeping outdoor dining.
- 8) Many cities and counties in California and elsewhere in the USA have made outdoor dining permanent to help save their local restaurant community.
- 9) The California Restaurant Association and the State of California have introduced SB 314 to make outdoor dining permanent through July of 2024.
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# SCHOOL BOARD GETS IDEA OF HOW CHS STADIUM LIGHTS WILL LOOK

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CARMEL Unified School District Board of Education had its first look Wednesday night at how four new LED lights between 70 and 80 feet above the athletic field at Carmel High School might look from various public spaces around the campus. Board members had asked for the renderings after discussing the project and its pending environmental impact report in late May.

The roughly \$800,000 project is set to be finished before the beginning of the 2022 school year, when a new state law mandating later start times for middle and high school students takes effect — and therefore pushes after-school activities, like sports, into the late afternoon and early evening. During the months when darkness descends relatively early, the lights

will be critical for safe practice and play, according to district officials.

The lights would also enable the school to schedule football games for Friday nights instead of holding them on Saturdays during the day, when student attendance has historically been low.

### Night simulations

“Students have identified night games as a high priority to create a new, healthy weekend social opportunity, and a chance to build even more school spirit,” district spokesman Paul Behan explained to The Pine Cone in May. “The district would limit the number of night games to be considerate of our neighbors and the community’s desire to limit light intrusion.”

At the July 21 meeting, facilities and transportation director Dan Paul shared “nighttime simulations” of “where the

lights could potentially be viewed from a public space,” not from people’s backyards or homes. The before-and-theoretically-after images were taken from four vantage points: On Highway 1 near Morse Drive just south of the campus, from Mesa Drive on the west side of Highway 1, and from the west side of Highway north of the CHS campus.

Paul said the district has also received a dozen written comments on the project that will be included in the draft EIR when it’s released early next month. Four of the letters were from government agencies or groups articulating the standard concerns about traffic, noise impacts and effects on biological resources, while the others were from community members voicing support or opposition to the proposal.

He said the 350-plus-page draft EIR will be available for 45 days for review and additional comments from the public, with the board set to receive the final EIR sometime in December or next January.

Board member Seaberry Nachbar wondered how late the lights would be on and asked if the district will make extra efforts to let the community know there are “stadium lights coming.”

Paul said outreach will come through the district’s website, The Pine Cone and a town hall meeting at the high school.

He also said Carmel High administrators are developing a policy that will ideally work for the students and the neighbors, with the lights on long enough to accommodate after-dark activities but not so late that they’ll disrupt people’s nighttime peace.

“This is something that should go out to the entire community,” board member and former CHS principal Karl Pallastrini agreed. “I hope we can get some summaries that are periodic and in user-friendly terminology in terms of what we’re doing and why we’re doing it,” considering that “it’s been a high school for 80-something years with no lights.”

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A photo rendering shows what the four new LED stadium lights proposed for the athletic field at Carmel High might look like. The lights are needed for evening practices and games.



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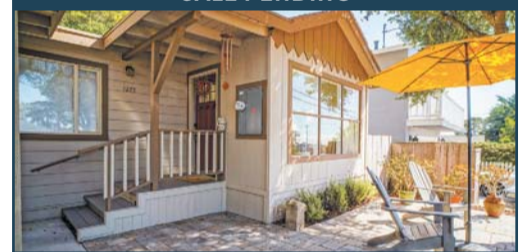
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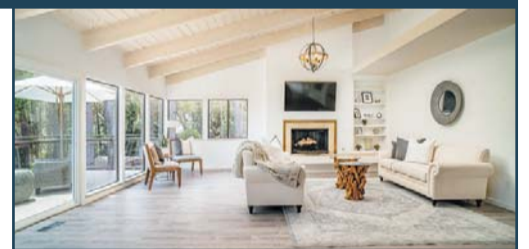


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# Groups want EIR for bus lane

By KELLY NIX

TWO ACTIVIST groups have filed a lawsuit against Monterey Salinas Transit over a proposed bus-only road from Marina to Sand City, arguing the project should be subject to an exhaustive environmental review before construction begins.

The transit agency has proposed the 6-mile paved road — dubbed the Surf Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project — to parallel Highway 1 from Marina to Sand City. The two-lane road would reduce travel times, according to MST, which also

exempt from review under CEQA, and the suit asks a judge to direct MST to set aside its approval of the plan and prepare such a review.

The groups also request that MST be prevented from breaking ground until it complies with CEQA.

### Environmental issues

The groups, whose members are not named in the complaint, decry the supposed detrimental impacts the project would cause, including the paving over of 22 acres of sand dunes.

“It would adversely affect views of the dunes and the bay from Highway 1 and the views from the recreational trail and from the Ford Ord Dunes State Park, harm recreational and commuter uses along the Monterey Bay recreational trail, and harm biological resources along the route,” the lawsuit, filed for the groups by Monterey attorney Molly Erickson, alleges.

The complaint against MST was filed the same day the groups notified the agency they planned on filing suit.

MST says the project would use public roads at the north and south ends, but is located primarily within a railroad corridor between Marina and Sand City. Besides dedicated bus lanes, the busway includes platforms, a new station at 5th Street on Fort Ord and “related infrastructure.” The route runs from MST’s Marina transit exchange at Reservation and De Forest roads and ends at Contra Costa Street in Sand City.

See MST page 23A



RENDERING/MST

This rendering from MST shows how a proposed pair of dedicated bus lines adjacent to Highway 1 would bypass traffic on the sometimes congested highway.

concluded the project was exempt from an environmental impact report under the California Environmental Quality Act.

“With heavy traffic on Highway 1, both transit riders and private vehicle travelers will enjoy a faster commute with the realization of the Surf Busway,” MST said in a June 7 press release about the proposal.

But in a July 8 lawsuit against MST, groups Keep Fort Ord Wild and the Open Monterey Project contend the project is not

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# TOWN KICKS UP ITS HEELS, WELCOMES INAUGURAL DANCE FESTIVAL

By CHRIS COUNTS

PLEIN AIR painters, fine art photographers, classical musicians and even filmmakers have gathered in town for yearly festivals, and now they'll be joined by an equally creative and likely more energetic group of visitors — dancers.

The first Carmel Dance Festival kicks off at Sunset Center Friday, not only bringing world class dancers to town, but complementing their performances with food and drink. The shows will be done outside, in a space at the south end of the center where Yoga Shala offers classes.

## Kiss sparks action

Like so many others, festival co-founders Lillian and Grant Brabeito were once semi-regular visitors to the

Monterey Peninsula. They dreamed about relocating here from Southern California, and they imagined bringing some kind of creative endeavor to town.

Lillian Brabeito, meanwhile, has a deep background in dance. She started ballet at 5, studied contemporary dance at the prestigious Julliard School and co-founded Body Traffic in Los Angeles, which has presented nearly 200 performances over the past five years, along with teaching more than 20,000 students.

But the idea of creating a Carmel Dance Festival really took off after Brabeito met choreographer Stephanie Martinez, who founded Para Mar Dance Theatre in Chicago last year during the pandemic. After watching the dance company present a new piece, "Kiss," she called them "just the most talented and genuine group of dancers I've ever encountered."

"I fell in love with the work and the dancers," she recalled. "I said, 'It's time to do a dance festival.'"

Not only are the Brabeitos putting on Carmel's inaugural dance festival, but they are also in the middle of a move here from Los Angeles. Brabeito described the juggling act as "wondrous chaos."

## Where and when?

On Friday and Saturday at 6:30 p.m., Sunset Center will be the site of three performances by Para Mar Dance Theatre. The show will be paired with three wines Blue Fox Cellars, along with an assortment of appetizers from Earthbound Farms, Babaloo Cuban Cafe and La Bicyclette. Tickets are \$125.

Also at Sunset Center on Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m., audiences will get a chance to have "coffee and conversation" with festival choreographers. Carmel Coffee Roasting Company is supplying the fresh brew, while Sweet Reba is serving donut muffins. Tickets are \$40.

The festival will wrap up with a weeklong dance workshop. For more details, visit [carmeldancefestival.org](http://carmeldancefestival.org).

## Muster shines light on volunteer firefighters

By CHRIS COUNTS

IT'S HARDLY fun and games being a volunteer firefighter down the coast, except this Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. when Big Sur Fire hosts its annual fundraising Muster at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park.

Due to Covid, the festive, family-friendly gathering will be the first in two years.

Located in the park's day use area next to the softball field, the muster will feature live music by Songs Hot Box Harry Taught Us, a tasty lunch featuring tri-tip and BBQ chicken, demonstrations of firefighting techniques, games and activities for kids, and some friendly competition among firefighters.

According to Big Sur Fire board member Mary Ann Vasconcellos, the fire brigade plays an essential role protecting homes and helping visitors down the coast.

"Big Sur Fire serves the 60-mile stretch of land along our coast," Vasconcellos told The Pine Cone. "They are made up of 25 local community volunteers, and train year round to respond to fires along the coast and inland. They're the first on the scene of an accident or a medical emergency, and they're trained to harness up for cliff rescues."

## Volunteers are key

Vasconcellos said Big Sur is blessed to have "a robust community of volunteers" who are "ready to go out on emergencies" and put out fires, respond to accidents and rescue tourists. She invited everybody to attend the family-friendly muster.

"Come on out and support Big Sur Fire and its unique community of local volunteers," she added. "It's time to celebrate."

Founded in 1974 to provide fire protection to residents and businesses, the brigade is funded almost entirely by grants, individual donations, and fundraising events like the muster and the Big Sur International Marathon.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for kids. The park is located on Highway 1 26 miles south of Carmel.

## Fly-fishing shop offered loopy lease, decamps to Barnyard

By CHRIS COUNTS


AFTER HIS landlord made him an offer he had to refuse, Geoffrey Malloway found himself without a lease for his longtime shop, Central Coast Fly-Fishing, which was located next to Baja Cantina in Carmel Valley. But thankfully for his longtime customers, he's found a new home in The Barnyard — just in the nick of time.

"I was close to pulling the trigger on a spot in Moss Landing before The Barnyard came along," Malloway told The Pine Cone. "I looked everywhere from Santa Cruz to Atascadero."

Moving is a big deal for any long-established business, so why did Malloway decide not to stay at his old site in Carmel Valley? His lease expired in May.


"My landlord wanted a lot of stuff," he explained. "If I sold the business, she wanted a percentage of the sale. She also wanted have a say in who I might sell it to. The tenant would be responsible for all improvements. If the roof was repaired, we would pay for it. The lease as it was written


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# In your dog's dreams, he's living large

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

THE DESIGN of the house, with its flat, slanted roofline, simple lines, and absence of embellishment, is decidedly midcentury modern. A dark gray exterior with white trim, complemented by a deep blue interior, creates a cool, clean sanctuary. Which is perfect for the extra-large dog Gabriel Johnson, Sienna Webster, and Victoria Franklin had in mind when designing the doghouse they created for Carmel Youth Center's July 11 open house and fundraising auction, which raised just under \$2,000 for the organization.

"Everyone started designing houses for medium dogs," said Webster, who has a Chihuahua mix of her own, "so we decided to do a house for an extra-large dog so all sizes can have a chance for a new house."

This summer's doghouse project was part of Build-a-Home, one of several on-site camps hosted by Carmel Youth Center this summer.

Although CYC was forced to close its doors for just over a year during Covid, the center is back in business this season.

Said CYC executive director Jessica Faddis, "During this two-week build-a-home program, campers began by building a mini planter box to help develop confidence and skills in the process of building a structure by hand. They also toured building and renovation projects in Carmel to see the inside elements of construction."

With the help of local experts in architecture, engineering, plumbing, painting and masonry — including retired painting contractor John Ruskell, and retired craftsman and current Carmel property

manager John Plastini — campers worked in groups of three and four to design their doghouses, make a popsicle-stick model, and then build and paint their projects.

### The only place in town

Ruskell, who is also the CYC board president, was often on hand throughout the camp, painting the foundations on which the kids built their doghouses, helping throughout the process and overseeing the painting of the final products.

He was born and raised in Carmel, and as a Carmel High student during the early '60s, he counted on the youth center as the only game in town for socializing with friends.

In building their popsicle-stick model, siblings Katelyn and Noah Fox designed a pitched roof for their doghouse. But during the building phase, practical considerations caused them to shift to a simpler, slanted roofline. Yet they did preserve their designer aesthetic in their paint job

"We chose a dark blue exterior with a turquoise horizontal stripe," said Noah,

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# Tasting rooms ask city to let them stay outside

By MARY SCHLEY

THE STATE is allowing restaurants, bars and tasting rooms to continue serving outside through the end of the year, due to the coronavirus pandemic, but the city council required wineries to remove all their outdoor serving areas, including those on private property, by July 14, while restaurants can keep theirs until Sept. 12.

That's unfair and nonsensical, several tasting room operators calling themselves the Carmel-by-the-Sea Wine Group argue, and they want to be allowed to serve people in the open air. In a July 8 letter, the group asked for "an emergency reinstatement of the use of our private patio spaces and, only for those who do not have private patio spaces, the continued use of their parklets."

"We are simply asking to be on the same timeline that the city has provided to our local restaurants for continued Covid-related relief," they wrote. After all, if city officials are assuming parklets are necessary through mid-September "to aid in keeping our visitors safe and comfortable," why wouldn't the same be true for tasting rooms?

"Just like restaurants, we have many visitors who would like to remain outdoors, maintaining a safe distance, especially during our busiest season and when the weather is cooperative," the letter continued.

Dawn Galante, owner of Dawn's Dream Winery, was relying on outdoor seating on the private property in front of her San Carlos Street tasting room to accommodate

customers. She said she and others were unprepared for the demand that they eliminate all their outdoor seating, not just their parklets, and return indoors. While the city is treating tasting rooms like retail stores, she pointed out, customers in stores can keep their masks on if they want to. They can't while tasting wine.

"I have wine club members who don't want to come inside," she said.

While Galante typically avoids the political fray, she said she had to take up this issue. "I was always raised that if something is truly unfair and done for no reason, you have to pipe up," she said.

Galante said she met individually with every council member to plead her case and was encouraged to get a group together, so she formed the CWG. Some wineries wouldn't participate, she said, because "they don't want to rock the boat."

The letter — which also pointed out that the permit for Talbott's tasting room on Lincoln specifically allows serving outside — was signed by representatives or owners of 11 of the wineries that have tasting rooms here.

So far, she hasn't heard a peep from the city, Galante said this week. She also had a lawyer in Tony Lombardo's office send a letter last week asking that her tasting room be allowed to continue serving out-

side, to no avail.

City administrator Chip Rerig told The Pine Cone that the lawmakers of the past enacted rules specifically to prevent the proliferation of drinking establishments and outdoor imbibing, just as they did to make having night clubs in town virtually impossible by banning dancing where alcohol is sold and served.

But Galante and her group remain steadfast. "Unless someone can give me a really logical answer, I'm not going to go away," she said.

## Becerra to visit

HEALTH AND human services secretary and former California Attorney General Xavier Becerra will be in Salinas July 23 to urge residents to get vaccinated for Covid-19 and promote the Biden administration's vaccination outreach efforts.

Becerra at 10 a.m. will tour a farmworker vaccination clinic at the Salinas Sports Complex at 1034 North Main St.

"HHS has been working closely with clinics, businesses and community leaders to meet President Biden's ambitious vaccine access goals and ensure that everyone has an opportunity to protect themselves and their community," a press release said.

Also in attendance will be U.S. Rep. Jimmy Panetta and other officials.

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# ANTENNA

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installation wouldn't conflict with the general plan and would comply with the zoning code. She also said it wouldn't set a precedent for approval of similar projects — a statement backed up by the city's telecommunications lawyer, Tripp May — and wouldn't be injurious to public health, safety or welfare.

Former Mayor Sue McCloud suggested Verizon find a better, more aesthetic way to hide the equipment. Nick and Stephanie Delis, who live across from the center, said Verizon should install its equipment at the Crossroads, and Dante Most said the telecom giant wants to install 5G towers that could threaten the existence of bees, birds and butterflies, as well as the health of humans. Carole Rein similarly worried about the "significant health risks it poses to the residents, our pets and natural landscapes," and went so far as to "wonder how you will be compensated for selling out your community for personal financial gain" in exchange for approving the cellular equipment.

Christy and Doug Hollenbeck, who live on Scenic Road and are vocal opponents of beach fires and wood smoke, are similarly passionate about cell towers. They questioned the need for the upgrades, the assumption that federal government rules about radio equipment trump local laws, and other assertions, and at the hearing, Christy Hollenbeck said she would no longer go to yoga classes or attend performances at Sunset Center if the tower is installed. She speculated allowing it would end up costing the center money.

## Hands tied

But the lawyers for the city and Verizon advised board members and commissioners they didn't have much of a choice. They have a say over what an installation should look like and where it might be located, but they can't deny it, according to federal and state laws. They're also forbidden from considering health risks in the equation, since the FCC has deemed wireless technology safe.

While during past hearings, company representatives insisted the towers were not 5G, they were silent on the topic at this week's meeting.

Historic resources board member Karyl Hall said the boards and commissions should "reflect the voice of residents," which so far has comprised few but mostly negative viewpoints, and Kathy Pomeroy said she'd prefer the tower be disguised in some other way, perhaps as a weathervane.

HRB member Jordan Chroman was poised to recommend approval but then condemned Verizon for not putting up a story pole to show the elevation of the fake chimney. Waffle had told Verizon no story poles were necessary for such a minor project.

HRB chairman Erik Dyar wanted assurance that approving one fake chimney wouldn't lead to a proliferation of requests and obligatory approvals of similar installations. May said it wouldn't, because they are supposed to be "stealth," and a bunch of fake chimneys on top of Sunset Center could hardly be considered "reasonable concealment."

"Cumulative impact is something you can consider," he said. "Just because something was approved in one location doesn't mean you have to approve it in another — you're not locked in."

Chroman also asked that Verizon be required to install a story pole, a request later reiterated by planning commissioner Gail Lehman, but May said that if a decision isn't made by Aug. 4, the federal government would consider it approved, regardless.

Ultimately, the HRB voted 3-2, with Hall and Pomeroy

dissenting, to find the project consistent with the federal standards for alterations to historic buildings, after which the planning commission had its own discussion.

"The way I see it, our hands are somewhat tied," said commissioner Chris Bolton. "I am swayed by the attorney's comments that we have some power in the future about utilities that want to place equipment on the roof of Sunset Center, and were that not the case, I would have a harder time approving this one."

Commissioner Robert Delves said he would not go down the "very deep rabbit hole" on his "own concerns about the negative impacts of the ubiquitous network and the machines they enable on our physical health, social health and mental health," while also acknowledging that were it not for that technology, their meeting wouldn't be happening at all.

He said Waffle had laid out all the reasons for approval and that he found the rendering of the fake smokestack

"almost benign, honestly."

Lehman, however, worried about impacts on neighboring property values, other companies wanting to install similar equipment, and residents suing the city for approving it.

"I don't think we're protecting the city as we should be," she said.

Chair LePage preferred to focus on the project's conformity with all the necessary standards and the thorough job Waffle did in her analysis and recommendations.

"What I heard about the story pole was it was a staff decision it wasn't needed, and that's in their purview to make," he added. "This is a very small, 14-inch-diameter, 4-foot-high structure that's mimicking a pipe, so I just don't think it's really significant."

The commission voted 3-1 to approve the application, with Lehman dissenting and commissioner Stephanie Locke absent.



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## Alzheimer's walk set for October 9

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

AFTER MORE than a year of virtual events, groups like the Alzheimer's Association are thrilled to return to in-person fundraisers. This year's Walk to End Alzheimer's is set for Oct. 9 at Custom House Plaza in Monterey.

Organizers have promised to follow all public safety guidelines in effect when the walk takes place and will also offer a virtual option for those who are not yet comfortable participating in person. The walk raises money to help fund care, support, education and research for those affected by Alzheimer's and other types of dementia.

According to the association, one out of every three Americans dies from such diseases, while more than 6 million people in the United States are living with Alzheimer's. Between 2000 and 2019, deaths from heart disease decreased 7.3 percent, but deaths from Alzheimer's disease rose 145 percent. Related fatalities went up another 16 percent during the pandemic.

An estimated 7,000 people in Monterey County live with the disease and are assisted by more than 13,000 caregivers. The Alzheimer's Association offers free services to all Monterey County residents.

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# MASKS

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and the Monterey County Office of Education to discuss the impacts of Covid on kids, vaccines, and the impending return to school.

“We know viruses are spread rapidly in schools,” Nothnagle said. “We know when school resumes, we will see that, unless we have masks.”

Monterey County Office of Education superintendent Deneen Guss reiterated the state’s requirement that all children and adults be masked while indoors at schools, regardless of their vaccination status. “Other than all persons wearing masks, the school day and the school year should look much more normal, with students attending full days like they would in years past,” she said.

## Some parents disagree

Knight, who has been on the job for three weeks, has heard from several parents who disagree with him.

“As it always has been with Covid, we have people on both sides of the issue,” he told The Pine Cone. “We know we’re not going to make every parent happy, which is why we’re going to make our decisions based on what’s in the best interest of students — and in this case, that’s making sure they can stay in school.”

Two parents spoke during the July 21 school board meeting, his first as superintendent. Carmel Valley resident Heather Clifton wondered how he could “unilaterally” decide to require masks, rather than consulting with parents, and another mother said the board has the authority to

make its own policies instead of following the state’s rules.

“It’s time for parents to be able to choose what’s best for their children, not the government,” she said.

“I know masks have been an issue for some folks and have definitely been a topic for discussion,” Knight acknowledged at the meeting.

But he also said he believes teachers will be creative and find more ways to get their students outside, so they’re not wearing their masks for seven hours a day, especially during the Peninsula’s typically good fall weather.

“My goal, first and foremost, is to do what’s best for students, and that means keeping students in class in person all year long,” he said. Even a child who has been exposed to someone with Covid can keep attending school if masked, rather than going home to quarantine.

Knight also announced that students who don’t feel comfortable returning to the classroom will be accommodated through an independent study program run by the North Monterey County Unified School District.

For those interested in learning more about this option, the district will host a Zoom presentation with North Monterey County Unified School District Tuesday, July 27, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. More information will be posted at [carmelunified.org](http://carmelunified.org).

Knight said he also plans to hold an informational town hall meeting for kids and parents before their return to school to address issues like volunteering, field trips, gatherings, and protocols for handling Covid infections at school.

He told The Pine Cone his office is not collecting information on which students have been vaccinated but is ensuring all families receive information on where and how to get vaccinated or tested.

“At this point, we feel the best thing we can do is be the voice and encourage people to get vaccinated or to get tested if they have symptoms, and then point them in the right direction,” he said.

# DOGHOUSES

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“but we painted the interior a tan color to keep it light and make it feel bigger inside for the dog.”

Inspired by their own dogs, a miniature pinscher and a Shiranian-Chihuahua mix (Shih Tzu, Pomeranian and Chihuahua) the siblings designed a medium-sized doghouse, complete with a pedestal shelf to hold the dog dish. It’s easier on the dog’s neck and shoulders when the bowl is off the floor, they said.

Campers Clara Coming and Penny Reiser designed a structure with a pitched roof, with plans to shingle the front façade to add interest. They had a gray exterior with turquoise trim, intended to appeal to male or female dogs.

Meanwhile, Tony Cutino and Ronan Swart created the Space Den for a small-to-medium-sized dog.

“We came up with an intergalactic design for dogs,” said Cutino, “with a bunch of planets, including a bone planet with a ring around it, plus stars, galaxies, meteors and rocket ships. We made a really good model, but we lost it, so we had to paint the house from initial drawings.”

For their color scheme, “We chose a color combination of black and dark purple, with a little bit of blue,” Cutino said. The pair worked hard to make sure their doghouse was clean and sawdust-free, ready for its new resident.

In putting on the finishing touches to their doghouse, Johnson, Webster and Franklin set their planter box just outside the door and added a mailbox, painted red, to house special-delivery dog treats for its new lucky resident.



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# Council OKs new contract with Pacific Grove city manager

By KELLY NIX

ALL BUT one member of the Pacific Grove City Council voted this week to approve a new employment contract with city manager Ben Harvey, who will get paid more but lose his privileges to work remotely.

At its Wednesday meeting, the council voted 6-1 to approve Harvey's contract. Under the agreement, his previous annual housing and transportation reimbursement, which amounted to \$48,000, was eliminated, but the council increased his base salary by the same amount. Harvey's annual deferred compensation will rise by \$16,740.

His total yearly compensation at \$274,061 represents 95 percent of the median annual compensation for those with the same job in 10 local agencies, according to the results of a survey the city paid for. Harvey will get a \$20,025 bump in total compensation, which includes the increase deferred compensation amount and "increases in management incentive and

vacation buyout," according to the contract.

Harvey regularly traveled to Southern California to visit family on the weekends, an arrangement that upset some citizens because he wasn't always at city hall five days a week. He'll lose his remote work days, though, and his hours will now be Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The agreement also amends his employee contract term from "indefinite" to June 30, 2025. Harvey's performance evaluation wrapped up on April 21.

The only council member to vote against the contract was Luke Coletti.

"Any contract should consider this basic question: Are we getting competent performance?" Coletti said before casting the dissenting vote. "Because I believe the answer to be no, I cannot agree to a contract with this employee."

Harvey told The Pine Cone that he's "honored and pleased" to stay with the city, and looks forward to "ongoing work" with the council and city staff to provide services that benefit residents and others.

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## Richard Charles Nico

January 29, 1953 - July 12, 2021

Richard Charles Nico, also known as "Chard," "Rick," "Ricardo" and "Dad Dog," was born on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 1953, in Lansing, MI. Richard was the 3<sup>rd</sup> born of 14 children from the marriage of Vito & Joyce Nico. To attempt to capture Chard's true "essence" would take at least a trilogy of books! Chard lived a life full of many fascinating, enriching and humbling experiences. His greatest achievements, if you were to ask him, were his role as a devoted, loving Husband, Father, Brother and Friend. His true passion was his guitar, which he played so beautifully. Chard was also a great storyteller with a twinkle in his eyes and had a wicked sense of humor. He took great pride in and worked so very hard to take care of his family and always had an open door for his siblings to provide a safe refuge over the years. The outpouring of messages we have received from his classmates in Michigan truly reflect an amazing young man who simply "loved life." All the messages have a common thread: "Kindness." He was indeed a very kind and giving man of great courage and never put himself first, always making sure that his loved ones, friends, a stranger in need were taken care of to the best of his ability.



Chard was well known to the local community in Carmel, CA, and was highly regarded as a kind and giving soul. As one dear friend said, "Richard had the rare ability to make you feel like you were the only person in the room and truly listened to your story".

My darling husband, you are now free from all the debilitating pain and suffering that robbed you of so much life that you loved so dearly. You tried your very best to endure this for so long until you simply had to leave us. But WOW! You have left us all with so many beautiful memories and stories to share.

Richard was preceded in death by his father, Vito James Nico, and his beloved Nan.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Alexander Nico; his children, Ian A. Nico, Ricky Nico and Erika Marie Nico; granddaughter, Brittanni; grandson, River; his mother, Joyce Adair Nico; siblings, Jim, Tom, Bill, Laura, David, Tim, Joe, Vito, Amy, Missy, Jennifer, Joyce, John and so many dear friends, too many to list but not forgotten. He loved you all so very much. I would like to pay a special tribute and respect to all the Hospice of the Central Coast team that provided such wonderful compassionate care and to Dr. John Hausdorff, you truly went above and beyond providing us with so much support during our darkest time. Thank you!

*R.I.P My darling Chard  
until we meet again*

## P.G. public works yard still without PG&E power

By KELLY NIX

THERE'S STILL no power at the Pacific Grove public works yard that sustained heavy damage in early June after a driver plowed into it, killing himself and causing a fire. The director of the public works department, though, said he hopes it will be restored within a month.

P.G. resident Joseph Braig, 29, was driving on Grove Acre Avenue at about 1 a.m. June 5 when his Ford pickup truck crossed Sunset Drive and smashed through a chain link fence and into the public works warehouse. A major fire broke out and Braig was killed. Police have not determined the cause of the accident.

The fire also burned much of a public works warehouse, items in an adjacent building and the yard's electrical, IT and phone systems. While the entire yard was without power, the city has been using generators to power the mechanical department, supervisors' offices and other facilities, including a trailer it is renting for its administrative staff.

"The public works yard will not be able to operate on generator power indefinitely," public works director Daniel Gho told the city council July 8. "We have contacted PG&E, which has been very receptive, to get us temporary power from their infrastructure."

Gho told The Pine Cone Wednesday that while he's not sure exactly when PG&E will get the power up and running, that "my goal is sometime in the next 30 days."

The city, he said, is also awaiting a report that will outline the extent of the damage and what portions of the buildings will have to be razed, and what can be salvaged.

"It is going to take some time to get the public works yard back to normal, and our insurance company has been fantastic, but I ensure you that all the services that we provide" will not be impacted, Gho said.

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## Captain James E. Butler

November 23, 1942 - June 24, 2021

Jim Butler was born in Portland, Maine, and summered on Little Sebago Lake before making the Monterey Peninsula his home. Even in his early life he was described as "larger than life" a "force of nature" and had an "infectious sense of humor." Butler attended S. Portland High School, North Yarmouth Academy and the University of Maine where he was president of his Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity and loved competing in football, baseball and ski team. In college, Butler joined ROTC and was commissioned U.S. Army officer as Infantry Captain.

During the Vietnam War, Butler served in the U.S. Army Special Forces (Green Berets) in the elite unit of MACVSOG. As team-leader and "one-zero" for CCN Recon Team Python, Captain Butler led multiple day missions and spent over 500 hours behind enemy lines rescuing downed pilots, running POW/MIA search missions, and other covert activities in Laos and North Vietnam. Described by his friends as a "soldier's soldier," his decorations include multiple Silver Stars, Bronze Stars, Purple Hearts, an Air medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Airborne tab, Ranger tab, and many other awards. Butler was stationed at the DLI several times as student and cadre where he learned 3 languages fluently and fell in love with the Monterey Peninsula.

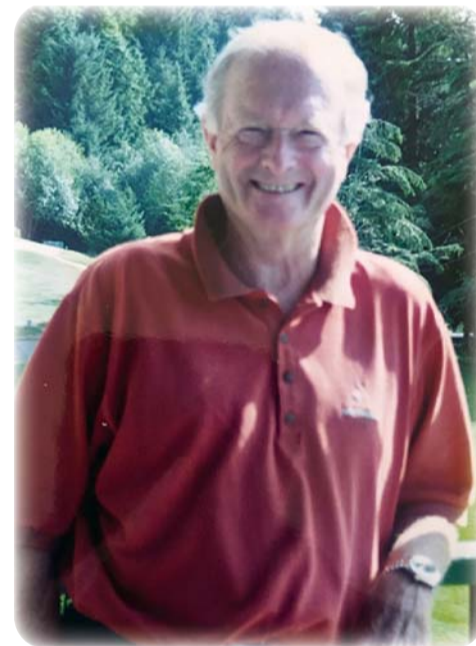
Butler was always committed to his comrades-in-arms. His loyalty to his men, alive, missing and deceased, inspired him to create the Special Operations Association (SOA) in 1976, a non-profit organization to connect the men of Special Operations, aid in their transition to the private sector, honor the memory of their fallen comrades and award collegiate scholarships to the children of SOA members. The SOA is active to this day and has grown to over 2,500 living members.

In 1972, Butler met the love of his life, Diane, and eloped just six weeks later. Jim and his wife lived on the Monterey Peninsula for the past 46 years, where he was a financial planner and insurance broker with offices in Carmel and Salinas. Butler was very involved in raising his three children, pushing them to excel in athletics, academia and worldly experiences. He was active in the Carmel and Salinas communities, leading Boy Scouts and coaching athletics for his children and their peers. A member of Corral de Tierra Country Club for over 25 years, he was a true friend to many and enjoyed traveling the world playing golf with his family and his golf buddies.

Jim was born with a gift of laughter and was always the life of the party. He was an intellectual and a voracious reader of history. He loved skiing, golfing and fishing but above all else Butler was a loving father who put his family first. Jim will forever be in our hearts and smiles and is survived by his wife, Diane Butler, and his three children, Brett Butler, Lindsay Butler, Stephanie Zelei (Greg), and his two grandchildren, Tucker and Alexis Zelei.

A celebration of life will be held **July 30th at 11:00 a.m. at Carmel Presbyterian Church** with a reception immediately following. Burial services will be held at Arlington National Cemetery.

**For more information, to share a memory of Jim, or send condolences to his family, please visit [www.struveandlaporte.com](http://www.struveandlaporte.com)**



## KING WILLIAMS

February 5, 1928 - June 3, 2021

On June 3, 2021, King Williams entered the pearly gates, where he could chase birdies and eagles on the eternal greens of heaven.

King was born on February 5, 1928, in his grandparents' home in Evanston, Illinois. With his parents, King Williams, Sr., and Dorothy Young Williams, King moved south of Chicago to help run the family newspaper business. At age 16, King became a licensed pilot. He attended DePauw University in Indiana.

King followed his parents to Pasadena, California, where he joined the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. Later, with his friend Charlie Bayne, King opened a high-end men's clothing store called Bayne-Williams in Pasadena, which they operated for 20 years.

Being a ski enthusiast, when King retired from the clothing business, he moved to Sun Valley, Idaho, where he and Loretta Ball were married on February 24, 1970. King became a wonderful father to Diana, Loretta's young daughter. In 1998 King and Loretta moved to Carmel. They became members of the Carmel Mission Basilica, where King served as a docent.

King and Loretta continued to have a wonderful life together, traveling to foreign lands and enjoying golf in Scotland and Ireland. Their joys gave way to the illness that eventually took King's life.



# CASH

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one from Aqua Terra or TerraMar responded to inquiries on how the money — more than \$4 million in all — is being used or where the operation is now based.

According to the SBA, the restaurant fund money, which is untaxed and doesn't have to be paid back, must be spent by March 11, 2023, on payroll and benefits, rents or mortgage, debt service, utilities, construction of outdoor seating, maintenance, supplies, raw materials, supplier costs and/or operating expenses. The SBA is reportedly requiring documentation showing the funds went toward eligible expenses.

### 'Back on track'

The second highest recipient was Folktale LLC, Greg Ahn's company that owns the Carmel Valley winery by the same name, a couple of restaurants in town, and 10 other enterprises mostly here and in New York. RRF funds for Folktale totaled \$3,228,784, and the company also took in \$1,750,000 in the first round of PPP and \$1,600,280 in the second, bringing the total gift of taxpayer dollars to nearly \$6.6 million.

In addition, he secured \$1,951,956 for one of his restaurants, Seventh & Dolores, and \$149,560 for a company called Organic Pharmer, which produces cleanses and other health-food products, in which he is an investor.

"We've been able to maintain throughout Covid 80 percent of our workforce, compensation wise," thanks to the federal funds, Ahn said, while the other 20 percent left their jobs for a variety of reasons, including changing careers or moving out of the area.

"If it weren't for the PPP, I would say at least two of our businesses would have been shuttered forever," said Ahn.

The Restaurant Revitalization Fund money, meanwhile, "is helping us absorb a lot of the losses from last year, because we got very little relief in terms of mortgages, rents, loans — all that stuff," he said. "Our RRF money is really about getting the businesses back on track."

### 'God bless America'

Monterey-based Cox & Young Ventures LLC, better known as Events by Classic, got more than \$3.1 million in restaurant revitalization money, as well as \$266,640 in paycheck funds, for a total of more than \$3.4 million in cash from the SBA.

Rich Pepe's company, Pepe International, qualified for \$2,325,654 in RRF money and received \$829,900 and \$737,900 through the PPP, for a total just shy of \$3.9 million. Pepe owns Little Napoli, Vesuvio and Carmel Bakery.

"What a blessing it was for the federal government to step in and help small businesses stay afloat during both the major shutdowns and reopening phases of Covid-19," Pepe said, adding that the money allowed him "to continue to pay my rents, mortgages and fixed expenses, and keep as many employees working as possible." He said the cash also made it easier for him to pay competitive wages in the midst of significant staffing shortages.

"All I can say is, 'God bless America!'" he said.

After receiving almost \$2.6 million in PPP money, Neptune-Phoenix Corporation in Big Sur also got more than \$1.7 million in restaurant revitalization funds, for a total of \$4,302,022 in federal tax dollars. A few miles away, Big Sur River Inn took in \$1,663,320 in RRF money and \$848,033 in PPP funds, totaling more than \$2.5 million, and on the road in between the two, the Big Sur Bakery collected \$763,246 in restaurant money and took in PPP funds as well, bringing its total to nearly \$1.4 million.

Coffee shops got help, too. On Ocean Avenue, the Carmel Coffee House and Roasting Co. received \$71,064 after getting \$30,772 in PPP money, and the larger C.V. Cof-

fee Roasting Co., which has several locations throughout the Peninsula, got a total of nearly \$2.1 million in federal tax dollars, including \$1,426,038 in restaurant revitalization funds.

Interestingly, Bulldog Pub Inc., owner of the long-closed bar on Lighthouse Avenue, received \$634,737 from the RRF on top of almost \$85,000 in Paycheck Protection Program money.

Chris D'Amelio, who owns the Red House Café on Lighthouse in Pacific Grove, received \$853,078 in revitalization funds and \$195,888 in PPP money, for a total of a little more than \$1 million, to run that restaurant, as well as \$163,250 under the company name Averi Bari LLC to open a business in the former Holly's Lighthouse Café spot down the street.

### Banking it

"As I'm sure you are aware, the SBA has many programs to help new and old businesses," D'Amelio said. "One of these programs is to reimburse expenses incurred in starting a new business."

Charles Chrietzberg, CEO of Monterey County Bank, has seen the influx of all that cash firsthand, since many of his clients have benefited from the programs.

"It's really gratifying to see these restaurants in particular that were basically shut down are getting this help from the government in the form of grants," he said. "Most of them are being really cautious, leaving the money in the bank, and some are transferring it to savings accounts or other investment vehicles."

Therefore, he said, "We've got lots of cash and lots of money to lend."

And while some recipients have used the free money to pay off their loans — which means less revenue for the bank and fewer people borrowing — generally speaking, "A bank only does as well as its customers are doing, and thanks to the government, they're doing great."

## MARY ELLEN CARLIN

1947-2021

Mary Ellen Carlin, 74, passed away on Tuesday, July 13th, 2021. Mary Ellen is survived by her husband of 44 years, Robert; sons Clifton with wife Anya and grandson, Jake; also David with wife Molly and grandson William. She is also survived by her sisters Valerie Hillesheim and Linda Masten. Mary Ellen was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Ethel Mullaly and her brother Larry.



Mary Ellen was born on March 14th, 1947, to Arthur and Ethel Mullaly in Neptune — a town in New Jersey and not the planet many thought she was from. She attended San Jose State University, graduating with a degree in Chemical Engineering in 1990 which she got because her father told her it was so hard that she'd never be able to do it. This was her third attempt at getting her degree and was not thwarted by any additional children who had derailed her first two attempts. In fact, her time at SJSU partially overlapped with Cliff and she was motivated to keep going by the chance to run into her son on campus.

She met her husband Bob while working at El Camino Hospital in Mountain View where she was an X-ray technician and he was a radiologist. They became close when all the other technicians who she was close with were too afraid to deal with Bob, but Mary Ellen was determined to break through his tough exterior.

Together, they bought a house in Los Altos where they lived for over twenty years, raised Cliff and David, and eventually she settled in Pacific Grove with Bob to be near her sisters, friends, the ocean, and the golf courses.

Mary Ellen was loved by a number of communities. She spent roughly three decades in aviation, was a regular with the Pacific Grove Women's Golf Club and at Monterey Peninsula Country Club golf courses, she was part of a cooking club, bridge playing group, and had a fantastic group of friends to travel with.

Mary Ellen loved flying and loved to share the freedom it brought her with others. She was a flight instructor who taught dozens of students at Palo Alto, Reid-Hillview, San Martin, and Monterey airports. Flying was such a part of her that she would often joke in her car that "we should just pull up and go over these jokers" while stuck in traffic.

She also loved to not just travel, but to explore. She flew her plane all over the United States with Bob — including to Alaska and along the East Coast to visit some of the places they each grew up. She also flew to the Caribbean and all the way through Central America down to Colombia on one occasion.

Even when she was taking a vacation from her flying, she was exploring and finding adventure across 6 continents. She went skydiving, scuba diving, race car driving, hiking and biking like few others and appreciated every moment. But when she needed to find some peace she could be found walking and talking with her sisters, Linda and Valerie.

The only things that could slow her down was a chance to spend time with children or animals. She often volunteered to help catch stray cats (which sometimes became her own), and she even nursed a baby blue jay back to health once. She would jump at the chance to visit her grandkids and children of her friends and family. But if you turned your back on her for a second she was teaching the kids words they shouldn't know and games



they shouldn't play.

Her flight on Tuesday morning ended tragically but she will be missed and remembered for always trying to be of service to others.

A private funeral will be held in the coming days for her family, while a wider celebration of Mary Ellen's life will be arranged later in the year.

In lieu of flowers, Mary Ellen would have appreciated any donation to your local animal shelter. One of her family's favorites was Peace of Mind Dog Rescue <https://peaceofminddogrescue.org/> and Happy Tails Pet Sanctuary [HappyTails.org](http://HappyTails.org)

To sign a guestbook or leave a messages and memories for her family, please visit [www.thepaulmortuary.com](http://www.thepaulmortuary.com)



# CARS

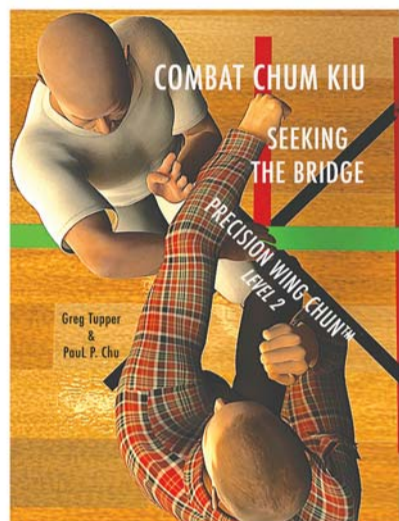
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America, and the Audi Club of North America.

At a hearing hosted Thursday by the Monterey County Special Events Task Force, Carmel Valley Association president Pris Walton said she and others have questions and concerns about how big the event will be.

"The size and scale of this event is very concerning, and there's been no public discussion about bringing it to the village," Walton said. "There needs to be some mechanism so the community has an opportunity to dialogue about it."

## New Book By A Local Author



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Carmel Valley's supervisor from 1984 to 1993, Karin Strasser Kauffman echoed Walton's worries.

"This is one more blow in term of ingress and egress in Carmel Valley," Kauffman said. "The locals were never consulted."

Resident Anne Greene told the task force she is concerned the traffic created by the event could get in the way of an emergency evacuation — like the one that happened last August. "The traffic is already bad, and it's getting worse," Greene warned.

### Looking out for locals

Speaking out in favor of the event was Elizabeth Vitarisi Suro, the co-founder of Destination x Design, a local company that's helping to organize it. Suro said she is working with local officials to address any issues they have regarding traffic, parking or fire safety. "We've complied with what's been asked of us," she said.

Suro, who is also managing director of the Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce, noted that the event will provide no food or drink, which should be a boon to local restaurants and wine tasting rooms, whose business has suffered since the pandemic began.

"I've done events in Carmel Valley for 13 years without any problems," she explained. "I look out for the community."

She also noted the event won't attract any more people than at least one existing event.

"It's not any bigger than the Fiesta," she said. "They have same amount of people over two days that we're only proposing for one day."

The company's other co-founder, Alicia Barone, reported that the local CHP and sheriff's office have signed off on the event's traffic plan, and the two CHP officers have been hired to help out with traffic during the festivities.

Responding to some of the complaints was Joe Hertlein, who is a board member for the Carmel Valley Recreation and Park District, but wasn't representing the board in a July 21 letter to the task force. Hertlein insisted the public has had an opportunity to comment on the topic. "This event was reviewed and discussed at five noticed, public meetings," he wrote.

Hertlein also said the park district's support for using the park is contingent on organizers obtaining the necessary paperwork. "The contract between the park district and the organizers of the event and the Legends of the Autobahn clearly states that the sponsor of the event was responsible for obtaining all requisite county approvals and permits required," he explained.

Hertlein also encouraged the county to let people park at the airfield. "One of the perennial problems of events like the annual Fiesta is that congestion in the village and around the park is considerable because there is limited parking," he added. "The event organizers, in our opinion, should be commended for coming up with a solution to this issue and parking on the airfield should be allowed."

# VACCINATED

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not considered to be a "surge," and he agreed that the vast majority of those becoming ill from the virus have not been vaccinated.

Data that Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula provided The Pine Cone confirms that. Of the 257 Covid-19 patients admitted to the hospital since Jan. 1, the hospital reported that only eight of them — or about 3 percent — were known to have had at least one vaccine dose.

And of those eight patients "none of them were treated for critical or severe illness from Covid-19," hospital spokeswoman Monica Sciuto said this week. "Those who had received at least one vaccination had mild symptoms or no symptoms and were hospitalized to receive treatment unrelated to Covid-19."

It's not known if any of the eight at the Monterey hospital had been fully vaccinated, but nobody at the hospital who had been vaccinated for Covid-19 has died from the virus, Sciuto said.

### Success upon success

Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System also reported the success of the vaccines.

"One hundred percent of our Covid admissions in the last month have been unvaccinated" patients, SVMHS spokeswoman Karina Rusk said.

Natividad Medical Center infection prevention nurse Drew Massengill told The Pine Cone that "the majority of people who are being admitted for Covid-19 complications aren't fully vaccinated. We highly encourage everyone who is eligible to receive the vaccine to get their shot."

Moreno said that the increase in cases is due to more people gathering with others because of the easing of social restrictions, and the rise of the Delta mutation.

While it's possible for vaccinated people to get the virus, the majority of those who do show mild symptoms or none at all.

Moreno said Wednesday that the Delta variant accounts for an estimated 40 to 50 percent specimens that have been analyzed statewide, which he said is also about the same for Monterey County.

"Here in Monterey County, we have a small number of cases that are sequenced [analyzed], but of the numbers of specimens that we have sequenced, it looks like we are somewhere also between 40 and 50 percent" accounting for the Delta variant, he said.

The health department, he said, is aware of only 14 people in the county who have been found infected with the Delta strain. That's because only a small number of Covid-19 specimens are analyzed. Hospitals send specimens to the health department from patients who have tested positive for the virus.

"But if they don't submit the specimens, we can't perform the sequencing," he said.

More than 400 people in the county have been infected with one of five Covid-19 variants, including Delta, which is the most serious of the mutations. Nearly 350 residents have been infected with the less dangerous Epsilon variant.

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## Randall William Sinclair

1950 ❖ 2021

Randall William Sinclair, affectionately known as "Bear," died peacefully under hospice care on June 20, 2021, surrounded by loved ones.

He was born in Carmel, California, to Richard Thomas Sinclair and Beverly Low Siemens in 1950. He spoke fondly of his childhood spent outdoors with dogs, horses, hunting and fishing, playing sports and developing lifelong friendships.

He went on to study ceramics with Robert Arneson at U.C. Davis and with Joe Hysong at Monterey Peninsula College. Associating with other artists around Big Sur during the 1970s, he later opened a ceramics studio in Carmel. Ceramics remained a passion throughout his life.

In 1988, Randy relocated to Annapolis, California, where he built a homestead and was a valued member of his community. He served as chief of the local volunteer fire department for many years. He was a generous and productive member of the Friends of Gualala River.

Masterful at water-witching, mechanics, horticulture and orchard cultivation, Randy shared his time and knowledge freely. An avid reader, he collected books and art and enjoyed writing poetry.

He was widely loved and will be deeply missed.

**Bear says, "howdy-do' from the next!"**



## Susie Harber

Susie Harber, 83 years young, passed away on July 11, 2021, surrounded by loved ones at her home in Bellingham, WA. Originally from San Marino, CA, Susie called Carmel Valley home for over 30 years.

An active member of the CHOMP Auxiliary (The Pink Ladies), where she served countless meals at the café, Susie was also the mastermind behind several Spook Houses at the CV Community Center.

Susie shared her heart with her devoted husband, Vic, for 60 years. She is survived by Vic, son Jeff Harber (Cathy) of Monterey, daughters Jeannine Harber of Bellingham, WA, Melinda Friday (Lindsey) of Carmel Valley, Peggy Sweeney of Sacramento, and Kathy Paden (Reed) of Reno, NV. Susie loved being a grandmother to 9 and great-grandma to 4, with twins on the way!

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# VIRUS

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On Monday, Moreno's office issued a press release recommending that all Monterey County residents, whether they have been vaccinated for coronavirus or not, wear face coverings inside public places, including shops and restaurants.

As part of that guidance, Moreno also "urged" businesses to "adopt universal masking requirements" for all customers, meaning, presumably, that if a business adopts such a requirement and a customer refuses to wear a mask, then that customer would not be allowed inside.

Asked about that portion of his guidance, Moreno said the health department is "just recommending that people who are unvaccinated continue wearing face coverings in indoor settings."

However, that is incorrect. The health department Monday recommended that "everyone, regardless of vaccination status," wear masks inside public places. Moreno did not reconcile his statement Wednesday with the release.

Moreno also could not explain why he has not required employees and visitors of his health department and other county government offices to adhere to the universal masking rules he is asking shops and restaurants to require of their customers.

In deciding on the mask recommendation, Moreno said he factored in all the coronavirus metrics, such as case rates and the number of variant cases.

## 70 percent vaccinated

Meanwhile, according to the county health department, 70 percent of Monterey County's population has received at least one dose of the vaccine, which has surpassed the 63 percent for the entire state. More than half of Californians have been fully immunized.

However, at 47 percent, the rate of vaccinations for children ages 12 to 17 lags behind all other age demographics in Monterey County. Moreno said the county is "making progress" on that, though, and that every week the rate for the 12-to-17 group bumps a percentage point or two.

On Thursday, the county reported 30 new cases of coronavirus in the county, for a total of 160 over the last week, including 33 on the Monterey Peninsula.

Everybody reads The Pine Cone

## Susie Baron Franklin (1949-2021)

Susie Baron Franklin, 71, of Carmel Valley died on July 5, 2021, of a heart attack while traveling with her beloved husband Charly.

Susie left an enormous legacy in nonprofits and philanthropy, and as family matriarch. She left an indelible impression on everyone she encountered.

Born in Los Angeles to Henry and Joan Baron, Susie was an outstanding student. She attended UC Berkeley, pledged to Alpha Epsilon Phi, and took part in some of that school's now-famous political demonstrations. After receiving her bachelor's degree, she earned a master's degree in Social Work from USC.

Susie excelled in fund-raising and had a very successful career in the field, culminating in seven years as Executive Director of Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times, one of the country's leading camps for children with cancer and their families. During that time she led a multi-million dollar campaign to purchase a permanent site in the San Jacinto Mountains. Susie provided guidance on many nonprofit boards including the Los Angeles Children's Museum, the Center for Early Education, and Youth Arts Collective in Monterey.

Susie founded the Franklin Legacy Fund, which provides funding and technical expertise to nonprofits in the Monterey Peninsula and beyond looking to take the next step in their growth. Stories of the Fund's work and impact can be found at [franklinlegacyfund.org](http://franklinlegacyfund.org).

She was an active Carmel Valley resident for almost twenty years, including eight as a participant in the Muffins of Carmel Valley. She fund-raised and organized for local organizations and causes. She orchestrated reunions and supported family and friends in need. She hosted countless guests in her home, and spent time sharing the family legacy of stories and traditional skills like knitting with her descendants.

Susie overcame significant health challenges. She was diagnosed with early-onset Parkinson's Disease while still in her 40s. This never stopped her from doing the things she loved, including travel, exercise, writing by hand, and even playing piano.

Susie is survived by Charly; her sister Deb; her three sons, Zachary, Seth, and Judd; their wives Sofia, Kristen, and Tybe; and her grandchildren, Molly, Clara, Adena, Maccabee, and Robin.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Susie Franklin Memorial Fund at Cal State Monterey Bay, online at [donate.csUMB.edu](http://donate.csUMB.edu) or via mail to University Advancement, CSUMB, 100 Campus Center - AVC, Seaside, CA 93955.



## Janie Caroline White Born February 10<sup>th</sup>, 1966

Janie Caroline White passed away July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, peacefully at home, in the arms of her husband, Judah White, after battling pancreatic cancer.

Janie was born February 10<sup>th</sup>, 1966, in Adelaide, Australia, and though carrying an unmistakable playful Australian accent her whole life, passed away a proud American at home in Carmel Valley Village. Janie radiated a bright and shining spirit throughout her life in work, with friends, in love and through to the end. Janie's witty humor lifted the atmosphere and those around her, making what seemed heavy, light, and insurmountable, possible. She held a master's degree in computer and information science and in her work Janie was diligent, regularly finding opportunities to improve those around her by sharing her savvy of technology and tools, setting all up for success.

On June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005, during the time she was working at HSBC, Janie met the love of her life, Judah Thomas White. They became best friends and soul mates through ups and downs. Janie and Judah were married March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011, in Las Vegas, Nevada, with family and friends joining from around the world. Las Vegas was Janie and Judah's happy place, where they enjoyed close friends and good times together. Not long after HSBC was purchased by Capital One, she and Judah decided the required East Coast move was not for them: Carmel Valley is their home. She returned West, working for a time in Construction Facilitation and Technology with Judah before going back into finance tech at W. R. Berkley. There, as Janie does, she easily created fast friendships and continued to contribute until her final weeks. While taking little respite from her professional family, she enjoyed adventures, including supporting Judah building a custom home on a private island in Nova Scotia, camping and touring trips with him and their "fur-child," lovingly referred as Choco-dog (chocolate Lab) Boo, visiting friends in Paso Robles, Napa and beyond, touring olive oil farms, wineries, parks and more. Affectionately referring to her pup as Bubbles, Janie loved champagne, had a voracious appetite for reading, passion for all things Formula One, loved to knit, take Boo to the park, spend time with friends and family alike, and more than anything to laugh with others.

Janie was passionate in everything, and from her diagnosis in October she knew a sense of peace grounded in her powerful Christian faith. She anticipated her new home in Heaven, and looked forward to seeing her dad and other loved ones who passed before her.

Though her time on earth has been cut short, she continues to smile down and brighten the lives of those who knew and knew of her. Though she is terribly missed, we will see her again one day soon.

To Janie — the consummate upbeat and steady friend. The show must go on. We love you.

Janie was preceded in death by several weeks by her father, Trevor Marker, who passed from the same terrible disease. Janie is survived by her mother, Rosemary; and sister, Megan in Melbourne; step-mum Vicki; sisters Katie and Amy; brother Harry in Adelaide; and her husband, Judah White. Her service begins at noon, Saturday, July 24, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, followed by a Celebration of Life at 3 p.m. at Los Laureles Lodge. All are welcome.

Donations in her honor may be sent to  
The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network: [Pancan.org](http://Pancan.org)





## Editorial

# Three words we wish we never knew

IN THE 1953 film version of H.G. Wells' "War of the Worlds," all seems lost when even mankind's most powerful weapon, the atomic bomb, fails to so much as annoy the invading Martians. Salvation arrives when the aliens succumb not to military might, but to an army of unseen earthly microbes.

"The Martians had no resistance to the bacteria in our atmosphere to which we have long since become immune," the film's announcer intones as the aliens die and church bells ring out. "After all that men could do had failed, the Martians were destroyed and humanity was saved by the littlest things that God, in his wisdom, had put upon this earth."

Sounds nice, doesn't it, that civilization would be saved even as we're all taught a lesson in humility? A lesson about our how meager our scientific accomplishments are compared to the power of nature, and how the balance of the earth's environment and our immune systems could save us even when our best laid plans were about to let us all be slaughtered? Nature, it turns out as the credits roll, is more powerful than anything cooked up in one of our silly bomb factories.

The first time we saw the film, we thought its lesson, updated as it was for the Cold War, was something everyone needed to learn, and we remember reflecting on how too much reliance on technology at the expense of the environment could devastate human health and safety, instead of enhancing it.

But that was before we heard the words, "gain of function." Turns out that scientists around the world and the governments that pay for their research had watched "War of the Worlds," too, but instead of taking its message to heart, what they realized was that microbes, themselves, could be turned into tiny weapons as powerful as nuclear bombs — not in terms of their ability to blow up buildings, but in their capacity to kill people.

To make these mini-weapons work, it was the human immune system that was the obstacle, so what scientists set out to do was to modify viruses to overcome it. They called this research "gain of function," i.e., "gain the function to kill you."

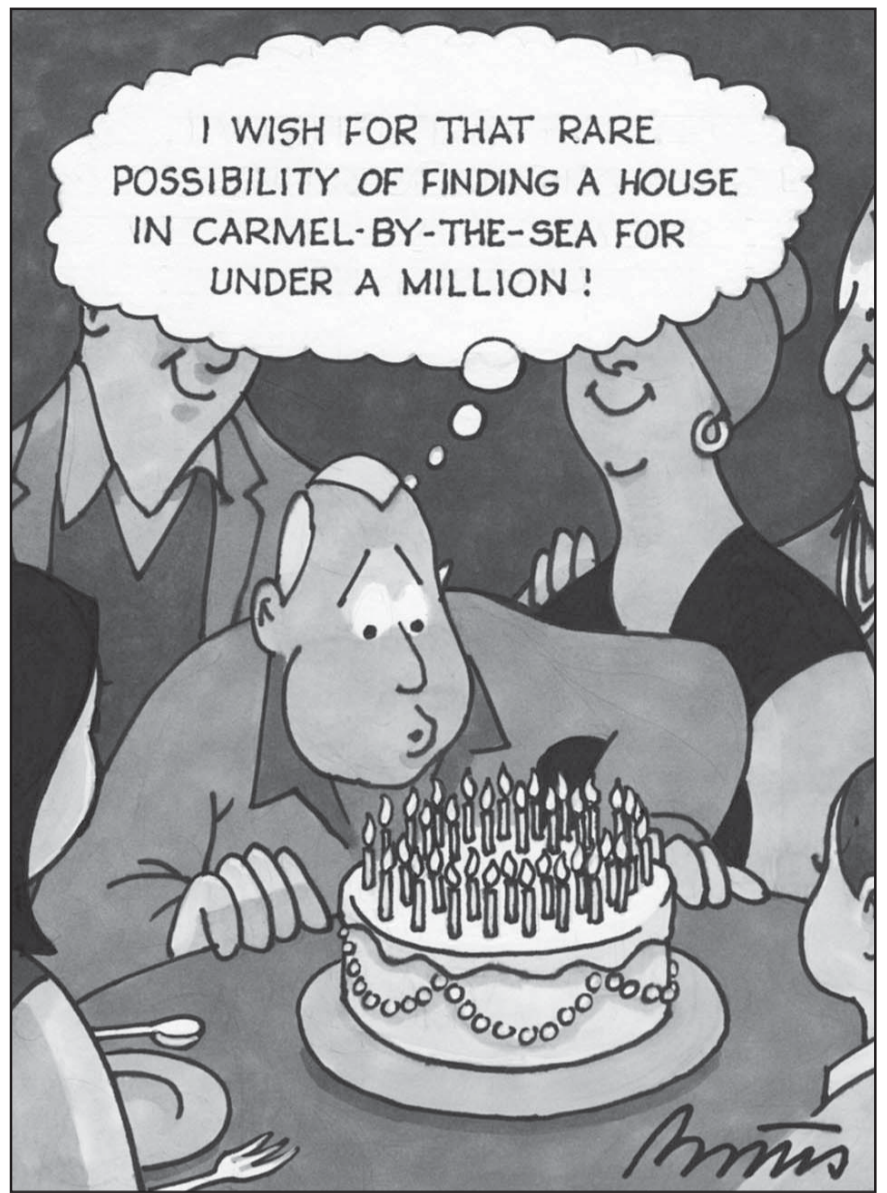
Did you know this was going on? Well, it has been for years, and you've been paying for it. And much of the deadly research has been happening at the Wuhan Institute of Virology.

If you search online, you'll find lots and lots of scholarly sounding, acronym-filled reports and research papers explaining what "gain of function" research is, where it's being done, and why it's a good idea to spend millions on it — and even for our National Institutes of Health to pay scientists in Wuhan to do it. The goal has been to collect viruses from animals in the wild and modify them so they're deadly to humans.

Of course, such idiotic research is justified by claiming it will enable parallel research to prevent the gained functions from being effective, which is an "it's for your own good" argument that only a lunatic would make. But people with degrees from our most prestigious universities have been making it, and our government has been paying for it.

We don't know whether the coronavirus that caused the 2020 pandemic is a product of gain of function research, or whether the virus that causes Covid-19 was purposely created in the Wuhan virology lab. But it horrifies us to think it might have been.

## BEST of BATES



## Letters to the Editor

### Two paths forward

#### Dear Editor,

Everyone wants to be done with the devastating medical, social and economic consequences of this pandemic. Unfortunately, there is little reason to believe that the virus that causes Covid-19 is ever going away. The question is how we can successfully mitigate its presence and move on.

Early in the pandemic, we hoped that Covid-19 would disappear. Nineteen months into the pandemic, however, the virus hasn't disappeared but has progressively mutated into increasingly more infectious variants. It is quite likely that everyone who hasn't been vaccinated will ultimately be infected with Covid-19. (By example, prior to the development of a measles vaccine it was believed that up to 98 percent of the population became infected.)

Remarkably, we have the opportunity to choose our path forward. With the introduction of safe and effective Covid-19 vaccines we can choose from two options: vaccine-induced immunity, or the immunity conferred by infection. One clearly is a more difficult road.

By every marker, the risk of death and complications for the unvaccinated who contract the virus overshadows the risks of vaccination. Additionally, while the vaccines are not 100 percent protective, those vaccinated who become infected have

milder illnesses. Greater than 90 percent of the country's current hospitalizations and deaths have occurred in unvaccinated individuals.

While the rapid development of an effective vaccine should be celebrated, our evolving understanding of the virus coupled with the ease with which disinformation can be disseminated has instead undermined popular confidence in scientific messaging. Given the advantages of vaccine-induced immunity, however, the overwhelming majority of U.S. healthcare workers have chosen this path. At the Salinas Valley Medical Clinic and Montage Medical Group, 166 physicians have opted for and strongly encourage vaccination for their patients.

We will ultimately get past this — the question is how many unnecessary lives will be lost if we take the more difficult path.

**Allen Radner, M.D.**

*Chief Medical Officer, Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System*

**Mark Carvalho, M.D.**

*CEO, Montage Medical Group*

### Amazed at masks

#### Dear Editor,

I am amazed that county health again wants us to wear masks inside public places. Why? I had to expand the helpful graph in the Pine Cone email just to see the recent micro-blip that the county must be worried about. It's much smaller than last summer, and truly minuscule compared to January of this year.

This seems to be a California phenom-

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# Entrepreneurs saw lode of opportunities at Point Lobos

A FRONT-PAGE story in the July 9 Pine Cone about tar balls on our beaches caught my interest. In the story, reporter Mary Schley looked back to similar incidents going back 40 years. I spend most of my time looking back even further, and when it comes to tar on the beach, I dis-

covered that similar incidents were occurring more than a century ago — long before wells were being drilled offshore and oil barges were traveling up and down the coast.

In 1943, in the Monterey Herald, old-time dairy man Warner Dodge recalled the days when an energetic entrepreneur named Joseph Emery began mining for coal on the Rancho San Jose Chiquito, which extended south along the Monterey County coast for 15 miles from just below the Carmel River to Garrapata Creek.

**Tangled claims**  
An earlier effort, the Carmelo Bay Coal Company, began plans for mining north of Mal Paso Creek in 1877, confident of the quality and quantity of coal that could be mined. That company failed, but in 1888, Emery revived the mining plans. Dodge recalled trying to burn some of Emery's coal in his father's blacksmith shop and the heavy fumes drove everyone out.

Dodge also told the newspaper of his belief there were natural resources at Point Lobos and up Mal Paso Canyon that should

of the seepage from Point Lobos, or perhaps, as scientists believe today, it seeps from the sea floor. Whatever the explanation, the tar balls on our beaches seem to be a longstanding natural phenomenon.

As for exploration of the resources, Point Lobos was already a state park when Dodge made his recommendation for mining there, so the idea went nowhere. However, heirs from the mining era retained mineral rights to Point Lobos and parts of the Big Sur coast.

Let's explore the mining history.

When Carmelo Bay Coal Company was formed in 1877, ownership of the coastal land known as Rancho San Jose Chiquito was in dispute. In the years following California statehood in 1850, land claims were subject to review by the state. Successful landowners were issued legal patents, affirming their titles.

Emery and his partners purchased the rancho from Jose Castro in 1854. But Castro's ownership had already been challenged by other claimants, including several children of the original 1839 grantee of the rancho, Marcelino Escobar. Two of them sold the rancho to Josefa Abrego in 1841, while Escobar was still alive.

He died in 1849, and eight of Escobar's other children, as co-heirs of their father's grant, challenged the sale. There were also 10 soldiers at the Presidio to whom Abrego assigned the grant, reportedly in order to cover her husband's gambling debts. Some of those soldiers challenged Castro's claim that they had assigned the grant to him.

There were other claimants to portions of Rancho San Jose Chiquito.

Castro's initial application was denied in 1855, and Emery and his partners appealed. Resolution took several years and included a suit filed by the federal government in 1880 against Emery and his partners in an effort to determine ownership once and for all.

**Resolution**  
The Los Angeles Evening News of May 15, 1888, finally reported: "The committee of the General Land Offices Monday, by direction of the Secretary of the Interior, transmitted to the surveyor-general of California for delivery to confirmees, Joseph S. Emery and Nathan M. Spaulding, administrator of the estate of Abner Bassett, deceased, and Mary Ann Bassett, the widow, a patent for a private land claim." So, Emery owned the land after all.

I should let you know that Joseph Emery was about 30 when, like many others,

Dodge may be correct in his assessment

## History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING



Joseph S. Emery



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Old hoisting plant of the Carmelo Land and Coal Co. in Mal Paso Canyon (c. 1895).

be explored. He even said he knew of a site at Point Lobos where oil seeped out of a crevice, and he claimed that after the 1906 earthquake the seepage became severe.

I'm a historian, not a geologist, but perhaps his recollections could help today's geologists identify the source of our current tar balls.

"You couldn't pick up a stone or a pebble on the beach that wasn't encrusted with oil," Dodge said.

Dodge may be correct in his assessment

# Nail polish was an early medium

THE CARMEL artist who uses just one name — Romanoos — employs oils and brushes to interpret a life journey, or at least part of it, with each portrait she paints, masterfully reanimating that roadmap in every person's face, along with the story told by posture, attire, and aura.

"I like to sit down and communicate with my models. I try to get a sense of their aesthetic, and who they are. I also like my

bachelor's degree, and at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco, where she was valedictorian of her graduate school class in the spring of 2014.

The following fall, Romanoos was added to the faculty there as a full professor, where she works with master's-level students today.

"I was thrilled to speak at my graduation as the valedictorian, because the Academy of Art University is such a competitive school," she said. "I was surrounded there by so many phenomenal students, and to thrive among such great artists, and then to be hired as a professor, are achievements that make me feel very proud."

Romanoos told the commencement audience part of her own inspirational story, which began with her parents' decision leave their jobs in Iran: Shahim was a first-class flight attendant, Ebi was her supervisor.

They came on a work visa to Long Island, N.Y., initially paying their bills with menial jobs: He mowed lawns; she worked at KFC and babysat.

### Undocumented for 25 years

Romanoos was illegally in the country for the first 25 years of her life, until she married Ryan Mattonen, an American citizen. They have two young daughters, and he is employed as business development team lead for sales and advertising at Ylopo, a real estate technology company in Carmel.

Until her wedding day, she talked her way onto airlines using her student ID. She outwitted border agents. She looked over her shoulder at every corner, wondering if that might be the day she'd be deported.

If that happened, her parents also would have left the country, giving up the good life they had worked so hard to rebuild, to be with their daughter.

She said it was, "absolutely, extremely stressful, yes," adding, "but I wouldn't change anything, because it's part of what built me into the person I am."

### 'Nobody took the time'

"And as a child, I wasn't just illegal — I also didn't speak English, because my parents didn't speak English," Romanoos explained. "When I was enrolled in school, nobody took the time to understand why I was different. They just assumed I had a learning disability."

She was placed into special education classes, where her classmates were sightless, hearing-impaired, and all levels of learning-disabled.

"I couldn't talk to any of

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## Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

subjects get a feel of who I am as the artist," said Romanoos, who paints with oil in a style called photographic realism, from carefully posed and lighted photographs she takes herself.

### A remarkable life journey

She is a keen observer of the human condition, largely because of her own remarkable life journey, which began 41 years ago in Tehran, Iran.

She was born there because her mother, Shahim Abasaltian, a flight attendant for an Iranian airline, could no longer fly to America, as she had two years earlier, in 1978 to give birth (and instant U.S. citizenship) to Romanoos' older brother, Reza. The Shah of Iran was overthrown with a revolution in 1979, and Iranian airlines remained grounded in 1980, when Romanoos came along.

Shahim, and her husband, Ebi (Romanoos' dad) emigrated to the U.S. in 1983, and got their own U.S. citizenship in 1996, when Reza celebrated his 18th birthday. Romanoos, though, would live in the shadows, undocumented until she became a young adult.

Romanoos' artistic evolution includes an education at the California College of the Arts in Oakland, where she earned her



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Like Cher and Elvis, Carmel artist Romanoos goes by just one name — but her works speak volumes.



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# FISH

From page 10A

was so onerous.”

With Malloway scrambling to find a new home for his business, his friend Mark Stilwell reached out to the management of the Barnyard, which in turn, offered Malloway a space. The shop reopens Aug. 1.

“Mark’s a friend and customer who didn’t want to see the shop move,” he said. “If I get the keys, I’m going to start moving in this weekend.”

So what makes Carmel a good place for such a shop? While the nearby surf offers some good fishing, local streams have long been plagued by droughts and wildfires.

“The fires of past few years have neutralized the local fisheries for some time,” Malloway explained.

But the Monterey Peninsula is home to many fly-fishing enthusiasts who aren’t shy about traveling and are the shop’s best customers. Besides carrying gear and gadgets for them, the shop offers classes for all levels of fly-fishing enthusiasts, including fly fishing in the surf and fly tying.

## Moving’s a chore

Malloway also leads trips to faraway destinations like Alaska, where one tour is headed soon. “We focus on trips out of state and out of the country,” explained the lifelong fly-fishing enthusiast, who was introduced to the sport by his father.

While moving is never easy — especially when you’ve been somewhere for 25 years — Malloway can console himself with the knowledge that’s he’s in this business because he loves it. The shop’s motto makes this clear: “It’s never been a job, it’s always been a passion.”

# AG

From page 6A

compared to last year, Stemler said, and total value declined by 43 percent.

Last year also had a new “top crop” in the 10 most profitable sectors: strawberries. The fruit overtook leaf lettuce for the first time since 2013 and hit an all-time high of \$922,683,000 in gross sales, despite fire-related impacts on the crop. That marked a 26 percent increase over 2019’s strawberry crop value.

“It was the best year ever for strawberries — almost \$1 billion for one crop,” Gonzales said. “Monterey County is the No. 1 strawberry county in the nation.”

## Last year’s No. 2

The Top 10 also included a couple of newcomers: celery, at No. 9, with \$114.9 million in value, and livestock and poultry at No. 10, with \$110.9 million in gross sales.

Analysis of the data also saw a big jump in organic farming, from 88,359 acres cultivated by 286 farms in 2019, to 132,809 acres farmed in 2020, but by 10 fewer producers. Total gross sales increased from \$562,702,000 in 2019 to \$757,887,000 in 2020.

“This is a trend that’s been in this upward trajectory for decades, now,” he said.

Gonzales also included cannabis production in the report, even though the fed-

eral government still considers it an illegal drug. Last year brought in almost \$35 million more in gross sales, finishing at \$484,102,000, compared with 2019’s total \$448,688,000.

## That’s a lot of lettuce

Exports to the usual trading partners of Mexico, Canada, Taiwan, Japan, Hong Kong, South Korea, Saudi Arabia, the European Union and a handful of other countries showed some interesting Covid-inspired deviations, like nearly 44 million pounds more of lettuce getting exported in 2020 vs. 2019, for a total of 154,725,000.

The next most exported crop was strawberries, at 74,316,000 pounds, which was a decrease of almost 13 million pounds from 2019.

Gonzales said the deviations, as well as the significant overall increase in exports, were due to growers finding international markets to take some of what they couldn’t sell at home due to pandemic shutdowns. In 2019, Monterey County farmers exported a total of 327,494,000 pounds of fruits, vegetables, nuts and other agricultural products, compared with 371,626,000 in 2020.

Not surprisingly, Mexico is the county’s top export market, followed by Canada. Both countries received significantly more than they had in 2019, with Mexico taking in 131,293,000 pounds of ag products and Canada importing 109,543,000 pounds, compared with 98,945,000 pounds and 96,083,000 pounds last year, respectively.

# LETTERS

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enon. I checked the news and couldn’t find any other states that are bringing masks back. The problem seems to be activist Los Angeles County, home of some of last year’s most egregious lockdowns. Many other California counties, like ours, are like dominoes falling into place in deference to our big neighbor to the south.

In 2020, they told us that a vaccine would save us from a summer of masks. We were told especially that vaccinating a large percentage of older people would put us in good shape to avoid hospitalization and death.

The vast majority of older people did get vaccinated, and there is practically no hospitalization and death. But the mask scare returns. For how long?

Thomas F. Lee, Monterey

## Why fear non-vaccinated?

Dear Editor,

I’m confused by the reasoning of vaccinated people having fears of being around those who haven’t been vaccinated. If one has been vaccinated against a disease and presumably cannot catch it, why would they worry about being near someone who hasn’t been vaccinated? I have been vaccinated and I don’t expect a non-vaccinated person to have to stay away from me. I should be at least 97 percent safe from catching the disease from them.

A case in point, there is a business in Marina that has a sign on the door requiring patrons to be vaccinated before they can enter. Are they warning the public that there is someone sick in their business? Or are the proprietors all vaccinated and safe but still afraid that a non-vaccinated person would infect them? Where does common sense prevail?

Beth Ege, Carmel

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# HOMELESS

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in taxpayer funds to be spent on services and housing for homeless veterans.

Newsom said the homeless plans include “long-term supportive housing funds” and are “multi-year commitments.”

He did not address the accumulation of garbage and debris at encampments throughout the state, many of which are located in the Monterey Peninsula, along Highway 1, and in Salinas. However, a subsequent press announcement from his office indicated that \$50.6 million from the program would be used for “encampment resolution efforts.”

It's not clear when Newsom's program is expected to roll out in Monterey County and help the homeless who live here. However, Newsom's prior policy, according to the City of Monterey, prohibited state transportation agency Caltrans from cleaning up the garbage in the encampments on the Peninsula and other areas.

## 'Reagan's fault'

Newsom blamed the genesis of California's homeless problems on state leadership in 1967 — more than half a century ago.

“In Ronald Reagan's infamous first budget as governor of California, where, faced with a budget crisis, he began to systematically destroy the network of supports all across the State of California, particularly for people that were experiencing crisis issues related” to mental health and addiction issues,” he claimed.

However, Newsom said that his predecessor, former Gov. Jerry Brown, in the last few years of his term tried to “renew partnerships” and “find solutions to build collaborations to start to develop networks to address the issues of homeless,” including its root causes.

Newsom this week also announced a separate \$10.3 billion affordable housing package, which includes \$850 million to incentivize infill development and smart growth, \$800 million to “preserve the state's affordable housing stock,” and \$100 million to “promote affordable homeownership.”

# MST

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The activists say that more than a dozen groups and individuals expressed concern about the project, including the California Coastal Commission and State Parks, which requested that MST prepare an environmental impact report and “evaluate alternatives to the proposed project.”

The MST board of directors OK'd the plan on June 14 at a public meeting. The groups claim, however, that their attorney was prevented from commenting on the project, which they said violated state laws governing public meetings.

## Project celebrated

MST general manager Carl Sedoryk would not comment on the complaint but said the bus project is “widely supported,” and a means of transforming an underused public right of way.

“Making transit a more attractive alternative will result in reduced greenhouse gas emissions and, less auto-related microplastics and other debris entering the bay,” Sedoryk told The Pine Cone this week. “It will also result in improved mobility and accessibility for those who depend on transit, including seniors, veterans, persons with disabilities and members of disadvantaged communities in our region.”

# GAVEL

From page 4A

outside. As she was attempting to get Gomez to leave her apartment, Gomez struck Doe in the face with a closed fist, breaking her jaw. Gomez then fled the scene.

May 10 — A jury found Joel Anthony Campos-Cervantes guilty of one felony count of inflicting injury on a person with whom he had a dating relationship and one misdemeanor count of violating a criminal protective order.

During the jury trial, which began on May 5, 2021, Jane Doe testified that on July 26, 2020, she was driving her boyfriend, Joel Campos-Cervantes, home from Monterey when

they got into an argument. The argument angered Campos-Cervantes, and he punched Doe several times in the face with a closed fist, causing visible bruising and swelling to her face, as well as a laceration to her lip.

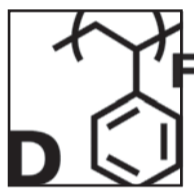
She was able to escape and drive to her sister's house in another part of Monterey County where they contacted police and reported the incident.

Doe testified that after Campos-Cervantes' arrest, he contacted her several times, urging her to not testify against him and/or to tell law enforcement and the district attorney's office to dismiss the case and drop the charges against him. When the charges were not dropped, he began to threaten Doe.

The Honorable Stephanie E. Hulseby will sentence Campos-Cervantes. His felony charge carries a maximum sentence of four years in state prison.

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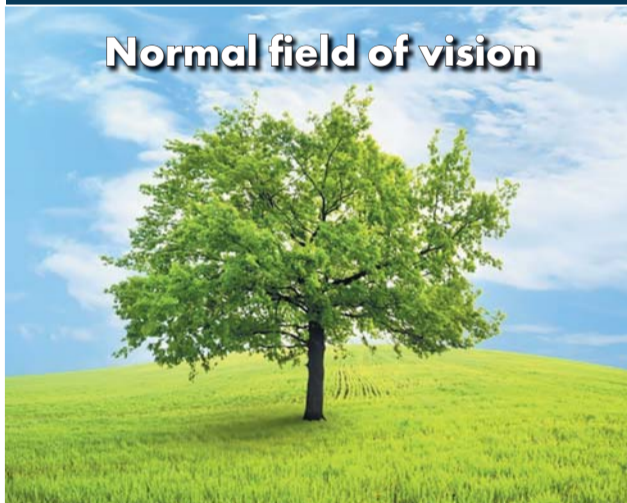
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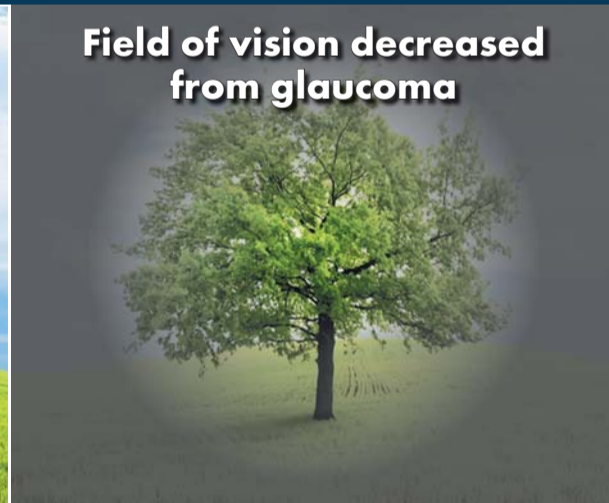
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**Proposed Action:** Consideration of an Appeal (APP 21-179, Esperanza Carmel Commercial, LLC) of (DR 20-395, Esperanza Carmel Commercial, LLC) for the demolition of the Palo Alto Savings and Loan Community Room and construction of a 16,898 square-foot two story mixed-use development with a 11,371 square-foot basement garage in the Service Commercial (SC) Zoning District.

**Project Location:** Dolores Street 2 southwest of 7th Avenue (Block 91, Lot 6; APN: 010-145-023)

**Environmental Status:** Exempt

Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 has allowed local legislative bodies to hold public meetings via teleconference and to make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the local legislative body. Also, see the Order by the Monterey County Public Health Officer issued March 17, 2020. The health and well-being of our residents is the top priority for the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea. To that end, this meeting will be held via teleconference and web-streamed on the City's website <http://www.ci.carmel.ca.us>, and found by clicking on "Government" and then "Meetings". The City Council meeting will be broadcast live on the City's website at <http://carmel.novusagenda.com/agendapublic/meetingsresponsive.aspx> and the City's YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAuOellwM1JCDkzD7Js86mA>, and archived there after the meeting.

To attend via Zoom (copy and paste the link into your browser); <https://zoom.us/j/95806441379?>; Meeting ID (if needed): 958 0644 1379; Passcode (if needed): 173007; or to attend via telephone, dial 1-669-900-9128

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# The Carmel Pine Cone

Section 2

## Big Sur's bumpy, quirky sandlot is a field for the happiest of dreamers

THE ALL-DIRT softball field inside Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park is as diabolical as it is beautiful — a picturesque-but-weird all-natural obstacle course that has driven sane and highly qualified ballplayers out of their minds for 45 years, albeit in a soothing, soul-cleansing kind of way.

All bets are off when a bat strikes ball at the home of

That topography is an outsized part of the charm, since every pop fly rises against the spectacularly colorful backdrop of Mount Manuel, in the freshest air you'll ever breathe, observed by many furry, fuzzy, feral creatures, some from the animal kingdom. Hey, it's Big Sur.

### Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

the quirky Big Sur Softball League, whose founders somehow talked their way past park rangers in 1976, then hung around, like a weird uncle, until they became a somewhat accepted part of the topography.

#### The Hop

Playing there requires uncommon valor. Steely-nerved infielders stand in the path of sizzling grounders that may or may not be headed for trouble.

"The field is pretty rough, so we've got something called the Big Sur Hop," said Chris Omer, 41-year-old third baseman for the Esalen Tribe, one of six teams playing in the league in the summer of 2021. "The ball's coming right at you, hits a rock, or a lump, or a squirrel hole, and careens in a completely different direction."

The players persevere, respecting that the ground squirrels were there long before the third basemen and those bad-tempered yellow jackets that have been known to terrorize a centerfielder chasing a fly fall.

"Yeah, the bees ... that can get pretty entertaining," said league commissioner Ira Comello, a player-coach for the Big Sur Deli team, and an alumnus of the largest graduating class (five students) in the history of Pacific Valley School, on the South Coast of Big Sur.

#### Foliage interference

Tree branches lunge and lurk all over the field, waiting to swat down well-struck balls, necessitating the Tree



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Big Sur Softball's quirky rules allow five outfielders, which sometimes can be a crowd.

Ball provision in the official Big Sur Softball rulebook. They also hover over the right-field fence, which is just 180 feet from home plate.

"We used to trim along the baselines, trying to keep the branches out of fair territory, but the state park folks told us not to do that, so now we don't," said 67-year-old Leo Foster, who coaches the Esalen Tribe team and purportedly is the longest continuous participant in the league. He actually started playing there with friends and neighbors in 1974, at Sunday picnics, then helped organize the league two years later.

"The state park has never really liked that we talked our way in here — Pfeiffer Big Sur is still the only state park in California with an operational ballfield and a softball league," said Foster, who (small world) was Comello's P.E. teacher at Pacific Valley, and also drove the school bus.

The Tree Ball rule states that any batted ball that strikes

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Big Sur Deli moved toward a second-straight unbeaten season with a big victory last week over the Outlaws, a perennial powerhouse in Big Sur softball.

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## ARTIST

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my classmates, and they didn't talk to me. I can't even remember playing with anyone at school," she said. "I just kept to myself and doodled.

"Nobody understood why I wasn't thriving, why I wasn't stimulated," Romanoos said. "Drawing and painting became my only voice, because I couldn't communicate any other way."

In fact, as a third-grader she routinely doodled something in the upper right-hand corner of her school papers because she hadn't yet been taught how to write her name.

### 'Who fails the third grade?'

"So, I failed the third grade! I mean, who fails the third grade, right?" she said. "That was the first time I ever saw my father cry, and it's when I promised myself that I'd never disappoint my parents again."

Her mother and father, she said, were her inspiration at every turn, encouraging Romanoos to choose her own religion (most Iranians are Muslim) and to marry for love, not as a path to citizenship. They also encouraged her art.

"When I was in middle school, or maybe early high school, I tried to draw a hand, which actually is very difficult," she remembered. "When I was finished, I crumpled it up and threw it in the trash.

"A few days later, I came home and discovered that my father had found it, smoothed it out, and framed it. It was hanging on our living room wall. All artists need that kind of encouragement in their lives."

While her family struggled with low income, Romanoos made her earliest paintings with her mother's nail polish, which melted holes in the Styrofoam she used as a canvas.

Her artistic mother became a designer,

and her father, charismatic and charming, was hired to sell jewelry. He learned the business, and eventually became self-employed in the industry.

### Birth of a gallery

"He climbed the ladder, saved his money, and finally opened his own business," said Romanoos, who learned to make jewelry along with her painting. "Then, one year, I came to Carmel for a vacation, realized this beautiful town was mostly restaurants, jewelry stores and galleries, and realized I had two of the three (jewelry and art)."

In 2005, she and her parents opened their own gallery at Sixth and Mission, and a year later they relocated to Ocean at San Carlos, where Romanoos Fine Art & Jewelry has thrived ever since.

"When I made my very first sale, I was in shock. I was confident that I had talent, but still couldn't believe somebody had bought my painting," she recollected. "The next day, my father came in, scratched out the number on every price tag, and raised the amount on everything in the store by \$500."

### Motherhood takes priority

The bittersweet news for the artist is that she'll shutter the business at the end of this month to enjoy motherhood: Her first-born daughter, Azalia, is 4 1/2 years old, and her baby, Aryana, is 18 months.

Romanoos also will continue to teach graduate-level classes online at the Academy of Arts University, along with private classes to local artists at her home studio (email her at romanoosM@hotmail.com).

And she'll continue to create her own art, while shopping for new gallery representation, with plans to reopen a gallery of her own in a few years, when her children are older.

Images of her work and additional information can be found on Instagram at Romanoos.Art.

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## From the waves to the stage: Johnny Tsunami rocks out at Sly's, Lucy's

ARE THEY surfers who rock, or rockers who surf? For the co-founders of **Johnny Tsunami & the Shoulder Hoppers** — who play at Sly McFly's Saturday and Lucy's on Lighthouse in Pacific Grove Sunday — the lines blur between the two passions, each of which requires a whole lot of confidence and initiative.

"We're surfers who rock," said singer and bassist **Michael Royster**, who started the band seven years ago with singer and guitarist **Michael Barrett**. "We're hardcore surfers, and that's the tie that binds us."

Both endeavors require much improvisation.

"There's a lot of similarities between

surfing and playing music — every time you paddle out, or every time you play music, you're facing different conditions, and it's a different session."

The band's lengthy and curious name pays tribute to surfing — and the reality that great waves are few and far between, leading to a lot of competition among surfers.

"Johnny Tsunami is the bad ass surfer at the peak of the wave," Royster explained. "The Shoulder Hoppers are the guys who are trying to steal his wave."

The band performs in many incarnations, with **Allan Linn** trading off on percussion with **Rod Wilson**, and **Chris Kroeze** sometimes playing saxophone.

**Jacqueline Newman** and **Jonathon Rogers** fill in on vocals. The group takes a jam band's approach to the rock classics, stretching them out and taking them in surprising directions. They play an upbeat mix of music from the '60s through the '90s, including favorites by the Grateful Dead, the Allman Brothers, the Rolling Stones, Tom Petty, Pink Floyd, Bob Marley, the Cure, Sublime and many more.

While most bands create a set list before each gig, Johnny Tsunami lets things evolve a bit more organically. Decisions about what to play next are spontaneous. "We play to the feel of the moment," added Royster, who works as a special education teacher and varsity softball coach at Monterey High School.

Sly McFly's is located at 700 Cannery Row. Showtime is 9 p.m. Lucy's is located at 1120 Lighthouse Ave. The music starts at 1:30 p.m.

### ■ A rockin' good vegetable

Besides paying tribute to a delicious vegetable that's almost exclusively grown here, the 61st annual Artichoke Festival — which is set for Saturday and Sunday at Monterey Fairgrounds — provides a stage for an array of musical performers, including **The Chicago All-Stars**, **Lost & Found**, **Monterey County Line**, **Sasha's Money**, **Tinman** and **Underground River**.

The festival got its start in 1959 in Castroville, where most of America's artichokes have been grown since the 1920s.

## On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

The celebration of the thistle moved to its current site in 2014.

The venue is located at 2004 Fairground Road. Proceeds benefit local schools and charities. For more details, visit [artichoke-festival.org](http://artichoke-festival.org).

### ■ Live music July 23–29

**The Barnyard** shopping center — singer and guitarist **Johan Sotelo** (Saturday at noon). 3663 The Barnyard, [thebarnyard.com](http://thebarnyard.com).

**Bernardus Lodge & Spa** in Carmel Valley — pianist **Joe Indence** (classical, Friday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (folk, blues and rock, Saturday at noon), pianist **Martan Mann** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Richard Devinck** (classical, Sunday at noon), singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.) and guitarist **John Sherry** (folk, blues and rock, Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.). In the Lucia Restaurant & Bar at 415 W. Carmel Valley Road, (831) 658-3400.

**Big Sur Grange Hall** — Singer and

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Boscoe's Brood (left) plays Friday at the Trailside Café in Carmel Valley, while Monterey County Line (above) takes the stage at the Artichoke Festival at the Monterey Fairgrounds.

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# Big Sur Food & Wine tix selling quickly, 7D wine dinner next week

EARLY TICKET sales to Big Sur Food & Wine VIPs have already filled up some of the November festival's events, like the Magical Mystery Tour, the opening night celebration at Ventana, and the Sommelier Dinner at the Big Sur Roadhouse, but space remains for a handful of other tastings and gatherings.

"Because of your enthusiasm for our festival, several of our events sold out within hours of announcing our early access VIP ticket sales," organizers announced last week. "We are humbled by your support and so look forward to seeing you in the fall."

After missing last year, the Big Sur food and wine event is back with a Nov. 4-6 lineup that offers a range of experiences down the coast and helps raise money for Big Sur charities.

## Breakfast of champions

Those looking for a little wine knowledge and wanting "to awaken the palate at the best time of day" might be interested in the winemaker panel set for Nov. 5 at 10 a.m.



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The Big Sur Food & Wine festival isn't until November, but several events are already sold out. Fortunately, space remains at the Pinot Walkabout in the chef's garden at the Post Ranch Inn.

in the Gallery Loft at the Ventana Inn. The featured wines and winemaker have yet to be announced, but the cost is \$50 per person.

The popular Hiking with Stemware, which for the past couple of years has taken place at the Chappellet family's Rancho Rico property near the Post Ranch Inn, is also set for Nov. 5 at 10 a.m. but is now only available through a waitlist. This year's hike is noted as being in an "undisclosed location," but it will undoubtedly include an easy to moderate walk with plenty of wine, views and history shared along the way to a sit-down lunch. The cost is \$200 per per-

son.

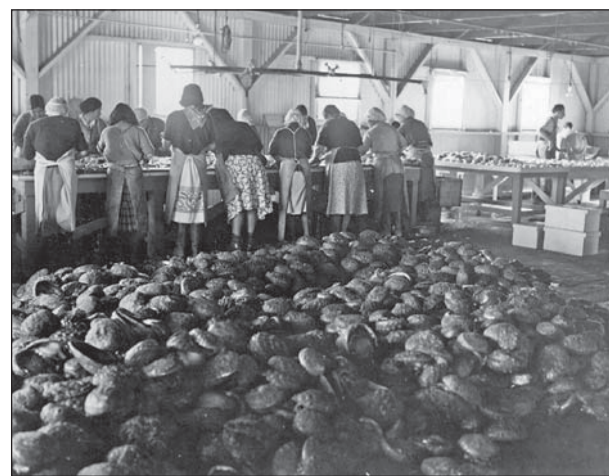
The noon-to-3 p.m. Pinot Walkabout Nov. 5 involves less walking and more sipping — and has space available for \$175 per person. In the beautiful chef's garden at the Post Ranch Inn, some 20 wineries share their best pinots and a few other wines, while Sierra Mar executive chef Reylon Agustin and five other talented chefs provide the sustenance in gourmet and sophisticated fashion.

The fest, which also has a fundraising live auction at a place and time yet to be determined, wraps up with Wine & Swine from 7 to 10 p.m. Nov. 6 at the Henry Miller Library. Music, dancing, wine, craft beers and all things porcine come together for the final party, which draws a lot of the winemakers, chefs and volunteers, too. Tickets are \$135, and shuttle is offered to and from Carmel at an additional cost.

All the information can be found at [big-surfoodandwine.org](http://big-surfoodandwine.org). Tickets are sold through [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com), so be prepared to pay handling fees.

## 7D wine dinner

Following a successful dinner featuring Garrison Brothers whiskey and its founder last month, Seventh & Dolores Steakhouse will host a multi-course dinner paired with hard-to-come-by Saxon Brown wines July 28



PHOTO/MONTEREY PUBLIC LIBRARY CALIFORNIA HISTORY ROOM

Abalone was big business in Monterey Bay in the late 1930s, when this cannery was operating. An August 1 Wharf Walk will focus on the industry's past and where it is now.

at 6 p.m.

"We're excited to be doing a winemaker dinner, this time with Saxon Brown winery in Sonoma County," said Ada Fisher, wife of executive chef Todd Fisher. "Most of the wines they'll be serving are only available from the winery itself, so it makes it fun to introduce new things to guests."

She said her husband and wine director Parker Fisher, their son, "are really thrilled with what they've been able to put together for this." Parker recently graduated from the business school at the University of Denver and has worked in restaurants since he was 15. He came home during the pandemic and became more interested in wine as he studied and helped rebuild 7D's list, which earned him the job and title of wine director, according to Ada.

Saxon Brown owner/winemaker Jeff Gaffner will be there to share his insights and stories, too.

## The menu

Gaffner started Saxon Brown with the idea of showcasing different vineyards in Napa, Anderson Valley and

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# F O O D & W I N E

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beyond, and his limited releases reflect his “preference for elegantly structured, well balanced and age worthy wines.” The 7D dinner will feature eight of his creations from six different vineyards, including highly regarded Gap’s Crown, Durell and Sangiacomo.

Fisher’s menu is designed to complement each pouring of Semillon, chardonnay or pinot noir, starting with chicken-fried veal sweetbreads.

A salad of greens, stone fruits, almonds, and vinegar and sea salt follows. Other dishes he and his culinary team plan to prepare include dirty rice with mussels and clams and flying fish roe, mushroom “carpaccio” with pecorino cheese and local seaweed, and lamb chop Milanese with grain-stuffed squash blossom. For dessert, they’ll offer roasted nectarine tart flambé and crème fraîche gelato.

Tickets are \$150 plus tax and tip. For reservations, go to 7dsteakhouse.com or call (831) 293-7600.

**■ Ribbon cutting for new store**

It’s called Social Hour, and the new Sixth Avenue store which opened last month will have its official ribbon cutting organized by the Carmel Chamber of Commerce July 29 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Karen and Eric Baymiller’s store “caters to a wide spectrum of home entertainers, from fans of classic cocktails, to those who embrace the on-trend idea of modern moderation” and alcohol-free drinks.

It’s also a great place to find gifts for friends, colleagues and family members who enjoy creating, mixing and sipping beverages of all types. Social Hour stocks a wide range of high-quality glasses, bar tools, accessories, serving pieces, and all sorts of mixers and garnishes, including local products like The Bitter Ginger bitters. Snarky cocktail napkins, gift bags and other merchandise and books round out the inventory.

As Social Hour evolves, the Baymillers plan to hold cocktail demos, classes and other events. The store is open Wednesday to Monday from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (831) 250-7326 or visit socialhourcarmel.com.

**■ Mana + Pua Happy Hour**

Mana + Pua, the wine bar in the Crossroads, is now offering Happy Hour on weekdays from 3 to 7 p.m., with

Mana + Pua wines by the glass for \$5, and \$5 snacks like tater tots, a soft pretzel with warm beer cheese, and “ball game” peanuts. Jalapeño poppers, mozzarella sticks, nachos, sausage bites, pita and hummus, and quesadillas are available for \$10 each.

The wine bar is open from 1 to 7 p.m. during the week and from noon to 5 p.m. on weekends. Find more information at manapua.wine.

**■ Evening in Paris**

An Evening in Paris, a fundraiser for the Pacific Grove Art Center, will be held Sunday, Aug. 1, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., for \$30 per person.

Catering by Carmen Nazar will provide French-inspired appetizers, including small cups of leek soup, bite-size Croque Monsieur and chicken croquettes, and macarons in various flavors for dessert. French red and white wines, as well as Perrier, will be sold at a cash bar.

During the evening, Scott Keister will play acoustic guitar, photographer Meredith Mullins will talk about her exhibit, “In a Paris Moment,” and chef/author Mary Chamberlin will sign her two cookbooks featuring recipes from her travels. She’ll donate \$5 per book sold that evening to the Pacific Grove Art Center.

The art center is located at 568 Lighthouse Ave., and tickets can be ordered at pgartcenter.org. Guests are encouraged to wear Parisian attire, if they like.

**■ Abalone talk**

Historian and author Tim Thomas will lead his next Wharf Walk on Aug. 1, this one focusing on “The Amazing Abalone Story of the Monterey Bay.” The monthly walks start at 10 a.m. and run for about two hours.

The tour is for ages 10-to-adult only, at a price of \$20 for adults and \$15 for kids ages 10 to 15. Reservations are required by calling (831) 521-3304 or emailing timsardine@yahoo.com.

**■ Balzano is new GM**

Tarpy’s Roadhouse bar manager Colleen Balzano has been named the restaurant’s general manager. She replaced longtime GM Debbie Edwards, who was promoted to vice president and “area general manager” for the owners’ company, Coastal Roots Hospitality.

The company also announced its latest Pick It Up, Pay It Forward fundraiser garnered more than \$13,000 for Wonder Wood Ranch, a Prunedale nonprofit that helps more than 1,000 kids each year through programs on its 16-acre property interacting with all kinds of animals.

**■ Everyone’s Harvest online auction**

The nonprofit Everyone’s Harvest, which manages several weekly farmers markets, usually has an annual fundraiser but this year, it’s holding an online auction instead.

Bidding opens at 8 a.m. July 24 and closes at 8 p.m. Aug. 1, and bidders will receive emails notifying them when they are outbid, so they can stay in the game. The list of gifts, experiences, gourmet foods and other items can be found at 32auctions.com/fresh2021.

Money raised will help fund the organization’s charitable efforts “supporting access to healthy, affordable fruits and vegetables through certified farmers’ markets and food programs.”

For more information about Everyone’s Harvest, go to everyonesharvest.org or call (831) 384-6961.

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# SPORTS

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a tree in left or right field automatically becomes a single, and runners do not advance unless they're forced. Each team is only allowed one Tree Ball per inning to left field, and one per inning to right field. Any subsequent Tree Ball in the inning is ruled a foul ball (and a strike) — significant because batters are only permitted two pitches per at-bat.

## Home run? Not so fast

Also, anything that clears the short fence in right field is a single (not a home run) the first time, and an out the next time.

A batted ball that strikes a tree in left-center or center is in play. Strange ricochets can send outfielders scrambling, and titanic home run blasts often are swatted down.

The outfield slopes uphill toward right field, and also in right-center, which is bordered by a dike. Any ball disappearing over the dike is in play.

The terrain in left and center slopes ag-

gressively downhill, adding velocity to any hard-hit ball that hits the dirt.

The batter and the person pitching to him are teammates. If a batted ball strikes the pitcher, the batter is out. The pitcher — not a part of the defense — also steps out of the way of any throw from the outfield, which sometimes results in runners circling the bases like Keystone Kops.

With no requirement to provide a pitcher, the 10-man defensive alignment features not three outfielders, but five.

Two “rovers” position themselves wherever they want, as long as they're beyond the infield. Strategic positioning often allows the rover to convert a hard-hit single into an infield double play, or gun down a runner at third or home.

Runners are called out if they step on home plate (they run through a finish line instead to avoid collisions with the catcher).

## Uniforms. Or not.

Only wooden bats — nothing aluminum or composite — are allowed in games.

“That’s pretty different, and my strategy is to not overthink it,” Omer said with a laugh. “I try to get a good pitch, make solid

contact and don’t try to kill it.”

Some teams have a motley, barely-housebroken kind of look, while others wear matching team shirts from their sponsors.

Banter, jokes and good-natured smack talk among teammates and opponents is nonstop. The quality of play is sometimes sensational, sometimes hysterical, always very watchable, which is why a good chunk of the Big Sur community shows up two nights a week

to sit on rustic, splintery benches, made from split trees and logs, lounge on patches of grass, or find a good spot to stand behind the backstop, which was made of wood until the mid-'80s. They socialize and cheer enthusiastically.

Some players are picking up a glove for the first time since their middle-school days. Others are former minor-leaguers, or ex-college or high school stars.

Games start promptly at 5:15 and 6:30 p.m.— two separate matchups — and the two teams not on the field provide the umpires for the game in progress. The all-volunteer umpiring can be sketchy, and brouhahas over questionable calls aren't uncommon.

## Lengthy commutes

Some players travel great distances to play once or twice a week.

“My shortstop, Alan Villalobos, sneaks out of work early on game nights and drives here from Greenfield,” Comello said. “Justin Lyons, his dad Matt, and his brother-in-law, Hatton Vandervort, come from the Cachagua area of Carmel Valley, also quite a ways. This is a dedicated league.”



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A throwback to the olden days, only wooden bats are allowed in the Big Sur Softball League.

Over the years, the league has featured as many as 10 teams, and as few as five when wildfires are an issue.

## Tents and firetrucks

Fires wiped out the action in 2020 (CalFire uses the softball field as a staging area for its tents, firetrucks, and other equipment), but the league returned this year. Thanks to last week's 18-11 victory over the Outlaws (owners of the most league titles), the Big Sur Deli is on track to become the first team ever to go undefeated twice in row. History marches on.

Win or lose, it's still magical for the players.

“I play hardball and softball in a lot of different leagues, but this is what it's all about,” said Comello, pointing toward the breathtaking vista beyond the outfield. “I mean, there are yuccas on that ridge up there! What could be nicer than that?”

Playoffs begin Aug. 9, and continue through Aug. 18.

Additional information about the league, including the schedule, can be found online at bigsursoftball.org, and on the Big Sur Softball page on Facebook.

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**July 25 – PacRep's Volunteer Recruitment & Training Event!** 2 to 3 p.m. at the Outdoor Forest Theater, Carmel.

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# CAA HAS NEW SHOWS, SHOP WELCOMES PAINTER, MADDEN GETS TOP JOB

AT THE Carmel Art Association this month, a pair of painters, Sheila Delimont and Kate Martin, use oils to explore the deserts and mountains of the West in "From Coast to Canyons."

## Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

Curiously, Delimont is best known for her pastels, while Martin has won admirers for her watercolors. But they chose oils for this collaboration. The two women were each juried into the art association four years ago.

"An unmistakable shared love of Western landscapes shines through in this new collection of oil paintings," said

Grace Wodecki of the Carmel Art Association. "Both artists always have a deep emotional connection to the places they paint, from exhilarating shorelines and precipices to restorative marshes and sculptural, brightly colored canyons. Changing weather from storms and fog to serene, sunlit days provided unending painting opportunities for both artists."

### Golden State landscapes

Also new at the art association is a display of "California Landscapes" by Peggy Jelmini and Richard Tette.

"Peggy's new oils depict the fields, vineyards, and orchards of the Central Valley in a variety of styles from impressionism and gestural expressionism, to abstraction," Wodecki said "Like Peggy, Richard also turns his back to the sea, reminiscing on inland waterways like creeks, lakes, vernal pools, and sloughs as well as the often dilapi-

dated remnants of old barns, silos and farmhouses."

Located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth, the gallery is open Thursdays through Mondays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (831) 250-3347 or visit [www.carmelart.org](http://www.carmelart.org).

### Artist embraces 'techno-realism'

Starting this weekend and continuing through the end of August, the Carmel Home Collection showcases the artwork of painter Thierry Thompson at its two downtown locations: one on Sixth between Lincoln and Ocean, and the other — which opened just a month ago — on Ocean between Dolores and Lincoln.

Embracing a style he calls techno-realism, Thompson has made a name for himself painting cars and airplanes.

His father restored and raced cars, and he "embraced

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## HISTORY

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he came to California in about 1850 for gold. He soon moved to the San Francisco area and used his expertise as a stone cutter to quarry stone and build several buildings there, including the San Francisco Mint.

It has been reported that some of the granite for the mint was quarried by Emery at Point Lobos. In 1859, he also acquired a couple of hundred acres in Alameda County, which later became Emeryville.

Emery also developed streetcar lines, and in 1881 organized the California and Mount Diablo Railroad. After completion of a narrow-gauge line through Berkeley to Richmond, in 1884 that company was acquired by the California and Nevada Railroad, of which Emery was also president. It had plans to extend through the Sonora Pass into Nevada.

### Carmelito

Finally having clear title to his land in Monterey County, Emery incorporated as the Carmelo Land and Coal Company and refocused his efforts on the mine at Mal Paso Canyon. Abner Basset Jr., the 30-year-old son of Emery's former partner, was put in charge of the operation. Basset had built his experience working mines near Ketchum, Idaho.

By the summer of 1889, they had dug a 90-foot shaft and employed 13 men. Seven were digging auxiliary shafts while the others extracted coal which was put in wagons and carted to Point Lobos — where it was loaded through a small chute onto ships. By this means, the mine barely covered the cost of exploration, but it was believed it was sufficient to produce at least 200 tons per month once the process was improved.

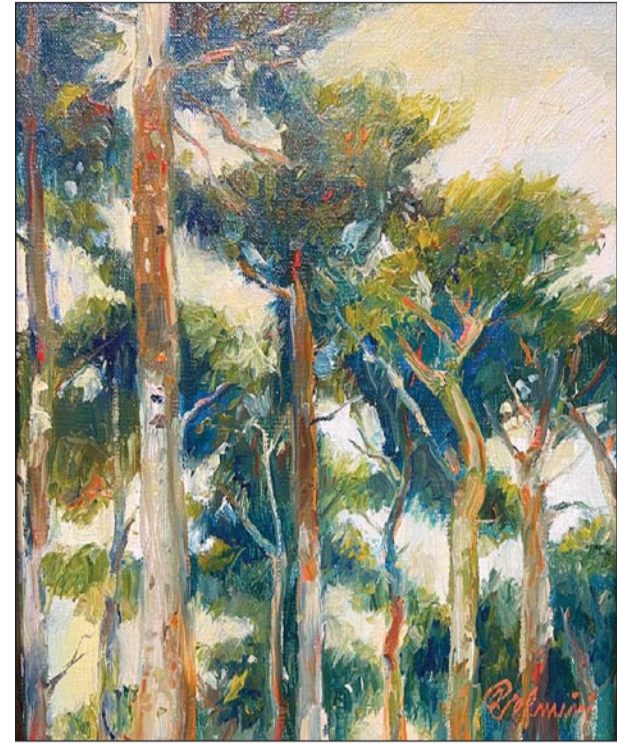
Emery brought the chief engineer of the California and Nevada railroad to the Carmelo mine to develop a 4.5-mile narrow-gauge line to Point Lobos where, in November 1890, the company began construction of a larger 250-ton coal chute to load the mined resources on freighters.

Emery also explored other options for Point Lobos. Perhaps inspired by the Duckworth Brothers, who had just begun promoting nearby Carmel City, Emery, in October 1890, filed a map of "Point Lobos City" at the county recorder's office.

By November, the planned city was being called Carmelito and, in May 1891, a map with the new name was filed with the county.

The mining operation was plagued with problems. The narrow-gauge railroad was washed out twice and the mine ceased operations about 1894. There were rumors it was being sold. The sale did not occur and in 1897, with hope to revive the mine, Emery brought in an engineer who had recently moved to Oakland from Chicago.

Next week we will begin the story of that man, A. M. Allan.



"Pines, Carmel" by painter Peggy Jelmini is included in a show of "California Landscapes" that will be on display at the Carmel Art Association through the end of the month.




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# ART

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anything with wheels” as a youngster. He raced bikes and carts, and launched a career engineering, building and maintaining sophisticated open-wheeled race cars.

Thompson studied art in college, and later started his own advertising and graphic design business. As a commercial and technical illustrator, he worked on ad campaigns for car and plane manufacturers.

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Ten years ago, Thompson opened his own gallery, Light + Shadow Fine Art, on Sixth between Dolores and Ocean.

On Aug. 12, Thompson will team up with Carmel Home Collection to raise money for CASA of San Benito County.

For more about Thompson’s art, visit [lightandshadow-fineart.com](http://lightandshadow-fineart.com).

### Meet the new boss

The interim leader of the Monterey Museum of Art during the pandemic, Corey Madden has been hired as the museum’s executive director. Madden, who has a lengthy resume working in the arts, had been hired as a consultant last August.

“We’ve been so impressed by Corey’s ability to lead the institution during the pandemic,” said museum board director Adriana Hayward. “She works beautifully with all

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of our stakeholders, including artists and organizers, board and donors, staff, and volunteers. We’re thrilled to have hired a leader with her experience and vision to help the museum move into the future.”



Painter Kate Martin’s “Grazing at Sunset” is featured in a show of landscapes at the Carmel Art Association. The downtown gallery is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth.

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

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

**The Lodge at Pebble Beach** — singer and guitarist **Taylor Rae** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kip Alpert** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Steven Shook** (Sunday at 6 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Luis Fer** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive, (831) 624-3811.

**Lucy's on Lighthouse** in Pacific Grove — **Johnny Tsunami & The Shoulder Hoppers** (rock, Sunday at 1:30 p.m.). 1120 Lighthouse Ave., (831) 920-2006.

**Massa Tasting Room** in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (folk, Sunday at noon). 69 W. Carmel Valley Rd., (831) 659-6221.

**Midici Pizza** in Monterey — singer **Scotty Wright** and keyboardist **Jon Dryden** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.) and **The**

**Ben Herod Trio** with guitarist **Robert Paccica** and bassist **Zach Westfall** (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.). 26270 Dolores St., (831) 625-9040.

**Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa** — pianist **Michael Culver** (jazz, in the lobby, Friday at 6 p.m.), pianist **Scott Brown** (pop and jazz, in the lobby, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock, blues and folk, on the patio at Schooner's, Sunday at 1 p.m.) and pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, in the lobby, Sunday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row, (831) 646-1700.

**Rio Grill** — singer and guitarist **Zach Freitas** (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Saturday at 1 p.m.), and singer and guitarist **Luis Fer** (Sunday

at 1 p.m.). In the Crossroads shopping center, (831) 625-5436.

**Sly McFly's** in Monterey — **Retreuxpect** (classic rock, Friday at 9 p.m.), **Johnny Tsunami & the Shoulder Hoppers** (Saturday at 9 p.m.), **Brad Wilson & Rolling Thunder** (rock, Sunday at 9 p.m.), **Zach Freitas & The Hired Guns** (rock, Tuesday at 9 p.m.), **The John Michel Band** (pop and rock, Wednesday at 9 p.m.) and **The DC Trio** (funk and r&b, Thursday at 9 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row, (831) 649-8050.

**Tarpy's** in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Mark Creech** (Saturday at 1 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **John Sotelo** (Sunday at 1 p.m.). 2999 Highway 68, (831) 647-1444.

**Twisted Roots Winery** in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Taylor Rae** (Sunday at 1 p.m.). 12 Del Fino Place, (831) 594-8282.



## Kitties of the Week

**Catalina** 2 years old

Say hello to Catalina! She is looking for a quiet home where she can sunbathe in a relaxing home with your faithful companion.



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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20211478  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
1. **R BRICKLEY SWEET MD and LEONARD G RENFER MD**  
2. **SWEET, RENFER and MILANESA, A MEDICAL PARTNERSHIP**  
114 East Romie Lane, Salinas, CA 93901.  
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.  
Name of Corporation as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: **ROSS BRICKLEY SWEET, MD, a Medical Corporation, a California Corporation, 114 East Romie Lane, Salinas, CA 93901.**  
**LEONARD G. RENFER MD, a Medical Corporation, a California Corporation, 114 East Romie Lane, Salinas, CA 93901.**  
**DAN M. MILANESA, MD INC, a California Corporation, 114 East Romie Lane, Salinas, CA 93901.**  
This business is conducted by a general partnership.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 1, 2017.  
S/Dan M. Milanesa, MD  
Date: June 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 that 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 July 14, 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: July 23, 30; Aug. 6, 13, 2021. (PC728)

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
1. **SWEET, RENFER and MILANESA, A MEDICAL PARTNERSHIP**  
2. **SWEET, RENFER and MILANESA, A PARTNERSHIP OF CORPORATIONS**  
114 East Romie Lane, Salinas, CA 93901.  
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.  
Name of Corporation as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: **ROSS BRICKLEY SWEET, MD, a Medical Corporation, a California Corporation, 114 East Romie Lane, Salinas, CA 93901.**  
**LEONARD G. RENFER MD, a Medical Corporation, a California Corporation, 114 East Romie Lane, Salinas, CA 93901.**  
**DAN M. MILANESA, MD INC, a California Corporation, 114 East Romie Lane, Salinas, CA 93901.**  
This business is conducted by a general partnership.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 1, 2017.

S/Dan M. Milanesa, MD  
Date: June 18, 2021  
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 18, 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: July 23, 30; Aug. 6, 13, 2021. (PC729)

### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF PATRICIA REBECCA WHITE Case Number 21PRO00015

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **PATRICIA REBECCA WHITE**.  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **INGA BRIKE** in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.  
The Petition for Probate requests that **INGA BRIKE** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.  
The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
**A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:**  
Date: **September 1, 2021**  
Time: **9:05 a.m.**  
Dept.: 13  
Address of the court: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.  
**If you object to the granting of the**

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

**If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent,** you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

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

Attorney for Petitioner:  
**Dutch Meyer**  
31 Upper Ragsdale Drive, Suite 3  
Monterey, CA 93940  
(831) 444-6637

This statement was filed by Superior Court of California, County of Monterey on Jan. 13, 2021. Publication dates: July 23, 30 August 6, 2021. (PC730)

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20211697  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SAMATA NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES, 621 Forest Avenue, Suite 3E, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.**  
Mailing address: **2968 Hayden Way, Marina, CA 93933.**  
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.  
Registered Owner(s): **RINKU MOHAN LALCHANDANI, 2968 Hayden Way, Marina, CA 93933.**  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 19, 2021.  
S/Rinku Lalchandani  
Date: July 19, 2021

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 19, 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: July 23, 30; Aug. 6, 13, 2021. (PC732)

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20211707  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ENZO APPLIED SCIENCES NURSERY, 370 Espinosa Road, Salinas, CA 93907.**  
Mailing address: **820 Park Row #755, Salinas, CA 93901.**  
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.  
Name of Corporation as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: **370 ESPINOSA ROAD II, LLC, 820 Park Row #755, Salinas, CA 93901.**  
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA  
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 16, 2021.  
S/Natasha Nicole Elliott, Manager  
Date: July 20, 2021

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Publication dates: July 23, 30; Aug. 6, 13, 2021. (PC735)

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20211646  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**Jackson Private Practice, 3237 Vista Del Camino, Marina, CA 93933.**  
County of Monterey  
Registered Owner(s):  
**Noralyn M. Jackson, 3237 Vista Del Camino, Marina, CA 93933**  
This business is conducted by an individual  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Not Applicable  
S/ Noralyn M. Jackson  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 07/12/2021  
7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 8/13/21

**CNS-3489401# CARMEL PINE CONE**  
Publication dates: July 23, 30; Aug. 6, 13, 2021. (PC734)

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20211682  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ROUNDTABLE PIZZA, 3120 Del Monte Blvd., Marina, CA 93933.**  
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.  
Registered Owner(s): **FARIDEH MEHRAK, HOMAMI, 8710 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93923.**  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1990.  
S/Farideh Mehrak Homami  
Date: July 16, 2021

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Publication dates: July 23, 30; Aug. 6, 13, 2021. (PC735)

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20211683  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MARY'S BOUTIQUE, 3656 The Barnyard, Carmel, CA 93923.**  
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.  
Registered Owner(s): **FARIDEH MEHRAK, HOMAMI, 8710 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93923.**  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1984.  
S/Farideh Mehrak Homami  
Date: July 16, 2021

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Publication dates: July 23, 30; Aug. 6, 13, 2021. (PC736)

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20211716  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CARMELETTI LLC, 26555 Carmel Rancho Blv. Suite #4, Carmel, CA 93923.**  
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.  
Name of Corporation as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: **CARMELETTI LLC, 26555 Carmel Rancho Blv. Suite #4, Carmel, CA 93923.**  
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA  
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 25, 2021.  
S/Janka Gabrielova Villegas, CEO  
Date: July 20, 2021

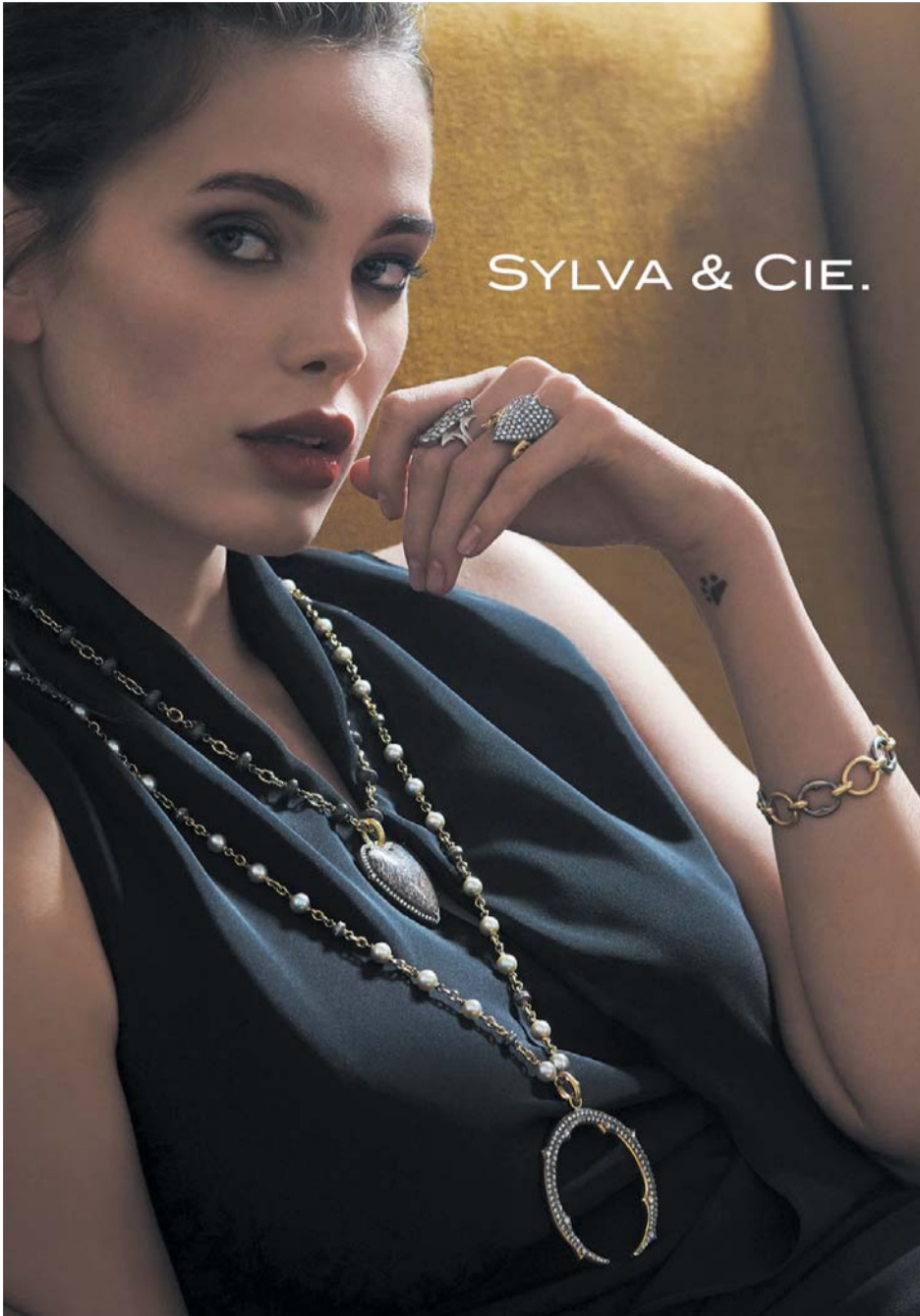
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Publication dates: July 23, 30; Aug. 6, 13, 2021. (PC737)

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COMPASS

■ This week's cover property, located in Carmel Valley, is presented by The Bambace Peterson Team of Compass (See Page 2RE)

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# Real Estate

July 23-29, 2021



**6 Bed | 5.5 Bath | 5,688 Sq. Ft**  
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# Real Estate Sales July 11 - 17

**Escrows closed: 43**  
**Total value: \$82,288,500**

### Carmel

**Mission Street — \$1,025,000**  
 Charles and Karen Gang to Seth and Jane Waugh  
 APN: 010-391-003

**Dolores Street, 2 SW of Alta Avenue — \$1,500,000**  
 Nathan Cope to Dolores Pass LLC  
 APN: 009-111-008

**Mission Street, 3 SW of Alta Avenue — \$1,524,000**  
 Walter and Christopher Defaria to Vivian Price and Susanne Davis  
 APN: 010-111-017

**Mission Street, SE corner of 13th Avenue — \$5,250,000**  
 Newton Cope Jr. to Audrey McLoughlin  
 APN: 010-176-001



9 Sonoma Lane, Carmel Highlands — \$2,695,000

### Carmel Highlands

**9 Sonoma Lane — \$2,695,000**  
 Lee and Nicole Ramsayer to Troy, Ceara, Jared and Courtney Romney  
 APN: 241-311-012

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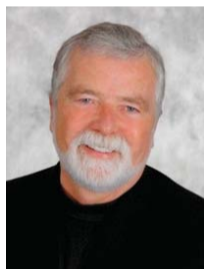
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## Carmel Valley

### 136 Hacienda Carmel — \$535,000

David Erickson to Joan Bettosini and Dale and Lisa Kincaid  
APN: 015-342-022

### 14 Paso Hondo — \$1,200,000

Thomas Lowry to Jason and Christine Mironov  
APN: 189-271-009

### 26201 Jeanette Road — \$2,040,000

Karl and Lori Anderson to Andrew Moore  
APN: 416-081-039

### 4220 Segunda Drive — \$2,295,000

Judith Wadsworth to Adrian and Jamie Turri  
APN: 015-042-024



26201 Jeanette Road, Carmel Valley — \$2,040,000

### 9932 Holt Road — \$2,800,000

Kevin and Casey Miller to Hunter Vogel  
APN: 416-543-011

### 11 Garzas Trail — \$4,850,000

David and Michaelin Watts to Amit Nagpal  
APN: 239-051-017

### Highway 68

### Paseo Vista — \$525,000

United Security Bank to Silverie Properties  
APN: 259-171-008

### 22585 Veronica Drive — \$910,000

Danette Feldman to Anthony and  
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# With a smaller venue, the library book sale needs a bigger turnout

**EVENT CANCELLATIONS** due to Covid-19 seriously impacted our community in 2020. We all mourned and moaned that the Concours and the Bach Festival were jettisoned. Another cancelled event slipped under the radar because it isn't as dazzling as elegant old cars or cantatas.

The annual Friends of the Harrison Memorial Library book sale succumbed as well. Its cancellation was as devastating as the glam events, since it provides important funding for our outstanding library.

### Unexpected gems

Anne Rurka, who unofficially oversees a band of 60 merry volunteers who collect, sort, pack and distribute the thousands of books and CDs donated for the event, told me the book sale has been brought back to life and will take place this year Aug. 12 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Aug. 13 and 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The difference this year is the event is slightly downsized because it lost its venue. The auditorium of the former Serra school is no longer available.

"We really had to scramble around to find a place that was large enough and affordable," Anne said. The sale will be held at the somewhat smaller Carmel Youth Center at the corner of Fourth Avenue and Torres Street.

A two-story building with five steps up to the second level, it has a one-person elevator, and parking, always a problem in town, will be more difficult because the Concours is in town that week.

"Hopefully, there will parking at Vista Lobos for our customers," Anne said.

Although the site is downsized, Anne said attendees will still find a wonderful collection of art books, cookbooks and

quite a few cases of collectibles, as well as the usual quantities of history, military, politics, fiction and those unexpected gems that have been drawing book devotees for years.

## Scenic Views

By **JERRY GERVASE**

The sale has been tremendously successful in raising money for the library. The last sale in 2019 raised more than \$25,000.

Since 1906, when what was then called the Carmel Free Library Association began lending books from a little redwood building, the library has been a vital institution in town.

In the old days, for a fee of \$1 per year, residents of the tiny, emerging village could borrow any one of 500 books from the association's reading room, which was heated by a wood-burning stove.

The current main library building on Ocean Avenue was designed by the renowned California architect Bernard Maybeck and financed by a bequest from Ella Reid Harrison as a memorial to her husband, California Supreme Court Justice Ralph Chandler Harrison. The Harrison Memorial Library opened in 1928. Services were expanded with the addition of its Park Branch facility in 1989.

### Opening lines

When I moved from Monterey to Carmel Valley, the Harrison Memorial Library became "my" library. On any day I go there, I'll run into some of my favorite authors, such as Elmore Leonard, Lawrence Block, Donna Leon, Michael Connelly,

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*Happy families are all alike; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way.* Leo Tolstoy — "Anna Karenina," 1878.

Recently in The Pine Cone's Letters to the Editor section, residents indicated they want the library to reopen as soon as possible. Your support of the book sale will help with operating expenses.

The work of the Friends of Harrison Memorial Library doesn't end in August. Volunteers will start on next year's sale when they begin accepting book donations Sept. 7 at their collection site behind Sunset Center.

They will be there on subsequent Tuesdays between 10 a.m. and noon.

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

# POLICE LOG

From page 4A

MONDAY, JUNE 28

**Carmel Valley:** Adult Protective Services referrals on Boronda Road and on La Rancheria.

**Carmel Valley:** Online lost or stolen property report on Boronda Road. Case closed.

**Big Sur:** Subjects on Highway 1 reported

lost property.

**Pacific Grove:** Report of a missing juvenile on Lighthouse Avenue.

TUESDAY, JUNE 29

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Sex offender (active registrant) was contacted during a traffic stop on Mission Street. Subject was found to be in compliance with terms, and new information was forwarded to the registering agency.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Attempted burglary of a business on Seventh Avenue.

**Pacific Grove:** A 42-year-old male was arrested on Asilomar Avenue at 0700 hours for possession of a controlled substance, probation violation, possession of a box cutter at school, trespassing and possession of unlawful paraphernalia.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Subject reported a backpack left behind at Ocean and Mission. Backpack taken for safekeeping pending owner identification.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Hit-and-run on Seventh Avenue.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Male stated he lost camera in town a few days ago.

**Pacific Grove:** Report of several suitcases taken from the sidewalk in front of a residence on 18th Street. No suspect information.

**Pacific Grove:** Items taken from a locked vehicle on Junipero.

**Pacific Grove:** Domestic disturbance on Ocean View Boulevard. It could not be de-

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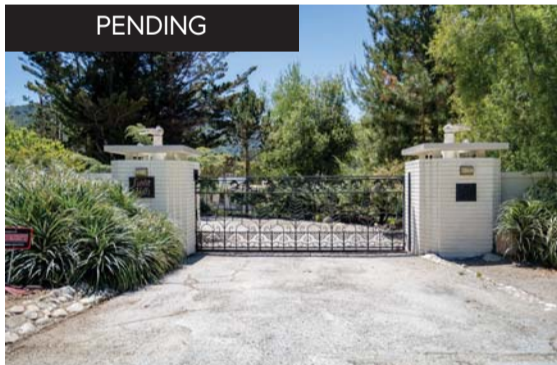


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**639 Lyndon Street — \$849,000**

Mark Watson to Juan Gardea  
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**481 Cortes Street — \$850,000**

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9932 Holt Road, Carmel Valley — \$2,800,000

**844 Pacific Street — \$870,000**

Matthew Barreras to Cindy Brodsky  
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**798 Lyndon Street — \$1,050,000**

Cherie Franklin to Linda Griffin  
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**1101 Funston Avenue — \$688,000**

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**1016 Balboa Avenue — \$2,001,000**

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## Pebble Beach

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3368 MJR LLC to Arrowhead Point Partners LLC  
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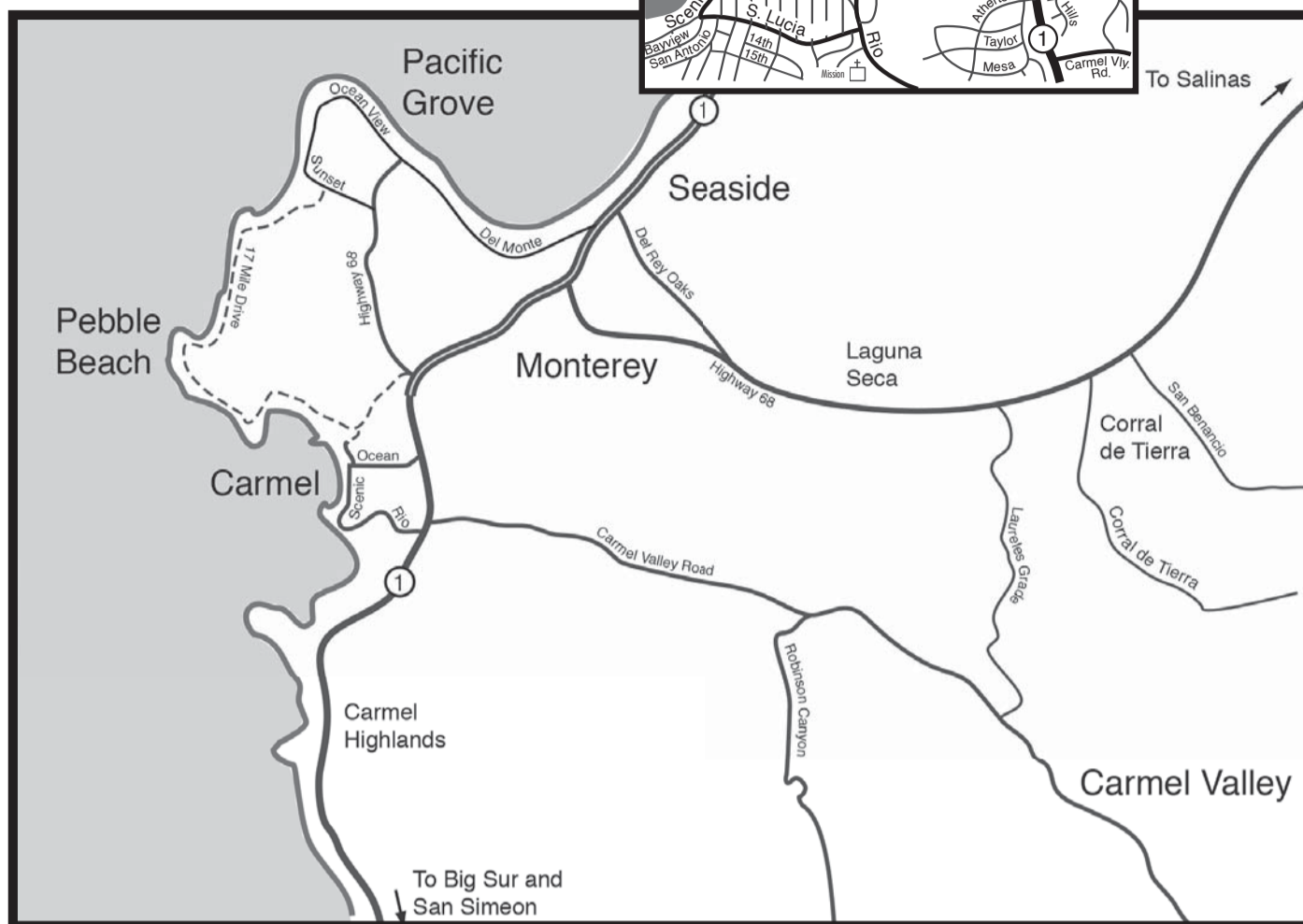
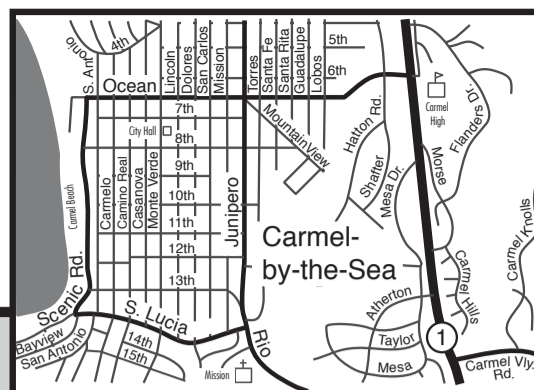
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termined that a crime occurred. Report is for informational purposes.

**Pacific Grove:** Suspicious circumstances were determined to have occurred in an outside jurisdiction. Report taken for informational purposes but reporting party was referred to appropriate agency.

**Pacific Grove:** Civil matter on Morse Drive regarding a shared fence.

**Pacific Grove:** Property damage reported on Morse Drive.

**Pebble Beach:** Residents had a family quarrel on Spruance.

THURSDAY, JULY 8

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Peace disturbance and medical emergency on Frazier Way.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Unattended wallet found on a bench on condo properties.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Report of possible indecent exposure on Scenic.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Traffic collision on Carmelo north of Fourth. Male stated he returned to his parked vehicle and noticed the

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damage. No note was left.

**Pacific Grove:** Officer was dispatched to the rec trail near the Lovers Point Grill for report of a found bike at 0003 hours. The bike was processed and booked into the evidence room/sally port located at the police department.

**Pacific Grove:** Burglary to a commercial business on Forest Avenue.

**Pacific Grove:** Abandoned vehicle reported on Cypress with no plates and VIN covered.

**Carmel Valley:** Subject on Boronda transported to CHOMP on a 72-hour hold

**Carmel Valley:** Welfare check was conducted on a missing person who was located on East Carmel Valley Road.

**Carmel area:** Theft from a vehicle on Rio Road.

## FRIDAY, JULY 9

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Lady's wallet found on top of a vehicle on San Antonio at 0359 hours. Wallet was placed into safekeeping after a negative attempt to contact the owner.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Report of a traffic collision on private property on Santa Lucia.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Male reported he lost his wallet while visiting a market.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Non-injury hit-and-run on Ocean  
**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Subject warned about trespassing at Seventh and Dolores.

**Pacific Grove:** Medical call on Central at 0123 hours. Assisted fire department. Information only.

**Pacific Grove:** Family disagreement on Cedar.

**Pacific Grove:** Theft of an unlocked bicycle from a carport on Bentley.

## SATURDAY, JULY 10

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A 50-year-old male was arrested following a theft from a local store at Junipero and Sixth and threats made to the staff while he was there.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Patrons refused to leave from a restaurant on Ocean east of Lincoln and yelled at staff. No prosecution for trespassing or threats requested by the business.

**Pacific Grove:** Non-injury collision between a vehicle and a parked vehicle on Ocean View Boulevard.

**Pacific Grove:** Burglary from a vehicle on Sunset.

**Pacific Grove:** Verbal domestic between husband and wife on Lighthouse.

**Pacific Grove:** Welfare check on a subject in a vehicle on

Sunset. Subject was determined to be deceased. Coroner responded.

**Pacific Grove:** Officers were dispatched after a battery complaint on David Avenue. The 20-year-old female suspect was cited and released.

**Pebble Beach:** A female was placed on a 5150 W&I hold for a mental health evaluation.

**Carmel Valley:** Deputies responded to a call of a male on East Carmel Valley Road bleeding from his arm. It was deter-

mined that the 33-year-old male cut his arm while punching a window in anger.

## SUNDAY, JULY 11

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A 26-year-old male Seaside resident was arrested for commercial burglary and petty theft at 0043 hours on San Carlos south of Ocean. Male was booked into county jail.

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