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Covid outbreak at high school subsiding

County jail has big spike

By MARY SCHLEY

THE FLARE-UP of Covid cases among Carmel High School football players over the last few weeks seems to have slowed, though the total number of infections among students districtwide rose at 29, including 23 at CHS, according to data from the Carmel Unified School District.

And on Thursday, Monterey County Sheriff's Cmdr. Derrel Simpson said 130 inmates, 17 deputies who work in the county jail and five vendors who provide services there tested positive for Covid over the past few weeks. Some inmates arrived at the jail already infected, he said.

Carmel Unified Superintendent Ted Knight said Wednesday that a few more cases in the district are coming to light as large numbers of students undergo testing.

"We had some trickling in," he said. "When you're doing high levels of testing, you're going to have positive cases."

But he's not alarmed and said no one else should be, ei-

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Supes OK mask rule if virus cases get bad

By KELLY NIX

THE MONTEREY County Board of Supervisors Tuesday approved a plan to require people to wear masks indoors if the rate of new cases hitting the county reaches a certain threshold.

The supervisors voted 3-2 for the mask requirement, which they said is intended to reduce the spread of the coronavirus. If the rule is approved by the supervisors again next week, it would go into effect Oct. 22, but only if the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says Monterey County is experiencing a substantial or high level of coronavirus transmission.

'Arbitrary and capricious'

The move comes a week after an effort by the panel failed to secure a countywide mask mandate on an emergency basis when only three of five supervisors voted for it. It needed four votes to pass.

Like last week, county supervisors John Phillips and Chris Lopez voted against the mandate Tuesday, saying they were concerned about going against the recommenda-

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Who needs a day off?



PHOTO/VENTANA WILDERNESS ALLIANCE

When Big Sur's national forests were closed to the public because of fire danger, volunteers who maintain backcountry trails were thrown out of 'work.' Or were they? See page 10A.

Newsom signs revolutionary housing bill

Apartments in single-family areas will be exempt from CEQA

By KELLY NIX

A BILL passed by the California State Legislature and signed Thursday afternoon by Gov. Gavin Newsom will radically transform single-family neighborhoods by allowing up to four homes on each lot and eliminating environmental review of the new housing. Monterey Peninsula officials and civic leaders are trying to wrap their heads around the dramatic legislation.

Dubbed the California Housing Opportunity and More Efficiency Act, Senate Bill 9 gives homeowners the right to build up to four housing units on their property. That could happen by converting a single-family home into a duplex and subdividing the parcel into two, which will permit another duplex or single-family home on the property. Senators passed the bill Aug. 30.

'Pursue the dream'

In a state where the median home price is more than \$800,000, SB 9, authored by Senate President Pro Tempore Toni Atkins, a Democrat from San Diego, is being sold as a way for hard-working families to own their first home while allowing property owners a new source of income. But it will also undo decades of labyrinthine development rules that have stifled housing while also protecting neighborhoods and natural resources.

"Senate Bill 9 is about giving Californians the opportunity to pursue their version of the California Dream," Atkins said.

Proponents, including State Sen. Anna Caballero from Salinas, who coauthored the bill, contend it will "help to address California's colossal housing crisis." Local supporters of the proposal include the County of Monterey, the City of Seaside, and Seaside councilman Jon Wizard, according to the bill's official website.

Which Monterey County cities will the law affect? Most of them. The bill allows lot divisions on properties designated by the U.S. Census Bureau as "urbanized areas" and "urbanized clusters," which include Carmel, Carmel Valley, Pebble Beach, Pacific Grove, Seaside, Marina and Salinas.

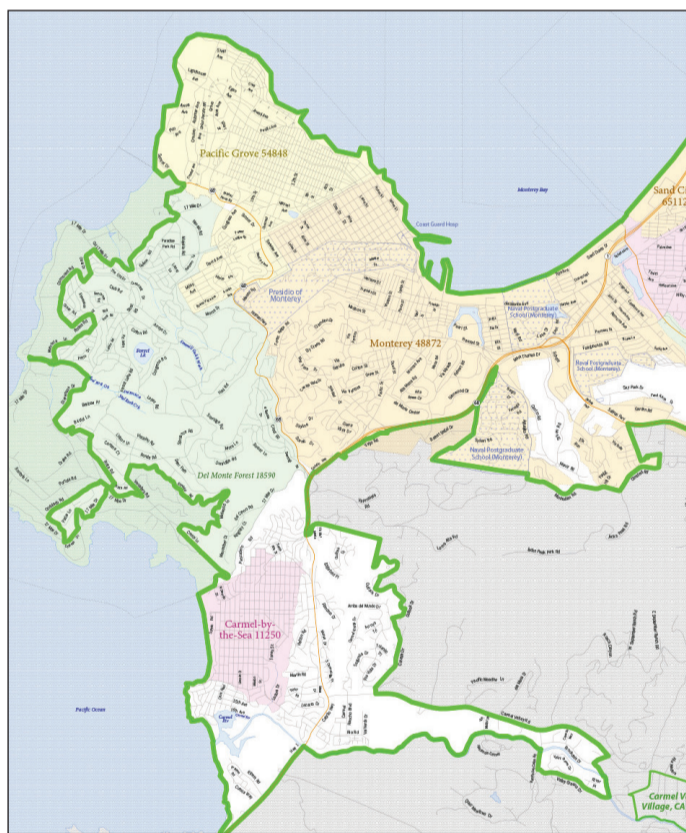
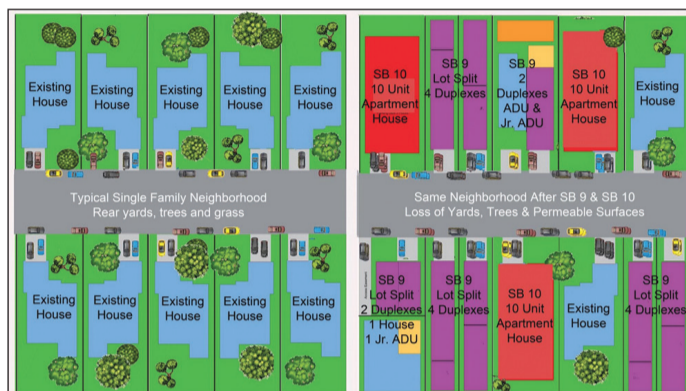
'Destroy neighborhoods'

Opponents contend the bill could mean an end to single-family neighborhoods in California. Congestion, noise, parking problems would quickly emerge if the bill becomes law.

"SB 9 destroys your neighborhood," according to a Sacramento-based coalition of elected officials, nonprofit organizations and others called Livable California.

The organization points to an absence of residential parking requirements if a project is within a half-mile of a transit corridor or route, even if transit buses don't stop

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A Census Bureau map shows which parts of the Monterey Peninsula are considered "urban" (inside green lines). Under a state law signed by the governor, most single-family homes in these areas will automatically be eligible for up to four units each, as depicted on the graphic at the top.

Restaurants pay more than \$40K to keep parklets

By MARY SCHLEY

OF THE 30 restaurants that set up temporary outdoor dining in parking spaces when the pandemic hit in spring 2020, five removed them and one reduced its parklet from two parking spaces to one. Nearly half of the remaining 25 paid their \$842-per-space rent on Friday, with the rest writing checks Sept. 13, the day it was due.

"Every restaurant that chose to keep their outdoor seating paid," city administrator Chip Rerig said Tuesday. The collected rents totaled \$40,416 for the city's coffers.

Last week, the city council decided 3-2 to allow restaurants to keep their parklets at least 30 days beyond the Sept. 12 deadline previously set in May in anticipation of the state's reopening and the lifting of most pandemic-induced restrictions.

But council members also voted to start charging monthly rent of \$842 per parking space, a rate roughly based on the average per-square-foot rates paid by many restaurant owners in town. They imposed a deadline of the close of business Sept. 13.

While the prospect of paying rent raised sharp opposition from the owners of Mission Bistro and Sade's bar,

several other operators supported the city charging a fee to offset private businesses' use of public property for their own profits. Shaheen Alnuaimi, owner of Mission Bistro, called the idea of charging rents "nickel and diming," and Parker Logan, proprietor of Sade's, described it as "gross government overreach."

Didn't need them

Nonetheless, the bistro and the bar were among those opting to pay rent to retain their temporary outdoor dining spaces through at least Oct. 12, while the owners of Basil, Village Corner, Tree House Café, Rise + Roam bakery and pizzeria, and the Forge in the Forest took theirs down. The Carmel Grill House reduced its parklet from two spaces to one.

Rich Pepe, owner of Vesuvio, Café Napoli and Carmel Bakery, took down the parklets at his restaurants earlier this month but kept the single space in front of the bakery on Ocean Avenue. Pepe has been outspoken as the "lone dissenter" among restaurateurs when it comes to parklets, which he said cause more trouble than they're worth. He

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Communal canine

BRIE HAD the good fortune of being adopted as a puppy and the misfortune of being dropped by the children in the household, which broke her leg. When the family couldn't fix it on their own, they returned Brie to the shelter, where her leg was amputated.

Brie, a little poodle mix with maybe some Maltese, doesn't seem to know the difference. But people looking to adopt a perfect puppy did. Brie was frequently bypassed until an older couple found her to be the most enchanting pup they'd ever seen.

Whenever the couple traveled from their Mid-Valley home, they left Brie in the care of a Carmel Valley friend, also an amputee, who lost his leg in an automobile accident.

Whenever the friend brought their little pal home, her people would ask him for a full account of Brie's day, almost, said their friend, as if grilling their daughter's date.

"Whenever Brie is with me, we go to Carmel River Beach, down by the cove, where the river meets the ocean," he would tell them. "It's less crowded there, and Brie runs along the shore on those three legs faster than any dog I've ever seen."



As the couple grew older, Brie spent more and more time with their friend, who now has her full time. He brings Brie everywhere he goes – to the barber, the doctor, the dentist, and to dinner – having promised the dog he will never leave her.

"My friends adopted Brie and Brie adopted me," he said. "Since we're both missing a leg, people often take pictures of us, and parents stop to ask if we can create a teachable moment for their kids about making the most of life despite disabilities. We've definitely done that."



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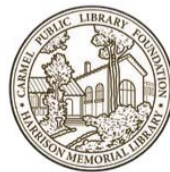


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ARCH PLAQUE TO LIST VETERANS AND THOSE WHO SUPPORTED THEM

By MARY SCHLEY

A BRONZE plaque listing not just those from Carmel who served in the armed forces during World War I, but residents who aided in the war effort via the Red Cross and other organizations, should be installed in front of the World War I Memorial Arch at San Carlos and Ocean, the historic resources board decided Sept. 10.

The 4-1 vote followed a debate over whether non-veterans should be included, and even whether the plaque should be placed there at all.

Two representatives of the group that oversaw last year's restoration of the arch, including fundraising, shepherding it through the city's lengthy approval process, procuring the necessary materials and getting the work done, proposed installing the bronze plate to rededicate the 100-year-old arch.

The piece would be placed on a Carmel stone slab in the planter on the west side of the monument and list Army and Navy veterans of the 1914-1918 war in Europe, as well as those who helped via the Red Cross, YMCA, Knights of Columbus and other groups.

Century-old list

The plaque would also tell readers that architect Charles Sumner Greene designed the arch and that its cornerstone was laid on Armistice Day in 1921 "in honor of the men and women from the Carmel area who served in the Great War and who, remarkably, all came home alive." And while the monument was originally built to honor those who served in World War I, it has "since come to honor all those from the Carmel area who have served our country and as a memorial to all those who died in that service."

Resident Ian Martin, who has worked

on the arch project for the past several years and has become its historian, said that according to news stories in The Pine Cone in 1918 and 1921, Greene and community members compiled a list of people they wanted to honor.

"I want to make it very clear that this is not a list that we came up with today," he said. "This is the list that the Carmel community came up with a century ago as to who they thought should be remembered for their service in the war, and it does include a group of non-military people."

Greene also carved an "Honor Roll"

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Military retirees have their day

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE PRESIDIO of Monterey will host Retiree Appreciation Day Sept. 18, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lisa Howard, executive director of the Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System is scheduled to speak on medical care, retiree benefits and other issues. In addition, more than 30 vendors will be present with giveaways and information on benefits, services and programs available to retired service members.

Free medical screenings will be available, along with coffee cake and treats for sale by food trucks.

The event will take place at the Presidio's Weckerling Center, at Kit Carson Road and Stilwell Avenue. Attendees and dependents should bring their military IDs and enter through the Private Bolio gate from Lighthouse Avenue in Monterey.



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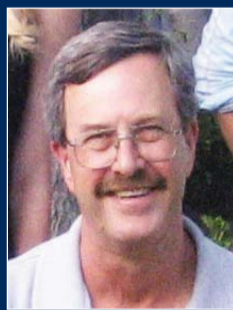
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Police & Sheriff's Log

You can't go home again — really

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.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

Pacific Grove: Subject fell off a bicycle on the rec trail.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a medical emergency at Del Mesa Carmel.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Welfare check investigation resulted in finding a deceased person at a residence on Mission north of Sixth. The person passed away from natural causes.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from Mission and Eighth per section 22651(o) VC [registration expired more than six months].

Pacific Grove: Subject on Jewell Avenue cited and released for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Carmel Valley: Resident at the Hacienda Carmel retirement community requested assistance from the sheriff's office.

Pebble Beach: Deputies cited a 56-year-old female for returning to a Mestres Drive residence that she was evicted from.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Attempted theft of a catalytic converter at Guadalupe and Second.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Wallet found on Rio Road and brought to the station. A message was left on the owner's cell phone.

Pacific Grove: A 24-year-old male was arrested on Ocean View Boulevard at 00010 hours on an outstanding warrant for battery and hit-and-run and held on \$50,000 bail at Monterey County Jail.

Pacific Grove: Records was notified of a vehicle repossession on Briggs.

Pacific Grove: A dispute between juveniles occurred at a business at Country Club Gate.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Patterson Lane battered an officer and was placed on a mental health hold.

Carmel Valley: An assault was reported at Mid Valley Center.

Carmel Valley: Burglary on El Caminito where three vehicles were stolen.

Carmel area: Fairway Place resident reported threats via social media.

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

July 9 — The Honorable Stephanie E. Hulsey sentenced Marvin Mejia Aristides Castillo, 27 and a resident of Salinas, to 38 years in prison. He had previously pled no contest to four felony counts of violating Penal Code § 288(b) — committing lewd and lascivious acts upon a child under the age of 14 years by use of force.

In February 2021, the victim's mother took Jane Doe, who was 9 years old at the time, to the hospital due to a complaint of pain to her vaginal area. During that visit, Doe's mother disclosed that the night before Doe disclosed to her that Castillo, a member of Doe's household, had been touching her sexually. Doe confirmed that Castillo had engaged in sexual acts with her 5-6 times.

Castillo initially denied any wrongdoing but then eventually admitted to engaging in sexual acts with Doe 2-3 times. In a follow-up interview with police, Castillo again initially denied any wrongdoing but eventually admitted that he engaged in sexual acts 2-3 times with Doe.

Judge Hulsey sentenced Castillo to a stipulated sentence of 38 years in prison, given the egregiousness of the acts and the young age of the victim. However, Castillo will be eligible for parole in 23 years due to recent changes in California's elder parole program

which now allows for early release of prison inmates who turn 50 years old and have served 20 years in prison. Castillo will have to register as a sex offender for life upon release.

July 9 — Luis Enrique Lamas-Escalante was sentenced to serve 60 years to life for murdering 38-year-old Santos Barriga, a resident of Salinas.

In July 2019, Escalante, a 30-year-old resident of San Jose, moved to Salinas to live with Barriga and his family. Escalante and his girlfriend occupied the master bedroom and promised to assist with the rent. Escalante did not pay the rent as promised and moved back to San Jose. Barriga repeatedly refused to return Escalante's bag of clothes because of the unpaid rent.

Late at night on Aug. 1, 2019, Escalante armed himself with a gun and drove from San Jose to Salinas to claim his bag of clothes. Barriga was home watching television with his wife and stepchildren. He was not expecting to see Escalante that night. Escalante confronted Barriga about his clothes in the presence of the children and challenged him to a fight. Barriga told Escalante to calm down, but Escalante got increasingly angry.

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Shooter admits trying to kill bakery worker

By KELLY NIX

THE WOMAN who shot and injured her husband's coworker outside a French bakery in Pacific Grove last year pleaded guilty this week to attempted murder and other charges and was sentenced to 40 years in prison.

Armed with a pistol, Jennifer Razo, 40, of Pacific Grove went to Patisserie Bechler early on Aug. 18, 2020, and hid until bakery worker Lucia Pulido arrived in her car to work. Razo listened to music on headphones while she waited. "When the victim pulled up, Razo walked to her car door and shot her point blank in the face through the window," Monterey County Deputy District Attorney John Roman said this week.

Razo tried to shoot Pulido again but her gun jammed. Instead, she pistol-whipped her in the face and body. In-

jured, Pulido was able to make it inside the bakery with the help of the shooter's husband, Leopoldo Razo, who also worked at the business.

Razo — who shot Pulido because she suspected she was having a relationship with her husband, according to prosecutors — tried to get into the bakery but her husband locked the doors. Razo then got into the Pulido's car and fired her gun at the center console. When police arrived, Razo held them at bay for about an hour and told them she was going to kill herself, before officers convinced her to put down her gun and took her into custody.

Razo also pleaded guilty to two counts of assault with a semi-automatic firearm, firing a gun at an occupied vehicle and kidnapping, along with enhancements of personally inflicting great bodily injury and intentionally discharging a firearm.

Habitual drunk driver pleads not guilty to murder

By KELLY NIX

THE SOUTH Monterey County man who prosecutors say was driving drunk and on the wrong side of Highway 101 when he crashed head-on into a young woman's vehicle, killing her, pleaded not guilty to murder Friday.

Baltazar Donato, 27, appeared in a Salinas courtroom Sept. 10 and was advised of the charges against him before entering his plea. On Aug. 27, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Pamela Butler ordered Donato, a resident of Greenfield, to stand trial on numerous charges, including murder and gross manslaughter while intoxicated.

Donato was driving northbound in the southbound lanes of Highway 101 near San Ardo on Feb. 2 when he collided with a car driven by Sabrina Lecce, 23, a former Carmel Valley resident. Lecce died at the scene and her boyfriend was injured.

Because Donato has two prior drunken driving convictions, one in this county and another in Idaho, Monterey

County prosecutors charged him with murder. If convicted of all charges, he faces 16 years to life in prison.

Monterey County Deputy District Attorney Amanda Puck is prosecuting Donato, who is being represented by lawyer Mario Martinez.

Late braking

During Donato's preliminary hearing in August, a California Highway Patrol officer said he entered Highway 1 in the wrong direction. An accident reconstructionist also testified that according to computer software data extracted from Donato's 2009 Lincoln MKS, Donato was driving 81 mph and pressed the brake pedal only two-tenths of a second before he collided head-on into Lecce's Mazda sedan. Donato was defiant and used expletives when the CHP officer who responded to the accident asked him about the crash.

Donato was seriously injured but has recovered and is being held in Monterey County Jail on \$1.35 million bail.

Stars and stripes to honor fallen military

By KELLY NIX

THE 13 members of the United States military who died Aug. 26 in a suicide bombing in Afghanistan during the botched withdrawal from that country are being honored in Sand City and Pacific Grove.

On Friday, 13 flags will be planted at Lovers Point Park during a ceremony at 10 a.m. to recognize the 11 Marines, one soldier and one Navy corpsman who died in the attack, which also killed 169 Afghan civilians.

The event will include representatives from 10 churches and other places of worship offering prayers for the U.S. service members. Presidio of Monterey Marine Corps Lt. Col. Timothy Mayer will speak, while military Chaplain Chester Olson will offer a special invocation. Taps will be played by bugler Brian Stock.

"The local business community wanted to express our sympathy and sorrow for our armed services members and honor those 13 who perished in Kabul during the evacuation," P.G. Chamber of Commerce President Moe Ammar said.

A few miles away in Sand City, there is already an effort to honor the fallen service members. Thirteen flags and the names of each man and woman who served their country are erected near highway 1 and Tioga Avenue.

"Their names are posted and a light was installed to display them in the evening," according to Bart Bruno, who said the organizer of the flag effort wants to remain anonymous.

"It is nice to know that there are still people like this out there," Bruno said. "God bless America, and especially everyone who is out there protecting all of us."



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He was such a people person and had manners and charisma that attracted people to him. Not to mention his beautiful self. I know you're not in pain anymore and you left this world with pure dignity just like you lived your life. Like I told you before you left, "I'll know when God sends you for a visit because I will feel your sweet presence."

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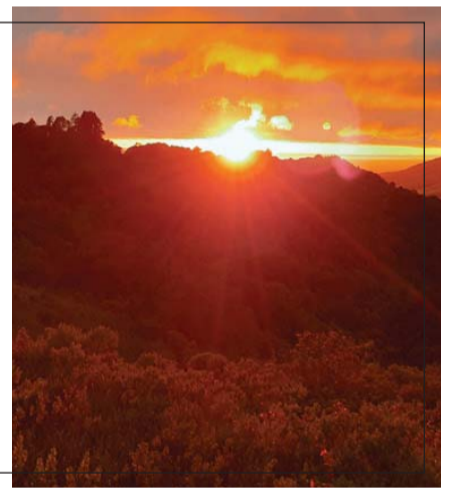
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CITY PARADE MOVES FROM LAST SATURDAY IN OCTOBER TO HALLOWEEN DAY

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER DECADES of being held on the last Saturday morning in October and then followed by a community lunch at Sunset Center, the city's annual birthday celebration and Halloween parade will be moved this year to 4 p.m. on Halloween (Oct. 31) — a change community activities director Ashlee Wright said she hopes will become permanent.

"If we keep it on Halloween every year, then if it's during the week, it's something kids can naturally move on to to participate in after school," she said. "That's how it used to be during the olden days."

After the parade, she said, kids could "trick-or-treat downtown, have some dinner and then go to Mission Fields to do

some serious trick-or-treating," she said.

Wright debuted the idea of moving the parade to Halloween day at a meeting earlier in the summer, explaining that disruptions caused by the pandemic led her to rethink things.

Afternoon start

She also decided to change the start time to 4 p.m., rather than having the parade start in the morning as it has in the past, so everyone could stay downtown afterward to trick-or-treat at shops and maybe take in a "haunted Happy Hour" before heading out to knock on doors in search of treats in other neighborhoods.

Just for this year, due to a scheduling conflict with Sunset Center, the parade will start on Mountain View above Junipero,

where Carmel High's homecoming parade usually begins.

"I have letters drafted to our residents on San Carlos Street [the former parade route] thanking them for all their years of support," she added. "They're out there with their lawn chairs every year cheering on the parade, and they've been such good neighbors."

Wright said she wants the residents to know they are not the reason the parade is being moved this year.

Those who live along Mountain View will be advised their street will be closed

from 2:30 to 4 p.m. on Halloween, though if any of them needs to drive in during that time, it will be allowed.

"We'll work with residents, and hopefully they'll be receptive to the change for this year," she said.

After the parade, the city will give away individually wrapped cupcakes in Deventor Park, in lieu of offering the traditional birthday cake and ice cream at Sunset Center. Carmel Bakery owner Rich Pepe is donating the sweets, Wright said.

"The cupcakes were his suggestion," she said, adding that she and others in her department are researching appropriate wrapping that will meet the city's rules banning plastic and non-compostable single-use containers.

Free pumpkins!

Commissioners also discussed ways to encourage community groups like the kids at the Carmel Youth Center to participate in the parade and solidified plans to hand out pumpkins during the Thursday farmers market, as they did last year. Residents and business owners will be encouraged to decorate, and Deventor Park will begin showing signs of the impending Halloween holiday during the week of Oct. 11, according to Wright.

She said she hopes the parade and other festivities will encourage residents and business owners to connect, and will give families who moved here during the pandemic a chance to see a different side of the town.

"I think this is a real opportunity for a good community event," she said.



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City decision to add pickleball courts could bring turf war

By MARY SCHLEY

“No one plays tennis. We all play pickleball.”

“The pickleball players don’t let my kids play tennis at the courts.”

“Way more pickleball players daily than tennis, but pickleball players always share the courts if tennis players show up.”

“Tennis is the main thing there and should continue being the main sport. Have one court with pickleball lines. Not more than that.”

Those were some of the responses to a survey sent out by city forester Sara Davis to determine whether people would support allowing more pickleball — a sport invented in the mid-1960s that combines elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong, and is played with wood or composite paddles and a perforated plastic ball — at the Forest Hill Park tennis courts.

Dancing angels

Eight years ago, in response to requests from players, the city added pickleball striping to one of the tennis courts — a move that has led to disputes over wear and tear, court hogging, noise, and how many angels can dance on the head of a pin.

So when pickleball enthusiasts asked for striping on the other tennis court, too, Davis posted a survey in the city’s weekly newsletter and in a couple of online groups to determine how the public felt about it. Eighty-two people responded, with more than 80 percent of them supporting adding more pickleball.

She also invited them to comment, and the majority said how much they enjoy the game, how popular it’s become, that it’s easy to learn, that demand is so high that people wait in line to play, and that a lot of older people — which describes much of Carmel’s population — like the game.

Some encouraged the commission to OK the change because it would encourage more residents to be active and athletic.

“My entire family plays pickleball regularly, and it is a great community-building outdoor activity that feels safe in these scary times,” one supporter wrote.

Parking, noise

But a few were less exuberant. One commenter said pickleballers monopolize the courts, preventing tennis players from using them, and asked that the city preserve one court just for tennis.

“Have you heard the noise that comes from the pickleball courts? Constant loud talking and the ‘thunking’ of the hard plastic balls can be heard several blocks away,” another wrote, adding that the current configuration “seems fair.”

A different respondent suggested installing pickleball courts somewhere away from residential neighborhoods, since the sport is “very, very noisy.”

Parking is already crowded in the area, a resident wrote, and the problem will worsen when 16 pickleball players drive to Forest Hill to play.

Commissioners were inclined to listen to the majority, however, and did not debate whether to authorize additional striping for more pickleball courts.

“I think this is a no-brainer,” said commissioner Michael Caddell. “I think we should approve it.”

He said the sport “may be a little noisier than tennis,” but that it “certainly is not anything disruptive.”

Commissioner JC Myers speculated that eventually, nearby residents will complain about the noise from “four courts going all at the same time.”

“It’s fun, but it is noisy,” he said.

Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the new striping.



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FOREST CLOSURE SENDS LOCAL TRAIL VOLUNTEERS ELSEWHERE SEEKING ‘WORK’

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE CLOSURE of Big Sur’s national forests not only sent tourists scrambling for something else to do, but it shut down work by volunteers from the Ventana Wilderness Alliance who maintain miles of backcountry trails on federal land.

They could have taken the time off from work that even on the best day can be hot, sweaty, dirty, buggy and exhausting. Instead, the hardy volunteers — all of them over 60 — started looking for a place where they could stay busy.

The group — Dave Wachtel, Steve Benoit, Stuart Carlson, Joe Radoslovich, John Kenn, Beth Benoit and John Radford — traveled last week to the fire-weary Sierra,

where they worked to rehabilitate trails devastated by last year’s Creek Fire, which burned nearly 380,000 acres in Fresno and Madera counties. They were supervised by Mike Nolan of the United States Forest Service.

“These guys are willing and able,” Rich Popchack of the VWA told The Pine Cone. “If they can’t work here, they’ll go somewhere else — they are amazing people.”

Lots of driving, some work

Benoit, who led the VWA’s backcountry program for eight years, said the group first tried to work on the Stephenson Trail near Mammoth Lakes, but the trail was in such bad shape that they couldn’t pack in water with mules, so they went looking for another site.

Next, they worked for much of a day on the Mammoth Trail, cutting some very large trees. But their supervisor realized the trail was basically a lost cause, so they packed

up and went searching for another path to fix.

Eventually, the group made it to the Nellie Lake Trail, which is about halfway between Fresno and Mammoth Lakes. They spent most of the day there cutting trees and opening up the trail before a wind storm shut down their operation.

The dedication of trail volunteers is beyond admirable, but it begs a tough question. If everybody doing the work is over 70, like Benoit, who is going to be doing it 20 years from now.

“We’re all aging out,” he said. “I’m really starting to feel it since I turned 70.”

Benoit said he and his colleagues are hopeful the next generation of trail volunteers will emerge, but he conceded it’s been a bit of a challenge.

“It’s hard to find young people,” he added. “It’s hard for them to get away.”

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Fallen Vietnam War pilot to be honored

By CHRIS COUNTS

NEARLY 60 years after one-time Carmel Highlands resident Maj. Charles F. De Amaral Jr. was killed while piloting a helicopter in Vietnam, a plaque commemorating his service has been installed alongside a 30-acre parcel that some say was set aside to honor him.

A dedication ceremony is set for Oct. 4 at 11 a.m. — on the 57th anniversary of his death.

The property, which has a tangled land use history, was also the subject of at least two recent lawsuits filed against Monterey County by James Collins, who bought the land in 1994 after it passed through several owners. Collins has been trying to get permission to build a home there since the early 2000s.

A major in the U.S. Army, De Amaral was 34 when he died. He was flying a helicopter in Vietnam’s Binh Dinh Province when it was struck by “hostile ground fire,” causing it to crash. Along with De Amaral, two others died.

Plaque went up in ’67

On Dec. 24, 1966, the Monterey Herald reported that N.J. D’Ambrogio had donated the land to the Monterey County Foundation for Conservation so it wouldn’t be developed. The story delved into the details of the donation, and noted that D’Ambrogio made the gift as a way of “do-

ing my part to help preserve this peninsula as one of the most beautiful places in the world.”

In 1967, a plaque honoring De Amaral was installed on the property, which is located at 83 Mt. Devon Road, but the plaque was later stolen. The same year, a scenic easement across the land was transferred to Monterey County, but when the Coastal Act passed in 1976, the easement was superseded by restrictions in the new law — a fact that was reaffirmed in April when a California appeals court judge ruled that no scenic easement protects the property today.


However, Collins still needs to get approval from the county and the California Coastal Commission before he can build a house on it.


Meanwhile, Carmel Highlands resident Jim King is a military veteran who never knew De Amaral, but wanted to do something to recognize the sacrifice he made. He said the missing plaque “didn’t sit well” with him.

“I’m a vet, and vets should be looking after vets,” King told The Pine Cone.

King recently swung into action. “I called up the neighbors, got the plaque and set it in stone,” he reported.

King and others put together the Oct. 4 dedication ceremony, which will include the playing of “Taps.” “We organized it to help make everybody aware that this property is dedicated in his memory,” King added.





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Big Sur Land Trust's Carr Lake Park gets OK from Salinas council

By CHRIS COUNTS

ONCE FOCUSED on preserving open space down the coast, the Big Sur Land Trust celebrated the approval Tuesday of the Carr Lake Park project by the Salinas City Council.

"It was unanimous," said Jeannette Tuitele-Lewis, president of the Monterey-based group. "This is a major milestone in the project's history."

At Tuesday's hearing, the city council approved two things that were necessary to create the park — a general plan amendment to relocate a proposed road, and a rezone of the land from "Agricultural — Flood Overlay" to "Parks — Flood Overlay."

Located at 618 Sherwood Drive in Salinas, the property is part of Carr Lake, a 480-acre dry lake bed located in the heart of Salinas. The former owner of the 73-acre piece,

the Ikeda family, sold it to the land trust five years ago for just under \$4 million.

Besides creating a park, the project will rehab a portion of Gabilan Creek and restore wetlands, which will help reduce the historic risk of flooding on the site.

Most residents want it

While some have expressed concerns about the park attracting blight or crime, the vast majority of residents and groups that weighed in the topic were in support of it. More than 1,500 people signed a petition backing it, and more than 250 wrote letters to city leaders.

Lewis complimented the BSLT's director of conservation, Rachel Saunders, for her efforts to bring everybody together.

"I want to acknowledge Rachel and her team for their tremendous efforts in working through the many technical

and procedural challenges in getting us to this stage in the planning process," she said. "Countless hours have been spent coordinating with consultants, city staff, adjacent landowners, elected officials, local agencies and attorneys, in addition to working with our many fantastic organizational partners."

Lewis said she's looking forward to seeing the park take shape. "The momentum continues and there is much more work to be done," she added.

Plans for the park call for open space, walking paths, a playground, picnic tables, benches, play courts, a skating area, restrooms and a dog play area.

Once a reservoir, the lake was drained in the 1920s, but still provides flood control for nearby neighborhoods. The water from three creeks flows into the "lake," and from there it passes through a variety of channels before reaching Elkhorn Slough — and eventually, Monterey Bay.

Senator gets state agency assignment

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

CALIFORNIA STATE Sen. John Laird last week was appointed to the California Coastal Conservancy, a state agency tasked with protecting and improving the state's natural lands and waterways.

California State Senate president pro tem Toni Atkins appointed Laird, who will serve as the State Senate's ex officio member, one of six members of the legislature — three from each house — who provide

legislative oversight and participate in the agency's activities.

Laird represents California State Senate District 17, an area that includes Monterey Bay.

"I am honored to serve as a member of the Coastal Conservancy Board," Laird said. "Representing California's Coast, I am in a unique position to collaborate with my colleagues in addressing the numerous challenges affecting our coastal communities."

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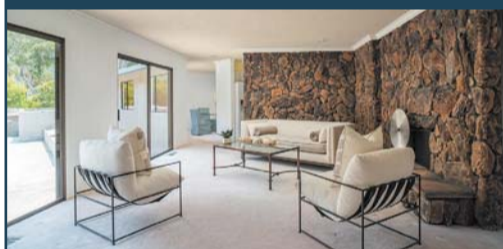


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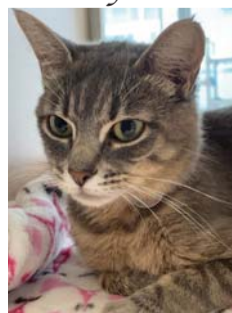
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FORMER COUNCIL MEMBER SHUSHED

By KELLY NIX

A FORMER Pacific Grove City Councilman who tried to address the council Wednesday night during the public comment period was cut off from speaking only seconds into his three-minute time allocation by the city attorney and mayor, both of whom said his speech was not “appropriate.”

During the comment period at the meeting, Dan Miller began talking about a report in The Pine Cone last week that councilwoman Jenny McAdams misled health officials to get her youngest son vaccinated against Covid-19.

But 26 seconds into Miller’s speech, McAdams cut Miller off, saying, “Mayor, I don’t think this is appropriate. Thank you.”

Mayor Bill Peake seemed to agree. “Mr. Miller, this is city activities.”

Miller then told Peake that he was going to talk about Covid-19, which, he noted, “McAdams was just talking about.”

“It has to do with actions by a council member,” Miller said. “In 30 years of going to council meetings, I’ve never seen something like this stopped.”

When Peake refused to let Miller continue, Miller requested city attorney David Laredo weigh in. “Is this appropriate for

public comment?” Peake asked Laredo.

After nearly 30 seconds, Laredo got back on the meeting and said it is “my understanding these comments address the council member’s private matters, not her public matters, and as such I don’t believe they are appropriate,” Laredo said.

Miller protested and tried to explain why he should be allowed to speak, but Peake cut him off.

Acceptable behavior?

On Thursday morning, Miller emailed The Pine Cone a copy of the comments he planned to make to the council. Among the points he was going to make was that McAdams should resign if she misled health officials to get her son — who is not old enough to get the Covid-19 vaccine — immunized.

Miller also said that McAdams recently accused him on a social media page of being “obsessed” with her and that it was “creepy” that Miller sent an email message to her employer, 4th District Monterey County Supervisor Wendy Root Askew.

A message from The Pine Cone to Laredo Thursday was not returned. McAdams, who didn’t return numerous messages from The Pine Cone last week, has not contested the newspaper report.

Plan to raise P.G. council ‘salary’ and offer medical benefits axed

By KELLY NIX

THE PACIFIC Grove City Councilwoman who proposed giving council members medical benefits and doubling their monthly stipends pulled the item Wednesday night just before the panel and members of the public were set to discuss the idea.

Councilwoman Jenny McAdams’ plan, had the panel OK’d it, would have raised council-member stipends from \$420 to \$840, and \$700 to \$1,400 for the mayor. McAdams also proposed giving council members medical benefits, which was expected to cost \$950 to \$1,700 per month per member.

With no detailed explanation, McAdams pulled the item from the agenda about three hours into Wednesday night’s meeting. Numerous citizens had planned to comment on the idea.

Pricey benefits

Increasing council members’ stipends and giving them health benefits under McAdams’ plan would cost taxpayers as much as \$193,000 per year, according to

Councilman Luke Coletti, who added that medical costs are “guaranteed to increase each year.”

McAdams defended the plan. “Over two decades have elapsed since the last city council salary increase was authorized,” she said in her report. “Accordingly, the maximum amount by which the council may lawfully increase council/mayoral salaries, is 100 percent.”

Coletti, who is often critical of how the City of Pacific Grove spends taxpayer funds, told The Pine Cone before the meeting that he opposed McAdams’ proposal.

“I believe it would be an abuse of discretion and power to vote to give myself a raise,” he said. “In my opinion, any increase in compensation and benefits should only be done by a vote of the people. If council members want to do this, they should put it on the ballot and campaign for it.”

Members of the Carmel City Council are paid a stipend of \$150 per month and offered health benefits, while Monterey pays \$430 and provides medical benefits. The City of Marina pays its council members \$200 monthly and offers no medical benefits.

Vandal cited for graffiti on street sign

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

SOMEONE DEFACED a street sign at San Carlos and Ocean in downtown Carmel Sunday afternoon and actually got arrested for it.

According to Carmel Police Sgt. Jeff Watkins, Modesto resident Christian Alvarenga, 25, and a friend vandalized the sign at the busy downtown intersection at around 1:45 p.m. Sept. 12.

“They were observed by an employee of a business in the area, and the good Sa-

maritan called the police with suspect and vehicle descriptions and direction of travel,” he said.

Officers found the car and later identified Alvarenga and the other person, whom Watkins did not name, via the description provided by the eyewitness.

“The suspect had the marker which was used to tag the sign in his pocket,” Watkins said.

The officers wrote Alvarenga a ticket for vandalism with a date to appear in court and released him at the scene.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Tuesday, October 5, 2021 on or after the hour of 4:30 p.m.**, the Planning Commission of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will hold a Public Meeting via teleconference for the following purpose:

Proposed Action: Pursuant to the Surplus Land Act and Streets and Highways Code Section 8320, the City Council will consider declaring exempt surplus right-of-way and vacating 1,103.15 square feet of public land on the north side of 8th Avenue between Junipero Avenue and Mission Street in the Residential and Limited Commercial (RC) District as described and shown in the legal descriptions and plats prepared by Land Set Engineers, Inc. labeled Exhibit “A” Right-of-Way Abandonment #1 and Exhibit “B” consisting of three pages and Exhibit “A” Right-of-Way Abandonment #2 and Exhibit “B” consisting of three pages on file in the Community Planning & Building Department, Carmel City Hall, East side of Monte Verde between Ocean and 7th Avenues.

Location: North side of 8th Avenue between Junipero Avenue and Mission Street

Environmental Status: Categorically Exempt pursuant to Section 15312 (Surplus Government Property Sales) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

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 Planning Commission meeting will be broadcast live on the City’s website at <http://carmel.novusagenda.com/agendaPublicMeetingsresponsive.aspx> and the City’s YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaUOelwM1JCDkzD7Js86mA>, and archived there after the meeting.

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

All interested persons are invited to attend via teleconference at the time and place specified above to give oral or written testimony concerning this matter. Written comments may be submitted to the person identified below prior to the meeting. With respect to written comments, please submit them at least 4 hours before the meeting in order to ensure they are provided to the Planning Commission and made part of the record. Comments received after that time and up to the end of the public hearing will be saved as part of the record but may not be provided to the Planning Commission prior to or during the public hearing.

The staff report and relevant documents will be available at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting on the City’s website at <http://www.ci.carmel.ca.us>. The Planning Commission meeting will be televised live on the City’s website and archived there after the meeting. For more information regarding Planning Commission meetings, please contact the Community Planning & Building Department at (831) 620-2010.

Ashlee Wright, Acting City Clerk
Please direct questions about this item to: Marnie Waffle, Senior Planner, Community Planning and Building Department
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Publish Date: 9/17/21 & 9/24/21 — The Pine Cone Publication dates: Sept. 17, 2021 (PC922)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 21 CV002871

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, CHRISTIAN EDUARDO QUINTERO BUCIO, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. Present name: CHRISTIAN EDUARDO QUINTERO BUCIO
Proposed name: CHRISTIAN EDUARDO BUCIO QUINTERO

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

DATE: November 5, 2021
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
DEPT: 15

The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Thomas W. Willis
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Sept. 10, 2021
Publication dates: Sept. 17, 24; Oct. 1, 8, 2021. (PC916)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20212071
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SERENDIPITY TRAVEL CONCIERGE, 12 Antler Pl., Monterey, CA 93940.
Mailing address: 680 Lighthouse Ave. #758, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: CALIVENTURES TRAVEL LLC, 680 Lighthouse Ave. #758, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
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 Aug. 8, 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).
S/Ali Rostam Momeni, Chief Executive Officer
Date: Sept. 10, 2021
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 9, 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: Sept. 17, 24; Oct. 1, 8, 2021. (PC917)

LEGALS DEADLINE:
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20212035
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: VALLEY HILLS DELI, 7152 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93923.
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: BEAR + FLAG LLC, 27649 Schulte Rd., 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 N/A.
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S/Emily Ross Frew, Managing Member
Date: Sept. 2, 2021
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 2, 2021.
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Publication dates: Sept. 17, 24; Oct. 1, 8, 2021. (PC918)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20212058
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: ARTISANA GALLERY, 612 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): ADRIANNE M. JONSON, 257 Luxton St., Seaside, CA 93955.
Sandra L. Hamm, 1257 Luxton St., Seaside, CA 93955.
This business is conducted by a married couple.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Mar. 1, 2008.
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).
S/Adrienne M. Jonson
Date: Sept. 3, 2021
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 8, 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: Sept. 17, 24; Oct. 1, 8, 2021. (PC920)

Eclectic fashion show shines again

By MICHAEL TROUTMAN

LIKE A wild, exotic bird released from its cage, the Big Sur Fashion Show spread its wings at the Henry Miller Library Sept. 9 after a one-year hiatus due to the pandemic. After providing proof of vaccination, 300 eager fashionistas, a production crew and attendees savored the eye candy on stage and danced late into the night afterward. Executive director Elsa Rivera was delighted.

“What a magical time we had back home,” she said. “Enveloped by the redwood canopy above us, designers, models, makeup artists, lights and music filled the night with an eclectic energy that was

literally medicine for our souls. The community responded perfectly to our strict Covid safety protocols and dressed to the nines for the long-awaited dance party of the year.”

Two minutes

And eclectic it was, with designer outfits sourced of natural and recycled materials of all kinds, from huge clumps of Spanish moss, to empty plastic bottles and beach detritus. One industrious designer even collected two years' worth of pull tabs. Each designer, in conjunction with the models, had two minutes to create a story representing the theme “Emerge Wild and Free.”

City seeks opinions on fire ambulance

By MARY SCHLEY

MANY PEOPLE manage to live out their lives without ever needing an ambulance or a fire engine, and most who do require emergency help care about little more than that it shows up quickly and can do what's needed to save them or their homes.

But for the residents, business owners and others who have opinions about how the fire department and ambulance company should function, what services they should provide, how much they should cost, and other issues around emergency response and disaster prevention, a city committee is holding the second of two meetings Sept. 21.

The first session took place Sept. 14 and largely focused on explaining the history of the city's fire department and ambulance company, and how they operate now.

After having a standalone fire department for decades, the city in January 2012 contracted with Monterey Fire to staff its station on Sixth Avenue and provide training, equipment and everything else that goes along with responding to fires and other emergencies.

The ambulance service was kept separate, and its medics are on the city's payroll, though Monterey oversees scheduling and provides employees to work shifts when needed.

The city's contract with Monterey for fire services expires June 30, 2022, and is costing \$2.8 million this year. The ambulance is costing around \$1.54 million, in part due to an estimated \$300,000 in over-

time because it's been short one worker out of its total of six for nearly four years.

City administrator Chip Rerig said at the meeting that council members Carrie Theis and Bobby Richards are seeking feedback and suggestions so they can develop recommendations to take to the full city council.

“We're very proud of our fire service,” Rerig said, but they want to hear ideas on management structure, cost savings and other aspects of running the fire department and the ambulance company.

Save money?

Resident Tim Meroney suggested the city hire an ambulance director instead of having the police chief in charge of it and Monterey managing it, as is the case now. Resident Carolyn Hardy said Monterey Fire should staff the ambulance instead of the city.

James Rossen, who lives in the Carmel Highlands and serves on the board of its fire district, said his and other neighborhoods surrounding Carmel often rely on the city's ambulance to respond quickly, since the county's ambulances are frequently farther away. He emphasized the need for that “closest ambulance” practice to remain intact.

Theis and Richards' committee also has four residents — Mary Ann Schicketanz, Bill Doolittle, Molly Doty and Tim Twomey — who generally said they'd like to figure out how to maintain the departments' high levels of service while reducing costs.

Their next meeting will be held Sept. 21 at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom. See ci.carmel.ca.us.

A total of 25 different fashion vignettes, each one a uniquely dramatic piece of performance art, were split into two acts that enthralled the audience with a visual smorgasbord and on-point messaging.

One of the more dramatic performances of the evening was created by designer/choreographer Tamara McKay for Heather and Matt Romano. Heather was very badly injured in a head-on car accident at the

mouth of Palo Colorado Canyon over a year ago and is still recovering, with a long road ahead due to nerve damage.

“Tamara came up with the brilliant idea for Heather in the bird cage and me as her protector who is releasing her,” Matt explained. “She was in a wheelchair and had to learn to walk again, so I pushed her on-

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Monterey Peninsula Community College District Seeks Volunteers for Advisory Redistricting Commission

MPC invites the public to volunteer for the District's Advisory Redistricting Commission, which will advise the MPC Governing Board of Trustees on trustee area boundaries based on Census 2020 data. Commission members will be appointed by the Governing Board. The Commission is expected to meet a minimum of two times between October 2021 through January 2022.

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An application and additional information may be obtained online at <https://www.montereycoe.org/county-board/redistricting/mpc/> or by contacting the Office of the Superintendent/President at sanderson@mpc.edu or (831) 646-4114.

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Painter finds undersea garden of creative delights

By CHRIS COUNTS

IN A show that's on display at the Pacific Grove Art Center, painter Theodore Heublein captures the many charms of Point Lobos State Reserve — from both above and beneath the waves.

While plein air painters have long flocked to Point Lobos, it's unlikely more than a handful have contemplated painting underwater — or even pondered if it's possible.

But Heublein, who loves both art and diving, learned that an artist from the Maldives was capturing underwater scenes with a paintbrush, and "I wanted to see if I could take this idea and bring it to my diving site, Point Lobos State Reserve," he explained.

Don't try it at home

Heublein had to overcome a number of hurdles before he successfully completed an underwater painting. He also noted that the others who paint underwater do so in the tropics where the water is much warmer. At Point Lobos, he wears a waterproof dry suit so he doesn't get cold.

"Painting underwater is very difficult in comparison to above water," he explained. "All the movements are slow and the tidal movement make it challenging. Time is also fixed, based on the scuba tank capacity, to complete a painting."

The canvas Heublein paints on, along with his palette, have to be weighted so they don't float to the surface. His paints, meanwhile, are made of oils and beeswax, which he said are biodegradable. And because it's difficult to clean a brush underwater, he typically uses a palette knife



Artist and diver Theodore Heublein enjoys painting the scenery at Point Lobos State Reserve — above and below the waves.

or his fingers instead.

He is also tethered to a dive boat, where a friend assists him.

While what Heublein does is quite impressive, he down-

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FASHION

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stage on the wheelchair surrounded by the cage, and she became the injured bird being released for the first time. It was a very symbolic chance to share with everyone that she's alive and well."

"When we were asked to be models for my closest friend, there was no hesitation about it," Heather said. "It was an instant 'Yes.' After a very painful long year of physical therapy and many setbacks, this was my reminder of how far I've come from a wheelchair, to most days, being able to walk again, carefully. I saw this as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I'm so thankful that we did it."

Brent Sepulvado of California Fire Protection was one of several generous sponsors of the evening.

"I have the opportunity to sponsor something that's giving back to the arts," Sepulvado said. "I don't feel like they are being sponsored enough, and we're losing a lot of our programs. Seeing people's reactions to something so creative and amazing like the fashion show, and coming together like a family — it's inspiring."

It was very much a runway of shiny, beautifully wrapped and exquisite gifts for Big Sur that night at the Henry Miller Library. Makeup artist Leah Beets marveled at the magic of it all, calling it afterward, "a phenomenal resurrection of the Big Sur Fashion Show back home."



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Molly and Scott Moffett appeared on the runway in "Mandatory Evacuation," a fashion design of their own creation.



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MASKS

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tion of county health officer Dr. Ed Moreno, who has said repeatedly he doesn't think a face covering law is needed because of declining case numbers in Monterey County and throughout California.

"Frankly, our community sees us as arbitrary and capricious moving forward with this without the support of our health department," Phillips told his colleagues.

Supervisors Wendy Root Askew, Luis Alejo and Mary Adams voted to approve the countywide mask law, with Alejo saying he's "seen too many get killed" by the disease.

"I think if we can do these measures to help prevent that and save lives, we should do that," he said.

If case rates get high enough in Monterey County, Moreno would likely impose his own countywide mask mandate.

As of Wednesday, Monterey County's case rate continued a downward slide at 11.3 cases per 100,000, as did Covid-19 hospitalizations at 35 for the county's four hospitals. The test positivity rate is stable at 4.0, and vaccine coverage has increased. Eighty percent of those 12 years and up have received at least one dose of the vaccine.

Masks while running?

Disregarding a recommendation by the World Health Organization that face masks should not be worn while exercising because it can make breathing difficult, two local fitness centers recently started requir-

ing their members to wear masks while running on a treadmill, pumping iron and doing other strenuous activities.

Monterey assistant city manager Nat Rojanasathira said the Monterey Sports Center on Aug. 31 started requiring members and others to wear masks. The rule, he said, followed Moreno's indoor mask recommendation.

"While we have received several inquiries regarding the mask requirement, only two sports center customers have asked to place their memberships on pause while the mask requirement is in effect," Rojanasathira told The Pine Cone. "Several members of the sports center have expressed their support of the policy."

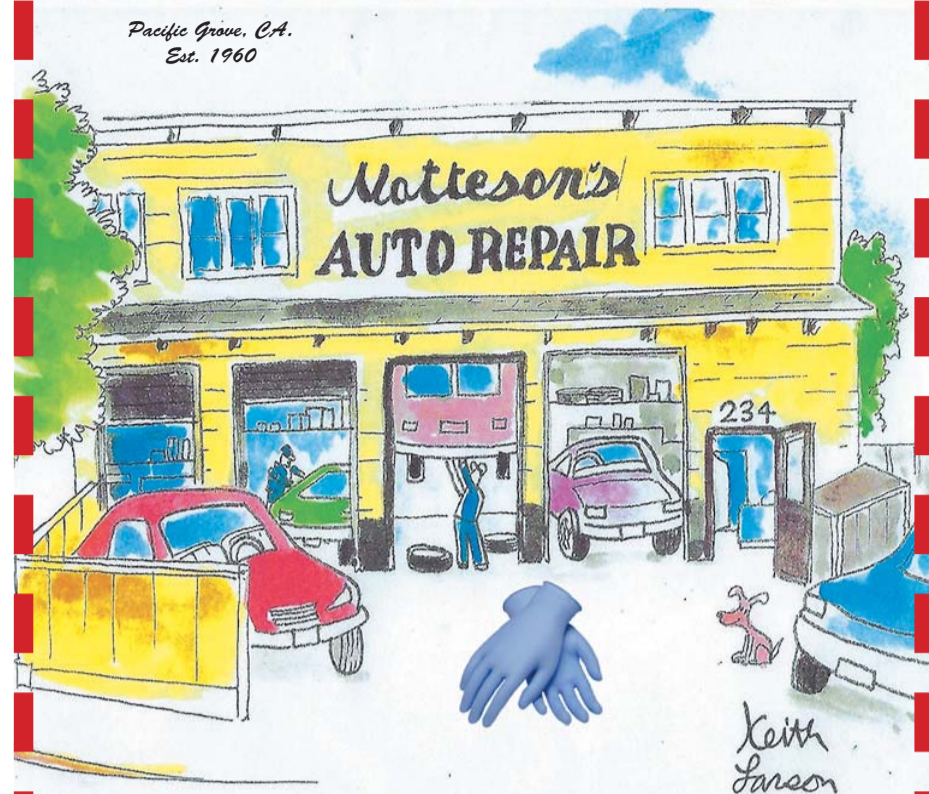
Montage Health Wellness Center, which has facilities in Marina and Salinas, started requiring masks for members, regardless of vaccination status, on Sept. 7. Spokeswoman Monica Sciuto said Montage based its decision on recommendations by county health, the state Department of Public Health, "significant increases in transmissibility of the current and predominantly circulating delta variant," and other factors.

"The CDPH has required all individuals to wear masks in settings of healthcare or areas where patients are seen," Sciuto explained. "Our fitness centers share the same space as patients who are seen for their care."

Most wellness center members have "embraced" the mask mandate, Sciuto explained.

"We have had a handful of members who have not been supportive of the mandate, and we understand that it can be difficult for some to wear the mask while exercising," she explained.

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ther. The district recently hired a Covid coordinator and has brought in more contact tracers. It also offers quick onsite testing, so the response to any positive case is more immediate and efficient.

When your kid can stay

The California Department of Public Health has issued clear guidance on what to do when students are infected and have been in close contact with others, Knight said.

Of course, any child who tests positive must stay home for at least 10 days after receiving the results, regardless of vaccination status and symptoms. Students who are sick must see a marked improvement in symptoms before they can return.

But even if they're exposed to someone with Covid, students who are vaccinated can continue attending school and participating in activities as usual, as long as no symptoms appear.

Children who aren't inoculated but have had close contact with an infected person can also stay in school if both people were masked at the time of the contact. The exposed student must also display no symptoms, continue wearing a mask at school and undergo Covid testing twice a week. Extracurricular and after-school activities like sports, clubs and tutoring are off-limits during the "modified quarantine," which runs 10 days.

"Prior to this, we would have sent everybody home,"

Knight told The Pine Cone. "Now you can stay in school. Going to school and getting those seven hours of academics is what this is all about."

So far, Knight said, parents and students have been taking the school year in stride.

"I think parents are just happy their kids are in school full time," he said. "Our parents have been very gracious," and have cooperated when their kids have to stay home because they're sick, whether from a cold, the flu or Covid.

"I have received overwhelmingly positive feedback from parents that we're striking the right balance here," he said. "We're trying to be as transparent as possible. The more people understand what we're doing, the more relieved and confident and comfortable they are."

During a call with media Wednesday, Monterey County Superintendent of Schools Deneen Guss said she understands parents are stressed about their children returning to school, especially if they are too young to get the shot.

"Even though the delta variant is spreading, the CDPH is telling us it's safe, because schools are implementing health and safety protocols to keep students and staff safe," she said.

She reminded everyone that getting vaccinated is the best way parents can protect their children and their children's friends, and wearing a mask is important, too.

She recommended parents go to schools.covid19.ca.gov and click on the "parent page" link to read up on the "seven safety layers to keep kids safe while at school," including proper ventilation, frequent hand washing, vaccinating, wearing masks indoors, sanitizing, testing and staying home when sick.

"Testing can detect the virus even before your child,

other students or teachers start to feel sick," Guss said, and it's critical to continue testing unvaccinated kids and adults. She described the testing as "not invasive at all," and said it's easy, free and "gives you peace of mind."

Guss also said schools have thorough contact tracing so they can run down cases quickly, but she warned against panicking after getting a call from a tracer.

"If the school or the health department calls you, remain calm," she said. "It's OK. We are in the middle of a pandemic, and there will be exposures."

And in most cases, even kids who haven't gotten the shot can keep going to school.

Meanwhile, at the jail...

Regarding the recent spike in Covid cases at the jail, Sheriff's Cmdr. Derrel Simpson couldn't say how many, if any, of the inmates had been vaccinated, since healthcare workers collect that information — and inmates sometimes lie or refuse to answer — but it's not available to the sheriff's office. Out of the 16 workers who became infected, one had gotten the shot.

The vaccine is available at the jail for anyone who wants it, but even when they accept, people don't always end up fully inoculated. "We have Moderna available and offer it," he said. "But they aren't always around for the second shot because they get released." The second Moderna dose is supposed to be administered four weeks after the first shot.

The recent spike in positive cases was identified through regular testing, according to Simpson. "I don't know that we'll be able to pinpoint how it got into the facility," he said. "We've done everything we can as far as monitoring everyone coming into the facility."


Most staff come in through one entrance, though kitchen workers use another, he said, and all people who are taken into custody are screened before being placed in the general population. "Everyone who comes in goes into observation," and remains separated until screening and testing are complete, Simpson said. Anyone who tests positive is housed with other Covid-infected inmates.

In July 2020, the jail experienced its first outbreak, with 30 percent of the 785 people in custody at the time testing positive. By the end of that month, 275 inmates had been infected, but after beefing up its protocols and procedures, the jail saw its infection rate decline.


By mid-November 2020, the number of total cases had risen to 330, with new cases coming in at very low rates until the most recent outbreak.


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county employees be vaccinated, Monterey County Sheriff Steve Bernal announced he would not enforce the rule, instead relying on promoting the vaccine and organizing clinics for workers.

"The sheriff's office supports the use of vaccines for anyone who chooses to receive them," Undersheriff John Mineau said in a statement in August, soon after the board's vote. "We also understand that the decision to get vaccinated is a personal one."

Anyone who remains unvaccinated is required to undergo weekly testing, and the jail also continues to implement mask rules, sanitizing and other Covid-related safety measures, including having more masks, soap and other cleaning supplies available for inmates.

In-person visitation has been suspended, and those in custody continue to meet with their attorneys and appear for court hearings remotely.

The county could not provide information on how many employees in the sheriff's office have been vaccinated but reported the rate for all county workers is 78 percent.

Local prisons stay low

According to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, which runs all the state prison, 172 new Covid cases were reported among inmates statewide during the past 14 days, with most of them at North Kern State Prison, which had 60 new cases, and Solano, which saw 54 new infections.

Salinas Valley State Prison and the Correctional Training Facility at Soledad each had zero new cases in the most recent two-week period.

The CDCR has reported 50,565 Covid infections and 240 deaths among inmates since the start of the pandemic in early 2020.

The Soledad correctional training facility has had 2,734 people infected, while Salinas Valley has reported 684, according to the state. At Soledad, 20 of those prisoners died,

placing it third highest for inmate Covid deaths among all state prisons.

The state also reports vaccination rates for inmates and employees, and the Correctional Training Facility at Soledad has the highest, with 91 percent of the 4,548 people in custody vaccinated, while Salinas Valley State Prison is far lower on the list, with 64 percent of its 3,044 inmates vaccinated. According to the CDCR, 75 percent of the state's 99,499 prisoners are fully vaccinated.

Staff vaccination rates are lower, though the figures could be artificially low due to the fact employees are not forced to provide that information and/or may have gotten their shots somewhere other than at work.

Of the 66,199 CDCR employees, 56 percent are fully vaccinated. In Soledad, 66 percent of the 1,465 people who work there are fully inoculated, according to the state, and at Salinas Valley State Prison, 58 percent of the 1,993 employees have gotten their shots.

DR. JAMES C. PENNA

Jim Penna passed away at home on September 7th at the age of 75 with his beloved wife by his side. He fought a courageous battle for many years with Crohn's disease. He is at peace now with our Lord and Savior.

Jim was born October 9, 1945, in Evanston, Illinois — the oldest son of Dr. Otto Penna and Mary Christian Penna of Spokane, Washington.

Jim graduated from Gonzaga prep in 1964 and Gonzaga University in 1968. He was the No. 1 man on the golf team while in the pre-dental program. He studied for 1 year in Florence, Italy and developed a keen interest in sculpture and Renaissance art. He survived the 1966 great flood of the Arno River in Florence and helped with restoration of art in the Uffizi Gallery.

Jim graduated with a dental degree from Creighton University and moved to the Monterey Peninsula in 1972 where he started his 44 year career in dentistry.

Jim was passionate about golf, skiing, traveling, cosmetic dentistry and Italian food and wine. He was a parishioner at San Carlos Cathedral. Jim served on an advisory board for the Monterey Bay Dental Society and early on the board of the AT&T Junior Golf Association. He was a member of Monterey Peninsula Country Club for 46 years and played in the AT&T Pro Am twice.

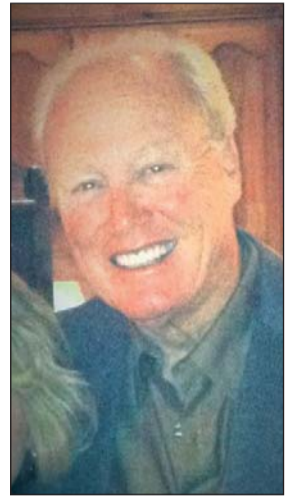
He is survived by his devoted wife of 36 years, Lanette. He is also survived by his sisters Jean Penna Fincher (Roger) and Patricia Penna White (Jody); as well as his brothers Dan Penna and Rich Penna — all of Spokane, Washington; mother-in-law, Joan Faulkner of Newport Beach and his cherished dog, Annie.

Jim was a true Christian and will be remembered for his beautiful smile, honesty, compassion, loyalty to his friends, and for never giving up!

A celebration of Jim's amazing life will be held at a later date.

A special note of appreciation to the West family of Carmel and many more devoted friends who love and have supported us over the years.

**If you wish to honor Jim's life, please donate to:
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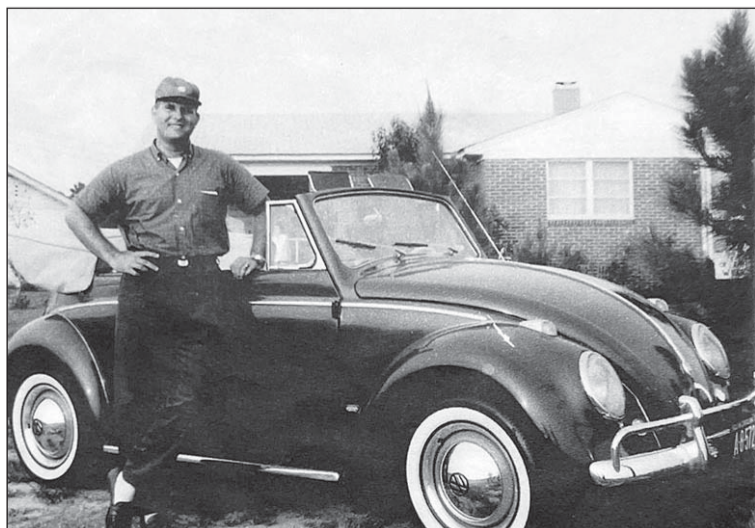
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JOHN JOSEPH GELKE

Captain, U.S. Navy (Ret.)
"Jack"

Jack Gelke, 88, of Carmel, beloved husband, father and grandfather, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

Jack was born on March 24, 1933, to the late John Gelke, a retired detective with the New York City Police Department, and the late Eleanor Gelke, in New York, New York. He had one sister, Marion Gelke Ratliffe (deceased). After graduating from All Hallows High School in New York, Jack attended St. John's University, where he played baseball for the famed coach Frank McGuire, before being appointed to the United States Merchant



Marine Academy, Kings Point, New York. Jack was awarded the prestigious Giles Steadman trophy upon graduation in 1955, which recognizes the outstanding athlete of the graduating class, and was later inducted into the Academy Athletic Hall of fame in 1993.

Despite having opportunities to play the sport he loved professionally, after graduation, Jack served as an officer in the U.S. Merchant Marine. He was then appointed a special agent with the Office of Naval Intelligence, now known as "NCIS." Jack re-entered active naval sea service in 1960 and attended the U.S. Naval Postgraduate school here in Monterey, where he met his wife of nearly 60 years, Peggy. Jack and Peggy were married in 1963 in Honolulu, Hawaii, and have one daughter, Catherine, who was born in Yokosuka, Japan. Jack served in the Navy for a total of nearly 30 years, and held various seagoing positions, including commanding a frigate and later had his major command leading Destroyer Squadron 5 out of San Diego.

Jack's military awards include two Legion of Merit Medals, Meritorious Service Medal, two Navy Commendation Medals (one with combat "V"), Vietnam Honor Medal First Class, and various other citations and service medals. Subsequent to leaving the Navy, Jack held several executive positions in the private sector, including leading a center at Fort Ord to help military and NASA employees transition to civilian life. This was some of his favorite work, along with his most recent role as a Realtor with Alain Pinel Realtors in Carmel.

Jack never met a stranger and was known by many around town simply as "Captain Jack". He would often drive his treasured 1962 Volkswagen Beetle into town and park on Ocean Avenue, where he greeted old and new friends alike. Jack had many hobbies including religiously working out, having lunch at his favorite table at the club, but spending time with family and friends was by far his favorite. He loved to travel and was fortunate enough to see many wonderful places around the country and the world.

Jack is survived by his wife, Peggy Gelke, his daughter Catherine Gelke McSwain, and his granddaughter Maggie McSwain.

A memorial and celebration of life will be held at the California Central Coast VA Cemetery in the coming months and information will be published closer to that time. We welcome all who had the good fortune of knowing Jack to join us for this special send-off.



LARRY RODOCKER

Our beloved father, Larry Rodocker, passed away in October of 2019 after an ongoing illness. He is missed by his wife, Dorene; son, Michael; daughter, Ann, and her husband, Gary; dear friends and extended family.

Larry and Dorene retired to Carmel-by-the-Sea in 1999 where they were welcomed and became active with the CRA Carmel Beach Clean-Up and other volunteer groups. Larry served as President of the Carmel Residents Association 2002-2004 and was an avid supporter of the Harrison Memorial Library. Wonderful friendships developed along the way and he enjoyed and looked forward to weekly chess games, a special Great Books group, classes at The Carmel Foundation, time at the gym and in nature.

We celebrate the kind gentleman he was, his wonderful energy and are grateful for having him in our lives.

“What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others.”

— Thucydides, 460 B.C.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us with personal notes, cards and phone calls during this difficult time.

SB 9

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in the area.

The law would override local zoning laws by allowing property owners to divide their lots, and new housing applications under the bill would be considered “ministerial,” which means they’d be exempt from the mighty California Environmental Quality Act and the Coastal Act — laws that have heretofore been considered sacred by Sacramento Democrats.

“This bill would exempt a local agency from being required to hold public hearings for coastal development permit applications for housing developments and urban lot splits,” according to the legislation.

Opposition group United Neighbors says the legislation would cause existing homes and apartments to be razed in favor of “market rate replacements that cost even more.”

“Under SB 9, developers can buy a lot, split it in two and build two houses on each half,” according to a promotional video by the group. “One house becomes four.”

Action necessary

While 29th District Assemblyman Mark Stone voted for the legislation, he was doubtful that it would drastically change the face of most residential neighborhoods in California.

“I don’t think it will have the impact that either the proponents or the opponents say it will have,” Stone said.

A July analysis by UC Berkeley’s Turner Center for Housing Innovation determined the bill “could enable the creation of over 700,000 new homes that would otherwise not be market feasible.” However, property owners could sell homes at market rate, and there is no provision compelling them to make them affordable.

The bill doesn’t guarantee development, and Stone pointed to safeguards to prevent abuse, including a requirement that property owners live in one of the units for at least three years after getting approval to subdivide their property.

“That is important to me,” Stone explained, “because it will prevent speculators from coming in and buying properties and dividing them up.”

Another provision would allow jurisdictions to reject projects if there are specific health and safety concerns.

“A local agency may deny an urban lot split if the building official makes a written finding, based upon a preponderance of the evidence, that the proposed housing development project would have a specific, adverse impact ... upon public health and safety or the physical environment and for which there is no feasible method to satisfactorily mitigate or avoid the specific, adverse impact,” according to the bill.

And the Monterey Peninsula’s decades-old water supply crisis, which includes a state water board order compelling utility California American Water to drastically reduce pumping from the Carmel River, would prevent local property owners from immediately taking advantage of the law.

“It is kind of a built-in environmental concern” allowing local cities to say, ‘No’ to housing proposals, Stone said

‘Not the way’

State Sen. John Laird, who represents the 17th District, which includes Monterey County, also supports SB 9, which he said is necessary because of the “severe housing shortage” in the state. It was critical for the Legislature to act, he added.

Like Stone, Laird doesn’t believe the bill would affect most neighborhoods.

“After careful review of SB 9, I determined that it would have a limited impact on most communities, likely only applying to a few hundred thousand parcels in more densely populated areas of California,” he explained.

Laird and Stone both oppose Senate Bill 10, which would allow a property owner to tear down their house and erect a 10-unit apartment in its place. Proposed by Sen. Scott Wiener, the bill passed the state Assembly in August.

Local elected officials haven’t pushed the panic button yet. In fact, most of them haven’t taken a position on Sen-

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implied many of the restaurant owners who argued for keeping them are greedy, since millions of dollars in free money from federal and state governments abundantly flowed to many establishments through various SBA and other taxpayer-funded relief programs.

Also at last week’s meeting, the council decided to let winetasting rooms continue serving people outdoors on private property, but not to reinstall their parklets. If council members decide at their Oct. 5 meeting to end the temporary parklet program, the bar, tasting rooms and restaurants will have to return to solely serving indoors, with the exception of the 32 eateries that have al fresco dining on private property, such as Grasing’s, Basil, Pescadero and PortaBella.

MARY LOUISE NELSON BERRY

1927 · 2021

Mary Louise Nelson Berry died unexpectedly on September 5, 2021. While 94, she was youthful in mind and spirit. Known as Mary Lou, she was born on May 4, 1927, in Detroit, Michigan, the middle child in a family of 7 children to Ada and Adolph Nelson. She graduated from University of Detroit and worked as a grade-school teacher before marrying Harold C. “Chris” Zweng, MD in 1950. In 1954, the couple moved their young family to California, settling first in Palo Alto and then in Woodside. Mary Lou gave birth to a total of six children in eight years and devoted herself to her family. In 1972, Mary Lou married Frederick Langwith (“Lang”) Berry. In 1975, Mary Lou and Lang moved to Carmel where they lived for the rest of their days.

During her life, Mary Lou suffered significant personal tragedies, which became blessings that deepened her compassion and demonstrated her resilience.

Mary Lou was thoughtful and warm, with a sparkling and enthusiastic spirit. People were the center of her life. She wrote Christmas and birthday cards, Valentine’s and Halloween cards, and special notes to a large group of family and friends. She brought baked goods, flowers and balloons to those who needed cheer. She had a gift of making those around her feel special and loved.

Mary Lou had a deep, quiet faith, devoting herself to Jesus’ message of love, forgiveness and helping those in need. Her day began with a rosary, praying for those dear to her and those suffering in the world. She was a dedicated member of the Carmel Mission community, counting its weekend collections, volunteering for its bereavement group, singing with its choir, and knitting dozens of hats for its homeless and farmworker programs.

Educated by Jesuits, Mary Lou was unafraid to question. A life-long learner, she developed and maintained deeply held convictions about local and global issues. She enjoyed traveling and had several once-in-a-lifetime trips. With Chris and their children, they traveled on sabbatical to Europe for five months in 1962 and in 1969 they circled the globe for two months with their family. With Lang, she became an avid birder; traveled to multiple points above the Arctic Circle; and enjoyed exploring Alaska and Kauai. She developed a keen interest in the history of Samuel Johnson, Richard III and the search for the Northwest Passage.

Throughout her life, Mary Lou loved to entertain, inviting family and friends to enjoy her trademark home-cooked dinners around a table set with flowers picked from her garden. She was a sharp bridge player and enjoyed playing with her many bridge partners. Mary Lou embraced technology to stay connected to her grandchildren. She lived a full life to the end.

Mary Lou is survived by her children Nancy, Tom (Mary), and Paul (Carrie), her stepson Ric and her stepdaughter Lise (Fraser). She is also survived by 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was pre-deceased by her husband Lang, children Joe, Carol, and Peter, and four brothers.

A visitation will take place at The Paul Mortuary Chapel in Pacific Grove on Monday, September 20, 2021, from 4 to 7 p.m. A funeral mass will be celebrated at Carmel Mission Basilica on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 11 a.m. Her family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to Alaska Radio Mission-KNOM, www.knom.org, Dorothy’s Place, www.dorothysplace.org, or the Carmel Mission Foundation, www.carmelmissionfoundation.org. Please visit www.thepaulmortuary.com to sign Mary Lou’s guest book.



HOUSING

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ate Bill 9. Both laws were signed by Newsom Thursday afternoon.

Asked if the city had discussed the implications of the proposal, Carmel city administrator Chip Rerig said “the council has not taken a position on SB 9.”

Pacific Grove Mayor Bill Peake said that city also hasn’t taken a position and neither has 5th District Monterey County Supervisor Mary Adams.

However, Monterey County’s legislative committee, which includes county supervisors Wendy Root Askew and Luis Alejo, supported Senate Bill 9.

“At a time when many Californians are experiencing economic insecurity caused by the pandemic, this bill will generate affordable rental units,” according to an April 13 letter from Askew to Wiener, who is chair of the Senate’s housing committee.

“It also provides flexibility for multigenerational housing by allowing homeowners to build a modest unit on their property so their aging parent or adult child can have an affordable place to live,” Askew said.

Monterey Mayor Clyde Roberson has also weighed in. In a Sept. 7 letter to Newsom, Roberson made the obvious point that housing affordability and homelessness are among the state’s most critical issues, and he said housing isn’t being built quickly enough to meet current needs, much less projected ones.

But Roberson said Senate Bill 9 was not the way to solve the problem.

“State-driven ministerial or by-right housing approval

processes fail to recognize the extensive public engagement associated with developing zoning ordinances and housing elements that are certified by the California Department of Housing and Community Development,” according to Roberson, who endorsed Laird for Senate.

Watching closely

The mayor also questioned the effectiveness of the bill, which he noted does not require affordable housing or encourage development that would support “municipal flexibility, decision making, and community input.”

“Policy makers must avoid pushing new, unproven policies that would undermine local planning, change the rules midstream or conflict with the myriad of new housing laws recently passed that cities are now implementing,” said Roberson. He urged Newsom to veto the bill.

The Carmel Valley Association, which for decades has existed to protect the area’s “rural character,” has not taken an official position. The valley, according to U.S. Census maps, is an urban area.

“We will be discussing [the bill] and considering what, if any, action we will take,” CVA president Pris Walton told The Pine Cone this week.

When he signed the housing bills, Newsom said the housing “affordability crisis” was “undermining the California Dream for families across the state, and threatens our long-term growth and prosperity.”

“Making a meaningful impact on this crisis will take bold investments, strong collaboration across sectors and political courage from our leaders and communities to do the right thing and build housing for all,” Newsom added. “I thank Pro Tem Atkins and all the Legislature’s leaders on housing for their vision and partnership to keep California moving forward on this fundamental issue.”



Joyce Lyke

1951 – 2021

On August 30, 2021, at 10:33 a.m., my dear wife, Joyce Lyke, left her body behind and was born back into the world of Spirit. She did not die. Death is a fiction. Her story continues although now in another dimension. And yes, we who know and love her miss her touch, her hug, her smile and laugh and her presence in that physical form.

Linda Joyce Rogers was born on July 14, 1951, in Upland, California, the eldest daughter of Curtis and Patti Rogers. Her two surviving sisters are Cyndi Silverman in Santa Barbara and Ellen Cajka in Manhattan Beach. Joyce grew up in San Diego, was a foxy cheerleader in high school and married David Lafayette. It wasn’t a good match and they divorced after a few years.

In her early 20s Joyce worked as the director of the Children’s Ski School at Alpine Meadows in Tahoe and in the off-season she made fabulous soups in a small eatery there. She met me at Esalen Institute in Big Sur when she visited Cyndi there in the summer of 1977 and before long we were a couple.

While at Esalen Joyce learned deep tissue massage from Al Drucker, and gestalt process work from Dick and Chris Price, and utilized her talents as a photographer as the head of the media department at Esalen. She also worked for a time at the Gazebo, then a newly developing preschool for Big Sur children founded by Janet Lederman. And it was at Esalen that Joyce learned about the Diamond Approach from her longtime friend, Jessica Britt, and that became her life’s work.

As a teacher of the DA for more than 30 years, Joyce taught groups in Monterey; Santa Barbara; Seattle, Vancouver, BC; in Germany and the UK. She was much loved as a teacher and as a valued colleague in the Ridhwan School founded by Hameed Ali.

The most recent evolution of her work was the formation of the “Mothers Groups” which connected moms from the US, the UK and Europe into small online gatherings where they would talk together about conscious parenting. As a mother and grandmother, Joyce was able to share her wisdom and love of children with young moms who appreciated her counsel and insights. These groups were deeply satisfying to her because they wove together the main threads of her life.

Words alone cannot express the meaning and importance of her life. She touched so many with her heart, her mind and especially with her Presence. She knew she was not her body or her brain. They were merely the fragile vehicles for her undying soul and spirit now in that realm where we shall meet again one day.

She leaves behind her husband, Brian Lyke; her daughter, Karina Scarlett; her son, Brendan Lyke; grandchildren, Drew and Dylan Lyke, Isabella Bird and Stella Scarlett; son-in-law, Steve Scarlett; and his sons, Sevren and Slade Scarlett; and nieces Samantha Silverman, Taylor Cajka and Mackenzie Roden, and hundreds of students. A virtual celebration of her life will soon take place on Zoom because Joyce would never want to be part of any event that might spread Covid.

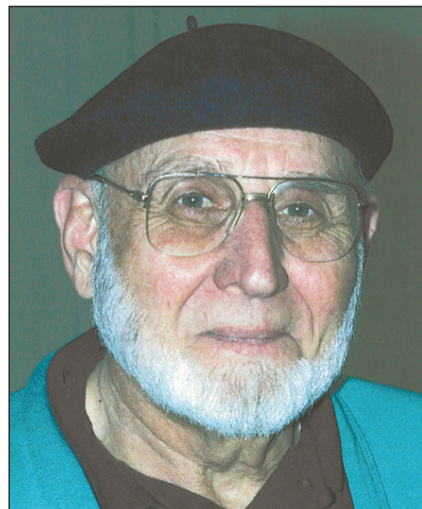
COMMANDER ROBERT ARMAND STEPHAN

April 7, 1929 ❖ Aug. 22, 2021

CDR Robert A. Stephan bravely moved on to his next assignment on August 22, 2021. He was 92 years old. Bob was born April 7, 1929, in Cedarburg, Ozaukee County, Wisconsin, to Armand Harland Stephan and Clara Louise Fiebig. He grew up in Milwaukee and on the Stephan farm in Plymouth, Wisconsin, and he was the oldest of 4 children. They lived on the farm during the lingering depression economy when his dad could not find work, and he remembers going to first grade in an eight-grade one room country schoolhouse named Betsy Ross. The Stephan family lived in Milwaukee after Bob’s father found work at the Milwaukee post office.

One day a Navy recruiter made a presentation about the NACP (Naval Aviation College Program) at Bob’s high school. Bob was always very interested in aviation and began military service in June 1949 at the Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida. During this time Bob had a serious crush on a Milwaukee girl named Ruth Carol Orloski; they just celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Christmas Day 2020. Ruth is mourning the loss of her devoted husband.

His Navy career lasted 28 years. Bob was an excellent pilot flying a PBM Mariner during the Korean War, and later the P-2 and P-3 Orion, among other naval aircraft. Several times he flew completely across the Pacific Ocean to Japan or The Philippine Islands (no easy task back in the 50’s). On those flights the “stars were truly our friends” said Bob who navigated by the stars in the days of no electronic navigation aids. Bob earned his Systems Analyst doctorate from Northwestern University, and after retiring from the Navy in 1975 he continued working in the private sector, including work on several military contracts. His significant Naval duty stations include Patrol Squadron VP-46, USS Valley Forge CVS-45, Patrol Squadron VP-44, Patrol Squadron VP-30 and Naval Postgraduate School Faculty. His significant awards include Air Medal, China Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal, War Service Medal (Korea), Distinguished Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, and the Liberty Medal.



Bob was well regarded for his trusted integrity and strong ethics. In all of his community and family projects over his recent 40+ years living on the Monterey Peninsula, he generously shared his time, interest, and computer skills in many ways. Even before internet days he tirelessly researched family genealogy history, never pausing on this project even from his hospital bed and assisted many along honest avenues to find verifiable family history. In 1983 Bob joined with a group of Monterey area computer enthusiasts to form the Monterey Bay Users Group (MBUG-PC) as a non-profit public educational forum, holding a variety of officer positions and as historian through 2017. He was a life member of The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) serving as registrar, secretary, treasurer, and webmaster. He was awarded the SAR Patriot Medal in Dec 2020 for his California chapter service.

Bob and Ruth raised 3 daughters: Gail Ruth Stephan, Gwen Lauren Stephan and Bettie Lee Stephan, all living in the Monterey Bay area. Their grandson, Andrew Pollner, resides in Las Vegas. Additionally, their

great-granddaughter, Natalie Rose Bennett, and great-great-grandson, Cyrus Michael Wible, reside in Delaware. He is predeceased by his brother, Richard Stephan, and his sister, Marjorie Allingham. He is survived by his sister, Betty Nicodemus, living in Plymouth, Wisconsin.

Along with his high achievements in life, Bob is deeply cherished for his committed loving nature to all family and friends. We all miss him beyond words and keep him in our hearts with tremendous thankful mirrored love!

Memorial services will be privately held at The First Presbyterian Church of Monterey and inurnment at the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery.

LETTERS

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known for its design and zoning guidelines protecting the character and charm of our coastal village. Verizon does not care about aesthetics, reduced property values or health concerns. We implore the planning commission

and city council to deny this permit.

Bill and Nancy Lewis, Carmel

'Overall plan' needed

Dear Editor,

I live on Carmelo, across the street from the proposed location of a Verizon cell tower. It is not clear that cell towers cause cancer. I don't know if this equipment will be noisy. I don't know if the tower's existence will affect the

value of my property. I do know that it will adversely affect the historical beauty of the area. The planning commission should come up with an overall plan to provide cell phone service to the entire city without adversely affecting the character of our residential neighborhoods.

Greg Davies, Carmel

We are here

Dear Editor,

The self-described "old fogey" who wrote a letter to the editor last week almost expressed gratitude for Carmel Cares' Pick Up Posse but then veered off into a discussion about what we do being the responsibility of the city.

Since I am a member of the Pick Up Posse for the village, perhaps I can enlighten those who aren't familiar with what we are really doing. We are developing Pick Up Poses in four major regions in Carmel with the goal of making our community litter-free and a more pleasant place for all to enjoy.

We are creating teams of volunteers who commit to that task for a few hours each week. Our volunteers are in constant interaction with residents, visitors and businesses who readily express their support and gratitude for all that we do. Through that engagement, we have become ambassadors for our community as we raise everyone's level of awareness about how we can make our community more beautiful and inviting by reducing litter.

We also provide visitors with directions and information about our community, sometimes even walking them to their desired site or business while extolling the city's virtues and educating them on how to "Treat Carmel Like a Local." One can either sit at home and complain about an issue or one can get up and do something to solve the issue. We love being a part of the solution and welcome anyone who wants to make a difference ... even "old fogies."

Janice Bradner, Carmel

Government is better

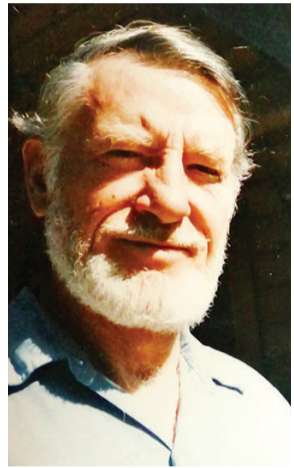
Dear Editor,

Your Sept. 10 editorial states government never does anything more cheaply or efficiently than a private company, that government usually makes decisions for political reasons, not economic ones. The only economic decision I see from Cal Am is to increase their rates and profit margin, not keep costs down, but expand capital investment to make more money. As an example, they recently won CPUC approval to charge ratepayers for the cost of buying out a \$35m water system. Public agencies are not enrich-

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CDR. WILLIAM VINCENT SURMAN JR., USN, RET

LAST CALL



CDR William Vincent Surman Jr., USN ret., was born 10/31/27 and died in his mountaintop home in Big Sur on September 1st, 2021. He was surrounded by family and pets.

Will graduated early from La Salle High School in Peru, IL, to join the Marines. WWII ended. He was discharged. Will joined the Navy and was sent to Hawaii to the deep-sea diving school. An observant senior officer said, "Surman, you should go to the Naval Academy." He did! After 2 years at Bainbridge he moved to Bancroft Hall, played La Crosse for Navy, and studied hard. He tossed his hat high at graduation. The Korean war was raging, and Will was assigned to the destroyer USS Mackenzie and from there to the submarine, Sable Fish.

At the Naval Postgraduate School, he earned a master's degree. It was during this time that he pursued Carol Lovely and they married. Soon, two precious daughters arrived.

Ordered to Hawaii, he was exec on the Cusk and weapons officer on the Halibut. He commanded the USS TIRU – always maintaining that submariners were the BEST.

Off to D.C. and special projects. There he worked with the British Navy on the Poseidon Missile. Will was assigned to the Admiral's 7th fleet in Coronado. He missed his close association with his shipmates. After 26 years it was time to retire.

1970: the family picked up a VW camper in Germany and toured Europe for 6 months. Everyone loved the Gypsy life. Reality brought us back to Carmel where we had property and the girls returned to school. Will became an "ACE"

math teacher. He shared his love of chess and bicycling with his students. He loved football and over the years perfected a 3-die board game that was played Defensive Coach vs. Offensive Coach. This game was played by die-hards and great friends for over 40 years.

With Carol, his wife of 62 years, they:

- Built their home in Big Sur
- Bicycled from Canada to Mexico, West Coast of Ireland, Alps of France, and across the USA
- Walked across the Grand Canyon, Mliford Trek in NZ, and climbed mountains (GUNUNG AGUNG, KINABALU, and FUJI

At 93, Will died peacefully. The best is that our lives were full of family, friends, and adventure. We always had each other. Survivors are wife Carol Surman; daughters Leslie Blasewitz, Mimi Donati, "John;" grandchildren Alexandra Rose Donati and Jace William Donati.

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Part auction, part raffle, '8x10' show opens at Sunset Center, photography.org

THE BIGGEST fundraiser of the year for the Center for Photographic Art, the "8x10" show just went up in the group's Sunset Center gallery.

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

Part online auction and part in-house raffle, the show opened Sept. 16 with a virtual reception.

More than 100 photographers from near and far have contributions in the display, including **Ted Orland, Roman Loranc, Meghann Riepenhoff, Kim, Cara and Zach Weston, Robin Winfield, Steve Zmak, Rachael Short, Brian Taylor and Jerry Takigawa.** There are also images by noted photographers who have passed on, like **Brett Weston, and Wynn and Edna Bullock.**

"There are some really beautiful pieces in the show," executive director **Ann Jastrab** told The Pine Cone. "There are a lot of traditional platinum prints and some gorgeous landscapes. There's a good balance of local talent and some pretty famous people from other parts of the country and the world."

While some pieces will likely trigger bidding contests, others could fly under the radar, Jastrab suggested.

"Regardless what they're worth, they're all starting at \$80," she said. "There is definitely a chance to get a really good deal on something."

A visit to photography.org will lead to the auction, while the gallery hosts a raffle.

The show continues through Oct. 7. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth.

How Covid shaped our art

For two members of the Carmel Art Association, the pandemic has fueled their recent work, which is featured in a show titled "Transitions" this month at the downtown gallery.

Painter **Anne Downs** found herself suffering from "art-

ists' block" in the early days of Covid, but the arrival of a big surprise got the creative juices flowing again.

"The darkness that descended on the world showed up in my watercolor paintings, made more difficult by a movement disorder which prevented me from painting for many months," Downs explained. "The birth of my granddaughter suddenly brought joy into my life. This helped me rediscover playful rhythms in my paintings. It allowed me to believe in new beginnings and transition back into my art."

Printmaker **Nora Partido** found herself somewhat unmoored when the pandemic struck.



Featured in a fundraising exhibit, Alanna Airitam's photo, "What if we could do 1963 all over again," reimagines the past.

"At times I feel grounded," Partido said. "Sometimes I feel adrift — my creative energy is in a state of flux. This is reflected in this new series of monotypes."

Along with two other shows, mobilist **Laurent Davidson's** "Motion Melodies," and painter **Richard Tette's** "From Daybreak to Twilight," the exhibit will be on display through the end of the month.

The Carmel Art Association is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth. Call (831) 250-3347.

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Roman Lorenz's "White Mountain" is included in a new show at the Center for Photographic Art.

Ballet fundraiser warns: 'Just Don't End Up in the Pine Cone'

By CHRIS COUNTS

A SWISS choreographer has created a dance that pokes fun at those unfortunate souls whose misdeeds end up in the pages of The Carmel Pine Cone. Titled, "Just Don't End Up in The Pine Cone, Honey," the piece by Ihsan Rustem of Zurich, Switzerland, will be performed Saturday at a fundraiser for Ballare Carmel, a new professional dance company, at Hidden Valley Music Seminars in Carmel Valley.

"Please join us in making dance sustainable in Carmel Valley and beyond," said Lillian Barbeito, who is launching the dance company. She is co-founder of the Carmel Dance Festival, which debuted in July at Sunset Center.

"Just Don't End Up in The Pine Cone, Honey" started off as a joke. Barbeito said the words to her husband as sort of a lighthearted jab as he was headed off to photograph cars at the Concours d'Elegance in Pebble Beach. Rustem found the comment so amusing that he wrote a piece based on the theme.

The highlight of the event will be the performance of two pieces, including the one about The Pine Cone, a duet to be performed by dancers Natalie Leibert and Anthony Pucci. The piece will be scored with music from Erroll Garner's 1955 album, "Concert by the Sea," which was recorded in what is now Sunset Center.

The event starts at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25. Proof of vaccination is required. Hidden Valley is located at 104 West Carmel Valley Road. Call (831) 659-3115 or visit hiddenvalleymusic.org.

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Report of a male subject flapping his "wings" and chasing birds around the fountain in Carmel Plaza.

He was determined not to be a danger to himself or others.

Santa Rita resident reported "chanting" coming from the vacant residence next door.

She has called numerous times for the same reason. All unfounded.

MORE LETTERS

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ing shareholders.

MPWMD's supply and demand analysis is valid; peer reviewed and verified by two outstanding national hydrologic engineering firms, along with Coastal Commission analysis, showing adequate water for about 20 years, despite drought. Your point that private business is very good at solving problems as innovatively and efficiently as possible but public agencies are not is refuted by the great work being done by our local public water agencies. Was heartened you gave them some credit. Award-winning Pure Water Monterey will soon use methane power produced by the waste plant, creating a closed sustainable production system. How innovative is that?

Both agencies have worked hard to keep costs down, and obtain as many grants as possible. Desal is in the future. Private innovation and manufacturing play a big role, but our water resources should be publicly controlled, cost effective and environmentally sound.

Susan Schiavone,
Seaside

'Welcome decision'

Dear Editor,

The recent board of supervisors vote to decline to require indoor masking was a welcome decision. Masks are

optional at stores throughout Monterey County. People have been mingling without masks and without social distancing with no noticeable increased risk to public health.

Up through March of last year, the U.S. Surgeon General, the CDC, WHO, and Dr. Fauci stated that masks were not necessary.

Just as there is a wide range of opinion on the necessity of masks, there is also diversity of opinion on the health risk of having Covid. Thousands of people die every year from the flu and pneumonia. How similar is the health risk of having Covid to seasonal flus of 2018 or 2019? The Covid case fatality rate) is very low. The large majority of people who have it experience no or mild symptoms. Therefore, calling this a "pandemic" is probably inappropriate.

It is not wise to rely on statistics from the CDC. You may recall that last year the CDC issued instructions to hospitals to falsely inflate the number of deaths attributed to Covid. The federal government has offered financial incentives to hospitals to report Covid as the source of death.

With all the contrasting medical opinions available, people can find statistics and doctors to support many different viewpoints. Which medical sources have records of integrity or deceptiveness?

Jerry Fallenberg,
Marina

What about the border?

Dear Editor,

It is telling that there is more consternation over 660,000 deaths in the US caused by Covid than the fact

that our porous southern border has seen the influx of over a million illegals since the 2021 inauguration. These illegals are predominately untested and unvaccinated and are disbursed throughout communities in our country, often without criminal background checks as well. If vaccinations are so critical, per Joe Biden, why is any illegal and unvetted person allowed to enter the country?

Unable to handle the massive influx, the border patrol and courts just follow a "catch and release" policy, except that they are released on this side of the border. The average citizen has little idea that the news they are generally fed is carefully chosen and often innuendo more than news. Much of the news that might make the public stop and reflect on happenings today is never released. We used to call this propaganda, now it is disbursed as news "you can trust" under the auspices of big media such as The New York Times and CNN.

To qualify this last claim, how many who rely on major news sources are aware that many sections of the border wall have been totally torn down in the last several months? There are 5-mile sections along the former main trespassing points that have as many as six or more gaping and totally accessible entries through the border fence now. How does this happen, unless the current administration simply looks the other way?

Richard S. Hellam,
Seaside

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Editorial

Clown world

OVER THE years, we've had numerous occasions to mock this state's ridiculous housing laws, and in every case, whether the topic was CEQA, the Coastal Act, inclusionary housing, or whatever, our point was the same: These highly restrictive laws would create a housing shortage.

In some cases, our remedy was to make permits easier to get. In others, it was to revamp zoning. Inclusionary housing, we pointed out time and time again, was a joke, because with so little housing being built, there was nothing to include.

"If you want to get serious about building affordable housing," we said over and over, "the way to fix it is to stop pretending to require it and start allowing it."

By which we meant: Identify parcels that would be suitable for apartments or townhouses, zone these parcels for them and then make it possible for developers to get a permits before they went broke or died.

Instead, this state manifestly went the other way, constantly layering the permit process with duplicative and costly requirements for environmental review, public comment, and judicial oversight, effectively giving local officials (and the neighbors) the power to veto anything they didn't happen to like.

The point of all this rigamarole was to deter people from building, or even trying to build, and deter it did. Lo and behold, the housing shortage came to be.

But after going way too far in regulating development, and finally taking notice of the dire housing shortage they created, the Democrats suddenly decided to use their unchecked power in Sacramento to go one million percent in the opposite direction. As we report on this week's front page, a bill known as SB 9 has passed both houses of the Legislature and been signed by the governor that spells the end of single-family zoning in 500 cities and towns up and down the state, including all of Marina, Seaside, Monterey, Pacific Grove and Carmel-by-the-Sea, along with most of Pebble Beach, the neighborhoods around Carmel and a big chunk of Carmel Valley.

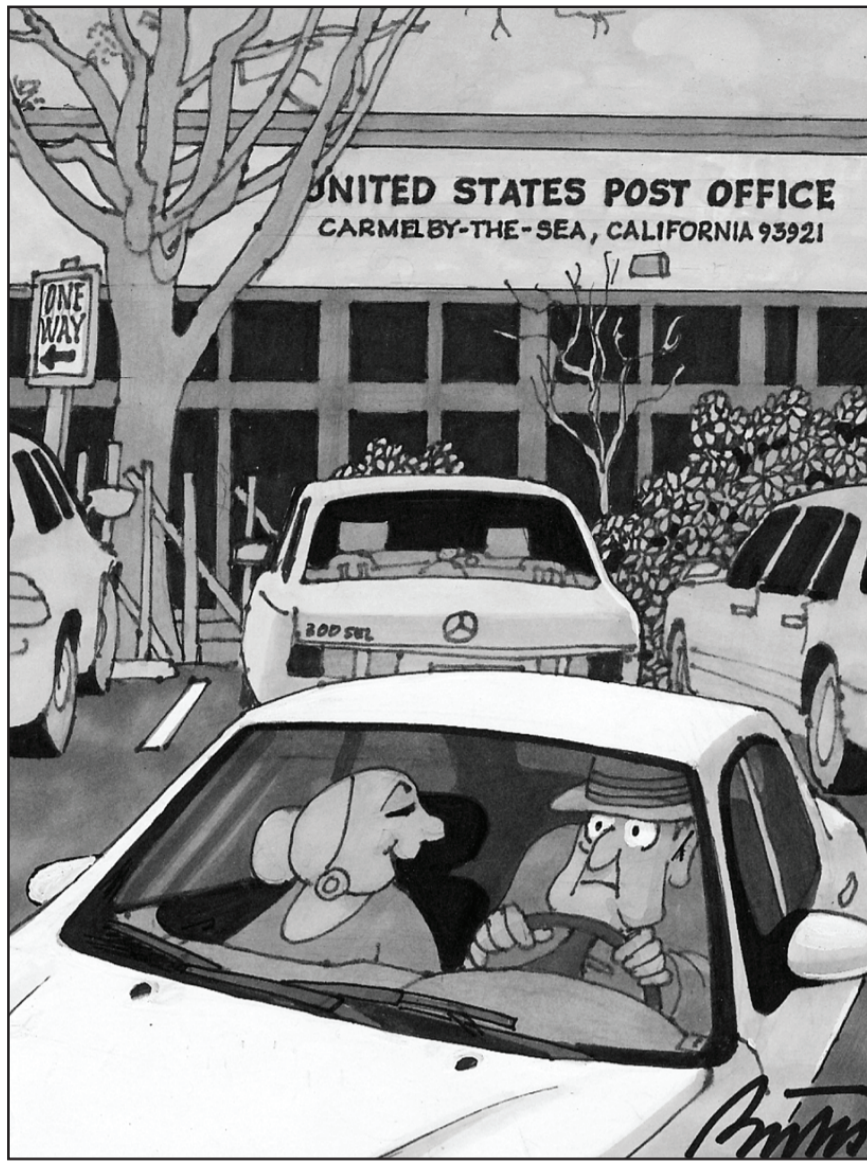
How does the new law end single-family zoning? By declaring each single-family parcel automatically eligible for a lot split and up to eight housing units — all with a blanket exemption from CEQA and only minimal local oversight.

With the new law in effect, thousands of property owners in the eligible areas (see the map on the front page for a close-up local view, or Google "census bureau urban area urban cluster" to find them all) will immediately start getting ready to split their lots in two. Why not? Doing that might be worth a lot of money for them one day. And the truly ambitious, along with the people who have plenty of open space on their property, might as well get started on plans for small apartment buildings. You could even do this in large portions of Pebble Beach. Talk about cashing in!

When Gov. Gavin Newsom signed this idiotic law, it took our breath away to think how it would change things on the ground in California. And even more breathtaking is to think that the same people who brought us the endless Gordian knot called the California Environmental Quality Act have now tossed it out lock, stock and barrel where single-family neighborhoods are concerned.

When we see the disgusting conditions the homeless people crowded around our highways are living in, and when we read about the shoplifting free-for-all under way in some of our cities, we always wonder if this state is being run by clowns. Now that SB 9 has become law, it's confirmed.

BEST of BATES



"Just keep backing up till you hear glass."

Letters to the Editor

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Denying 5G

The city council has scheduled a Sept. 29 meeting on the question of cell towers in Carmel. We are told the FCC requires communities to allow 5G and our city attorney has advised the council cannot deny Verizon's request to install 5G. The FCC also requires a community that accepts one cell signal provider, it must allow other providers (primarily AT&T and T-Mobile) to also install their towers. However, many communities, such as Monterey and Seaside, have been able to resist 5G towers. Key factors a community can make to achieve a denial to 5G towers are impacts on aesthetics and property values.

5G emissions are basically line of sight and thus blocked by buildings and trees, which means many towers will be needed by each cell signal provider. Google "La Jolla cell towers" to learn the experience of La Jolla in allowing 5G cell towers. Council approval of just one tower in a Carmel

residential area apparently is enough of a foot in the door to allow a cell signal provider to install cell towers throughout the city.

We are advised each 5G tower requires a fan (or fans) to cool it and the noise level of the fans has led communities to limit the decibels of the noise. Presumably, shielding will be added to reduce the decibel level, adding to the bulk of the towers.

Recall that Carmel prohibited rooftop TV antennas in the 1940s and survived very well.

Niels Reimers, Carmel

Caring about aesthetics

Dear Editor,
My wife and I live on Carmelo Street less than 100 feet from the proposed Verizon cell tower. This was proposed in 2019 in several different residential neighborhoods. The planning commission and later the city council rightly denied the permit. The grounds for refusal remain the same and have only been strengthened by court rulings. If this permit is granted, Verizon will be free to change the equipment on their 51-foot pole at will and locate other equipment throughout our city with minimal oversight.

Verizon has transmission equipment on a pole on Carpenter Street just outside of our city limits. A sign on the pole says, "Transmitting antenna(s), radio frequency fields beyond this point may exceed the FCC general population exposure limit." We do not want to see signs like this on numerous poles in our city.

Carmel-by-the-Sea has always been

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JORDAN BRINGS INNOVATIONS FROM INDIANA TO STANFORD UNIVERSITY

IN LAST week's column, we discussed the early career of the brilliant David Starr Jordan, who in 1891, at the age of 40, became the founding president of Stanford University and later was instrumental in founding Carmel's famous Professors' Row.

Last week we covered Jordan's graduation from Cornell in 1872, the publication of his first two major works while he taught at the high school and college levels, lead-

legislature for greater financial support, and then convinced his board to loosen the strictly classical curriculum in the lower grades to allow more electives — a step which led the transformation of university life across the country. Unlike his contemporary university presidents, mostly retired clergy, Jordan, still in his prime, continued his teaching and research. In addition to his duties at the University of Indiana, Jordan served as trustee at his alma mater, Cornell.

During a trip to Cornell, the widower met and was impressed by one of the female students. On Aug. 10, 1887, Jordan married 20-year-old Jessie Knight, a

native of Massachusetts. Jessie became his helpmate and editor for the rest of his life. They had three children together: a son, Knight (1888), daughter Barbara (1891) and another son, Eric (1903).

Politics and philosophy

Jordan's role as an academic administrator required him to develop a greater public persona. He became a regular contributor to Popular Science magazine and began making speeches across the country. He even departed from the scientific realm and into the philosophical. One such talk, about famed naturalist Henry David Thoreau, delved into his anti-slavery politics. Thoreau was once jailed for refusing to pay tax to a government that supported slavery, saying "no man had the right to be free in a country where some men are slaves."

Jordan also brought in outside speakers to address the students. In the spring of 1888, Jordan invited the outspoken commissioner of the United States Civil Service, 29-year-old Theodore Roosevelt, who strove "to take politics out of politics." He wanted to eliminate the standard practice of allowing members of Congress to appoint their "henchmen" into key roles. He wanted knowledgeable leaders concerned with public interest rather than political motives.

Jordan was not about maintaining status quo. He enjoyed challenging traditional thinking. While recognized as a Christian scholar, his articles and talks in support of Darwinism — still a new concept — were presented by Jordan in language that helped popularize its acceptance.

Jordan's growing prestige, coupled with a recommendation from Andrew White, co-founder and first president of Cornell, led to a personal visit from Leland and Jane Stanford in March of 1891. During this visit, Jordan first heard Stanford's vision for a modern university with no tuition. Construction had begun in 1887 and

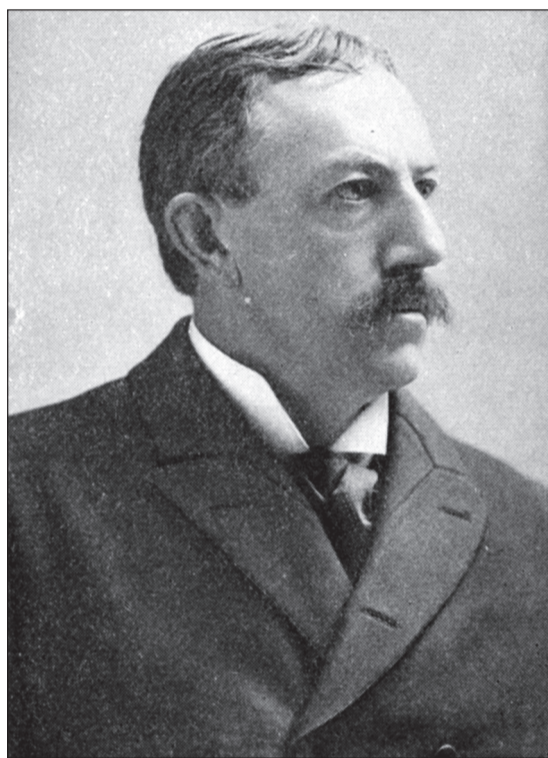
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History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

ing to his appointment, effective Jan. 1, 1885, as president of Indiana University.

Other than noting his 1875 marriage to Susan Bowen, I wrote little of his personal life. He met Bowen while they were doing field studies off the coast of Massachusetts. Later, when they were newlyweds, she joined him on some of his travels. He acknowledged her assistance in his second book, but beginning with the birth of their first child, Edith, in 1877, she focused on



PHOTO/FROM "THE DAYS OF A MAN," 1922

At 40, David Starr Jordan came to California in 1891 as the first president of Stanford University. He also had an affinity for the Monterey Peninsula.

child-rearing. A son, Harold, was born in 1882, and another daughter, Thora, in August 1885.

A visit to Cornell

With his important new job, 1885 began for Jordan on a positive note, but soon after the birth of Thora, it turned tragic. In November 1885, his wife died of pneumonia. A year later, on Christmas Eve, his infant daughter died. Jordan buried his grief and focused on his work.

He successfully petitioned the state

Inspired by American literature, coastal scenery and Ansel Adams

AT 77, the thrill of creating artwork and meeting those who appreciate art has never diminished for watercolorist David Rojas, who shows his work at the Carmel Valley Art Association and serves on the

"But I also got interested in the science and literature sections, and I found the music section on the third floor. That's where I got interested in classical music as a child."

He read voraciously throughout his youth, and wandered his neighborhood to sketch houses, trees, sports cars and hot rods. His drawings became more accurate, he said, after taking a drafting class in high school.

Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

board of the Monterey Peninsula Art Foundation gallery, which he co-founded.

"It better not," he said with a laugh. "That's the wrapping surrounding the really wonderful cookie. If you spend too much time staring at the wrapper, you're not giving yourself the chance to enjoy the cookie."

Rojas has won awards at national competitions for a body of work that includes folk-art-style renderings of shorebirds, Amish and Shaker barns, rustic villages, historical buildings and country landscapes. He discovered much of that while wandering the East Coast during his time at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, where he was pursuing his master's degree.

Saturdays at the library

Rojas also is an aficionado of American literature (Steinbeck, Melville and Emerson are favorites), and the classical music he plays as he paints in his studio near the Monterey Peninsula Airport.

"When I really want to immerse myself into a project, I'll put on classical guitar, or a sonata or Beethoven," he said. "It's more than just background music. It becomes part of my spirit and soul as I paint."

Rojas also has a deep, longstanding love with nature that originated, he said, when he was 10 years old, at a Boys Club summer camp in Yosemite National Park.

"A whole different world opened up for me that summer, and it was nature," he said. "When I started sketching there, I felt completely at one with my surroundings. That became my focus at the time, and it still is."

Rojas grew up in the Lincoln Heights district of East Los Angeles, raised by a hardworking, widowed mom, making his own way from a young age.

"I remember riding the bus downtown every Saturday to the Los Angeles Public Library — one token to get there, another to bring me home — with a shopping bag that I'd fill with books," he said.

"It was a major library — a huge place with several floors — and, of course, I discovered the children's section," Rojas recalled.

Long Beach State, Amherst

Rojas moved on to Long Beach State University, earning a degree in literature, with thoughts of pursuing a teaching career, but also continued to grow as an artist, bringing a sketchbook along on regular hikes through Yosemite.

As a graduate student at Amherst, Rojas fell in love with the beauty, history, and ambience of New England, soaking up the legacies of so many famous American writers and artists who had walked the same soil.

"I loved being on the East Coast, seeing all of those things in New England that I'd been reading about in poetry and literature," he said. "I also discovered the Virginia coast, which is where I started drawing shorebirds."

The Eastern Seaboard is where Rojas began painting in both watercolor and oil — artwork that sold well, and earned acclaim at showings in New York, Boston and Miami. His shorebird renderings were an annual hit at the famous Talbot County Waterfowl Festival in Maryland.

A visit with his sister in Santa Cruz left Rojas smitten with the beauty of the Monterey Peninsula, and he moved here, finding unlimited inspiration at Point Lobos,

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PHOTO/COURTESY DAVID ROJAS

Carmel Valley Art Association painter David Rojas specializes in landscapes, shorebirds, and other wonders of nature, often in a style reminiscent of folk art.

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was nearing completion. They offered Jordan a \$10,000 annual salary and a free hand in hiring the faculty. After a brief discussion with his wife, Jordan accepted the position.

Improving education

Leland Stanford had come to California in 1852, was successful as a merchant and an attorney, and became active in politics. After two unsuccessful runs for public office in the 1850s, he was elected governor in 1861, and guided California through the early years of the Civil War, resisting factions that wanted to secede from the Union. He built his fortune, however, as one of the Big Four railroad barons, who in 1861 formed the Central Pacific Railroad and began construction of the western end of the transcontinental railroad.

His only child, Leland Stanford Jr., died of typhoid fever in March 1884, shortly before his 16th birthday. The Stanfords quickly decided to dedicate their estimated \$30 million fortune to endow a university in honor of the boy who had shown great promise. In the midst of developing initial plans, the California legislature (as was then the law) elected Stanford, on Jan. 27, 1885, as a United States senator. Despite the additional duties, by November

1885, Stanford and his wife Jane had assembled a board of trustees and plans for Leland Stanford Jr. University began to take shape. On May 14, 1887, what would have been their son's 19th birthday, a formal laying of the cornerstone of the inner quadrangle occurred and construction of the new college campus began.

Jordan promised to have the faculty in place by March 1891 so students could start classes that fall. Jordan completed the school year in Indiana, helped plan for his successor there, and moved his family into a home on the Stanford campus at the end of June. While one might think he had his hands full at Palo Alto, he immediately made a visit to the Monterey Peninsula and made his first public addresses in California at the Chautauqua Hall in Pacific Grove.

In his first address, he discussed the virtues of the modern university with an elective class program as an improvement to the classical "one-size-fits-all" system offered at most colleges then. Later in the week, he spoke to the assembly of his 1891 adventures climbing the Matterhorn in the Swiss Alps. The comfortable yet intellectual style of his talks provided the perfect introduction to the people of California.

During this visit to the Peninsula, Jordan also explored locations for a seaside extension for the new university.



PHOTO/FROM "THE DAYS OF A MAN," 1922

This 1891 photo shows the inner Quad of the Stanford campus, which along with housing for men at Encina Hall and women at Sequoia Hall, was completed for the Oct. 1, 1891 opening of the university.

Stanford and his Big Four partners owned most of the land in Pacific Grove, and when Jordan returned to address the 1892 Chautauqua assembly, he could also provide tours of the new Hopkins Seaside Laboratory built at Lovers Point on land granted to the university.

Next week I'll provide more on the Hopkins facility as we continue the tale of David Starr Jordan.

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Point Joe and other local treasures.

"Sometimes, when I'm stuck in traffic at four in the afternoon, I'll get off the freeway and take Aquajito Road all the way around," said Rojas, a Del Rey Oaks resident. "I'll turn right on Monhollan Road and drive through forested lands — canyons, trees and beautiful vegetation — that most Monterey residents probably don't even know exist. Those are sights worthy of any major travel book and we tend to take them for granted, but I'm like a kid enjoying ice cream."

He also immersed himself into the local arts culture. He met his second wife, Caryl, while volunteering as a host at the Pacific Reparatory Theater. They've been married 23 years.

Rojas advanced his art education through classes,

workshops, and seminars taught by well-known artists, including Stephen Quiller, Gerald Brommer, Tom Lynch, Zoltan Szabo, Ron Ranson, Dale Laiten, Don Andrews, Frank Web, Skip Lawrence, Alex Powers, Fran Larsen, Katherine Liu and Christopher Schenk.

He credits legendary photographer Ansel Adams with teaching him about composition — specifically, how to arrange geometric shapes onto his blank sheet of watercolor paper.

"I have to say the advice Ansel gave me has been a key ingredient in my success as a painter," Rojas said.

In addition to being a charter member of the Monterey Peninsula Art Foundation, Rojas also was one of the original artists at the Carmel Valley Art Association, where he shows his work today. He is a past president of the Artists Equity Central Coast Chapter, an advisory board member for the Arts Habitat of Monterey and a past vice president of the California Watercolor Association.

Images of his work can be find online at mpaf.org and carmelvalleyroadco.com.

GAVEL

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At one point, Escalante removed a firearm from his waistband, and took a few steps closer toward Barriga, who was standing by the front door of the house. Upon seeing the gun, Barriga grabbed his wife and stepson and turned his back to help them get inside the house. As soon as Barriga turned around, Escalante fired multiple rounds. One of the rounds penetrated the victim's spinal area and pierced his lung. Barriga succumbed to his injuries less than an hour later on the operating table at the Natividad Medical Center.

The sentence of life imprisonment follows a two-week jury trial, where the jury convicted Luis Enrique Lamas-Escalante of first degree premeditated, willful and deliberate murder with multiple firearm enhancements. The jury also convicted Escalante of two counts of assault with a firearm, along with firearm enhancements, including one felony count of shooting at an inhabited house.

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PLEIN

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plays by mentioning that he's seen someone painting while parachuting.

A resident of Belmont, Heublein has been traveling, diving and painting for more than four decades, and he began making regular drives south to Point Lobos about 20 years ago.

"Because of the pandemic and the fires, my dives at Point Lobos over the last 18 months have been few and far between," the diving enthusiast reported. "I'm looking forward to more opportunities this fall and winter."

Heublein said his goal is to inspire the conservation of Point Lobos. He donates 10 percent of all sales to the Point Lobos Foundation.

"I am hoping that capturing these artistic impressions of this site and sharing these images will help raise awareness of the value of protecting these areas now and in the future," he added. "Point Lobos Reserve was the first marine reserve in the United States and remains one of the premier underwater sites in the world — it's a magnificent jewel."

The exhibit, one of four that opened this month, will be on display through Oct. 28. The art center is located at 568 Lighthouse Ave. Call (831) 375-2208 or visit pgartcenter.org.

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sculpture listing their names, and it was mounted in city hall until it disappeared sometime in 1943. Martin said the new plaque would serve to bring all those names back into the public eye.

Gerry Paratore, commander of American Legion Post 512 — which has been involved in the arch restoration — said his executive committee unanimously voted to support the plaque as proposed.

What's in a word?

But former Mayor Sue McCloud, whose career included decades in the CIA, said listing non-veterans would be “a huge mistake” and could undermine its significance.

Resident and former councilman Mike Brown said he and stonemason Brian McEldowney, whose grandfather built the arch, launched the effort to restore the monument to its former glory two decades ago. He referred to Martin and resident Richard Kreitman, who is also involved, as “newcomers.”

“If there should be a plaque, it should just be the names of the veterans,” Brown said. “Then put all this information down

at city hall, where it was originally.”

“If you feel the need to recognize Carmelites who helped the war effort, do it by proclamation and hang it in city hall,” McEldowney added.

American Legion Post member and longtime resident Ernie Baber, an Army combat veteran, also preferred limiting the list to veterans, just as all the war memorials in Devendorf Park do.

Historic board member Jordan Chroman’s 30-year military career included combat tours and command positions in the Middle East, Europe, Korea and Japan, and he had similar objections, especially since the plaque refers to the arch as the “World War I Veterans Memorial.”

“As a veteran who spent an awful lot of time in combat, we loved all the auxiliary people who helped us out, and we adopted them into our unit,” he said. “But it didn’t mean they were servicemen or servicewomen, and it didn’t mean they were veterans.”

Chroman also observed that Greene’s honor roll was hung in city hall, not “on or near the memorial,” and that the arch’s centennial celebration is being held on Veterans Day.

But the other members of the HRB preferred to use the list Martin found during his extensive research on Greene and the

memorial.

“That confirms the arch was not only to memorialize veterans and those who had died in service to their country, but also it was to honor the sacrifices that all of those made who participated in the war effort,” said member Kathryn Gualtieri, adding that it’s “not a typical war memorial like in Devendorf Park.”

Greene’s original design also called for a plaque that simply read, “To Those Who Served.”

She further argued the plaque should be installed at the monument instead of in city hall, where it might go missing like the last one.

‘Memorial Arch’

Colleague Kathy Pomeroy also wanted everyone listed, as did Karyl Hall, though she suggested the non-military names simply be under “Auxiliary,” rather than under their separate organizations.

“I don’t see any evidence there was intent to put all the names at the memorial itself,” commented chair Erik Dyar, though he was open to the idea.

Chroman insisted that if the plaque lists them all, the word “veterans” must be eliminated.

“If we do this — and I think we are absolutely wrong if we do — then we should remove ‘veterans memorial,’ because it’s no longer a veterans memorial,” he said.

Gualtieri resisted, but Hall pointed out that the actual name of the monument is the “World War I Memorial Arch,” so that’s how it should be referred to, and the board voted 4-1 to find that the plaque, with Hall’s suggested changes, is consistent with the federal standards for alterations to historic structures.

Because the arch is in the “downtown conservation district,” planning director Brandon Swanson said the planning commission will review it next.

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Horses helping humans with heavy emotional burdens

By ELAINE HESSER

THE BOND between people and their horses has long been celebrated. Many horse owners insist that their companions have exceptional — even mystical — empathy, and there are reams of literature on the topic.

But although Roy Rogers may well have discussed the meaning of life with Trigger, the idea of a horse as a therapist sounds a little ... out there. Bocelli, however, would beg to differ.

The handsome black horse lives at a boarding facility across the road from Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley with more than a dozen of his colleagues, including some miniature horses and donkeys. Their human coworkers are licensed therapists, and together they form the Equine Healing Collaborative, run by founder and CEO Jennifer Fenton, who's been a licensed marriage and family therapist since 2012. She's also been around horses most of her life, and believes strongly in their ability to help people facing mental health problems.

The 6-year-old nonprofit also has locations in north Salinas and Aptos, with about 32 animals in all. In the first three months of this year, the group had already conducted 2,500 therapy sessions.

Meet your partner

On a late summer morning, Fenton took me along as she hiked up a hill to the pasture where Bocelli was hanging out with some friends, including Maximus, a large gray horse who was determined to insert himself into the interview. With a bit of gentle shoving, though, Fenton got Maximus to step aside as she put a halter on Bocelli and

brought him down to a paddock for a little grooming.

That's where the therapeutic process often starts. After a client's initial assessment with one of the group's 13 therapists, they're ready to be introduced to an equine "training partner," and learn how to brush and groom them.

Bocelli was curious about me and seemed friendly enough, but remained a tad aloof. As Fenton and I talked, he was unobtrusive (for a horse).

Testing limits

Fenton explained that grooming the animals gives the human therapist a way to discuss the importance of self-care, not just for appearances' sake, but because it's necessary for overall well-being and health. With a deeply depressed person who has given up on personal hygiene, she said, "We can talk about bathing without talking about it, if you know what I mean."

Horses are carefully matched with clients. For example, Fenton said that Bocelli is especially good with people who have low self-esteem. "He loves being kind, and he loves being generous," she affirmed.

In contrast to Bocelli's giving nature, she described Nashville, a black-and-white horse, by saying, "He's narcissistic and very food-driven. He'll test your limits."

That's precisely why Nashville excels at helping people develop assertiveness and set boundaries. Some of the Collaborative's clients are survivors of physical, mental and/or sexual abuse and assault. A few have been able to leave long-term abusers or even confront their attackers in



Equine Healing Collaborative founder and CEO Jennifer Fenton with therapy partner Bocelli.

court, and Fenton said Nashville has been helpful in that regard.

She explained that because horses are big, they can be

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When older pets lose their best friends, locals lend a hand

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

WHEN ARNOLD Shapiro and Karen MacCain were dealing with the devastation of losing their adopted dog after nine years together, the television producers, who had retired to Santa Barbara County, got word that a friend had donated to Peace of Mind Dog Rescue in their pet's memory.

Shapiro and MacCain were still grief-stricken and hadn't imagined they'd ever adopt another dog — until they learned more about the Pacific Grove-based rescue organization that takes in and places senior dogs in loving homes.

"It's unbearable that a dog or cat can live with someone for many years, and when that person dies or can no longer care for the animal, it finds itself in a shelter," Shapiro said. "We've always been interested in older dogs, particularly those who came from a nice home and no longer have it. Peace of Mind was tailor-made for us."

Shapiro and MacCain looked on the organization's website and found a miniature schnauzer, 16, that resembled the one they'd lost. "Who is going to adopt such an old dog with medical problems," they

wondered. They decided to pursue the dog — which, it turned out, came with a 13-year-old companion, a terrier mix with even more medical problems. They knew they needed to keep them together.

"By the time we came to pick up our two elderly dogs, we learned of a third dog, 7, that got along so well with our two, we decided we'd better take all three," Shapiro said. The couple drove to Pacific Grove to collect their trio of terriers.

"In all candor, we're very happy we did this, but it's been quite a learning curve and a challenge," said Shapiro. "Each dog is different, with different needs, as it tries to adjust to a new home. We've already made three donations to Peace of Mind, and we know we will return one day, after the older dogs pass, to give the 7-year-old a companion."



Karen MacCain and Arnold Shapiro hold their three new family members.

Project for 12 years before they co-founded Peace of Mind Dog Rescue. During their regular visits to local shelters, dogs that were too old to attract adopters broke

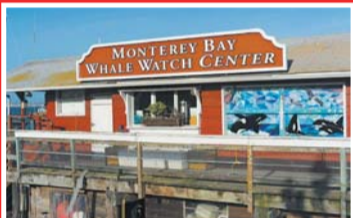
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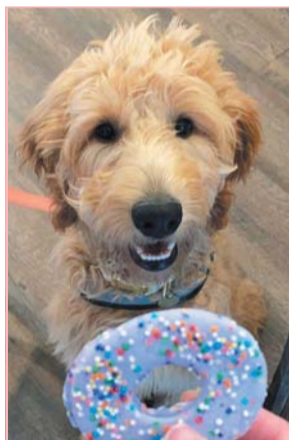


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frightening, but one woman she worked with said spending time with Nashville gave her the courage to be in the courtroom with her former abuser. “She knew her rights and she could state her boundaries,” after ongoing contact with the horse, Fenton said.

In therapy, nobody rides the animals. Instead, clients usually learn to lead them around a ring using hand and arm signals, which Fenton demonstrated with Bocelli, coaxing him to move this direction or that, turn, and get closer to the edge of the ring or to the center, all without using words or touching him.

As clients work with the horses, Fenton said, they become more open and honest. Being hands-on with the animals also makes the therapeutic process “less abstract, more real,” she said, and with her clients, at least, it appears that means the results are more lasting.

Working with the animals makes it easier for clients to talk about thorny problems, Fenton believes. She noted that in traditional therapy, clients typically sit across from a mental health professional in an office, and they stare at each other while exploring difficult topics. Walking beside a horse or talking while brushing its coat reduces the encounter’s intensity.

There are unexpected benefits, too. Brushing a horse’s tail relaxes everyone (including the horse), but for men, it’s a nurturing activity that doesn’t threaten their masculinity. In fact, Fenton said, men seem very open to horse therapy. Maybe it’s a connection to the Old West of movies.

Fenton said the Collaborative has had clients as young as 3 and seniors in their 70s and 80s. With people at either end of the age spectrum, Nutter and Butter — a pair of miniature horses that came to the group together — are pros. “They put up with so much,” Fenton said, praising their patience. Some of the “minis” in the herd visit children at local schools, as well as retirement communities and nursing homes.

Issues that can be addressed through equine therapy are diverse — assaults, tragedies, developmental disorders, a diagnosis on the autism spectrum — and the group’s website (equinehealing.org) offers several testimonials.

Patient, forgiving

All the animals of the Equine Healing Collaborative are either rescues or were surrendered by owners who couldn’t care for them. They come from diverse backgrounds, including racehorses, show animals and “lesson animals” — horses used to teach beginning riders. Some were neglected; a few were on their way to an early death after their “careers” ended. Fenton believes their circumstances make them empathetic for clients who might have experienced similar kinds of rejection.

“They’re very patient, and quite forgiving. They don’t get angry, but they do get worried,” she said. And they can get depressed, too. In fact, within the equine therapy community, it’s not uncommon to hear or read about horses that get burned out. Fenton said it’s important to recognize when a horse is getting emotionally stressed, just as it is

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their hearts.
 “The younger dogs were barking and bouncing with a ‘Pick me, pick me’ energy. But the senior dogs were quiet, often

facing the wall, looking so depressed,” Broecker recalled. “We saw the niche in the community we needed to fill to give people who were ill or elderly or otherwise compromised, the peace of mind that their dog would be cared for.”

Since 2009, Peace of Mind Dog Rescue has taken in 2,600 senior dogs and has supported another 1,600 through its Helping Paw program, which provides financial assistance, dog-walking services and temporary shelter to help people keep their dogs.

placed 22 cats. This year, so far, we’ve placed 25. These are not litters of kittens, but older cats. And every single one is worth it.”

While some senior cats are easygoing, she said, most take time to adjust to a new environment. They often have had one family all their lives and need some time. Slaby recommends keeping the cat in one room with a litter box and food to start, allowing it to adjust on its own.

“An older rescue cat has had his life upended, leaving him scared and confused,” said Slaby. “It’s okay if he’s still under the bed after a month, as long as he’s eating and using the litter box. It’s a normal adjustment.”

She also recommended regular veterinary exams and pointed out that while senior felines can incur medical bills, kittens bring similar expenses for exams, vaccinations, spaying or neutering — and besides, that adorable handful of fluff will also grow old one day. While everyone enjoys a playful kitten’s antics, a senior cat is less likely to unravel a roll of toilet paper or attack your feet at 3 a.m.

“It’s about altruism — enjoying them, lavishing them with love,” Slaby said. “They deserve that. They don’t deserve to be in a cage in a shelter but to live out their golden years in loving homes, just like people.”

Slaby, who loves dogs, said she’s always looking for people who love and support cats the way others do their canine friends. “Quite simply,” she said, “we need more crazy cat ladies.”

“Think about it,” Broecker said. “A senior dog is 7 to 20 years old. From 7 to 12, it’s pretty easy to care for a dog that has been living in a home, walks nicely on a leash and knows basic commands. Once the dog is 13 to 20, he is still wonderful and can give and receive love. But he has health issues that may require more work and support through the rest of his life.”

The population that adopts dogs from the group tends to be 45 to 70 years old — people who have the ability and resources to care for a senior dog, Broecker said.

“Sometimes, though, younger people adopt. The young don’t often recognize the elderly in life. It’s so beautiful when someone young wants to care for a senior dog.”

Let cats adjust

Margaret Slaby has four cats, all of whom come running to greet her, climb onto her lap and sleep on her bed. In the past five years, she’s taken in 111 cats ages 6 and older and has placed 104 of them through adoption. That’s the passionate purpose of Golden Oldies Cat Rescue, the nonprofit she established in 2016.

She doesn’t do it alone. “Without our volunteers, we wouldn’t be here. We started with no funding, just five volunteers and a dream. The first year, we took in six cats. Now we’re living the dream. Last year we

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for human therapists.

The organization runs on private donations, fees for services, and insurance reimbursements (taxpayer-funded Medi Cal plans cover equine therapy in some cases).

Fenton said she’s hoping to hire a psy-

chiatrist or psychiatric nurse practitioner by the end of this year, and wants to have outreaches to firefighters, police, students and LGBTQ youth, to name a few.

Most of all, however, she wants the services to be accessible. “We want to give low- to medium-income people access to mental health services,” she said.



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Pirates prepare for gridiron opener, girls hit the golf course

A STEVENSON football team smoldering with talent at key positions looks to conquer a formidable opponent — circumstance — as it opens its 2021 season tonight with a 7:30 p.m. kickoff at Pacific Grove High.

The Pirates will be making their debut against a team that already has played twice, and presumably already has

er Division I schools,” Cassamas said. “We’ll move him around in our offense, try to get the ball in his hands, and he’ll also play safety.”

A third wide receiver, Keller Andrade, who lettered as a sophomore, has a strong football IQ, said the coach, who expects to use him defensively at safety and linebacker.

Two capable quarterbacks

Johnson, Adler and Andrade figure to be prime targets for two talented quarterbacks — senior Kyle McTamane and junior Charlie Conner — both strong passers who have sparkled in practice.

While Conner is a varsity newcomer, McTamane played in seven games as a backup quarterback in 2019, completing 12 of 18 passes for 157 yards and two touchdowns with no interceptions.

The offensive and defensive lines will be anchored by seniors Alex Ahuja, Barrett “Bear” Scherner, and Nikita Latushynski, all letter winners in 2019.

Ahuja lifted weights for the past 18 months, expanding a 5-10, 200-pound frame to 6-0, 250. He’s expected to be a force on both sides of the line of scrimmage.

Scherner (6-0, 200) “is one of those old-school football types — a real thumper, very physical,” said the coach, who sees him at middle linebacker and guard.

Latushynski (6-1, 180) is sidelined due to a preseason injury sustained when he toppled a basketball rim while dunking the ball. “Nikita has staples in his head right now, but we’re expecting him back.”

The running backs figure to be letterman Charles Du, a speedster who had several breakaway runs as a sophomore, and Audon Furgos, a 6-2, 215-pound bruiser whose physicality will also make him formidable at defensive end.

Another newcomer, David Bray, stands out among a talented crop of 20 juniors and is expected to make an impact at cornerback or safety. Bray also will see action at wide receiver.

The Santa Lucia division will feature just five schools this season. Each will play two division opponents twice, and two once, to fill out its schedule.

Stevenson and St. Francis — early favorites to battle for the title — will face each other Sept. 24 and Oct. 30, both

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Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

eliminated a lot of early-season jitters and mistakes.

“That’s always a challenge for us,” said Kyle Cassamas, head coach of the Pirates since 2017. “We always expect some turnovers, booboos, and injuries in that first game.”

For Stevenson, the game is a cram course for next week’s Santa Lucia Division opener (2 p.m. Saturday at Pebble Beach) against St. Francis, which will be playing its fifth game.

That’s not unusual. As a private boarding school, Stevenson traditionally starts practicing a month after most of its competition.

Division I prospects

The good news: Cassamas has some exceptional athletes among the 60 players who turned up for tryouts.

Eight current Pirates — all seniors — got varsity experience two years ago on a team that went 6-3 overall. At least two already are being watched by NCAA Division I football scouts.

“Evan Johnson is a very special athlete — a kid who’s been impactful on our varsity since his freshman year,” said Cassamas of his 6-foot-3, 185-pound wide receiver and defensive back, who already is on the radar of Colorado, Vanderbilt, Boston College, Arizona State, Fresno State and San Jose State. “He catches the football, then makes his defenders miss, and it’s usually a touchdown if they do.”

As a sophomore, Johnson caught 26 passes and scored on 12. He amassed 585 yards, averaging 22.5 per catch.

Last spring, he raised more eyebrows, winning both the 100- and 200-meter dashes at the Central Coast Section Track and Field Championships.

But here’s the scary part: Darnell Adler, another receiver, also is a potential college player.

“He’s getting looks from Ivy League teams and oth-



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Stevenson coach Kyle Cassamas talks strategy with quarterback Kyle McTamane and wide receiver Evan Johnson (above), key players in an offense with pyrotechnic potential. Lefty Kyle McTamane (right), who played in seven varsity games in 2019, is one of two talented quarterbacks for the Pirates.



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times in Pebble Beach. St. Francis had 29 players who were sophomores or freshmen on its 2019 roster, a team that went 7-3.

Girls golf preview

The highest-placing Monterey Peninsula golfer from the Central Coast Section Girls Golf Championships last spring, Sydney Craven, returns for her senior year at Stevenson, but at least two stellar underclassmen — a freshman teammate and a Santa Catalina sophomore — are already challenging for supremacy as the 2021 fall season gets underway.

Craven, a fourth-year varsity player for the Pirates, placed seventh at the CCS tournament in June — highest of any Monterey County golfer — shooting a 78 at Laguna Seca Golf Ranch, capping an abbreviated season that was postponed from fall by the coronavirus pandemic.

Pirates look strong, deep

She'll lead a strong, deep Pirates team that hopes to regain the Gabilan Division team crown it surrendered last year to the Padres. Early indications are that Stevenson will be the team to beat in this year's Gabilan Division, which includes Carmel, Santa Catalina, Salinas, Christopher, San Benito, and Gilroy.

Stevenson fired an early shot over the bow on Sept. 8, routing the defending champion Padres by 80 strokes at Spyglass Hill, a match Carmel played without its top player, senior Elle Bohlman, and two other varsity starters, who were sick that day.

It was the first competition of the season for the Pirates, whose medalist, freshman Nikki Iniakov, shot a sizzling 37. Craven carded a 40, followed by lefty Michelle Wang, whose stellar short game helped her shoot 42, followed by sophomore Angela Abanico, who shot 47.

The Pirates' early season lineup is completed by sophomore Anjela Abanico and long-hitting seniors Emma Chung and Ka-

trina Wu.

"They're all eager to learn, and some are stellar," said Coach Jason McArthur, who expects freshmen Siobhan Ong and Alice Li, sophomore Chloe Yi, and seniors Aurora Wu and Yilin Cai to challenge for playing time.

Bohlman tops a Carmel lineup that boasts five seniors and four juniors. "She is such a good athlete that she knows how to get the most out of her game, which is really solid," said Coach Ross Kroeker. "She plays very smart, and plays to her strength."

Sophie Southard, a junior and year-round tournament player, is No. 2 on Carmel's early season ladder, followed by freshman Lauren Fitzpatrick, juniors Ellie Rydeheard and Anna Kroeker, and Makena Tarsitano, a co-captain with Bohlman.

The varsity roster also includes seniors Gigi Holden, Shannon Ikemiya, and Ari-

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Santa Catalina sophomore Grace Huang has potential to become one of the best golfers in the Central Coast Section this season.


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So what does Y&T stand for? It turns out they got their first gig before they had a name, so they had to come up with one quick. When late drummer Leonard Haze's eyes fell upon a copy of the Beatles "Yesterday and Today" LP, the title's initials became the band's name.

Meniketti will be joined by guitarist **John Nymann**, bassist **Aaron Leigh** and drummer **Mike Vanderhule**.

Up next is folk singer **Judy Collins**, who plays Sept. 25.

Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$39. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070.

■ Back at Sunset

Chamber Music Monterey Bay this week announced that tickets are on sale for its 2021-22 season, which kicks off Oct. 9 when **The Lincoln Trio** makes its Sunset Center debut.

The season continues Nov. 13 when **The Manhattan Chamber Players** performs at Sunset for the

first time. Next up is pianist **Simone Dinnerstein**, who will play Bach's *Goldberg Variations* without intermission Jan. 20.

The Horszowski Trio will play Sunset for the second time Feb. 26, while the Grammy Award-winning **Catalyst Quartet** closes the season April 9.

All shows are on Saturday.

Like everybody else, Chamber Music Monterey Bay is focused on keeping audiences safe — seating will be distanced, and face masks and proof of vaccination will be required. Children under 12 will not be admitted.

"Our group is eager to return to on-stage performances," said Bob Reid of Chamber Music Monterey Bay. "As satisfying as virtual performances have been, nothing compares with a live performance. We've adopted a protocol to create a safe environment in which our audience can gather for the collective experience of live music."

Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. For tickets, visit chambermusic-montereybay.org.

■ Live music Sept. 17-23

The Barnyard shopping center — multi-instrumentalist **Gary Regina** (jazz, Saturday at noon). 3663 The Barnyard, thebarnyard.com.

Bernardus Lodge & Spa in Car-



Mapache (above) and others will pay tribute the George Harrison Thursday at the Henry Miller Library in Big Sur.

mel Valley — pianist **Michael Culver** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Richard DeVinck** (classical, Saturday at noon), pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Steven Shook** (Sunday at noon). In the Lucia Restaurant & Bar at 415 W. Carmel Valley Road, (831) 658-3400.

Big Sur River Inn — singer and gui-

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On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

Despite lacking a hit song — their best-selling single, "Summertime Girls," didn't dent the Top 40 — Y&T has been fill-



Singer and guitarist Talmon Owens plays Friday at Folk-tale Winery in Carmel Valley. The music starts at 3 p.m.

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Bohemian harvest celebration, Negroni Week, and love for first responders

THE CARMEL Chamber of Commerce's 33rd annual Taste of Carmel will not only have a new venue this year, the format will be different, too. Held for years at the Carmel Mission on the first Thursday in October as a strolling food-and-wine event that drew hundreds of people, this year's event, dubbed "A Chic Bohemian Harvest Celebration," will take place Wednesday, Oct. 6, on the streets surrounding Devendorf Park.

Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

"Celebrating our community's unique gifts stemming from the arts, music, fine cuisine, wine, and most importantly, our residents and businesses," organizers said, the Taste of Carmel will have guests seated at tables for three-course dinners created by local chefs and featuring local wines. Details on participating restaurants and wineries weren't available, yet.

The Money Band and other musicians will perform live, offering plenty of opportunity to dance the night away, too — at least, until 9 p.m.

The festivities will begin at 6 p.m., though a VIP reception will be held at 5 p.m. in the rooftop bar at Vesuvio on Sixth Avenue across from the park, with small bites and Scheid wines.

"We hope you will join us under the stars and around our harvest tables for what promises to be a celebration of all that makes Carmel-by-the-Sea such a vibrant community," chamber officials said.

Tickets, capped at 360, are \$135 for chamber members, \$145 for community members and \$185 for VIPs. A table of eight goes for \$1,100, or \$1,480 with VIP access. Guests must be at least 21 years old, and dogs are not allowed. Tickets are only available in advance at carmel-chamber.org.

Guests will also need to show their Covid vaccination cards or negative test results from within 72 hours to get in, and the entry gate will be located on Mission just north of Ocean. People can leave and return but will have to leave their glasses inside.

Parking will be available on the street, in the Vista Lobos lot on Third between Torres and Junipero, and in the north lot at Sunset Center at Mission and Eighth. Ride sharing and carpooling are encouraged.

■ Café Carmel loves first responders

Café Carmel on Ocean Avenue between Mission and San Carlos now offers a 10 percent discount to all first responders — law enforcement officers, firefighters, paramedics and members of all military branches — as long as they provide ID.



Folklore winemaker David Baird recently experimented with aging sangiovese deep in the seawater underneath Wharf 2, with help from Monterey Abalone Co.

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CALENDAR

Sept. 18 – Saturday Music Series at The Barnyard.
Live music noon to 3 p.m. every Saturday at the Barnyard Shopping Village, 3663 The Barnyard, Carmel. Local musicians perform in the gardens. No cover charge. www.thebarnyard.com

Sept. 22 – Community Night with the Library program, "Into the Deep: The Secret Lives of Fishes off Carmel's Storied Coastline," 7 p.m. at Carpenter Hall, Sunset Center & Online. Register on our website: www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org. Discover the wonder that lies beyond the waves with James Lindholm, Ph.D., distinguished professor of Marine Science & Policy & Chair, CSUMB. Hosted by the Carmel Public Library Foundation. Cost: Free; seating first come first-serve. \$10 suggested contribution. Questions? afallon@carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org or (831) 624-2811.

Sept. 25 – It's Baum & Blume's Annual Oktoberfest!
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Sept. 26 – Golf for MC Gives! & First Tee at Spyglass – Play Spyglass in tournament condition for a good cause. Spyglass Hill Golf Course, 3206 Stevenson Drive, Pebble Beach. \$350 per person, includes cart. Reserve your tee time or learn more www.cfmco.org/Golf.

Nov. 20 – All Saints' Fine Arts & Crafts Fair now accepting applications from makers of handmade arts and crafts items. Email artsandcrafts@allsaintscarmel.org or call (972) 567-3572 or (831) 624-3883

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The café opens daily at 7:30 a.m. to serve pastries and breakfast items, with sandwiches and other savory dishes available throughout the afternoon and early evening until closing around 7 p.m.

For information, call (831) 624-3870 or visit cafecarmel.com.

It's Negroni Week

Every year, Imbibe magazine and Campari — one of the three traditional ingredients in a Negroni, with the others being gin and sweet vermouth — sponsor Negroni Week, which encourages people to order the cocktail and help charities in the process.

Since 2013, Negroni Week has grown from about 120 participating venues to more than 12,000 restaurants and bars around the world that have collectively raised more than \$3 million for charitable causes to date. Businesses interested in organizing Negroni Week events should go to negroniweek.com to sign up and select the charities they want to help.

Running through Sept. 19, the campaign at Il Fornaio, which is located in the Pine Inn at Monte Verde and Ocean, will donate \$1 per drink order to the Helen David Relief Fund for breast cancer support. For reservations, go to ilfornaio.com.

According to the search engine at the Negroni Week website, no other local restaurants or bars are participating, but there are many in the San Francisco area and other urban centers throughout the state, country and world. Perhaps one day it will better catch on here.

Underwater wine

In the Basque country in southwest France, a winemaker has invented a system for aging wine in large vessels anchored to the seabed in the bay just offshore. He says fermenting the wine in an environment with constant pressure, temperature and movement creates unique, slightly effervescent, fruity and citrus-driven whites, rosés and reds, and consumers are apparently responding, since he is now selling 200,000 bottles, compared with 10,000 five years ago.

Thousands of miles away in Carmel Valley, Folktale winemaker David Baird is conducting a similar experiment. He submerged 300 bottles of sangiovese for four

months with the help of Monterey Abalone Co., which raises abalone underneath Wharf 2.

Baird was reportedly inspired not by undersea wine-maker Emmanuel Poirmeur, but by the story of the 2010 discovery of Champagne in a 170-year-old shipwreck in the Baltic Sea. According to an article published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences in 2015, 168 bottles of Champagne, including some from Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin and Heidsieck, were found among the wreckage and may have been bound for Russia or Germany. While the local government claimed the spoils, scientists were able to taste and study some of the uniquely aged wines.

Baird said he chose sangiovese for its “beautiful acidity” and said the project is the best way “to pay homage to our local region,” since the ocean and climate make the county’s superior grape-growing environment possible.

The bottles sat in their cage below the pier submerged in 50-degree water through the winter and were raised in March, when Baird discovered a lot of sea critters attached to the bottles and living in and around the cages, including barnacles, hermit crabs, bivalves, octopus, starfish and anemones, as well as various kinds of fish. He named the wine Haliotis, the Latin name for abalone.

P.G. Cider Works

Tim Calvert’s penchant for crafting hard cider started to take shape decades ago, and for a quarter-century, he made apple and pear ciders (the latter nicknamed “perry”) in 5-gallon batches in his home kitchen. Calvert experimented with different techniques and a wide range of apples, pears and yeasts, and soon discovered his sparkling mildly alcoholic beverages were popular with friends and family. After providing perry for his niece’s large wedding, people asked where they could buy it, he said. And when they learned he had made it, they encouraged him to get into the business.

Inspired, Calvert and his wife started Pacific Grove Ci-



First responders get 10 percent off at Café Carmel, which offers lots of tasty baked goods — and panini — daily.

derWorks in 2016, “within earshot of the waves of Monterey Bay,” and now make apple and pear ciders, as well as a pear port called Brandipera. The blend of perry and their custom-distilled pear brandy “gets even better when aged in French oak barrels in the cool, moist climate of Pacific Grove,” and the 2016 and 2017 vintages are available.

“Like many businesses in Pacific Grove, we are a small

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, September 29, 2021, on or after the hour of 4:00 p.m., the Planning Commission of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will hold a Public Meeting via teleconference for the following purpose:

Proposed Action: Consideration of a Design Review, Use Permit (DR/UP 21-115, Verizon Wireless - Carmelo) and associated Coastal Development Permit for the installation and operation of a wireless telecommunications facility in the public right-of-way on a replacement utility pole and on the ground adjacent to that pole located in the Multi-Family Residential (R-4) District.

Project Location: East side of Carmelo Street, south of 8th Avenue in the Public right-of-way (Block: O, Lot: N/A; APN: N/A)

Coastal Permit Status: Required Appealable to the Coastal Commission? Yes CEQA/Environmental Status: Categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction) and/or 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures)

Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 allows the Planning Commission 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 Commission. 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".

To attend via Zoom (copy and paste the link into your browser); https://zoom.us/j/89728794136? Meeting ID (if needed): 89728794136, Passcode (if needed): CnMSJ4Is To attend via telephone, Dial 1-312-626-6799, Passcode: 54118134

All interested persons are invited to attend via teleconference at the time and place specified above to give oral or written testimony concerning this matter. Written comments may be submitted to the person identified below prior to the meeting. With respect to written comments, please submit them at least 4 hours before the meeting in order to ensure they are provided to the Planning Commission and made part of the record.

The staff report and relevant documents will be available at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting on the City's website at http://www.ci.carmel.ca.us. The Planning Commission meeting will be televised live on the City's website and archived there after the meeting. For more information regarding Planning Commission meetings, please contact the Community Planning & Building Department at (831) 620-2010.

Please direct questions about this item to: Marnie Waffle, Senior Planner; mwaffle@ci.carmel.ca.us or 831-620-2057

Project plans can be viewed on our website at, https://ci.carmel.ca.us/post/current-planning-applications, under Public Hearings. Publish Date: September 17, 2021 - The Pine Cone

Publication dates: Sept. 17, 2021 (PC919)

T.S. No. 21-4991 Notice of Trustee's Sale Loan No.: ** 5080 APN: 012-451-025-000 You Are In Default Under A Deed Of Trust Dated 7/31/2006. Unless You Take Action To Protect Your Property, It May Be Sold At A Public Sale. If You Need An Explanation Of The Nature Of The Proceeding Against You, You Should Contact A Lawyer. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the herein-after described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. 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Date: 9/1/2021 Prestige Default Services, LLC 1920 Old Tustin Ave. Santa Ana, California 92705 Offices: 949-427-2010 Sale Line: (877) 440-4460 /s/Briana Young, Trustee Sale Officer Publication dates: Sept. 17, 24, Oct. 1, 2021 (PC914)

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enterprise serving the local community, selling our products to local stores and restaurants,” Calvert says. “For us, a great job perk is that lunch break is just a seven-minute walk to the rolling waves of Monterey Bay’s Asilomar Beach, where we can watch pelicans glide above the water.” (Pelicans adorn the CiderWorks labels.)

Restaurants carrying their products include Cafe Guarini, Michael’s, The Beach House at Lovers Point and Poppy Hall, all in Pacific Grove, while retailers offering it for sale are Pacific Grove Bottle Shop, Bottles and Bins, and Monte Vista Wines and Spirits.

Their tasting room at 2050 Sunset Drive is now open, too, on Saturdays from noon to 5 p.m. and “most Sundays” from noon to 4 p.m. For tasting on other days by appointment, email info@pgciderworks.com.

■ Double the Riesling fun

Morgan Winery recently released two rosés, and now it’s offering two Rieslings, both made from grapes grown on a single acre in its organically farmed Double L Vineyard. There, “the mountainside soils provide ideal conditions for growing world-class riesling,” and the recently released wines cater to two different styles.

The Double L Dry Riesling’s flavors of citrus and tropical fruits contribute to its “opulent aromatics,” and its lack of any residual sugars intensifies its acidity. An ideal pairing, according to Morgan, is “raw oysters topped with a zesty mignonette.” The wine goes for \$24 per bottle or \$259.29 per case (a 10 percent discount).

As is usually the case with slightly sweet rieslings, the wine pairs well with spicy Asian and Indian dishes, ripe soft-rind cheeses, and crème brûlée. It also costs \$24 per bottle or \$259.20 per case. Visit morganwinery.com.

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tarist **Rick Chelew** (folk, Saturday at 1 p.m.) and (flutist **Tim Jackson and friends** (jazz., Sunday at 1 p.m.) On Highway 1 24 miles south of Rio Road, (831) 667-2700.

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

Folkale Winery in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Talmon Owens** (Friday at 3 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Saturday at 1 p.m.) and **The Rough Jazz Combo** (Monday and Thursday at 3 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road, (831) 293-7500.

Gusto Pizzeria in Seaside — singer **Janice Perl** and

MORE SPORTS

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ana Smith, junior Anna Hight, and sophomore Ava Martin.

The Padres will get a rematch with Stevenson on Oct. 4 at Quail Lodge, Carmel’s home course.

Cheryl Wecker greeted the largest turnout for girls golf in her 11 seasons as head coach at Santa Catalina — 30 prospects — including senior co-captains Nicole Munoz and Sophie Chun, junior Reena Dail, and sophomore Skyler Smith, all varsity veterans.

The big find, though, was newcomer Grace Huang, a sophomore from Beijing who spent her entire freshman year training in Florida at the vaunted IMG Golf Academy.

“Grace is just different in the way she practices, and the way she goes about her day,” her coach said. “She actually keeps a notebook about every round, making notes about how to improve.”

Filling out the varsity are Natalie Powell, a freshman, and Renee Larrauri, a junior from Mexico City. Sophomores Haily Wang, a native of China, and Zoe Allen, from Danville, also will contend.

■ Upcoming events (Sept. 17-23)

Friday

Field hockey — Carmel at Santa Catalina, 4 p.m.

Football — Stevenson at Pacific Grove, 7:30 p.m.

Girls tennis — Castilleja School at Stevenson, 4 p.m.

Girls volleyball — St. Francis at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.

Boys water polo — Stevenson at Soquel, TBA.

Saturday

Girls volleyball — Carmel at Monte Vista Los Altos tournament, 8 a.m., Stevenson at Alisal Classic, 8 a.m.

Girls tennis — St. Ignatius at Stevenson, 12 p.m.

Boys water polo — Stevenson at Soquel, TBA

keyboardist **Bill Spencer** (jazz, Thursday at 5:30 p.m.). 1901 Fremont Blvd., (831) 899-5825.

Henry Miller Library in Big Sur — **George is Lord, Mapache** (George Harrison tribute, Wednesday at 7 p.m.). On Highway 1 28 miles south of Carmel, (831) 667-2574.

The Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach — pianist **Gary Meek**, bassist **Steve Uccello** and drummer **Andy Weis** (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.) and pianist **Bill Spencer**, bassist **Steve Uccello** and drummer **Andy Weis** (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.). 2700 17 Mile Drive, (831) 647-7500.

Intercontinental Hotel in Monterey — guitarist **John Sherry** (rock, folk and blues, Friday at 6 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist **Gary Regina** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Sunday at noon). In the C Restaurant, 750 Cannery Row, (831) 375-4500.

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

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 **Steven Shook** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Ace de la Vergne** (Saturday at 6 p.m.) and singer and guitarist

Monday

Girls golf — Carmel vs. Santa Catalina, Old Del Monte, 3:30 p.m.

Girls tennis — York at Santa Catalina, 4 p.m.

Girls volleyball — Santa Catalina at Soledad, 6 p.m.

Girls water polo — Santa Catalina at Monterey, 4 p.m.

Tuesday

Field hockey — Carmel at Monterey, 3:30 p.m.; Stevenson vs. Notre Dame at Rabobank Stadium, Salinas, 4 p.m.; Santa Catalina at Salinas, 6 p.m.

Girls golf — Stevenson vs. Salinas at Corral de Tierra, 3:30 p.m.

Girls tennis — Carmel vs. Monterey, Monterey Tennis Center, 3:30 p.m.; Stevenson at Pacific Grove, 4 p.m.; Santa Catalina at Salinas, 4 p.m.

Girls volleyball — Santa Catalina at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.; Carmel at Salinas, 6:30 p.m.

Boys water polo — Salinas at Carmel, 5 p.m.; Christopher at Stevenson, 5 p.m.

Girls water polo — Christopher at Stevenson, 6 p.m.; Salinas at Carmel, 7 p.m.

Wednesday

Girls golf — Stevenson vs. Christopher and Gilroy, Gilroy Golf Course, 3:30 p.m.

Girls tennis — York at Carmel, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday

Field hockey — San Benito at Carmel, 4 p.m.; Santa Catalina at Greenfield, 4 p.m.

Girls tennis — Carmel at Salinas, 4 p.m.; Monterey at Stevenson, 4 p.m.

Girls volleyball — Christopher at Carmel, 6:30 p.m.; Stevenson at Gonzales, 6:30 p.m.

Boys water polo — Carmel at Christopher, 5 p.m.; Gilroy at Stevenson, 5 p.m.

Girls water polo — Carmel at Christopher, 6 p.m.; Gilroy at Stevenson, 6 p.m.

Johan Sotelo (Sunday at 6 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive, (831) 624-3811.

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

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.

Rio Grill — singer and guitarist **Zack Freitas** (rock, Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Casey Wickstrom** (Saturday at noon) and singer and guitarist **Johan Sotelo** (Sunday at 1 p.m.). In the Crossroads shopping center, (831) 625-5436.

Hyatt Carmel Highlands — singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Saturday at 7 p.m.). 120 Highlands Drive, (831) 620-1234.

Tarpy’s in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Johan Sotelo** (Saturday at 1 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Alison Sharino** (Sunday at noon). 2999 Highway 68, (831) 647-1444.

PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20212017

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:

DEL MAR WINDOW CLEANING, 5065 Beach Wood Dr., Seaside, CA 93955.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.

Registered Owner(s):

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NESTOR ISRAEL LAGUNAS, 130 Encina Ave., Apt. 4, Monterey, CA 93940.

This business is conducted by co-partners.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 1, 2021.

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S/Nestor Israel Lagunas

Aug. 31, 2021

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 31, 2021.

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under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

Publication dates: Sept. 10, 17, 24; Oct. 1, 2021. (PC910)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20212027

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:

A&R Creations, 416 Michael Cir., Gonzales, CA 93926, County of Monterey

Registered Owner(s):

Allison Premutai, 416 Michael Cir., Gonzales, CA 93926

This business is conducted by an Individual

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Not Applicable

S/ Allison Premutai

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on

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Publication dates: Sept. 17, 24; Oct. 1,

8, 2021. (PC911)

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File No. 20211945

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

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County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:

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This business is conducted by a limited liability company.

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S/Rachel Marie Thompson, Manager

Sept. 7, 2021

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 7, 2021.

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(See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20212051

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:

M. JATI CARMEL'S FINEST EMBROIDERY, 5065 B3219 Serra Ave., Carmel, CA 93923.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.

Registered Owner(s):

MASHED MONAJATI KHANI, 3219 Serra Ave., 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 N/A.

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S/Mashed Monajati Khani

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

BID NO. 21-06

The Santa Lucia Preserve

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Santa Lucia Community Services District (“District”) hereby calls for sealed bid proposals to be received by the Executive Assistant of the District, at the Gate House, One Rancho San Carlos Road, Carmel, California 93023 on or before Thursday, **September 23, 2021** at 10:00 am U.S. Pacific Time Zone, verified at www.time.gov.

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Date of Publication: September 3rd, September 10th & September 17th, 2021

By order of the Board of Directors of the Santa Lucia Community Service District. State of California

Publication date: Sept. 3, 10, 17, 2021 (PC905)



Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the District Board, Carmel Area Wastewater District, at the District office, 3945 Rio Road, Carmel, CA. 93923, until

3:30 P.M., Wednesday, September 29th, 2021

at which time they will be publicly opened and read for performing the work as follows:

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The results of the bidding will be reported to the District Board within thirty (30) days of the date of the bid opening at which time if bids are found to be acceptable by the District Board, written notice of award will be given to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder. However, said District Board reserves its right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities of any bids or to re-advertise for all or any part of the work contemplated.

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Publication dates: Sept. 17 & 24, 2021 (PC912)

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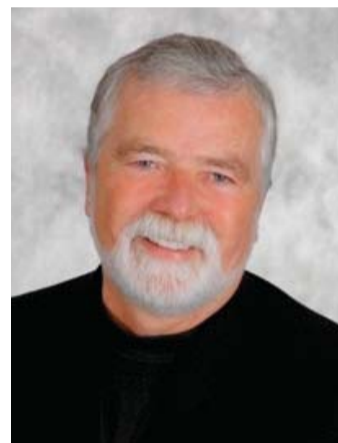
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Michael Miller to John Foster
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7180 Carmel Valley Road — \$1,750,000

Wolter Properties to Faith Family & Friends LLC

APN: 169-431-014

8100 Valley Greens Drive — \$6,500,000

Wolter Properties to Wolter Farm Development LLC
APN: 169-431-001 and eight others

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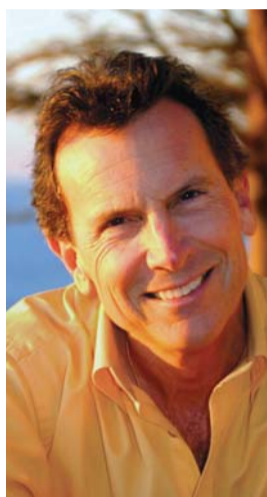
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Mark and Patricia Blumenthal to Mark and Amanda Werts
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By JERRY GERVASE

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He goes on to say that the coffee and tea people drank were responsible for their enlightened thoughts. In the mid-17th century, water wasn't safe to drink. The English began their days with beer, then wine and gin at lunch, with more wine and beer at dinner. They began thinking great thoughts when they were no longer drunk all day. Of course, there are many advertising copywriters who would dispute that.

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More important than the sudden sobriety imparted by caffeine was the connectivity that coffeehouses provided. People from different backgrounds and different fields of expertise discussed ideas. Ideas would get together there and foster new ideas.

Not having a Renaissance or Elizabethan coffeehouse at hand, in one quick session I, your humble expert, will teach you to write a newspaper column, and I'll do it free of charge.

All the words I use to write are listed (in alphabetical order) in a big book called a dictionary. Young people may not know what a dictionary is. For their edification (look in the "e" section of the dictionary for the meaning of that word), a dictionary is a portable wireless information retrieval system that doesn't require recharging. You cannot

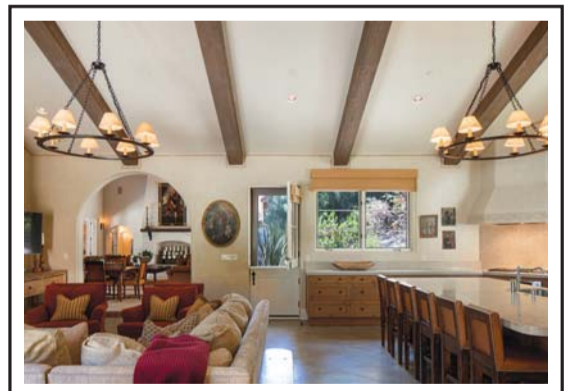
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text or send email messages with it, but between its covers are all the text messages and emails ever written.

To begin a column, I turn my dictionary upside down and shake it until scads of words fall out. Some of them land on the ground, where if they get enough water, they turn into colorful adjectives. Others are picked up and passed around and used over and over until they become clichés.

Some words fall on rocky places and don't get a chance to become root words, so they develop into words as shallow as a letter signed, "yours warmly."

Element of chance

Many words are caught up in the wind and blown out of all proportion to be used by politicians and press secretaries. Many of these words rise to the height of obfuscation and make it all the way to the White House.

Many of mine fall onto a fertile yellow legal pad, where I move them around, picking out ones here and there until they eventually become ideas. I take these idea words and line them up into a semi-intelligent order until they express the concepts

I'm trying to convey. How long all this takes depends on the words that fall out of the dictionary when I turn it upside down. If the right words fall out, I can write a column in a matter of minutes. If not, it may take several days.

The cure

There are times when no matter how many words — even really good words — fall out of the dictionary, things like procrastination, foot-dragging and dawdling get in the way of working with them. Writers have a euphemism for these situations: "writer's block." Editors prescribe an effective medicine that is a surefire cure for writer's block. It's called a deadline.

My advice to would-be columnists is to start with a small pocket dictionary before working up to something like the Oxford English Dictionary, which can be intimidating simply sitting on the shelf.

You become a columnist by working with words until you develop a certain skill in using them. It can be difficult, but like so many things in life, it takes practice, patience, and perseverance.

Get started now. There may be a Herb Caen inside you bursting to be set free. So get out there and shake your Funk & Wagnalls.

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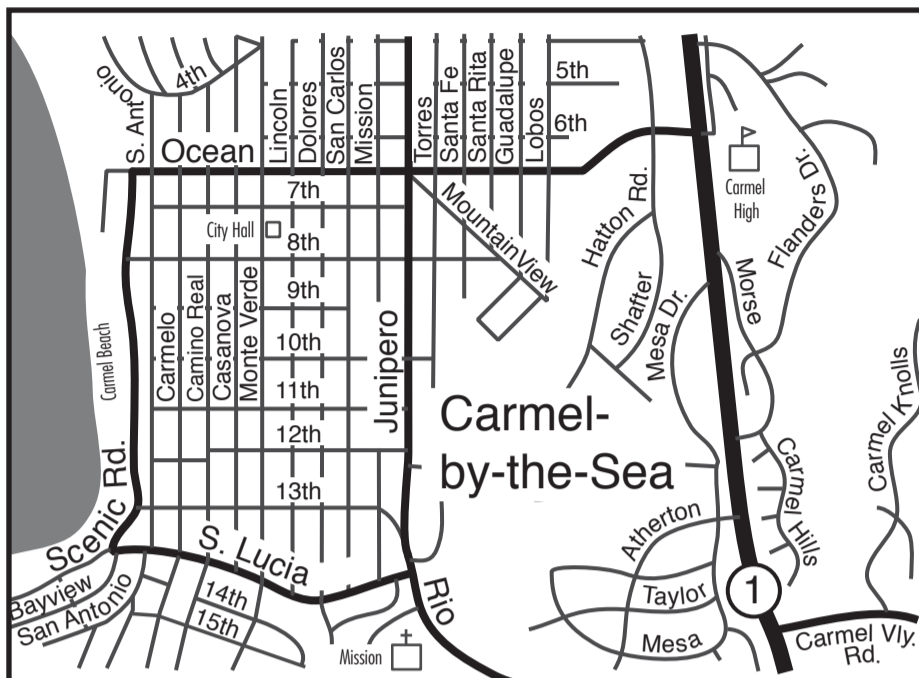
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POLICE LOG

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop at Crespi and Mountain View at 0337 hours led to the DUI arrest of a 32-year-old male Monterey resident. Driver was cited and released with a court date.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen found a loose dog in the area of Scenic and 13th and notified police. Shortly after, the dog owner was contacted and the dog was returned in the

field. A warning was given.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female left her purse over a chair in an outdoor parklet on San Carlos north of Sixth. The purse wasn't there when she returned.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: An iPad was found at Carmel Plaza. Owner was contacted and will arrange for the iPad to be mailed back to her.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic collision at San Antonio and Ocean. Vehicle vs. bicycle. Late report — unable to determine who's at fault.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop at Carpenter and Second at 1800 hours resulted in the 68-year-old male driver being cited for

having a false registration tab. Vehicle stored.

Pacific Grove: Possible bike theft on Pacific Grove Lane. Contacted the subject and determined he was in possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia.

Pacific Grove: A vehicle repossession occurred on Moreland.

Pacific Grove: Unlocked car on Carmel Avenue had several items stolen from it.

Pacific Grove: Subject reported tools were taken from the bed of his truck while it was parked on 17th Street.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle-vs.-parked car collision on 17th.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a burglary alarm on Via Paloma.

Carmel Valley: Disturbance between a husband and wife on Carmel Valley Road.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fall on city property on Junipero south of Second.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Grand theft from a business on San Carlos south of Seventh.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Medical issue on Bay View south of Santa Lucia. Subject transported to the hospital.

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421 Del Rosa Avenue — \$1,060,000

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23820 Fairfield Place, Carmel — \$2,150,000



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409 San Bernabe Drive — \$1,452,000

Frank and Elizabeth Congo to Charles and
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1312 Lawton Street — \$900,000

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750 Laurel Avenue — \$1,075,000

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