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Growing up is getting back on track



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High school sports are back in a big way, and for the lucky members of the CHS cross-country team, that means the return of Friday practices amid the idyllic surroundings of Carmel Beach. See Dennis Taylor's column on page 29A.

County extends vaccination deadline

■ But CHOMP to lose two docs and as many as 35 nurses

By KELLY NIX

MONTEREY COUNTY'S administrative officer Tuesday afternoon unexpectedly extended the deadline for Monterey County's roughly 5,000 workers to get vaccinated against Covid-19 for another month, backing down from a Sept. 30 immunization target set by county supervisors.

On Tuesday afternoon during the board of supervisors meeting, Charles McKee announced that he would allow more time for county workers — of which 85 percent have been vaccinated — to be immunized. Employees will now have until Oct. 31 to get the shot.

McKee said he could extend the deadline without the supervisors' consent because of the powers he has under Monterey County's pandemic emergency declaration.

"It's something we know is important for the community," McKee told the supervisors, regarding getting vaccinated against the disease. "Part of the responsibility of being a member of this society is to do what is right for all."

Numbers improving

While most county employees will be required to comply with the new Oct. 31 deadline, healthcare workers and others in certain types of jobs were mandated to comply with a Sept. 30 deadline set by the state Department of Public Health to get immunized.

"We want to encourage everyone to be vaccinated, encourage people to come into compliance," McKee said.

The county last week reported that 20 percent, or one-fifth of the county's workforce, which amounts to about

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Supes finalize ordinance requiring face masks

By KELLY NIX

CITIZENS WILL be required to cover their faces in all indoor spaces if the coronavirus transmission rates become high in Monterey County, according to county supervisors, who voted 3-2 to finalize a countywide mask ordinance Tuesday afternoon.

The mask law will go into effect Oct. 29, but only if the county is experiencing "high" or "substantial" Covid-19 rates as determined by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

If the rates move into the higher category after the ordinance's effective date, the mask rule would go into effect seven days later, according to the county.

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Sept. 29 meeting. "Every comment that we've received, every letter, has been respectful and collaborative, even if there's a disagreement."

Senior planner Marnie Waffle offered an extensive presentation and drafted a 20-page report articulating why the planning commission should approve Verizon's application and countering the opposing points submitted by residents. Although the code says wireless installations in the public right of way should be "discouraged" in the multi-family-residential district — which is La Playa's zoning — Waffle said they are "not prohibited."

In August, commissioners considered the proposal, which would increase a PG&E pole's height to 51 feet, including a 4-and-a-half-foot-tall antenna and various pieces of equipment, and decided to give Verizon more time to make it less ugly and the neighbors more time to weigh in.

Overloaded network

In response, the company submitted a couple of alternatives that would have all the equipment — including battery backups and fans to keep them cool — on the ground next to the pole and either shielded by fencing or painted to reduce the visual impacts. Waffle favored the option that called for a 6-foot grape-stake fence shielding a 13-foot-wide, nearly 4-foot-deep area around the pole, with landscaping around it.

Verizon officials have said they need the new antenna because Carmel is served by a tower on a mountaintop 3 miles south that was installed in the 1980s and can't handle modern demand for cellular phone calls, messaging and web browsing. Engineer Dewayne Bonham said the site can't be upgraded, either, because the higher frequencies now used for cellular coverage and data don't travel as far from their source.

"We're quite concerned the network is overloading during special events such as Car Week, and very concerned that should there be a fire in Carmel, that we will not have the resources available to you as a community to

See **VERIZON** page 21A

Panetta questions military leaders at House hearing

By KELLY NIX

THE MILITARY'S top brass agreed with Democratic Rep. Jimmy Panetta Wednesday that corruption in Afghanistan played a major role in the rapid collapse of its government and the surrender of its military shortly before the United States' violent withdrawal from the country.

During the second day of congressional hearings on Capitol Hill in which lawmakers on both sides grilled military leaders about the pullout — which resulted in the deaths of 13 U.S. service members and dozens of Afghans — Panetta addressed Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman Gen. Mark Milley and the head of U.S. Central Command, Gen. Frank McKenzie.

See **MILITARY** page 20A



In a Wednesday hearing on Capitol Hill, Rep. Jimmy Panetta asks top military leaders about the botched withdrawal from Afghanistan after 20 years of war in the country.

Verizon cell tower gets very bad reception

■ Commissioners reject unanimously

By MARY SCHLEY

A CELL tower and other equipment Verizon Wireless wants to install on a power pole on Carmelo south of Eighth near La Playa Hotel would negatively impact the neighborhood, violate city codes and look bad, planning commissioners said when they unanimously denied the tech giant's application at a special meeting Wednesday night.

The decision followed hours of testimony from residents who opposed the idea on grounds ranging from property devaluation and aesthetics to noise and the possibly negative health impacts from radio waves. They also sent hundreds of pages of email and dozens of postcards asking commissioners to deny the application, and many of them organized under a new group called Stop Cell Towers in Carmel Neighborhoods.

"We are thankful and impressed with the public participation on this. This is a very serious topic, and the level of participation and organization is just wonderful," planning director Brandon Swanson said at the beginning of the

CITY STRUGGLING TO REPLACE WORKERS

By MARY SCHLEY

FIFTEEN MONTHS after laying off five full-time workers and 15 part-timers because of the pandemic, and more than three months after starting to get back on track by filling 10 positions, city officials are still pleading for patience from the public while they work to get city services back to normal.

In his weekly video message Friday, city administrator Chip Rerig implored the public to be patient with city workers, considering staffing problems continue — as they do in the private sector, as well — and employees might take longer than usual to get back to people.

"Please be patient with the staff," he said, who are "trying their best."

He said efforts are underway to fill the positions lost in the cuts, as well as replace people who have left, including police officers and city clerk Britt Avrit.

New employees

While asking for understanding from the public, he also said progress has been made on at least one of the hiring fronts. The police department hired two new dispatchers, and officer Brian Liddy reported for work Sept. 1 after being at Salinas P.D. for five months. His parents worked for at the Los Angeles Police Department, so he's from a law-enforcement family, and he has an associ-

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Poodle pair

FIVE YEARS ago, a couple dining at Terry's Lounge at the Cypress Inn began chatting with folks who eventually sold them a home near Ocean Avenue. That's how things happen in town, particularly at the Cypress Inn, where the couple enjoys bringing their 10-month-old Moyen poodles (smaller than a standard but bigger than a miniature), Benoit and Henrietta.

They also answer to Benny and Henri. Sometimes Ben and Hen.

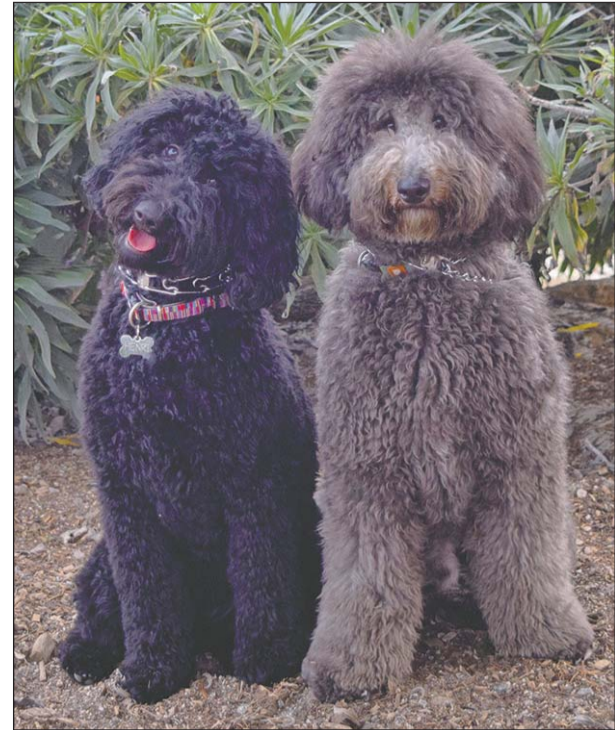
"It really doesn't matter what we call them," their person said. "It's really about our tone of voice and whether we use the one that means 'treat'."

Although Ben and Hen are littermates, they're not the same color.

"Benny was outside on that one day we had sun and his coat glistened a brilliant silver," his person said. "Henri is a beautiful blue-black, but we understand her coat may soften to gray."

Their father is gray, while their mother is white.

"Our pups' mother might be attending Poodle Day in Carmel," their person said. "We're looking forward to bringing our pair to the parade, as well. We've seen some pretty dramatic dye jobs and cos-



tumes, but we think Benny and Henri are stunning just as they are."

The couple fell in love with poodles via their previous pair, black miniatures Dagny and Millie, whom they lost in 2020, at ages 15 and 16. The silence in the house that followed, accompanied by a kind of hollow emptiness, prompted them to start a search for another pair of poodles.

"Since siblings can develop 'littermate syndrome,' becoming too dependent on each other," their person said, "we give them individual attention, so they can develop their own personalities."

Benny and Henri have not yet been to the beach because the word "Come" is not yet understood as a command. It's still more of a suggestion, their person said.

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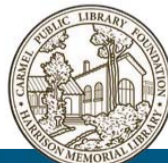


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Supes desal debate gets heated

By KELLY NIX

THE MONTEREY County Board of Supervisors last week directed county lawyers to analyze the implications of eliminating a three-decade-old law that permits only government agencies to own and operate desalination plants.

The supervisors have had several discussions about the possibility of rescinding the 32-year-old ordinance, which requires desal facilities in Monterey County to “be owned and operated by a public entity.”

During a Sept. 21 hearing in Salinas, several members of the public spoke about the idea before supervisors weighed in.

Rick Aldinger, general manager of the Big Sur River Inn, said fewer roadblocks and impediments would improve the chances of finding a long-term water supply solution for the Peninsula.

“I don’t care who owns a drought-proof water supply project,” Aldinger said. “My main concern is that it is implemented.”

But Melody Chrislock with Public Water Now, an anti-Cal Am group that wants a government-operated water project asked, “What’s the rush to get rid of this law?”

‘Comprehensive view’

Second District Supervisor John Phillips pointed to considerable saltwater intrusion in parts of North Monterey County and said eliminating the public-ownership law could prompt companies to propose desalination plants.

“I think we ought to open the door for any private entity that wants to come in and build a desal project,” Phillips said.

He also noted that many of those who spoke out against rescinding the ordinance were from the Monterey Peninsula — an area he said hasn’t been affected by seawater intrusion and overdraft the way North Monterey County has.

The discussion last week got a bit personal when 5th District Supervisor Mary

Adams — who opposes California American Water’s desal proposal for the Monterey Peninsula, and instead advocates for a “regional countywide project” — said the board should host a workshop within 60 days to hear an overview of potential water projects.

“We need to have a comprehensive view,” Adams said. “We need to get people to leave their guns at the door and come in and sit down and try to responsibly solve the problem we have, which is the biggest problem in Monterey County.”

Endlessly debated

Among the agencies she suggested should attend the workshop are the county water resources agency, Marina Coast, Cal Am, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District and Liberty Power, a Canadian company that has proposed a large desalination plant in Moss Landing.

But when board chair Wendy Root Askew backed up Adams’ motion for a workshop, Phillips responded by pointing to a decades-old strategy by county activists opposed to growth to stop water projects. The Monterey Peninsula has already debated numerous possible water supply solutions for more than 25 years.

“It’s always delay, delay, delay,” Phillips said

“Oh, John,” Adams said.

“Don’t start in on me,” he fired back.

Adams later said, “I do not believe this is delay. I believe it is getting started.”

In the end, though, the board voted for Phillips’ motion to have county lawyers return Oct. 12 with the analysis of the proposal.

“I’m taking a step forward to collaboration,” Adams said. “I believe that getting additional information from the county counsel’s office is a good idea.”

This week, Adams requested that county staff look at the idea of scheduling a water workshop.



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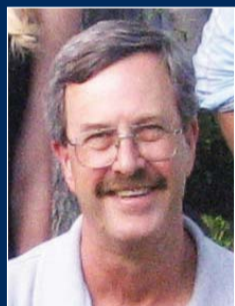
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Police & Sheriff's Log

Put on your grownup manners

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.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed for blocking a driveway at San Carlos and Sixth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 25-year-old male was arrested for vandalizing city property at San Carlos and Ocean.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Shoplifting incident reported at a business on Ocean east of Monte Verde.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found ring on a bench above the beach on the Scenic walkway.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: At San Carlos and Vista, a dog bit a person's arm. Forwarded to animal control.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject was yelling and refusing to leave a restaurant at San Carlos and Fourth at 2056 hours. Trespass advisement given.

Pacific Grove: Found missing juvenile on Sunset Drive at 0058 hours.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle stopped on Sunset Drive for a traffic violation at 0121 hours. Driver was found to be in possession of

narcotics, paraphernalia and burglary tools. Driver was also driving on a suspended license. Released at the scene with citations.

Pacific Grove: Hit-and-run collision with a parked vehicle in the 200 block of Congress. Vehicle drivable.

Pacific Grove: Report of egging of a single-family home on Park Street.

Pacific Grove: Battery occurred in the 1000 block of Congress.

Pacific Grove: Hit-and-run collision on Central related to a DUI investigation.

Pacific Grove: Officers responded to a report of a reckless vehicle and a hit-and-run collision. Officers located a subject who identified himself as the driver of the vehicle. The 28-year-old male was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol/hit-and-run. Released to a family member with a citation.

Carmel area: Documentation of a verbal altercation on Ocean Avenue.

Big Sur: Deputies were dispatched to Highway 1 for a welfare check. One male was placed on a W&I 5150 hold [danger to self or others].

See **POLICE LOG** page 8RE
in the Real Estate Section



The gavel falls

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

July 22 — Joel Gonzalez, 22, of Watsonville, pled no contest on July 20 to two counts of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and one count of driving under the influence of alcohol causing injury.

On Sept. 26, 2020, just after 10 p.m., Gonzalez was traveling southbound on San Miguel Canyon Road in his 2017 Chevrolet Silverado. Gonzalez attempted to pass a line of five cars that were driving in front of him.

Due to his intoxication, he failed to safely negotiate the passing maneuver and crashed head on into a northbound Nissan Versa. The two occupants of the Nissan, Hiedi Jo Debellotte, 53, and Kristen Debellotte, 58, were pronounced dead at the scene. Gonzalez and four passengers in his vehicle received minor injuries.

After the collision, Gonzalez was contacted by California Highway Patrol officers who observed that he appeared to be under the influence of alcohol. Gonzalez submitted to a breath test and was found to have a blood alcohol concentration of .13,

well above the legal limit of .08.

Gonzalez faces up to 12 years and four months in state prison.

July 27 — Monterey County Superior Court approved a property in Bradley for 68-year-old sexually violent predator Jorge Rubio's supervised release.

Rubio was convicted of multiple sex offenses against children in the 1980s and 1990s for which a jury subsequently designated him a sexually violent predator resulting in his indefinite commitment to the state hospital. In September 2006, following his prison sentence, Rubio was transferred to Coalinga State Hospital where he remains today.

In December 2019, the state hospital recommended supervised release pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 6608. Although the state hospital found Rubio is still a sexually violent predator, it concluded his treatment has progressed

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in the Real Estate Section

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Woman who wanted to free ‘demons’ arrested for starting major wildfire

By MARY SCHLEY

A WOMAN who set fire to a large tree stump in Carmel Valley in August was arrested Sept. 22 for allegedly starting a wildfire near Lake Shasta. That blaze, known as the Fawn Fire, had burned nearly 8,600 acres, destroyed 185 structures and damaged 26 more as of Thursday. Cal Fire reported it was 90 percent contained.

Subsequent to her arrest for starting it, 30-year-old Alexandra Souverneva is being investigated in connection with numerous fires throughout the state, according to Monterey County Regional Fire Division Chief Eric Ulwelling.

“They’re looking at her through the lens of being a serial arsonist,” he said Wednesday.



Alexandra Souverneva

A fire captain who interviewed Souverneva said she told him she was “going to do this to every tree that is in need of this kind of healing.”

But after the owner of the property where the Carmel Valley fire was set declined to press charges, the confessed arsonist was released and subsequently left the area.

Scientist

She remained out of mind until a week ago, when longtime Cal Fire investigator Richard Lopez learned that Souverneva had been arrested for intentionally starting the Shasta County fire, which injured three firefighters, forced evacuations and destroyed hundreds of buildings.

Firefighters who responded to the Fawn Fire in its early stages Sept. 22 said

Souverneva emerged from nearby brush and told them she was “lost and disoriented and was boiling bear urine to hydrate herself,” Ulwelling said. “They are now investigating fires as far south as Los Angeles in connection with her.”

According to her LinkedIn profile, Souverneva calls herself a “shaman” and was recently trained in yoga instruction, but has a background in chemistry, including a B.S. from Cal Tech, a year of Ph.D. studies in environmental chemistry at the State University of New York, and jobs as a research associate at two biotech companies in Silicon Valley. She speaks four languages — English, Russian, Spanish and German — and is from the Palo Alto area.

‘Healing’ trees

Ulwelling was on call during the Aug. 8 Carmel Valley incident, when firefighters were dispatched to fight a vegetation fire that turned out to be a burning stump in a housing development on the east edge of the Village. Residents were trying to douse the flames when firefighters arrived around 10:25 a.m. to extinguish the fire, chop up the several-foot-diameter stump and cover it with water and foam.

It was during that time that the woman identified as Souverneva told them she had started the fire on purpose.

“She wanted to release demons from the tree back into the earth,” Ulwelling said.

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By ELAINE HESSER

ONE OF the oldest music festivals in the United States, the Carmel Bach Festival returns to Sunset Center from Oct. 23 through Nov. 5. Since 1935, the festival has only been canceled three times — twice during World War II, and again in 2020, when Covid-19 shut down the world. This year, the event was moved to October to allow time for organizers, musicians and audiences to make their plans.

Festival director of marketing Scott Seward said that the Oct. 23 concert, which will be repeated Oct. 30, is titled "Reunion," as the musicians — many of whom have been traveling to the festival from all over for years, even decades — happily come together on Sunset Center's stage to perform for live audiences once more.

In his book "Carmel Impresarios," chronicling the festival's history, David Gordon quoted Susan Porter from the July 19, 1946, edition of The Pine Cone.

"During the war years, the festival remained a reality in our thoughts. We waited, knowing it would return." Porter continued, "It is an entity, an organic thing, and we believe that it has grown stronger in its silence." Substitute "plague" for "war," and it would be an apt sentiment today.

"We're proud of our longevity," Seward said. "We're proud to be one of the oldest arts organizations on the West Coast, and all that's because the residents of Carmel have been supporting us for that many years."

Of course, there will be some changes. If you're planning to attend the concerts, you'll need to bring a mask and proof of vaccination. Seward said that your immunization card or a picture of it on your phone would be acceptable. To discourage mingling and shorten the amount of time everyone's together, all concerts will be no more than one hour long, and there will be no intermissions.

The popular Tower Brass concerts and the art raffle have been sidelined this year, and

the number of performers onstage will be smaller than regulars are accustomed to seeing. That's for the musicians' safety, but it worked out well since many of them work in education and are unavailable in the middle of their fall terms, Seward said. Happily, many of them are also finding themselves quite busy with live gigs again.

Force of nature

Opening night will feature the Festival Orchestra and Chorale, under the baton of Paul Goodwin, principal conductor and artistic director since 2011, who is kicking off his farewell season with the event. Seward said that a search is underway for his replacement.

The evening will begin with Johann Sebastian Bach's "Der Geist hilft unser Schwachheit auf," or "The Spirit gives aid to our weakness," which Seward noted was an appropriate sentiment for 2020. The second piece, presented in English, will be George Frideric Handel's "Ode for St. Cecilia's Day."

In the Roman Catholic tradition, Cecilia is known as the patron saint of music and musicians, because she reportedly heard heavenly music in her heart during her wedding ceremony. Handel's piece is based on a poem written by John Dryden of England in 1687 about the power of music, almost as a force of nature.

From the creation of the world until its end, Dryden wrote, music accompanies war and love alike, culminating in the trumpet that will sound during "the last and dreadful hour" of "this crumbling pageant."

To share in what promises to be a deeply moving performance, go to bachfestival.org for additional information, the full festival schedule, and tickets.



PHOTO/RANDY TUNNELL

There was plenty to cheer about at this 2019 gathering of Bach Festival musicians and supporters. After a hiatus in 2020, the music returns later this month.

Byrne is CRA's Citizen of the Year

By MARY SCHLEY

A VOLUNTEER and contributor heralded for his seemingly tireless work on behalf of the city will be honored as the Carmel Residents Association's Citizen of the Year at a party Oct. 10.

Dale Byrne, who created the nonprofit Carmel Cares and has organized volunteer labor and donations to the city worth more than \$100,000, is set to join a list of 32 citizens honored by the residents group over the years.

Byrne's nonprofit was named an official city support group by the city council last month.

"Carmel Cares is a group of residents dedicated to keeping Carmel-by-the-Sea a beautiful, safe and inviting place," public works director Bob Harary said in his Sept. 7 staff report for the council. Volunteers work on maintenance and improvement projects alongside professionals, create and sponsor community engagement programs, and educate the public on issues such as litter reduction and recycling.



Dale Byrne

Tireless work

Byrne and his volunteers have put thousands of hours into revitalizing the Scenic Road pathway and Devendorf Park, improving the grounds and facilities at the Forest Theater, and beautifying the Sunset Center campus and Vista Lobos Park. Byrne constructed newspaper kiosks on Ocean and donated power tools, a small utility vehicle for watering trees, a sidewalk sweeper and landscape equipment to public works.

Byrne has also organized groups of volunteers under names like Pickup Posse, which cleans trash off the streets, Tree Tenders who adopt and raise seedlings to plant in the urban forest, and Median Minders who maintain small open spaces like medians and easements.

"Volunteer participation in all of these groups has been continuously increasing since the city's partnership with Carmel Cares was established in mid-2020," Harary wrote. Carmel Cares and its volunteer groups operate under the guidance of public works and other city agencies.

The CRA plans to honor Byrne, who moved here full-time with his wife, Margaret, more than seven years ago after selling his tech company and started his volunteer efforts by serving at the chamber of commerce's visitor center. He also worked with Lynn Momboisse to expand the Carmel-by-the-Sea Voice Map Tours.

At the CRA's party, which will be held at the Carmel Woman's Club at 2 p.m., local and regional civic dignitaries will present certificates to Byrne, and everyone will be invited to mingle and enjoy hearty hors d'oeuvres, cake and drinks.

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MONTEREY HOTEL OFFERING FREE CORONAVIRUS TESTING FOR ALL

By KELLY NIX

ONE OF Monterey's most prominent hotels has partnered with a bio-health tech company to offer free Covid-19 testing services for guests, employees and members of the public.

On Tuesday, the Portola Hotel, in partnership with San Mateo company Virus Geeks Inc., opened a coronavirus testing center to create a safe environment for staff, guests and members of the public, according to management. The center is located inside the hotel in a coffee shop which is temporary closed.

Portola Hotel & Spa managing director Janine Chicourrat told The Pine Cone that the idea began as a way to make it more convenient to test the hotel's unvaccinated employees, which must be tested twice a week.

"With outbreaks in schools, it makes it easy for all our employees to bring their children here to get tested, along with any family members who may need it," Chicourrat told The Pine Cone, adding that anybody can get tested at the center.

Will test anyone

Guests who stay at the Portola Hotel with large groups will also have a convenient way to find out if they have Covid, since some organizations require testing, as will international guests, many of whom have to show negative tests before returning to their home countries.

The reception Tuesday was "extremely positive," Chicourrat said.

"I think the convenience factor for our

employees, guests and community is going to drive people here to be tested," she explained. "We also get a lot of foot traffic headed to Fisherman's Wharf, so that may drive some people to spontaneously get tested."

The PCR tests usually have 24- to 48-hour turnaround times, although Chicourrat said she got her results back in less than 12 hours.

"They have a giant lab they send the samples to for testing," she said. "They are going to add rapid testing in a few weeks, but they don't qualify for international travel. I also believe there will be a fee for them."

Virus Geeks bills customers' medical insurance, but anyone who doesn't have insurance can still get tested.

"Once you have an account set up, all you do for additional tests is give your name and date of birth," Chicourrat said.

The center, which is free, will be open Tuesdays to Saturdays, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., on a walk-in basis.

Chicourrat said the hotel signed a one-year agreement with Virus Geeks, but either party can cancel if they provide a 30-day notice.

According to its website, Virus Geeks is a "data-driven bio-health technology company that develops health-centric initiatives to improve the quality of life through strategic partnerships across healthcare and biotechnology sectors."

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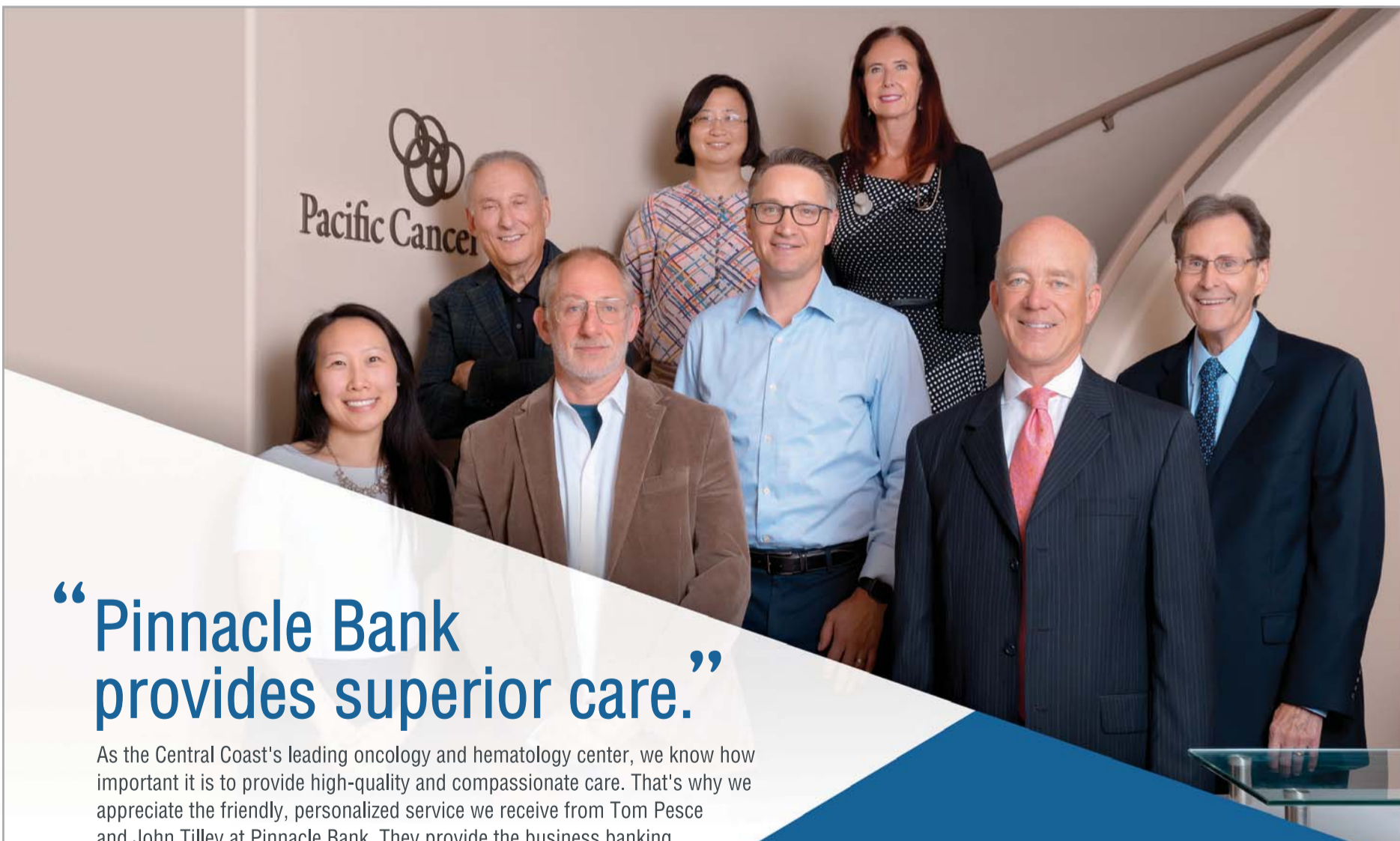
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Property owner asks city to sell him ‘surplus’ land

By MARY SCHLEY

A HOMEOWNER who has spent the last half-dozen years trying to build on his Eighth Avenue lot — but has failed to convince the city to let him construct retaining walls across the public right of way to accommodate a driveway — will ask the city council Oct. 5 to consider selling the land to him for just over \$86,000.

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Thomas Fountain owns a house on the northwest corner of Junipero and Eighth on a 3,000-square-foot lot and a second 2,000-square-foot lot behind it on which he wants to build a duplex that would require retaining walls for a driveway providing access onto Eighth. At an April 2019 city council meeting — the most recent one involving his proposal — attorney Tony Lombardo said his client had been trying to do what the city asked, including designing a sidewalk to build on his land on the north side of Eighth in exchange for an easement, only to have the forest and beach commission deny his request to remove trees to accommodate it.

“If you want the sidewalk, we’re happy to have it approved and built,” Lombardo told the council at that hearing. “If you don’t want the sidewalk, we’re happy to move forward with our original proposal.”

But the council didn’t make a decision at that meeting, instead continuing the application with a request for more changes.

The new request

The idea went dormant until Lombardo sent a June 16 email asking the city to consider officially abandoning the sloped land along Eighth adjacent to the two lots, senior planner Marnie Waffle says in her Oct. 5 report for the council, so the lot would be large enough to accommodate two attached houses. (Based on 2,000 square feet, due to density requirements, the duplex would have to include one affordable unit, which Fountain says wouldn’t be economically feasible, according to Waffle.) It would also eliminate the need for an easement.

“The total amount of right of way requested to be abandoned between the two parcels is 1,103.15 square feet,” which realtor Doug Steiny valued at \$78 per square foot, or \$86,045.70, according to Waffle. Fountain is willing to give that money to the city in exchange for the property.

But before the city can vacate the right of way, the council must declare the land as surplus in accordance with the Surplus Land Act, according to Waffle’s report. If the council decides the right of way “is unnecessary for present or prospective public use,” she will return at a future meeting with a resolution vacating the area and setting any necessary conditions that must be satisfied for the deal to be done.

And if the city council decides the land should stay in the public’s hands for current or future possible use, “that decision would be final.”

Unheard of?

The city published legal notices about the proposed abandonment that caught the eye of some, including former Mayor Steve Dallas, who said he’s never seen such a proposal in his decades of living here.

“This area is how kids walked for years and years to the Scout House/Carmel Ballet and the only access to walk on the north side of Eighth Avenue between Junipero Avenue and Mission Street,” he said. “What am I missing?”

The council meeting is set to start at 4:30 p.m. Oct. 5 and will be held via Zoom. Find the report and logon information at ci.carmel.ca.us.

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MONTEREY COUNTY TEEN TAKES PRO-JUNIOR TITLE AT FIRST TEE TOURNAMENT

By MARY SCHLEY

AN 18-YEAR-OLD Stevenson School senior and her pro partner claimed the team title in the Pure Insurance First Tee championship at Pebble Beach Sunday, shooting 26-under in the three-day tournament.

Sydney Craven, who also plays basketball and volleyball, was the only Monterey County junior to qualify for

the tournament, which paired 81 juniors from First Tee programs throughout the country with pros playing on the PGA's Champions Tour. Her pro partner was Tim Petrovic.

"I have had the pleasure of playing with Sydney a couple of times," Dan Mitchell, head of Stevenson's upper school, said Thursday. "She's a fierce competitor."

Stevenson athletics director Justin Clymo, who has known Craven since she was in middle school and has been her adviser throughout her high school years, said she "represented the coaches and the school better than we could have dreamed of."

Clymo attributed Craven's success on the golf course to her playing several different sports and the maturity she's gained over the years.

"She's learned how to manage the stress, pressure and anxiety that come in those moments," he said. "Being a multi-sport athlete allows her to draw from those experiences to ground herself, especially when she needs to make a shot."

She delivered

Throughout the tournament, which was played at Spyglass Hill and the Pebble Beach Golf Links, Craven's friends, family, coaches, teachers and others followed her progress, as did fans of her pro partner, so she spent much of the time playing in front of a significant gallery.

As a younger player, Clymo said, some high-pressure moments were too much for her, "but clearly she's getting to a place where she's seen the proverbial movie before and has developed coping mechanisms" that allowed her to keep her head and play consistently good golf through-

out the tournament.

Craven, who also serves on the school's student council and the Interact Club, and volunteers at Carmel Mission, has been involved with the local First Tee chapter for nine years and holds an 8 handicap. According to the First Tee, she "credits the program for developing life skills and a deeper appreciation of values, such as responsibility, that will help her become a leader," and she hopes to play collegiate golf and one day land a spot on the LPGA Tour — which is set to hold its first Pebble Beach U.S. Open tournament in 2023.

Clymo said her performance in the First Tee tournament should give her a leg up with college coaches who might be impressed with her performance on a bigger stage.

"You're under the microscope and you have to deliver, and she did that repeatedly," he said.



Sydney Craven, a senior at Stevenson School, won the female junior title in the Pure Insurance Championship golf tournament.

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Woman refuses to leave elm that Pacific Grove wants to cut down

By KELLY NIX

A WOMAN opposed to Pacific Grove's decision to remove a large elm near the city's museum staged a tree-sitting protest Thursday morning and remained in the tree even after being threatened with arrest.

Rebecca Lee climbed the 40-foot tree the same day the city was scheduled to cut it down. City officials say the elm is in poor condition and poses a danger to the public, a claim Lee and others reject.

"I'm doing this to save the tree because I do not believe it's a danger to people," Lee told The Pine Cone around 9 a.m., about three hours after she climbed the elm. She added that the tree is also an important element, during "this time of climate crisis," for oxygen production.

Lee had hoped for a court order Thursday requiring Pacific Grove to halt the removal until a judge heard arguments from the city and opponents, but she said there had been some snags with the process.

She was secured into the tree with a rope line, and while she had a pillow, said she was uncomfortable. Lee said her biggest concern was how she would go to the bathroom.

"It's going to be hard to stay longer than today and part of tonight," she said.

Several Pacific Grove Police officers and P.G. public works director Daniel Gho showed up to the park Thursday morning after Lee had taken up her somewhat precarious perch in the elm.

"If I didn't come down, they were going to write up the paperwork for a warrant for my arrest and I would be charged with a

misdemeanor," she explained, adding that the officers told her that climbing the tree and refusing to get down amounted to trespassing.

Officers then blocked off Forest Avenue at Central and told Lee she would also face an additional charge for the street closure, according to Lee.

'Liability'

The roots of the elm have caused the sidewalk to buckle, which officials say poses a tripping hazard. Opponents of the removal say the tree could be saved if the work crews eliminated two parking spots and curved the sidewalk around it. Pacific Grove's beautification and natural resource commission on Aug. 17 voted to save the



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Rebecca Lee used her cell phone to call an attorney in hopes of stopping the tree removal.

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Students create huge sea life mural

By KELLY NIX

NEARLY 400 students at Forest Grove Elementary School in Pacific Grove got lessons in art and teamwork last week when they helped a professional artist create a giant mural depicting local wildlife and sea life.

Forest Grove pupils help create a chalk mural each year. This year, former high school art teacher Kim Kasner Stone proposed a roughly 65-foot-by-24-foot mural on the blacktop of one of the school's playgrounds, and last week it all came together.

Kelly San Filippo, a parent and Forest Grove's PTA president, said Stone used chalk to create grids for the mural on Sept. 22 before sketching out the artwork in dark blue chalk a day later.

"So on Friday, when students came to color it in with chalk, they had an area or an object to focus on," San Filippo told The Pine Cone.

Stone also marked what color chalk to use to help guide the younger students, and all 393 of them participated in the art project during their PE time. Each student spent 20 to 30 minutes on it, and parents helped by blending the chalk together using soft rags.

The mural depicts a humpback whale, sea otters, starfish, jellyfish, monarch butterflies, seaweed, flowers and other features. Students began the project at 9 a.m. and finished at 3 p.m., San Filippo said. Stone touched up some spots and cleaned up afterward.

"The really cool part about Kim's mural is that it's interactive," San Filippo explained. "There are footprints — on the beach, whale, paddle boards, butterflies, etc. — so students can walk through the mural following the footprints."

Short-lived

Because the chalk mural at Forest Grove will likely only last until the next rain, photographer Paul Black, using a drone, took aerial photos of the finished product to memorialize it.

Stone, a mother of two who moved to Pacific Grove in 2018, has a small wood-burning business making custom pet portraits, often for those who are grieving over the loss of their pets.

"I also enjoy making artwork about California wildlife and all sorts of things in nature, particularly marine life," she said. "What better place to explore this interest than Monterey Bay?"



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Parklets, composting, sign rules and interim police chief on council agenda

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CITY council Oct. 5 will get its first look at new laws mandating that food scraps and other organic waste be composted instead of thrown in the landfill and updated rules on signs that comply with the First Amendment, according to the agenda released this week.

The council will also again decide whether to allow restaurants to continue

servicing customers outside on public property and will be asked to vote to appoint Brian Uhler as interim police chief to replace Paul Tomasi, who is leaving to become head of security at the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

Organic waste rules

A state law aimed at diverting 75 percent of organic waste from the dump and cutting food waste by 20 percent by 2025

takes effect in January, with enforcement beginning in 2024, and the city has to update its laws on “Solid Waste and Materials Recovery” and “Conduct on Public Property” to reflect new requirements for residents, businesses and the local government, as well as the contracted trash hauler, GreenWaste.

The new state regulations “require the city to develop commercial and residential organic waste collection programs, edible food recovery programs, procurement mechanisms for SB 1383-qualifying recycled content products, monitoring, enforcement, and penalties for non-compliance with the new mandates,” according to the city’s environmental compliance manager, Agnes Martelet.

Also at the Oct. 5 meeting, which starts at 4:30 p.m. and will be held via Zoom, council members will consider revamped rules for signs that don’t impose limits on what they say, just on how they look. The city’s 15-page, restrictive ordinance has dictated the content of signs in many respects, but the city attorney recently noted the First Amendment forbids local governments from imposing such “content-based” restrictions, so he worked with the planning director on a major revision.

The ongoing debate over parklets — which now cost restaurants \$842 per parking space — is also set to continue, with the council again facing the question of whether to force them to remove the temporary outdoor dining areas on public property or let them remain.

Chief contract

Because the man who’s stepping in to replace Tomasi until the city hires another permanent chief recently retired as chief of South Lake Tahoe’s department and is already collecting a public pension, the law requires the city council to approve his appointment. Council members are set to do that, and to authorize his contract with the city.

In addition to those public hearings, the agenda includes several routine items on the consent calendar, which can be adopted as a whole unless someone requests otherwise. Included on the list for Tuesday’s meetings are new or updated agreements with a few city contractors, including Tope’s Tree Service and a company that will begin scanning property files.

For a full agenda, as well as how to participate in the meeting, go to ci.carmel.ca.us.

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DEADLINE

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1,000 employees, still had not been inoculated against the coronavirus.

While spokeswoman Maia Carroll said the gap of unvaccinated workers narrowed to about 15 percent this week, it means hundreds of employees are still not immunized and could face disciplinary action or termination. The county could have major staffing challenges on its hands if it has to lay off hundreds of workers.

Carroll said that those who don't get the vaccine by the deadline could face termination but added that each situation is different and that some employees could be represented by labor unions amid disputes.

There are dozens of employees who have filed for med-

ical and religious exemptions, and the county has granted many of those requests.

"We want to make Covid-19 something that is non-existent," McKee said.

The supervisors had also required employees to certify their vaccination status, and McKee said 92 percent of county workers have completed the certification.

CHOMP employee losses

Meanwhile, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula expects to lose two staff doctors, as many as 35 nurses and possibly dozens of other employees who will either quit or be fired for refusing to get vaccinated against Covid-19, according to hospital officials, while a group of employees is planning on filing a lawsuit against the hospital.

The end of Thursday marked the deadline for employees at CHOMP and the county's other three hospitals,

including Natividad Medical Center and Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System, to be immunized against the coronavirus or risk losing their jobs. As of Tuesday, 96 percent of CHOMP employees were inoculated against Covid-19.

However, officials with CHOMP and parent company Montage Health contend it's imperative that 100 percent of its workforce be fully vaccinated to keep its staff and patients safe.

"After consulting with infectious disease experts from around the state, Montage Health has taken a stand that any policy that allows for unvaccinated workers in a healthcare system puts patients and co-workers at increased risk," spokeswoman Monica Sciuto told The Pine Cone this week.

The hospital's human resources department this week sent letters to unvaccinated employees warning them they would not be permitted to work after midnight on Sept. 28 and would be considered "suspended" starting Oct. 1.

"If you remain non-compliant as of Oct. 8, you will continue to be suspended and your disciplinary status will be probation," the letter said. "Continued non-compliance will result in termination of your employment effective Oct. 15."

Fired employees will be issued checks for any remaining paid leave time that same day, CHOMP said.

"Montage Health is being joined by other healthcare organizations in Monterey County and in the state that are going beyond the minimum requirement to achieve the maximum level of safety for our patients, employees, and community," Sciuto explained.

She added that the hospital truly values its employees and that it hopes more will decide to get vaccinated.

Rallying in opposition

At least 70 nurses and other CHOMP employees op-

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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 Community Planning & Building Department at City Hall located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921 or P.O. Box CC, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921 or by email bswanson@ci.carmel.ca.us prior to the meeting. With respect to written comments, please submit them at least 2 hours before the meeting in order to ensure they are provided to the legislative body 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 legislative body 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>, and found by clicking on "Government" and then "Meetings". The Planning Commission meeting will be broadcast live on the City's website at <http://carmel.novusagenda.com/agenda/publicmeetingsresponsive.aspx> and the City's YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAYOellwM1JCDkzD7Js86mA>, and archived there after the meeting. For more information regarding Planning Commission meetings, please contact the Community Planning & Building Department at (831) 620-2010.

UP 21-308 (The Xocolatl Garden)
Ariel Wolansky, Business Owner
Ocean Avenue 4 SW of Dolores Street, Unit C, Block 75, Lot 4
APN: 010-147-015-000
Consideration of a Use Permit (UP 21-308, The Xocolatl Garden) for the establishment of a new Specialty Food Store located adjacent to the courtyard of the Der Ling Building on the south side of Ocean Avenue between Dolores Street and Lincoln Street in the Central Commercial (CC) Zoning District; APN: 010-147-015-000.

UP 21-149 (The Carmel Boutique)
Erez Chen, Business Owner
Ocean Avenue 2 NE of Dolores Street Block 71, Lot 8 & 9
APN: 010-134-009-000
Consideration of a Use Permit (UP 21-149, Carmel Boutique) for the establishment of Cosmetic Store located on Ocean Avenue 2 Northeast of Dolores Street in the Central Commercial (CC) Zoning District; APN: 010-134-009-000

DR 21-114 & UP 21-226 (The Conservatory)
Robert Carver, Architect
Dolores Street 2 SW 7th Avenue Block 75, Lot 19
APN: 010-147-006-000

Consideration of a Design Review Application and Use Permit (DR 21-114 & UP 21-226, The Conservatory) for a remodel and structural seismic retrofit of an historic 5,857 sf structure, the addition of a 986 sf interior balcony, staircase, elevator, and elevator mechanical room, basement addition, the repair a leaking roof and install new solar panel array, and the addition of new electrical, HVAC, plumbing, and acoustic infrastructure, as well as a new skylight and exterior windows to the China Arts Building located at Dolores 2 Northwest of 7th Avenue in the Central Commercial (CC) Zoning District and Downtown Conservation District (CD) Overlay; APN: 010-147-006-000.

DS 21-068 (Gardon)
Dale Gardon, Property Owner
Carpenter Street 2 SW of 4th Avenue Block: 44, Lot: 3
APN: 010-031-002-000
Consideration of a Combined Concept and Final Design Study (DS 21-068, Gardon) and associated Coastal Development Permit for a 59 square foot addition to an existing single-family residence, construction of a new 249 square foot detached garage located in the front setback, and site improvements including: reconstruction of a deck at the front of the residence over the garage, new driveway, new walkways, and various landscape improvements located on Carpenter Street 2 SW of 4th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District; APN: 010-031-002-000.

DS 21-250 (Krugler)
Claudio Ortiz, Designer
Crespi Avenue, 9 SE of Mountain View Avenue Block 104; Lots: 10 & 11
APN: 010-054-010-000
Consideration of a Combined Concept and Final Design Study (DS 21-250, Krugler) and associated Coastal Development Permit for a 201-square-foot addition to the rear of an existing single-family residence, construction of a new 200 square foot detached garage to replace an existing parking pad, and site improvements including: new walkways, and various landscape improvements located on Crespi Avenue 9 southeast of Mountain View Avenue in the Beach Overlay (AB), Archaeological Significance (AS) Overlay, Park (P) Overlay, and Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District; APN: 010-054-010-000.

DR 21-087 & VA 21-214 (Bell)
International Design Group
Mission Street 3 northeast of 8th Avenue Block 89, lot 14
APN: 010-087-016-000
Consideration of a Final Design Study (DS 21-087), Variance (VA 21-214), and associated Coastal Development Permit for the demolition of a 1,261 square-foot single-story residence and construction of a 2,250 square-foot two-story residence, inclusive of an attached garage, and modification of maximum site coverage regulations located on Mission Street 3 Northeast of 8th Avenue in the Residential and Limited Commercial (RC) Zoning District; APN 010-087-016-000.

DS 21-024 (Jenkins)
Eric Miller Architects
Scenic Road 6 southeast of Ocean Avenue Block C1, Lot 5
APN: 010-311-016-000
Consideration of a combined Concept and Final Design Study and associated Coastal Development Permit for a remodel of a single-family dwelling including 914 cubic yards of grading located on Scenic Road 6 southeast of Ocean Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1), Archaeological Significance (AS) Overlay, Park (P) Overlay, and Beach & Riparian (BR) Overlay Districts; APN 010-311-016-000

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CHOMP

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posed to the vaccine mandate are pushing back.

A group started by CHOMP nurse Elis Sims called Monterey Healthcare Workers for Medical Freedom held a rally at Windows on the Bay Sept. 26 to protest the state mandate and the hospital's policies surrounding the requirement.

Lawsuit pending?

Group organizer Seth Kinkade said the hospital has not offered concessions for employees with autoimmune disorders whose doctors recommended they not get immunized, pregnant women who "wish to protect their unborn from an experimental drug," and others.

Sciuto explained that pregnant employees who refuse the vaccine were offered a leave of absence with full medical benefits.

"Once the child is born and their maternity leave is over, they are welcome to get vaccinated and come back to work," she said.

Kinkade said the freedom group is in touch with a law firm in Los Angeles and is planning on suing CHOMP over its strict immunization mandate.

"We are working with Watkins & Letof-

sky, who is suing the city of L.A. on behalf of the Los Angeles Police Department" for a vaccine requirement.

Eliminating dozens of unvaccinated CHOMP employees, Kinkade claimed, would cause a shortage of healthcare workers, whom he said are already under a lot of stress.

The hospital, he said, is replacing experienced staff with less experienced workers.

"Montage is pushing out essential workers with an average of 10-plus years of experience," he said. "Instead, Montage is hiring newly graduated nurses, and are offering two to three times [the pay] to procure temporary travel nurses."

Sciuto said the hospital estimates it will need to hire 30 to 35 nurses if all the currently unvaccinated ones leave. She confirmed that two doctors are expected to leave CHOMP's medical staff because of the mandate.

Dozens of non-medical staff at the hospital could also lose their jobs if they don't get vaccinated.

The hospital, Sciuto said, is using its "normal recruiting practices for new hires," and will pay market rate for traveling nurses, which she said is 65 percent higher than the pre-pandemic rates.

"The average tenure of the CHOMP nurses who have not been vaccinated to date is 7.6 years of service," she explained.

CHOMP nurse Amanda Strauthers, who works in the cardiac and stroke unit, applied for a religious exemption in hopes that biweekly Covid testing and other safety measures would allow her to keep her job. The hospital turned down her request, citing the threat of her unvaccinated status to the health and safety of its patients, co-workers and others.

"What is alarming to me is that other hospitals in the San Francisco Bay Area are accepting exemptions with the accommodation of biweekly testing and wearing N95 masks," Strauthers, who has worked at CHOMP for about six years, told The Pine Cone. "Does this mean their patients are not safe? Even the statewide mandate is allowing for exemptions with weekly testing."

'The right thing'

While the California Department of Public Health in August issued the vaccine mandate for healthcare workers, some hospitals, such as CHOMP, have opted to impose stricter rules with regard to exemp-

tions and other policies related to the requirement.

Meanwhile, Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System and Natividad Medical Center could also lose dozens of employees because of the mandate, although both hospitals reported improved vaccination rates from last week.

Natividad spokeswoman Hillary Fish said 92 percent of its 1,665-strong workforce is immunized against the virus, while Salinas Valley spokeswoman Karina Rusk said its vaccination rate has topped 96 percent.

Salinas Valley Memorial President Pete Delgado said the hospital is "standing firm" that it is doing the right thing for its patients and the community, though acknowledged not everyone is happy.

"Science, law and a fierce desire to ensure the safety of everyone on our campus have led us to the determination that we cannot allow unvaccinated employees to work in close proximity to others," Delgado said. "We reached this conclusion after a great deal of discussion and thought."

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Red Cross warns of major blood shortage

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE AMERICAN Red Cross is collaborating on a blood drive in Seaside on Saturday, Oct. 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event, dubbed the Sand City and Seaside Police Community Blood Drive, will be at the Community Center at Soper Field, 220 Coe Ave.

Donors of all blood types, but especially Type O, are encouraged to give as the organization says it's experiencing a "an emergency blood and platelet shortage."

The Red Cross' national inventory hasn't been this low since 2015, organizers write, and the group attributes that to more people working or learning from home in the last 18 months.

Participants will receive a link by email to get a \$5

e-gift card to a merchant of their choice. People can save time by completing information online in advance at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass before going to the drive.

The group added that donors should be at least 17 years old, healthy and weigh at least 110 pounds. Those who identify themselves as African Americans will also receive a sickle-cell screening and receive the results within one or two weeks.

Seaside Fire open house

Meanwhile, a short distance away from the police departments' blood drive, Seaside Fire will be hosting its annual open house Oct. 2 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., with demonstrations and lots of safety information, free hamburgers and hot dogs prepared by the police officers association, popcorn, face painting, games and music.

The station is located at 1635 Broadway Ave.

SHIRLEY JOHNSON

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Pebble Beach

Shirley Claire Johnson, long-time resident of Pebble Beach, passed away peacefully at her home, surrounded by loving family and caregivers on September 16, 2021. She was born in San Jose, California, on March 10, 1928. She graduated from Los Gatos High School and attended the University of the Pacific for two years.

Although she lived in many locations over the years, her heart was always in California. She and her husband Ken had their dream home built overlooking the Pacific Ocean. They spent their retirement years there and Shirley was able to stay in their home until the end.

Shirley is survived by her children, Valerie and Erik, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. At her request, no services will be held. Please visit www.thepaulmortuary.com to sign Shirley's guest book and leave messages for her family.



Steven Hinck

Steven Hinck was born May 31st, 1960, and died September 17th, 2021.

Steven moved to Carmel Valley from Portland, Oregon. He graduated from The Orme School in Arizona and attended university at Boulder. Steven was a substitute teacher for the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District in Monterey and Seaside. He loved his students.

Steven is survived by his mother as well as his cousins, Don Hinck, Patty Hinck and Merideth Seymour.

His favorite quote was "A mind is a terrible thing to waste."

In lieu of flowers please make contributions to Cachagua Volunteer Firefighters, Inc., P.O. Box 404, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.

His celebration of life will take place at the Cachagua Community Park at 2 p.m. Saturday, October 9.

MARY ADA TORRAS MORTON

1926-2021

Mary Ada Torras Morton, 95, passed away peacefully on September 2, 2021, at 5:30 a.m. in Monterey, CA, in the presence of her loving family.

Born in Carmel on January 30, 1926, to Vincent A. Torras, longtime Carmel fire chief and Mary E. Torras, an immigrant from Glasgow, Scotland, Ada lived her entire life as a Carmel resident, attending both Sunset School and Carmel High. At the age of 18 she began her nursing training at San Francisco's Women & Children's Hospital, and upon graduating joined the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corp intending to serve overseas during World War II, which ended before she could ship out.



Quiet and unassuming, Ada often described herself as "a non-joiner." However, throughout her life, she demonstrated quite the opposite. Her long nursing career and ongoing volunteerism revealed an undercurrent of energy and devotion for committing her time to many community causes. As Director of Nursing at the old Carmel Convalescent Hospital, she taught and inspired many local women to pursue a career in nursing and a devotion to healing. She co-founded and sponsored the Gateway Center of Pacific Grove, a residence for children with disabilities, the first facility of its kind on the Monterey Peninsula.

Ada was a devout member of the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula, and for many years volunteered as its librarian and historian, working tirelessly to research, catalogue, and record church literature and history. She is fondly remembered and loved by her congregation. Ada and her sister Willette were also their family's historians, compiling numerous photos, articles, and genealogical data of their Scottish and Spanish heritage. Her family is ever grateful for their invaluable work.

In her personal life, Ada was a naturalist and an artist. A lifelong member of the Ventana Chapter of the Sierra Club, she hiked the local trails, hills and shores that inspired her art. Through her sketches and paintings of local and Alaskan wildlife, mountains and marine scapes, she portrayed the stunning beauty of all she saw in the natural world. She sold some of her artwork to local galleries, but has gifted most to her family. Ada's handwoven crafts have raised money for local charities over time as well.

As beloved Matriarch with a zest for life, Ada spared nothing to teach us all the value of family and of keeping commitments to our community. She was our center post, our quiet stalwart, our steady hand. She never faltered in helping others or in giving sound counsel to anyone who asked.

Ada is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Donald R. Morton, her beloved daughter Mary Ellen Morton, her older brother Vincent Torras Jr. and her younger sister Willette Janes from Juneau, Alaska. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law James and Else Morton, their children Kristina and Erik Morton, and great-grandson Elliot. Ada also leaves behind many adoring nieces and nephews from California, Oregon, Washington and Alaska.

Donations in her name may be sent to the Salvation Army and to Westland House in Monterey.

A memorial service will be celebrated at a later date.



GEORGE GORDON FRALEY

George Gordon Fraley was born on December 28, 1923, and passed away July 31, 2021, at the age of 97.

He resided with his wife of 58 years in Pebble Beach. He was cremated at the Trident Society. He passed peacefully of natural causes.

He attended Monterey High School and the Oakland College of Arts and Crafts.

His service in the U.S. Navy included a tour in the Pacific Theater as a Seabee. After the war ended, he worked as a commercial diver for the Monterey canneries with his uncle, Eddy Bushnell, under the name of Del Conte Diving Company. In the '60s he opened George Hairstyling in Carmel and worked as the sole proprietor until he retired in 1992.

His hobbies included long distance cycling and foreign sports cars. He was called "Coach" by his cycling club and friends for his knowledge of cycling and foreign racing bicycles. He also loved to dive and spearfish.

He is survived by his wife, Sylvia; his son, Royce; and his stepchildren John, Laura, Richard, Robert and Sylvia; and 5 grandchildren.

His ashes will be scattered at sea in Pacific Grove near his favorite diving spot.

Community meeting for CHS stadium lights

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

HOMEOWNERS IN the Carmel Hills area who oppose a plan to install lights on the athletic field at Carmel High School will be at a community meeting Oct. 5 at the school's auditorium to discuss the proposal's "controversial draft EIR," according to resident Fran Dillard.

During a Carmel Unified School District board meeting last month, residents who had remained fairly silent on the topic at previous meetings stood up to complain about the parking, traffic, noise and litter problems that occur during football games and other events at the school, and speculated the lights would only make those problems worse.

"More than 100 residents signed a petition indicating they didn't support the installation of the lights," Dillard told The Pine Cone, and the residents' lawyer, Zan Henson, raised issues he said were not addressed in the draft EIR.

The four lights, which would be on poles ranging from 70 to 80 feet tall, are needed so school athletes can practice and play after school and have night games, according to district officials. Starting next fall, a new state law kicks in that requires later start times for classes in middle schools and high schools, which means afternoon activities might end up taking place in the dark when the days are shorter. CHS students also want their football games to be on Friday nights instead of midday on Saturdays.

Dillard said the district's new superintendent, Ted Knight, reached out to residents near the 80-year-old school and offered to host a community meeting, which will start at 6 p.m. in the Carmel High auditorium.



Sandra (Stepp) Ciufia

EAST GARRISON

On Saturday, September 18, Sandy Ciufia, loving wife and mother, passed away at age 76.

Sandra (Stepp) Ciufia was born on January 27, 1945, in Tarentum, PA, to Willis and Pauline Stepp. She grew up in Portland, Maine, graduating from Deering High School in 1963. Sandy married Ronald Ellis Moody in April of 1964 and moved to Rochester, N.Y. for a time. She remarried in 1989 to C. Vincent Ciufia, her devoted husband of 32 years. Sandy and Vince have three children between them. They moved to Monterey CA, in 1994 and have remained in this area.

Sandy was renowned for her gentle and loving nature, showing respect to people from all walks of life. She was highly spiritual, practicing in a community of healing, focused on mending brokenness and bringing peace through light and love. She had a successful career in sales and real estate management. Her enthusiasm and positivity were her best attributes, endearing her to everyone she met. Sandy loved people and practiced compassion by bringing companionship, meals and resources to people in need, dear friends, and respected colleagues. She had a wonderful sense of adventure that took her into communities around the world. Her laugh and her smile were infectious.

Sandy was preceded in death by her father, Willis, and her mother, Pauline. She is survived by her husband, Vince; her three children, Kathy, Ron, & Matthew; and four siblings, Jim, Pam, Susie, and Steve. Sandy has seven grandchildren, Preston, Daniel, Parker, Vincent, Nicole, Pyper and Ethan; and one great-granddaughter, Haisley.

A memorial gathering will be held in Sandy's honor on Saturday, October 9th, at The Paul Mortuary, 390 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950. We will gather at 11 a.m. to celebrate her life, followed by a time for fellowship.

Please RSVP to iammoodytoo@gmail.com.

GAEL LINFORD DONOVAN

GAEL LINFORD DONOVAN was born in Palo Alto, California to Lois Linford Brooks Donovan and John Farrington Spencer Donovan on April 4, 1949. Her parents moved shortly afterwards to Carmel. It was in her beloved family home that she passed away on May 18, 2021.

Gael grew up in an environment of art and a bohemian lifestyle. Most of the family friends were members of various art communities. Her mother was an internationally celebrated portrait artist and a passionate explorer of the arts and the ideas of all cultures. She took Gael along for the ride. As a young girl Gael experienced Asia, the South Pacific, South America, and Europe where she spent 1963 attending Lac Lemans Boarding School in Switzerland. Here she developed some lifelong international friendships. Gael graduated from Santa Catalina School in 1967 and Willamette University in Salem, Oregon in 1971. At 27 she and her mother returned to Japan to study with a master screen maker. This event was of great influence on her and created many long-term friendships with Japanese artists. When she returned home to Carmel, she took a job as the seasonal ticket manager for the Carmel Bach Festival.



In 1978 the Carmel Art Association, where her mother was an exhibiting member, needed a secretary. They hired Gael, as she would say, "because she could type." She would stay for two decades, the last eleven years as the director of the CAA. As such, she was instrumental in organizing major historical exhibitions and the publication of distinguished books chronicling CAA artists that have made important contributions to California art.

In 1998 Gael decided to become serious about her own art. She retired from the CAA and headed to the studio. Although Gael was continuously creative her entire life, working in a variety of mediums, she found her way with the paintbrush. In 2005 her skill won her acceptance as an exhibiting artist at the CAA. Gael also served on the board of directors of the CAA.

An avid reader, Gael's interests included everything new to things of the past. When she turned her attention to a subject, she would immerse herself in it. From building a spinning wheel, fabric coloring, to family histories and computer science, it was all on her schedule! As an expert in computer searches, she delighted many of her friends by handing them print-outs of their family ancestry. Gael was also a gourmet cook that believed a recipe was only a starting point. She felt, just like life, everything can be improved upon and enjoyed in different ways. Her house was always warm and inviting with her traditional Thanksgiving get-together feast, the Christmas brunch, and the yearlong trading of food experiments. Although very private, once one knew her, they would discover a compassionate, intuitive person. She possessed a keen intellect, a willingness to listen, and was always interested in her friend's lives. Those who were lucky enough to know Gael will sorely miss her but will treasure the memories of this remarkable lady.

Dolores Milan Breithaupt Carmel Valley

Dolores (Dee) Milan Breithaupt passed away on September 24, 2021. Born Dolores Phoebe Milan on December 5, 1928, in Middlesex, NJ, Dee was the fourth of five children born to Anne Taylor Milan and Louis Milan.

As a child, Dee lived with her family in both Plainfield NJ, Whitehouse NJ and Princess Anne, MD. From an early age, Dee's life was filled with music, dancing and singing. She mastered the castanets having been taught by Paco Cancino (Rita Hayworth's uncle). Dee's close childhood neighbor, the now renowned jazz pianist Bill Evans, taught her how to play the piano. Dee excelled in tap dancing and ballet, ultimately taking these talents to Broadway as a young teenager, telling a small fib about her age in order to get an audition. She performed in the Broadway shows "Count Me In," "Dream with Music" and "Early to Bed." While working on Broadway, she attended the Professional Children's School in New York.



In a newspaper article published when Dee was 17, she was quoted as saying her father did not like the idea of her being in show business. After several years of performing on Broadway, the family moved far from the big city to a farm on the Chesapeake in Princess Anne, MD. Dee graduated from the Mary A. Burnham School in Northampton, Massachusetts and from Western College

for Women in Oxford, Ohio — majoring in English. She later set up a dance school in Williamsport, PA

Dee worked for many years for American Express, first traveling the world and leading tours as a travel agent and later as Regional Director of Corporate Sales. Through her travels, she met and later married the love of her life, Wendell Breithaupt. Dee retired from American Express in 1991.

Dee and Wendell shared a love for the game of golf. They traveled extensively and played golf at many famous courses. They retired to their home in Carmel Valley where they spent many happy years golfing, dancing, singing and just enjoying each other's company. As a team, they won several couples golf tournaments. One of Dee's proudest golf achievements was a hole-in-one made during a tournament at Carmel Valley Ranch. She won senior championships in both New Jersey and California. She and Wendell are long-time members of Quail Lodge and Golf Club and Dee was a member of the Women's Golf Association of Northern California.

Dee is survived by her husband Wendell T. Breithaupt of Carmel Valley, CA; her daughters Kim (Dave) Toot of Wellsville, NY; Megan Milan of Marco Island, FL; Deborah (Bob) Smythe of Lawrenceville, NJ, as well as her brother Sandford (Carolyn) Milan of Whippany, NJ; four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and several nephews and a niece. Dee is predeceased by her parents and siblings, Louis, Janet and Robert.

Dee's family would like to thank Hospice of the Central Coast and Ileini's Care for the loving and compassionate care they provided.

Donations in Dee's honor may be made to the SPCA for Monterey County, PO Box 3058, Monterey, CA, 93942 or The Salvation Army of Monterey County, PO Box 1884, Monterey, CA 93942. There will be a memorial service at a later date. Please visit www.thepaulmortuary.com to sign Dee's guestbook and leave messages for her family.

MILITARY

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Panetta, a veteran of the war in Afghanistan and a member of the House Armed Services Committee, explained that a widespread bribery system emerged that was used to secure everything from “birth certificates to death certificates” — including military alliances.

“What we were left with when we were about to leave was a state that had grown so corrupt that governors were cutting deals with jihadists to switch sides,” Panetta said. “Inflation was rampant because of the money we handed out.”

Corruption led to “ghost soldiers” — essentially Afghan troops who did not exist or no longer reported for duty but whose salaries, in whole or in part, were collected by their commanders. Similar large-scale graft occurred in the Vietnam War and in Iraq.

Panetta said his constituents are “dumbfounded” how the Afghan government “absolutely disappeared” and hundreds of thousands of well equipped Afghan troops “shed their uniforms, dropped their weapons and ran.”

Panetta then directed questions to Austin and Milley.

“Do you believe that corruption was a fundamental ill that was largely responsible for the collapse of the Afghan government?” Panetta asked. “If not, what would you consider the fundamental ill for the quick collapse of that government?”

Austin said corruption did play a “major role” in the breakdown of the government and its security forces, and he pointed to additional factors.

“I also believe weak leadership added to that, and the fact that President [Ashraf] Ghani frequently and without any apparent reason changed out his commanders, which degraded the confidence of the troops and their leadership,” he said. The former Afghan president fled the country as the Taliban was taking it over.

Austin also said the 2020 agreement that former President Donald Trump forged with the Taliban to end the war in Afghanistan had a “significant negative effect” on the morale of the Afghan military.

During his response, Milley said corruption led to the “delegitimization” of the Afghan government, local officials and police forces in the “eyes of the people.”

“That, I think, was a major contributing factor to the dissolution of the government and the army, and the collapse of the whole thing in a very, very rapid period of time,” Milley said.

‘Definition of success’

In an interview with The Pine Cone Aug. 18, Panetta called for hearings to determine why nobody in the Biden administration anticipated the quick collapse of the Afghan government.

Panetta told the military leaders Wednesday that his constituents “are asking a lot of questions” about the pull-out and are devastated by the deaths of the 12 Marines and one sailor.

“I’ve got to be frank, they’re a little humiliated seeing the Taliban drive around, screw around with American equipment,” he said.

Particularly worried and frustrated are residents of his congressional district who have family members still in Afghanistan “who literally have nobody to turn to” to get out.

Panetta shared a comment from someone he said best summarized the Taliban takeover of the country.

“‘Something’s not right when the Taliban can get American-made ammunition easier than Americans can,’” he said.

The pullout ended the United States’ long war in Afghanistan, but the congressman from Carmel Valley said the war on terror remains, and he questioned whether

U.S. troops would have to be deployed there again to fight America’s enemies.

Panetta thanked Austin, McKenzie and Milley for not reducing the service of 800,000 men and women who served in Afghanistan during the 20-year war “down to a two-week, chaotic withdrawal,” and the sacrifice of the 2,461 men and women who died fighting in the war “down to a single photo of a C-17 airplane on the Kabul tarmac.”

The congressman also commended the top brass for leading the airlift evacuation of 122,000 people from Afghanistan in a short period of time, but he expressed concern about those who remain in the Taliban-controlled country.

“I just want you to think about the definition of success,” which “shouldn’t be based on how many people you got out, but how many people we left behind,” Panetta said.

TREE

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tree, a decision that the city council overturned Sept. 15.

Over the years, city crews have replaced the sidewalk, and roots were removed or shaved to allow for handicapped access.

“The city can no longer assume this risk, and all sidewalk repair options have been exhausted,” a Sept. 15 report by Gho said.

Lee and numerous others who pleaded with the city council to keep the elm don’t see it that way.

“They are cutting it down for convenience,” she said.

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Dr. LaMothe looks forward to joining the MOSA Oral Maxillofacial and Dental Implant Surgery team with Dr. Michael Lewis and Dr. Ryan Lloyd

in October. After training for 8 years, he is eager to return to his hometown and provide exceptional care to the Monterey County.

Outside of the office, Dr. LaMothe enjoys spending time outdoors whether it’s surfing, playing golf, running, biking, or snowboarding. In his free time you can find him running and hiking with his puppy, Summer, a rescue from Tennessee. He also enjoys spending time with his parents, Dr. Pierre and Eileen LaMothe, whom have both worked locally in healthcare for many years.

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VERIZON

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provide for evacuation and fire services," he said, since evacuation warnings and other alerts are now commonly sent through texts and calls to cell phones.

The company originally applied for five small installations in the single-family neighborhoods on the south end of town in 2019 but was denied. An agreement approved by the city council last October had Verizon reapply for installations on Sunset Center — which have already been approved — and the Carmelo site, with two others moved into the county area south of town.

Waffle said the antenna proposed for Carmelo Street would not conflict with the city's general plan and would comply with all zoning standards. She also said it wouldn't set a precedent, will be compatible with surrounding uses, and wouldn't affect views or the health, safety and welfare of residents.

She addressed and countered comments and points made by those who sent letters of opposition based on various visual impacts, effects on La Playa and other nearby historic buildings, noise from the battery backup's cooling fans, potential devaluation of nearby properties, and other issues.

The city's telecom lawyer, Michael Johnston, said cities "retain the authority to regulate aesthetics, but they cannot prohibit telecom companies from deploying their sites in the rights of way." He also said decisions can't be based on health concerns.

If the Carmelo site is denied, Verizon attorney Paul Albritton warned, the company will fight in court for cell towers in single-family neighborhoods.

"If we are unable to reach compromise, then the R-1 is back on the table," he said. "It's not our preference — we would rather work with the community."

Not scared

Planning commissioners were undaunted by the threats, however, and sided with the hundreds of residents who encouraged them to focus on "preservation of the aesthetics and visual character of the community," as La Playa's lawyer, Jeff Melching, put it.

Melching also said the city is being urged to "pick the least bad option," when it really doesn't have to pick any option.

"The test for you is only whether the standards in your zoning code have been satisfied, and if they have not, then denial is the order of the day," he said.

More than two dozen others spoke in opposition at

the hearing, and no one supported Verizon's plans.

Commissioner Stephanie Locke kicked off the commission's discussion by acknowledging that cell phones are the primary means of communicating these days, not land lines, and that their working during emergencies is critical.

But the equipment necessary for a functioning network "does not need to be located in our small and unique village," she said, noting that Verizon has already relocated two of the previously proposed "'necessary' small cell sites" outside the city.

She quoted municipal code sections requiring equipment to be "integrated to the maximum extent feasible into the existing characteristics of the site and surrounding area," and saying it can't "create visual clutter or negatively affect important public or private views as determined by the planning commission."

The fenced enclosure also wouldn't meet standards for design review, she said, because the "large and bulky" equipment would be in public view, and the grape-stake fence "is nowhere near architecturally compatible with the nearby buildings, which are stucco and stone."

Her fellow commissioners echoed similar sentiments. The code discourages cell towers in the multi-family zone, commissioner Robert Delves said, "unless we as commissioners can be convinced there's a really strong reason to support it. And applying our design guidelines and our code, I can't get there."

No support

The groundswell of community opposition was compelling, too. "I was ready to not approve this six weeks ago, and my fellow commissioners had the wisdom to continue it, and part of the reason was to make sure the public



This graphic, provided by Verizon as part of its permit application, shows where the company's proposed 5G antenna would be located. The red-roofed complex of buildings is La Playa hotel.

was fully informed," he said. "Over 370 of you have made your opinions known, and I have yet to find any support for this particular application in all of those."

Commissioner Gail Lehman said she was surprised to see staff's support of the project after its opposition to the 2019 application and said she didn't like feeling pressured by threats of communications failures during emergencies, and commissioner Chris Bolton listed many of the negative impacts he felt the tower would have.

Chair Michael LePage acknowledged the issues are complicated, "and the applicant has done a lot of work" on the proposal, but he couldn't tick off the necessary boxes to approve it, either.

Their decision to deny Verizon's application was unanimous. The company's next step will be to ask the city council to overturn it.

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Editorial

How far we've come

A YEAR ago, the schools were closed, and so were most of the shops, restaurants and offices. Millions of people were laid off from their jobs, everyone had to stay home as much as possible and wear masks whenever they ventured out. Government meetings were canceled, professional sports were played without audiences (if they were played at all), amusement parks were closed, air travel was practically nil, weddings, reunions and other family gatherings were unheard of, and hospitals eliminated all but the most urgent medical procedures. There were no vaccines, and (although we didn't know it at the time) a mega-spike in coronavirus infections, hospitalizations and deaths was just over the horizon.

Today, much of normal life has returned. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines were introduced in December, with millions of Americans signing up to be inoculated as soon as possible. Helped by the nation's rapidly increasing vaccination rates, the deadly winter surge ended in March, and, as case rates fell to near zero in many parts of the nation, things started to reopen in June.

Was the epidemic over? It seemed like it might be, until the delta variant started showing up, bringing with it a whole new round of disease, death and fear. But now the delta variant also seems to have run its course. Case rates are plummeting, and among vaccinated people, at least, the delta variant failed to bring anything like the havoc its antecedents wrought last winter.

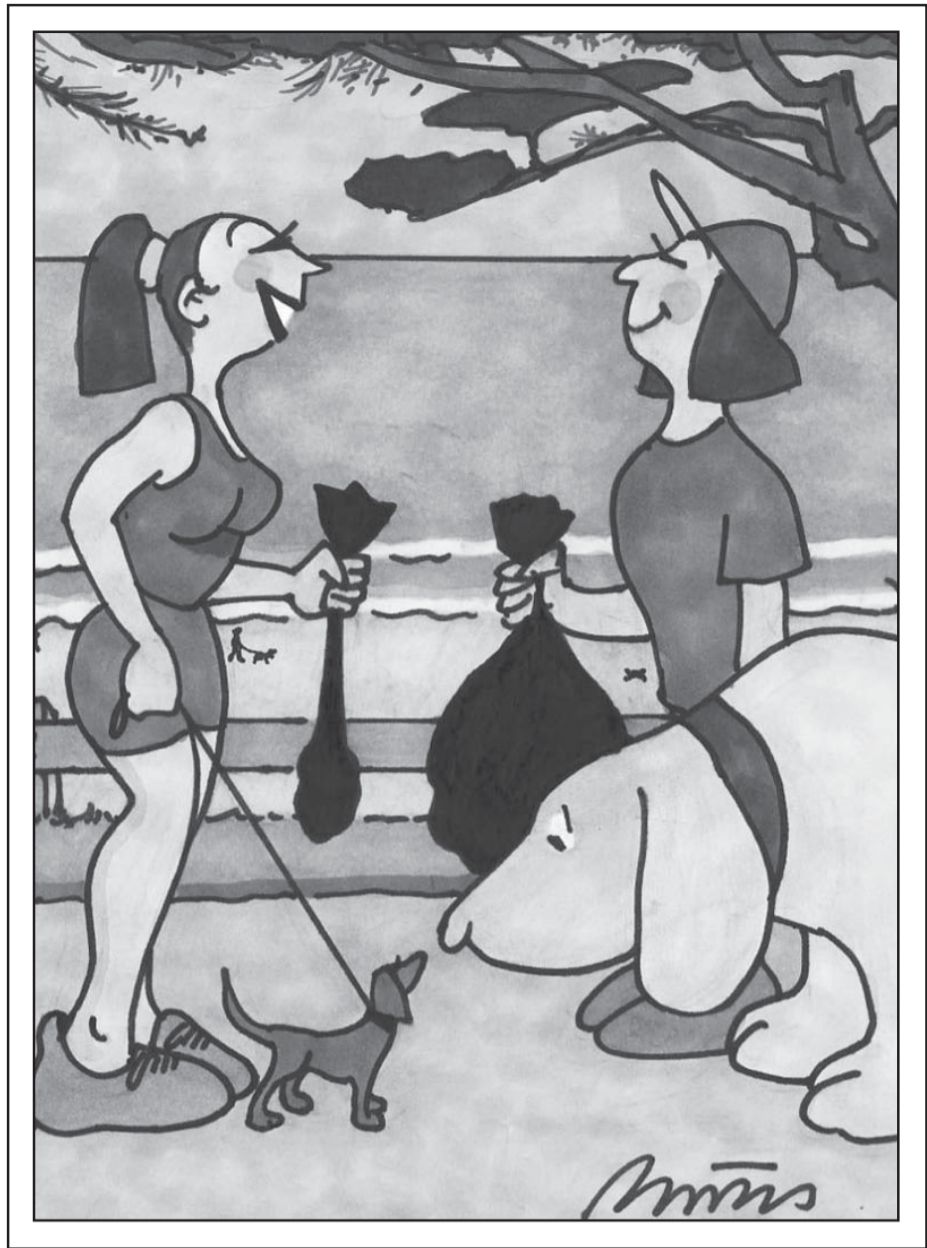
When this most recent surge began, the public was on pins and needles to see how bad it would be. Now that its damage turned out to be less than expected, everyone is starting to feel confident that, barring the emergence of some incredibly dangerous new variant, what we just went through will be the "normal" for the coronavirus over the next year or two. Meaning, it will be always be out there, posing a significant threat to people who aren't vaccinated or whose susceptibility is heightened because they have other medical problems, but only disrupting everyone else's lives a little.

We all have to continue to incorporate a whole new level of precautions into our daily routines, including keeping to ourselves and getting tested if we feel sick, washing hands frequently, wearing masks in crowded situations and, most important of all, keeping up with our vaccinations.

Last spring, the original variant of the coronavirus was on its heels — but only after killing millions of people and disrupting everything. Now the delta variant is on the way out the door, but after doing much less damage. These nasty viruses can be conquered. All it takes is a ton of scientific genius from the people who invent the vaccines, a world of hard work and diligence by the people who administer the vaccines and care for the sick, and even more so, an unending amount of vigilance and cooperation on the part of the public.

The pharmaceutical companies and the doctors and hospitals are doing their parts. It's up to all of us to keep doing ours.

BEST of BATES



Letters to the Editor

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Former mayors object

Dear Editor,

For more than a century, Carmel city councils have protected city lands, beginning with the acquisition of the sand dunes in 1921. Through the generosity of many, and especially the Carmel Development Company, which gave us the land for our streets in Carmel's earliest years, our elected officials have safeguarded our community's property assets. Through 10 decades of cumulative efforts by successive city councils, our generation is the recipient of their good work and protective actions.

On next week's city council agenda is a proposal that does not protect a public asset. If approved, the council would transfer land to a private individual for private gain. The council will consider the disposition of public right-of-way on the north side of Eighth Avenue between Junipero and Mission, adjacent to and easterly of the Scout House. (See legal ad, page 25A, of last

week's Pine Cone.)

This is outrageous! It is a violation of the public trust we expect of our elected officials.

Please, write the city clerk so your opposition can be received and provided to the councilors. Save our public lands!

Charlotte Townsend, Ken White, Sue McCloud and Steve G. Dallas
Former Mayors of Carmel-by-the-Sea

Protect the right of way

Dear Editor,

A recent published notice announced that the city council, pursuant to the Surplus Land Act, will consider declaring exempt the public right-of-way on Eighth Avenue, abandoning the land, and selling it to a private property owner. The owner wants to protect his existing fence encroachment at Junipero & Eighth and make it easier to build market-rate residences on a difficult lot in the residential-commercial district, located between the city's scout house on Mission and his corner house on Junipero.

It would be a big mistake to consider declaring portions of the public right-of-way as surplus and thereby diminish the public's and the utility companies' rights to use the land for public good. Under franchise agreements, the city may need to allow utilities future use of this area. Currently, a power pole exists in the Mission and Eighth right of way with overhead utilities. The land in question is a needed buffer between the road and property lines.

And, while we discourage overbuilding of city streets, the city could also decide at

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Beyond Stanford University's classrooms, Jordan sought world

BY 1900, David Starr Jordan, nearly 50, had evolved from a brilliant young scientist to an eminent man of letters. He opened Stanford University in 1891 as its founding president and saw it through some severe economic challenges, all while continuing to be an active scientist, writer and professor in zoology with a specialty in ichthyology (the study of fish).

In the summers, he was often called on to perform advanced studies around the world, including Japan in 1900, the South-Seas in 1901 and Alaska in 1902.

In 1901, Jane Stanford directed the further build-out of the Stanford campus

sor Guido Marx had also bought two lots across from Jordan and Vernon Kellogg bought a lot on Camino Real south of Seventh. Construction was not immediate.

'Sumptuous' fish book

Jane Stanford, matriarch of the university, died in February 1905, leaving a myriad of details to sort out. Jordan's other focus early that year was completion of his two-volume "Guide to the Study of Fishes" which was promoted as "the most comprehensive, authoritative and sumptuous book on its subject." Its 1,223 pages included 930 illustrations.

Jordan's publications were not limited to science. Many of his public speeches, which also found their way into print, delved into deeper thinking about life and mankind. At the beginning of 1906, Jordan was elected to the American Philosophical Society, requiring a trip to New York. Commitments at Stanford did not allow him to personally address the society's April 18 gathering in Philadelphia, so it was arranged for another member to read Jordan's "The Human Harvest" — an elaboration of a talk he gave in 1899 on the tragedy war inflicts on the human species. Its emphasis seems to be on the loss of the best genetic pools, but goes into other waste, and concludes that "the remedy of most ills of men is to be sought in peace and justice, equality among men, and the cultivation of those virtues we call Christian, because they have been virtues ever since man and society began."

Earthquake hits

On the day his talk was to be read, a different tragedy struck San Francisco and the entire bay area, including Palo Alto — the San Francisco earthquake. Jane Stanford had cut corners on the later construction to complete as much as possible, rather than assure it was all completed to the best standards. These later structures suffered significant damage. Palo Alto builder Gus-

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History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

— work she wanted completed before she died, which, at 72, felt imminent. Over the next few years — deemed by Jordan as "the second stone age at Stanford" — the outer quadrangle, the chemistry building, the museum, the memorial church, the library and a gymnasium were added.

Professors Row

It was during Stanford's "stone age" that Frank Powers and J.F. Devendorf launched their plan for Carmel-by-the-Sea. Before the founding village was overtaken by George Sterling and the Bohemian crowd, Jordan was one of the early buyers. The Carmel Development Co. records at Harrison Memorial Library show that on Jan. 19, 1905, Jessie Knight Jordan purchased three lots on the east side of Camino Real, extending north from Seventh Avenue. It was common practice at the time to record property in the wife's name.

Soon after, an item in the March 31, 1905, San Francisco Call announced, "A Stanford faculty colony is to be started at Carmel-by-the-Sea. Among those who will build summer homes there are President Jordan, Professors Gilbert, Stillman, Fish, Pierce, Merino, Elmore and Cannon, and Mrs. W.A. Kimball." By June, profes-



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David Starr Jordan and his wife Jessie enjoyed their Carmel getaway on Camino Real Street for more than 20 years. After Jordan died, it was briefly used a detective headquarters and was razed in 1941.

Stubbornness and stealth pay off

THE HOUSE in Queens, N.Y., where Anna Giannasio Krieger spent the first five years of her life, was right next door to a factory — an environment that mostly left young Anna marooned indoors, by order of her strict Italian father.

"If my mother wasn't standing out there with me, I stayed in the house," remembered Krieger, who, left to her own device,

pulled me right out of there," Krieger said. "But he never asked, and I didn't tell.

"I always felt like I probably should let him know, so one day I lined up my paintings in a room and just let him walk in," she recalled. "Well, of course, he stopped short. And then he said, 'I knew I should've given you piano lessons!'"

Joe Giannasio didn't like it when his firstborn found work at Lane's Department Store in New York City, riding buses and subways while still in high school. He groused when she enrolled at the Catan-Rose Institute of Art,

where she spent a year. He grumbled when she moved on to the Fashion Institute of Technology in Manhattan, where she studied fashion illustration and textile design for printed fabrics.

Meeting George

And he bridled mightily the day he learned that Anna and her Fashion Institute classmates (mostly female) were planning a Massachusetts ski trip with students (mostly male) from Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute.

"He almost didn't let me go — he didn't want me to start dating until I was 40," she quipped. "But somehow I managed, and that's how I met George."

George Krieger, an engineering student, married Anna Giannasio in 1963, when she was 21. He found a job with Xerox Corp. that took them to upstate New York, where she later enrolled at Empire State College, part of the State University of New York. According to its history, in its early days, the college took an unusual approach to removing barriers that kept some students from being able to attend.

"Empire State was a college where you never went into a classroom — you went to your professor's office by appointment, talked one on one, and agreed by contract what you planned to learn and accomplish before your next visit," she said. "During the two years I went there, I never saw another student."

Her professor, an anthropologist and National Geographic photographer, "showed me an entirely different way of looking at art," Krieger said. "I learned how important artwork is to the study of mankind: Civilizations are studied from the art they left behind."

100 degrees

George's Xerox job took them next to Texas, where Anna spent seven years as a merchandise display specialist for a major department store.

"I dressed mannequins and designed windows, and loved it, even though it was

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Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

es, passed the hours by making clothes for her dolls and paper dolls.

"I saw myself as an artist, even at that age," she said. "Later on, when my father said, 'What do you wanna be that for?' I fought back hard."

Her pugnacious independence — partially inspired in the late 1960s, she said, by Gloria Steinem's feminist activism — led Krieger to a series of artistic jobs, and eventually to the fine art paintings she shows today as a member of the Monterey Peninsula Art Foundation gallery.

Her dad, Giuseppe "Joe" Giannasio, was old-school — a New York City cab driver, then a civilian office worker at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and then, in the 1950s, a self-taught TV repairman. He hoped his two daughters would marry well or work as secretaries, teachers or nurses.

'I didn't tell'

His oldest pursued an alternate course. As a 17-year-old high school student, Anna signed up for a class at the Brooklyn Museum of Art, where, much to her surprise, she found herself sketching nude models, male and female.

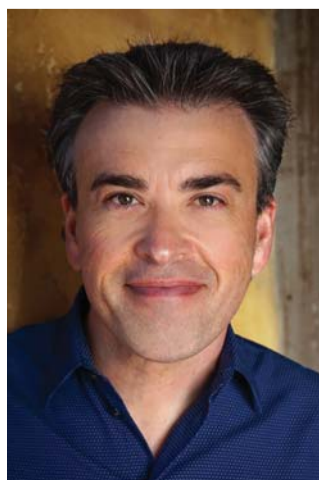
"If my father had known, he would have



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Anna Giannasio Krieger, a New York City native, shows her art at the Monterey Peninsula Art Foundation gallery.

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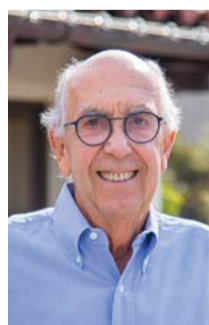
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Her first job changed her life, and her work changed special education

IT'S A good thing for a lot of people that cowgirl and ballerina didn't work out as career choices for Joan Smith, who lives in Corral de Tierra. If they had, she probably wouldn't be looking back over a remarkable career in special education that began in the early 1960s.

As a child, "I always had my horse figures to play with," she said, and the ballet lessons lasted all the way to adulthood, although she knew she'd never make a living at it.

That left her third choice — teaching. She earned a bachelor's degree with dual majors in education and speech pathology from University of the Pacific in 1963, and her master's in speech pathology and hearing the following year. The San Juan School District near Sacramen-

Great Lives

By ELAINE HESSER

to, with about 50,000 students, hired her and told her she'd be creating a program to educate handicapped students.

"It changed my whole life," she said. "I had to become an expert on teaching kids with mental challenges." In those pre-Google days, she went to a local library and found a book titled, "A teaching method for brain-injured and hyperactive children," by an author named William L. Cruickshank.

"Fortunately, I was a speech pathologist. We learned it was OK to work on one sound for 18 months," she said. That patience translated well to helping students who brought a wide variety of conditions and disabilities to the classroom.

Statewide influence

In the ensuing years, she struck out on her own, opening what she called "learning centers" in Sacramento and the Central Valley to teach kids dealing with dyslexia, attention deficit disorder and other learning difficulties, and founded the American River Preparatory School, which she closed when California established charter schools. She was awarded a fellowship from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to complete her doctorate in education and counseling psychology.

Smith was an instructor at Chapman College, the University of the Pacific and Cal State Sacramento, as well as a consultant to Sacramento and Yuba county schools.

Educational Research Consultants, a firm she established and ran, wrote master plans for school districts to conform to changing state regulations for special education.

Among her many other achievements, she developed tests to evaluate students with disabilities, established credentialing programs for special education teachers and worked on several statewide programs.

Edu-Therapeutics Training on Garden Road in Monterey, which Smith runs, is the most recent incarnation of her learning centers, and she has a contract with Monterey and Santa Cruz counties to provide learning disability assessments.

She married Terry McHenry in 1985. In addition to careers as an aerospace engineer and in education, he enjoyed driving race cars. His hobby often brought the couple to Laguna Seca, where they became acquainted with Monterey County.

Erasing dyslexia

After years of hot Sacramento summers, they moved here and built a home in the Carmel Highlands just in time for the 1995 El Niño storms. Smith said she initially thought she "had arrived in heaven," in their little niche on Peter Pan Road. Then it started to rain.

"If it could happen, it happened to us," she said of the storms. They lost their phone and electricity, but the water was still working fine when a 100-foot-tall pine tree landed on the house and set off the sprinklers.

They tried to evacuate, only to be told that Highway 1 was impassable. On second thought, though, firefighters decided to let them have a go. But a flash flood caught Smith's car, and they had to wade in and tow her out.

They arrived at Bay Park Inn in Monterey around 3 a.m., muddy and bedraggled, with three dogs and four cats. "They took us in, though," she remembered. All the clothing they had that wasn't destroyed in the house was done in by a laundry and cleaning service that was overwhelmed by locals with mud-soaked wardrobes. They kept their senses of humor, however — and looked for another place to live, away from coastal storms.

When they found a dry hilltop in the Markham Ranch development off Corral de Tierra, with no trees higher than the house, they bought it. And they built a greenhouse and a barn, where Smith has four adorable alpacas, a pony named Elvis, and a donkey named Olive. She's fostered some horses from Redwings Horse Sanctuary, too.



PHOTO/RANDY TUNNELL

Education expert and self-described "clay fanatic" Joan Smith McHenry shows off one of her horse sculptures in her Corral de Tierra home.

In between authoring numerous books on education, Smith has been president of the Carmel Woman's Club, vice president of the Carmel Valley Woman's Club and board president for CASA, among other activities. She makes lyrical clay sculptures — pieces that tell stories — many of which she donates to Redwings Horse Sanctuary, which sells them as a fundraiser.

She said that if a genie came and offered her one wish, it would be "to erase dyslexia." Smith said she believes it's possible, and she's patient enough to keep working on it.

Know someone whose life of accomplishment or adventure would make interesting reading? Please suggest them for Great Lives by emailing elaine@carmelpinecone.com.

Carmel Valley airport subject of museum talk

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

ON SATURDAY from 10 a.m. to 11:15, Carmel Valley historian Jeff Ohlson will give a presentation titled "Carmel Valley Vintage Airport" at the Valley's history center. Ohlson is the author of a half-dozen books on local history, including ones on ranching, Robles Del Rio, and volunteer firefighters. Masks or social distancing (minimum of 3 feet) are required.

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ARTIST

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often 100 degrees outside, and there was no air conditioning in those display windows," she said. "After a while, I'd have a crowd of people watching. To me, it was like creating an art installation."

One day, while she was hanging a display of men's underwear, a customer stomped over and said, "You're going to hell!" She was undeterred.

After 11 years in Texas, George was hired by Iomega, a computer technology company that moved the Kriegers to Utah, where he designed the company's groundbreaking Zip drive and Jaz drive, early data-storage systems.

"I didn't want to live in Utah, so George and I made a deal — five years, then move on — which is what brought me here," she said. Krieger moved solo to the Peninsula in 1996, while her husband was finishing his work on the Jaz drive in Utah. "I found a house in Carmel Valley, on a hilltop, across from Mid Valley Shopping Center. I still live there."

Many of Krieger's paintings are inspired by a deep love for jazz, depicting the golden years of the nightclub scene.

Paper dolls in her paintings

A painting entitled "Jazz Club" is a rendering of a black-tie audience sipping cocktails around white tablecloths. They're watching a leggy singer in a red dress who is fronting five female backup performers, a tall, male dancer in white top hat and tails, and a jazz quintet.

Another, "Swing," depicts two stylish dancers — he in a brown fedora and suspenders, she in a floral-print sundress — performing on a checkerboard floor.

"I can see my paper dolls in my paintings today," said Krieger, harkening back

to those early years in Queens. "I don't try to do realism, although I respect painters who do. It just doesn't feel right for me. Color, design, concept and imagination are very important. I have to feel enjoyment when I paint."

Her jazz art was sold for several years in the Eastwood Building at KRML Radio, and a painting entitled "Let's Dance" was selected for the 20th anniversary celebration of the Monterey County Film Festival in 2007 to illustrate the commission's advertising and invitations.

Krieger's work has also been featured in several juried shows and is in private collections around the world.

George Krieger passed away in February after 58 years of marriage. Anna, 79, has two adult children. George is a photographer, Georgiana is a sculptor, painter and professional saxophone player, and also has grown grandsons.

Images of her paintings and additional information can be found online at mpaf.org or viewed in person at the Monterey Peninsula Art Foundation gallery at 425 Cannery Row.

HISTORY

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tave Laumeister helped rebuild the campus to higher standards, and in the process, he made friends with the professors.

As repairs at Stanford continued, several of the professors hired Laumeister to build their Carmel getaways. Camino Real south of Ocean became known as Professors Row. The Jordan cottage was completed in early 1907, and Jordan's wife and son Eric summered there while the professor traveled to Australia.

Jordan wrote in his 1922 autobiography that his Carmel cottage "served as a special retreat" for his wife and son "during my various absences on government affairs. Since then, we have spent many delightful days in that exquisite spot."

On democracy and war

While Jordan was best known in the early 20th century for his work as a scientist, his talks addressed many topics of modern life, including his opposition to alcohol and his support of women's suffrage, often including reference to his strong beliefs as a Christian. In his 1902 lecture, "The Call of the Twentieth Century" Jordan warned, "The political outlook of democracy often seems discouraging. We are plundered by the rich, we are robbed by the poor, and trusts and unions play the tyrant over both." He admonished that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

But it was his address in May 1909 to a National Peace Conference in Chicago that brought Jordan to the forefront of the world antiwar movement. In October 1909, he was appointed chief director of the newly formed World Peace Foundation. The unpaid position did reimburse costs for his world travels giving talks on peace.

Jordan's talk to a full Mormon Tabernacle in August 1912 was reported by the Salt Lake Tribune, which acclaimed his presentation as "full of original ideas on the subject which Dr. Jordan has developed through much travel and deep investigation. His address was fascinating and convincing and was prefaced by the remark that 'the greatest political movement of our time was begun nearly 2,000 years ago by the Prince of Peace.'"

Jordan's economic arguments included concepts later published in his 1914 book, "The Standing Incentives to War."

"The modern war system has grown up unconsciously, by way of using war as a protection against war," Jordan wrote. "And now we come to the secret springs of all this. The elements of the war system are not only armies and navies, but also war traders, armament builders, money lenders, the recipients of special privileges, the corrupt portion of the press, and all others drawn into its service by choice, by interest, or by necessity. The cost of it all, the war and the war system, is spread over the whole world. It is felt by you and by me and by everyone, in the rising price of all articles of necessity."

This led into a final quote he cited from Benjamin Franklin: "Wars are not paid in war-time; the bill comes later." In describing the cost, Jordan discussed the biological effects enumerated in his "Human Harvest" as well as its perpetuation of "international hatreds."

In 1913, after 22 years as president of Stanford, the trustees, then led by alumni such as Herbert Hoover, "kicked Jordan upstairs" — making him chancellor and replacing him as president with John C. Branner, the geology professor, who had come from Indiana with Jordan in 1891. This gave Jordan more time to travel and enjoy their cottage in Carmel.

More on Jordan next week.

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LETTERS

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some point to widen the one-block, truck-route bottleneck, especially since the city council is considering development/parking structure a half a block away on Sunset Center's north lot. Abandonment would make it difficult for the city to make any future improvements.

The applicant is asking the city to declare this property abandonment exempt from the surplus land act for the purpose of avoiding building low- to moderate-income housing as it would not be "economically viable" to do so, and he needs additional land to build two residences.

It would be foolish and short-sighted to sell our public land to make it easier for a property owner to build. And it is not the city's responsibility to give up its land to assist the property owner in developing his difficult lot.

Carolyn Hardy, Carmel

Support for hotel project

Dear Editor,

I want to add my voice to the chorus of locals who approve of the conversion of the American Tin Cannery in Pacific Grove to a hotel. Critics of this project are missing some necessary historical perspective. I

worked at the ATC from 1986 to 1997. I saw the transformation from the Ardan catalog store to the factory outlet mall with 55 stores and restaurants.

During the 1990s the ATC was extremely successful as a shopping destination and drew many patrons — the vast majority were out of town visitors and day-trippers from the San Francisco area.

The traffic impacts created by a full 55-store shopping center were far greater than anything the proposed hotel will generate.

The cognitive dissonance of the critics is they fail to acknowledge this important point. If the owners of the ATC were so motivated, they could renew the site as a full-blown shopping center. Once again it would draw thousands of visitors and shoppers — all of this allowed by the conditions of the use permit that built out the shopping center.

The current plan for the facility is much less intensive than the shopping center use. It will ultimately benefit Pacific Grove, generating needed tax revenue to pay for the very services that critics of the project seem to prioritize. Let the conversion go ahead.

Mark Carbonaro, Monterey

'Enhance the area'

Dear Editor,

We have lived at our residence just up

the street from the American Tin Cannery in Pacific Grove since 1984, so we are very familiar with the location and are writing to express our support for this hotel/commercial project. It is our understanding that the amendments requested by all concerned parties have been resolved.

The benefits to Pacific Grove are very significant and will generate increases in property and sales taxes and other revenues. In addition, the aesthetics of the property will enhance the area for years to come.

Thanks to all who support this undertaking.

**Ed and Lois Shedlowski,
Pacific Grove**

'Right on target'

Dear Editor,

Your Sept. 30 editorial was right on target. As a past member of a profession that routinely worked with penetrating radiation, both ionizing (X-rays, gamma rays) and non-ionizing (ultraviolet, radio), I and my colleagues relied on rigorous medical studies that showed ionizing radiation caused damage to cells and their DNA, not non-ionizing.

Sure, if you got too much UV or microwave exposure, there were bad effects (sunburn, overheating), but the risk of getting cancer was much less than the risk from gamma rays from fission products. Bottom

line: all radiation is not equally "bad."

I learned there was a big difference between calculating the probability of cancer (risk assessment) and the public's perception of cancer. Once emotions get involved, logic has "left the building."

The letter about bees dying on the Isle of Wight is intriguing, but was the effect (bees vanishing) the result of the cause (radio tower)? Answering this question is where risk assessment techniques are needed. Other potential causes, such as insecticides, need to be ruled out.

**Tom Craig,
Monterey**

'No common sense'

Dear Editor,

I read this week's Pine Cone and was appalled reading the article about the two thieves, Cordoso and Lopez, from the San Joaquin Valley. They were caught red-handed, arrested, jailed, but yet sent back out into the streets to do more harm.

The no-bail, catch-and-release policies of this country, including the State of California, are ridiculous and with no common sense.

Here is another example of the sinking of America. Anti-vaxxers are losing their jobs, but criminals are allowed to roam free.

**Jeannie Wilhoit,
Roseville**



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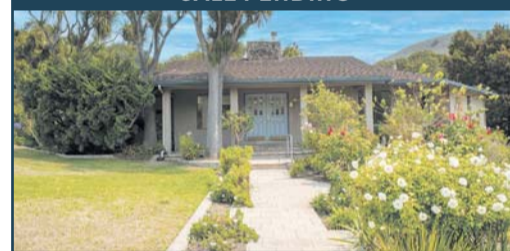


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WORKERS

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ate's degree in administration of justice.

Dispatcher Jacqueline Koviak started with the police department Aug. 1 after working as a dispatcher in Monterey County Communications for five years. She was born and raised in Monterey, holds a bachelor's degree in global studies from Cal State Monterey Bay and "brings a wonderful personality and experience to the department," the city said.

Christina McGovern was also hired as a dispatcher and started work Sept. 1 after leaving a two-decade-long career in teaching. McGovern has an undergraduate degree in liberal studies from CSUMB and a master's in administration and supervision from San Jose State.

Even with those hired, the city still needs more police officers and is constantly seeking applicants. The annual salary ranges from \$87,900.80 to \$106,891.20 and comes with full benefits. Candidates should have finished high school and earned at least 60 units of college credit, though a degree is preferable.

In addition to working on patrol, an officer might get "specialized assignments such as investigations, traffic, juvenile, personnel and training, or tactical teams," and should be fit enough to run, climb, squat, carry, drag, sit, stand, jump and use occasional brute strength as necessary. A candidate should also be able to "maintain concentration and the capability to make sound decisions under pressure," and "maintain effective audio/visual discrimination and perception to the degree necessary for the successful completion of assigned duties."

Other available jobs

In addition to police officers, the city needs another maintenance worker, and applications are due Oct. 8. The job pays \$52,457.60 to \$63,772.80 a year, plus benefits, and candidates should have enough training and experi-

ence to do it well.

"Do you enjoy maintaining, cleaning and repairing everything, from streets and sidewalks to handrails and fencing?" the city's job listing asks. "Is working on a team that's dedicated, skilled and easy to be around exactly what you're looking for? Are others impressed by your maintenance skills and abilities? Is completing tasks well and on time your middle name? Then this opportunity may be for you."

With numerous capital projects funded after a total hiatus last year, the city is also on the hunt for a project manager, which pays \$87,576 to \$106,452, plus benefits, per year.

"Do you live to work on the physical infrastructure of cities? Is designing and constructing capital improvement projects big and small with departments, contractors, consultants and stakeholders right up your alley?" the job offering says. "Are others bowled over by your stellar writing, speaking and interpersonal skills? Is project management

your middle name? Then this opportunity may be for you."

Requirements are flexible, calling for "any combination of education, experience and training that would likely provide the required knowledge, skills and abilities necessary for a project manager," and applications will start undergoing review Oct. 4.

Library experience

Numerous library employees were let go when the libraries shut down, so the city is actively recruiting those, too. These part-time positions are usually for about 20 hours a week, and earn from \$22.74 to \$32.09 per hour. Ideal candidates have experience working in libraries and are good with the public, especially in customer service, among other attributes and accomplishments.

City officials say more job postings will be coming soon, too. Check governmentjobs.com/careers/carmelca for more information and to apply, as well as for new listings.

MASKS

From page 1A

Numerous people Tuesday addressed the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, most of them opposed to the mask rule. Supervisors Mary Adams, Luis Alejo and Wendy Root Askew voted in favor of the mask law, and John Phillips and Chris Lopez voted against it.

A woman who identified herself as Drea said she is medically exempt from wearing a face covering and had a physician's paperwork to prove it before she addressed the board of supervisors in their Salinas chambers Tuesday afternoon.

"Wearing a face mask cannot eliminate the risk of contracting infectious diseases, so why are we pushing them on the public?" said the woman, who was also concerned about people attacking her for not wearing a mask inside businesses if the mandate goes into effect.

Several people spoke in favor of the rule, saying it

would help protect unvaccinated adults and children who can't yet be vaccinated.

The countywide ordinance applies to the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the county and requires citizens to wear masks in indoor spaces with some exceptions, including when at home, with family members, alone in a room, or eating and drinking. Also exempt are participants "at meetings or gatherings where all vaccinated persons show proof of vaccination and unvaccinated persons wear face coverings at all times other than when eating or drinking," according to the county.

The panel's mandate comes after county health officer Dr. Ed Moreno declined to impose a mask mandate, citing declining transmission rates in the county. Moreno has recommended that residents wear masks indoors, however.

Alejo in early September sought to pass an emergency mask ordinance, which would have gone into effect almost immediately, but the effort, which needed at least four votes, failed when Phillips and Lopez rejected the idea. The two supervisors said they were concerned about superseding Moreno's authority in issuing the requirement.

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Section 2

Cue 'Chariots of Fire' — the cross-country runners are back in force

WHEN THE health department greenlighted interscholastic athletics for the fall season and parents unlocked their doors, kids made a mad dash for freedom. And they're going to be hard to catch.

Coaches at Carmel, Santa Catalina, and Stevenson re-

schools.

Carmel High coach Whit Rambach says his team is targeting an ultra-lofty — but not unrealistic — goal of qualifying for the 2021 state meet as a team in both the girls and boys divisions.

Catalina coach John Nardone thinks speed, depth and mental toughness could propel his youthful squad to the girls championship in the PCAL's six-school Cypress Division.

And Stevenson coach Cleve Thayer will expect leadership from two of the PCAL's most consistent runners, John Puka and Gabby Torres, both seniors, as they attempt to mount a challenge in the Mission Division.

"As a coach, it's as good as it gets when you've got a mix of kids with great attitudes — kids who love running and competing, and love being around each other," said Rambach, an endurance runner in his fourth season with Carmel's cross-country program, his third year as head coach. "We've got a mix of kids with great attitudes. It's a perfect storm — a great blend of talent, positive energy and chemistry."

Big post-quarantine turnouts

Rambach greeted 55 prospects at his first day of practice — about one-third more than normal at Carmel High — and reports that Carmel Middle School has 75 runners this fall.

The girls team at CHS is an embarrassment of riches and youth, with a lineup topped by sophomores Christiana Kvittek and Isabella Davi and freshman Ava Ghio.

The veterans are Maria Hobson, a junior, and



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Team leaders Sophia Davi and Aiden Tarantino lead the Padres on a Friday run at Carmel Beach.

senior captain Sophia Davi, both varsity runners since their freshman year, and Padres No. 6 runner, at this point, is another sophomore, Sara Eyiolfsdottir, a native of Iceland. Sophomore Chiara Kvittek, and freshmen Jayden Lome and Bella Ortega, also could crack the lineup.

"Our girls teams qualified for state in both 2018 and 2019, but our guys haven't been there in quite a while," Rambach said. "We'd love to qualify both teams this year, and I think that's a promising and attainable goal."

The fastest of Carmel's boys is junior Aiden Tarantino, who moved to Carmel from Florida as a freshman, and has been the backbone of the squad ever since, Rambach said.

Tarantino won the Monte Vista Christian Invitational on Sept. 9, placed second on Sept. 1 at the Monterey Peninsula Jamboree, and was fourth on Sept. 16 at the Gabi-

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Stevenson seniors John Puka and Gabby Torres are expected to contend at CCS again this season.

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lan/Mission Division Center Meet.

Dylan Craig, a soccer standout, is Carmel's No. 2 runner, followed by Tyler Imemura and Avi Desai, both consistent performers. Zack Seifert, who battled injuries as a freshman and sophomore, is healthy and enjoying a breakthrough season, and Jack Norman, who comes from a water polo background, is rapidly improving.

The No. 7 spot on the Padres' ladder is a competition among sophomore Nathan Placencia and freshmen Zack Lander and Mack Aldi.

"Our first goal for the boys is to win the Mission Division," Rambach said. "We're going to have good competition from North County, and the PCAL Championships on Oct. 20 are going to be exciting."

Quality, quantity at Catalina

Nardone, in his eighth season as Catalina's head coach, said his 21-girl roster is the largest he's ever had there, and there's quality with quantity.

"We have a whole bunch of potential — I like everything I see," said Nardone, who coached track and field at Carmel High for 18 years coming to Santa Catalina.

Caitlin Kostka is expected to emerge as the pacesetter for the Cougars, but fellow senior Sutton Pinkus was Catalina's fastest runner — 17th out of 34 — at the league jamboree, and freshman Heidi Green took sixth at the first Cypress Division which had 57 runners.

Two other freshmen — Anya Siu, from Hong Kong, and Chloe Schute — are mentally tough, and juniors Audrey Morrison (a mile and 2-mile specialist in track) and Alejandra Rodarte are solid and competitive.

Rodarte and Sofia Rivera, who likely fits into the No. 7 spot, are from Mexico.

"At our first league meet, the teams that finished second through sixth were within five points of each other in the scoring," Nardone noted. "We competed that day without Cait-

lin, our lead runner, which makes us think we're in a very strong position. If we sharpen our game a bit, we can possibly win the division."

Torres, Puka pace Pirates

In 2019, Gabby Torres's sophomore year at Stevenson, she placed third among Cypress Division runners at the PCAL Championships, leading the Pirates to the team crown.

John Puka placed sixth at the PCAL Cypress Division Championships in 2019, when the Pirates were team runners-up.

Both are targeting exceptional seasons in 2021. Puka placed fifth, overall, in his first division meet, and Torres was sixth in the girls race.

Others running on the boys team for Stevenson include varsity veteran Win Metcalf (14th in the division in 2019), junior Kai Hu, sophomore Harrison Wilmot, and freshman Marcus Finley.

On the girls side, Torres leads a pack

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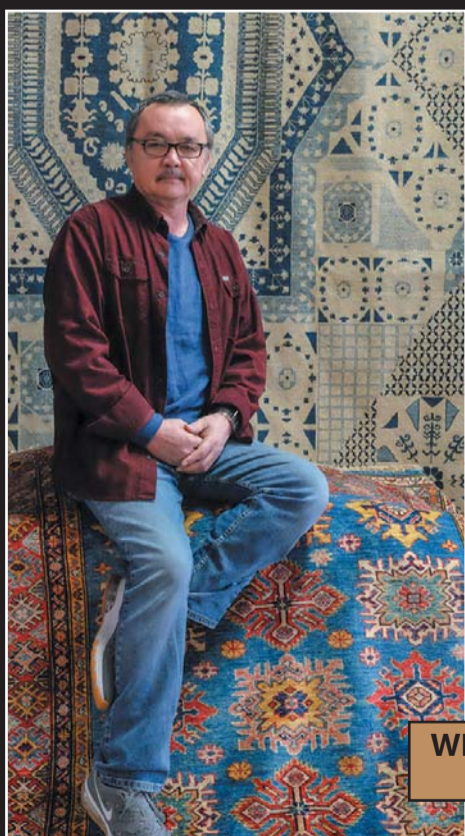


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Seniors Caitlin Kostka (left) and Sutton Pinkus lead a talented Santa Catalina team this season.

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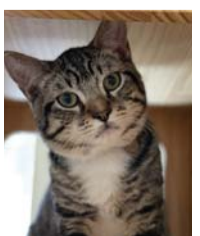
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Wailing Jennys play Golden State, 'Love Letter' singer serenades town

A WEEK after Marty Stuart and his Fabulous Superlatives kicked off Sunset Center's new season, singer-songwriter **John Hiatt** and **The Jerry Douglas Band** play Thursday at the same venue.

A highly respected songwriter, Hiatt has had his music

yet won a Grammy Award, but he's been nominated nine times.

A dobro legend in bluegrass, County Music Hall of Fame inductee Douglas has performed on more than 1,600 albums as a sideman. He's been nominated for 32 Grammy Awards and taken home 14 of them. He's been named Musician of the Year three times by the Country Music Association.

At Sunset Center, Hiatt and Douglas will be backed by the latter's band, which includes guitarist **Mike Seal**, saxophonist **Jamel Mitchell**, trumpeter **Vance Thompson**, fiddler **Christian Sedelmyer**, bassist **Daniel Kimbro** and drummer **Doug Belote**.

Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$84. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 620-2048 or visit sunsetcenter.org.

Sunset's Covid policy is in flux. "Depending on state and county guidelines, new queuing systems may be implemented, patrons may be required to wear masks, and/or provide proof of vaccination," it reads.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

covered by artists from many genres, including Rosanne Cash, who had a No. 1 country hit with his "The Way We Make A Broken Heart." Others who have covered his songs include Willie Nelson, Bonnie Raitt, Bruce Springsteen and even Bob Dylan. A critical favorite, Hiatt hasn't



John Hiatt — a singer-songwriter whose accomplishments include writing a No. 1 hit for Roseanne Cash — will be performing at Sunset Center Oct. 7.

Heavenly bluegrass harmonies

Best known for the spell-binding way they weave their voices together, **The Wailin' Jennys** play Friday at Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

After meeting by chance in a guitar shop in Winnipeg, Canada, **Nicky Mehta**, **Ruth Moody** and **Cara Luft** formed a vocal trio. After Luft launched a solo career and was replaced by Heather Masse, the group emerged as one of folk music's most beloved acts.

The trio's last two albums hit No. 1 on the Billboard bluegrass charts in the United States. They've also won a pair of Juno Awards — Canada's most prestigious — for Roots and Tradi-



The Wailin' Jennys, a beloved folk trio from Canada, will appear at the Golden State Theater in Monterey Oct. 1.

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Barmel's revamp, Taste of Carmel canceled, and The Meatery's new owners

AFTER SEVERAL years of running a bar that's been downtown Carmel's spot for late-night drinking, dancing and occasional rowdiness, Gabe Georis is taking Barmel into the post-Covid era with a new focus on top-quality cocktails, atypical bar food, musicians tickling the ivories of a ragtime-era piano early in the evenings, plenty of places to sit and stay awhile, DJs spinning vinyl — and no televisions.

He's spent the past several months

London a few years ago," Mouzouris said. "Many things changed last year, and now we find ourselves here, and it's very exciting."

He said he's enjoying working with Salarpou and Georis to elevate the Barmel experience.

"We are currently looking forward to presenting a slightly more refined approach to drinking in Carmel," he said. "Working with the experience of the Georis family and their contributions to hospitality — it's a really interesting, magical time."

Indeed, both men clearly focus on crafting well-balanced drinks that are efficiently prepared and elegantly presented.

"We're a very busy bar," Mouzouris said, so turning out cocktails at speed while maintaining quality requires "a bit of the old-fashioned hoodoo to bring consistency, efficiency and perfection every time."

They won't give up any of their secrets, though.

Lobster toast

As for the food, Georis said the chef is creating a menu that will include items like endive with steak tartare, crudites and dip, and lobster on grilled bread.

"It's going to be good, clean, quality bar food — not the usual greasy stuff," he said, and the person making it will also be serving it, "so the food isn't getting stuck in the kitchen, and the chef is getting a little face time, as well. That's the theory right now."

Barmel feels a bit like a saloon, with its century-old bar, dark wood and leather, and the upright piano that was once played by ragtime star Jelly Roll Morton. Georis' brother, Nico, is also involved in the bar and is an accomplished musician who often sits and plays.

Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

working on the bar's transformation into "a place that's a little more comfortable to sit and chat with friends and visit," Georis said, with special attention paid to "the quality of the drinks, the quality of the food and the quality of the atmosphere."

Turning vision into reality

Months of closure during the pandemic afforded Georis the opportunity to contemplate the changes he wanted to make and to start bringing them about. The revamp is still in the works, including hanging artwork and finalizing the menu.

And with the focus on cocktails, bartenders Ali Salarpou and Alex Mouzouris are putting in extra time devising concoctions they hope will be unparalleled.

Salarpou was working at The Otter's Den sports bar in Marina when he lost his job during the pandemic, and after an industry friend passed on a tip that Barmel was reopening and needed a bar manager, he applied. He urged his friend, Mouzouris, who had been working as a distributor, to join him.

"My wife and I relocated here from

Ada and Todd Fisher, executive chef for the Folktale Group, have bought The Meatery in Seaside and plan to continue offering gourmet butchery, as well as new products.



"My goal is to have acoustic music, some guitar but mostly centered around the piano, almost every day that we're open, in that 5-to-7 p.m. range, and then do vinyl in the later part of the evening," Georis said.

Barmel, which is located on San Carlos Street between Ocean and Seventh avenues next to Georis' Mexican restaurant, Pescadero, is open Wednesday through Sunday evenings.

"I've always wanted to uphold the Bohemian traditions of the town," he said. "Barmel is a cross between an audiophile listening bar and a modern take on a saloon, with great attention to detail."

Taste of Carmel canceled

With only a handful of the Carmel Chamber of Commerce's dozens of member restaurants willing to help with its Taste of Carmel, the nonprofit decided to cancel the Oct. 6 event.

After holding a large tasting event with local wineries and restaurants at the Carmel Mission for many years, organizers revamped the fundraiser to feature an al fresco family-style dinner at tables on the

streets surrounding Devendorf Park downtown. They went through the process of getting permission to use public property and serve alcohol, which required consideration by the community activities commission and the city council.

The board and the event's committee members "worked to re-envision the annual Taste of Carmel event through the lens of creating an experience that celebrates our community while simultaneously providing a platform to showcase the unique talents and gifts of our food, beverage and hospitality members," they said in an announcement Friday.

Plenty of local wineries signed up to help, but the only restaurants to commit were Flaherty's, Vesuvio, Il Fornaio, Rio Grill, Mezzaluna and Deja Blue in Seaside, as well as private chef Jacques Zagouri. The chamber had planned on selling 350 tickets.

"Our food and beverage members' continued constraints on staffing and other elements of the current environment have made it difficult for them to participate this

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year,” they continued. “Therefore, to best serve our community and members, we have made the decision to cancel our Oct. 6 event.”

They thanked their main sponsor, Nielsen Bros. Market, the restaurants, and the wineries — Scheid, Dawn’s Dream, Galante, Wrath, De Tierra, Silvestri, Hahn, Kori, Albatross Ridge, Cru, Comanche Cellars and Shale Canyon — as well as sponsors who pledged their support, and the musicians who planned to perform.

“So many have dedicated their time and talent to revitalizing this event, and we look forward to seeing it all come to life when the timing is right,” they said. “We ask that you continue to show support to your favorite neighbors-in-business by showing ‘local love.’”

Mezzaluna’s fall menu

Mezzaluna Pasteria & Mozzarella Bar in Pacific Grove is debuting a handful of new fall-inspired dishes Friday. Chef-owner Soerke Peters oversaw the recent remodel of the kitchen and is now focusing on expanding the lineup of antipasti, pasta and other dishes.

New seasonal starters include lamb tongue terrine with salsa verde, confit tomatoes and Parmesan cheese, and grilled octopus with braised sunchokes and pea shoots. A starter of lamb meatballs with herbs, tomato ragout and red flint polenta was also added.

The mozzarella bar’s new dish features buffalo mozzarella and prosciutto complemented by the fall flavors of oven-roasted Bosc pear, vinaigrette and hazelnuts.

Pasta, all of which is made in house with Italian flour and Glaum Ranch eggs, now includes ricotta-pumpkin dumplings with wild mushrooms and butternut squash in brown butter, pappardelle with seared day-boat scallops and braised leeks in a wine and garlic sauce, and duck Bolognese. Saffron ravioli filled with lobster, ricotta and tarragon in white wine butter sauce, and pasta filled with braised goat, ricotta and sage with braising jus, are also debuting.

Peters and partner and co-owner Amy Stouffer focus on turning out freshly made gelato, pasta and other items made in house, keeping a well-stocked and interesting bar known for beautiful and compelling cocktails, and running their operation with as low an impact on the environment as possible.

Mezzaluna is located at 1188 Forest Ave. Call (831) 372-5325 or visit mezzalunapasteria.com.

Fishers take over Meatery

Chef Todd Fisher, whose handiwork can be found at the 7D Steakhouse downtown and Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley, recently bought the Seaside butchery, The Meatery, with wife Ada. The Meatery was opened several years back by chefs and master butchers Kevin Hincks and Jason Balestrieri. Balestrieri subsequently left and consulted on the opening of the Village Gem restaurant in Carmel,

and Hincks remained owner of The Meatery with partner Gina Nucci. Balestrieri has now returned as executive chef to Cantinetta Luca, which he helped open, and Hincks and Nucci have sold their business to the Fishers.

The couple say they are long-time fans of The Meatery and had been searching for a location where they can work together to produce his line of Chef Todd Fisher products and supply ingredients for his restaurants.

While taking on new projects, the Fishers say they also plan “to continue offering the many staples created by the former owners,” including artisan sausages, truffle chicken “and the premium-butchered meats The Meatery and Seventh & Dolores are known for.”

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A revamped Barmel offers an elevated cocktail experience at the hands of new bartenders Alex Mouzouris (pictured) and Ali Salarpu.

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PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE CARMEL Public Library Foundation plans to show the documentary film, "Sonita," during Community Night with the Library Monday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m. in Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center at Mission and Ninth.

The film tells the story of an Afghan refugee in Iran who "channels her frustrations and seizes her destiny through music after her family tries to sell her into a marriage."

"This intimate portrait of creativity and womanhood highlights the rarely seen intricacies and shifting contrasts of Iranian society through the lens of an artist who is defining the next generation," library foundation executive director Alexandra Fallon said.

The foundation supports the public library, which was established 112 years ago and sees some 112,000 cardholders and visitors pass through its doors every year. The Carmel Public Library Foundation raises funds for its collections, services, equipment, archives and programs.

For program details, questions about donations or sponsorship opportunities, contact Fallon at afallon@carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org or (831) 624-2811. The film is free and open to the public. For more information, visit carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org.

FOOD

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throughout the month of October on Fridays from 5 to 9:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 3 to 9:30 p.m., as well as on Halloween Sunday.

Visitors who come in zombie costumes Oct. 2 or dressed as witches and warlocks Oct. 9 will get \$5 off their ticket prices.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$10 for active military and seniors 62 and older. A \$30 VIP Speed Pass allows guests to skip to the front of the line. Tickets are on sale at artichokefestival.org and are also available at the gate.

Welcome to Your Nightmare was designed by the Artichoke Festival committee and Escape Room 831, and is hosted by Cardinale & Wright, which has a pumpkin patch at the fairgrounds in the fall and sells Christmas trees there during the holidays. On select nights, there will be harvest-themed snacks and arts and crafts.

Guests enter at Gate 7 and will be required to follow Monterey County guidance for current Covid safety protocols, "with masked ghouls, contactless scares, touchless ticketing options, and a frighteningly large number of hand-sanitizing stations."

The haunted house is not recommended for children under 12, so parents of children 12 and under will be required to sign a waiver. No refunds.

MORE SPORTS

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that includes fellow senior Molly McCormick (10th in the division meet two years ago), junior Mia Georgio and freshmen Amy Rong and Julia Antoniu.

Stevenson is competing in the Mission Division this season.

Alumni watch

Former Carmel High teammates Emma Crabbe and Karoline Ruiz are making a major impact as freshman volleyball players at Santa Barbara City College.

Crabbe, a setter, leads the team in sets played (42), assists (371) and service aces (20), is second in digs (116).

Ruiz, a 6-foot-1 opposite-side hitter, leads in solo blocks (24), total blocks (37), and is second on the squad in kills (83).

The Vaqueros are 11-2 this season.

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

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CALENDAR

Oct. 4 - "Meet The Mayor" at the Carmel Woman's Club at 2 p.m., Ninth and San Carlos in Carmel. Hizzoner Dave Potter will speak on the state of the city and take questions from the audience following his talk. The public is invited. Members free; guests \$3. Reservations not necessary, but masks are required.

Oct. 4 - Community Night with the Library program, Sonita: Documentary Film, 7 p.m. at Carpenter Hall, Sunset Center. Masks are required. Register on our website: www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org. A young Afghani refugee in Iran channels her frustrations and seizes her destiny through music after her family tries to sell her into a marriage. Hosted by the Carmel Public Library Foundation. Cost: Free; \$10 suggested contribution. Questions? afallon@carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org or (831) 624-2811.

Oct. 10 - CRA's Citizen of the Year is Dale Byrne, builder, resident, champion of volunteerism Carmel Cares and more. Join us at 2 p.m. at Carmel Woman's Club, when Dale will be honored by local dignitaries. This free, public event is followed by a reception with appetizers and beverages. For details visit www.carmelresidents.org.

Oct. 10 - Free Wharf Birthday Party, 1 to 5 p.m. featuring Birthday Cake, Money Band, Stiltwalkers, Magic Show, Wharf Walks and much more! www.montereywharf.com.



Oct. 10-16 - Bid online for fabulous and unique items at the Catholic Charities Diocese of Monterey's fall fundraiser, Harvest of Hope. All proceeds benefit families and individuals that we serve. Event ends with a celebration Mass on Oct. 17 @ 3 p.m. with Bishop Ryan. Visit catholiccharitiesdom.org or call (831) 233-3307 for more info.

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Artist brings living room to museum, offers a personal peek inside

BIG SUR painter Erin Gafill will lead tours of a replica of her living room Saturday. Turns out the space is so interesting, it's been recreated as an exhibit at the Monterey Museum of Art.

The tours happen at 2 and 3 p.m., and she'll offer them again Oct. 9 — the final day of the museum's show dedicated to her and her artistic family.

Titled "Color Duets," the show explores the creative connection between Gafill and her uncle, textile artist Kaffe Fassett. Not only does the display include colorful paintings and textiles, but an assortment of

furniture, paint brushes, easels and even knitting needles.

As a youngster, Gafill first learned

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

about art in her family's living room next to Nepenthe restaurant, which served as a studio for endless creative projects, but also a place where artists gathered to share ideas.

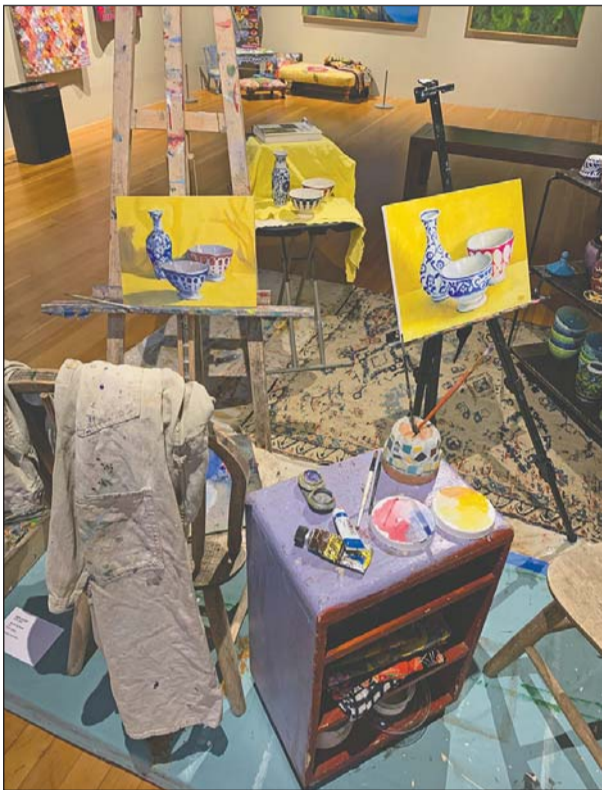
"It seemed like the whole world came through the living room," Gafill told The Pine Cone.

The artist said she's hopeful the show will "light a fire" and inspire others to roll up their sleeves and explore their own creativity by making something with their hands. From the feedback she's received so far, it seems to be working.

"People are saying they can't wait to go home and start a creative project," she said. "The show is having the impact I had hoped for, which makes me very happy."

Also on display at the museum is a group show by Japanese-American artists ("Shadows from the Past: Sansei Artists and the American Concentration Camps") and another by photographer Karen Halverson ("Trees, Chairs, and Power Lines").

The Monterey Museum of Art is located at 559 Pacific St. Its website is montereyart.org.



A replica of painter Erin Gafill's living room is part of an exhibit dedicated to her at the Monterey Museum of Art

Day of the Dead

Just as it has done for the past 12 years, Artisana Gallery in Pacific Grove will launch a month-long burst of color and creativity Friday when it opens an exhibit leading up to the Day of the Dead celebration Nov. 1.

The display includes an array of art created here and in Mexico.

"Please stop by during the next few weeks and continue honoring beloved de-

parted ancestors, family, friends and pets. Messages plus offerings of flowers, photos and mementos are welcome," the gallery announced. "Be sure to visit to witness how the community builds this altar for the next month as we honor those that made it possible for us to be here today."

Located at 612 Lighthouse Ave., the gallery will stay open until 9 p.m. Oct. 1 for downtown Pacific Grove's monthly First Fridays celebration, showcasing more than a dozen local shops and galleries.

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Lincoln St. resident reported receiving an odd email.

A photo of the resident

superimposed with an image of an actress with a "distressed" look on her face.

She has received five emails like this in the past year.

This frightens the resident.

MUSIC

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As for Covid protocols, the theater will no longer admit people who are unvaccinated unless they show proof of a negative test.

"All patrons must show proof of full vaccination or proof of negative test within 72 hours of the show time to be admitted," the policy reads. "For the tests, non-PCR tests — such as take-home or Doctors on Duty tests — are accepted. We will just need to see proof of when the test was taken and the result."

■ Symphony in the Forest

Sadly, there isn't enough room at the Forest Theatre to safely accommodate all who'd like to see Monterey Symphony's "Love Letter to Carmel," which will be performed Tuesday and Wednesday.

But for those lucky enough to have a ticket, the program pays tribute to all that's wonderful about Carmel, and

the performance provides a stage for the talents of singer **Malinda DeRouen**.

The program includes music with ties to our town, like Erroll Garner's "Misty," themes to "Avengers" and "Back to the Future" by resident **Alan Silvestri**, and Ennio Morricone's "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly Suite," which will conjure up images of resident Clint Eastwood with a six-shooter staring down a bunch of bad guys.

DeRouen, meanwhile, will have an opportunity to show off her talents. A Pacific Grove resident with a bright future, she will sing many of same songs that made former Carmel Valley resident Doris Day famous.

The symphony's executive director **Nicola Reilly** said she's thrilled to see DeRouen in the concert.

"I wish I could be the president of her fan club," Reilly told The Pine Cone. "She's such an amazing talent — we try and work with her whenever we can. I had the honor of playing in the pit orchestra at Western Stage when she sang 'Evita,' and she hit it out of the park. I can't wait to hear her with a full orchestra."

Besides accompanying the symphony, DeRouen is playing Portia, Brutus' wife, in the PacRep's "Julius Caesar," which plays at the Forest Theater through Oct. 17.

While the concert is sold out, ticket packages for the symphony's upcoming season are on sale now. Single concert tickets go on sale in December. For more details visit montereysymphony.org.

■ Live music Sept. 24-30

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20212019 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: R G R TRUCKING, 470 Venice Way, Gonzales, CA 93926.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20212014 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: HACIENDA KITCHEN, 7180 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93923.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20212027 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: A&R Creations, 416 Michael Cir., Gonzales, CA 93926.

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.

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09/20/2021 10/1, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22/21 CNS-3515195# CARMEL PINE CONE Publication dates: Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2021. (PC1002)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 21CV002831 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, JOSEPH MICHAEL DOUGLAS, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: A. Present name: JOSEPH MICHAEL DOUGLAS Proposed name: SKYLER ARSEL DOUGLAS 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.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021995 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: PEPPER DRIVE LIVING, 2 NW of J on San Carlos - Unit C, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921.

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.

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.

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.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20212111 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: HFH PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, 1139 Arrowhead Rd., Pebble Beach, CA 93953.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20212133 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Tropical Vibes, 1582 Constitution Blvd., Salina, CA 93905, County of Monterey.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20212021 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: PEPPER DRIVE & CO, 287 Ocean Ave., Unit B, Monterey, CA 93942.

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 Serrano Ave., Carmel, CA 93923.

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 Serrano Ave., Carmel, CA 93923.

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.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20212084 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: HAPPY DOG CARMEL, 25595 Row Pl., Carmel, CA 93923.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20212134 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: J Cloud Hospitality, 481 Watson St., Unit 2, Monterey, CA 93940, County of Monterey.

T.S. No. 21-5213 Notice of Trustee's Sale Loan No.: *****8800 APN: 031-241-014-000 You Are In Default Under A Deed Of Trust Dated 11/8/2004. 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.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20212130 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Ivy Park at Salinas, 1320 Padre Drive, Salinas, CA 93901, County of Monterey.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 21CV002871 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 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.

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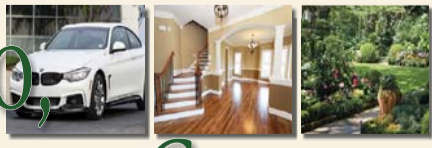
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20212102 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: PG PYES, 16714 Pickett Ln., Marina, CA 93933.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20212131 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Mid-Towne Mobile Terrace, 1117 Baldwin Street, Salinas, CA 93906, County of Monterey.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20212138 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: United States National Karate, 173 Fern Canyon Road, Carmel, CA 93923, County of Monterey.



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LIVE

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Durley and Scotty Wright (jazz and r&b, Tuesday at 7 p.m.) and **The Ben Herod Trio** (jazz and swing, Wednesday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St., (831) 649-8151.

Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Asher Stern** (Friday at 3 p.m.), **Wild & Blue** (Saturday at 3 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road, (831) 293-7500.

Gusto Pizzeria in Seaside — **Andrea's Fault Duo** (jazz and blues, Thursday at 5:30 p.m.). 1901 Fremont Blvd., (831) 899-5825.

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.

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.

Lucy's On Lighthouse in Pacific Grove — **Soul Shake** (blues, Saturday at 2 p.m.). 1120 Lighthouse Ave., (831) 920-2006.

Massa Tasting Room in Carmel Valley — singer

and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (folk, Sunday at noon). 69 W. Carmel Valley Road, (831) 659-6221.

Midici Pizza in Monterey — singer **Janice Perl**, keyboardist **Gary Meek** and bassist Joe Dolister (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.) and singer **Pamela Forman** and guitarist **Bruce Forman** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St., (831) 264-7013.

Mission Ranch — singer and pianist **Maddalene 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.

The Monarch Pub in Pacific Grove — singer and guitarist **Katherine Lavin** (Friday at 7 p.m.). 617 Lighthouse Ave., (831) 324-4987.

Phill's Barber Shop in Pacific Grove — blues rock jam (Friday at 7 p.m.). 610 Lighthouse Ave., (831) 334-0698

Sly McFly's in Monterey — **The Money Band** (rock, Friday at 9 p.m.), **The Bridget Marie Band** (r&b and funk, Saturday at 9 p.m.), **Stingrays** (rock, Sunday at 9 p.m.) and **The Chuck Brewer Band** (rock, Monday at 9 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row, (831) 649-8050.

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

Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (folk, Friday at 6 p.m.) and **Deja Vu** (rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place, (831) 298-7453.



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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JERALD D. ECHENIQUE, aka JERALD DUANE ECHENIQUE, aka JERALD ECHENIQUE Case Number 21PR000426

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JERALD D. ECHENIQUE, aka JERALD DUANE ECHENIQUE, aka JERALD ECHENIQUE.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JILL ECHENIQUE in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

The Petition for Probate requests that JILL ECHENIQUE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: Nov. 3, 2021
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Dept.: 13
Address: Superior Court of Califor-

nia, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

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

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

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

Attorney for Petitioner:
Laura A. Davis, Esq.
200 Camino Aguajito Road, Suite 200, Monterey, CA 93942
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This statement was filed by Superior Court of California, County of Monterey on Sept. 22, 2021.

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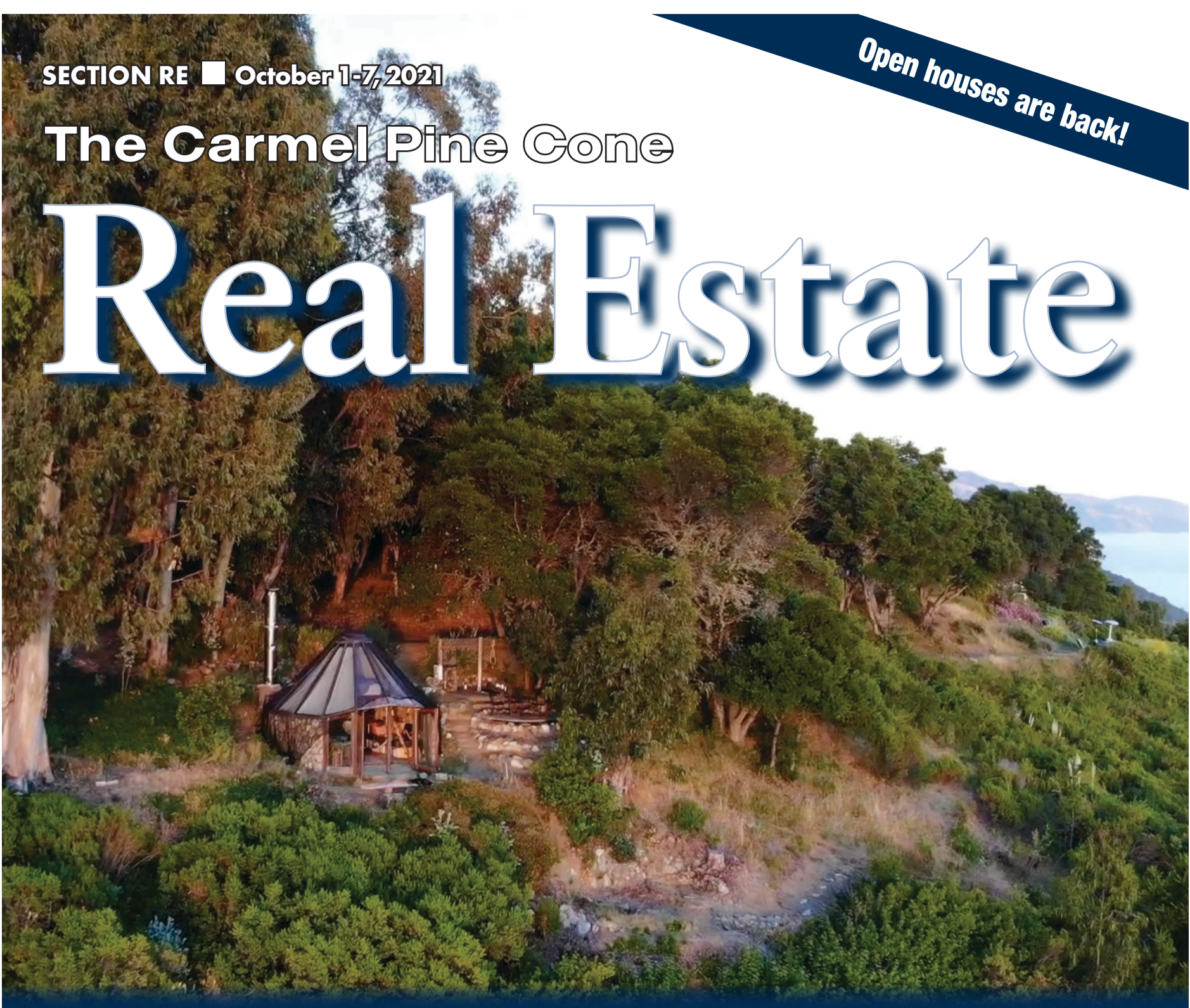
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Brian and Mary Bateman, Jane Marks and Julie Thomas to Guy and Rhonda Vachon

APN: 103-102-012

23850 Venadis Court — \$1,949,000

23850 Venadis Court LLC to

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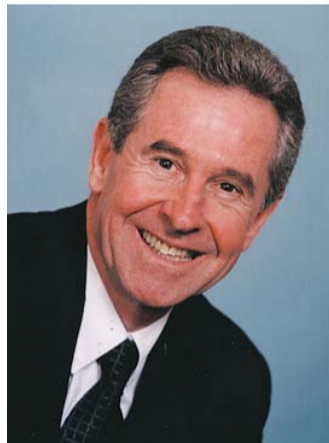
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Lobos Street, SW corner of First — \$2,350,000

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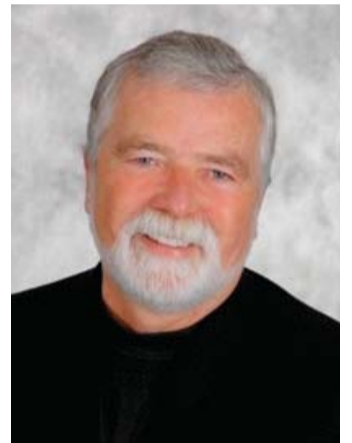
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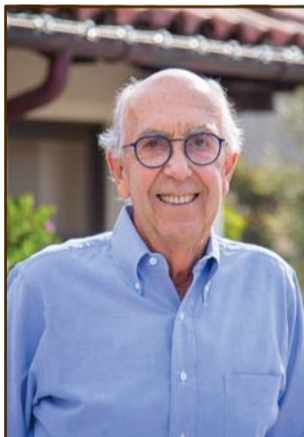
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Carmel Valley

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11627 Hidden Hills Road, Carmel Valley — \$3,475,000

Estate of Edward Whiting to Joseph and Paula Osorio
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3850 Rio Road unit 8 — \$450,000

Raffi Engurliyan to Ani Sakiz
APN: 015-531-008

155 Hacienda Carmel — \$469,000

Gilbert McLeod to Sandra Randazzo and Lloyd Trust
APN: 015-342-027

172 Del Mesa Carmel — \$848,000

Diana Witt to John and Kathy Baker
APN: 015-512-007

12230 Carola Drive — \$1,360,500

Wynn Stone and Benjamin and Michelle Norwood to Jonathan and Ludmilla Wickman
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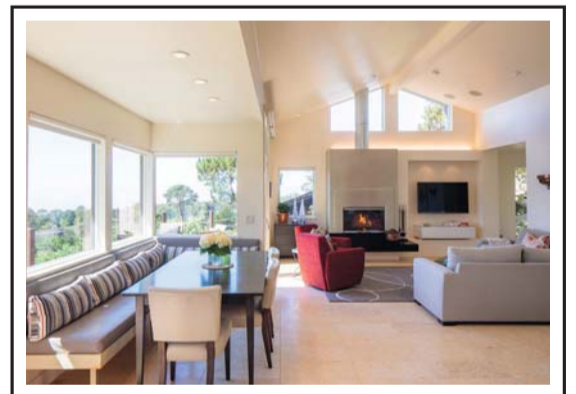
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el’ in the masthead. I looked in the Recreation and Arts section thinking I would fall into Best Performing Arts Company or Group. All right, I may not be a company or a group, but in a sense I am a performer.

There is a Services and Health Care category. Maybe that’s where I should be listed. I do perform a service and

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Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

the time).

Let’s get back to the Best Performing Arts category. There are classifications for everything from Galleries to Golf. It covers the visual arts, painting, photography, sculpture, and music, but the closest references to writing are Best Library and Best Place to Read The Pine Cone. Best Place to Walk Your Dog is on the list. Perhaps, Best Column to Line the Bottom of Your Bird Cage might have gotten me some votes.

Best car or dealer?

You may cast aside my grievance as the weepy woe-is-me self-indulgence of a sore loser — and you could be right — but since galleries are one of the groupings people can vote for, I want to ask if people go to a gallery to look at the walls, or to see the paintings on the walls? It is the same with any service enterprise. Take Best Furniture Store. Naturally, you want good service and prices, but you go there for the furniture. Same with Best Car Dealer, although that term may be an oxymoron. You go there for the cars. If you want a Ferrari, you go to the Ferrari dealer. If you want a clown car, you go see that clown in Salinas who sells VW’s (heh, heh). You can vote for Best Library, where once again almost everybody goes for the books, although location can be almost as important.

I can see where choosing the best writer would be extremely subjective. Go back to the Best Performing Arts category. The first listing is for Best Artist. I think that is as subjective as you can get. Aren’t they all, though? What

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POLICE LOG

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Prowling and theft from a local hotel at Mission and Seventh.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a battery at Scenic and Eighth. Victim did not want prosecution.

Pacific Grove: Report of a burglary at a business on Asilomar at 0532 hours. No items taken. No suspect info.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Customer at a store on Ocean east of Monte Verde reported her eye cream syringe was empty. She was unable

to get through to the business via telephone. Officer made contact with the business, and they said they would follow-up with the customer and send her a new one.

Pacific Grove: Ammunition turned in for destruction.

Pacific Grove: Report of a peace disturbance on David Avenue involving family members. Report for informational purposes.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded after report of a burglary on Berwick Drive.

Pebble Beach: Resident requested a welfare check on a relative on Matador Road.

Carmel Valley: A woman on Canada Drive turned in a firearm for destruction.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a Via Contenta address for a report of a restraining order violation.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ongoing neighbor dispute over on-street parking on Guadalupe south of Second which escalated into an aggressive verbal confrontation and spitting on property. All parties contacted. Offending party counseled on appropriate adult behavior and expression of emotions. Parking issue addressed (vehicle was legally parked). Information only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Group of residents in the area of Mission and 13th reported an ongoing issue with a neighbor and excessive noise from motorcycle. Parties counseled. Information only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of damage to a vehicle door at San Carlos and Fifth,

apparently from a car parked nearby. Investigation unable to confirm. Other party denied involvement. Civil issue, information only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female reported a dog attacked her dog and another dog at the beach. She stated her dog did not sustain any injuries. All parties on scene exchanged information after the incident.

Pacific Grove: Juvenile issue on Forest Avenue. Information only.

Pacific Grove: Report of voter fraud. Subject's relative was using the Seventh Street resident's address to vote.

Pacific Grove: Non-injury collision in the 600 block of Lighthouse Avenue.

Carmel Valley: Patient was taken to

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SHERIFF

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

CHOMP on a 72-hour hold. Case closed.

Carmel area: Report of a subject on Rio Road destroying ballots.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female reported losing her cell phone while visiting a market.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle check at Dolores and Eighth at 0120 hours led to the DUI arrest of a 77-year-old male Oakland resident. Subject was transported and lodged at county jail on misdemeanor charges.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Cell phone found at Carmelo and 17th was turned in for safekeeping.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: An owner of a husky reported an incident where her dog was playing with other dogs on the

beach north of Del Mar, and suddenly a pit bull showed up and jumped on her dog. She and another dog owner attempted to separate and pull the pit bull off. The pit bull then went after a witness' dog. The dogs were separated, and the owner arrived. Contact information was exchanged. No injuries on the witness' dog; however, the husky had blood on its ear and was taken to a veterinarian. The husky's owner was bitten on the wrist by the pit bull, and her watch was damaged, but it protected her wrist. All parties were contacted via phone, and the offending dog owner from out of this area was documented for his dog's menacing/vicious behavior. Contact made with the animal services in his jurisdiction.

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GERVASE

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I think is the best pizza place never gets a mention. That's the fun of looking at the results. When we disagree with the choices, we can laugh and wonder what people were using for their criteria. When we agree, we can throw our shoulders out of whack from patting ourselves on the back until we need the best chiropractor. I don't vote for the services I don't use. I'm not into Martial Arts because I would need Christo to fabricate a black belt that would go around me. I don't need a Title Company because I already have a title (Mr.).

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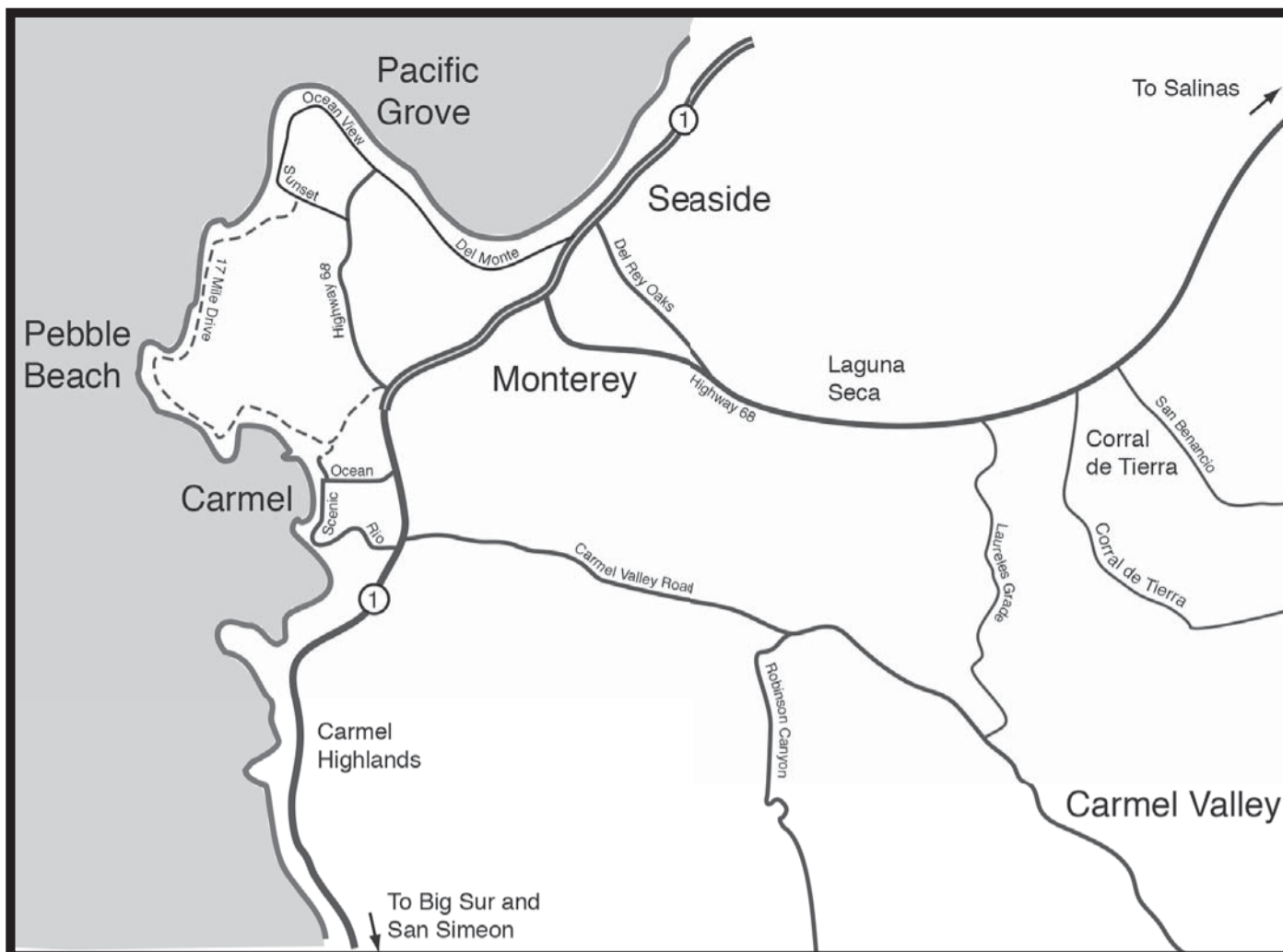
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GAVEL

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such that he is unlikely to reoffend while under supervision and treatment in the community.

In September 2020, the court held a hearing on the matter at which representatives from the state hospital and Liberty Healthcare — the agency tasked with supervising Rubio upon his release — testified about the recommendation.

In October 2020, following closing arguments during which the district attorney's office objected to Rubio's release, the court followed the state hospital's recommendation and granted him a supervised release.

In March 2021, Liberty Healthcare circulated a proposal for Rubio's community

placement in Bradley. In April 2021, the court initiated a series of public comment hearings regarding the proposal.

Following an investigation of the property by the sheriff's office including dozens of public comments written by concerned community members, the court approved the property for Rubio's release.

July 29 — Angel Diaz, a former member of the Sureño criminal street gang, was sentenced to nine years in state prison after being convicted of multiple crimes involving robbery, evading police, possessing ammunition, resisting arrest and making criminal threats.

On April 13, 2020, Salinas police officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop of a vehicle Diaz was driving, which was later confirmed to be stolen.

Diaz evaded the officers, drove through multiple residential streets in Salinas, and at one point during the pursuit reached a

speed of 100 MPH. The pursuit ended when Diaz crashed the vehicle into a fence and fled on foot.

One week later, on April 20, 2020, while Diaz was out on bail for the April 13 incident, Salinas police officers contacted him near a residence to investigate a report of assault.

Upon seeing the officers, Diaz got out of his car and attempted to run. However, the officers blocked his path and found a knife concealed in his pants.

A search of Diaz's vehicle revealed an AR-15 type rifle hidden underneath the steering wheel, along with a loaded magazine containing 25 rounds. Diaz was arrested and posted bail for this incident.

On May 12, 2020, again while out on bail, Diaz and another unidentified suspect approached three minors at Gabilan Park in Salinas, threatened them, and demanded a gold necklace from one of them. Diaz

and his accomplice grabbed the necklace and ran away from the scene. The next day, Salinas police officers pulled Diaz over for a traffic violation and found Diaz wearing the victim's jewelry.

On May 26, 2021, Diaz called the mother of his child and threatened to "shoot up" her family's house.

The victim feared him because he had committed prior acts of domestic violence against her.

Diaz tracked the victim's location with his phone, showed up at her house, and threatened to stab her mother. Salinas police officers responded to the scene and challenged Diaz at gunpoint. He fled on foot, jumped over a fence, and was arrested following a short pursuit.

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