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Power poles pop up in Big Sur — but not forever

By CHRIS COUNTS

IN A place where unobstructed coastal views are treated with great reverence, the recent installation of power poles at two sites in Big Sur — on the coastal side of Highway 1, no less — has some sounding an alarm.

The poles won't be there forever, but they could be there for a while.

They're being used to bring electricity to two bridges —

the ones that span Garrapata Creek and Granite Canyon. The power is needed by a contractor to repair the bridges, which are suffering from corrosion and are reaching the ends of their lifespans. Kevin Drabinski of Caltrans said the work is expected to be completed in August 2023, and the poles will be needed until it's done.

The state roads agency has determined that the bridges, which were built in 1931, are suffering "active corrosion of the steel reinforcement due to the presence of chlorides in the concrete, which cause degradation of the structural concrete elements."

"If not abated, the bridges will require replacement in the near future," a press release about the work says.

Installation turns heads

To extend the lifespans of both bridges, a contractor will apply what's called an "electrochemical chloride extraction process" — basically, using electricity to remove the chloride from the concrete.

"The treatment will restore the bridge health and extend the bridge life by halting the active corrosion of the steel reinforcement through removal of the chloride ions," said Caltrans, which noted that work at Garrapata Bridge alone will cost about \$13.5 million.

The poles have caught the attention of locals and visitors.

"Everybody was shocked when they went

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PHOTO/CHRIS COUNTS

Caltrans erecting power poles along Highway 1 in Big Sur. The poles are needed to supply electricity for repairs to two major bridges.

Hundreds of under-12s getting vaccinated

By KELLY NIX

THE CAMPAIGN to vaccinate kids 5 to 11 against Covid-19 is underway in Monterey County, where hospital officials say there is a lot of enthusiasm by parents to get their children immunized.

There are about 43,000 children from 5 to 11 years old in the county, and hundreds of them received their first dose of the Pfizer vaccine several days ago, with hundreds more expected to get inoculated this weekend.

County-owned Natividad Medical Center had a good turnout this week and expects to vaccinate many more children next week.

"We vaccinated about 200 kids on Monday," Natividad Medical Center spokeswoman Hillary Fish told The Pine Cone. "The next Covid-19 vaccination clinic for kids 5 to 11 is scheduled for Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m. and appointments are available at myturn.gov."

Monterey County Health Officer Dr. Ed Moreno said

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PHOTO/NATIVIDAD MEDICAL CENTER

Lyla Hernandez of Carmel Valley gets her first vaccine dose Monday from Jeffrey Hernandez, a supervising nurse for Natividad Medical Center's emergency department.

SKINCARE SHOP GETS OK BUT IS TOLD TO BEHAVE

By KELLY NIX

DESPITE PERPETUAL complaints from customers about the way skincare businesses operate in Carmel, the planning commission this week OK'd a new store on Ocean northeast of Dolores.

The commission voted 4-0 Wednesday to issue a use permit to business owner Erez Chen, whose Carmel Boutique is in a location that's had several prior skincare businesses. Commissioner Christopher Bolton was absent from the meeting.

'Not everyone happy'

The commission's approval comes two weeks after Carmel Chamber of Commerce CEO Jenny MacMurdo said the organization has received dozens of complaints since 2016 from former customers of skincare stores in Carmel. In fact, nine of the disgruntled customers said their experi-

ences were so bad that they would never return to the city.

Despite the planning commission's approval Wednesday night, commissioners were clear that if Carmel Boutique stepped out of line and its salespeople exhibited behavior like those of the previous skincare businesses, the city could revoke the permit.

'Terrible history'

"This type of business has a terrible history, and I want the applicant to understand this is a conditional use permit," chair Michael LePage explained. "We can review this business at any time based upon violations or complaints."

LePage also cautioned Chen about high-pressure sales tactics and hawking products outside the shop.

"I might sound harsh, but I want to be harsh," he went on to say. "This is a warning. We don't want that type of business in our community. Carmel should be a wonderful experience for visitors and its residents, not some high-pressure carnival-barking type of atmosphere."

See **SKINCARE** page 9A

Welcoming a new arrival



PHOTO/COURTESY CAMALDOLI HERMITAGE

When you live in a monastic community more than 1,000 feet above sea level, out of range of cell phones and the internet, you tell time a little differently — but even old-school systems need upgrades. See page 3A.

Details emerge about shuttle to Point Lobos

By CHRIS COUNTS

CALIFORNIA STATE Parks wants to know what you think about a plan to establish a shuttle service that would take visitors from the Crossroads to Point Lobos and other nearby hiking destinations — and the deadline for sending comments is Nov. 19.

The shuttle system has emerged as a response to overuse at Point Lobos, where the entrance along Highway 1 has turned into a hot spot for traffic congestion, especially on weekends.

The program, which also would establish a reservation system, is called Park It!

The plan starts with a shuttle stop at Marathon Flats, a 1.4-acre strip of publicly owned land that fronts Highway 1 just west of The Crossroads shopping center (it gets its name because it has long served as the finish line for the Big Sur Marathon). The stop would include 100 parking spaces and a

restroom, and besides taking visitors to Point Lobos, the shuttle would transport them to Palo Corona park's main entrance on Carmel Valley Road.

An online reservation system would be set "to address the rapid, unsustainable visitation growth at Point Lobos," according to the plan. "To enter Point Lobos, all visitors other than State Parks staff, Point Lobos Foundation staff, and docents on duty will need a reservation" — not only to enter Point Lobos or Palo Corona, but to park.

Too many people

The overuse of Point Lobos, with more than 600,000 visitors a year and the traffic problems they create, has led many to support the shuttle system idea. The general plan for Point Lobos that was adopted in 1979 set a cap on visitors, but it was never enforced. When the plan was recently updated, the cap was removed.

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Sandy Claws

Diminutive doppelganger

SHE DIDN'T particularly care for the Black Russian terrier her customers often brought into her business, but her husband was drawn to the bright, wooly, energetic animal. Although she didn't want a puppy that might grow to 140 pounds, she made a deal. If her husband would agree to no more babies, she'd agree to a puppy.

The couple acquired Vader from Midnight Solo Kennel, a Black Russian breeder in Canada, and brought the 17-pound puppy to their Carmel Woods home.

"Vader was so cute and calm, we wondered if we'd gotten a dud of a dog," his person said. "He was so small, I could hold him in my hands. At 8, he's still only 95 pounds, but is full of life."

They didn't get a dud, but they did get the runt of the litter.

Although lively, Vader also is rather solemn, and takes his job as the family guard dog very seriously. His person calls him the "Fun Police," as he's apt to bark if she and her husband slow-dance in the living room, telling them to stop messing around.

By Lisa Crawford Watson



Last year, the couple added a pandemic puppy to their family by bringing home an affenpinscher they named Ace. A German breed ancestral to the Brussels griffon and the miniature Schnauzer, affenpinscher is loosely translated to monkey terrier, mostly for its little monkey-like face.

At 9 pounds fully grown, Ace actually looks like a miniature Vader. He also attaches to him like velcro and sleeps, tucked into the security of the big dog's body.

"Vader doesn't particularly care for Ace, but he puts up with our sweet little dog," his person said. "Ace is so loving, he may as well be named Romeo."

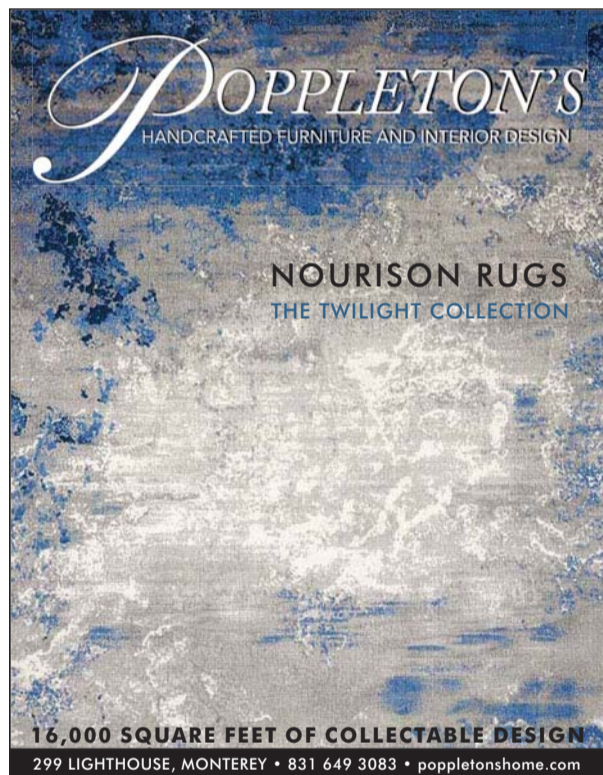
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Time took its toll, but a benefactor replaced Big Sur hermitage's bell

By ELAINE HESSER

AFTER 40 years summoning the faithful to services, the bell at Big Sur's New Camaldoli Hermitage has been retired and a \$25,000 bronze bell has replaced it, thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor who lives in Maryland.

For the last few years, the tone of the old bell hadn't seemed quite right, said Michael Richards, maintenance manager at the hermitage for the last 20 years.

Regular maintenance was being done by the Verdin Company in Cincinnati, Ohio, a six-generation family business which manufactures carillons, church organs and clocks. Its technicians noticed some cracks in the bell. The following year, one of Ver-

din's experts told the brothers that the damage could signal the possibility of more dangerous problems — something Richards had also found by searching online.

According to Verdin's website, bells can become unsafe for several reasons. The supporting structure can weaken as bolts rust or beams rot, the connection between the bell and its supporting structure — called a yoke — can weaken, or the connection between the clapper and the bell can become loose.

Bell accidents are more common than you might think — just this week, a group of bell-ringers led by a 90-year-old man in Somerset, England, narrowly escaped injury when a 110-pound bell came loose and crashed through two floors above them, wedging itself between two beams, which, fortunately, arrested its descent.

Retreats

The monks live simply, because that's what monks do. But lately they've been on an especially tight budget, thanks to fires and flooding that forced them to make extensive repairs to their access road. The hermitage also raises some money through its retreat center. People come for organized or solo spiritual sojourns, renting a room in a group retreat house or one of five small private cottages on the hillside. That operation was shut down by Covid and only

(Left) The old bell, which has been retired to the Hermitage's cemetery. (Below) An aerial view of the Camaldoli center.

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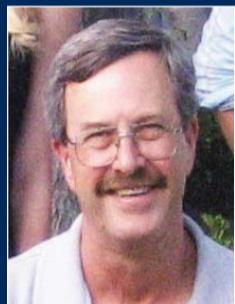
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Police & Sheriff's Log

A card-carrying prowler, perhaps?

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.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

Pacific Grove: A burglary occurred on Asilomar, and the victim's safe was taken.

Pacific Grove: Male on Eardley reported being defrauded of cryptocurrency through his phone.

Pacific Grove: Cyber tip regarding possession/distribution of obscene material.

Pacific Grove: Juvenile overdosed in a vehicle at Rip Van Winkle park. Vehicle towed for expired registration.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Residential burglary on Forest south of Ocean.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Trespass advisement provided to a customer at a market on Junipero Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person found a wedding ring on the ground just outside Church of Wayfarer on Lincoln north of Seventh.

Ring booked for safekeeping pending contact with the owner. Finder would like to claim it if the owner is not contacted.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found wallet outside Garland Park. Wallet was brought to the station for safekeeping. Attempts to contact the owner met with negative results.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Victim reported prowling/attempted burglary on her property on Santa Fe south of Eighth. (This call is related to the Oct. 20 report of prowling on Guadalupe Street, with a suspect identified.)

Pacific Grove: Report of a stolen bicycle on Congress. No suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Subject walked into a home on Seventh Street without the owner's permission.

Carmel Valley: Suspicious vehicle was reported on Cachagua Road.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 42-year-old male was arrested at Highway 1 and Ocean at 0123 hours for DUI.

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in the Real Estate Section



The gavel falls

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

Sept. 3 — A jury found Israfael Segarra, 29, of Salinas, guilty of evading police, a felony, and willfully resisting or delaying a peace officer, a misdemeanor. The Honorable Mark E. Hood presided over the trial.

On June 6, Salinas police officers were patrolling the area of Industrial Street and Sanborn Place in Salinas when they noticed Segarra driving his white Acura at a high rate of speed. The officers attempted to catch up to him to conduct a traffic stop by using their emergency lights and siren. Segarra, in attempt to get away, did not stop his vehicle and continued to drive at a high rate of speed. During the pursuit, he drove recklessly, failing to stop at a solid red light and stop signs. He ultimately hit a curb, causing his tire to pop. Shortly after this occurred, he jumped out of his moving vehicle, at the entrance of the Pilot Travel Center, and ran. Officers chased him to the semi-truck parking lot behind the Pilot Travel Center and lost sight of him. Segarra was arrested a few days later.

Segarra faces up to three years in the

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Sept. 7 — Convicted murderer Edmundo Pulido will not be re-sentenced under California Penal Code section 1170.95 for his participation in the March 2010 murder of 6-year-old Azahel Cruz. The law, which took effect in 2019, allows convicted murderers to allege that they were convicted of murder under legal theories the legislature no longer allows. If a convicted defendant makes that allegation, and the existing court record does not conclusively eliminate the possibility the defendant was convicted under one of the prohibited theories, the burden shifts to the prosecuting agency to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant is still guilty of murder under the current law.

On March 23, 2010, Salinas police officers were dispatched to a park in the City of Salinas to investigate a drive-by shooting. Witness statements and surveillance

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in the Real Estate Section

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BY LARRY MESLER

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Police destroy lots of weed, say it's done to protect industry, customers

By CHRIS COUNTS

LAW ENFORCEMENT in Monterey County has long destroyed large quantities of marijuana confiscated from people who grew or possessed it illegally, and they're still doing it. But as the recent destruction of 18 tons of marijuana seized from unlicensed growers illustrates, they're doing it for very different reasons than they did a decade ago.

Marijuana has been legal since the passage of Prop 64 in 2016. But you need a permit to run a commercial operation, which means paying taxes and meeting standards for safety and purity. Law enforcement says the still-thriving illegal marijuana industry uses lots of pesticides, sells products of unknown quality, and poses unfair competition to the legal industry, where costs are higher.

Gregory Peterson of the Monterey County District Attorney's Office said local police have found some pretty nasty stuff on the illegal crops they've seized. In particular, he singled out carbofuran,

which is used to keep insects away. The Environmental Protection Agency banned its use on food crops in 2009.

"It's one of the substances we've found that are most toxic to humans," Peterson told The Pine Cone. "I've been told that one drop can kill somebody."

Peterson said local police have found hundreds of substances on illegal cannabis, including types of mold that can be dangerous to humans.

Pesticides are a problem

The deputy DA said many illegal grows also have a terrible impact on the environment due to the pesticides that are used — something that's been documented at sites in the local mountains.

"Rain causes pesticides and chemicals to go into our rivers and streams — and eventually, Monterey Bay," Peterson said.

Police say it's essential to keep illegal cannabis off the black market if legal growers are to succeed. Many are struggling —

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Here is an illegal cannabis growing operation that police found in one of Monterey County's inland areas. Local law enforcement is cracking down on illegal grows.

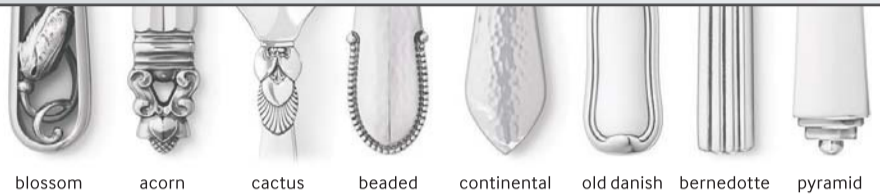
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Too early to tell how much Biden's infrastructure bill will affect county

By KELLY NIX

REP. JIMMY Panetta praised the passage of the \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill that he and other Democratic lawmakers promise will create millions of jobs, solve the supply chain crisis and make big investments in things like water, "clean" transportation and climate resiliency. But it's not clear yet how much of the funds will trickle down to Monterey County.

The House of Representatives Nov. 5 voted 228-206 to pass the so-called Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Thirteen swing-district House Republicans supported the bill, and all but six Democrats OK'd it. President Joe Biden is expected to sign the bill Monday.

Panetta, a Democrat, said the massive spending plan will create millions of "good paying" jobs, fix the ongoing supply chain problem, help prevent wildfires, enhance rural broadband, and fight the effects of climate change, among other things.

Bridges and airports

"I'm proud that last week Republicans and Democrats came together and passed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act," Panetta said.

Most Republicans, though, view the bill as out-of-control government spending that has little to do with actual infrastructure fixes.

San Diego-area Republican Congressman Darrell Issa said the bill "doesn't build anything. It destroys."

"This bill abuses our national need for infrastructure by holding it hostage," Issa said. "The ransom? More than \$1 trillion in new borrowing, \$400 billion is added to the deficit, and at least two-thirds not spent on physical infrastructure. This was not Congress at its finest."

While California is expected to receive billions of dollars for highways, bridges, water and airport infrastructure, internet connectivity and other programs, it's too early to tell how much Monterey County and the Monterey Peninsula will receive, Panetta said.

Once the bill becomes law with Biden's signature, federal agencies will determine just how the taxpayer dollars will be spent.

"I plan to work directly with local counties, cities, and stakeholders to assist them in the application process and provide advocacy so that our infrastructure

needs are met with this federal funding," Panetta told The Pine Cone.

Still studying

Western states are to receive \$250 million for desalination projects, and California is expected to get \$3.5 billion for "water infrastructure." Monterey Peninsula Water Management District general manager Dave Stoldt said the public agency is still studying the bill to figure how much the Peninsula — which has one of the most dire water problems in the state — will get.

Funding for water-related projects also includes \$1 billion for water recycling and

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Jimmy Panetta

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PLANNING COMMISSION LIKES CABIN PROJECT

By KELLY NIX

THE OWNERS of a tiny historic cabin that is one of a few remaining examples of late-19th century homes in Carmel are closer to being able to erect a two-story addition after the planning commission Wednesday OK'd the concept — with some caveats.

Commissioners voted to accept a design study by owners Donny and Stacey Gregg to build a 1,006-square-foot addition off the rear of the original 594-square-foot cabin on Santa Rita northeast of Third and connect the buildings with a “hyphen”— essentially an enclosed hallway to link the 1888 cabin to the new construction.

The Greggs, who purchased the cabin for \$799,000 in November 2020, hired architect Brian Congleton, who

designed a two-story, board-and-batten expansion to be connected by the hyphen. They also want to do an interior remodel of the cabin and replace a metal portion of the roof with wood shingles.

Congleton explained to commissioners Wednesday that he tried to “sensitively” address all of the constraints on the property, including the biggest one — the cabin’s history. A rarity in Carmel for its age, the cabin also has interesting provenance. It was built in 1888 by Alfonso Ramirez, a direct descendant of the Carmel Mission Indians and an early Carmel stagecoach driver.

“There is historic, and there is very historic,” Congleton explained. “And this cabin is unique in how old it is. It

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PHOTO/BRIAN CONGLETON

This artist rendering shows the Alfonso Ramirez cabin, on the left, with a proposed two-story addition. Ramirez built the tiny structure in 1888.

Manhattan Chamber Players

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SKINCARE

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Commissioners Stephanie Locke and Gail Lehman also expressed concern about Chen's shop, and admitted they walk around skincare shops in town to avoid being targeted by salespeople.

"I don't like people at the doorway," Lehman said. I don't like them offering samples. I think the business should be done inside their doors."

Chen told city planner Evan Kort in July that Carmel Boutique would focus on "the retail sale and display of skin and beauty products, including "selected skin care cosmetics, skin care and beauty products, spa products, fragrances, cosmetics," and related accessories.

While Chen has said he wants employees to perform facials at the business, Kort informed him that he would need to obtain a state license before that can happen.

'No hawking'

Chen addressed the commissioners, saying he sent employee Omri Siliki to the Carmel shop "to manage everything," and he pointed to other similar shops he owns in "really high quality places like Laguna Beach and Newport Beach." He said there have been no issues with customers of those stores.

"We are going to make sure that all customers are going to be happy," he said. "No hawking. We will be absolutely different from any other stores. And in the last year or two, I didn't hear one complaint."

LePage said that Chen has a chance to "rehabilitate" the image of skincare shops in Carmel.

Chen, whose company is called EO Investment Inc., formerly owned Royal Bee,

which also carried skincare products and handed out samples at the door — drawing rebuke from city officials — on Dolores Street. It closed during the pandemic.

MacMurdo told The Pine Cone in late October that the most frequent complaint she hears about skincare businesses is "the behavior of the salespeople, who are aggressive, intimidating and unethical, and customers were conned into believing they were purchasing a product that would work as well as or better than plastic surgery."

The planning commission report also notes the complaints about such skincare stores.

"The city's code compliance division frequently receives complaints regarding soliciting sales and stopping pedestrians to give out samples in the public right-of-way directly outside of the business space," the report said.

The complaints led the city council in 2017 to adopt an ordinance requiring cosmetic shops to obtain conditional use permits.

SHUTTLE

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"The quality of the visitor experience at Point Lobos has degraded due to traffic, resource destruction and overcrowding," state parks officials say. "The shuttle program is proposed to enhance the visitor experience, increase parklands access, reduce congestion and improve public safety."

If you are interested in making a comment about the Point Lobos shuttle plan, you can email it to Matthew.Allen@parks.ca.gov or send it to the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Attn. Matthew Allen, 2211 Garden Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

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Recent rains make prescribed burn at Santa Lucia Preserve possible

By CHRIS COUNTS

WITH THE risk of a major wildlife apparently over for this year, the Santa Lucia Conservancy and Central Coast Prescribed Burn Association teamed up Nov. 7 to do a prescribed burn along Rancho San Carlos Road on the Santa Lucia Preserve in Carmel Valley. The task cleared about 33 acres.

The work was done to help improve safety for both residents and firefighters in the event of a wildfire. It also was done to help restore grasslands that have been invaded by coyote brush, and has served as a demonstration for college students who are doing a study to determine how large amounts of brush can be removed most efficiently.

“This prescribed burn helped increase the safety of a primary evacuation and firefighting route, laid down a crucial path to restoring a once-thriving grassland, and gave the conservancy and our partners at the UC Cooperative Extension and San Jose State University a better understand-

ing of how to manage the notoriously difficult coyote brush shrub,” Alix Soliman of the Santa Lucia Conservancy reported.

“The goal is to turn the area back into the thriving grasslands it once was,” she said. The project will benefit California tiger salamanders and tri-colored blackbirds in particular.

Students investigate

The students want to find out specifically what works best for getting rid of unwanted brush — grazing, mowing, chain-sawing or crushing.

While controlled burns show promise in protecting neighborhoods by reducing the fuel that feeds a fire, they are also risky as some have escaped and burned homes. The two groups that conducted this week’s burn say they followed “standard safety proce-



Devii Rao, (left), livestock and natural resources advisor for the UC Cooperative Extension, explains the burn process for the research plot during the pre-burn briefing. Kate Wilkin, (right), assistant professor of fire ecology at San Jose State University and her students observe and record data as the blaze engulfs the coyote brush research plot.



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dures required in the burn plan,” which detail the equipment and personnel needed. They were given a narrow window to do the work when the weather was just right, and created a contingency plan, which was required to obtain the necessary permits.

Some roads on the Santa Lucia Preserve were closed during the burn.

The burn also had the support of neighbors. “Three property owners welcomed

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POLES

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up,” Marcus Foster of the Big Sur Land Use Advisory Board told The Pine Cone.

Timothy Halloran of Cupertino noticed the poles when he recently took a drive down the coast. He was one of several people who contacted The Pine Cone to complain about them.

Like others, Halloran assumed they were there to stay.

“The new poles and wires are now in the way of the wonderful views of the coast from the highway,” he said.

Power poles have lined Highway 1 through Big Sur for decades, but until now, almost all of them were on the inland side.

Meanwhile, the most recent annual bridge report by the American Road and Transportation Builders Association, based on data collected through March, identified 45,000 structurally deficient bridges throughout the United States, including 1,536 in California — numbers that are down from two years ago when there were more than 47,000 deficient bridges in the country and 1,800 in the state.

The topic is relevant because President Joe Biden has signaled he will sign a trillion dollar bill to address the country’s aging infrastructure Monday.

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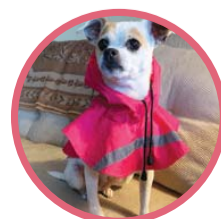
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CABIN

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predates Carmel-by-the-Sea.”

However, two neighbors expressed their issues with the proposal to commissioners.

Mitzi Daly, who lives in a house south of the cabin, said that the plan “violates many of the standards, rules and regulations that dictate and govern the rehabilitation of historic” properties. She also said the second-story addition “shrouds the cabin in darkness.”

“It has been designed and approached from the beginning with total disregard of its history, as well as privacy and solar protection of adjacent properties,” Daly said.

City planner Marnie Waffle recommended the commissioners accept the conceptual plan, but with several conditions, including modifications to windows, grading and drainage, the planting of privacy vegetation and completion of a shade study, which would determine how the addition would affect sunlight on the property and adjacent properties.

The north neighbor, Judy Marquart, told commissioners that she lives in a “shady hollow,” and that the Greggs’ addition would prevent her property from getting sun.

“What little solar access I have will be blocked by the second story, and most particularly will be blocked during the winter time,” Marquart said.

Privacy concerns

Marquart also complained that a window on the second story would “peer directly into my bedroom with only some 6 feet of separation.”

“If there is any place in the home where the resident ought to have an expectation of privacy, it is the bedroom,” Marquart said in an Oct. 31 letter to the city. “Especially when the homeowner is a senior female living alone.”

She was thankful for the shade study requirement, but also suggested that commissioners send the plans “back to the drawing board” and scale it down to a one-story addition.

Because the second addition is “pretty weighty” toward the north neighbor’s property, commissioner Gail Lehman recommended that it be moved a couple of feet to the south. Congleton said he could do that.

“We don’t want to impact the neighbor any more than necessary,” he said. “And I think we would be able to help solve that problem with the second story level.”

A historical consultant found that the Greggs’ proposal would comply with the U.S. Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties because the addition would be hidden behind the historic cabin. Congleton said he designed the two-story addition so it would not compete with the cabin and would appear to be a different building.

Stacey Gregg said Congleton had done an exceptional job “addressing our concerns with regard to what we felt would be our neighbors’ concerns.”

“My husband and I are just enamored with the property,” she said. “We absolutely want to do whatever we can to keep the integrity of this cute little cabin.”

The historic resources board on Oct. 18 waived the on-site parking requirement for the project, although the owners have proposed a plan that would allow them to park a small vehicle on the property.

The proposal needs to undergo further studies and obtain various permits, including a coastal permit, before ground can be broken.

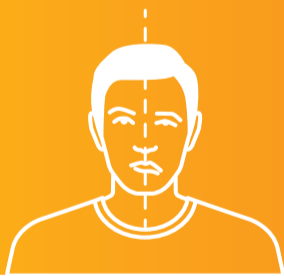


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Hospitals get best grades in preventing accidents and infections

By KELLY NIX

TWO COUNTY hospitals were recognized with top patient safety awards, the hospitals announced this week.

Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula and Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System said Wednesday they'd received A grades from a watchdog organization that recognizes how well hospitals prevent medical errors, injuries, accidents, infections and other harm to patients.

"Our primary focus is to achieve the highest level of safety and quality care for our patients," according to Dr. Steven Cabrales, Community Hospital's vice president and chief medical officer. "We are

proud of our staff for attaining this significant achievement as their focus on safety has never wavered."

Good grades

A nonprofit called The Leapfrog Group, which says it "serves as a voice for health-care consumers," assigns A, B, C, D or F grades to about 3,000 hospitals and other health facilities in the United States, based things like rates of errors, injuries, accidents and infections, and the systems hospitals have to prevent harm to patients in their care.

The group says its "hospital safety

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CHOMP Physician gets top doc award

By KELLY NIX

A LONGTIME physician with Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula has been selected by his peers to receive the 2021 Physician Recognition Award, the hospital announced this week.

Dr. David Straface, a primary care doctor who has practiced at Community Hospital since 1995, was presented the award, a plaque, by hospital chief of staff Dr. Guru Khalsa at an Oct. 28 annual meeting for hospital's medical staffers.

"Dr. Straface is a foundation for primary care in our area," Khalsa said. "He has served as a mentor to young physicians in our community and treats everyone with warmth, compassion and respect."

Straface, who lives in Pebble Beach, is the medical director and a board member for Montage Medical Group, and sits on several committees. He's also on the board of directors for the Monterey Bay Independent Physicians Association.

"Straface is not only known for his ex-

perience in treating his patients, but also his zest for the outdoors and life," according to the hospital. "Prior to medical school, he was an avid high school athlete, lived and traveled in Europe after graduating, and worked as a carpenter and a teacher before attending medical school.

Outstanding care

Straface graduated from Dartmouth Medical School in 1990 and completed his residency at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in 1993. He stayed on as an internist and assistant professor of medicine from 1993 to 1995. Straface is board certified in internal medicine, the hospital said.

Those eligible for the award, according to the hospital, are doctors who exemplify "outstanding clinical care, service to the hospital, medical staff and community" and have served on the CHOMP medical staff for at least 15 years.

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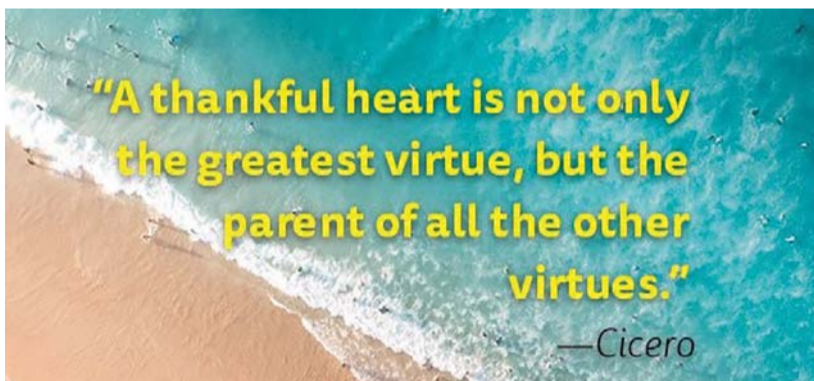
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BLOOMING BEAUTIES: ORCHID SOCIETY BRINGS BACK ANNUAL SALE

By CHRIS COUNTS

THREE WEEKS after hosting its first open house at the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula in Carmel Valley, the Carmel Orchid Society returns to the same site Friday and Saturday for its annual Fall Orchid Market.

Eight vendors, some local and some from other parts of California, will be set up outside the church under a covered breezeway from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Most orchids start around \$20.

Some of them are very rare and sought-after, including one, *Piperia yadonii*, that was named by local biologist and artist Vern Yadon. "It only grows in a few place, and people keep them secret so the plant doesn't get decimated," Ritter explained.

They love it here

Thankfully, the Monterey Peninsula's lukewarm climate suits orchids just fine.

"There are hundreds that you could grow here because we have a temperate climate, but some will require that you use a greenhouse," she said.

While orchids can be temperamental, you don't need a green thumb to keep them alive.

"You just need to know what a plant likes," Ritter added. "That's why it's great to go to an orchid show. You'll get all sorts of information — probably more than you want."

A noted authority on the topic, Scott Collins presents a talk about paphiopedilums Friday and Saturday at 1 p.m.

And for those seeking a little excitement, there will be a carnivorous plant on display. But have

no fear, its diet includes nothing larger than a house fly.

Beyond orchids, the Monterey Bay chapter of the Ikebana Society will also be at the show. The society is dedicated to ikebana, the Japanese art of arranging flowers.

The church is located at 4590 Carmel Valley Road. For more details, visit carmelorchidsociety.org.



Celebrating a plant that is beloved for its brilliant colors and seeming endless varieties of shapes, the Carmel Orchid Society presents its annual yearly sale Saturday in Carmel Valley.

The event shines a spotlight on one of Mother Nature's most dazzling creations.

"There are over 30,000 varieties of orchids," Mary Ritter of the society told The Pine Cone. "They grow in so many different places — everywhere but Antarctica — and they've evolved in so many different ways," Ritter said. "There's always more to learn about them."

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Erna Elizabeth Payne
1937 ❖ 2021

On October 26, 2021, Erna Elizabeth Payne, mother of four and Oma (grandmother) of five, passed away peacefully at age 84 with her children by her side. Erna was born on April 25, 1937, in Germany, the youngest of five siblings and the only girl.



She married Army Sergeant Basilio Dominguez Reyes in 1953 and immigrated to the United States as an enlisted wife. Raising a family in the military led to being stationed in many places, including Alaska, California, Washington State, Texas, and Hawaii.

Widowed in 1967, Erna was driven to succeed in order to provide for her family and make her dreams a reality. She became a mini real estate mogul and owner of Laurance Paper Co., a business she started in 1981 in the Salinas Valley with partner, Larry Clark.

Outside of work, she enjoyed her life by gardening, riding horses, raising pigeons, traveling to Hawaii and occasional trips to gamble. Also, you could catch her dancing and singing her favorite songs. Nothing would slow her down until she had a stroke in 2014. Even then, she continued to live in her home with the help of her children.

Erna was a longtime resident of the Monterey Peninsula, a place called "Little Germany," due to the many soldiers who brought back German wives after being overseas. It really reminded her of home as she met and made many friends from her home country. She truly lived a full life. Those that were friends or lucky to just know her respected her strength and passion for life. She was proud of her sons and adored her daughter.

Erna is survived by her children, Robert Reyes, Alfred Reyes, Dwayne Reyes and Michelle Payne Ford; her grandchildren, Christopher Reyes, Nicholas Reyes, Ally Ford, Shellyann Ford, Axel Reyes and great-granddaughter, Cyarra Reyes.

Rest in Peace Mom!

Funeral services took place at The Paul Mortuary Chapel on November 6. Memorial contributions are suggested to the SPCA for Monterey County, PO Box 3058, Monterey, CA, 93942. Please visit www.thepaulmortuary.com to sign Erna's guest book and leave messages for her family.



Carolina Bayne, organizer, on the day of the one and only march on City Hall, to protest lack of transparency and financial accountability with the then current City Manager and administration for the residents of Carmel-by-the-Sea, spring of 2015. Photo by Joel Gambord, entitled "Celebration," first place winner in Padre Trails camera club, April 2015.

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He enjoyed what he was doing and if he didn't enjoy it, he did something else. He chose to meet life's vagaries with acceptance and innovation.

He was not afraid to act silly.

Born in 1939 in Santa Maria, California, he moved with his parents, Roy and Lillian (Mast) Firstman, to Pacific Grove when he was 4. He spent a wonderful childhood crabbing off the Monterey Wharf, playing in the alleys of old P.G., acting in school plays and lettering in tennis. In high school his folks moved to San Jose and Lloyd began his life-long search for "truth" by embracing the Pentecostal religion to the surprise of his Jewish parents. He went to Bible school in Stockton and upon graduation he preached the gospel in Mexico for 6 months before returning to round out his education at San Jose State. He soon left the church.

After graduation he traveled in Europe, returning to help his Dad manage his shoe department in MBS department store in Seaside where he interviewed, hired and later married his wife, Sharon Miller. Together with a partner, Michael Bobay, he opened a shoe boutique (the Boot-i-que) in the Mont Grove in 1971 in Pacific Grove. Soon thereafter Max assumed control of the entire Mont Grove and then opened Lloyd's Shoes in Carmel, upstairs in the old Crocker Bank building. Then Lloyd and his partner, Jeff Greenberg, moved Lloyd's across the street to its current location at Ocean and Dolores.

Lloyd helped build his own home, nestled in the oaks on a hilltop in beautiful Carmel Valley. And in the ensuing twenty years Lloyd became known as Max and opened the Cookie Places in Monterey, Carmel and Pacific Grove with his partner, Michelle Machette Rapp, in addition to a mortgage lending business and a Monterey Baking Company franchise in San Jose and operated a Lloyd's Shoes on Alvarado street in Monterey. He employed and urged many young folks on to success.

He kept a journal for 40 years.

Wanderlust then overtook him and he and Sharon traveled in Southeast Asia for a year, eventually building a home in Bali, Indonesia, which they enjoyed visiting for many years. Max and Sharon also wandered extensively in Europe, Central and South America and the U.S., indulging in their passion for hiking.

Max is survived by his wife of fifty years, Sharon Miller; his sister Vicki (Brian Baccus); two nephews, Adam and Chase; an array of cousins and his beloved Balinese "son," Wayan "kejit" Arnaya and his family.

Throughout Max's 12-year disease he was fearless. He seemed content and was enlivened by his walking in the beauty of our coasts with Sharon and his wonderful caregivers. Although unable to speak for the last years of the disease, Max loved to sing with his friends ... and may still be "coming 'round the mountain" somewhere. He died as he lived, a wanderer and a wonderer.

He enriched many lives.

Special thanks to the Countess Maria for her unending compassion, to his early caregivers as well as the tireless caregivers in memory care/Park Lane and the amazing folks at Brookdale Manor and Hospice of the Central Coast.



A Celebration of Life for Lois Rochelle Lynne-McCarthy • Restricted Attendance •

The Celebration of Life for Lois Rochelle Lynne-McCarthy scheduled for 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16 at the Carmel Foundation will have restricted attendance. Due to facilities constraints by the Carmel Foundation, only the Greek Dancers, who normally use the room at that time, are allowed to attend. If there is enough interest, another time and venue will be set up. **Contact Rick McCarthy at 624-7054.**

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FRANK DAVID RICHMOND

1953 ♦ 2021

Frank David Richmond, 68, passed away on September 9, 2021, at his home in Carmel Valley, CA.

Born September 6, 1953, to Howie and Anita Richmond, Frank grew up in Great Neck, N.Y., before attending Loomis Chaffee High School and New York University. He started his career working in the recording studio at Atlantic Records in the '70s.

In 1980, Frank married Danielle Haub-Richmond and moved to England to head the London office of TRO Essex, his family's music publishing company. There he helped administer a catalogue that included songs by artists like Woody Guthrie, Pete Seeger, Lead Belly, and David Bowie, among others.

Frank returned to the States in 1992, settling with his family in Rumson, N.J. Later, he was a staple on the beach in Sea Bright for many years with his dogs Yogi, Jack and Norton. Frank left New Jersey for California in 2014, moving first to the Carmel Highlands and later to a ranch in Carmel Valley.

Frank had a strong sense of curiosity and was passionate about a variety of topics, including evolutionary biology, jazz and baseball. He loved animals and nature, and brought those passions to his late-in-life endeavor operating a ranch in Carmel Valley. He enjoyed talking politics but had many close friends with views contrary to his own.

He is survived by his daughter, Katie Richmond; his son, Jeremy Richmond; his grandchildren, Charlie and Annie Richmond; his siblings, Larry, Phill, Rob and Elizabeth Richmond; his former spouse, Danielle Haub-Richmond, and his nieces and nephews.

The family will be holding a private memorial at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to his favorite jazz station WBGO at <https://wbgo-web.memsys.com/donate>.

LINDA MCCARTHY

April 17, 1935 – October 27, 2021

LINDA MCCARTHY'S personal motto was "Celebrate Everything!" – and she did. Her numerous passions included art, literature, theater, film, travel, and sunsets at the beach. But her greatest joy was spending time with her large family and dozens of dear friends. As an only child of divorced parents, changing schools 11 times, she dreamt of elaborate birthday parties and spectacular Christmases and a home filled with children, friends, and laughter. And then she made those dreams come true. In 1955, she married Earle Lyon and they had four children together: Carrielynn, Laura, Bill, and Lisa. Their home in Birmingham, MI was brimming with celebrations.



In 1975, they moved to Los Altos, CA, and soon thereafter, Linda was a single mother, bravely returning to school. She earned a B.A. in communications from San Jose State University and became the Director of Sales Communication for a little start-up called Apple Computer. When Apple went public, she bought a fixer-upper cottage in Carmel and dubbed it "Hearths & Flowers."

In 1988, Linda married Walter J. ("Mac") McCarthy, Jr., the great love of her life. This brought five more adult children into her life and heart: Walter, David, Sharon, Jim, and Bill. Together, Linda and Mac traveled all over the world, but always made two trips a year to their beloved New York City. They relished spending time with their 14 precious grandchildren: Bethany, Patrick, Amanda, Jordan, Brianna, Mike, Caroline, Christy, Steve, Katie, Dan, Alexa, Caline and William. Linda also devoted numerous hours as a volunteer for Gathering for Women, and served on the Board of the Carmel Library, the Pacific Repertory Theater, and the Monterey Museum of Art.

When Mac passed away eight years ago, Linda was devastated, but continued to find joy in traveling, painting, water aerobics and book groups. Even after she became paralyzed in 2017, her energetic spirit refused to be confined and she delighted in her five great-grandchildren: Kiley, Portia, Maddie, Eva, and Poppy. The family would like to express their deepest gratitude to Kay Empaynado Quintal and Jonalyn Doniego for taking such lovely care of Linda during her final challenging years.

A private celebration of Linda's life was held at the Carmel Mission Ranch on October 31st. If you would like to make a gift to celebrate Linda's life, she requested that donations be made to Battle Born Academy, a charter school her granddaughter, Katie Krackhardt, is opening in Las Vegas in 2022 to benefit children who have experienced trauma. Donations can be made at Battlebornacademy.org or by sending a check to: 1132 South 15th Street, Las Vegas, NV 89104.

SHIRLEY HOLT

June 5, 1932-Nov. 2, 2021

"Look at that," Shirley Holt said, pointing to the spidery silhouette of a leafless tree. "Isn't it beautiful?" Others may have seen the gloom of winter, but Shirley saw its grace.

The search for beauty defined Shirley, a noted Pacific Grove artist and illustrator who died Nov. 2 after a long illness. She was 89.

She was born in the dusk of the Great Depression in Lewiston, Montana, in 1932 to Joseph and Hazel Mondloch. After a divorce, her mother boarded a train with her three children and headed to California to join extended family on the Monterey Peninsula.



The quieter of the siblings, Shirley began drawing as a child. At age 9, she was commissioned to paint a mural in a hallway at Oak Grove School. By junior high, neighbors were asking her to paint their windows with Christmas scenes.

She blossomed under the tutelage of Monterey High School art teacher Sophie Harpe, who encouraged Shirley to pursue an art career. Those plans were deferred when Shirley began dating then married Jack Holt, who was the high school's senior class president and would later become Carmel's postmaster and a local civic leader.

The couple had four children: Jack Jr., now a retired assistant superintendent at Pebble Beach Golf Links; the late Robert Scott, a metal sculptor; Shirleen, a writer in corporate communications; and Kelly, who works with horses.

The Holts raised their family in a 1929 house in Pacific Grove, where Shirley found new outlets for her creativity, including interior decorating and garden design. In her small art studio upstairs, Shirley painted fantasy scenes of Puff the Magic Dragon, woodland pixies wearing acorn hats and mice causing mischief.

Her signature technique involved thinning oil paint to create a liquid effect more vibrant than traditional watercolors. Later she switched to acrylics, watercolors and pen-and-ink.

In 1973 she was admitted into the Carmel Art Association, one of her proudest achievements. Her work appeared among other local notables and occasionally in one-woman shows. Her themes ranged from carousel animals (a life-size antique carousel horse stood next to her art studio) to pastoral landscapes.

Her work also appeared on several trays manufactured by Monterey-based Courroc. When the Monterey Bay Aquarium opened in 1984, Shirley's drawing of a sea otter nestled in kelp appeared on the T-shirts and mugs sold in the gift shop.

In the mid-1980s, Shirley entered a new chapter as a children's book illustrator and publisher. She and a friend, Lee Richardson, collaborated on "Sophie's Surprise," a story about a cat. Shirley's pen-and-ink drawings were printed in sepia, giving the appearance of old-world etchings.

Published under the imprint ShirLee Publications, the hard-cover book was so well received that Shirley went on to illustrate a series of children's books in the same style, including "The Night Before Christmas," "Little Red Riding Hood," "Mother Goose" and others.

She avoided the fairy tales' darker messages. As the Monterey Herald noted in a 1990 profile, "Red Riding Hood is non-violent, grandma doesn't get eaten and the wolf doesn't die." Later, she collaborated with her daughter Shirleen on two original titles, "Mike Moves to the City" and "Mike Goes to the North Pole."

Shirley never took a business course but knew intuitively how to create a market for her books. She bypassed competitive publishing channels and instead reached out directly to high-end retailers such as Neiman-Marcus and London's famed Harrod's department store. She charmed buyers with her warm personality and simple pitch: These are works of art that will be given as gifts.

The strategy proved successful, leading the San Jose Mercury News to point out that her combined sales of 60,000 books rivaled those of many New York publishers. The Marcel Schurman stationery company created a line of Christmas cards, wrapping paper and gift bags featuring book illustrations.

When Jack retired from the U.S. Postal Service in 1989, he took over the business's operations. The two traveled all over the country for book signings at gift shows. They shut down their publishing company in the 1990s and Shirley retired from painting 10 years ago.

Although her career was lucrative at times, Shirley was never motivated by riches. She just wanted to create something beautiful.

Shirley is survived by her husband of 71 years, Jack; sister, Patricia Mondloch of Pleasant Hill; son Jack Jr. and daughter-in-law Shelly Holt of Cassel, California; daughter Shirleen of Ashland, Oregon; daughter Kelly of Monterey County; and grandson Scott Holt of Eugene, Oregon. She is preceded in death by her brother, Bill Mondloch, and son Robert Scott Holt.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations go to the Carmel Art Association, P.O. Box 2271, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921. A celebration of Shirley's life will take place in early 2022.



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Concours raises big \$\$\$ for charity

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

DESPITE THE constraints of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance this year raised more than \$2 million in charitable funds, which organizers say is on par with funds raised during pre-coronavirus years.

The Pebble Beach Company announced Wednesday that the 2021 premier automobile event raised a total of \$2,089,450 that was distributed to local charitable groups.

"The Pebble Beach Concours and Pebble Beach Company are synonymous with excellence, and both have long supported local charities on the Monterey Peninsula and across Monterey County," Pebble Beach Company CEO David Stivers said. "The Concours, under the leadership of Chairman Sandra Button, has raised over \$32 million for local charities since its inception."

The company distributes the funds through its primary charitable arm, the

Pebble Beach Company Foundation. About 95 youth-focused charities are beneficiaries of the car event, including the Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County, which has clubhouses in Salinas and Seaside, the Kinship Center, Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System, Natividad Foundation, United Way Monterey County and Montage Health.

The Concours, under chair Sandra Button's leadership, has raised more than \$32 million for charities.

"We're thankful for all of the people who continue to gather at Pebble Beach to celebrate cars and raise funds for people in need," Button said. "And we're also grateful for the organizations that make certain these funds get put to good use in our community."

The 71st Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance will take place on Sunday, Aug. 21, 2022, and will celebrate Lincoln, Le Mans and Talbot-Lago Grand Sport, with additional special classes to be announced.

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RICHARD BRINTON

July 13, 1935 • July 23, 2021

One of Carmel's most distinguished and popular businessmen, RICHARD BRINTON, passed peacefully away this past July 23rd. He came upon the edge so many times, yet, his incredible resilience and the love for his family and friends pulled him back over and over again. Jayne and the children are heartbroken, yet so grateful for the long life of their father and loving husband. We were all expecting his passing to happen but his spirit would fool us all, time and time again.

Richard Brinton left this earth peacefully, surrounded by his family and his devoted wife, Jayne, by his side. He is off for another adventure ... he went home to meet his family and friends who were waiting for him.

Known by his community as Rich, he had many dear and true friends and was respected and loved by all! He will be forever remembered with a smile on his face, his sense of adventure, a "can do" attitude, along with his infectious joy, his delightful laugh, and the love of life he possessed. His presence uplifted everyone and led to many meaningful experiences and relationships throughout his lifetime.

Rich was born and raised in Los Gatos, CA — a native Californian. He attended Stanford University and graduated from San Jose State University with a business degree in 1960.



He met his first wife, Mary, at San Jose State. They married in March 1961. They moved to Carmel and had three children, David, Craig and Marci. They opened Brinton's in November 1961. Rich had a vision and a pioneering spirit. He rented a 6,000-square-foot space in the same building as the Safeway store. He had the vision to put a little of everything in this small home-oriented space. When Safeway moved, he rented their spot and now he had grown his shop into 40,000 square feet. Over time, there were eight departments, a store in a store with managers for each department, the most revered and respected home department store of its time. Brinton's was a centerpiece for the community for 52 years! Mr. Brinton, as he was referred to by his staff, could be a rough diamond, yet most respected with his great kindness and strength of leadership. He empowered each department manager to run the department as if it were their own. Brinton's was known for its service. All the employees (72) had the "can do" attitude and wanted to serve the community by meeting every need of their customers.

All three of Rich's children, Dave, Craig and Marci, grew up with a strong work ethic and have gone on to build their own lives with the business acumen and "can do" attitude they were raised with. They have extremely fond memories and respect for their father. Even with his hard work of building a business, he made time as a father to be engaged in family life. They enjoyed many memorable backpack trips into Kings Canyon as they entered high school and college. These were often 10-day trips when he would lose 10 to 20 pounds and come back to his store smiling, tanned and sometimes limping from fatigue to re-engage in his business.

Papas, as was called by Jayne's daughters Kelly, Kristina and Kathryn, was always a source of inspiration and encouragement to them and they loved him as their own father. Between Jayne's three daughters and Rich's three children, 12 grandchildren arrived, six from each side of the family, plus one great granddaughter, Athena Jayne. A very deep and loving family relationship bloomed from the marriage of Rich and Jayne.

Rich loved to play golf and was a member of Carmel Valley Ranch. He was also a member of CVAC and was an avid tennis player. He was a champion basketball player at Los Gatos High School, loved scuba diving and received his PADI Certification. Rich was one of the founders of the Carmel Valley Rotary Club and was the first president. He remained an active member of Carmel

Valley Rotary Club for 20-plus years. He was awarded the Paul Harris Fellow award for his tireless work. He was very inspirational — working with exchange students through the Rotary. Rich's good friend, Judge Bill Burleigh, asked him to help him start the Big Sur International Marathon. Rich served as an original board member and supporter of the event for many years.

Many locals started their first jobs at Brinton's before they moved on to other careers. Many worked for him for 20 years or more. Rich was a generous contributor to the community and never denied a request to support nonprofits and often gave merchandise to charity auctions. The most notable groups were: The Salvation Army, Meals on Wheels and Pacific Repertory Theater.

Rich has a wonderful family history. He came from five generations of sea captains, many of whom voyaged around the world. The Brinton Carpet Company was established in Kidderminster, Worcestershire, England. They designed and made carpets that were shipped within the British Isles and around the world. The family's claim to fame was the Brinton's carpet designed for the Oval Office and purchased by the White House in Washington, D.C., which sailed over in Rich's grandfather's ship. Rich's grandfather Avar Longley Brinton, was the last of the sea captains. He left the sea and made his home with his grandmother in Nova Scotia. From Nova Scotia, he went to Victoria, Canada, and opened a mercantile shop. Rich's father, Joseph Brinton, left Victoria and moved to Saratoga, CA, to become a Shakespearean actor. He acted on stage with Olivia De Havilland and her sister, Joan Fontaine. When he met his wife, Nancy, he quickly decided to settle down. He went to work for his uncle who had a hardware store on Santa Cruz Avenue in Los Gatos. After learning the business, he opened his own hardware and paint store in Willow Glen, CA. They had two sons, Avar and Richard. Rich had a knack for people and business and began working with his parents at the young age of 6. When he was 13, his parents would take month-long trips to Canada to visit family and leave young Rich in complete charge of the business. Brinton's Paint and Hardware was the main supplier for all the schools in San Jose, CA. A lot of responsibility was placed on young Rich, yet he thought nothing of it!

In 1991, Rich found Jayne and that's when their adventures in life began. Jayne worked beside Rich in Brinton's for 16 years. Together they made quite a team, both in business and pleasure.

Rich is survived by his wife, Jayne, and his beautiful family: his children, David, Craig (Lisa) and their children, Trevor and Sierra; Marci Pollock (Josh), their children, Sophia Anderson (Sam) Margaret, Wyatt, and little Zephyr Hawk. Jayne's children, Kelly (Steve) and Mia Belle. Kristina Hardee, her children, Natalia, (great-grandbaby Athena Jayne) Cannon Castle and Coal Mountain. Kathryn Harrison and her children, Christian Cage, and Jeremiah Cash. His former wife, Mary Brinton.

We wish to recognize the many wonderful employees who served Brinton's customers and all the dedicated customers over the 52 years in business.

Rich lived the American Dream and was a pillar in his community as a respected business owner. He was an incredible friend, husband, father and philanthropist.

He had a strong belief that the freedoms our country provided should be respected and we as a nation need to cherish this and defend it!

There will be a Celebration of Life at a later date with close friends and family.



VIRUS

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parents and many children are excited to finally have an opportunity to get the first dose.

“At our community health clinics, we have seen tremendous enthusiasm among parents to get their kids vaccinated,” Moreno said Wednesday afternoon. “A lot of kids who are coming in are eager and enthusiastic to get the vaccine.”

Carmel Valley resident and Natividad pediatrician Dr. Sarah Smith brought both of her sons to Natividad Medical Center’s first Covid-19 vaccination clinic for children Monday. She said it was “very streamlined and kid friendly.”

“My 11-year-old was a big fan — no downside at all,” Smith said. “My 8-year-old was less a fan of the actual shot but immediately came up with ideas of places he’ll soon get to go — like indoor trampoline parks.”

While it’s obviously not uncommon for children to be afraid of needles, Moreno said county health officials are “doing their best to calm children and reassure them” when they go to get their vaccines.

Welcoming, positive

To calm kids at Monday’s clinic at Natividad Medical Center, Fish said nurses dressed up as superheroes and blasted Disney music while giving shots. Carmel Valley youngster Lyla Hernandez received her first dose of the coronavirus vaccine on Monday at Natividad by a male nurse dressed in a Superman costume.

“It was a very welcoming and positive experience,” Fish said.

Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System through its Salinas Valley Medical Clinic on Abbott Street will begin vaccinating children on Nov. 12, from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The hospital has an initial 900 doses of the vaccine, spokeswoman Karina Rusk said.

“Right now, we plan on offering pedi-

atric clinics every Friday and offering expanded hours to make it easier for parents and children,” Rusk told The Pine Cone.

Parents can schedule an appointment for the Salinas clinic at the hospital’s MyChart Helpdesk at (831) 771-3885, Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., or through the MyChart electronic medical records system.

Vaccine providers in the county, Moreno said last week, were allocated an initial 12,600 doses. He couldn’t say this week how many children had been vaccinated at county clinics. Children 5 to 11 receive the same Pfizer vaccine for adults and older children, but they are being given only one-third the dose.

CDC is MIA

As of Nov. 6, residents and visitors must wear masks everywhere indoors in Monterey County — per a county board of supervisors mandate. But the CDC shows the county is in the “moderate” range for transmission of the virus.

That’s important since the supervisors said the mask rule would go into effect if there were at least 50 cases per 100,000 residents per week, a threshold that the CDC considers to be in the “substantial” tier for transmission. The county hit that mark on Nov. 1.

However, since that day, the CDC — which frequently reports much higher transmission rates than the California Department of Public Health and Monterey County — has said the county was in both the “moderate” and “substantial” ranges.

The Pine Cone again contacted the CDC, asking it to explain its methodology for calculating case rates per 100,000 people and why its numbers can be so much higher than the state’s. The federal agency did not respond.

Moreno, who said last week he doesn’t know how the CDC gets its numbers, said this week that health department officials have “had some conversations” with the CDC, but that he didn’t believe “anything was shared regarding the formulas the CDC is using.”

BILL

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\$1.15 billion for water storage and conveyance systems.

Although the bill also includes \$39 billion in national public transit investments, Monterey-Salinas Transit is still awaiting details on how much the agency will get and how it will affect local programs. However, MST CEO Carl Sedoryk said it “places an emphasis on investments in zero-emission buses and infrastructure.”

Rapid bus lanes

“This bill will help MST achieve a 100 percent zero-emission fleet as required under state regulations,” Sedoryk told The Pine Cone. “MST will also be able to seek funds for a desperately needed rehab and replacement of our 40-year-old Salinas op-

erations and maintenance facility.”

The bill, he said, could also help investments in high-speed bus lanes, improvement in service between the Monterey Peninsula and the Salinas Valley and other programs.

The bill provides \$7.5 billion in taxpayer dollars to build a “national network” of electric vehicle charging stations, which Panetta said would “accelerate” Americans’ adoption of electric vehicles, and \$65 billion to “ensure every American has access to reliable high-speed internet.”

“Exactly like we did in the American Rescue Plan, that was passed earlier this year and provided millions of dollars to communities here on the Central Coast to fight the Covid-19 pandemic, it will be my responsibility to continue to fight for my constituents by ensuring that we get the necessary amount of federal funding for our much-needed infrastructure projects,” Panetta said.

WEED

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the market is flooded right now, with a pound selling for \$500 or less, half of what it sold for a year ago. Some growers say it’s impossible to make money at the price.

“We want to create a fair and balanced playing field,” Peterson explained. “This is an industry that’s trying to gain a foothold in the legal market. The legal growers are paying high taxes and licensing fees — they’re getting taxed per square foot. How can they compete with someone down the street who’s not paying any of that?”

Peterson also noted that legal growers’ products are subjected to more testing than strawberries or lettuce.

While law enforcement often estimates the value of a crop it destroys, those numbers are hard to calculate because much of the plant isn’t valuable. The Monterey County District Attorney made no mention of it in a press release on the recent destruction of cannabis — which, by the way, doesn’t go up in smoke.

“Essentially, we commingle it with a lot of trash and bury it,” said Peterson. “You’d

have to do some really serious digging and hunting to find it.”

For the past year, the DA’s office has been preparing a study to illustrate the impact of pesticides and chemicals used locally in illegal grows. Peterson said the report will likely be out in December, and he predicted it will help justify the concern some have about illegal growers. “You’re going to see that it makes sense to go legal, and not black market,” he added.

BURN

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this,” Soliman explained.

Controlled burns can be done safely, and this week’s effort confirms that, Soliman said.

“One of the main goals with this burn was to reduce the fear around it,” she said. “With the right conditions and personnel, it is a really safe operation.”

Soliman urged residents to consider embracing the practice to keep their homes safe. “The science has been proven,” she added. “Prescribed burns are best for the land and best for the community.”

ROBERT JON ROSENTHAL

1959 — 2021

Robert Jon Rosenthal, of Seaside, California, took his final breath to pass into eternity on Friday morning, October 29, 2021, with his loving wife, Pauline, by his side.

Born in Yonkers, New York on March 17, 1959, he was the son of Elliot and Joyce Rosenthal. The middle child, he has an older brother, Richard, and a younger sister, Gale.



In 1963 the family moved west when Elliot was transferred by his employer to California. Their first stop was Canoga Park. Five years later they moved to a new house in Fullerton, where Robert spent his school years.

Robert attended Beechwood Elementary, Ladera Vista Junior High and Troy High School, graduating in 1977. He went on to Fullerton Junior College where he earned an A.A. in journalism. After graduation, he worked at the Fullerton Daily News and it was a job that he really enjoyed.

Later, in 1987, Robert joined the U.S. Army and was stationed in Fort Ord, California. While in Fort Ord, he met the love of his life, Pauline Jacobs. They met at the Jewish Christian Fellowship in Pacific Grove. Robert received orders to be stationed in Germany, so they pursued a long distance relationship that panned out and they were wed in October 1989. After a brief honeymoon, Pauline joined Robert in Rheinberg, Germany where they continued their honeymoon.

In March of 1992, they moved stateside where Robert became employed with Xerox in Santa Ana. While in Southern California, Robert continued his military career by joining the National Guard part-time at Los Alamitos Army Base. He changed his occupation to Chaplain’s Assistant and he excelled. His compassionate, loving and empathetic nature suited him well. After living in Tustin for 11 years, they relocated back to the Monterey Peninsula where Robert went to work for Driscoll’s. Robert enjoyed 17 years there where he will be missed greatly. He leaves a huge void in all of us who knew him.

Robert was preceded in death by his mother, Joyce Ruth Rosenthal. Robert is survived by his wife, Pauline; his father, Elliot Rosenthal of Fullerton; his brother, Richard Rosenthal (Diane) of WA; and his sister, Gale Kennel (John) of CA. He also leaves to mourn him four aunts and two uncles, many cousins and numerous nephews and nieces.

For service information and to sign his guestbook, please visit:
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Drive-through Thanksgiving returns

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

FOR THE second year in a row — out of an abundance of caution due to Covid — the Carmel Valley Angel Project is doing a drive-through Thanksgiving turkey-with-all-the-trimmings giveaway Nov. 24.

All Carmel Valley residents are eligible for the free dinners, which are prepared by the Carmel Valley Kiwanis Club.

“A merry band of Kiwanians will be responsible for all the food preparation, and the Angel Project will handle reservations and drive-up distribution,” the Kiwanis Club posted on social media this week.

To reserve a turkey dinner, call (831) 659-5639 by Nov. 17.

“You will be called back and assigned a convenient time frame in which to pick up your meal, between noon and 3 pm.,” the Kiwanis Club announced. “Rippling River residents are encouraged to sign up in their mailroom for the dinners.”

Last year, the demand was so great that the Angel Project announced for the first time it couldn’t take any more reservations.

The Angel Project also plans to do its annual gift giveaway to kids, which it calls the Angel Store. Due to Covid, too, will be done as a drive-through. Anyone who is 18 or younger, and lives in Carmel Valley will be eligible.

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BELL

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recently reopened.

To save money, some of the brothers suggested recording the existing bell and using that to summon everyone to Mass and prayers. Although it has been rung electrically since the early 1980s, its motor was also aging. And prudence dictated that they curtail the five daily tolls that signaled prayer times and lunch.

'Is there anything else'

As they tried to figure out how to replace the old bell, Richards said, a supporter of the hermitage called from Baltimore with a significant pledge of cash — enough to pay for a new bell, which she approved of. The hermitage called the Verdin Company to order it.

They put the old bell in the cemetery, where it rests with all the people over whom it once rang.

The new bronze bell cost \$24,995, but Richards said that wasn't quite the end of the story. The woman called again and asked, "Is there anything else you might need?" They told her about the new motor, with its \$6,000 price tag. She donated that as well, along with more money to perform some other needed repairs on the property.

In gratitude, Richards said they asked to have her name engraved on the bell, but when they sent her a photo it, she wasn't thrilled. "She thought we meant on the inside," she said, because she wanted to remain anonymous.

He assured her that it was several stories in the air, facing the Pacific Ocean. The only way to see it now would be to visit on a sunny day with a telephoto lens — almost as

hidden as she wanted.

The 450-pound bell was blessed by Prior Cyprian Consiglio, who leads the monks, in a special ceremony before it was hung.

The hermitage in Big Sur was begun in the late 1950s and completed in the mid-1960s. The monks have raised funds for decades with sales of their famous holiday fruit-

cakes and, more recently, the hermitage's signature Holy Granola.

Day visitors are welcome to make their way (slowly) up the winding road, with its benches and picnic tables to take in the spectacular views. A bookstore is open from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. daily, and guests may attend Mass on Fridays at 11:30 a.m. in a sanctuary that is stunning in its simplicity.

AWARD

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current chief of staff and past four chiefs of staff," hospital spokeswoman Monica Sciuto told The Pine Cone. "This year we also requested nominations from staff and physicians."

The hospital has presented the award for more than two decades. Last year's recipient was Dr. Michael Davis.

SAFETY

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grade" is the "only hospital ratings program based exclusively on prevention of medical errors and harm to patients." Hospital grades are updated twice annually, in the fall and spring.

Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System CEO Pete Delgado said the award for patient safety is a testament to its employees' "resilience and dedication," and serves as "yet more evidence of our commitment to providing the highest and safest level of care to our patients and community."

"Covid-19 has tested healthcare systems like never before, and over the past two years, it has been a sustained test of our infrastructure, people and processes," Delgado said.

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AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS BARON, FERLITO, THEIS, MAYOR PRO TEM RICHARDS, MAYOR POTTER
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
RECUSED: NONE

A certified copy of the complete text of the ordinance is posted and may be read in the office of the City Clerk, Monte Verde south of Ocean, Carmel, CA 93921, and/or a copy may be obtained from that department.

Dated: November 10, 2021
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Great athletes turned rock-star coaches inspire next-gen athletes

LEST WE take them for granted, the Monterey Peninsula's coaches aren't the kind you find at every high school. Here are things you might not know about the rock stars who are coaching your kids at Carmel, Santa Catalina, and Stevenson:

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

High mileage

Carmel cross-country coach Whit Rambach is an accomplished endurance runner who placed 17th out of 109 finishers in July at the 55-kilometer (34.2-mile, with a 7,900-foot elevation gain) Tahoe Rim Trail, just 42 days after his 29th-place finish in the Ruck A Chuck 50K (5,600-elevation gain) in Foresthill, Placer County. And in March 2020, he was 11th out of 40 finishers at the 50K La Cuesta Ranch Trail Run near San Luis Obispo.

Rambach's girls squad at Carmel High was the fastest overall team in the Pacific Coast Athletic League, and won the Mission Division crown.

Splashy resume

Jon Burke, who just completed his first year as girls water polo coach at Stevenson, moved to the Peninsula after coaching for 12 seasons (2006-2018) at Sacred Heart Prep in Atherton, where he won a record 10 Central Coast Section Division II championships, developed 16 high school All-Americans, eight CCS MVPs, 43 All-CCS selections, and 40 All-West Catholic Athletic League players. In 2017, he was California's High School Water Polo Coach of the Year, and NorCal Coach of the Year. He also captained the men's water polo team at UC Davis.

His girls at Stevenson were ranked No. 20 in the nation, and No. 8 in the Central Coast Section this season, earning the school's first-ever invitation to the CCS Open Division playoffs.

College Hall of Famer

Santa Catalina's volleyball coach, Paul Elliott, is a former pro beach player who became the winningest coach in Southern Oregon University history, posting 383 victories in 16 seasons, from 1991-2006.

His career winning percentage there (.697) was seventh-best of all time in the National Association of Inter-

scholastic Athletics when he left, and he was inducted into Southern Oregon's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2011.

At Catalina, he's won 11 league championships and two CCS Division V crowns.

Queen of the court

Leslie Tracy, girls tennis coach at Carmel High School, played collegiate tennis at the University of the Pacific in Stockton. As a senior in 1990, she was ranked No. 6 in the nation as a doubles player, not to mention being ranked No. 97 in singles.

She also was All-City at Corona del Sol High School in Chandler, Ariz., as a senior.

In 2013, Tracy teamed up with her mom, Penny Powell, to win four USTA national doubles championships (indoor, clay, grass and hard court) in five months.

First scholarship recipient

Hanna Smith, co-coach (with Christine Winge) of Stevenson's field hockey team this year, became the first Carmel High player to receive an athletic scholarship in that

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PHOTOS/SANTA CATALINA (CENTER), KERRY BELSER

Padres girls tennis coach Leslie Tracy (left) was ranked No. 6 in the nation when she played for the University of Pacific, while Paul Elliott (center) was the NAIAs seventh-winningest coach of all time at Southern Oregon University before becoming Santa Catalina's volleyball coach. Coach Whit Rambach (right), a competitive endurance runner, chats with his Mission Division champion girls cross-country team at Carmel High (from left), Christiana Kvitek, Marina Hobson, Ava Ghio, Isabella Davi and Sophia Davi.

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sport, after a senior year (2014) in which she was Player of the Year in the Mission Trail Athletic League. (Winge was Smith's coach at Carmel High.)

Smith played collegiately at Saint Louis University in Missouri, where she appeared in 54 games from 2014-2017.

■ Playing with the best

Patrick Parrish, Santa Catalina's assistant girls golf coach, was a 1980 Carmel High graduate who played collegiately at UCLA when the Bruins were ranked No. 1 in the country. His teammates there included future PGA Tour stars Corey Pavin, Steve Pate, Duffy Waldorf and Tom Pernice Jr.

Parrish is in his 17th year as director of instruction and tournaments at Pasadera. He was named Northern California PGA Teacher of the Year in 2016.

■ Stanford standout

Randy Whitchurch, assistant water polo coach at Santa Catalina, was the fastest swimmer in the 200-yard backstroke on Stanford's 1972 PAC-10 championship team, touching the wall that year in 1:59.98 — the fifth-fastest in school history at the time.

Whitchurch scored 11 points in NCAA Championships meets during his four-year career at Stanford, a total that ranks 106th in school history. He coached water polo at UC Santa Cruz before coming to Santa Catalina in 2007.

■ CCS updates

Cross-country: Carmel girls are look-

ing for a top-10 team finish Saturday at the CCS Cross-Country Championships at the Crystal Springs course in Belmont. (Visit cifccs.org to find starting times for individual divisions.)

The Padres come into the meet ranked No. 11 (against all divisions) with a team that includes Ava Ghio, Christiana Kvitik, Isabella Davi, Marina Hobson and Sophia Davi.

In the boys division, York's Michael Julian, Carmel's Aiden Tarantino and Stevenson's John Puka are projected as top-50 individual finishers.

Water polo: Stevenson's boys water polo team lost 11-10 to third-seeded Bellarmine in Saturday's quarterfinal round of the Open Division playoffs despite five goals from junior Wyley Dale, three from Jayden Franz, and nine stops from goalkeeper Luca Zaninovich. The Pirates ended their season with a 17-7 overall record, including a 10-0 mark in the Gabilan Division of the Pacific Coast Athletic League.

Stevenson's girls were eliminated from the Open Division in their quarterfinal match, falling 18-10 to top-seeded Sacred Heart Prep, the nation's second-ranked team.

The Pirates got five goals from Kate Moran, two each from Sofia Bozo and Miranda Salinger, and 13 saves from goalie Olivia Garley.

They finished the year with a 20-5 overall record, 8-0 in the Gabilan Division.

Girls tennis: Carmel and Santa Catalina were eliminated this week from the opening round of team bracket of the CCS Girls Tennis Championships.

Both local teams traveled to their opponents' home court, where the Padres lost to Homestead, 7-0, and Catalina was beaten by Gunn, 6-1.

On Monday, Stevenson's No. 1 singles player, Lara Schiessl, will play Tallia Harp-

er of Santa Cruz in the opening round at Bay Club Courtside in Los Gatos.

Doubles play begins Tuesday at the Bay Club and will include Anastasia Zolotova and Candace Kimes from Carmel (versus Tessa Ellingson and Lila Totamedi of Menlo-Atherton), and Jennifer Tan and Bella Hare-Leiva from Stevenson (versus Iris and Claire Li of Palo Alto) in opening round matches.

■ All-league volleyball

Gabilan Division: MVP — Nina Robertson, Carmel. First team — Nina Robertson, Carmel; Addie Crabbe, Carmel. Second team — Sophia Gibbs, Carmel; Kate

Campbell, Carmel. Sportsmanship — Caroline Byrne, Carmel.

Mission Division: First team — Anna Yeh, Santa Catalina. Second team — Helen Yenson, Santa Catalina. Sportsmanship — Ellesia Corona, Santa Catalina.

Santa Lucia Division: Offensive Player of Year — Ava Edwards, Stevenson; First team — Shea Stornetta, Stevenson; Ava Edwards, Stevenson. Second team — Kira Seggerty, Stevenson; Grace Von Schack, Stevenson; Beckett Judd-Wade, Stevenson. Sportsmanship — Abby Yamashito, Stevenson.

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Editorial

Nobody to rely on

ALMOST TWO years into the coronavirus epidemic, is it too much to expect the “experts” to have some idea what they’re doing?

Sure, when the whole thing got started and nobody had any idea how dangerous the virus from China would turn out to be, it made sense that even geniuses like Dr. Anthony Fauci would frequently change their minds about how best to fight it. Was it mainly transmitted because infected people touched things, in which case the best way to protect yourself would be to constantly wash your hands? Or did people mostly get sick after an infected person coughed or exhaled, meaning that everyone should wear a mask? Should schools be closed, or was the damage from the isolation worse than the disease? When would it be OK to visit Grandma? Should vaccination be mandatory? What about for kids?

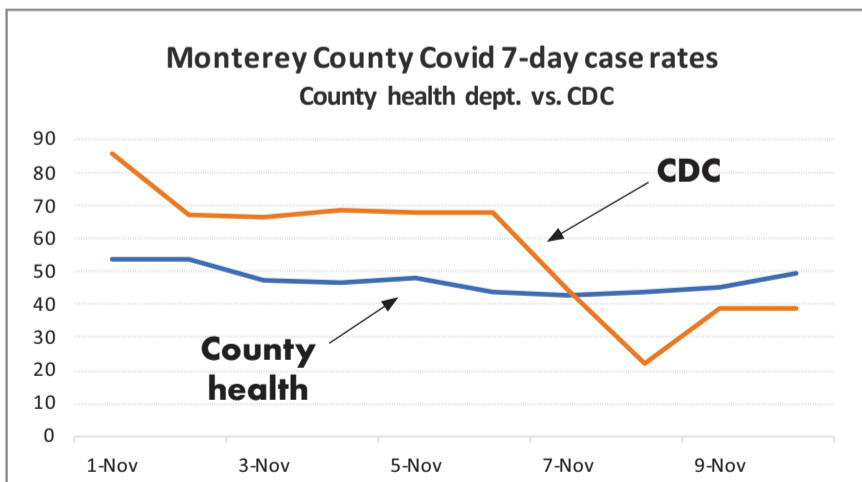
Those are all tricky questions with so many variables that, even with plenty of certainty about the underlying data, it would be impossible to be sure you had the right answer. So we forgive the “experts” for not knowing everything.

But one thing we don’t understand is how, at this late date, they can disagree about even the most basic aspects of the epidemic — for example, how many people are becoming infected with the virus right now? The CDC and the Monterey County health department have different answers to this question. One of them must be wrong, and the data strongly suggest it’s the CDC. But try to get an explanation for the discrepancy and you run into a bureaucratic brick wall.

Take a look at the chart below. The orange line shows the CDC’s weekly average of new cases in Monterey County from Nov. 1 until Nov. 10, while the blue line shows the county health department’s measurement of the same thing. To say they are different is putting it mildly, and even worse is that on Nov. 1 the CDC reported an average weekly case rate of 85.7, and a week later said it was 22.1. Barring divine intervention, we believe it is impossible for an average rate of new infections to fall so much in so short a period of time.

And this isn’t just an academic exercise. In its wisdom, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors decided to make its indoor mask mandate dependent on what the CDC said the county’s average case rate was. Even a single day with a CDC rate of 50 or higher would be enough the trigger the mandate, the supes said. At the time they voted for such a hair trigger, did they know how fickle — which is to say unreliable — the CDC’s data could be?

Next time you turn on the news and somebody with a bunch of initials after their name is opining about what the coronavirus epidemic will do next remember this: They can’t even agree on what it’s doing now.



BEST of BATES



“Beats me how it got through the planning commission.”

Letters to the Editor

The importance of grease Dear Editor,

The downtown area of Carmel-by-the-Sea both historically and currently has had a significant grease problem in its sewer lines. The residential areas have grease in the lines, but nowhere near what is found in the commercial district. Our line crews consistently encounter significant levels of grease when they are cleaning downtown. In fact, two of the last spills reported in Carmel are downstream and directly traceable to the downtown area. One of those spills even made the front page of The Pine Cone (Oct. 30, 2020).

Many of our problems are caused by poorly maintained restaurant grease traps. It is clear that some kitchen staffs are less well trained than others. Unfortunately, they are placing excess grease into the sewer system. This is a recipe for disaster downstream in the form of sewer spills. In our experience, the best sewer system is one that depends on gravity — after all, everything flows downhill. The sewer system is truly a case of “we’re all in this together” because the actions of one can, and will, affect others.

Carmel Area Wastewater District rules have been consistent and follow State Water Board guidelines. To help mitigate grease in the system, when a dining establishment changes ownership or newly

opens, we require upgrades to the correct size grease trap/interceptor. We have increased the frequency of our line cleaning and are downtown more than any other area of Carmel. We are increasing the restaurant inspection frequency to four times per year and will fine establishments that fail to comply, however there is an added cost to increasing inspections. Finally, we make an ongoing effort to educate restaurant owners and their staff about the importance of grease trap/interceptor maintenance through posters, flyers, newspaper ads, and demos when our inspector is on-site.

Properly maintained, the sewer system should be one that none of us has to think too hard about. But it very much depends on each user following the rules established to keep the system in good order to protect the public and the environment.

Ken White, board president
Barbara Buikema, general manager
Carmel Area Wastewater District

Judging grease on its merits Dear Editor,

Mark Stilwell’s application to install a grease interceptor in the sidewalk near his hotel’s restaurant was denied by the city council last week, mostly due to fear of setting a precedent. However, some precedents are warranted and should be set. Granting Stilwell’s application would protect the public sewer system from dishwashing water, prevent pumping hoses being dragged across sidewalks, result in improved city sidewalks and landscaping at Stilwell’s expense, and place all respon-

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Long used by service members and veterans, building needs TLC

THIS PAST May, I wrote about Carmel's multiple war memorials, most of which are in Devendorf Park. I also mentioned that the town's "VFW Post No. 512 was established in late 1934." Post Commander Gerry Paratore appreciated my column but wanted me to know it is American Legion Post No. 512, which is a different organization than Veterans of Foreign Wars. I had always conflated the two.

History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

The VFW emerged from the consolidation of groups that began forming in 1899 after the Spanish-American War. The American Legion began with Post No. 1 in Paris, France, on March 15, 1919, shortly after the end of World War I. Initially, Legion members had to be active or honorably discharged veterans that served the United States during World War I. Later, the Legion was a driving force behind creation of the GI-Bill, created in 1944 to assist veterans returning from World War II.

As we celebrate Veterans Day, it is a good time to tell the story of Carmel's American Legion Post No. 512. To do so, we have to start with the Manzanita Club.

In my column of May 22, 2020, I told the story of the old Manzanita Hall — a converted barn on the southwest corner of Mission and Ocean that the Carmel Athletic and Social Club converted to a clubhouse and community center in 1895. In the early 1900s the organization evolved into the Manzanita Club.

Card games, dances

Local builder M. J. Murphy bought the barn in 1925, but the Manzanita Club did not cease to exist. Shortly after selling the barn to Murphy in 1925, the organization acquired a lot on Dolores just south

of Eighth and hired Murphy to build a new Manzanita Hall. Murphy allowed the group to use the barn until 1928, when it moved to the new Manzanita Hall. Murphy then moved the barn to his lumberyard on San Carlos, between Ocean and Seventh.

The new hall was smaller than the old barn, but it met the club's needs, with a large hall for meetings, card games and dances. Records indicate the first addition, a smaller "L" off the main hall, was constructed in 1931 as a separate club room for cards and billiards. The club also rented out the hall for a variety of community uses, including Boy

Scouts, firemen and the Carmel Business Association. In 1934, the club, which included veterans, welcomed a group that sought to form a Carmel chapter of the American Legion.

Breaking away

Monterey American Legion Post No. 41 was formed in 1920 and included veterans living in the Carmel area. However, as the Peninsula grew over the next decade, new residents included veterans who had moved from other areas. By the early 1930s, Carmelites made plans to break away and form a Legion post of their own. Many of the Manzanita Club members were veterans, so the formational meetings were held at the new Manzanita Hall.

Nearly 40 of the Carmel contingents, under the direction of James J. Regan, humorously announced their intention by performing a skit titled "A Business Meeting of Carmel Post No. 101" at the February 1934 Monterey post meeting. Regan, a former staff sergeant with the American Expeditionary Forces, had moved to Carmel Woods with his new bride in 1932.

In March 1934, Regan was appointed vice-chairman of the Monterey post. If it

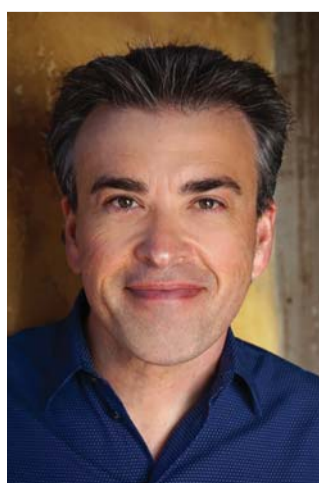
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PHOTO/COURTESY AMERICAN LEGION POST 512

Army and Navy personnel playing ping-pong, eating, catching up on the news and otherwise socializing with Carmel residents at the USO facilities offered at the American Legion Post on Dolores Street during World War II

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IT'S NOT LUCK — OR EVEN TALENT — JUST A LOT OF HARD WORK

A WORK of art might seem magical, but it's not the result of magic. Nor is it the product of raw talent, in the vast majority of cases, according to a Carmel Valley artist who says he's still learning, still evolving, after decades of education, introspection and practice, practice, practice.

It is a labor of love and an ongoing jour-

neys student at the Rhode Island School of Design, where he found great teachers, but also craved deeper studies of fine art and traditions of painting.

"Abstract expressionism had infiltrated all of the art educational systems at the time," he said. "At school, we were encouraged to go out on a limb, toward abstract art, or even conceptual art. I was much more interested in traditional painting, but I made the best of it."

He taught continuing education at the school for five years, time he also spent studying with various teachers, and exploring and experimenting on his own.

Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

ney for knowledge, said David Seibert, who lives in the foothills beyond Carmel Valley Village.

"For some reason, it's presumed that artists are somehow struck by lightning ... that they're lucky ... that they're talented," said Seibert, a plein air and studio painter. His representational landscapes, seascapes, portraits and figures are created with tender loving care, one mark at a time.

"Nobody assumes that you're going to sit down at a piano and play a Beethoven sonata," he said. "You have to learn your scales, you practice, you learn to interpret ... there's a process which involves years of study and practice."

Rhode Island School of Design

In Seibert's case, the process of applying oil to canvas began in his early teens, when he was struck by the beauty of New England, developed a lifelong appreciation for the ocean and began studying at an artists' guild in central Connecticut to learn basic techniques of drawing, painting and sculpting.

He enrolled after high school as a fine

Illustrator, art director

After becoming a husband and father, he supported his family as an illustrator and art director, a career that spanned a dozen years.

In 2009, Seibert began learning from celebrated American realist Richard Schmid, a prolific New Hampshire plein air painter he considers the most influential instructor of his career.

"I mostly painted in the studio and it was a big leap for me to go outside," he said. "In New England, I didn't really love painting outdoors in the winter, so plein air painting, for me, was pretty seasonal."

"After years of painting, I had come up with a palette that worked well with plein air, but I also had reached a point where I was eager to learn more," Seibert said. "I discovered that Richard Schmid was a tremendous proponent of doing color studies and color charts, and I had been exposed to none of that prior to meeting him."

Seibert arrived with a lot of questions for Schmid, and found a patient mentor who was exceedingly generous with his knowledge.

"I asked him what his own training had been like, and he told me that nobody in his classes seemed interested in learning all of the knowledge his teacher had to offer," Seibert said. "Richard wanted to learn everything he could about painting — and there's a lot to be learned if you're going to do it well."

'There's a process'

Schmid (who died last April at 86) also left his student with advice that continues to guide him.

"Richard used to say, 'Don't even think about talent and whether you have it or you don't,' Seibert recalled. "There's a process to it. Here's what to do ...'"

The process Seibert has developed over the years is multipronged.

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PHOTO/DAVID SEIBERT

David Seibert, who lives in the foothills beyond Carmel Valley Village, specializes in seascapes and landscapes, often plein air renderings.



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"WHAT A lovely house," is probably something Mary Ann Dillon's heard dozens, if not hundreds of times since 1989, when she and her husband, Donald Floyd Dillon, moved into the home next door to the Butterfly House on Scenic. But even after all these years, she looks around and

times in the Midwest and ultimately, to San Francisco.

There, Dillon was a student at Lowell High School, where nearly everyone planned on going to college. Her father attended Washington and Jefferson University, her mother had been to finishing school, and she had an aunt who graduated from Smith. Dillon was among 25 seniors who chose to go to Stanford University. A great-aunt assisted with her tuition, and Dillon worked in the mailroom at the Sausalito shipyards to help pay her way.

before Don shipped out to Louisiana from a port there.

Instead, they said an unexpectedly quick goodbye when they discovered he had to be aboard his ship just two hours after they arrived, as it was setting sail the next morning. Undaunted, Dillon set out for New Orleans, the next port of call. "Another Navy wife rescued me there," she remembered. They and many other wives banded together, traveling from port to port to see their husbands.

"My mother went with me," Dillon said. "She really sacrificed." Once, they drove from San Francisco to Newport, R.I., getting there two days before Don arrived for Thanksgiving. "It was a hard life, but it wasn't like it went on for 20 years," Dillon said, with admiration for spouses of career service members.

After the war, they moved to Mill Valley. But in 1951, when their son was just a few days old, Don was called up from the Navy Reserves for the Korean War. Dillon, her mother and her children again traveled to see him whenever they could.

Meeting Mrs. Hoover

In 1954, Don joined his father, Floyd, at Four Winds Growers, a plant nursery in Ventura that specialized in dwarf citrus trees. The business moved to San Jose just ahead of a citrus disease outbreak and plant quarantine in Southern California.

Dillon became a co-owner in the enterprise, which Don Jr. now runs in Watson-



PHOTO/COURTESY DILLON FAMILY

Mary Ann Dillon, shown here in 1947, has spent much of her century on earth helping her communities.

ville, but she minimized her contributions. "I was just an office worker. Sometimes I went out and weeded," she said. "I always loved plants."

That didn't mean she sat around the house all day, though. As she raised her children, Dillon remained active in her community. She advocated for a new library in Fremont and volunteered in the Girl Scouts, including a troop she started in Palo Alto. Dillon went on to establish

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Great Lives

By ELAINE HESSER

smiles, as if appreciating her surroundings anew, and says, "Yes, isn't it?"

Donald's parents built it in 1960, designing its angles to take advantage of sun and views while blocking the worst of the wind, said Dillon's daughter, Debbie Dillon Adams, who shares the family home with her. Dillon celebrated her 100th birthday on Nov. 5. Don died at age 93 in 2015, after 71 years of marriage, during which they raised three children — Adams, her older sister, Mary Helen Seeger, and their younger brother, Don Dillon Jr.

Scrapbooks and albums filled with a century of memories were laid out on a table as mother and daughter talked about their recollections. Dillon was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., and was 8 years old when the Great Depression began. Her father was employed, but they had to relocate several

Short-but-fancy honeymoon

An "irascible" professor in the English department who she said apparently "didn't like women," nudged her studies in a different direction. She said, "I was always interested in government," so she majored in political science — a subject that served her well and helped to define her life.

Dillon started dating Don, who was in the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps at Stanford. They graduated in 1943 and were married that August. After a night at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco, which set them back \$33.79 (she still has the receipt), they took a train to Texas, where they planned to spend some time together

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HISTORY

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was an effort to forestall his departure, it failed. At a June 1934 meeting at Manzanita Hall, Regan was elected temporary chairman of the American Legion Club of Carmel, a temporary organization until it could get its official charter. In the interim, advocates recruited as many charter members as they could. The club held a pig roast at the hall in July with speeches on the value of the Legion to the community. Their effort garnered 46 signatures that night. By November, the charter members numbered nearly 100.

USO entertains

On Nov. 5, 1934, the club officially became American Legion Post No. 512. District Commander Al Clark of Soledad presented Carmel with its temporary charter. Regan was installed as the first commander of the Carmel post with William H. Landers as first vice commander, Patrick Hudgins as second vice commander, Lee Gottfried as adjutant, Fred McIndoe as sergeant-at-arms, Rev. Melvin R. Dorsett as chaplain, and Gabe Burnette as finance officer.

The Legion shared Manzanita Hall and hired a steward to manage the clubhouse, but the facility remained the property of the Manzanita Club and continued to be a community resource. In 1936, the Legion worked with the Manzanita Club to remodel the club room.

In February 1941, national leaders of the Salvation Army, Jewish Welfare Board, National Catholic Welfare Council, YMCA and YWCA announced they would consolidate their efforts to provide civilian-led services to the military. They called the joint effort United Service Organizations, which was soon known internationally as the USO.

Peninsula residents began fundraising for USO programs that summer. In October 1941, Manzanita Hall opened its doors as a USO clubhouse. USO funds allowed hiring two hostesses, and Legion members also welcomed service members, initially from 3 to 10:30 p.m. on weekends and Wednesdays from 3 to 6 p.m. The USO invited

Carmel's young women to come and dance with the men and the community donated cakes and other treats. In November, they served more than 1,350 soldiers from Fort Ord, including 300 at a Thanksgiving Day buffet.

Following the United States' entry into World War II, USO services in Carmel were expanded. The new hours were from 2 to 11 p.m. on Tuesdays, and Thursdays through Sundays. The club décor in the USO era was overseen by interior designer Frances Elkins, a Peninsula resident who generally serviced high-net-worth clients. Reports indicate the soldiers appreciated his work.

A letter published in the March 27, 1942, Pine Cone indicated 500 men had dropped in on a recent Sunday. "Some danced. Some had been down at the beach and dropped in for a cup of coffee, tea or chocolate, with a tasty sandwich, a doughnut, a piece of cake or cookies, made or given by our Carmel ladies. Some come to write a letter home, sit in front of the fireplace and talk or read. Others gathered to sing in a group."

Revitalization needed

The clubhouse expanded again in 1943 to accommodate visiting soldiers. A new rectangular addition north of the "L" made the clubhouse a U-shaped facility and activities for the soldiers also expanded with classes in arts and crafts.

Following the end of World War II, the national USO downsized its operations. Over the objections of Carmel's citizens, after five years of operation the Carmel USO Club was deactivated in May 1946. This caused the aging members of the Manzanita Club to reassess their needs. In June 1946, they sold the building to American Legion Post No. 512, reportedly for half of the appraised value.

For 87 years, 75 years as owners of their clubhouse, Post No. 512 has maintained an active presence in Carmel, some years more active than others. The current executive committee, under Paratore, is seeking to revitalize the post as a positive force in the community and to clean up and restore the clubhouse. The original structure is now near-



A current image of American Legion Post No. 512, which has been housed on the east side of Dolores just south of Eighth since it was formed in 1934.

ing the century mark and is suffering from termites and deferred maintenance.

The Legion offers memberships for veterans, and for the auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion, but even if you don't qualify for one of those organizations, you can help local veterans by assisting with fundraising, building repairs and community outreach. Gerry Paratore's email is gparator@gmail.com.

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LETTERS

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sibility for maintenance, operations, service and indemnity on him.

Stilwell's circumstances are unique and probably don't apply to many restaurants in town (an expensive major renovation, a water flow of more than 50 gallons/minute, and no possible location to place the interceptor on his property).

However, Jeff Baron was consumed with the possibility of future applicants and "equity" with other restaurants, instead of deciding the case before him. It reminded me of David Fink's trash enclosure nightmare and how similar arguments were made about a possible tidal wave of applicants that never materialized. Similarly, Karen Ferlito's main concern with the possible impact on trees was nonsensical because no trees would be harmed by council approval.

A particularly low point was when fellow restaurateur Rich Pepe called in to fan the hysteria flames. It is doubtful that Pepe or other restaurants have similar circumstances to Stilwell, or voluntarily would apply for incredibly expensive sewer/plumbing upgrades that are not required of them under current law.

Why does Carmel make it unreasonably difficult to initiate and upgrade projects around town (like Patrice Pastor's various endeavors)? Monterey and Pacific Grove have granted public interceptor permits without issue. Part of the problem is that connections and cronyism sometimes trump science and progress. Fear of competition from new ventures is unsettling in a change-averse city. A prime example is the Safe Sidewalk Vending Act debacle. Instead of awarding permits to low income and immigrant applicants (the intended target of the bill), most permits went to Carmel's Who's Who. It's no surprise that one even went to former Mayor Steve Dallas who notably joined Pepe in opposing Stilwell's application.

Catherine Farley,
Carmel

Rental complaints

Dear Editor,

Regarding the impact of short-term rentals on neighborhoods. Our neighborhood of 45 years has always been long-term, with families staying and raising their children. We are here for each other, helping out with mail and package deliveries, keeping an eye out for crime, and responding to power outage or natural disasters.

A couple years ago, a remodeled house sold and immediately turned into short-term rental. Multiple cars are coming and going into the early morning hours. With cars from additional guests and services, trucks for maintenance, all combined are numerous compared to any other home in the neighborhood. People talking, sometimes yelling, on the patio into the night and early morning, with no consideration of neighbors, with bedrooms next door, being kept awake until all hours. Enforcement only when an actual nuisance has occurred is too late and the problem repeats, with no repercussions.

People living in the San Francisco Bay area just purchased another house four blocks away. It feels our residential area is turning commercial, especially when you see 644 properties are advertising vacation stays.

The letter last week in The Pine Cone, Renata Barnwell stated she is home host to all her guests. That is exactly, I believe, how Bed & Breakfast started in Europe for additional income for families. If that was in all cases of short-term rentals, I doubt there would be complaints.

One cannot imagine the negative impact such rentals have on a neighborhood until it happens on your street. I know I didn't.

Rosalind Wyszynski, *Carmel Woods*

No one 'totally against lights'

Dear Editor,

After reading your editorial of Oct. 22, and then reading John Dillard's response in the Nov. 5 Pine Cone, I felt I needed to respond to both.

John is absolutely correct in his statement that we love our CHS students. The track team, until the pandemic hit, was running past my home every week day afternoon I set out a cooler with water bottles to help them hydrate, the girls down the street set up a card table with a petition to get signatures to help us get help from our supervisor about our traffic problems on Flanders, which was signed by the track team members. We applauded their school spirit and their willingness to work with us.

That cannot be said of The Pine Cone's supercilious and condescending comments regarding how neighbors here "got discounts" and should just live with the fact that they "bought by a high school" which, by the way has no relationship to buying next to an airport. Many of the neighbors surrounding CHS have been here for more than 40 years, and have watched and have grown with the school as it expanded, much done with no neighborhood input.

As Dillard pointed out, that support included the neighborhood donating the land the football field now occupies. It was never the intention of anyone that I have been in contact with who was totally against the Friday night lights, it was the ramming of a flawed EIR down the throats of the residents here.

The primary concern is the traffic implications, including parking on our streets which will be impacted by the EIR claim of 2,000 attendees, and the impact on the wildlife here, particularly our owl population, and of course the dark sky.

We have worked for more than two years just to get an additional 25 mile per hour limit on a large section of Flanders. The speeding has been out of control and we have been terribly concerned about not only our small children but the track team possibly getting hurt. Many of the people who live on these streets love the large acreage and the many forest trees and wildlife that we enjoy here, while still being close enough to walk to downtown.

Susan Wytshyn,
Carmel

Supports ATC hotel

Dear Editor,

As a former resident of P.G., with family still living in the city, I have been following the development of the American Tin Cannery property closely. I'm eager about the prospect of a world-class, sustainably planned and operated establishment that will help move my hometown forward. What I'm disappointed in is the misinformation opponents continually push into the public space.

In recent letters to the editor, numerous false claims were made and as the project continues to move through the review process, I am sure you will receive more. The latest distraction is a supposed "gotcha" letter from the State Water Resources Control Board, but if you actually read the letter, it merely reiterates the current state of water connections on the Monterey Peninsula and the rules governing them. That's what the Pacific Grove City Attorney stated during the planning commission meeting and that assessment was backed up by the general manager of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. Why? Because the water management district had deemed the project in compliance regarding water totals and approved usage months earlier. The project stands on its own merits, I just wish the opposition's arguments could do the same.

Dave Lucas, *Lafayette*

Supes' order 'unconstitutional'

Dear Editor,

The recent order by county supervisors requiring indoor masking is unconstitutional. There is no obligation to obey or enforce unconstitutional orders.

Claims that masking is medically beneficial can be countered by data and testimony from credible doctors that masking is not an effective preventive action. To learn more about those alternative medical opinions you may need to use a search engine other than Google or Bing. The owners of those search services sometimes censor unwanted viewpoints.

Jerry Fallenberg, *Marina*

Gen. Lee's sins

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the article about Steven Whyte being a finalist for creating a piece to honor Barbara Johns. What a wonderful opportunity for him, and nice to read this piece of good news.

The journalist wrote that the tribute to Johns will replace a statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee which was essentially taken down "because he owned slaves." This glosses over the most important reason why his statue (and those of other Confederate icons) should be removed. That they held slaves is true and despicable — but sadly, so did other revered leaders in our history. To me, while this information is troubling, we must understand our history truthfully — the good and the bad — and this alone is not a reason for so-called cancellation.

Their statues should be removed because they committed treason against the Constitution and this country and were, in fact, indicted by a grand jury on these charges. It was only because of the terms of surrender at Appomattox that Lee and the other leaders could not be prosecuted and punished. While Gen. Ulysses S. Grant felt this necessary to bring the war to an end, it sadly has had long-lasting ramifications, and has contributed to our current lack of understanding of this complex time.

Kind of an important point to omit.

Nadine Semer, *Carmel*

Forbidden word

Dear Editor,

Your editorial last week, "Stop and think, please," should be shouted from the rooftops, handed out to all who pass on the street corner, and read aloud on all news channels 24/7. Thank you for making common sense out of today's world. Where have we gotten to as a society when teachers are not allowed to teach history anymore?

Where have we gotten when adults cannot have a conversation about a particular topic without the fear of saying the wrong thing or offending someone when all you want to do by saying certain words is to bring context to the discussion? I yearn for that time. Has it passed or is it just in hiding? I hope it has not gone forever.

Rich Pepe, *Freehold, N.J.*

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ARTIST

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He prefers to paint from life, as opposed to photographs, asserting that the eyes of a trained artist can capture far more details than a camera.

“Working entirely from a photograph has become quite popular, but photographs actually are very limited,” Seibert said. “They simply do not collect the same amount of information, and the same kind of information, that we can collect with our eyes.”

He typically makes multiple sketches and compositional studies before committing to creating a more finished painting.

There are limits to what can be done while sketching, Seibert said, but sketching on location is essential to creating a finished painting. And those sketches often can stand on their own.

“What I’ve learned over the years is that good paintings aren’t necessarily created ‘in the moment,’” Seibert said. “But that’s not to say that I haven’t learned a lot by putting myself under those limitations, when it’s important to make every mark count.”

No matter where he creates his art, Seibert said he strives for a look that captures the beauty, energy and essence of his subject.

Discovering Carmel

In 2013, he was selected for an artist residency at Whiskeytown National Recreation Area near Redding, an experience that inspired him to permanently relocate from the East Coast. After much explora-

tion, he discovered the art mecca that is the Monterey Peninsula.

“I knew little about Carmel before I got here — had no idea what it was all about. My first impression, to be honest, was that it seemed like a place with way too many galleries to make sense,” he said. “But I figured out quickly that this is a very beautiful and inspirational area to paint.”

He also learned that the Peninsula had been the home of many of the legendary painters who inspired his own work — William Ritschel, Edgar Payne, Armin Hansen and Gottardo Piazzoni, among others.

Gottardo’s hills

“One day I was on top of the mountain above my house, and it suddenly dawned on me — my God, these are the hills that Gottardo painted,” he said. “I think that connection gave me an even greater appreciation for how interesting it was to be an artist here.”

By his own description, Seibert is “a bit of a hermit” who seeks seclusion when he ventures outdoors to create his art.

“I’m still fairly shy, and tend to find quiet spots where I avoid the public so I don’t have to stop and explain what I’m doing,” he said with a laugh. “Some artists enjoy the limelight, and I’m getting better about it, but I find it distracting.”

Seibert’s work has been showcased at more than 30 exhibitions at festivals, galleries, museums and art groups nationwide since 2002.

He is a member of the Oil Painters of America, and his paintings are part of corporate and private collections in California, New York, New England and Europe. Images of his work can be viewed at seibert-fineart.com.

LIVES

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22 more troops in the Fremont area during the post-World War II baby boom. She said she’d always enjoyed scouting — especially camping — when her family lived in the Midwest. Her work garnered her an invitation to tea at Hoover House at Stanford with former first lady Lou Henry Hoover, an alumna from 1898 and staunch scouting supporter.

The Fremont League of Woman Voters, which honored her as a founding member and past president on its 50th anniversary in 2007, also expressed its “great appreciation for her vision and determination.”

Ringling doorbells

She worked on her husband’s four successful campaigns for Fremont’s city council. Back then, she said, there were only about 6,000 people living there and Dillon described the campaigns as “very down home.” “We had a blackboard up in a barn, with charts with the candidates, initiatives and precincts. We started out early in the morning and rang doorbells.”

Don also presided as mayor for five years, making Dillon the first lady of Fremont — sometimes referred to as the city’s “conscience.” Debbie said. And, along with her work with the League of Women voters, it kept her mom quite busy. “There were a lot of ribbon-cuttings,” she remembered, and Dillon said she and her husband attended activities almost every weekend.

As you might imagine, Dillon and her husband shared a love of gardening. When they lived in Fremont, they helped tend the Japanese garden at Shinn Park, and later became active in the

Monterey Heritage Garden League. “We met every Saturday by the Larkin House,” she said, and with guidance from a park employee, they would tend to the historic gardens.

She’s also been an enthusiastic supporter of the Carmel Heritage Society and helped to give tours of historic homes, including the Pine Inn, where she memorized a small book on the building’s history.

Dillon said she doesn’t care for today’s polarized politics, because she remembers a time when “elected officials reached across the aisle to make decisions.”

As she approached 99 last year, she was adamant about casting her vote for Joe Biden, but she made a nonpartisan video for her family, reminding them, “Voting is important. We should all vote.”

When Dillon contracted Covid last December, she was determined to live long enough to see Biden take office in January. But she’s done much better than that — she has recovered and regained her interest in reading and keeping up with the news. (She was reading “The Women’s March: A Novel of the 1913 Women’s Suffrage Procession,” by Jennifer Chiaverini, on the day The Pine Cone came calling.)

The family celebrated her 100th birthday with a small in-person gathering and a larger Zoom party at the house. Which is, as you know, quite lovely.



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Front and center for her 100th birthday party, Mary Ann Dillon gathered with loved ones at the family home on Scenic.



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ON THE PENINSULA

The ads are whimsical, but Charles Chrietzberg is serious about local banks

By ELAINE HESSER

YOU PROBABLY know Charles Chrietzberg from the caricatures of him that have run in ads for Monterey County Bank over the years.

The decidedly unstuffy depictions of the institution's chairman of the board, president and CEO were done by former Pacific Grove resident Dan Koffman, and are part of the down-home atmosphere of the bank, which has been locally owned and operated since it opened in 1977. That's important to Chrietzberg, who said he's been approached many times by corporations that want to buy it.

"We're not for sale," is his unwavering response.

He said he's "right on the edge" of turning 80, which means he's been with the bank nearly half his life. But

if you talk with him for even a minute, it's plain he didn't start out in California.

That unmistakable Texas twang has its roots in Mincola, a small East Texas town that owes its existence to the lumber industry and the railroads, where Chrietzberg's father worked as a car inspector for about 30 years, doing maintenance and mechanical repairs. The oldest of four children and the only boy, Chrietzberg said his sisters often gave him "a rough time."

Finding home

After high school, he and three friends volunteered for the National Guard and through some sort of fluke were

sent to Fort Ord for training instead of Fort Hood, which was only two or three hours away by car. "We thought we'd won a contest," he said.

He returned to Texas in 1960 and started college, where his affinity for math led him to accounting. Two weeks after he began, he was recalled to active duty and stationed at Fort Polk, La., for 16 months because of the growing crisis in Europe that would lead to the construction of the Berlin Wall. When he returned in fall 1961, he completed his bachelor's degree and became a CPA, and eventually the owner of Sam Houston Mortgage Corporation in Houston.

He also married his wife, Sandra, in 1961, and in 1975 brought her along on a business trip to Los Angeles. They decided to take a short vacation afterward, planning to drive up the coast and spend one night in Santa Barbara, one in Carmel and one in San Francisco.

When they got here, however, they phoned home to say they were extending their stay for a week. More trips followed, with vacations at the Pine Inn and Lobos Lodge. "My wife and I both fell in love with the town," he said.

By March 1982, they'd decided to make this their permanent home. Chrietzberg sold the mortgage company, and they bought a house on Scenic. He and Sandra opened a winery (which has since closed), which they called La Reina – The Queen.

Chairman of the board

In 1985, his friend and attorney Michael Albov, who was working at what's now called Hudson Martin Ferrante Street Witten & DeMaria, suggested that Chrietzberg contact Peter Coniglio, one of the firm's partners, a former Monterey mayor and the founding chairman of the Monterey County Bank, who was seeking some extra capital.

"I decided to invest," Chrietzberg said, and he got a seat on the bank's board of directors. A year later he was elected chairman, and became president and CEO in 1987.

"This is the oldest locally owned bank in Monterey

County," he said proudly. "I enjoy what I'm doing. I enjoy helping people and small businesses." He said he set up a program to work with Small Business Administration loans in 1987, because no one else was doing it, and he added that the bank has been the biggest SBA lender in the county almost every year since.

Two years later, the business was rattled by the Loma Prieta earthquake. The bank was across the street from its current location on Munras Avenue in Monterey (in what's now a medical office building) and Chrietzberg said, "We had a disaster plan. The lady in charge of it ran out the door and went home to check on her dog." Instead, a 19-year-old teller took charge and managed to get the building secured.

The economic downturn that followed left local businesses foundering. "Tourism took a big hit. People were afraid. They just wouldn't come. We had to work with people through the period, and it was about the third year after," before things started getting back to normal, he said.

Prioritizing customers

When the Covid pandemic began, Chrietzberg said, "I immediately made a decision. My No. 1 goal was to keep my employees safe, then to serve the customers we already had. We didn't see it as an opportunity to get new business. We wanted to prioritize our existing customers."

When the government approved taxpayer-funded help for businesses, Chrietzberg processed the loans. "We weren't just on the front end to get the loans approved. We helped everyone with the paperwork to get them forgiven, too." He said that 100 percent of the applications the bank has submitted for loan forgiveness were approved.

True to his decision, he has looked after his employees, making sure there's no unnecessary contact with the public while still providing customer service. Old-school drive-

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Should you sell your duplex and buy a gas station? Ask an expert.

By ELAINE HESSER

YOU CAN tell Steven Schulman is deeply into real estate because when you ask where he's from, he tells you by zip code: 90210. It doesn't hurt that that number was seared into a generation's memory as the TV home of the coolest kids in Beverly Hills, but still, you get the idea.

Schulman said he preferred to do the interview for this story in person, and I suggested meeting at a coffee shop at the corner of Highway 68 and Canyon Del Rey Boulevard. It turned out to be a property he knew well — he'd helped some clients acquire three commercial buildings there.

That's because he advises people on managing their real estate investments. He's not a realtor, broker or property manager, but he does work with those folks and many others as he goes about his business.

"I'm hired as a subject matter expert. I'm an asset manager," he explained. Schulman works with clients who have millions of dollars in commercial holdings, as well as some with more modest investments, like a single-family home or a duplex.

They all want to make the most of their properties, and Schulman's there to help. "I sit down with them and ask, 'Where do you want to be tomorrow?'" He helps people

decide if they should sell a property and buy something with more earning potential, whether an aging home should be rehabilitated, and which property managers and other professionals to hire, among others.

"You have to make it work so people are protected. It's important to understand what you have and where you're going with it," he said. To that end, he'll delve further into clients' financial situations, asking, "Where's your other income? What if the market goes south? What if you can't get tenants?"

And when people hold onto property for personal reasons — an ancestral home, or the first house a couple bought together, for example — he can bring some objectivity to their decision-making.

Schulman said his father worked in real estate in Beverly Hills, but he described an upbringing that didn't include silver baby spoons or gold tricycles. "We didn't have all those things" the kids on the TV show did, he recalled. "I had to make my bed every single morning and I rode my bike everywhere." He shopped at a nearby J.J. Newberry's five-and-dime store, which had the added attraction of a soda fountain.

His dad was a prisoner of war in France during World War II. Later, he recalled, "He sent me to camp and said, 'Here, use this sleeping bag,'" handing Schulman his 1940s gear. "It was freezing — it was this thin wool thing — can you imagine?" he laughed.

He earned a bachelor's in history at Cal State Sonoma, and his master's degree in classical literature at St. John's College in Santa Fe, N.M. When Schulman moved to Oakland in 1975, his father suggested he look into a career in real estate, starting with a title company.

"When I asked why, he said I could get paid and get a free education" in the real estate business, Schulman said. Moving into property management, he learned about commercial real estate, including gas stations and franchise locations.



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During 17 years at Wells Fargo, which hired him as an asset manager, he was relocated several times, including a stint that started in 1999 in Carmel, where he met his wife, Chris Murry. His career led him to the real estate division of Mechanics Bank — and to San Francisco — in 2007.

But he and Chris moved back here in 2018. "This is home. The people in the community are rare in terms of their kindness and generosity, and it's physically beauti-

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Some advice from a financial planner who's seen a thing or two

By ELAINE HESSER

CAROLE FORD has been doing financial planning since the 1980s, but her roots in the business go back to her childhood in Connecticut. Her father died of a heart attack at 36, leaving her mother with Ford, who was 12, and two much younger sisters.

Out of necessity, Ford became involved with the family's finances, helping her mom pay the bills and trying to make the household money stretch — her father had no life insurance. She swore then that she would never find herself in that position.

"I had a head for math," she said, so she worked and studied her way through a finance major at Fairfield College, then went into banking. She married her husband, Jim, who was in sales. His job took him to Ohio and Iowa, and ultimately to Fresno, while Ford stayed at home for a while



Carole Ford

with her two daughters.

When she was ready to go back to work, she didn't want to return to banking, where she didn't think the men saw her as an equal. It galled her when nobody listened, "even when I knew I could have better ideas." The new field of financial planning, with the possibility of becoming her own boss, beckoned.

Her "aha" moment came when she offered to teach a class in finances for local

women. She didn't listen to the guy who told her, "No woman is ever going to make financial decisions," and her idea was validated when 70 women — including "CEOs, nurses, teachers and a female fire chief" — showed up for the first session.

"They were so thirsty for knowledge, but they didn't know what questions to ask," she said. But whether they were "happily married, happily singled divorced or widowed, I wanted them to have the knowledge to be OK financially."

Good advice

In 1992, after working with a financial planning firm for a few years, she struck out on her own, opening the Ford Financial Group in Fresno. She opened a smaller practice in Carmel, where she and Jim own a second home. She estimates she spends two or three weeks there each month, as the firm's Clock Tower Place branch has gotten busier.

She has several recommendations for people who want to take charge of their finances. The first is to know where you spend your money, and Ford noted that there are several apps that can help with that. "You've got to be aware of where you're spending," no matter who manages the household finances, she said. "If you're married and you want to join a gym, and your spouse says 'No, we can't afford it,'" you should know why.

Next, Ford said, set some goals. Take advantage of your employer's retirement plan, if there is one. "Even putting \$20 a month into a 401(k) can help, long-term," she said.

It's important know your worth as an employee, too, she continued. "About 35 years ago I worked with a single nurse who had no money and a lot of credit card debt," Ford recounted. Her client was working in

a doctor's office, making less than half of what nurses in the local hospital were making, and had no benefits.

"Why are you there?" Ford asked, and the nurse said she just loved her employers. "Do you love them enough to be in debt for the rest of your life?" countered Ford. The woman didn't leave that office immediately, but three years later she took

a position with a large hospital group, and has since retired with money in the bank.

The advice continued — make sure you have a durable power of attorney for healthcare and one for finances, so that the people you want to make decisions can do so if you can't. A stay-at-home mom

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through windows at two of the branches turned out to be incredibly handy in that regard, he noted. He also instituted a vaccination mandate for his 50 employees,

losing three as a result. "I had to protect the other employees," he explained.

His daughter, Stephanie, is the bank's senior vice president and administrative officer, and he has a son who's a CPA back in Houston.

Chrietzberg loves his work. He said people ask when he's going to retire, but he can't even come up with a reason he'd want to. When he expounds on the value of local banks to the community, he sounds like George Bailey, the savings and loan owner in "It's a Wonderful Life," a movie he said he loves.

And about those ads with the carica-

tures — they sometimes bring in mixed reviews. "One guy told me, 'I don't know you, but I can tell from the ads you're no Abe Lincoln,'" he recounted with a laugh.

He said he only vetoed one, in which Koffman portrayed him as Rodin's famous nude, "The Thinker" — but with cowboy boots. He said his whole family told him, "No."

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ful," he said.

Schulman charges for his services on a fee basis. "You live and die by people's perceptions, and I'm not in it for a commission," he said. About 90 percent of his work is in commercial real estate, and he said he can help with out-of-state properties when necessary.

What's the biggest issue for locals? "We still haven't dealt with the water issue," he said, noting that it's become quite divisive. "There seems to be no middle ground."

And, he continued, "Farmers can't do it anymore. They don't even want to lease the land out."

But he also sees plenty of hope. "The millennial and Generation Z mentality is more entrepreneurial, but how can we keep them here? They can't afford it, but we could create opportunities," in areas like downtown Salinas. He envisions what he called "live/work spaces" where people like young artists could have galleries in buildings that are sitting empty.

"I have a lot of enthusiasm and belief in community," Schulman said.

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should have life insurance, because if she dies, at a minimum, someone will have to fill her role as childcare provider.

As for her own family, Ford's husband retired from sales and Ford hired him, then he retired from her firm to pursue his love of photography. Her younger daughter is

an interior designer in Fresno, and the older one is earning her MBA in a new field, the psychology of money. She's already having insights that have helped her mother.

And if Ford can help it, nobody — especially no woman — will end up helping a parent pay the bills at age 12, unless it's just to learn from the experience.

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A SINGER and guitarist who made the blues cool again at a time when heavy metal bands and new wave dance acts dominated the airwaves, **George Thorogood** takes the stage Friday at Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

With original songs like “Bad to the Bone” and “I Drink Alone” — and covers of classics like “Move it On Over,” “Who Do You Love” and “One Bourbon, One Scotch, One Beer” — Thorogood attained an unusual level of commercial success for a blues performer. His high-energy boogie-blues and charismatic stage presence were big hit on the radio and on MTV during the 1980s.

While musical trends come and go, the blues have proved to be remarkably enduring. That’s no surprise to Thorogood. “When the acid trip is over, you have to go back to the mother blues,” the singer told *The Pine Cone*.

Also passing the test of time are the Delaware Destroyers, who back Thorogood. When he plays Friday at Golden State, bassist Billy Blough and drummer Jeff Simon will

be in the lineup. Both of have played with Thorogood since the 1970s, and he’s hoping they stick around a little longer. “When you find something that works, you hold on to it,” he suggested.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

Despite his success decades ago, Thorogood said he isn’t resting on his laurels. He said it’s hard work staying relevant in the music business — and that means lots of practice. “Playing together is what makes you better,” he said.

The rise of classic rock radio has been generous to Thorogood, helping to connect him with younger audiences. But it can be a bit intimidating, too. Once, he was

sitting in his car and listening to a song by Eric Clapton. When it ended, one of his songs played. Next, a song by Jimi Hendrix came on. In that moment, the blues singer confessed he felt a bit intimidated to be in such regal company — and took it as a cue to keep working on his music. “I went straight into the house and started practicing really hard,” he added.

Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets are \$49 to \$79. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St.

Proof of vaccination or a negative Covid test is required for entry. The county’s policy also calls for everyone — vaccinated or not — to wear a mask indoors.

■ Playing for a cause

Singer **Lauren Monroe** and her husband, Def Leppard

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Singer and guitarist George Thorogood (left) performs Friday in Monterey. Drummer Rick Allen of Def Leppard (center) headlines a fundraising show the same evening that will raise money for veterans. Youth Music Monterey County’s two student orchestras, including bassist Oscar Yanez (right), play Sunday at Sunset Center.

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said Aubuchon, whose mother, Anna, is a finance specialist for the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea.

But then things shut down, and when her birthday rolled around last year, there was nowhere to go and nothing to do, she decided she wanted nothing more than to create an elaborate cheese board full of goodies from The Cheese Shop in Carmel Plaza paired with really nice wines and share it with her roommate and his girlfriend in their backyard.

"I made a huge spread," she said. The afternoon was so nice, it sparked in Aubuchon the idea of starting her own business.

"I wasn't sure when I would be going back to work," she explained.

signed with charcuterie, honey, jams, nuts, fresh and dried fruits, chocolates, olives and other treats is little surprise.

"I've been making cheese platters since my early 20s — that was what one of my best friends and I used to make for all our parties," said Aubuchon, now 35. "Typically, we'd eat half of it before anyone showed up."

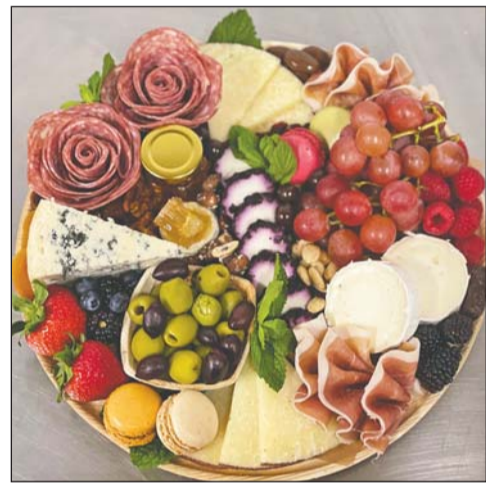
One of her favorite meals is cheese, salami and baguette. "That's always been comfort food for me," she said.

It took the nudging of her roommate to take the platters to a profitable level, though. He sent a photo of one to some friends, who responded that they'd happily pay for something like it, and he told her she should pursue it as a business, considering how much she enjoys making them.

To test the waters, she created two elaborate platters and posted photos of them on social media to see what sort of response she'd get. That happened to be around the same time the restaurant she works for, Sushi Fly in downtown Monterey, resumed



Krystina and Amy Aubuchon (above) of Little Luna Cheese Boards will deliver a beautifully arranged platter of noshes for your next soiree. The edible art from their business features goodies from The Cheese Shop and Eroy's.



outdoor dining. When a power outage cut dinner off for a group of regulars who had just gotten their drinks, she ran home and returned with the platters, so they would have something to eat. The group was impressed and asked if she sold them.

But it wasn't a business for her, yet, and she worried about stepping on the toes of

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Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

the government allowed the sale of cocktails to go.

It also brought about life changes that inspired some to pursue their dreams and tap into their entrepreneurial spirits, among them Monterey resident Amy Aubuchon, who started her business, Little Luna Cheese Boards, after coronavirus shutdowns kept her home from work.

"Before the pandemic, I was working in a dental office and as a waitress at night,"

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her boss at Sushi Fly. He told her, “We’ll work it out,” she said. “He was really supportive.”

Sis-in-law on board

That was the last nudge she needed. She filed all her paperwork with the City of Monterey and found a commercial kitchen where she could work. “It went from there,” she said.

That was in August 2020, and now, Little Luna Cheese Boards has become a go-to for many event organizers and hosts. “We just did a project for York school and a little golf event at Pasadera,” she said. “It’s been really nice.”

Her sister-in-law, Krystina Aubuchon, is helping, too, by managing the website, responding to inquiries, scheduling, and handling other tasks.

“I order the cheeses, break down the wheels and build the boards,” Aubuchon said. “She comes to the kitchen, too, and helps prep and set up.”

Aubuchon finds her inspiration and interesting cheeses at The Cheese Shop and Elroy’s, because she likes to support other small businesses, as well as through her distributor, which sends out a regular newsletter. She’s careful to avoid the truly “stanky” cheeses, though, since while she loves those, not everybody does, and they can overpower everything else.

She also enjoys finding cheeses appropriate for certain holidays, like Jasper Hills’ Scream Cheese, which is produced in October and is bright orange with an ash rind.

“We are always looking for things that nobody else is finding,” she said. “I am

trying to expand on the cheeses that I’m offering and trying to get things that other people don’t.”

The cheese boards run from \$55 for one to two people, to \$265 for 10 or more people. She also creates edible “cones” of cheese and charcuterie that are perfect for parties and offers “Elopement,” a two-tiered box of cheeses, meats, honey or jam and other items, as well as specialty items like French macarons and chocolate strawberries, that feeds eight or more people for \$150. Champagne and flutes are available for an additional fee.

The cost includes display boards and other items that have to be returned, as well as delivery to Monterey, New Monterey, Seaside and Carmel, while other destinations require an additional \$25.

Find all the information at littluluna-cheeseboards.com.

■ Cooking with Jack

Jack Galante of Galante Vineyards will host an online cooking demonstration at 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, and will share recipes and tips with those who sign on.

“These are fun and popular events. I have enjoyed cooking for years and have brought back fun recipes from all over the world,” Galante told The Pine Cone, though he didn’t reveal what he plans on cooking during the Zoom demo.

“This interactive event usually runs about an hour, and I will prepare the foods online and pair them with Galante and Dawn’s Dream wines,” he said. “We also give the opportunity for guests to purchase the wines I will be pairing ahead of time in case they would like to try the recipes for themselves.”

There’s plenty of time to ask questions,

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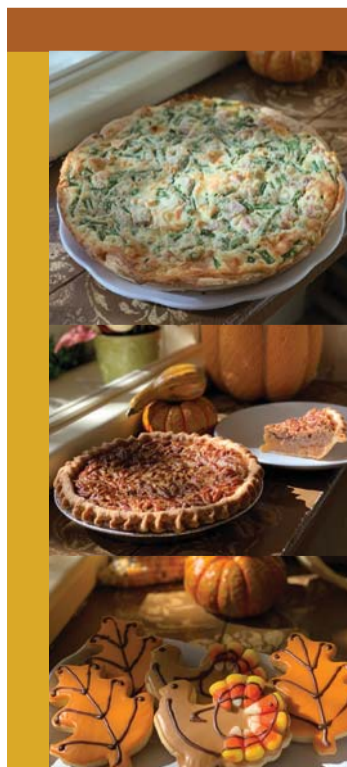
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and participants will receive the written recipes after the show. To sign up, email maegan@galantevineyards.com.

Fundraiser for Charlie

Happy Girl Kitchen and chef Tim Wood are hosting a fundraising dinner Nov. 13 for Palo Colorado farmer, beekeeper and cheesemaker Charlie Cascio, who has to raise \$10,000 by Nov. 30 to contribute to the repair of Upper Rocky Creek Road. The road was badly damaged in the 2017 storms following the 2016 Soberanes Fire that destroyed many homes and buildings in the area, including his farm, and it has been unpassable by car ever since.

“Over his lifespan, Charlie has given so much to our community, and he finds himself in need of a little help,” said Jordan Champagne, owner of Happy Girl Kitchen. “All donations are tax deductible and will funnel through nonprofit fiscal sponsor Community Association of Big Sur.”

The vegetarian dinner is set to include

asparagus and mushroom strudel, pumpkin risotto, roasted cauliflower and “secret sauce,” an autumnal salad with balsamic, and honeyed mandarin chocolate cake. According to Champagne, three of the dishes are from Cascio’s cookbook, “Esalen.”

The food and labor are being donated, so all funds go directly to Cascio’s road fee. Tickets are \$10, but guests must donate \$100 or more directly to the Upper Rocky Creek Road Slide Repair Fund, too, by providing a check made out to Community Association of Big Sur, with “Charlie Cascio” in the memo field, or through cabigsur.org, with funds allocated to the Upper Rocky Creek Road repair. Online donations to the nonprofit should be accompanied by an email to info@cabigsur.org indicating the money is for Cascio’s share.



Rancho Cielo Youth Campus’ Drummond Culinary Academy’s Friday-night dinners are back, with students from the academy prepping and serving the meals (left). Server of the Week Carlos (right) flashes his most hospitable smile – despite his mask.



Happy Girl Kitchen is located at 173 Central Ave. in Pacific Grove. To find more information about the dinner and how to take part, go to happygirlkitchen.com and search for “Charlie.”

Rancho Cielo is located at 710 Old Stage Road in Salinas. Visit ranchocieloyc.org for reservations and information, and call (831) 444-3533 with any questions.

Rancho Cielo Friday nights

Rancho Cielo Youth Campus’ Drummond Culinary Academy is now offering Friday-night dinners as students studying all aspects of fine dining learn to hone their skills in the front and back of the house.

Friday Night Dinners started Oct. 22 and will run through early June 2022, with reservations available at 5, 5:30, 6 and 6:30 p.m. They offer “a casual, friendly setting” and “a wonderful dining experience for you at the hands of our student trainees” as guided by executive chef EJ Jimenez.

“Serving ‘real customers’ is the best way to prepare our students for successful careers in Monterey County’s hospitality industry,” the folks at Rancho Cielo say.

The dining room and glassed-in outdoor patio accommodate up to 50 people inside and another 40 outside.

Twisted Roots fundraisers

The Twisted Roots tasting room in Carmel Valley Village is holding benefits for veterans, critters and artists throughout November and early December.

The Veterans Transition Center in Marina is receiving a portion of sales and tasting proceeds through Nov. 14. The nonprofit seeks “to empower veterans to transition from crisis to self-sufficiency” and has operated on the former Fort Ord since 1996. The center provides homeless veterans and their families with food, clothing, case management, life skills, substance abuse counseling, benefit enrollment, medical referrals, employment training and housing.

From Nov. 25 to Nov. 29, the winery will partner with the Animal Friends Rescue Project on “Thankful for our Four-

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Legged Friends,” when part of all online sales and tasting-room sales will go to the Pacific Grove-based animal rescue group, which strives to ensure no pets are euthanized and focuses on finding safe and loving homes for all abandoned, stray and otherwise unwanted animals. Special holiday gifts will be available, including “Santa Pants,” stockings filled with Twisted Roots wine and merchandise.

And a Holiday Sip-and-Shop-Local Dec. 2 from 4 to 7 p.m. will support local artists and crafts people, including artist Jessica Mills, Valley Botanicals skincare, Meninas Co. children’s clothing, jewelry from Greda by Design, and sweets from Mac City Macarons

The Twisted Roots Tasting Room is located at 12 Del

Fino Place in Carmel Valley. Go to twistedrootsvineyard.com for more information.

■ No Foragers Fest again this year

The Big Sur Health Center’s annual fundraiser, the Foragers Festival typically held each January, is canceled again, due to Covid.

“Unfortunately, this leaves us without our biggest fundraiser for the second year in a row,” the health center, which provides essential care to residents and visitors in Big Sur, announced this week. “Last year, we had a lot of

local support for our online store, and we will be doing this again. While this does not replace the funds we generally raise from the weekend festival, it is a little more that we can do to help support the Big Sur Health Center.”

Organizers are encouraging local artisans and other businesses to participate in the online sale to the extent they feel comfortable contributing, considering that so many are still working to recover. “All donations are appreciated,” they said. “We are accepting art, handmade crafts, experiences, services and anything else we can sell in our online ‘store.’”

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drummer **Rick Allen**, and others team up to raise money for veterans Sunday at Folktale Winery.

The fundraising show, titled “An Evening of Storytelling and Music to Empower Veterans,” also features singer **Tammi Brown** and **The Big Love Choir**.

Proceeds from the concert will benefit local programs “that support veterans dealing with PTSD and transitioning back into society, including housing services, job skills, suicide prevention, trauma recovery, and healing therapies for incarcerated veterans.”

The music starts at 6 p.m. Tickets start at \$75. Folktale is located at 8940 Carmel

Valley Road. For tickets, visit biglovebenefitconcerts.com.

Be prepared to wear a mask and show proof of vaccination or a negative Covid test. “We will be following all Covid precautions as indicated by Monterey County at the time of the event,” organizers say.

■ Chamber group to the rescue

For its second concert of the season, Chamber Music Monterey Bay welcomes **The Manhattan Chamber Players** to Sunset Center Saturday. The local group streamed a concert by the ensemble in April.

“We had so many people call us and say how much they really liked them,” **Amy Anderson** of Chamber Music Monterey Bay said. “Then we had a cancellation be-

cause one group couldn’t get visas. They agreed to fill the date, and I’m really happy they are coming.”

Based in New York City, the ensemble has more than a dozen members, although Saturday’s concert will showcase a quintet.

The program includes Ralph Vaughan Williams’ *Piano Quintet in C minor* and Franz Schubert’s *Piano Quintet in A major*, also known as “The Trout.” Both pieces were written for piano, violin, viola, cello and double bass.

The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$48, with a limited number of free tickets available for kids. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 625-2212 or visit chambermusicmonterey-bay.org.

Due to Covid, masks will be required, along with proof of vaccination or a negative Covid test within 48 hours of the event.

■ Youth orchestras return to Sunset

A group that supports two student orchestras — which include some of the top musical talent from 30 local schools — **Youth Music Monterey County** makes its return to Sunset Center Sunday.

Titled “Northern Lights,” the program includes music by Bach, Haydn, Pachelbel and others.

Led by music director and conductor **Danko Druško**, the group hasn’t played there since April.

“It’s been a year and a half,” Suzanne Mudge of YMMC said. “Our last concert was right before the pandemic in March 2020 — we were shut down just a couple weeks later, just like everyone else.”

The music begins at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for kids. Call (831) 375-1992 or visit youthmusicmonterey.org.

■ Live music Nov. 12-18

Barmel — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (folk, Wednesday at 7 p.m.). San Carlos and Seventh, (831) 626-3400.

Bernardus Lodge & Spa in Carmel Valley — pianist **Mathias Morris** (classical, Friday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Gil Cadilli**

(jazz, Saturday at noon), pianist **Martan Mann** (jazz and classical, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Robert McNamara** (classical, jazz and pop, Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.) and guitarist **John Sherry** (rock, folk and blues, Thursday at 5:30 p.m.). In the Lucia Restaurant & Bar at 415 W. Carmel Valley Road, (831) 658-3400.

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

Cibo restaurant in Monterey — **The Dave Holodiloff Duo** (jazz and bluegrass, Sunday at 7 p.m.), singers **Lee 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 — **Two Rivers** (pop and rock, Friday at 3 p.m.), singer and pianist **Rory Lynch** (country and folk, Saturday at 3 p.m.), singer and guitarist **John Paul Hodge** (Sunday at 11:30 a.m.) and singer and guitarist **Bobcat Rob** (Monday at 3 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road, (831) 293-7500.

Gusto Pasta and Pizza in Seaside —

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HAPPY TO FOCUS ON ART, PAINTER USES PASTELS TO EXPLORE THE COASTLINE

THE LOCAL coastline looks particularly enchanting on the canvases of painter Bobbie Belvel, who has a show, "The Sea-Coast and Beyond," on display at the Pacific Grove Art Center through Dec. 16.

"This show includes many of my best works in oil and pastel, some of which have never been shown in public before," explained Belvel, who lives in Pacific Grove.

"I am excited to put this show together, and I hope everyone will be able to see it," the artist added.

Lately, Belvel has found herself intrigued by pastels. "The medium fascinates me, with its rich colors and the tactile experience I get from it, unlike being separated from the work by the length of a paintbrush," she explained.

While Belvel has long been drawn to art, she's now happy to focus on it. "Art has always been my calling, waiting patiently for me while I pursued other ways of making a

living," she added.

Also on display at the art center through mid-December is a juried show by The Central Coast Art Association,

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

tion, along with exhibits by painters Elizabeth Wrightman ("Who Knocked?"), Edi Matsumoto ("Goddesses and Warriors") and Monterey High School digital arts students ("Beauty Through Our Eyes").

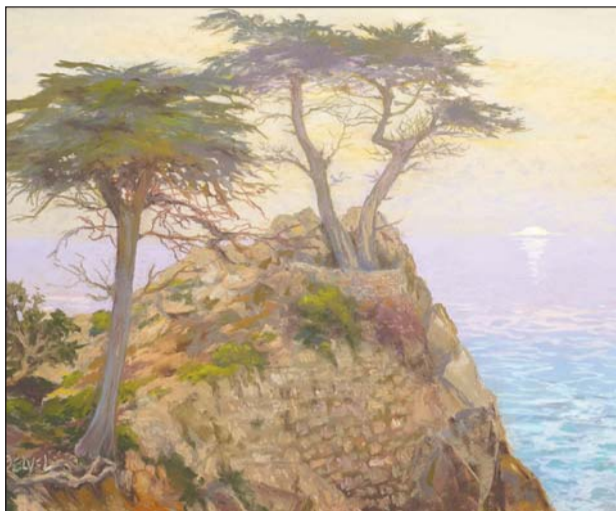
The art center is located at 568 Lighthouse Ave. pgart-center.org

■ The art of travel during Covid

An artist with a serious case of wanderlust, painter Christine Crozier of Pacific Grove has her latest travel paintings on display at the Carmel Art Association. But due to Covid, she never left home to create them.

"Alas, the year 2020 halted most physical travel," Cro-

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In painter Christine Crozier's latest work (left) at Sunset Center, she travels to Africa and other places, despite never leaving her home. In a show that's on display at the Pacific Grove Art Center, painter Bobby Belvel captures the local coastline (right).

That which is born of the Spirit
is spirit.

— *The Bible, John*

Mortals must emerge from this
notion of material life as all-in-all.

— *Science and Health with Key
to the Scriptures, by Mary Baker Eddy*

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Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel — singer and guitarist **Steven Shook** (Friday at 6 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road, (831) 372-1234.

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

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.

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

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

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (blues and rock, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer **Haley Jane** (rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.) and guitarist **John Sherry** (rock, folk and blues, Sunday at 6 p.m.) In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive, (831) 624-3811.

Massa Tasting Room in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (folk, Sunday at 2:30 p.m.). 69 W. Carmel Valley Road, (831) 659-6221.

Midici Pizza in Monterey — saxophonist and flutist **Paul Contos** and guitarist **Jeff Beunz** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.) and pianist **Eddie Mendenhall** and drummer **Steve Robertson** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St., (831) 264-7013.

Mission Ranch — singer and pianist **Maddaline Edstrom** (jazz and pop, Friday through Sunday at 5 p.m.) and pianist **Gennady Loktionov** (jazz, Monday through Thursday at 5 p.m.). 26270 Dolores St., (831) 625-9040.

Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa — pianist **Michael Culver** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.) and singer and pianist **Joe Indence** (classical and jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Scott Slaughter** (pop and jazz, Sunday at 1 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist **Gary Meek** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.) singer and guitarist **Steven Shook** (Monday at 6 p.m.) and guitarist **John Sherry** (rock, folk and blues, Wednesday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row, (831) 646-1700.

Puma Road at Portola Plaza in Monterey — singer and pianist **Seg Miles** (gospel, blues, and folk, Sunday at 2 p.m.). 281

Alvarado St., (831) 747-1911.

Rio Grill — **Andrea's Fault Duo** (blues and jazz, Friday at 5 p.m.) singer and guitarist **Zack Freitas** (Saturday at noon) and singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (Sunday at noon). Crossroads shopping center, (831) 625-5436.

The Salty Seal Pub in Monterey — **Monterey County Line** (country and rock, Friday and Sunday at 8 p.m.) and **Jon Griffin & The Lightfighters** (rock, Saturday at 8 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row, (831) 920-2327.

Sly McFly's in Monterey — **The Hackjammers** (pop and funk, Friday at 9 p.m.), **Sasha's Money** (rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.) and **Brad Wilson & Rolling Thunder** (rock and blues, Sunday at 8:30 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row, (831) 649-8050.

Tarpy's in Monterey — singer and violinist **Razzvio** (rock, Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Alison Sharino** (Saturday at noon) and singer and guitarist **Zack Freitas** (Sunday at noon). 2999 Highway 68, (831) 647-1444.

Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Scott Fenton** (Friday at 6 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Brad Wilson** (blues and rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place, (831) 298-7453.

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ART

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zier said. "All that was left was for me to revisit places I love via my easel and travel photos. My studio travels were expanded by friends who loaned me travel snapshots from places I have not yet visited — this allowed me to explore on canvas new and unexpected territory."

Despite the absence of real travel, Crozier is enjoying her creative journey.

"I am happiest setting out on a journey, the journey being the destination, of course," she added. "It is one of the things I love most about painting — every blank canvas on my easel is the start of a new journey."

Also on display at the CAA is a show that pays tribute to the late Peter Plamondon's still life paintings.

The exhibits will be on display through the end of the month.

The gallery is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth. Call (831) 250-3347 or visit carmelart.org.

CALENDAR

Nov. 12 & 13 – Carmel Orchid Society Fall Orchid Market – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Exotic orchid, carnivorous, California native and Tillandsia plants to see, buy and learn how to care for. Orchid display, Cymbidium repotting classes. 10 plant vendors. Outside. Free, easy parking. Breezeway – Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula, 4590 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel.

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Nov. 13 & 14 – Baum & Blume's "Lighting of the Tannenbaum" Holiday Open House is RSVP only! Features food and crafting demonstrations and gift ideas: nature-inspired handcrafted goods, art prints by Ann Willey, handpainted candles from Lithuania and much more. Call (831) 659-0400, 4 El Caminito Road, Carmel Valley Village.

Nov. 14 – "Story Telling and Music to Empower Veterans – Big Love Benefit Concert," Folktale Winery, 8940 Carmel Valley Road. Reception, presentations from VTC and VHV along with concert. BigLoveBenefitConcert.eventbrite.com

Nov. 14 – A "Meet & Greet Joe Moses for Sheriff" event, 2 to 4 p.m. at the Big Sur River Inn. For more information, please contact Ann at 831-277-7022

Nov. 15 – "Fabulous Food Arrangements You've Never Seen Before." That's the long title of acclaimed gourmet chef Jennifer Andrzejewski's presentation at the Carmel Woman's Club at 2 p.m. Known for creating spectacular displays of fruits

and vegetables, Andrzejewski's career stretches from features in Martha Stewart publications in the East to chef services at Williams Sonoma in the West. Like works of art, her awe-inspiring food designs are colorful and camera worthy. The Carmel Woman's Club is at Ninth and San Carlos in Carmel. Members free; guests \$3. Reservations not necessary but masks are required.

Nov. 16 – Ikebana Demonstration, at 12:30 p.m. at Pebble Beach Community Services District Conference Room, 3101 Forest Lake Road, Pebble Beach. Face mask is a must. Guest fee \$5. Gate fee is waived by mention of "Ikebana."

Nov. 17 – A "Meet & Greet Joe Moses for Sheriff" event, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Dawn's Dream Tasting Room, San Carlos and Seventh, Carmel-by-the-Sea. For more information, please contact Ann at 831-277-7022

Nov. 17 – Fireside Chat at the Library – A Community Night with the Library Program. "Is the California Dream Dead?," 6:30 p.m. at Harrison Memorial Library, Ocean Avenue at Lincoln, Carmel-by-the-Sea. In person & online. Register on our website: www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org. Come and engage with a panel as they discuss today's definition of the California Dream and the possibility to attain it. Hosted by the Carmel Public Library Foundation. Questions? afallon@carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org or (831) 624-2811

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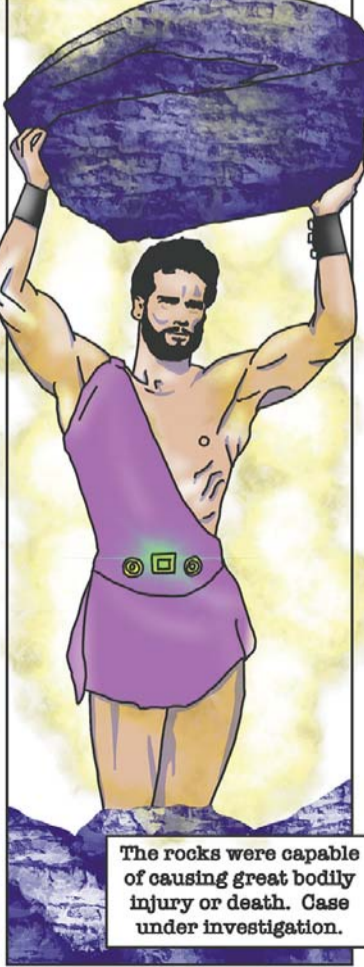
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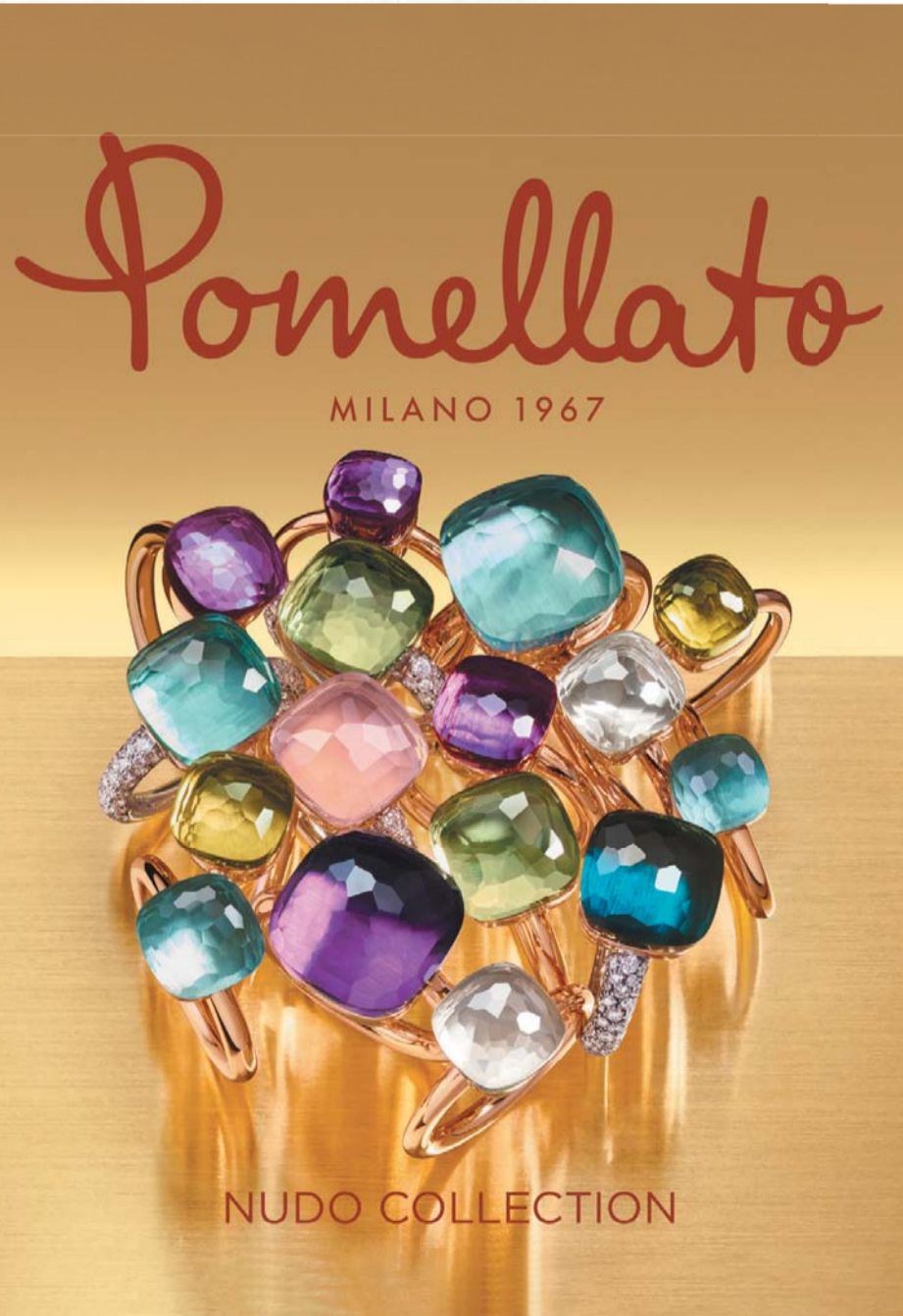
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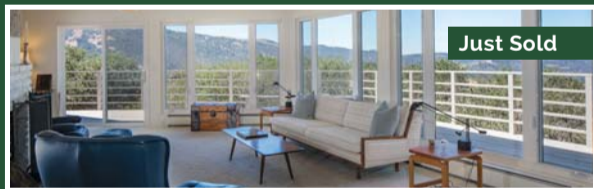
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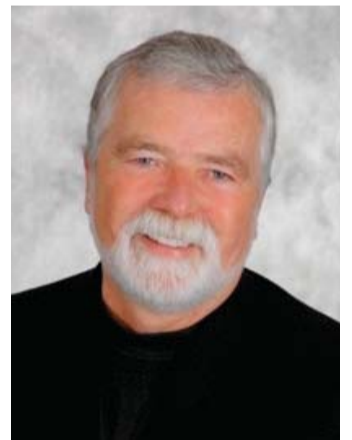
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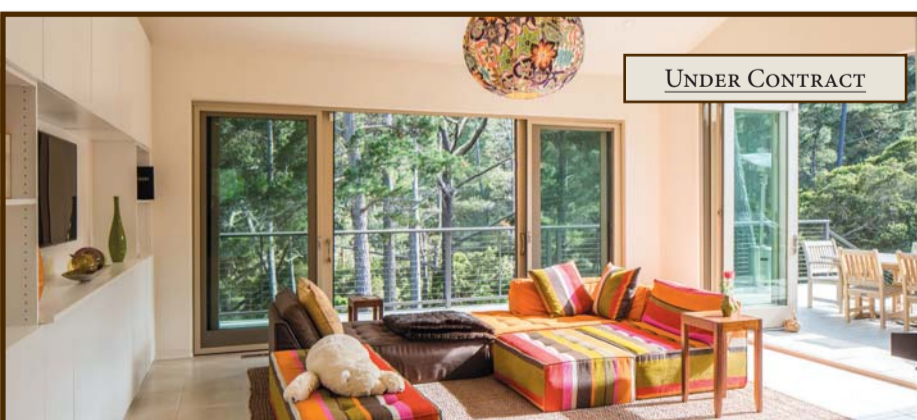
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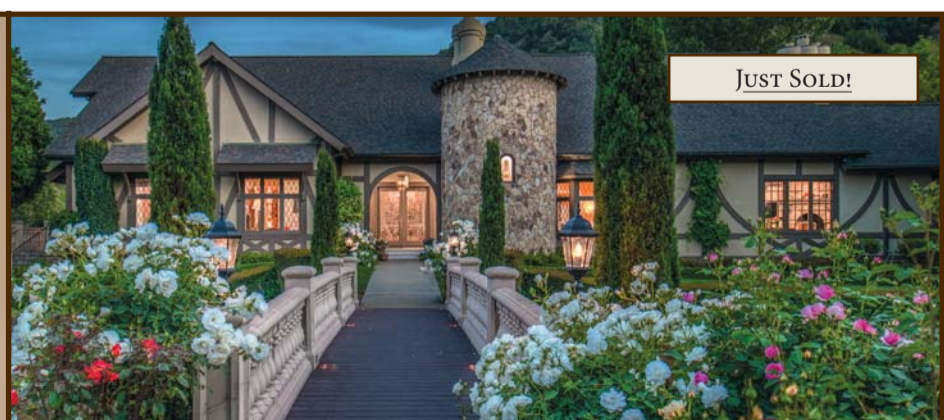


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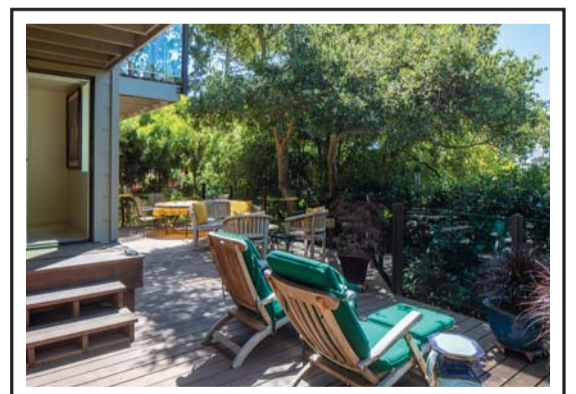
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Small talk and the importance of pumpernickel in an act of humanity

GARRISON KEILLOR is one of my favorite columnists. Were I into plagiarism, I would “borrow” freely from him. In the interest of full disclosure, there have been times when I’ve used some of his themes as a basis for my own columns. Keillor and I think alike. We’re both curmudgeonly Don Quixotes jousting against the windmills in our minds. I miss his show, “A Prairie Home Companion,” which aired on radio for 42 years.

I caught a recent online column he devoted to small talk, or how he tries to engage everyone from cab drivers to cashiers in supermarkets in casual conversation. It is something I’ve been doing for years.

Opening lines

I had blood drawn at the lab at the Crossroads recently. Before jabbing me, the nurse asked for my name and date of birth. I gave her the day and month and then told her 1836 for the year. It caused her to hold up her routine for a second and then she laughed. It was nothing, really, but suddenly we had gone from nurse and patient to two people who had a human connection beyond someone with a needle and someone with a vein.

When a supermarket cashier asks if I found everything I was looking for, I say, “No, so I got these items instead.” It invariably leads to laughter and an acknowledgment of our shared humanity.

Small talk led to a most serendipitous experience more than 10 years ago. I was eating a sandwich at an outdoor table at Whole Foods. Suddenly a distinguished elderly gentleman appeared at my table.

“All the tables are full,” he said. “Would you mind if I shared your table?”

My standard reply in these situations is: “I’d be disappointed if you didn’t.” It is an irresistible conversation

any variety of topics that would have left us with nothing more than a pleasant lunchtime diversion.

What changed it? He said “pumpernickel.”

Once a player

He hadn’t had good pumpernickel since he was in Hamtramck. Of course, he said I wouldn’t know where Hamtramck is. I knew exactly where it is. It is a suburb of Detroit that is almost completely surrounded by Detroit.

“I used to have lunch at a restaurant on Joseph Campau Street that served great pumpernickel bread,” I said. Both of us wanted to know what the other was doing in Detroit in the late ’50s.

I was a student at the University of Detroit, working in the school’s television station. He was a Loyola Chicago grad, working in Detroit, who got involved with The Players, U of D’s theatrical group.

“I was in a couple of plays that were televised there,” he said, and mentions the names of a dozen or so people I knew.

“I’m Richard Courtney,” he told me. “Who are you?” I tell him my name and he sits in stunned silence for a moment.

“At least tell me I haven’t changed a bit,” I said.

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Scenic Views

By **JERRY GERVASE**

starter. If you don’t respond, you belong in Statuary Hall with the dead presidents. He smiled. “What a perfectly lovely reply.”

Small talk begins. His voice is familiar. It is richly resonant — a voice I wished I had. Five minutes later, we discover we were in school together 49 years ago.

The odds against last seeing each other in Detroit a half-century ago, then accidentally meeting at Del Monte Center, must be incalculable. We could have talked pleasantly about the weather or sports. We could have discussed

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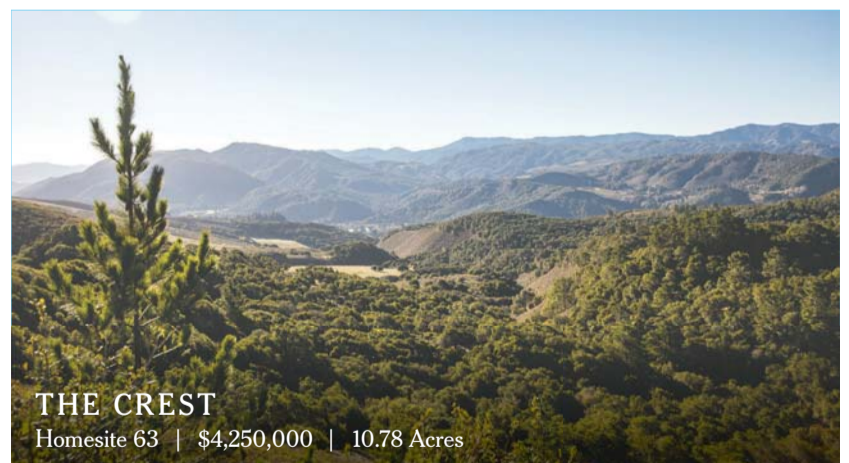
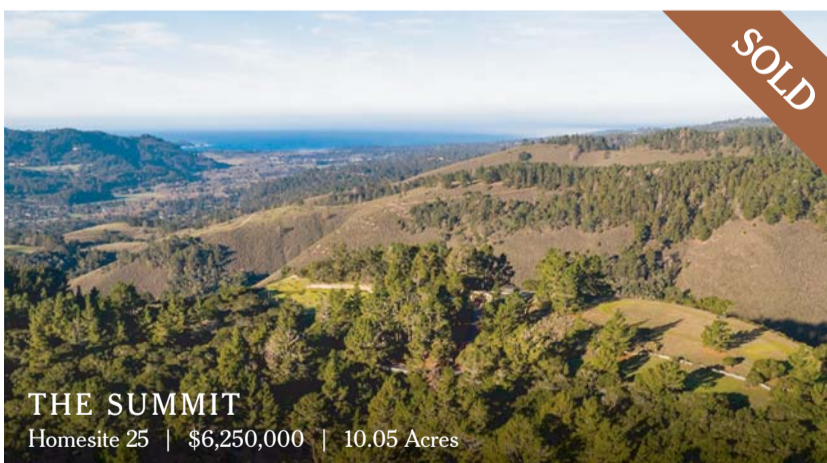
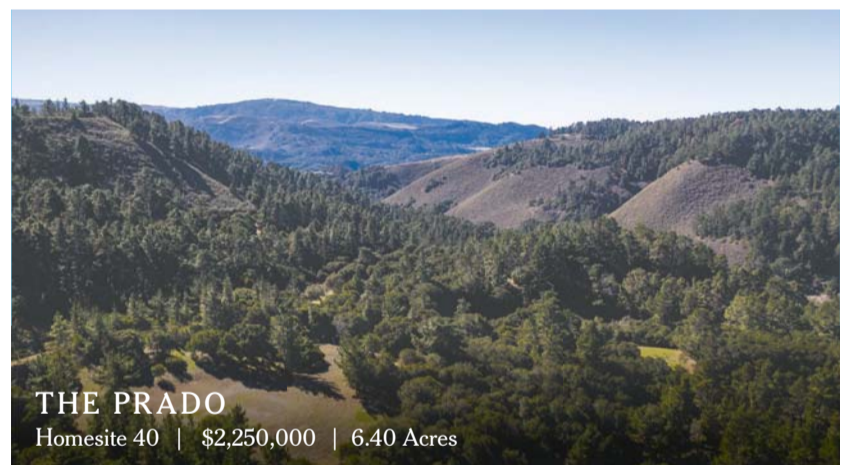
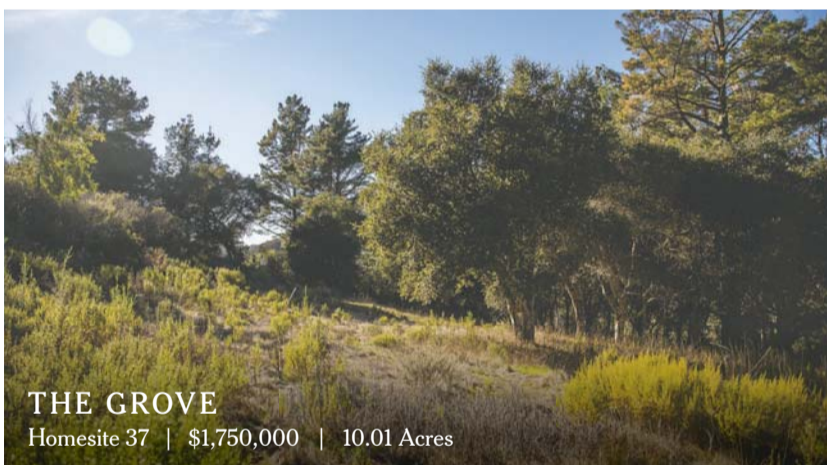
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video established that the shooting was a drive-by shooting and that the shooter was the front-seat passenger in a gold-colored Honda. One of the fired bullets traveled through a park fence, into a nearby house, and struck 6-year-old Azahel Cruz in the head as he stood next to his mother in the kitchen. He died from the gunshot wound.

Through extensive investigation, the Salinas police department was able to determine that the driver was Salinas Acosta Plaza Norteño gang member Edmundo Pulido, and the shooter was Bernardo “Nightmare” Camacho. The target of the shooting was a group of Sureño gang members who were in the park at the time.

In December of 2010, Pulido also shot and killed 18-year-old Efren Vargas.

On Sept. 26, 2014, Pulido pled guilty to two counts of second-degree murder based on the two separate incidents. He also admitted firearms and gang enhancements and received a sentence of 35 years to life.

In August of 2019, he filed a petition for resentencing under California Penal Code section 1170.95 for the murder of Azahel Cruz.

On June 4, 2021, Pulido testified on his own behalf. He indicated that he and Camacho were driving to get beer and happened by the “pocket park” on Laurel Drive. Pulido testified that he knew that park was rival territory and knew that there were rival gang members in the park as they drove by. The park had playground equipment between the street and the area where the Sureño gang members were standing. At the time of the shooting, innocent bystanders were also present in the park. Pulido testified that he and Camacho agreed to shoot into the air over the rivals’ heads in

an act that he called “turking.” Pulido testified that he made a U-turn and drove by the park to allow Camacho to shoot. Camacho leaned out and shot into the park.

Pulido admitted that he would have been praised for killing a Sureño, and that drive-by shootings are dangerous because innocent people could be killed. He stated, “bullets have no names.”

On Sept. 3, 2021, the Honorable Rafael Vasquez ruled that Pulido acted with the intent to kill a rival Sureño gang member when he agreed to and did aid and abet Camacho in shooting into the park on the day they killed Azahel Cruz. Judge Vasquez denied Pulido’s petition to be resentenced. His initial sentence of 35 years to life remains intact.

The victim’s parents were in the courtroom for both the testimony and the ruling.

Sept. 7 — The district attorney’s office’s bureau of investigations, in cooperation with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Monterey County Department of Public Works, and other state and local agencies, has continued its enforcement efforts against the unlicensed cannabis industry. Over the last 30 days, the Monterey County Cannabis Enforcement Unit conducted nine cannabis enforcement operations targeting unlicensed cannabis cultivations in northern, central and southern Monterey County. In these joint operations, law enforcement eradicated and destroyed over 18 tons of harmful, illegal cannabis.

These enforcement operations will continue throughout the remainder of the growing season.

Investigations into these illegal operations are active and ongoing.

The Monterey County cannabis enforcement Unit has participated in many joint operations this year targeting illegal cannabis cultivators, processors, distributors, and unlicensed laboratories. One of the primary purposes of these enforcement efforts is to eliminate dangerous cannabis products from the black market.

Under California law, for cannabis to be sold legally at licensed retailers, all cannabis batches must undergo a series of laboratory tests to ensure product purity, potency and safety. Cannabis is tested for over 100 contaminants, including pesticides, toxins, and heavy metals. However, unlike in the legal market, cannabis sold on the black market does not undergo testing and often is contaminated with mold, pesticides and other harmful toxins.

During joint operations, the cannabis enforcement team randomly samples the illegal cannabis and sends the samples to a licensed cannabis laboratory for testing using the same legal standards applicable to licensed retailers. Preliminary data shows that approximately 90 percent of illegal cannabis seized during these operations has failed official laboratory testing due to contamination. In cooperation with other county and state agencies, the Monterey County District Attorney’s office will release the official results of this testing to the public later this year.

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Passports found on the ground near the Adobe Inn at Eighth and Dolores. The passports were brought to the station for safekeeping pending contact with the owners. The owner of the passports later came by the police department and retrieved her items.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Resident reported earlier in the week a female had approached her residence on Casanova south of Fourth while the front door was open. The female had with her three packs of greeting cards. The unknown female began to state she was an artist trying to promote her artwork. The resident asked the female to leave, but she continued to ramble on. Resident believed it was odd that the female approached the residence in the first place and thought she could possibly be casing the house.

Pacific Grove: A 16-year-old juvenile at Country Club Gate was cited for public intoxication and curfew violations at 0108 hours. Released to parental custody.

Pacific Grove: Suspicious circumstance on 17th Street involving a person walking into a residence without permission.

Pacific Grove: A 52-year-old female was arrested on Central Avenue for obstructing a peace officer and violating probation. She was booked into Monterey County Jail on charges of obstruction, probation violation, DUI, driving on a suspended license and felony hit-and-run causing injury or death.

Pacific Grove: Suspicious circumstances involving a juvenile on Sloat.

Pacific Grove: A restraining order was served at a residence on Crest.

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

Pacific Grove: A wallet found on Ocean View Boulevard was turned in.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vandalism in multiple areas of the city, including on San Carlos

Street and in the downtown area.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found purse with ID and ring on Ocean east of Dolores. Owner was contacted and will be arranging for the purse to be mailed back to her home.

Pacific Grove: Collision on Presidio involving a bicyclist.

Pacific Grove: Hit-and-run collision on Mermaid Avenue with suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Subject cashed multiple fraudulent checks on Munras.

Pacific Grove: Contacted a subject on 13th Street who was known to have warrants and was on probation. The warrants were confirmed, and a search revealed the 30-year-old male was in possession of drug paraphernalia and an altered imitation firearm which were in violation of his probation terms. The subject was booked into Monterey County Jail on charges of possession of paraphernalia, altering an imitation firearm, possession of a controlled substance and obstruction.

Pebble Beach: Deputies responded to a report of credit card fraud on Los Altos Drive.

Carmel area: Violation of a court order on Ocean Avenue. A 61-year-old male was arrested.

Pebble Beach: Report of a fight on Club Road. A 29-year-old male was arrested for violating his supervised release terms.

Carmel Valley: Loud party on Rancho el Robledo.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Liquor license sign lost from the jobsite on Fifth between Dolores and San Carlos. Sign was recovered.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Notes left at Lincoln and Sixth related to ongoing unwanted contact. A restraining order has been issued but is pending service to the named party. Once served, the actions would constitute a violation of the terms of the court order. Previous criminal cases filed against named party.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: During a rainstorm and wind storm, a city tree branch fell onto a parked vehicle on Monte Verde north of Seventh. The vehicle was legally parked and sustained a cracked windshield and damaged windshield frame. A hotel staff member was

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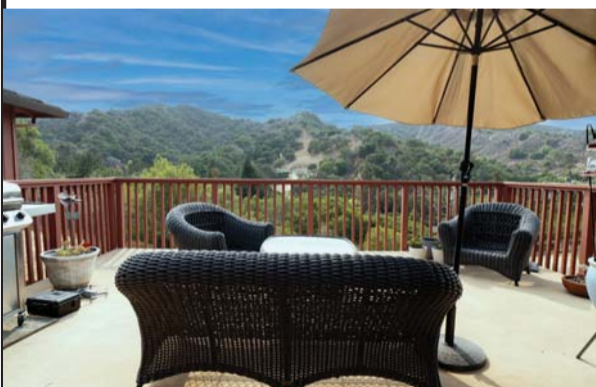
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Lu Luo and Yuyan Wu to Barbara Steward
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5445 Quail Way — \$4,604,500

Charles and Helen Hughes to Jerome and Rhoda Brown
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31 Rancho San Carlos Road — \$6,850,000

Alan and Joanna Silverman to The Eleven Lot Preserve LLC and Thirty One RSC LLC
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Pumari Vineyards Partnership and Cholame Partners LLC to Rancho Quintana Carmel LLC
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Highway 68

2969 Highway 68 unit D23 — \$460,000

Richard McClean to James Parks
APN: 259-022-079

25515 Hidden Mesa Road — \$680,000

Stephen Dutton and Heidi Tiura to Malia and Joshua Smith
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27471 Vista del Toro Place — \$1,125,000

Bonnie Baker to Michael Plymale and Deborah Rossman
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13810 Vista Dorada Drive — \$1,550,000

Frank Hespe and Maira Trust to Melanie Geiler
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3123 Lynscott Drive — \$650,000

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3309 Golden Oaks Lane — \$496,000

Pamela Gaul to Scott Brown
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1450 Manor Drive, Monterey — \$4,500,000

837 Terry Street — \$967,000

Judith Barton to Matthew Gaitan
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675 Spencer Street — \$1,015,000

Eileen King to Nina Kooroshfar
APN: 001-097-015

Trapani Circle — \$1,255,000

Andrea Willer to Joe Chappell
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611 Mar Vista Drive — \$1,345,500

Blake Flores to Ada Chen
APN: 001-423-002

71 Via Encina — \$1,350,000

Kerry Holden to Sherif Warda
APN: 001-641-002

598 Park Avenue unit 10 — \$3,084,000

Bonnie Aguilar and Wallis Marguerite Trust to 498 Park Avenue Associates LLC
APN: 001-837-008

1450 Manor Drive — \$4,500,000

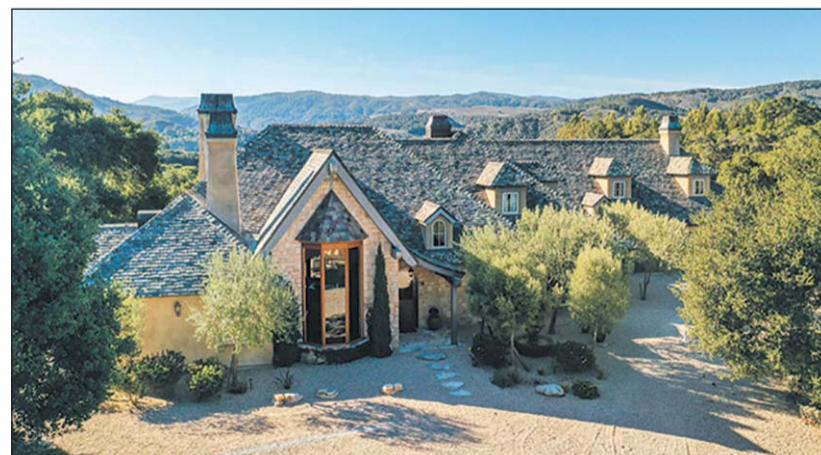
David and Judith Beech to Jacob and Kimberly Evans
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Pacific Grove

1166 Presidio Blvd. — \$825,000

Lois Kimple to Mathew Meyers
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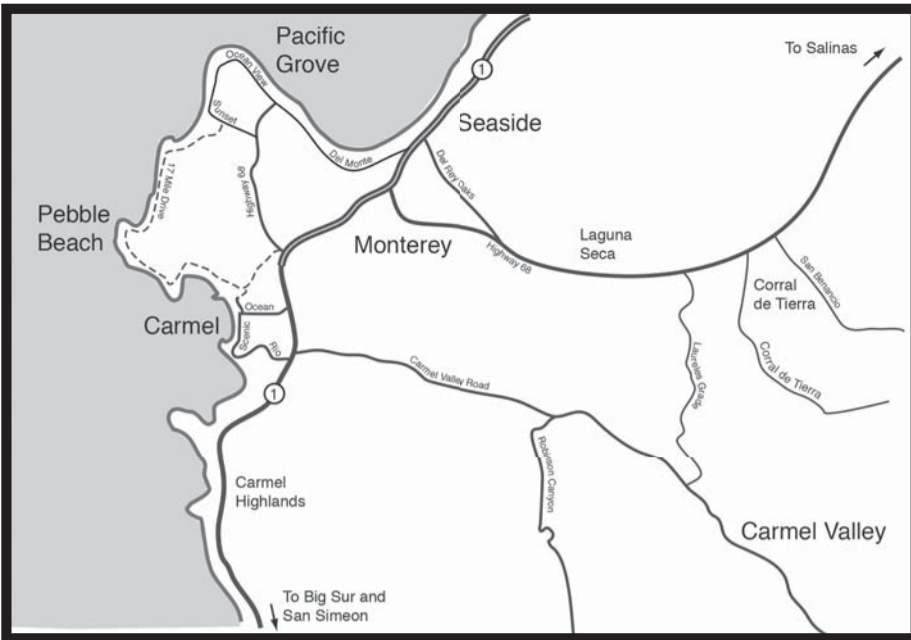


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24210 San Pedro Ln		Carmel
Coldwell Banker Realty		250-3866

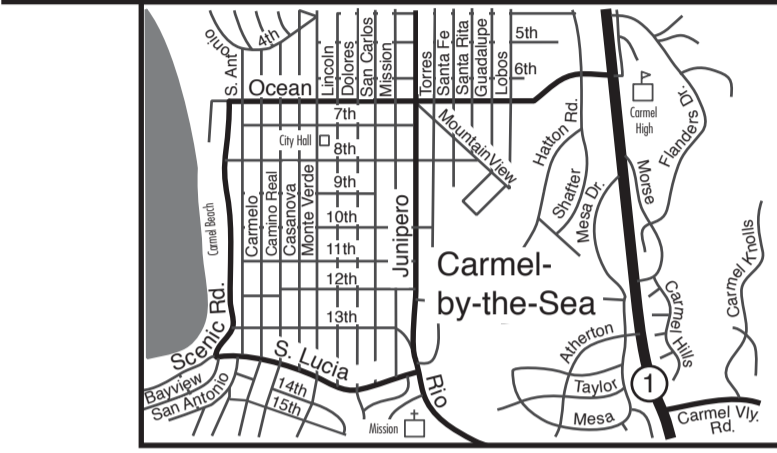
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\$1,099,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
451 Laureles Grade Road		Carmel Valley
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\$1,325,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 12-3
12 Piedras Blancas		Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int. Realty		236-2712 / 915-9898
\$1,985,000	4bd 3ba	Sa Su 2-4
102 Rancho Road		Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int. Realty		238-0464
\$2,495,000	4bd 3.5ba	Su 12-3
17108 Ridgeback Road		Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int. Realty		998-0278

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1113 Melton Pl, Pacific Grove	\$1,943,000
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743 Bayview Ave, Pacific Grove	\$1,605,720
624 Forest Ave, Pacific Grove	\$1,360,000
1108 Austin Ave, Pacific Grove	\$1,155,000
782 Cypress St, Monterey	\$1,000,000
639 Pine St, Pacific Grove	\$945,000
412 Park St, Pacific Grove	\$822,645
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511 17th St, Pacific Grove	\$716,000
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sustained a cracked windshield and damaged windshield frame. A hotel staff member was able to move the tree branch from the vehicle prior to police arrival.

Pacific Grove: A 23-year-old male on Ocean View Boulevard was cited and released for driving on a suspended license and being a felon in possession of a stun gun.

Pacific Grove: Contacted a subject on Ocean View who was having a mental health crisis. The subject was placed on a 5150 W&I hold [danger to self or others].

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a report of a school threat via social media.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

Carmel-by-the-Sea: At Junipero and Ocean at 0219 hours, violation of a court order to not consume alcohol.

Carmel area: Chase Bank employees reported an armed robbery at the branch on

Carmel Rancho Lane. Six people were in the bank. Two were injured during the robbery.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Driver's license and plastic bag with assorted cards were lost on Saturday.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fall on city property at San Carlos and Sixth.

Pacific Grove: Subject stole a \$20 bill from the victim on Bayview.

Pacific Grove: Suspicious circumstances on Crest Road.

Carmel area: Burglary on Guadalupe Street.

Carmel Valley: Online report of stolen property at Del Mesa Carmel.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female subject at Lincoln and Seventh at 0149 hours who was intoxicated reported she may have been "drugged" while at a local bar due to her immobilization. She stated she was "paralyzed" but was able to walk to a gurney. She was transported to the hospital for further evaluation.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Adult male was cit-

ed at San Carlos and Fifth for driving with a DUI suspended license.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Grand theft of bicycle at Sixth and Dolores.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Sewage leak at Mission and Fifth reported by fire department. Leak contained. Environmental compliance notified. Responsible and Carmel Area Wastewater District were called to the scene.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report taken for a lost wallet at San Carlos and Eighth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found cell phone at Carmel Beach.

Pacific Grove: Conducted a bicycle stop on Hawthorne at 0003 hours for CVC violations. The 30-year-old male was on searchable probation and was in possession of drug

paraphernalia. Suspect was cited and released at the scene.

Pacific Grove: Conducted vehicle check on Sunset Drive at 0101 hours for a muni code violation. Contacted a subject who had a warrant for her arrest. The 27-year-old female was cited and released.

Pacific Grove: Juvenile issue on Sunset Drive involving two 14-year-olds.

Pacific Grove: Theft from an unlocked vehicle on Jewell.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Crest reported a restrained party violated a no-contact order.

Pebble Beach: Natural death at a residence on Spanish Bay Circle.

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GERVASE

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From there, we followed each other's lives between Detroit and Monterey. Richard followed his acting star. He earned a scholarship to the Ashland Shakespeare Festival. I tell him I've been to the festival several times. We discover we both lived in Los Angeles at the same time.

Too many moves

He'd been in several productions at the Western Stage, and had worked with a talented young actress whom I knew because she doubled as a barista at a local Starbucks. He had also appeared in Richard Boone's television anthology with well known actors Robert Blake, Harry Morgan and Jessica Nolen.

After exchanging vitals, we promise to

stay in touch. How many times have you done that and not followed through? But we did follow through and met for coffee several days later. An intended hour stretched into almost three. That meeting turned into coffee once a week, dinner invitations, and being in the audience to see him perform until he moved to Sacramento. We kept in touch with phone calls. Then he moved again. So did I. Then his number was no longer in service.

Keillor's column on small talk reminded me of Richard. I renewed my efforts to find him without success. As he was 11 years older than I am, I had to think about the alternative. Yet I could not find an obituary for him.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Neighbor left a note on a person's vehicle on Guadalupe south of Second, including unwanted name calling. Neighbor was unable to be contacted due to a gate being locked.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Investigated a non-injury collision on Carpenter Street.

Pacific Grove: Conducted a vehicle stop on Forest Avenue at 0131 hours for vehicle code violations. The 31-year-old male driver provided a false ID to officers, which was a violation of his probation, and was cited and released.

Pacific Grove: Information report for suspicious circumstances on Sunset.

Pacific Grove: Hit-and-run collision on Presidio Boulevard.

Pacific Grove: Found controlled substance on Junipero. Booked for destruction.

Pacific Grove: Dispatched after report of a domestic disturbance on Lighthouse.

Carmel area: Burglary was reported on Cypress Way.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

Pacific Grove: Subject on David was placed on a 72-hour detention for evaluation and treatment.

Pacific Grove: Injury collision involving a bicycle vs. a parked vehicle on Willow Street.

Pacific Grove: A license plate was dropped off at the station. Owner could not be contacted, so the item will be held for safekeeping.

Carmel area: A father and his adult son got into a verbal altercation that became physical at the Crossroads. No prosecution desired.

Pacific Grove: ID was found on Asilomar. Will be held for safekeeping.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male reported los-

ing a money clip with his credit cards while visiting Bruno's market.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury collision on Mission Street. Vehicle was drivable.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person reported a male was spray-painting realtor signs posted on the northeast corner of Carpenter Street and Highway 1. When he confronted the suspect, the suspected yelled and screamed. He stated he thought the suspect was drunk at the time of the vandalism.

Pacific Grove: A 60-year-old male on Central Avenue was found under the influence of liquor. He was booked into Monterey County Jail for public intoxication.

Carmel Valley: Vandalism reported on Carmel Valley Road.

Big Sur: Deputies responded to a report of a dog bite on Highway 1.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 35-year-old male psychotherapist from Monterey was arrested at Ocean and Torres at 0227 hours for DUI. He was transported to county jail and booked on charges of DUI and obstruction.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury accident on Junipero Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Prowler was captured on a home security camera on Mission south of Alta.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Theft of an item from a restaurant on San Carlos north of Sixth.

Pacific Grove: Report of a domestic dispute on Gibson. A 37-year-old subject was arrested and transported to Monterey County Jail.

Pacific Grove: A bike was found on Egan and turned in to the lobby. Bike is currently being held for safekeeping.

Carmel area: Unknown subject(s) unlawfully entered a residence on Camino del Monte and stole a toolbox.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a report of a runaway juvenile. The juvenile was on scene at a Carmel Valley Road address and was determined to be a danger to himself.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a report of loud music on Robinson Canyon Road.

HALLOWEEN

Pacific Grove: Structure fire involving a residence on Willow Street.

Pacific Grove: Theft of tools from an unlocked vehicle on Laurel Avenue. No suspect information.

Big Sur: Online report of lost property on Highway 1.

PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20212429
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **FRONT PORCH LAUNDRY, 201 Mid Valley Center, Carmel, CA 93923.**
Mailing address: 9840 Gooding Drive, Dallas, TX 75220.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s):
ALBERT JOHN IGNACIO, 9840 Gooding Drive, Dallas, TX 75220.
TRACY ANNE LEBLANC, 9840 Gooding Drive, Dallas, TX 75220.
This business is conducted by a married couple.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

S/Albert John Ignacio
Date signed: Nov. 2, 2021
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 2, 2021.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: Nov. 12, 19, 26; Dec. 3, 2021. (PC1110)

SUMMONS – FAMILY LAW

CASE NUMBER: 20FL001014

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT:
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You have been sued.
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JUAN M. M. VAZQUEZ

You have **30 calendar days** after this *Summons and Petition* are served on you to file a *Response* (form EL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call, or court appearance

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If you do not file your *Response* on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs.

For legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services website (www.lawhelpca.org), or by contacting your local county bar association.

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The name and address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY MONTEREY
1200 Agujito Road
Monterey, CA 93940

The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, is:
RONALD D. LANCE
11 W. Laurel Dr., #215
Salinas, CA 93906
(831) 443-6509

Lic: LDA #5 of Monterey County
JUAN M. M. VAZQUEZ
13378 Jackson Street
Salinas, CA 93906
210-9262

This summons was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 30, 2020
Publication Dates: Nov. 12, 19, 26; Dec. 3, 2021. (PC 1111)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20212395

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

Effective Communication, 8 Monserat Ct, Seaside, CA 93955, County of Monterey

Mailing Address: PO Box 1446, Seaside, CA 93955

Registered Owner(s):
Arnold Buss, 8 Monserat Ct, Seaside, CA 93955
Lee Garland, 64 Highway 1, Carmel, CA 93923

This business is conducted by a general partnership
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Not Applicable

S/ Arnold Buss

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 10/28/2021

11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3/21

CNS-3528066#

CARMEL PINE CONE

Publication Dates: Nov. 12, 19, 26; Dec. 3, 2021. (PC 1112)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20212323

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

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

1. OCEAN FLOWER THERAPUTICS

2. MONTEREY LYMPHATIC HEALTH CENTER

140 W. Franklin St., Suite #207, Monterey, CA 93940.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.

Registered Owner(s):

DOMENICA DIEM THUAN GOLF, 304 Carmel Ave. #63, Marina, CA 93933.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 14, 2021.

BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

S/Domenica Golf

Date signed: Oct. 14, 2021

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 18, 2021.

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

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APN: 006-176-009

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HPH Properties LP and West End Properties LP to
Elstob Family Investments LP
APN: 007-041-033/034/035

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Scott and Diane Green to Lucius and Lina DiPhillips
APN: 006-215-003

Pebble Beach

4095 Crest Road — \$1,200,000

Andrew and Tracy Tope to Manal Mansour
APN: 008-091-039

4070 El Bosque Drive — \$1,200,000

Jeffrey Dehaven to William Coats and Amelia Wohl
APN: 008-122-003

El Bosque Drive — \$1,550,000

Pebble Beach Co. to David and Cynthia Lazares



26096 Dougherty Place, Carmel — \$1,558,000

APN: 008-023-034

4085 El Bosque Drive — \$1,645,000

Gale Santiago to Ralph and Robin Goldbeck
APN: 008-091-014

2988 Colton Road — \$1,880,000

Diana Knight and Pavick Trust to Shape 1031 LLC
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David Nee and Jensky Trust to Shadow Lane Bird Rock LLC
APN: 007-332-002

3183 Del Ciervo Road — \$4,500,000

LKTKR Holdings II LLC to Lin and Lily Weng
APN: 008-371-005

3194 Del Ciervo Road — \$5,575,000

FPB Holdings LLC to BTL LLL Investments LP



3183 Del Ciervo Road, Pebble Beach — \$4,500,000

APN: 008-361-015

3957 Ronda Road — \$6,965,000

James Parks to David and Lisa Chad
APN: 008-221-012

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