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PASTOR PURCHASES ROCKY POINT FOR \$8 MILLION

By MARY SCHLEY

MONACO BUSINESSMAN Patrice Pastor this week bought the iconic Rocky Point restaurant along with three attached apartments for \$8 million. The 2.5-acre coastal property about 2 miles north of the Bixby Bridge is Pastor's first acquisition outside the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, where he holds a number of commercial and residential properties.

"I'm really happy we had the opportunity to acquire this fantastic property," said Christopher Mitchell, managing director of Pastor's local company, Esperanza Carmel. "I am completely in love with the location."

Winding road

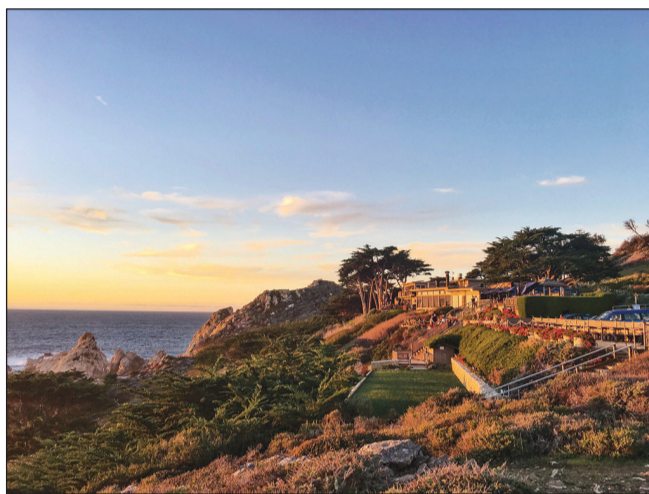
In the late 19th century, the area, known as Nolley's Landing, was a shipping point for supplies in and out of Big Sur. Rocky Point was established as a lunch spot in 1947, and the property has seen several owners over the years, including Peter and Grace Wang, who bought it in December 2012 for \$4,550,000. After Peter Wang died in May 2020, he left it to his daughter, Amy Wang, according to Michele Altman, the local Sotheby's realtor who represented her.

"She had little inclination or expertise to continue to run Rocky Point, so she figured it should be sold," Altman said. Wang enlisted Olivia Hsu Decker, who

owns more than two dozen San Francisco-area Sotheby's offices — to help, and Decker asked Altman, her longtime friend and colleague, to be the local contact.

The deal took nearly a year to complete, due to the uniqueness of the property and having to deal with the

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Rocky Point now belongs to Patrice Pastor, who has pledged to revitalize the property and restore public access.

Mask mandate paused, county board to revisit issue in December

By KELLY NIX

CITING UNCLEAR and confusing Covid-19 data provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors this week decided to immediately suspend an indoor mask mandate that went into effect just two weeks ago.

The decision was made after 5th District Monterey County Supervisor Mary Adams, who originally voted for the mask order, changed her position.

The board voted 3-2 Tuesday to pause the mask rule until at least Dec. 8, when county health officer Dr. Moreno will inform the panel of the county's Covid-19 metrics and data. While the mask ordinance trigger had been tied to coronavirus data from the CDC that turned out to be suspect, the supervisors could decide at the December meeting to use local county health department data — which seems to be more accurate — instead.

"Some of the challenges in using that CDC data, as we know, is that the origin of the input of that data is really unclear," county administrative officer Charles McKee explained to the board.

Questionable numbers

The Pine Cone for weeks has pointed out the often dramatic differences in the CDC's weekly transmission rates compared to data reported by the county health department and California Department of Public Health, which are much closer in alignment. The CDC count of weekly new cases per 100,000 residents fluctuated wildly — sometimes even doubling the number of cases reported at the local and state levels.

While Adams Tuesday called wearing masks a simple thing to do to "protect one another during the pandemic," she also said many of her constituents are very concerned about the supervisors' decision to use data from the CDC as a trigger for the mandate instead of data from the Mon-

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Vandal hit with 10 felonies, due in court Friday

By MARY SCHLEY

THE NAPA man who spray-painted and drew his "KRMA" tag on buildings, railings and other public and private property during a downtown vandalism spree early Oct. 23 has been charged with 10 felonies and is set to be arraigned in a Salinas courtroom Nov. 19.

Gabriel Walker, 27, was in town for a friend's wedding when he decided to go on the late-night binge after he and his brother had drinks at Barmel, and his brother returned to the hotel to go to sleep, according to police. Numerous downtown business owners and others provided surveillance videos that enabled the officers to piece together what had occurred and identify the suspect.

A DMV photo matched the image of the vandal on the video, and with Walker's name and date of birth known, Carmel P.D.'s records department subsequently conducted an extensive search and discovered Walker was on probation for DUI.

On Nov. 1, three CPD officers went to Napa and watched his house until he showed up. Inside, they found the clothing he was wearing in Carmel, notebooks with the same KRMA letters, spray paint and paint pens. They arrested Walker — who told them his occupation was "beat boxer" — and brought him to Monterey County Jail, from which he later posted bail. (Napa authorities are conducting their own investigation for the significant amounts of marijuana and psilocybin mushrooms the officers also found in his home.)

On walls, car

According to the complaint filed against him Nov. 10 by the Monterey County District Attorney's Office, Walker is being charged with 10 counts of felony vandalism. It details the location and the costs for each, including

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MPC board in chaos amid racism charges

By KELLY NIX

THE CHAIRMAN of the Monterey Peninsula College Board of Trustees responded this week to growing concerns from the public and staff about

Rec trail stab suspect



A man described as a "transient" has been arrested in what was apparently a random stabbing attack on the Monterey Bay Recreation Trail. See page 5A.

trustee infighting, unprofessional conduct and overall dysfunction of the panel.

Board chair Yuri Anderson, who represents Marina and Fort Ord, said "it's challenging to look at these results and see how we are being perceived as a board by our community and by our campus."

Relations are apparently so strained that a Black member last month accused two White colleagues of racism during a public meeting.

During an Oct. 20 MPC board meeting, trustee Loren Steck provided an overview of the results of a board of trustees' performance evaluation survey completed by members of the community, students, faculty and administrators, all of whom were selected by the board to take part.

'Unsettled'

The responses paint a picture of a board in chaos. "Overall, I believe the current board can be described as a toxic, dysfunctional, humiliating disaster," an unidentified administrator said in the survey.

"I do believe this board has lost its legitimacy," a woman told the board during the meeting.

Steck, who has served on the board since 2003, characterized the results of the survey, in which 63

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Melted Porsche on CVR



PHOTO/FACEBOOK

A PORSCHE was reduced to a melted hulk after it caught fire on Carmel Valley Road Sunday afternoon. Cal Fire arrived on scene and kept the flames from spreading, but there wasn't much left of the expensive car.

The incident happened in a turnout about 4 miles east of the intersection with Tassajara Road. A local woman reported on social media that she stopped after seeing the car on fire. There were two men in the car, who by all accounts escaped injury.

"The back was engulfed when we saw them around 3:30 p.m.," she said. "We stopped to make sure no one was hurt and by the time we left, the fire had already reached the driver seat."

After speaking with one of the men, another resident described what happened. "The gentleman who was driving said his engine shut off, but he was able to coast to the turnout. The engine caught fire while he was coasting," the man said. "They got out of the car and it went up in flames within seconds of parking it."



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By Lisa Crawford Watson

Kermit the dog

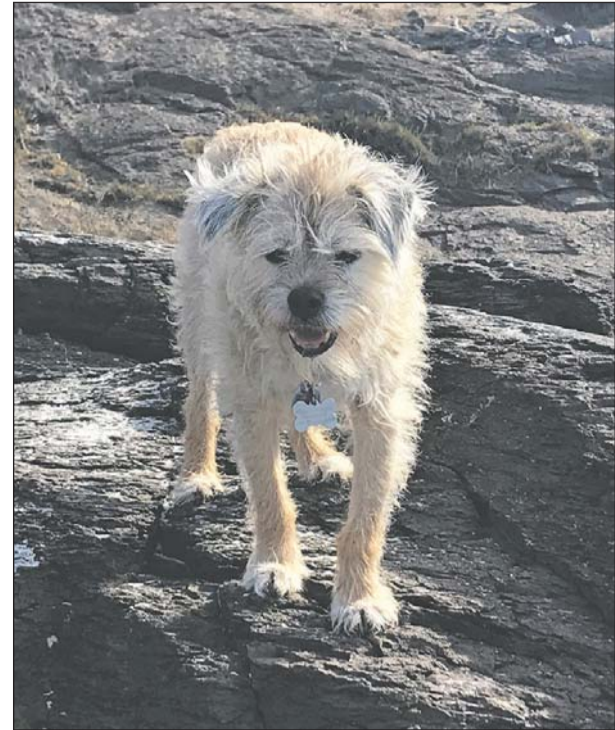
As soon as their daughter could say “dog,” she wanted one, though she was 11 before they had saved enough to buy a home that was big enough. Since she was still enjoying “Sesame Street” when they finally decided to get one, they knew their dog would be called Kermit.

Partial to the idea of a medium-sized dog that doesn’t shed, and quite taken with their friends’ border terrier, the family sought out a Central Valley breeder.

“I still have the memory from when we went to pick up Kermit,” said Mom. “We were the last people to get a puppy from the litter, so we saw him near his mother, a little snippet of a thing, looking up at us and then running back to her like, ‘Who are these people?’ Kermit was the runt, but it didn’t matter to us. We loved him at first sight.”

A quiet, good-natured puppy, Kermit is still the same at 13, as he walks uptown with his person. Most places invite him in, but he waits outside while she asks permission, quivering until she comes back for him.

“Kermit loves Carmel Beach,” said his person, who lives south of Ocean and a block from the beach. “But he’s not a water dog. He prefers to walk along the shore, where he lies down in the sand with his belly up, so kids can pet him. When they ask his name, I tell them, ‘Kermit the Dog,’ and they



laugh.”

She has found that most dogs in town – and their people – are friendly.

“Walking around town or into the post office with Kermit, I’ve noticed people invite conversation,” she said. “It’s the Carmel culture to engage with people, particularly if you have a dog.”

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Taxpayers give supes extra ‘thanks’

By KELLY NIX

THE MONTEREY County Board of Supervisors has a reason to be extra thankful ahead of next week’s holiday — everyone got a raise.

County human resources director Irma Ramirez-Bough informed the five elected county officials Tuesday that they would receive a pay hike on their \$140,760 annual salaries. The supervisors get raises every year.

“You will receive an increase of 4.3 percent retroactively to July 1,” the HR director said during the meeting in Salinas. “This will be implemented effective Nov. 27.”

That salary adjustment amounts to about \$6,000 per year, per supervisor. Taxpayers also pay for the elected officials’ health and pension benefits, which, according to records, can amount to more than \$40,000.

“You’re not going to tell my wife about this, will you?” District 2 Supervisor John Phillips joked.

“No, I will not,” Ramirez-Bough responded, chuckling.

Not everyone thought the topic was humorous. Nina Beety, a Monterey resident who regularly addresses the supervisors, asked an obvious question about the salary bumps.

How much?

“How much do the supervisors presently earn and how much will this increase mean as far as base salaries?” Beety said.

Ramirez-Bough said she did not have the information in front of her and she offered to call Beety with the numbers.

“Well, that seems to be an important question before making a decision such as this,” Beety responded. “Especially [given] the economic situation of people in the county. They would probably like to know this information before it’s agreed to.”

The supervisors’ annual raises are automatic, and the board did not discuss the topic. Their salaries are adjusted by the same percentage rate as Superior Court Judges, explained county administrative officer Charles McKee, who directed Beety to the county website for the supervisors’ salary amounts.

NO ARRESTS YET IN CHASE ROBBERY

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE THREE people who robbed the Chase Bank branch on Carmel Rancho Boulevard at gunpoint around 9:15 a.m. Oct. 25 — injuring two employees in the process and firing a round — remain at large nearly four weeks later, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

No one was shot during the robbery, but the criminals — who wore masks and were dressed in all black — escaped with an undisclosed amount of cash. By the time Monterey County Sheriff’s deputies and

Carmel police arrived at the bank, the robbers were already gone, said to have fled in a red Toyota 4Runner that was later found empty and still running on Rio Road.

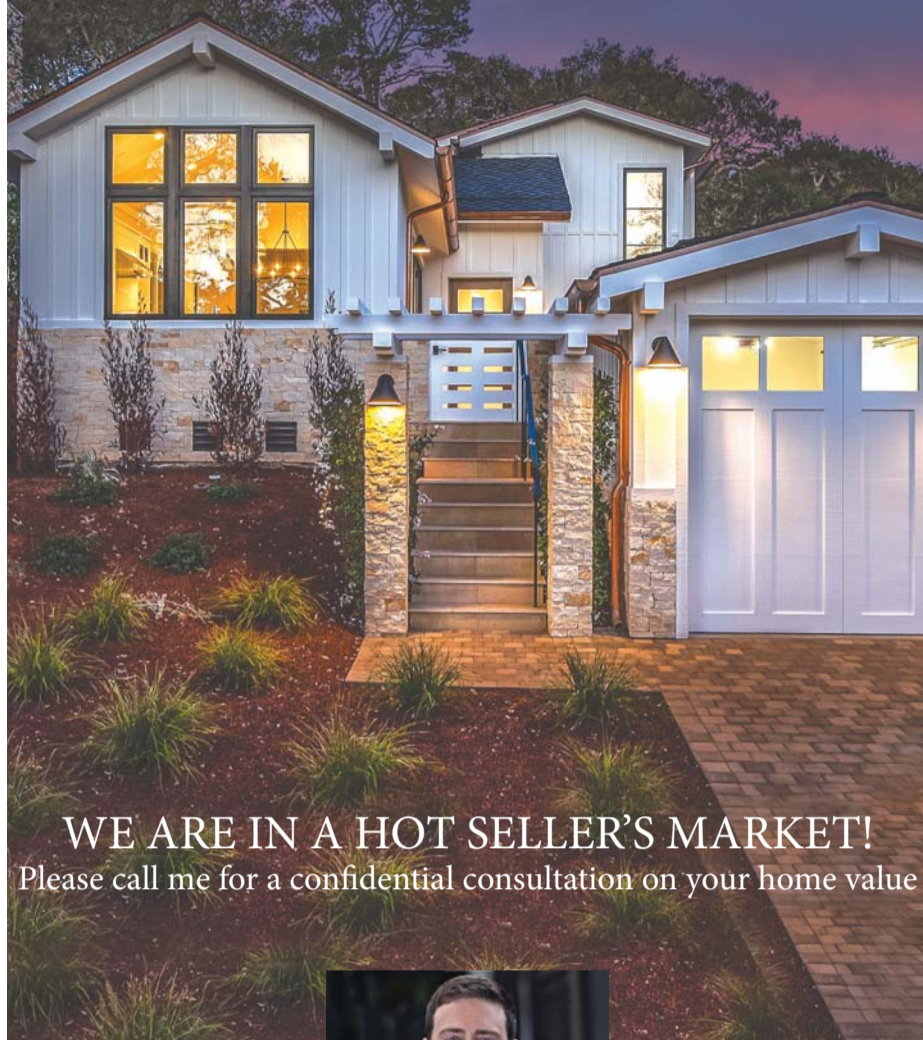
The FBI and the sheriff’s office are conducting a joint investigation, and this week, the FBI’s San Francisco office reported no one has been arrested, yet.

The agency also reiterated that the case is under investigation. Anyone with information or who might have seen anything can contact tips.fbi.gov, (415) 553-7400 or montereysheriff.org. Tips can remain anonymous.

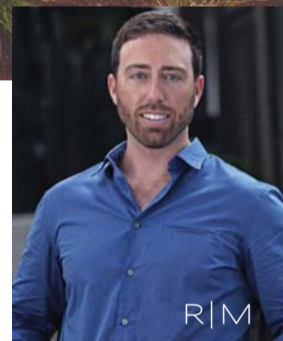
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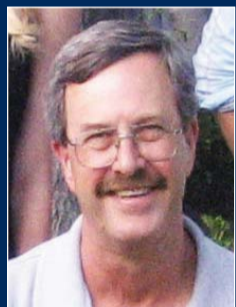
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Police & Sheriff's Log

Teddy, come home. We miss you.

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.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Medical emergency regarding an injured person on Ridgewood.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Open line 911 call from a hotel at Camino Real and Eighth. Adult male and female heard having domestic dispute and possibly getting into physical altercation. Unable to locate from which room the call originated.

Pacific Grove: Juvenile issue on Bayview Avenue. Ongoing investigation.

Pacific Grove: Traffic stop on Pine resulted in the driver receiving a citation for an outstanding warrant.

Pacific Grove: PGPD received a report of possible elder abuse. Matter under investigation.

Carmel area: Highway 1 resident was a victim of an online scam.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a report of an attempted burglary to a residence on Summit Field Road.

Carmel Valley: Online report of stolen

property on Valley Greens Drive.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Grand theft from a residence on Junipero south of Alta.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Unique walking stick lost at the beach.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Card holder wallet lost.

Pacific Grove: Conducted a pedestrian stop on a subject on Eardley at 0001 hours who was known to be on probation. A search revealed the suspect was in possession of drug paraphernalia, which was in violation of his probation terms. The 30-year-old male was cited and released.

Pacific Grove: Citation issued on Light-house Avenue for a dog at large.

Pacific Grove: A 53-year-old female was arrested on burglary and prowling charges on Alder Street. She was booked into Monterey County Jail for first-degree burglary, possession of stolen property, loitering and possession of a controlled substance.

Pacific Grove: Medical emergency (accidental overdose) on Wood Street.

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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. 9 — Salvador Plasencia had his murder conviction vacated and was resentenced for his involvement in the murder and attempted murder of two elderly persons in Salinas in 1998. Plasencia's release from custody is imminent and will occur once the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation processes his new sentence.

In November 1998, Plasencia, then 17 years old, committed two violent crimes with an adult accomplice, Jeffrey Concepcion. They first drove around Salinas looking for someone to rob to obtain money to buy beer and marijuana. They came across a 77-year-old woman walking home from a dentist appointment. Plasencia walked behind the woman and confronted her. They knocked her to the ground during a struggle, allowing Plasencia to obtain possession of her purse. Concepcion then shot the woman in the back of her head and neck. Due to her injuries, she was thereafter confined to a wheelchair.

Three days later, Plasencia and Concepcion were walking in Old Town Salinas and were again in need of money to purchase beer and marijuana. There they saw the 70-year-old owner of Margarita's Place standing near

his parked car. Plasencia approached the male and reached for the man's wallet. After kicking the man several times Plasencia was able to obtain possession of the wallet. Concepcion then shot and killed the victim.

Plasencia was initially charged with multiple offenses, including murder, willful, deliberate and premeditated attempted murder, and two counts of robbery. Plasencia pled guilty to murder, non-premeditated attempted murder, and the two robberies. Plasencia was sentenced to 35 years to life in prison.

In 2018 the California Legislature passed a law changing the definition of murder. The new law also allows certain offenders previously convicted of murder relief if their convictions are not within the new definition of murder. Under this new law, a defendant cannot be convicted under a felony murder theory unless the defendant is an actual killer, aided and abetted the actual murderer with an intent to kill, or was a major participant in the underlying felony and acted with reckless indifference to human life. The new law requires the People to prove beyond a reason-

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Police nab suspect in ‘random’ P.G. recreation trail stabbing

By KELLY NIX

A MAN who Pacific Grove police say randomly stabbed a person Monday on the recreation trail near the American Tin Cannery was arrested Tuesday night.

The police department issued a press release Monday night indicating the stabbing occurred about 6:05 p.m. “in the area” of the Pacific Grove Recreation Trail and American Tin Cannery. Police also released a photo captured from a surveillance camera showing the suspect, who had dark hair and a full beard.

On Tuesday night, police said they’d arrested Daniel Hardin, 29, that afternoon near Monarch Lane on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon, a crime that can be charged as a misdemeanor or felony. Hardin was booked into Monterey County Jail.

Hardin, police spokeswoman Jocelyn Francis said, randomly targeted the victim, and she clarified Tuesday that the attack occurred on the rec trail, which thousands of visitors and tourists use every day.

“The victim and suspect were not known to each other, and the suspect’s motivation remains unknown,” Francis explained.

The unidentified victim received medical attention and was transferred to a local hospital for injuries that were not considered life threatening.

Francis called Hardin a “local transient.” Monterey County Superior Court records indicate he was charged in July.

Referring to the attack as a “call for service,” Francis said the PGPD “understands they cause concern for our community members,” but she said it was also a “great example of law enforcement and the community working together. With the community’s assistance and the hard work and

dedication of PGPD staff, this case was solved within 24 hours.”

While Hardin was on the loose, however, there was no noticeable police presence at P.G. Middle and Robert Down Elementary schools, and police did not issue a public warning about the suspect.

Children kept home

Because Hardin had still not been caught by the end of the school day, some parents opted to pick up their children instead of letting them walk home. He was arrested about an hour after the schools let out.

“For the sake of public safety, some of us would like to know if he’s hitting random targets or he’s simply on the run now,” one parent said on social media hours before Hardin was arrested. “Are we at risk?”

Francis said a school resource officer was working at the schools while Hardin was still outstanding.

While officers recovered various items from Hardin, Francis said “further analysis” is necessary to determine if the item he used to stab the victim is among the belongings.

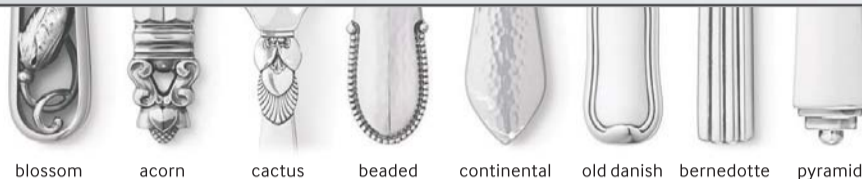
In November 2000, U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Jesse Carson and roommate Pvt. Jason Blad randomly stabbed a 20-year-old woman on the Pacific Grove rec trail near Lovers Point.

One of the Marines asked the victim if she was ready to die before they stabbed her a dozen times and slashed her throat twice. The two Marines were Russian language students at DLI.

The woman survived, and Carson and Blad pleaded guilty to attempted premeditated murder and were sentenced to life in prison.



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Commission resists glass doorway for China Art recording studio

■ Owner asks council to come to the rescue

By MARY SCHLEY

LAST MONTH, planning commissioners asked architect Rob Carver to see if he could find another way to soundproof the entrance to the historic China Art Center on Dolores Street instead of installing a glass wall in the arched entryway. After he told them Nov. 10 that doing so “wouldn’t be logical,” because it would cut into the available space for a recording studio — the proposed new use of the building — they voted 3-1 Nov. 10 to require him to do it, anyway.

The people who purchased the long unused China Art Center more than a year ago for \$4.25 million will now ask the city council to overrule the commission and allow them to proceed with their renovation, which also include a seismic retrofit and complete interior remodel, a new elevator, a new skylight, and new windows and doors.

Designed by San Francisco architect H.H. Winner and constructed in 1929 by noted local builder Hugh Comstock and subcontractor M.J. Murphy in the Mission Revival style, the building was originally a trust and savings bank. It was remodeled inside to become the Carmel Museum of Art in 1967 and reroofed in 1986, by which time it was the China Art Center.

Among its most remarkable features

are the large arched entrance and matching Moorish arched windows, Carmel stone base and wood gates, and a distinctive, quatrefoil window frame above the entry. To keep out street noise, the plans call for placing panels of glass just inside the portico that could be easily removed in the future if the use as a recording studio was abandoned.

‘Effective and rational’

The historic resources board narrowly approved the plans, including the glass, but last month, the planning commission put off a vote, instead asking Carver and his engineers to look into ways to soundproof it from the inside.

“In response to the planning commission’s direction ‘to explore providing a design that will have the sound lock on the interior of the building instead of the exterior of the vestibule,’ the applicant has not provided revised drawings, but rather has submitted supplemental information to support their position” that installing a glass wall and door just inside the archway is the best way to soundproof the building, planner Evan Kort said in his report. He recommended approval.

Sound engineer Charles Salter also said having the glass wall and door in the portico, rather than inside, would be the “most effective and rational means by which to configure the existing building into a world-class recording studio.”

Moving it inside would also mean cutting into the available space for musicians

during recording sessions, especially larger groups.

Carver argued that using glass to soundproof historic buildings is widely accepted — and that the city did the same when it renovated Sunset Center. In addition, he pointed to a petition signed by two dozen people, many representing nearby businesses supporting the plans.

Countering it was a petition signed by 10 “concerned residents of Carmel” saying the glass “is not in keeping with the appearance of this historic building,” and suggesting that if soundproofing can’t be accomplished from inside, the building should be used for something else.

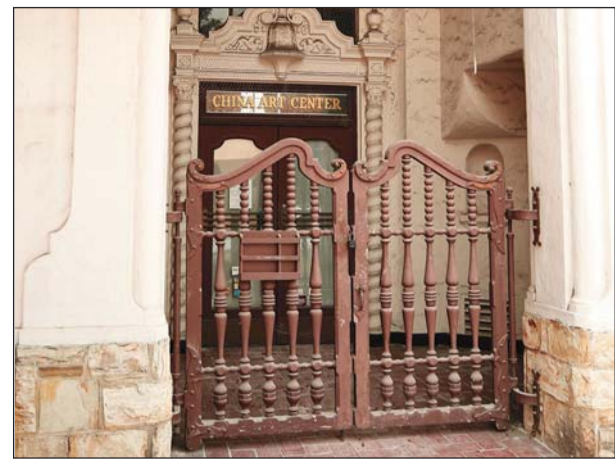
Planning commissioner Gail Lehman, the most outspoken opponent, said her years of experience developing 2.5 million square feet of office space and four hospitals lead her to believe an interior solution is possible, and she was frustrated Carver hadn’t provided a design for one.

“You haven’t come up with a plan to make it work for the inside, which was the unanimous direction that was given,” she said. “I still don’t understand why you can’t do that.”

Carver responded that he understood Lehman didn’t like the glass, but “that’s not a factual thing, that’s a matter of opinion.”

Denny Levett, owner of the Cypress Inn around the corner, supported the proposal and said the planning commission has been “the greatest frustration of my life” as a property owner.

Monterey Symphony executive director Nicola Reilly said the renovation of the old China Art building into an upscale recording studio would offer new opportunities to organizations like hers. “I also believe a more impressive team could not have been assembled,” she said, when it comes to the architect and sound engineers.



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A glass wall and door inside the China Art Center’s portico would soundproof the building so it can become a recording studio.

Restaurateurs Sandra and Rich Pepe asked commissioners to approve the project because it would help restore some grandeur to that section of Dolores Street.

“I don’t think we’re going to notice it at all,” Sandra Pepe said.

“I’m so excited that we’re finally going to have some life next door,” commented Sheila Georis, who owns La Bicyclette restaurant on the corner of Dolores and Seventh. “That building has been empty and neglected for way, way, way too long.”

Divided commission

Planning commissioners were not so interested in embracing the idea, however.

Commissioner Stephanie Locke was disappointed Carver and his team didn’t explore interior options more deeply.

“I don’t think there was a lot of consideration of how to do it on the inside,” she said. “You did not give us an alternative to look at.”

She also said Dolores Street isn’t all that busy and is therefore not very noisy.

Commissioner Robert Delves disagreed, saying he was convinced the design is the best way to soundproof the building

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Lost shoe can't stop CMS runner

By CHRIS COUNTS

IN HIS last race of the season Nov. 5, Carmel Middle School seventh grader Britesen Comello was determined to set a personal best time in the 2-mile run. He succeeded, despite losing his shoe after another cross-country runner stepped on his heel near the start of the race. "Somebody flat-tired him," his father, Ezra, told The Pine Cone.

In a sport where seconds count, Britesen didn't sit around and bemoan his misfortune. Instead, he kept pushing forward, even though one of his feet was only protected by a sock. "His determination took over," his dad said.

The founder and coach of the school's cross-country program, Matthew King watched Comello go by him in a flash.

"He wasn't going to stop for anything," the coach said.

When he crossed the finish line, Comello recorded a time of 12:05 in the race — by far his best time of the season.

Despite setting a personal best, Comello had hoped to do better. "He was disappointed because he didn't run as well as he thought he could," his dad said.

Everything clicked

Comello's wild one-shoe run was indicative of how well the season went this year for the Cougars' boys and girls cross country teams. A quick glance at this season's results shows the Carmel Middle School runners simply dominating their opponents in the Mission Trail Junior Athletic League.

In the last boys' varsity meet of the season Nov. 5 at Carmel Middle School — where they competed against runners from 10 different local schools — six of the Top 10 finishers in the 2-mile race were from Carmel Middle School. Jackson Balas (11:23) took 1st place, narrowly finishing ahead of teammate Laird Welch (11:24). Also finishing in the Top 10 were CMS runners Liam Riddols, Connor Bone, Marc Kalman-Zulik and Comello. The latter, despite running the race with one shoe, scored the best time of any seventh-grader in the race.

Balas finishes the season as the Cougars' top boys runner.

"He's a fabulous athlete who also played varsity volleyball," King said. "He's going to be good at any sport he does. He's expected to play water polo, but I'd love it if he kept doing cross country."

In the girls' last varsity meet of the season the same day, Lila Glazier (11:56) left everybody behind, finishing nearly 20 seconds ahead of the next run-



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Pictured here in another race, Britesen Comello recently recorded his fastest time ever while missing a shoe.

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Homecrafters', tree lighting return in modified (smaller) forms

By MARY SCHLEY

THE HOMECRAFTERS' Marketplace will be held for real this year, not virtually, in the north lot at Sunset Center Nov. 20, though it will have just over half the usual number of vendors, according to the city, due to Covid fears and supply-chain issues.

But it will also have a new element, city employee Leslie Fenton told the community activities commission last week. A farmers market will be held in the upper parking lot of the center at San Carlos and Ninth.

"We have over 50 vendors — we had some dropouts," she said. "Everybody is excited about it, and thank you to all of you for volunteering to get up at the crack of dawn" to help set up the sale, a major undertaking.

Fenton said she's working on finalizing the details of the marketplace, which features artisans and craftspeople from Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito counties, and collaborating with the farmers market organizer to get everything set.

The 50th Homecrafters' Marketplace will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tree lighting lite

As they usually do, two downtown churches will host events the same day as Homecrafters'. All Saints at Dolores and Ninth will sell handmade crafts and offer grilled sausage lunches and baked goodies from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Church of the Wayfarer on Lincoln north of Seventh will host its annual Holiday Faire & Lunch in the garden from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There won't be any school choirs or

dance troupes performing during the city's Dec. 3 tree and menorah lighting in Deventorf Park, also due to the coronavirus, but at least Santa will be there.

"For the actual day of the holiday tree lighting Santa will arrive at 3:30 p.m. on the LuVerne after a little parade through town," community activities director Ashlee Wright told the commission Nov. 9, referring to the fire department's vintage engine.

The lighting of the menorah will take place in the park at 4:30 p.m.

Light up

Instead of the usual large stage, crowds of kids and other performers, and gobs of onlookers who gather for a couple of hours before the tree is lit, this year, Wright said, only a small stage will be set up for the mayor and city council — and Santa. All the city's holiday lights, including those in the five Ocean Avenue medians, will be dark until 5:15 p.m., when the switch will be flipped for all of them, to dramatic effect.

Wright said there will be "secular music" playing in the park, "so it's all inclusive," and that she's working on "a fun surprise for our community."

"More on that to come," she said.

Both sides of Ocean between Junipero and Mission will be closed during the tree lighting, which will tie in with Carmel Plaza's holiday open house.

"Ten minutes before the lighting, I will make an announcement, so everyone has a chance to get a good view of the tree," she said.

Sunset Center is not hosting its usual open house this year, according to Wright.

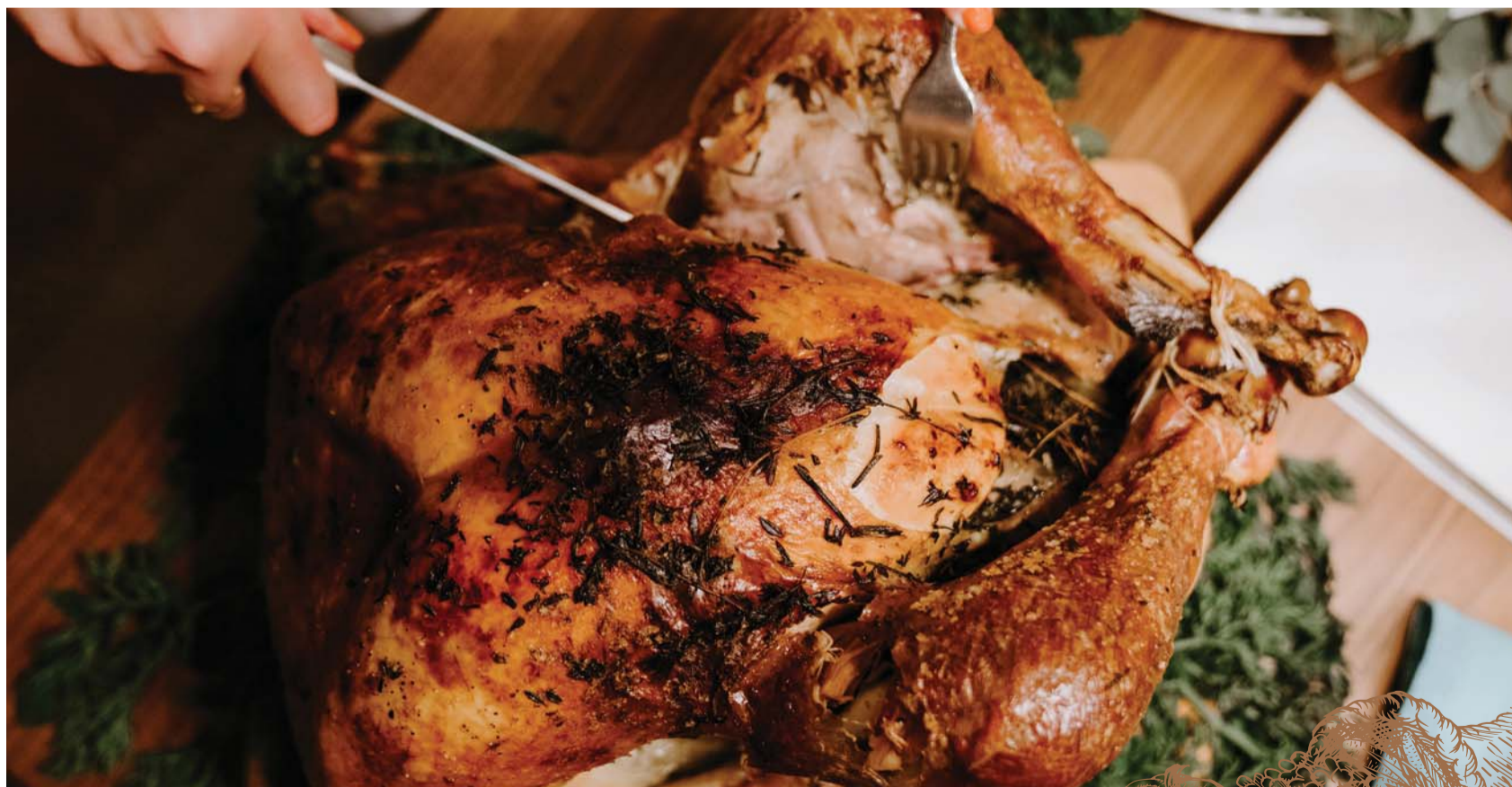
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Elm tree in P.G. park should be removed, council decides

By KELLY NIX

AN OLD elm tree in Pacific Grove that city officials say poses a danger to the public will be cut down, according to a decision by the city council Wednesday night.

The move comes despite vocal protests from some residents who want the tree to be saved.

Council members voted 4-3 to remove the elm in Jewell Park and replace it with five trees of a similar type. Joe Amelio, Amy Tomlinson, Chaps Poduri and Nick Smith voted for that option, while the three other members of the council, Luke Coletti, Jenny McAdams and Bill Peake, opposed the tree removal.

'High hazard'

Though the elm's canopy appears to be in good condition, public works superintendent Daniel Gho said an arborist determined the tree is in poor health and has "advanced decay" in its trunk and root system. The elm also has a "high hazard" rating.

"This means the tree is in danger of failing and could cause damage to persons or property," Gho said.

The elm's roots have damaged the sidewalk, which Gho said poses liability concerns due to possible tripping hazards.

Resident Rebecca Lee, who initially foiled the city's plans to remove the tree by climbing the 40-foot elm and planting herself in it for several hours on Sept. 30, told The Pine Cone Thursday morning the city council's decision was disappointing.

"We provided a wonderful landscape architect's report on alternatives for redoing the sidewalk that would not harm the tree's roots, but it has fallen on deaf ears," Lee said. "They still are saying the tree is a safety issue after all our hard work to educate them of the truth."

After Lee's sit-in, attorney David Hollingsworth, who was hired by two citizens to explore filing suit against the city over the tree's removal, forged an agreement with the city to not remove it until the council could revisit the issue, which was Wednesday.

Lee said Thursday that they are considering filing suit.

Pacific Grove's beautification and natural resource commission on Aug. 17 voted to save the elm, a decision that the council overturned Sept. 15. After Lee climbed the tree, the council voted Oct. 20 to reopen the issue.

Coletti — the only member of the council who from the beginning rejected the idea of removing the elm — said Thursday that he did not believe the city's analysis proved the tree was beyond saving.

"Staff only showed it would be inconvenient to do so," Coletti said.

Before Wednesday's final vote, Peake proposed that the council OK a request to solicit bids to preserve and stabilize the tree, but the motion failed.

Tree lighting on Row

CANNERY ROW will kick off the holiday season on the Monterey Peninsula with the resumption of its annual Christmas tree lighting in Steinbeck Plaza Friday, Nov. 26. The festivities run from 5 to 7 p.m., with the tree coming to life at 5:45.

"While he's being extra responsible by practicing social distancing this year," organizers said, Santa Claus "will greet guests from the balcony above the plaza."

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P.G. man, 99, recognized on Veterans Day, worked for precursor to CIA

OF THE many local veterans who were honored last week, few have been around longer than Thomas Streeter, a 99-year-old Pacific Grove resident who served in Burma,

China and India during World War II, when he aided in the allied effort in a covert way by developing and installing code machines.

Streeter, who has lived at Canterbury Woods for two decades, received a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition on Veterans Day from Congressman Jimmy Panetta.

Streeter was a young man attending college at Dartmouth when he joined the Army. "He interrupted his studies to enlist in the Office of Strategic Services, the prede-

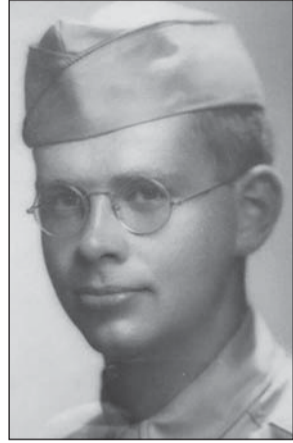
war — she was working for the same covert agency he was. And he told his family about how he would travel by plane from Burma to China over the Himalayas.

While Streeter's wartime service was done in secret, his mother aided the effort in a very public and important way. Ruth Cheney Streeter was the first director of the United States Marine Corps Women's Reserve, recruiting 21,000 women to "free a man to fight." She also got a pilot's license and ferried planes from the United States to Europe.

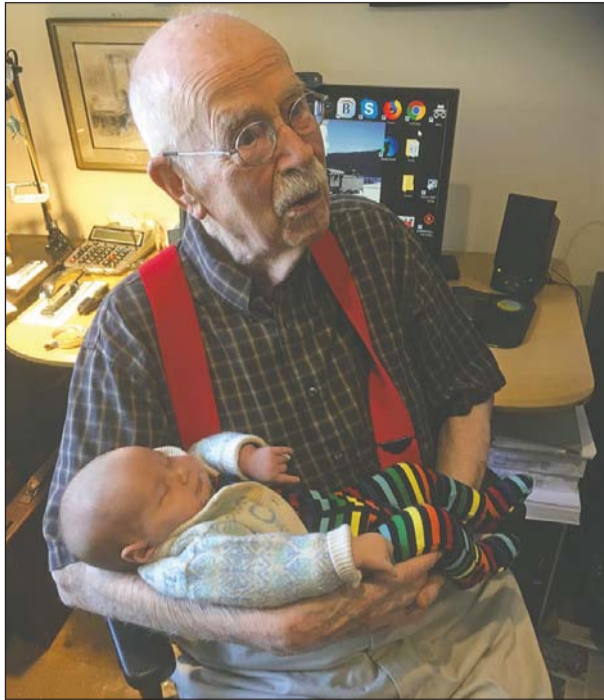
Streeter's travels hardly ended with the war. After marrying his wife, Barbara — they spent their first date watching trains — they traveled the globe, visiting many exotic places, often by train.

Tom and Barbara started a family, eventually settled down in Plainfield, N.J., and Tom went to work as a stockbroker. After she died in 1979, he continued his travels, and when he moved to California in 1999, he took the train.

Streeter told his children about his three rules for living — which may or may not have contributed to his long and prosperous life: "Never argue over the lunch bill, buy cheap and sell dear, and never take anyone for granted." His daughter noted he was "a faithful reader of obituaries and would read them aloud to his children at the dinner table." "An interesting person died today," he would say," she recalled. Perhaps it takes one to know one.



Thomas Streeter



PHOTO/DEBORAH STREETER

Thomas Streeter of Pacific Grove, who was recently recognized for his wartime service, enjoys a visit with his grandson, Levon.

Great Lives

By CHRIS COUNTS

cessor of the CIA, soon after Pearl Harbor," his daughter, Deborah Streeter of Big Sur, told The Pine Cone.


Not surprisingly, his daughter didn't know much of her dad's wartime service — not only was he essentially doing spy work, but many of his generation are hesitant to share their wartime experiences.

"He was proud of his service, but he lost many friends," she said, adding that a third of his fellow students at St. Paul's School in Concord, N.H., died as a result of the war.

Mom did her part, too

If Streeter ever told a story about the war, it was about something lighthearted that happened. "He would tell us funny stories," his daughter remembered.

Streeter did mention that he met Julia Child during the



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BOARD

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people participated, as “striking, even devastating.” The board is composed of five elected trustees.

“Most of the comments are highly critical of board behavior in several different areas — unprofessional conduct, not understanding the role of the board, poor treatment of employees, and outright dysfunction,” Steck said. “While some respondents blame a specific, individual trustee for the offending behaviors, others blame the entire board.”

The college board’s poor performance has caused morale among MPC staff to decline over the past year, according to Steck, who said that the deterioration is “palpable,” and that some administrators and faculty are “afraid of making presentations to the board, for fear of being attacked.”

Trustee Libby Downey, who represents Del Rey Oaks and Monterey, conceded that faculty members and other MPC employ-

ees are “unsettled” with the board.

“I think we are on the hot seat and need to do something about it,” Downey said, urging her colleagues to take the community’s concerns seriously to “see how we can improve things.”

‘Unfortunate dynamics’

The Pine Cone sent several questions to Anderson about the infighting among trustees and the overall perception of the board’s dysfunction and ineffectiveness. She offered a brief response.

“Despite the unfortunate interpersonal dynamics currently being worked through, the board has and will continue to fulfill its governance responsibilities,” Anderson said.

Anderson declined to say specifically how the board intends to regain the trust of the staff of MPC and its constituents, but said the panel is “committed to continuous improvement” and is using the “results and subsequent conversations to guide identification of future professional development needs as individuals and as a collective.”

The board at the October meeting also

discussed the process to replace David Martin, who announced in October he was leaving the college after only a year as president of the community college.

Much of the Oct. 20 meeting was tumultuous. Trustee Debbie Anthony appeared particularly frustrated, and she repeatedly interrupted Anderson, Downey and Steck.

Anthony, who represents Pacific Grove, took issue with the criticisms of the board, saying the survey was “biased” because of a lack of “diversity” and complained that the trustees should have discussed the results privately. At one point, she stormed out of the online meeting.

“I don’t understand what you hope to obtain from a report like this,” Anthony, a Black woman, said. “Because I’m telling you, the community that I represent doesn’t feel this way.”

And then she escalated her criticisms of the two White members of the board.

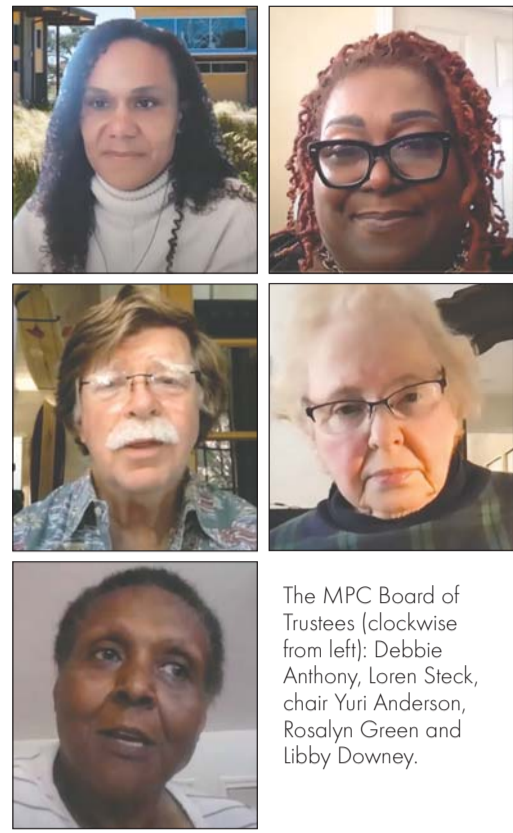
“As an African American, as far as the two of you are concerned, it’s about race, as far as I’m concerned,” Anthony told Downey and Steck. “So you two OK’ing each other and patting each other on the back means nothing to me.”

Diverse board

The five-member MPC board of trustees is composed of Downey and Steck and three women of color — Anthony, Anderson and Rosalyn Green, who represents Seaside and Sand City.

The Pine Cone asked Anthony to explain how Downey and Steck have treated her differently because of her race. Anthony, who was elected a year ago by nearly 62 percent of the vote, did not respond.

Downey replied to a message from The Pine Cone but declined to talk about Anthony’s comments, saying board protocol requires the chair, Anderson, to field



The MPC Board of Trustees (clockwise from left): Debbie Anthony, Loren Steck, chair Yuri Anderson, Rosalyn Green and Libby Downey.

questions from the press. Anderson, however, refused to discuss Anthony’s remarks. Steck and Green also did not respond to The Pine Cone.

The October meeting wasn’t the first time Anthony’s demeanor has drawn attention, though.

During a July 28 meeting, Anderson called Anthony’s behavior “disruptive” and “inappropriate” after Anthony, a retired MPC counselor, interrupted participants, used an expletive and, according to Anderson, “disrespected” President Martin. Anderson apologized to Martin and others watching the July meeting.

“It’s not behavior that I will continue to tolerate as chair of this board,” Anderson said at the July meeting.



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ROCKY

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California Coastal Commission and Monterey County, according to Altman. "It was a very long and winding road," she said, but now Rocky Point is on track to be revitalized.

Altman said realtor Tim Allen, through whom Pastor has worked on numerous purchases, brought him in as a potential buyer after several others from outside the area looked at it but balked due to the coastal commission's submission of a notice of violations based on fairly minor changes made on the property.

"They were working diligently" to get the issues cleared up, Altman said. "And that's about the time I started letting certain

el at Monte Verde and Seventh, the project dubbed "The Pit" at Dolores and Fifth, three homes on Scenic, two commercial buildings on Dolores and one on Ocean, an office and apartment on Seventh, and the Colonial Terrace Inn at San Antonio and 13th. He has several projects underway.

The great-grandson of the founder of construction company J.B. Pastor & Fils, Pastor has run the family business — which now focuses on real estate development — since 1995, overseeing more than 100 luxury real estate development projects in Monaco and London. He is particularly fond of Carmel.

Local team

Pastor has put local hotelier and restaurant operator David Fink in charge of re-envisioning Rocky Point, with the help of executive chef Justin Cogley, who runs the restaurant at Aubergine in L'Auberge Carmel. Fink retained control of L'Auberge when he and his partners sold the property to Pastor, who also put him in charge of the Colonial Terrace, which is being remodeled and renamed.

"It will be a true partnership," Mitchell said of the collaboration on Rocky Point. "Of course, David as the local expert will take the lead. But, as always, we will work closely on the vision and direction of the

project."

Mitchell confirmed the Rocky Point purchase was Pastor's first acquisition in California outside Carmel city limits.

Altman said she's excited to see what comes next for Rocky Point, which has been shuttered due to the coronavirus pan-

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With its new ownership, Rocky Point should see a revamp under the guidance of hotelier David Fink and Michelin-starred chef Justin Cogley.

agents know — Tim Allen being one of them — that we were close to a resolution, and that's when he brought in Esperanza."

Esperanza Carmel is Pastor's local company, and he has accumulated just under \$83 million worth of residential and commercial property in the city over the past six years, among them the Eastwood Building on San Carlos, L'Auberge Carm-



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PASTOR

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demic, and Mitchell said a top priority is working with the coastal commission to restore public access to the property.

Any upgrades and changes, including Cogley's development of a casual, locally inspired menu and Fink's overall vision for the property, are to be determined.

Cogley said he's delighted about the prospects, too, and that he's "looking to do a really delicious, fun menu that everyone dreams about eating in that setting," including "simply prepared fish and shellfish, crudos, seafood towers, lobster rolls, and of course a great burger."

Mitchell said it's too early to say when

work will begin at Rocky Point and when the restaurant will reopen.

"This is just the start of our journey here. There are a lot of moving parts we are working with," he said. "We will work closely with the coastal commission and the county. And in light of the importance of the property, we want to work closely with the local community."

Pastor said he is "thrilled to be able to purchase Rocky Point and to be able to work with David, Justin and his team to refresh this fantastic piece of the California coastline."

"We love the location and the views and wish to act as stewards of the land in making sure to provide a top class restaurant as well as restoring the surrounding area to provide the best possible experience for guests and the general public," he said.

VANDAL

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\$3,400 worth of damage to a wall at Zantman Art Gallery on San Carlos, \$1,000 in damage to a vehicle, \$500 worth to a wall, another \$500 to the wall of a law office,

\$500 in damage to the restroom in First Murphy Park, \$500 worth of damage to a wall at the Pine Inn, \$1,500 in damage to a wall at the Lobos Lodge, \$500 in damage to a wall at Sabine Adamson Antiques and the same at Cultura restaurant across the walkway, and \$401 in damage at Flaherty's. The 11th charge was for misdemeanor vandalism, also at Flaherty's.

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MASKS

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terey County Health Department.

“We should be looking at the local data and tie everything we do to the local data,” according to Adams, who said she’s received a lot of comments from citizens requesting the supervisors rescind the face covering ordinance.

She also cited the difficulty enforcing the rule and the fact that children can now be vaccinated. Pausing the mandate, she said, also does not stop county residents from continuing to wear masks indoors, if they wish, and she said most people she knows voluntarily wear them in public venues where there are a lot of people.

“We are going to be living with Covid,” Adams said. “I feel this is something we are simply going to be living with, probably for the rest of our lives.”

Except for short-term rentals, Adams noted that she hasn’t heard from so many constituents on a topic.

‘Temporary inconvenience’

District 1 Supervisor Luis Alejo argued Tuesday to keep the mask mandate in place, calling it “a temporary inconvenience to try to save the lives of our residents.” He later accused Adams of “flip-flopping on policy and trying to data shop” instead of relying on the CDC statistics. Alejo also claimed that few people in the county oppose the face covering rule. He then brought up race.

“In our county, by far the people who have faced hospitalizations and death have been communities of color,” Alejo said.

But District 2 supervisor John Phillips, who opposed the mask rule at the outset, told Alejo that it is not “a small minority” of people in Monterey County who oppose the mandate, and that he’s received a lot of negative comments from the public. Agreeing with Adams, he also said it is virtually impossible to enforce.

Phillips said it sends the wrong message to the public when the supervisors had been relying on health officer Dr. Ed Moreno to make local health decisions, only to start relying on data from the federal government.

“I don’t think [the mandate] has the support of the majority of our citizens,” Phillips said.

If there’s a winter surge, which experts expect, Phillips said he’s confident Moreno will do what’s necessary to protect residents.

Adams said public opinion was not the only reason she changed her mind about the mask order, and she shot back at Alejo over his earlier comments, which were obviously directed at her.

“I’m certainly not a flip-flopper,” she said. “The only time I use flip flops are on my feet.”

Supervisor Chris Lopez, who represents South Monterey County, said he’s heard from constituents in his community that he’s previously never heard from who are criticizing the supervisors’ reliance on the CDC data and use of it to trigger the mask mandate. Lopez also encouraged using county data instead.

“If we’re not willing to allow the health professionals to make these decisions as we have from the beginning, at least tie it back to local data so we can ask questions quickly and get answers quickly,” Lopez said.

As skew pointed to county families with children younger than 5 years old who can’t yet get vaccinated against Covid-19.

“My job today is to be their voice and to say that it’s not fair to keep them locked up at home because they can’t safely go to the grocery store or go out to wherever they’re going to go in our community,” Askew said. “They’ve been locked at home for 20 months, and it’s not right.”

Citizens are still required to wear face coverings in Monterey County government buildings. Moreno has also recommended people wear them indoors, regardless of vaccination status.

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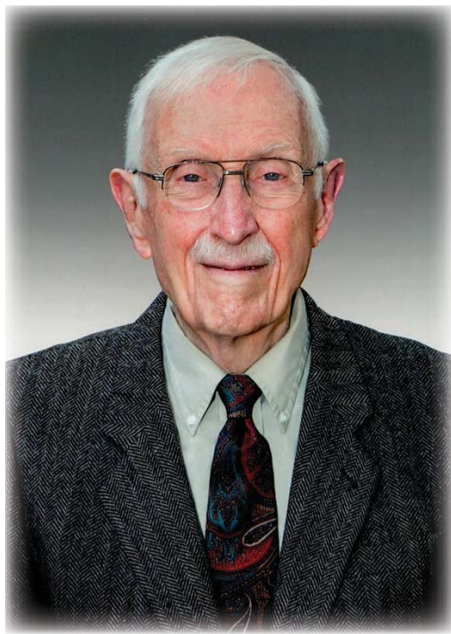


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Robert Richard Read, Ph.D.
1929 to 2021

On November 4, 2021, Dr. Robert "Bob" Richard Read (also known as "Fox"), father of three sons, passed away at age 92.

Bob was born in Columbus, Ohio on October 5, 1929. He graduated from Columbus North High School, received a Bachelor of Science in mathematics in 1951 from Ohio State University, and received a Ph.D. in statistics from the University of California, Berkeley in 1958. Dr. Read was a professor emeritus of the Naval Postgraduate School where he taught mathematical statistics for 43 years between 1961 and 2004. Prior to his tenure at the school, Dr. Read spent one year as an assistant professor at the University of Chicago in 1961 and three years as a lecturer and research statistician at the University of California Berkeley from 1957 to 1960.

During his tenure at the Naval Postgraduate School, he was prominent in enabling the rapid growth of the Operations Research Program by developing many new courses, sharpening the interface of research with the Masters' degree program, and structuring the Ph.D. program. He participated in numerous Department of Defense and Navy research projects. Over the years, Dr. Read contributed articles to various scholarly journals including the prestigious Transactions of the American Mathematical Society and the Annals of Mathematical Statistics. Early in his career, he consulted for the Maritime Cargo Transportation Conference in San Francisco, which was sponsored by the National Academy of Science, National Research Council. He performed further consultation work with the United Technology Center in Sunnyvale, California. Additionally, he was a longtime member of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics, the American Statistical Association, and Sigma Xi. Dr. Read has been notably cited in Who's Who in America, as well as more than a dozen editions of Who's Who in Science and Engineering, Who's Who in the West, and Who's Who in the World. Dr. Read has been endorsed by Marquis Who's Who as a leader in the fields of mathematics and higher education. For many years, Dr. Read has also been cited in the Harvard University sponsored American Men of Science.

At age sixteen, Bob played first chair trumpet in the Columbus High School All-City Band. He sang in his high school chorus, the Ohio State University Chorus, and later in the choir at the Carmel Presbyterian Church. Bob began barbershop singing with the Barbershop Harmony Society while he was a doctoral student at Cal Berkeley. He spent three years with the Berkeley Californians (chapter chorus) where he participated in the winning of the 1957 International Barbershop Chorus championship. He continued barbershop singing after joining the Navy School faculty and later sang for over a dozen years as a member of the Monterey Peninsula Cypressaires.

Bob's other hobbies included golf, bridge, and skiing. He spent a year (1948) in formal duplicate bridge competition, earning an international match point. For a dozen years, he coached baseball teams for the local Pony-Colt youth league.

Those that were friends, or lucky to just know Bob, respected his intellect, knowledge of sports and general trivia, love of music, storytelling, jokes, and passion for life. Bob is survived by his children Christopher Read, Steven Read, and Darren Read.

A Celebration of Bob's Life will be held at a date and place to be announced at a later time.



Photo/Fred Arellano

JOHNNY MIRANI
1958 ♦ 2021

GIOVANNI MIRANI, known to his friends as Johnny, was born in Encino, California, February 16, 1958. He died after battling chronic illnesses on October 23, 2021. His parents, Theo and Neltje Mirani (Kooyman), immigrated from Terschelling, Holland, in 1954 with John's brother Ted Mirani, to start a new life in the United States after WWII. When Johnny was 7 they moved north and settled in Carmel Valley Village, California, where John attended Carmel Middle School, Carmel High School, and Monterey Peninsula College. His love of music began at an early age while listening to his father, who had been a world-class opera singer in Holland, sang opera around the house. John picked up a harmonica and was hooked. Music was to become the love and passion of his life.

He is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Ted and Carol Mirani; his life partner Cynthia Bottero; as well as many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of his life will be held at Post 512 American Legion Hall Dolores and Eighth, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, at 4 p.m. Saturday, November 27, 2021. Bring your sense of humor, stories of Johnny, musical instruments, enjoy a barbecue, no-host bar, and more!

Thank you, Johnny, for all your contributions to the world of music and art. You will be missed.

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— Donna Summer on her love for music

For more details about Johnny's life or to share stories and pictures, please visit: John "Johnny" Mirani's Memorial Website:

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GAVEL

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able doubt that the previously convicted person is ineligible for resentencing under the current law.

The Hon. Rafael Vazquez ruled that although the People had proven beyond a reasonable doubt that Plasencia was a major participant in the murder, the People had failed to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Plasencia had acted with reckless indifference to human life. As a result, the murder conviction was vacated and Plasencia was resentenced to 12 years in state prison, with credit for that time already served. The court also placed Plasencia on parole for a period of two years.

Jeffrey Concepcion is still serving a sentence of life without the possibility of parole for his role in these crimes.

WILLIAM J. SCHNUTE
1943 • 2021

William J. Schnute, high relief wood carver and owner of Oak Leaves Studio, died on Oct 4, 2021, at the age of 78 in Nashua, New Hampshire. Born in Ann Arbor, Michigan on November 17, 1943, he grew up in Chicago and La Grange, Illinois. He attended the University of Iowa,



graduating in 1966 with a B.S. in general science. Drafted into the military in 1968, he served until 1971 at the Nike Hercules Air Defense System in San Francisco, California. He returned to the University of Iowa's Pharmacology and Toxicology Laboratory as a research assistant until 1974.

A self-taught carver, he began when he was 7 years old, and from childhood on, he honed his skills through trial and error. His first studio opened in Iowa City, Iowa in 1974 and operated in that location until 1978. It was then moved to Carmel Valley, California and remained there until 2004. A trip to New England in the fall of 2003 led him to its present location on the grounds of Frye's Measure Mill in Wilton, New Hampshire. Each studio location afforded him the opportunity to produce a prolific body of work that he hoped would "stand the test of time."

He leaves behind many loving and supportive people in his life: Long-time companion Robin Delia, with whom he spent 23 extraordinary years; sister, Jane Baugher (Phill); brothers Carl (Lynda) and James Schnute; children, Christine Brewer, Christopher (Hyacinth) Schnute, Renn (Aaron) Serna, and Waiola (Jeff) Morgan. Grandchildren, Megan, Samantha, and Natalie Brewer, Braden and Romeo Schnute, Dain Morgan, and James Serna. Joan Schnute and Ronda Reinke who gave loving support through the formative years – in addition to many loved nieces and nephews and the wonderful friends he made throughout his life.

William's love of nature and all things living will indeed stand the test of time in the carvings of Flora and Fauna he so masterfully created.

CLOTILDA (CLO) CASTRO BOOTH

1928 ♦ 2021

Clotilda (Clo) Castro Booth, a 7th generation native of Monterey, California, passed peacefully into eternity on the morning of September 23, 2021, in Redding.

Clo was born at home in Monterey, on December 14, 1928. She had been a resident of Redding for the last 3 years.

She descended from two historical California families: Don Carlos Carrillo, an early provincial governor of California, as well as General Jose Castro, a military leader and politician. After graduating from Hartnell College in Salinas, Clo attended the California College of Arts and Crafts in Berkeley. She was the wife of the late George W. Booth and they lived, until his death,



at their home in Carmel where they raised their family. An accomplished watercolorist, artist, and avid golfer, she also made and sold jewelry in her shop, "Clo of Carmel," in the Der Ling Lane building on Ocean Avenue for a number of years.

She is survived by her 3 children, daughters Hallie Sullivan (Kevin) of Cottonwood, and Lauren Merrill (Ross) of Salinas, and son Dana of Phoenix, AZ. She leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, 9 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, David Castro (Joanne) of Vallejo, and sisters Catherine Amato of Salinas, and Dorothy Metzger of Phoenix, AZ.

A memorial gathering in Salinas is scheduled for late December. For more information, please email halliebsullivan@gmail.com.



Community Thanksgiving will be Nov. 24 drive-through

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE KIWANIS Club's annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held in collaboration with the Food Bank for Monterey County and the City of Monterey's recreation department on Nov. 24 this year, so anyone who wants or needs a meal can drive through or walk up to get one.

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Martha Buck

Martha Buck was born in Orange, New Jersey March 27, 1935, and died in Pacific Grove, CA, November 7, 2021.

For 44 years, Martha worked in the public sector in the fields of Personnel Administration, Labor Relations and Civil Rights Law Enforcement. Her work for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (E.E.O.C.) involved her in the struggle of women to achieve equal pay for equal work. In 1977 Martha was elected Executive Vice President of the National Organization for Women (N.O.W.) after two years on the organization's national board. She later worked as a Senior Labor Economist for AFSCME, the public employees' union, and then moved to California to become Director of Personnel Services and Labor Relations for the West Contra Costa Unified School District (formerly the Richmond School District). She retired from that position in 2000.

In 1997 Martha was ordained Deacon in the Episcopal Church. She served as parish Deacon at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Berkeley and later at St. James Episcopal Church in Monterey.

She and her partner lived for 20 years at Canterbury Woods, Pacific Grove, where she was elected President of the Resident Association and representative to the Board. She is remembered for her sense of humor, her leadership skills and her love of people.

Martha is survived by her partner, Catherine Gordon, and her nieces, Sarah Anderson and Caralyn Silver. A memorial will be announced at a later time.



JEAN-MARI PELTIER

1955 – 2021

The day Jean-Mari Peltier passed away was as exceptional and radiant as she was.

She died peacefully in her Pebble Beach home Sept. 24, 2021, after spending a spectacular day with her husband Jason and lifelong friends. They had returned from lunch in Carmel when Jean-Mari excused herself to rest due to her ongoing cancer treatment. She never woke up from her nap.

News of her death spread quickly because during her lifetime she had touched many lives and attracted a vast network of people who were not just colleagues, contacts and clients, but friends.

She spent four decades of her career in the center of California agriculture – where federal and state policy issues, politics, science, research, trade and communications all converged.

Lauded for her professional stature and numerous accomplishments, Jean-Mari's greatest accomplishment was first and foremost as a human being.

She was kind. She was deep. She was patient. She was sharp and savvy. She traveled in powerful circles but remained down-to-earth. She was a good listener and conversationalist. She had a wonderful smile and laugh.

She was wise, classy and cultured. She was a loyal friend and confidante. A true lady, she was eternally optimistic; on her worst days fighting cancer, Jean-Mari was more cheerful and positive than many people just going about their lives. In short, she reflected the very best qualities a person can possess.

She passionately loved her family and her life. She was a devoted wife, proud mother and ecstatic first-time grandmother. She is survived by husband Jason, whom she adored for 38 years of marriage; daughter Jean-Claire; son Joseph, his wife Suzie and their three-month-old daughter, Sabine; and brothers, Richard Ullmann (Sandy) and Tom Ullmann (Susan). She was preceded in death by parents, Walt and Shirley Ullmann and brother Michael Ullmann.

Jean-Mari was born in Carmel and grew up in the high Sierra. She graduated summa cum laude from Fresno State University and created a new major for herself in agricultural communications. Throughout her career, she held numerous positions of influence from Washington, D.C. to Sacramento. This included holding high-level policy positions managing agricultural and environmental issues on behalf of President George W. Bush and California Gov. Pete Wilson.

Her work in the nation's capital included advocacy for the Council for Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching, and as CEO of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives.

In California, she played vital roles in supporting a wide range of commodity groups, including those representing grapes, tree fruit, pears, citrus, strawberries and wine. She developed regulatory expertise in everything from water and pesticides, to research and international trade. For the past several years she was the owner and president of Environmental Solutions Group in Sacramento.

A longtime supporter of agricultural education, Jean-Mari served on numerous boards and committees for UC Davis, Cal-Poly and Fresno State. Within several weeks of her death, the University of California established an endowment in her name to fund strategic priorities within the Division of Agriculture & Natural Resources.

The avalanche of condolences from around the state and nation have been of great comfort to Jean-Mari's family, who continue to be reminded of the love and admiration so many had for her, as the following comments attest:

"Jean-Mari was a champion of women in agriculture and passionate about science and women in leadership positions. She was a role model for many and I was lucky to have her as a friend," said California's Secretary of Food & Agriculture, Karen Ross.

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PHOTOGRAPHERS PUSH BOUNDARIES IN EDGY JURIED SHOW AT SUNSET GALLERY

By CHRIS COUNTS

AROUND HERE, what often passes for fine art photography are conventional images that celebrate the grandeur of nature. But the Center for Photographic Art's annual International Juried Exhibition — which opens this Saturday — reveals what the next generation of photographers is up to, which often involves exploring new

horizons in subject matter, technique and printing.

More than 2,000 images were submitted for the show, which created quite a challenge for jurors Debra Klomp Ching and Darren Chin, who own the Klompching Gallery in New York City. Forty-five were ultimately chosen.

"They put together a pretty interesting show," Center for Photographic Art execu-

tive director Ann Jastrab told The Pine Cone. "It's definitely not traditional photography — for the most part, it's really contemporary and creative."

Much of the subject matter is edgy or unconventional, and some pieces aren't flat or framed. One enterprising photographer wrapped photos around burnt pieces of wood.

Jastrab suggested people view the show with an open mind and expect to be surprised.

"A lot of these pieces look like nothing I've ever seen," she said.

The gallery will livestream an opening reception Saturday at 4 p.m., and the exhibit will be on display through Dec. 30. The gallery is located in Sunset Center at San Carlos and Ninth. photography.org.

■ Bakery hosts show

Photographer Rachael Short, whose Exposed Gallery is located downtown, has a show up at Alta Bakery in Mon-

terey.

"I've enjoyed exploring the old Cooper Molera buildings, the gardens and eating good food," Short said. "And now you can see my photographs there too, through the end of the year."

Alta Bakery is located at 502 Munras Ave.

Short, by the way, just released her 2022 calendars. They're available at Exposed Gallery, which is located in Carmel Square near San Carlos and Seventh. galleryexposed.com

■ Pairing art with wine

A trio of artists, illustrator Will Bullas and painters Shelley Ann Cost and Thomas Hawley, display their latest creations at Blue Fox Cellars in Carmel Valley Village.

Titled "A Masterful Art and Wine Pairing," and presented by the Carmel Valley Art Association, the show continues through Jan. 5. The wine tasting room is located at 25 Pilot Road.

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The Youth Arts Collective of Monterey unveils its annual Holiday Art Show Friday, showcasing an array of talented local student-artists. Due to Covid, the exhibit can only be viewed online. Visit yacstudios.org.



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After pandemic slashed last year's season, CHS basketball set to rebound

THE LAST time we watched a full high school sports season, the Carmel basketball program was a dynasty under construction.

In 2017-2018, the Padres were Mission Trail Athletic League champs, reached the semifinal round of the Central Coast Section playoffs, and finished with a 19-7 overall record.

In 2018-2019, they got bumped up to the big-school Gabilan Division, where they were runners-up to Palma,

player who will be a difference-maker on the floor, for sure," Grahl said of Brown, who averaged 6.5 points, 5.8 rebounds, and 1.3 steals in 31 games as a sophomore. "But Amir's biggest impact is that he shows up and works hard every day, and he has a positive energy that people gravitate toward. Our younger players can watch his leadership and say, 'We can do this — I just have to do my part, and everything will be OK.' You can't quantify that kind of contribution. It's special."

Juniors Jim Moreau, nearly 6-4, and 5-11 John Phillip Sullivan got promoted from jayvees as freshmen for that 2019-2020 postseason run, appearing briefly in two play-off games.

Sullivan emerged as Carmel's leading scorer last spring by finding creative pathways to the basket.

"He has a different kind of game," Grahl said. "He's not a pure shooter. He's not lightning quick getting to the rim. But he has tremendous balance, a really good knowledge of the game, and he finds ways to score."

Moreau is a rebounder who is gaining confidence in his ability to shoot from the outside, and capable of powering toward the basket against a smaller defender, or taking a bigger opponent outside to spread the defense.

Grahl also looks for leadership from senior Garrett Heger, who plays hard, and can thread a defense with his

slashing style of attacking the hoop, and football quarterback Adam Carly, whose shooting ability and playmaking skills could land him the starting point guard position.

Fast and strong

Simeon Brown — Amir's brother — will play varsity as a 6-foot, 175-pound freshman, even though he hasn't played a basketball season since he was a seventh grader.

"Simeon is a smart player who's not afraid of the moment," Grahl said. "We were in a 1-point game during our summer season (15 games in four weeks) when he hit a couple of 3-point buckets for us during the final two minutes. They weren't designed plays — he just didn't hesitate to pull the trigger when he was open, and he hit both shots. I can see him getting a bigger and bigger role as he learns more about how to play at the varsity level."

The Padres' best outside shooter might be junior Tyler Imemura, who has intelligence and toughness to go with the ability to run all day. (He was a late reporter for basketball this year because he qualified for the CCS Cross Country Championships, which took place Monday.)

More strength under the basket will be provided by Franz Weigel (who is likely to guard the opponent's best

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

then won Division IV — the school's first CCS crown — and reached the semifinal round of the NorCal playoffs in a 23-5 season.

In 2019-2020, Carmel won the Gabilan title, repeated as CCS D-IV champion, then beat Marin Catholic, St. Ignatius and Foothill to reach the NorCal finals, where they were stopped by St. Mary's of Berkeley, finishing 26-5.

The year of the virus

With seven varsity players, including 6-foot-5 all-state senior J.T. Byrne — the Gabilan Division MVP — returning for the 2020-2021 season, the only thing standing between the Padres and another epic playoff run was ... well, a pandemic.

The rest is history, but basketball history? Not so much.

Carmel High found a way last spring to let its student-athletes participate in abbreviated seasons in multiple sports with simultaneous schedules, and a diluted basketball squad went 1-7 in a makeshift league that included North County, Monterey, Hollister, Palma, Pacific Grove, and Marina.

"Our short Covid season was helpful in the sense that I was able to instill some foundational fundamentals in some young players — things we're now able to build on," said coach Kurt Grahl, who will reassemble this year's squad around just one full-time varsity player from that 2019-2020 team that played for the NorCal championship.

Amir Brown is a 6-foot, 205-pound senior — a power forward-type player in a high-octane, running offense, with strong rebounding skills to go with leadership abilities that are a dream come true for his coaching staff.

"He's a superior athlete and a really good basketball

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Letterman Jim Moreau (left), nearly 6-foot-4, is a rebounder who also can drive the basket or shoot from the perimeter. Amir Brown, reaching for the ball at right, was integral in the Padres' 2019 playoff surge, and is Carmel's unquestioned team leader this year.

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inside player), and 6-2 Wes Rees, who drives to the basket well but can also hit an 8-footer or put an offensive rebound in the bucket.

“Offensive rebounding will be one of the strengths of this team. We have a lot of very active, aggressive athletes under the boards,” Grahl said. “That ability to be tough on the glass is valuable in games when your shooting percentage is a little off.”

The competition

Preseason optimism must be tempered by the hard reality that the Padres — now two seasons removed from their NorCal glory — are once again in the Gabilan Division, where Salinas, Palma, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Alisal, and Christopher (a division newcomer) promise to provide ferocious competition.

“There are no ‘gimme’ games, but that’s what I like about that league: You know every game, every opponent, is getting you ready for the kind of competition you’re going to see in the postseason.”

The Padres open their season Nov. 27 at Aptos and play their first home game against Everett Alvarez Nov. 30 at 7 p.m.

■ CCS cross-country

With five runners placing among the top 22, Carmel High’s girls placed third as a team in Division 4 at Saturday’s CCS Cross Country Championships in Crystal Springs, becoming the first Padres girls’ squad since 2008 to qualify for the state meet (Nov. 27 at Woodward Park).

No other Pacific Coast Athletic League team, male or female, qualified for state.

The news gets better: Four of those CHS runners are freshmen or sophomores. The fastest, freshman Ava Ghio, placed seventh among 67 runners, finishing the 2.95-mile course in 19 minutes, 53.7 seconds. She was followed by sophomores Christiana Kvittek (20:10.9, 9th place), Isabella Davi (21:03, 18th) and Chiara Kvittek (21:21.8, 21st), and senior Sophia Davi (21:24.4, 22nd). Junior Marina Hobson placed 24th (21:25.6), and sophomore Sara Eyjolfsson was 27th (21:42.2).

Carmel boys placed fourth as a team in Division 4 — just missing state qualification as a team — led by Aiden

Tarantino (16:21.5, 6th) and Dylan Craig (16:41.9, 10th).

Stevenson’s boys and girls both placed fourth in the Division 5 race, also just missing a state berth.

John Puka, who qualified for state as an individual with a seventh-place finish (time: 16:43.2), and Marcus Finley (18th) paced the Pirates boys, and Gabby Torres (17th) was fastest among the girls.

Santa Catalina, fifth among Division 5 girls teams, was led by Caitlin Kostka in 14th place, and Heidi Green, who was 23rd.

■ Girls tennis

Stevenson’s Lara Schiessl lost 6-0, 6-1 to Tallia Harper of Santa Cruz in the opening round of Monday’s Central Coast Section Championship singles tournament.

In doubles play on Tuesday, Bella Hare-Leiva and Jennifer Tan of Stevenson lost their first-round match to Iris and Claire Li of Palo Alto, 6-0, 6-1, and Carmel’s Anastasia Zolotova and Candace Kimes were beaten by Menlo-Atherton’s Tessa Ellingson and Lila Totamedi, 6-2, 6-1.



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Editorial

How to pass a good law

IT MUST have been jarring for many of the people of Monterey County to suddenly find out Tuesday evening that the county's indoor mask mandate — which was less than two weeks old — had been lifted. But make no mistake: The problem wasn't that the mask rule was rescinded, it was that it was imposed in the first place, and we congratulate supervisors Mary Adams, Chris Lopez and John Phillips for having the courage to take it back.

It's never too early to stop a bad idea, but that doesn't mean it's always easy.

The mask mandate that went into effect Nov. 5 was the brainchild of supervisor Luis Alejo, and while he may have had a perfectly good motive — protect lives, he said — he failed to take into account two of the basic requirements of good law-making in a democracy, namely, that any new law will have a clear benefit to the public, and that most people will readily understand why the law is needed and be willing to obey it.

In this case, Alejo failed on both counts.

Back in September, when he proposed that masks be required for county residents, he cited "alarming" numbers of new cases in the county. As we pointed out at the time, those alarming numbers did not exist. The mini surge the county experienced toward the end of the summer peaked in late August but had significantly faded by the time Alejo brought up the mandate. Cases have risen a little since then but remain far below the level that should have anybody in a state of panic. Meanwhile, more than 250,000 Monterey County residents have let themselves be injected with at least one dose of the coronavirus vaccines after being told by everybody — from President Joe Biden to the local pharmacist — that they're safe and effective. New cases may have risen a bit in the last few weeks, but hospitalizations and deaths barely have. All in all, if there's an urgent need to put masks back on, or any need at all, it is not evident to most people.

Meanwhile, you may have noticed that a great many people did not start wearing masks after the rule was implemented, and in general, very few seemed to take it seriously. Either that, or they thought it was annoying.

This week, in a last-ditch effort to save his mask mandate, Alejo tried to link it to racism, which we don't get at all. Even weaker was his argument that it would just be "a temporary inconvenience to try to save the lives of our residents."

You want to save lives? Then why not lower the speed limit on all the roads in the county to 25 mph? Doing that would have a huge impact, so why not do it? Because the public wouldn't stand for it, a large majority of people would have no intention of following it, and they would hate their government for trying to make them.

Wearing masks when the virus is at low levels only seems like it would produce a tiny benefit. Save the mandates for times when they're clearly needed and you'll not only maintain public confidence in the government, you'll get much better compliance.

BEST of BATES



"Oh, dear. Did she say she lived in a little blue house with pink shutters, or a little yellow house with blue shutters? No ... I remember. She said it was a little grey house with green shutters and a broken gate. No, she said it was a little"

Letters to the Editor

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Opposition to cell tower Dear Editor,

As of the start of this week, the city has received more than 800 postcards and letters about the proposed Verizon cell tower on Carmelo Street. This unprecedented amount of correspondence is overwhelmingly against placing the cell tower next to the historic La Playa hotel and in the middle of a residential neighborhood.

At 51 feet, this proposed cell tower will be well above the existing tree line. If approved, Verizon can increase its height up to 10 percent, to well over 60 feet. It will have bulky, unsightly ground equipment (13 feet wide and 6 feet high) and generate noise at 60 decibels from the cooling fans to keep the batteries from overheating.

La Playa is a Carmel treasure, cherished by locals and tourists alike who enjoy the hotel's expansive ocean views. Those views along with neighbors' views will be permanently marred by the massive, im-

posing cell tower. The surrounding neighborhood streets are filled daily with dog walkers, pedestrians, joggers, and runners who routinely pass along this block of Carmelo Street. They will be subjected to the jarring sight of large industrial equipment in the public right-of-way whenever they go by.

Verizon has seven cell towers already approved and soon to be operational in Carmel-by-the-Sea itself and in the surrounding unincorporated areas. The town covers 1 square mile. Aren't those enough Verizon cell towers for a village of our size?

Based on these many hundreds of letters and postcards, the public strongly supports the planning commission's unanimous denial of Verizon's proposal to build this large, inappropriate cell tower in a residential neighborhood. As Verizon appeals this decision at the Dec. 7 city council meeting, members of the public urge the city council to deny Verizon's appeal and allow the planning commission's decision to stand.

Tasha Witt,
Carmel

'Sore thumbs' Dear Editor,

During a recent visit, we became aware of Verizon's request to erect a large cell tower in a residential neighborhood adjacent to La Playa hotel. We have enjoyed coming to Carmel for over 40 years and have stayed at La Playa. The views from their lodgings and grounds toward the ocean are spectacular. Placing a 50-foot

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Descendant of veterans carved his way into Carmel's history books

REGALLY DISPLAYED inside the meeting hall of the Carmel American Legion Post No. 512 is a military eagle that was carved by William Emmett Kneass (pronounced "niece") soon after the post was chartered in November 1934.

The Nov. 16, 1934, Pine Cone reported that Kneass had also created a beautiful sign for the hall. "Carved of oak and having its letters plated with gold, silver and copper foil, the new sign for the Car-

signed from the National Guard to return to Manila with the regular Army. In 1903, he returned to the Utah National Guard as a second lieutenant and in February 1904 married Carrie Swenson. Kneass was born at Salt Lake City on April 6, 1905. His sister Margaret, was born August 1, 1911.

Flat feet

In 1905, Kneass became captain of Company B, a cavalry unit in the Guard, and also trained cadets in the Ogden, Utah high school. Company B assisted in maintaining order on the southern border of the United States during the Pancho Villa era of the Mexican

Revolution.

When the United States entered World War I in 1917, Major General Hunter Liggett appointed Kneass Sr. a major in the regular Army, and he went to Europe. When World War I ended, his men were sent home, but Kneass Sr. was transferred to another company to work with the military police in France during the post-war clean-up. He finally returned to Utah in mid-August 1919. From there Kneass Sr. was transferred to Fort Sill, Okla. as captain of the field artillery.

His next assignment was as captain of the 76th Field Artillery at the Presidio of Monterey, from 1923 to 1926. Kneass graduated from Pacific Grove High School in 1925, received an appointment to West Point from President Calvin Coolidge and spent the summer in San Francisco being coached for the entrance exam.

Reportedly, it was Kneass's flat feet that

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History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

mel American Legion post will be set up Sunday in front of the headquarters on Dolores street just south of Eighth," The Pine Cone said. "It has been given to the post by William E. Kneass Jr., formerly of Denver, now a Carmel resident."

The leaders of the post today didn't know about the sign, but offered a theory about what the story was referring to. On the wall below the eagle are portraits of the past post commanders. Below that is a display of members that have passed, and central to that display is a large board that says "Carmel Post 512" to which, in slightly different letters, the phrase "In Memoriam" was added. The board, they said, was probably the sign.

Father was a vet

Kneass was not a veteran, but his father, Major W.E. Kneass Sr., was, and he was also a charter member of the Carmel Post, with a family heritage of service.

Kneass's grandfather served as a sergeant in the Pennsylvania Cavalry during the Blackhawk Indian wars and later moved to Utah, where Kneass Sr. was born on May 24, 1880. Just before his 18th birthday, in April 1898, Kneass Sr. enlisted in the Army Artillery in Salt Lake City and quickly made corporal in Battery A of the Utah Volunteers. He was soon on his way to the Philippines, where he saw action in the Battle of Malate on July 31, 1880. In August, he reportedly fired the first artillery in the taking of Manila. He mustered out of the Utah Volunteers as a sergeant on January 1, 1900.

Kneass Sr. re-enlisted in the National Guard in August 1900 and became a lieutenant in January 1902. In July, he re-



Artist William Kneass Jr. carved and painted this beautiful eagle (top) for Carmel's American Legion Post in 1935. This "In Memoriam" sign at the post may have been the original exterior sign carved by Kneass in 1934 (above).

She couldn't understand 'Ulysses,' so she interpreted it on canvas

PAINTINGS BY Elizabeth Wrightman that will be part of a three-woman show at the Pacific Grove Art Center through Dec. 16 are begging to be interpreted, yet perfectly willing to be appreciated simply for their beauty, whimsy and mystery.

"A lot of people want to know why I painted what I painted, because it's not a seascape, it's not a portrait ... it doesn't make any sense," said Wrightman, an or-

"Ulysses"-inspired paintings entitled "Cat & Door," "Cat Door Dublin," "No. 7 Eccles St.," "The Cows," "From Beech to Hazelwood" and "The Friendly Light" — all on exhibit in PGAC's Dyke Gallery — are rendered in Wrightman's brightly colored expressionist style. It's an appropriate fit for a project that invites its viewers to decide for themselves what the pictures might mean.

Wrightman's story, from its earliest days, is a portrait of an artist. Her father, a school principal, got cancer and died young when she was just 5 years old, with twin sisters who were 2.

"When my father died, I remember hearing his mother say, 'Oh, Helen, what a shame — now the children will have to go into an orphanage,'" Wrightman recalled.

Her mom, Helen Moore, decided that wasn't an option. She found employment in a nearly all-male workforce, first at a lumberyard, then at a Westinghouse factory that built nuclear submarines.

Wrightman remembered watching her mother load cement blocks into the back of the family car for ballast in the dead of winter and put chains on the tires so she could drive to work on snowy mornings, leaving her daughters behind with Grandma.

One widow, one divorcee

"We lived in a suburb of Pittsburgh that had one widow — my mother — and one divorcee. Everybody else in our town had a perfect little family, and I think my mom grieved over that very much," she said.

The 5 1/2-year-old also grieved, sinking into an introverted shell, spending most of her time alone. She drew for hours on reams of computer paper her mother brought home from work, or played amongst the wildlife in the thick woods behind her home.

"I was always in the woods — always," she said. "Animals were my closest companions."

When she was a fifth-grader, Wrightman's life changed dramatically. She was one of a small group of students hand-picked to receive scholarships to an art program sponsored by the Carnegie Museum of National History in Pittsburgh.

"I vividly remember walking through the museum's Hall of Dinosaurs in the semi-darkness every Saturday morning, past the gigantic skeletons of Tyrannosaurus rexes, to the auditorium where they taught us

Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

daind minister who became a full-time painter 12 years ago.

Here's a hint: Wrightman's recent work has been inspired by the infamously arcane stream-of-consciousness writings of James Joyce, the early 20th-century Irish novelist and poet. As countless literature students can attest, Joyce frequently made sense only to himself.

She tore up 'Ulysses'

"People like to come up to me and explain why they don't read Joyce. They want to know if I understand him," said Wrightman, a Western Pennsylvania native who is of Irish-Scottish descent.

"I tore up 'Ulysses' three times," she said of Joyce's 1922 novel, which channels Homer's "Odyssey" using a confounding mix of literary styles.

"I tried to read it — unsuccessfully — and finally decided that I might understand it better if I started painting from Irish literature."



PHOTO/PAM HENSLEY

Elizabeth Wrightman has a show of her work, "Who Knocked," on display at the Pacific Grove Art Center through Dec. 6.

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cell tower and related equipment in the scope of that view would ruin that memory for everyone. Imagine an idyllic garden wedding with a unsightly cell tower humming in the background.

After reviewing the Stop Cell Towers website, it is not a stretch to empathize with local residents' concerns over safety, noise, effects on property values, and other objections. One of our favorite activities in Carmel is walking through the residential areas looking at the architecture of the homes and their landscapes. Cell towers would add nothing to that experience.

As a builder, I am impressed with the permitting process required for all types of construction. The lengths that the town's planning commission goes to ensuring that proposals are in keeping with the aesthetics of the area in general, and with regard to height limitations and the effects on neighbors, is admirable. Studying the municipal codes on the Stop the Towers website, it is clear that Verizon's proposal flies in the face of well established ordinances to which others must comply. That alone warrants the council's denial.

We all live in and travel through communities where cell towers have been allowed. No matter how they are constructed, they stand out like sore thumbs. There must be a less conspicuous, more appropriate location for a cell tower to be placed.

Gene and Sue Dangel, Walnut Creek

Aesthetics are town's lifeline

Dear Editor,

Carmel wants and needs great cell phone coverage. We all agree about that. But do we need the 5G cell towers in our neighborhoods in order to get it?

The answer is no, because we have alternatives. The 5G towers can be put in Carmel's commercial areas only. Carmel is only 1 square mile, and we don't need 51-foot-high towers in our neighborhoods. What we have with C-band capacity is good enough for emergencies and general use. AT&T knows that and is doing a workaround instead of choosing to press Carmel for 5G towers.

However, if Verizon gets its way, AT&T and others will jump in and our town will be filled with competing towers.

Carmel residents have to fight to keep our town the gem it currently is. We can't take its charm and beauty for granted. Not only do residents appreciate what we have, but so do tourists. And tourists provide jobs and income for our community. The aesthetics of this community are its economic lifeline. Please encourage our city council to follow the lead of the planning commission and tell Verizon, "No," to invading our neighborhoods. Marina was

able to stop Verizon from moving into their neighborhoods. So can we. Interestingly, no one is talking about the possible health effects for people living near 5G towers. I suspect they don't know the answer to that concern yet. We need to know before towers are built near people's homes.

Carol Kahn, Carmel

'Unsophisticated shuckster pundits'

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to your Nov. 12 editorial, "Nobody to rely on." The gist of the piece seems to be that health officials and epidemiologists cannot agree on basic Covid stats, often change their mind, and that they therefore don't really know what they're doing and cannot be trusted. This is a dangerous and incorrect conclusion.

In the editorial, you refer to Dr. Anthony Fauci as a genius, I assume sarcastically. You then put the word "expert" in cynical quotation marks — twice. Later, you refer to (I am forced to assume) public health officials as people with "a bunch of initials after their name[s]." You throw around terms like "fickle" and "unreliable" in reference to CDC data, after comparing CDC stats for Monterey County with Monterey County's own numbers.

You then allude to the tired talking point (and logical fallacy) that experts "changing their minds" somehow fundamentally calls their qualifications or conclusions into question (though you admittedly concede evolving understandings can be "forgiven" up to a certain point).

While you make a very reasonable demand for clarification about the apparent discrepancy between two agencies' Covid averages, I am not sure you are reaching good faith, reasonable conclusions.

What is the goal of your piece? Is it to degrade the credibility of expert scientists and public health officials? Who should we listen to instead of these non-genius, non-experts? Would local policy makers be better off making masking decisions by reading graphs in The Pine Cone (with mysterious unlabeled axes, no less) in a publication that specializes in real estate listings and articles about what trees can or can't be cut down, or predatory facial cream vendors?

In another editorial, you admirably encouraged people to get vaccinated. Please understand that deliberately discrediting the very concept of experts (and the entire CDC) because of some localized statistical discrepancy can foster suspicion and doubt that discourage vaccination and encourage people to instead take advice from any putz with a podcast. Surely most shuckster pundits have a less sophisticated understanding of epidemiology than an experienced public health official like Fauci, genius or not.

Gabe Canepa, Seaside

'Smell the roses'

Dear Editor,

If there was ever any evidence that the uninformed mi-

nor functionaries at city hall feel drunk with power, one needs only look at the language used in "County to Target Unvaxxed Workers" in the Nov. 5 Pine Cone. The first paragraph says it all: "Monterey County will start taking corrective action [read: fire] against government employees who continue to disobey a county order that they get vaccinated against Covid-19."

Despite the fact that a record number (92 percent) of county employees are already vaccinated (while herd immunity occurs around 70 percent), these minions cannot stand the thought that even one of their subjects "disobeyed" their heartless and ludicrous orders.

Settle down, smell the roses (through your mask) and get a life.

Stephen Ross, Monterey

Lee was no traitor

Dear Editor,

A recent letter to The Pine Cone smugly labeled Robert E. Lee a traitor. I suppose in a world that labels outright terrorism as "peaceful protest" because of a vapid mindset, that the writer's view might be vaguely understandable. However, the American public today, many of whom are horribly pampered and privileged (totally regardless of race), have very little grasp of their national heritage and how we came to where we are today.

That lack of understanding extends to a flash card-manner image of many of our country's principal figures. Little is considered of the moral struggles that the Founding Fathers, and later men like Lee, anguished over in regards to slavery and loyalty.

Slavery was a firmly established function in almost every society on the planet up until Western Thought began to counter the concept (Britain in 1833 and France in 1848). Black tribal warfare was once a main source of captured "product" to sell to slavers, American Indians captured slaves (often targeting women) as a very accepted part of their culture. China and several Islamic states utilize massive slavery even today. Pardon my pun, but this only means that all races have "skin" in the slavery issue.

Robert E. Lee was not the one-dimensional image that many see him as today. It is not that simple. His decision to join the Confederacy caused him great anguish. This was because the concept of the national government was that it was a confederation (if you will) of states loosely joined as a nation. When Virginia (and several other colonies) joined with other original colonies to form that nation, they firmly emplaced in the agreement the right to dissolve that confederation should Virginia's needs conflict with the federal government at large. Robert E. Lee felt his primary duty was to his state, still considered sovereign in its own right. No matter one's personal views on Lee or the issues of the time, he followed his sense of primary loyalty

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guided by a legal right to secede. The Civil War settled the issue of a national primary sovereignty, but Robert E. Lee most assuredly was no traitor.

Richard S. Hellam, Seaside

'Outstanding abilities'

Dear Editor,

Our fair city has personnel on our fire and ambulance service that are outstanding in their abilities to respond in emergencies.

My husband fell recently, hitting his head on a rock in the garden. Due to prescribed blood thinners, lacerations on his head and hand were bleeding considerably. Because he couldn't get up, I called 911 for help.

The two saviors, arriving within five minutes, were David Jedinack and his partner Matthew Nitenson. They calmly attended to my husband, reassured me and suggested he be examined at CHOMP.

We are forever grateful for the expertise, efficiency, kindness and caring of these two outstanding city servants. In my opinion, not enough recognition is given to these important, highly trained and skilled professionals we depend on in emergencies.

Patricia Campbell, Carmel

The future of schools

Dear Editor,

The recent election of a Republican governor in a solidly blue state shines a light on the importance of education as a political issue. Virginia parents made it clear they want government out of their school system. Without their vote, Glenn Youngkin would not have prevailed.

Let me shine that light on the State of California: Solidly blue, with a school system once the best in the nation but is now among the worst. What happened?

Among a litany of things were the establishment of the state education department in the 1980s and the politicization of teachers' union.

As school lockdowns have made clear, teachers unions are more interested in themselves than in their responsibility to educate their student body. Why did Randi Weingarten, president American Federation of Teachers, support Terry McCauliffe for Virginia governor? Certainly not in the interest of students and their parents.

In effect, the future promises more social equity indoctrination and less time spent on the basic three R's.

It is time to re-imagine and re-energize California's public school system. Virginia has shown us the way.

Roland Martin, Carmel Valley

SOUND

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and supporting the proposal to turn "a deteriorating and essentially vacant building into a world class recording studio."

Also, he noted, "Dolores Street can be very noisy," considering the restaurants and delivery trucks.

"I am not only supportive of this, I actually think it's an improvement," he said.

Lehman was passionate in her dislike of the proposal, which she said multiple times would "destroy" the entryway.

"I think this is a travesty," she said, adding that she wished the new building owner would turn it into an art gallery or museum that would be open to the public.

"This is not advantageous to the residents of Carmel," she said.

And chair Michael LePage sided with Delves.

"I don't think what they're proposing has a significant impact on the building," he said. "You can still walk in and see it. It's not destroying the vestibule. The original architectural context is all there."

He also said the direction given by the commission in October was to "explore" putting the soundproofing inside, "and they did that."

"And their opinion, whether we agree or not, is that it's not as good a solution as what they originally proposed," he said.

Move it along

LePage noted Kort's recommendation for approval and made a motion to that effect, but it failed due to a tie vote, since commissioner Christopher Bolton was absent. The commission then voted 3-1, with Delves dissenting, to require installation of the soundproofing on the interior and forbidding almost all exterior changes.

"We're hung up on this vestibule thing, but there's a lot to this project, and for me, it's important that this project move along," LePage said in explaining his logic for supporting the new motion.

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ARTIST

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how to draw and, later, how to paint. We had two magnificent teachers, and it was a wonderful program.”

She also appreciates that her mother, at the end of each exhausting work week, gave up her Saturday mornings to take young Elizabeth into the city for her classes.

Confidence, self-esteem

The museum’s program provided invaluable boosts to her confidence and self-esteem. She found a best friend who also loved creating art and disappearing into the woods for hours at a time. And Wrightman came to realize that her drawings and paintings were worthy of notice.

“I discovered that my art was highly valued by adults who were not my aunts, my uncles, my mother or grandmother, or my teacher at school!” she said with a laugh.

After high school, Wrightman enrolled in Wooster College in Ohio, majoring in fine arts with a painting emphasis. She studied there for three years before transferring to UC Santa Barbara to complete her bachelor’s degree in 1966.

In the mid-1970s, while living in Oregon, she took a class in religious studies from Stanford graduate Paul Wrightman. They married in 1979, and have been together

since.

The couple moved back to Western Pennsylvania, where in 2000, she earned her own Master of Divinity degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

“I was a hospital chaplain in Pittsburgh, living a very structured life, working in large, cement buildings where I’d get paged to go pray with somebody who was being taken off a ventilator,” she said. “Then, when we decided to move to Carmel 12 years ago, Paul said, ‘This is your time — you’re going to paint full time from now on.’ He didn’t ask me, he told me. And that was an unbelievable gift.”

While the Rev. Paul Wrightman (also an artist) is pastor of Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula in Carmel Valley, his wife savors her new occupation.

Adhering to a schedule

“This is an opportunity I really want to honor, so I adhere very rigorously to a schedule,” said Wrightman, who devotes two weeks each month to painting, and two weeks to maintaining the property and parsonage where they live, near Carmel High.

“Becoming a full-time artist was a shocking change at first,” she said. “I’m a person who began working outside the home when I was 16 years old, and now, all of a sudden, I’m out at Point Lobos, in the fog, drawing seals.”

That change has significantly improved her well-being, physically and mentally, she said.

“I’m much more fit today — much healthier than I used to be — and I recently realized it’s because I’m a lot happier,” Wrightman said.

While painting art inspired by Irish literature seemingly would attract only a niche audience, Wrightman said she’s inexplicably selling more paintings than ever.

And surprising doors swung open.

In the spring of 2020, her painting, “Molly Bloom,” was chosen by the James Joyce Center in Dublin, Ireland, to be a part of the annual Bloomsday Festival celebrating “Ulysses.”

And in May 2021, she was commissioned by author David P. Rando to paint a cover for his book, “Hope, Form and the Future in the Work of James Joyce.”

“When I got that letter from Dublin, I thought it was a prank at first ... and then I felt like I had been knighted,” Wrightman said. “The same thing happened with David Rando. My first thought was, ‘Is this real?’”

Wrightman’s art has been featured in 15 solo exhibits since 2012. Images of Wrightman’s paintings, and additional information, can be found on her website at wouldgodmilkagoat.com.

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ART

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‘Goddesses & Warriors’

Edi Matsumoto uses her paint brush and her imagination to bring “Goddesses and Warriors” to life in a show that’s on display at the Pacific Grove Art Center through Dec. 16.

“This show is a collection of female figures from all over the world and is dedicated to all women — and the men who support them,” the artist explains. “It is a celebration of beauty, strength, wisdom, and life force. I hope you find the goddess and warrior within you and use your power to change the world around you with your love and courage.”

Also on display at the art center through mid-December is a juried show by The Central Coast Art Association, along with exhibits by painters Elizabeth Wrightman (“Who Knocked?”), Bobbie Belvel (“The Sea-Coast and Beyond”) and Monterey High School digital arts students (“Beauty Through Our Eyes”).

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

Holiday show goes online

Monterey’s Youth Arts Collective — which mentors young artists and offers them studio space — unveils its annual Holiday Art Show Friday. But due to Covid, it will

be done online. Previously, the event has drawn more than 300 people. “We still can’t risk the crowds that generally show up to our openings,” co-founder Meg Biddle said.

Biddle called the work the students have created during the pandemic “fabulous.”

“The show features all new YACster art, many from new members to our collective,” she explained. “It’s all original art, and includes paintings, pastels, drawings, collages, digital art, ceramics, and some really cool animations.”

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Please contact the Carmel Area Wastewater District office at (831) 624-1248 with any questions.





Pile driving images

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There is little that traditional or conventional about many of the pieces included the Center for Photographic Art’s annual International Juried Exhibition, which opens Saturday. Pictured here are “prints” by inventive photographer Liz Steketee.



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HISTORY

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kept him from an Army career that would have begun at West Point. Instead, he joined his parents in Denver in 1926. There, Kneass Sr. was assigned to the field artillery, and Kneass attended the University of Colorado. After graduation, he was commissioned to create a memorial chapel of carved wood and stone.

Finding Carmel

In 1933, Kneass Sr. and his wife, Carrie, decided they wanted to live near the ocean. They toured the Pacific Coast from Canada to Mexico before deciding on a home in Carmel. They bought one on Camino Real near Fourth and Kneass again joined them.

Given his talents, Kneass was welcomed into Carmel's art community. In the summer of 1935, shortly after he carved the two pieces for his father's American Legion Post, he worked with the State Emergency Relief Administration program to carve Philippine mahogany into screens for the second and third grade classrooms at Sunset

RUNNER

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ner, teammate Delilah Hero (12:15). She was the Cougars' top girls runner.

"Lila is amazing," King declared. "She would probably be No. 1 or No. 2 on Carmel High's varsity team, which is bound for the state meet."

Cross country is now cool

King, who gave a shout-out to assistant coaches Darrell Steeley and Jake Glazier, said the season went well, despite the challenges of the pandemic. One big change was that there were fewer runners at every meet. "We kept it a little smaller this year due to Covid so the starting and finishing lines wouldn't be so crowded," he explained.

The coach observed that for many kids, competing in cross country this season marked the first time they had played a sport in school since Covid began. "For a lot of them, this was the first competition they've had in anything in a year and a half," he noted.

That might partly explain why there was so much enthusiasm and improvement among those who competed in the sport, which didn't even exist at the school until King started it in 2007.

Comello's dad, who is new to the sport, said he was astonished by the support he saw for the runners.

"I've never experienced anything like this," he added. "There were so many parents cheering the kids on — the energy was incredible."

School. He also used his skill to make woodblock prints and continued to do some carving in stone. The Sept. 18, 1936, Pine Cone featured Kneass's woodblock print of a polar bear on the front page.

In October 1936, Kneass became the art instructor of the Civilian Conservation Corps camp at Fort Ord.

While visiting her daughter in Denver, Kneass's mother died in October 1937. The next year, Kneass moved out of the family home in Carmel and built a home in the less expensive art community nicknamed "Dog Island" — an area at the top of the hill in New Monterey, immediately west of the Presidio. Kneass built a modest home on Lottie Street, not far from artists Bruce Ariss, Elwood Graham and Barbara Stephenson.

While this group was slightly removed from Carmel, they were members of the Carmel Art Association, and Kneass and Ariss were among those who, in August 1938, laid the wood floor of the new gallery on Dolores Street. Also listed among floor layers was Amelie Waldo, area manager of the federal art program through the Works Progress Administration.

Waldo was a graduate of the University of Washington and had moved to Carmel about 1930 to be near her widowed mother. Waldo was briefly married and had a daughter, Nora, in 1933. In March 1939, Waldo moved next door to Kneass on Lottie Street. In 1940, she became his wife.

Fort Ord builder

As Camp Ord became Fort Ord in September 1941, Kneass was hired as carpenter foreman with the post engineers at Fort Ord. So, although he was not a veteran, he played an important role as a civilian in the development of Fort Ord as America entered World War II and even built facilities there to house prisoners of war. Kneass held that post for the rest of his life.

He also followed the example set by his father in community service. Kneass Sr., along with many of the other members of the legion, was an active leader with the Boy Scouts and also the Red Cross, while Kneass served on the board of directors of the Monterey County Mental Health

Society and the Monterey Peninsula Committee on Alcoholism.

Kneass died on Nov. 8, 1953, just eight months after his father died. Nearly 70 years later, the Kneass name is not well known in the Monterey Peninsula, but father and son touched many lives during their 20 years here.

I'm happy that Kneass' eagle gave me a reason to tell their stories.

The Kneass story also introduced me to Amelie Waldo, who later served as curator of many of Monterey's historic buildings. With the help of her daughter, Nora, I'm exploring her story for a future column.

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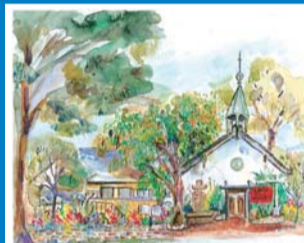
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By ELAINE HESSER

WHETHER YOU'RE approaching the end of 2021 with a sigh of relief, a round of applause, or simple gratitude for another trip around the sun, you'll likely spend a little time reflecting on the year and its events.

As you do so, you might remember times when you crossed paths with some nonprofit healthcare organizations along the way. Maybe you visited a loved one at Community Hospital, where a member of the auxiliary helped you find your way. Perhaps you know someone who benefited from Red Cross disaster relief after a fire, or you've passed a line of cars waiting for provisions from the Food Bank for Monterey County.

Whatever the reason or group, you know that we're blessed with dozens of organizations offering help to those in need on the Peninsula. We've narrowed the extensive list down to those related to healthy living, and we think the list is refrigerator-worthy — or could at least be stashed near the phone for reference.

They appreciate your support, too, so if you're looking for worthy outlets for end-of-year giving, please consider some of these groups.

Alzheimer's Association — 21 Lower Ragsdale Drive, Ste. B, Monterey, www.alz.org, 24-hour helpline (800) 272-3900. The Northern California and Northern Nevada region of the Alzheimer's Association offers services including support for caregivers and patients, advice on coronavirus precautions and tips on preparing for power outages if you have an Alzheimer's patient at home.

American Red Cross — Eighth at Dolores, redcross.org/local/california/northern-california-coastal/about-us/locations/central-coast.html, (831) 624-6921. The Central Coast chapter of the American Red Cross serves more than 770,000 people in Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz

counties. It provides disaster relief and helps military service members far from home to communicate with family members in an emergency. And of course, the group is still happy to take your blood, platelets or plasma — find out when and where at redcrossblood.org/give.

Blind & Visually Impaired Center of Monterey County, Inc. — 225 Laurel Ave., Pacific Grove, blindandlowvision.org, (831) 649-3505. Losing eyesight is frightening, but this group does what it can to ease the transition. Orientation and mobility instruction can help people maintain their independence, and a vision rehabilitation and education specialist is ready to provide assistance with figuring out stuff like how to insert a plug into a socket or get toothpaste onto a toothbrush. Assistive technology and devices and many other services are available, too.

Carmel Foundation — Eighth & Lincoln, carmelfoundation.org, (831) 624-1588. Social isolation is a mental health problem that can worsen many physical conditions. The Foundation offers classes, support group and other opportunities to mingle, as well as homebound meal delivery, and mobility equipment loans as well as assistance with in-home support services.

Central Coast VNA and Hospice — 5 Lower Ragsdale Drive, Monterey, ccvna.com, (831) 298-5642. Celebrating 75 years, this organization offers a surprising range of home healthcare services, including occupational therapy and speech therapy, and hospice care in a variety of settings. Flu and travel vaccine clinics are available, as are CPR classes, and the organization also offers school nursing assistance to districts that need it.

Christ Child Society of Monterey Bay — P.O. Box 22764, Carmel, christchildmontereybay.org, (206) 949-2944. Since its inception in 2016, this group has grown



Montage volunteer Bonnie Lorraine and a coworker greet customers at CHOMP's gift shop.

significantly. The Christ Child Society holds an annual Shower of Love at Carmel Mission, collecting and hand-knitting items to make welcoming bundles for infants who are born into poverty or other difficult situations. It also promotes early childhood literacy, and has partnered with Carmel Unified School District, Natividad

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Philip Geiger steps into new role at the Alzheimer's Association

By ELAINE HESSER

THE ALZHEIMER Association's new regional director, Philip Geiger, is a familiar face in Monterey County. From March 2017 until April this year, he was director of outreach for Hospice Giving Foundation, and before that, he spent more than four years as development director at Legal Services for Seniors, headquartered in Seaside.

Geiger's new job is a mouthful — he's the regional director for Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito counties, within the Alzheimer's Association's Northern California and Northern Nevada chapter. It's a big job.



Philip Geiger

"I've never been part of something like this," he said. "I was amazed at the scope and range of activities we've provided" to patients and their caregivers. He succeeded Norah Payton, who he knew from his previous jobs. "When she retired, she told me, 'It's your turn now,'" Geiger said.

As he talks about his position, Geiger jumps from topic to topic, and his enthusiasm never wavers.

"We have all these amazing, incredible things that nobody knows about until they need it or are looking for it, like a 24/7 helpline."

He explained that even in the wee hours of the morning, anxious people who have Alzheimer's, their loved ones and caregivers, can reach a live person to discuss their concerns. "People use it at 2 a.m. They say, 'I just couldn't hold it in,' or they have questions," that can't wait.

"Help is available in more than 140 languages," he said. That includes a few languages spoken by indigenous people in the Salinas Valley, thanks to a partnership with Natividad Medical Foundation.

Other services — all provided at no charge — include support groups and "education done by the top professionals in the nation" on topics like brain health, or how to

have conversations about dementia with loved ones. Emergency respite care is available, along with access to locator devices that can be worn on Alzheimer's patients' clothing.

Early detection

Most recently, the group's resources have focused on responding to the pandemic. Lockdowns and distancing have increased the incidence of one risk factor for Alzheimer's — social isolation. They've also made it tougher on caregivers, who have had to isolate themselves to protect the people they assist.

The introduction of Aduhelm, the first new drug approved for Alzheimer's treatment since 2003, and the first to treat physiological changes to the brain, has triggered a lot of discussions and questions. Since it's only approved for use in the disease's early stages, Geiger said, "The biggest challenge has been raising the awareness of the importance of early detection and diagnosis." He added, "If people know sooner, they can make decisions and prepare while they're still able to participate. This needs to be something people talk about."

He wants to increase collaboration with other groups, too. "I love this area. People are so philanthropically minded. One nonprofit by itself can't do everything, but we can partner with each other and do a lot more together."

Geiger also has kind words for his colleagues. "I get to interact with people who've been with the organization for 10, 12 or more years. The dedication and passion of these people is incredible."

Hopes to see cure

The October Walk to End Alzheimer's in Monterey County was held as a "walk from home due to Covid safety concerns," Geiger said. Participants — all 288 of them including 68 teams — raised \$94,296. He and Lisa Crawford Watson (who writes Sandy Claws and other articles



Team Total Recall completed its virtual Walk to End Alzheimer's at Carmel Beach.

for The Pine Cone) were the captains of team Total Recall, raising \$6,020 in honor of Watson's mother, who died of Alzheimer's Disease.

Anyone wishing to donate to this year's walk can still do so at act.alz.org by clicking on the Walk to End Alzheimer's link and entering zip code 93940 to navigate to the page for the Monterey event.

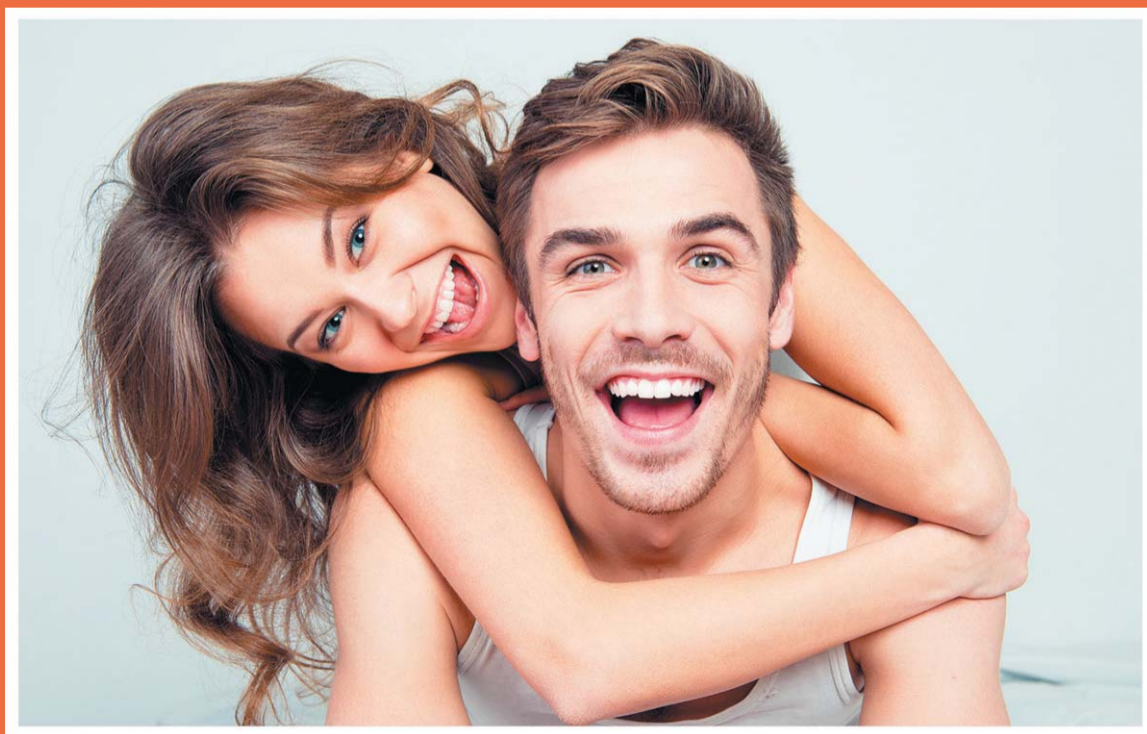
Geiger said he wants to support lesbians, gay men, transgender people and others in other nontraditional families who are dealing with the disease. He explained that many still face increased social isolation, and some may lack support from their relatives.

Additionally, the organization supports significant amounts of research into Alzheimer's disease. "I learn so much every day," Geiger said. "With all the research and science, I feel like I could be on the team when we find a cure."

And as the group is fond of pointing out, it firmly believes that the first survivor of Alzheimer's disease is out there right now, so perhaps Geiger will get his wish.

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Medical Center and many other local organizations in its efforts.

Coastal Kids Home Care — 427 Pajaro St., Salinas, coastalkidshomecare.org, (800) 214-5439. This organization quietly provides in-home pediatric healthcare for 650 children annually, offering its services in Monterey, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara and San Benito counties. According to its website, its services include helping kids who are recovering from illness or injury, and palliative care including pain and symptom management for youngsters facing complex or potentially life-ending situations.

Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula — Montage Health Foundation, 40 Ryan Court, Ste. 200, Monterey, montagehealth.org/support/foundation, (831) 658-3630; Auxiliary, 23625 Holman Highway, Monterey, montagehealth.org/support/volunteer/auxiliary, (831) 625-4555. According to its website, the Foundation's purpose is simple — "bringing hope and better health to Monterey County." The auxiliary's volunteers include adults and teens aged 14 to 18. You'll find them at the reception desk, serving food at the Fountain Court Café and selling gifts to brighten patients' days. And that's just for starters. If you'd like to join them, you can fill out an application online from the comfort of your living room.

Community Human Services — 2560 Garden Road, Ste. 201, Monterey, chservices.org, (831) 658-3811. "Hope. Help. Here." That's the motto of CHS, which provides services including mental health, substance abuse and homeless outreach to Monterey County residents. It operates inpatient and outpatient services for addiction treatment and recovery, too.

Compassion Pregnancy Center — 640 Cass St., Monterey, montereycpc.com, (831) 373-8535. An unexpected pregnancy can upend a woman's life. CPC offers free pregnancy testing to confirm the results of



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home tests, and for a woman who chooses to have her child, the group offers support services, referrals and counseling, as well as information on adoption. It does not provide abortion services or referrals.

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Service Center — Central Coast Outreach office, 36 Quail Run Circle, Unit 100-T, Salinas, dhsc.org, (831) 240-4020 (voice). You probably take everyday conversations for granted. For those who can't hear, however, the Deaf & Hard of Hearing Service Center offers instruction in independent living skills, help with phone calls, assistive phone devices and ASL interpretation.

Door to Hope — 130 W. Gabilan St., Salinas, doortohope.org, (831) 758-0181. Door to Hope offers short-term and residential treatment options for men, women and youth who want to overcome their addictions. Other offerings include Pathways to Safety, an early intervention program to help families address problems before they result in a call to Child Protective Services.

Dorothy's Place — 30 Soledad St., Salinas, dorothysplace.org, (831) 757-3838.

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Dorothy's Place and its kitchen have been helping the homeless there since 1982. Operated by the Franciscan Workers of Junipero Serra, the center provides restrooms, showers and laundry facilities as well as ways for homeless people to find long-term housing.

Food Bank for Monterey County — 353 Rossi St., Salinas, foodbankformontereycounty.org, (831) 758-1523. The "Covid-19 pandemic has hit our commu-

nity hard," said the Food Bank, which reports it is serving 60,000 Monterey County families monthly at drive-up sites. Its 5-Acre Farm and Kid's Food Fix initiative hopes to "teach students in the Salinas Valley the value of nourishment, stewardship and community." The farm, designed by Studio Schicketanz, will give students experiential learning opportunities to connect to the source of their food.

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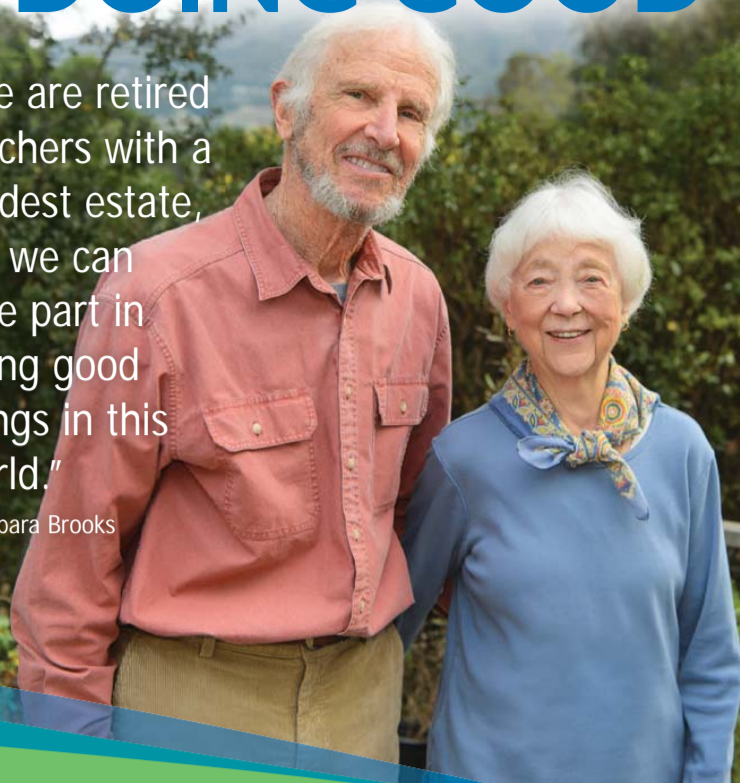
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THE KITCHEN

Leftover makeover season

By SALLY BAHO

'TIS THE season for turkey, mashed potatoes and cranberry sauce — and for days! Healthy Lifestyles suggests two recipes to use up your leftovers from these dishes, without a side of guilt.

First up, a roasted turkey salad with walnut-cranberry dressing from Chef Juan Ponce from the Old Fisherman's Grotto in

Monterey.

When making the dressing, we recommend tasting before adding the brown sugar to the blender — if your cranberry sauce is very sweet, the whole amount might not be necessary. You can also decrease the amount of oil, if you prefer a more tart dressing.

ROASTED TURKEY SALAD

Chef Juan Ponce, Old Fisherman's Grotto

Serves 6

Salad or wrap filling

- 1 bag (5 ounces) mixed greens
- 1 romaine heart, chopped
- 1/2 cup toasted pepitas (pumpkin seeds)
- 1 1/2 cup persimmons, peeled and diced in 1" cubes
- 1 cup dried cranberries
- 1 cup crumbled feta cheese (regular or low-fat)
- 1/2 small red onion, thinly sliced
- 2 cups roasted turkey (no skin), chopped in 1-inch cubes

Malt vinegar and walnut-cranberry dressing

- 1/4 cup walnuts
- 1/2 cup malt vinegar
- 2 tablespoons cranberry sauce
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar

For the salad

In a large bowl, combine the mixed greens, romaine lettuce, red onion, 1 cup of the persimmons, 1/2 cup of the cranberries, 1/2 cup pepitas, and turkey cubes. Toss with the dressing, recipe below.

For the dressing

Toast the walnuts in a 350° oven for five minutes and allow to cool completely. In a blender, combine the malt vinegar, walnuts, cranberry sauce, salt, mustard and sugar. Blend until smooth, then add the oil slowly with the blender running to finish.

To serve:

Divide the tossed salad onto six plates and top with feta cheese and the remaining cranberries, persimmons and pepitas.

Ponce also suggested putting the salad into sandwich wraps or on bread, using a little cranberry sauce as a spread and adding alfalfa sprouts or avocado.



Longtime local chef Brandon Miller contributed a colorful salad with a different flavor profile, featuring beets and oranges. If you don't make beets for Turkey

Day, you can roast a pound in foil or even buy them pre-cooked in the produce section of most large grocery stores. The fresh orange juice for the dressing is a must.

TURKEY SALAD WITH BEETS AND ORANGES

Courtesy of Chef Brandon Miller

Salad

- 12 ounces thinly sliced leftover turkey
- 1 pound sliced roasted beets
- 2 Valencia oranges, peeled and
- 12 fresh tarragon leaves
- Sweet chili flakes to taste

Vinaigrette

- 1/4 cup cranberry sauce
- 1/4 cup fresh orange juice
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 3/4 cup pure olive oil
- 2 tablespoons sour cream (optional)
- 1 tablespoon horseradish (optional)
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Extra-virgin olive oil for drizzling

In a blender, combine the cranberry sauce with orange and lemon juices. On medium speed, gradually pour in the pure olive oil until thoroughly blended. Add sour cream and horseradish if desired. Season with salt and pepper to taste.



Arrange turkey slices, oranges and beets on a platter. Drizzle with vinaigrette and extra-virgin olive oil to taste. Season with salt, pepper and sweet chili flakes.

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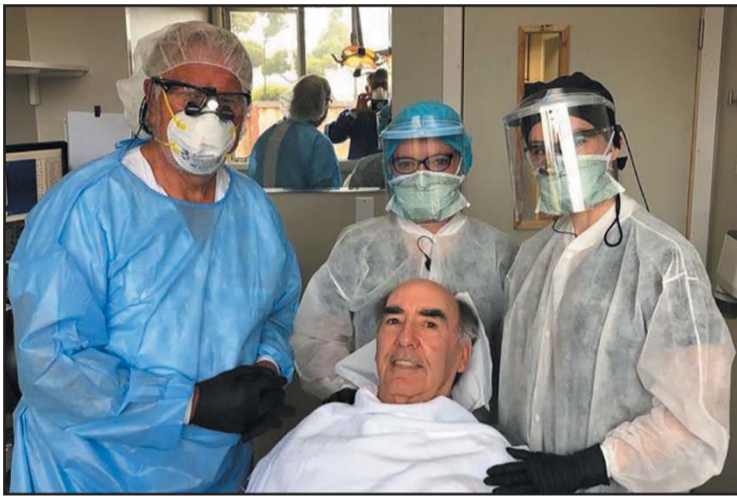
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Congress Ave., Pacific Grove, gateway-center.org, (831) 372-8002. Gateway Center has been providing services to adults with developmental disabilities for over half a century. It provides more than 60 clients — many of whom have been with the agency for years — services including residential care, assistance for those who live with families or on their own, an adult development center and more.

Hope Services — 1144 Fremont Blvd., Ste. D, Seaside, hopeservices.org, (831)393-1575. This organization provides assistance to children, adults and seniors with developmental disabilities (such as autism, epilepsy and cerebral palsy), including mental health counseling, job training and leisure activities.

Hospice Giving Foundation — 80 Garden Court, Ste. 201, Monterey, hospicegiving.org, (831) 333-9023. The foundation was established in 1997, “to provide leadership and resources to ensure exceptional end-of-life care is available to all people across Monterey and San Benito counties.” It provides support for nonprofit groups like VNA & Hospice, as well as educational programs.

Interim, Inc. — P.O. Box 3222, Monterey, interiminc.org, (831) 649-4522. Interim provides “services and affordable housing supporting members of our community with mental illness in building productive and satisfying lives.” In addition to 12 sites for housing and treatment in Salinas, the group has five each in Monterey and Marina, plus 22 more scattered throughout the county.

ITN Monterey County — 951 D Blanco Circle, Salinas, itmmontereycounty.org, (831) 233-3447. For so many people, driving is at the heart of independent living. But when someone loses that ability because of age-related difficulties or vision problems, ITN is there to help. Available 24/7 the organization provides private

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Kernes Adaptive Aquatics/Josephine Kernes Pool — 15 Portola Ave., Monterey, kernespool.org, (831) 372-1240. This cheerful indoor pool just off Casa Verde Way offers kids, adults and seniors an opportunity to exercise in warm water, regardless of their ability to pay. It helps with physical therapy, improving motor skills and dealing with chronic conditions.

Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula — 700 Jewell Ave., Pacific Grove, mowmp.org, (831) 375-4454. For nearly 50 years, Meals on Wheels has been providing food and human contact to local shut-ins. In addition to Monday through Friday deliveries, it offers low-cost lunches at the community center on Jewell, often with entertainment. The center is home to a variety of fun and interesting activities and classes each week, too.

Monterey Bay Veterans — P.O. Box 481, Monterey, mbv.org, (831) 901-0217. With a focus on providing activities for wounded warriors, Monterey Bay Veterans offers fishing cruises designed for people with limited mobility, including those in wheelchairs. It also provides accessible shuttle services at many local events.

Monterey Rape Crisis Center — P.O. Box 2630, Monterey, mtryapecrisis.org, (831) 373-3955 (office) or (831) 375-4357 (24-hour helpline). Survivors of sexual assault have relied on the rape crisis center since it opened in 1973 for help with a variety of issues, including healthcare and counseling. The center also provides trained volunteers to accompany people who decide to report their assaults to police, or to undergo forensic examinations.

Natividad Foundation — P.O. Box 4427, Salinas, natividadfoundation.org, (831) 755-4187. As part of its partnership with taxpayer-funded Natividad Hospital,

the foundation supports programs including indigenous interpreting services, trauma and diabetes prevention education and spiritual care through hospital chaplains.

Planned Parenthood — 625 Hilby Ave., Seaside, plannedparenthood.org, (831) 394-1691. Although it’s perhaps best known for dispensing birth control and providing abortions, Planned Parenthood also helps men with issues like infertility, cancer and sexual dysfunction, and people of all genders with sexually transmitted diseases. It provides pregnancy testing and services, as well as assistance for LGBT patients “which may include hormone therapy for transgender patients,” according to its website.

Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare Foundation — 60 W. Market St., Ste. 250, Salinas, svmh.com/salinas-valley-memorial-hospital-foundation, (831) 759-1880. Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare Foundation celebrating its 65th anniversary in 2018, and has supported not only the hospital, but the Nancy Ausonio Mammography Center and the Taylor Farms Family Health and Wellness Center, which provides services to patients in Gonzales and throughout the Salinas Valley.

Suicide Prevention Service/Family Service Agency of the Central Coast — 2901 Park Ave., Ste. A3, Soquel, fsa-cc.org, (831) 346-6767 (office), (877) 663-5433 (24-hour crisis line). Serving Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito counties with a variety of services, the Family Service Agency of the Central Coast offers a range of suicide prevention services, including a 24-hour hotline, an exhaustive list of warning signs, and information about support groups for those who have lost someone to suicide.

Veterans Transition Center of Monterey County — 220 12th St., Martinez Hall, Marina, vtcmonterey.org, (831) 883-8387. Located in the building where soldiers once signed in upon arrival at the old Fort Ord, the Veterans Transition Center now



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cares for those who served, assisting them with obtaining benefits and compensation, housing, transportation, education, training, employment and medical help.

YMCA of the Monterey Peninsula — 600 Camino El Estero, Monterey, centralcoastymca.org, (831) 373-4167. Part of the Central Coast YMCA, the Monterey location offers ways to get exercise, camps for kids and the Excel Beyond the Bell program, which provides outside-of-school enrichment activities, character development, fitness and, coming soon, homework help.

YWCA, Monterey County — 11 Quail Run Circle, Salinas, ywcamc.org, (831) 422-8602 (office), (831) 372-6300 (24/7 crisis line). The Y deals with some serious stuff these days — domestic abuse and human trafficking, for example — as well as immigration services for survivors of those crimes. Mental health services are also available, and the group offers youth, education and advocacy programs to help prevent abuse and help teens understand how to integrate safety into personal relationships and dating.

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Temptations keep the Motown magic alive, play show in Monterey

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Known for their heavenly harmonies and slick dance moves, the Temptations had an impressive run of success-

Beg,” a Broadway show about the Temptations. “Motown moved the needle in music culture, and we were blessed enough to be a major part of that beloved and iconic sound.”

Group had 14 No. 1 hits

The group’s music has stood the test of time. Four of their songs have hit No. 1 on the pop charts — and 14 have reached the top spot on the R&B charts.

“People still want to hear ‘My Girl,’ ‘Just My Imagination,’ ‘Papa Was a Rollin’ Stone,’ ‘I Wish It Would Rain’ and others, every time we are on stage,” said Williams, who turned 80 last month. “These songs have become beloved classics.”

The Temptations play two shows in California this week before their tour moves back east. The group last played at Golden State in 2014.

“We love what we do, and we love seeing the smiles

on our fans’ faces when we are on tour,” Williams added. “We can’t wait to see our fans in Monterey and in Napa, especially after having been off the road so long due to the lockdown last year.”

While the Temptations are best known for songs that came out decades ago, they’re still making new music, too. The group recently released its latest single, “Is It Gonna Be Yes or No,” which was written by Smokey Robinson, who penned “My Girl” 56 years ago.

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On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

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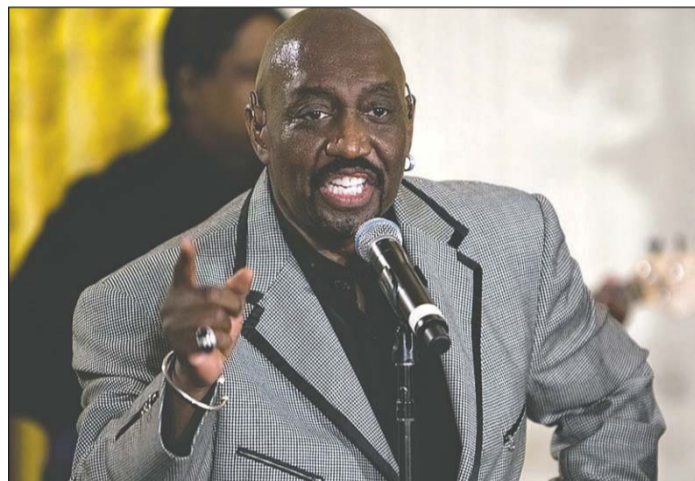
Aside from Otis Williams, all of its original members passed away long ago, but a new generation of performers has teamed up with Williams, who is leading the Temptations into their seventh decade — and just about everybody still loves the group’s music.

Even Williams said he’s astonished by the Temptations’ enduring success, which includes three Grammy Awards.

“When we started out in 1961, I never could have imagined we’d still be performing today,” the singer told The Pine Cone. “I’m like a little kid in a toy store when I see how much audiences still love to see us perform, especially when I see that love and appreciation passed on to a second and third generation in the same family. It’s a mind-blowing experience.”

The Temptations were one of the most acclaimed of all Motown acts, sharing the spotlight with Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, Diana Ross and other luminaries from “Hitsville USA.” Relying on a talented pool of songwriters and studio musicians, the record company created an assembly line of hit singles.

“We were part of that Motown movement that took the country by storm,” said Williams, who was in New York City last month for the reopening of “Ain’t Too Proud To



The last of the original Temptations, singer Otis Williams (left) has been with the legendary vocal group since 1961. During its heyday, the group had 14 No. 1 r&b hits. Recently, they came out with a new single written by Smokey Robinson, who also penned “My Girl.”



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AFTER MORE than four decades owning Anton & Michel restaurant on Mission Street, Tony Salameh said this week he's selling the restaurant to Loie Nimri, who came to work for him in February after several years lending a hand in cousin Faisal Nimri's establishments, Dametra, Catch and Porta Bella.

"After 42 years in business, it is time for me to wind down," Salameh told The Pine Cone. Nimri, "who has been working for me and doing a fabulous job," will buy 50 percent of the restaurant, with Salameh retaining the other half until the end of next year.

"And that's — hopefully — when I will be retired," he said.

No big changes

Nimri will be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the restaurant, taking over from longtime manager Bert Simpson, who will stay on as a consultant. "There are no plans to change the concept of Anton & Michel, and all the staff that we currently have will remain in place," Salameh added.

During his years at the helm of Anton & Michel, the restaurant became a special occasion favorite not only for its elegant French cuisine and refined atmosphere, but for its expansive windows looking out on a colorful fountain. Salameh, who in 2019 was named a Community Champion by the Carmel Chamber of Commerce for his contributions to the city, arrived on the Monterey Peninsula in 1973 at the behest of longtime friend Csaba Ajan, who died in April.

Ajan had been hired to manage Quail Lodge and recruited Salameh to help open its restaurant, The Covey. Salameh left the resort in 1980 to open Anton & Michel and subsequently owned several other restaurants, including Merlot Bistro and Porta Bella, with Ajan and their other partner, the late Ted Leidig. Salameh later downsized, selling those spots, as

well as the Grill on Ocean, but he retained Anton & Michel.

'Bittersweet'

The sale is set to take place Jan. 1, 2022, according to Salameh, who described handing his longtime business over to someone else as "bittersweet." Holding onto half of

Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

it for another year will keep him from having to let go immediately.

"I was 28 when I opened the restaurant, and now I'm 70," he said. "It wasn't an easy decision, because business is great, but the staffing shortage has taken a toll on our industry."

Before the pandemic, Anton & Michel had 40 employees, he said. Now, fewer than 30 people work there.

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More than 40 years after opening Anton & Michel, Tony Salameh is selling it so he can retire. Loie Nimri, who has been working there, will become the new owner.



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Thanksgiving options

After last year's muted holiday celebrations, local restaurants are ready to welcome guests back to their Thanksgiving feasts — but plenty are offering to-go options, too. Either way, anyone who doesn't want to cook and clean but still wants to eat will have myriad means of accomplishing that worthy goal.

Italians

With Jason Balestrieri back in the kitchen as executive chef, Cantinetta Luca on Dolores south of Ocean has full meals available, including turkey, sides and tarts, for \$160 for four people or \$320 for eight. This year's lineup includes Diesel turkey and giblet gravy, tricolore salad, sausage and chestnut dressing, Yukon Gold potato purée, wood-oven-roasted Brussels sprouts, green beans with almonds, freshly

baked Parker House rolls and spiced pumpkin tart.

All orders must be placed online by 5 p.m. Nov. 22, with pickup on Thanksgiving day between noon and 3 p.m. Call (831) 625-6500 for information and visit cantinetaluca.com.

At Il Fornaio in the Pine Inn at Monte Verde and Ocean, guests can eat in or get their Thanksgiving meals to go. For \$52 for adults and \$20 for kids 12 and under, the feast includes butternut squash and potato soup with sage and onions, winter greens salad with toasted walnuts and grapes in Champagne vinaigrette, freshly baked bread, and roasted turkey breast with stuffing, cranberry sauce, gravy, mashed potatoes, baked yams and haricots verts. And for dessert, pumpkin pie with vanilla ice cream and caramel sauce. For reservations, go to ilfornaio.com/location/il-fornaio-carmel.

The entire meal is available to go at the same price by ordering at ilfornaio.com/order-online. Everything can be picked up Nov. 24 between noon and 9 p.m. or on Thanksgiving between noon and 3 p.m.

On the edge

The Highlands Inn off Highway 1 south of Carmel has reopened Pacific's Edge restaurant and will host a midday holiday meal Nov. 25, affording guests a bit of comfort food paired with spectacular coastal views. Following its regular breakfast service from 7 to 10 a.m., Pacific's Edge will offer a four-course prix fixe from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for \$65 per person, not including tax and tip.

The lineup includes butternut squash soup, roasted beets and berries salad with cashew cheese, and roasted turkey and smoked

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ham with mashed potatoes, haricots verts, brioche stuffing, cranberry coulis and gravy. Dessert will be a choice of pumpkin or pecan pie. Reservations can be made through Open Table. The restaurant is located in the hotel at 120 Highlands Drive.

At Estéban

The restaurant in the Casa Munras hotel will serve a special Turkey Day menu from 3 to 8 p.m. as well as sell it to go, as long as orders are placed by 5 p.m. Nov. 22 and picked up on Nov. 25 between 1 and 6 p.m.

The three-course dinner starts with winter squash bisque or warm spinach salad, followed by herb-roasted Diestel turkey with cranberry relish and pan gibleto gravy, whipped buttermilk Yukon Gold potatoes, roasted root vegetables, Spanish chorizo and pear sourdough stuffing, and dinner rolls. Dessert choices are caramel apple pie or classic pumpkin pie. A turkey plate without the sides is also available for dine-in customers.

The cost to eat in is \$56 per person, while takeout is \$52. Go to hotelcasamunras.com/dining. The hotel and restaurant are located at 700 Munras Ave. in Monterey.

Seafood themed

Hankering for something other than traditional turkey and sides? Wild Fish on Lighthouse in Pacific Grove is serving an alternative four-course dinner from 1:30 to 8 p.m. for \$75 per person, not including tax and tip.

First-course options include Hog Island oysters and mignonette, smoked sablefish with pickled mushrooms, or sautéed wild mushrooms, followed by a choice of smoked mushroom soup or roasted beet and persimmon salad with buttermilk ricotta. For the main course, guests can select either roasted whole Monterey rockfish with fingerling potatoes and Brussels sprouts, black cod with brown butter, sautéed chanterelles, Brussels sprouts and kabocha purée, or stuffed squash with herb and lemon zest risotto, Brussels sprouts and toasted pecans, and celeriac purée. Dessert will be heirloom apple and pumpkin pie or chocolate chestnut cake, all served with cardamom ice cream. For more information or reservations, go to wild-fish.com or call (831) 373-8523.

Jacks and Peter B's

The two restaurants in the Portola Hotel — Jacks Monterey and Peter B's Brewpub — will offer holiday menus, too. Both spots will be open from noon to 8 p.m.



Jacks Monterey in the Portola Hotel is offering a full Thanksgiving menu that can be enjoyed in its airy dining area or at the nearby bar.

The lineup at Jacks will feature red and golden beet salad, turkey and gravy with traditional sides, and a slice of pecan or pumpkin pie for \$55 per person, plus tax and tip. Reservations are required. Call (831) 649-7830.

Peter B's, on the other hand, will take only walk-ins and will serve a traditional Thanksgiving plate for \$29 that includes all the usual items. Happy Hour will still be honored from 4 to 6 p.m., too, and of course all the TVs will be showing football. In addition, anyone who wants a plate to go can order by calling (831) 649-2699.

More information can be found at portolahotel.com. The hotel is located at the foot of Alvarado Street in Monterey.

Or lend a hand

Interim, the nonprofit that provides affordable housing, residential treatment, social support, homeless outreach and support, family outreach, and education and employment services for adults with serious mental illnesses, needs volunteers to help pick up and deliver holiday meals.

The dinners will be packaged and ready for pickup at Tarp's on Highway 68 at Canyon del Rey Nov. 24 for delivery to Interim sites in Monterey, Salinas and Marina, where they will be portioned out into individual containers for clients to pick up. Volunteers may need to plan on two or three hours of time to deliver and portion the meals. The food and labor being donated by Markon Cooperative and Coastal Roots Hospitality will allow an estimated 400 people to enjoy some holiday feasting. To help, call (831) 649-4522 ext. 201. To learn more about the organization, go to interiminc.org.

Shopping and wreaths at Folktale

The Provisions Shop at Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley will host a night of shopping, tasting and custom wreath making Dec. 2 from 4 to 6 p.m. Lezlie Johnson will be designing specialty holiday wreaths made to order while guests browse the shop and enjoy complimentary bites and Folktale wine.

The winery is located at 8940 Carmel Valley Road. E-mail tdemakopoulos@folktalegroup.com for more information.

Grasing's wine dinner

Beloved chef Cal Stamenov will host his first wine dinner as the new executive chef at Grasing's Dec. 6, pairing five courses with wines from Kimsey Vineyard, which is located in the Ballard Canyon area of Santa Barbara. Celebrated winemaker Matt Dees crafts Rhone-style red and white wines for Kimsey.

Stamenov's menu features courses of chilled Maine lobster salad with black truffle vinaigrette paired with grenache rosé, bluefin tuna with Serrano ham and persimmon served with a white blend, grilled huckleberry quail with goat cheese polenta paired with grenache, roasted venison with apple and bacon served with 2016 syrah, and a selection of cheeses to nibble alongside 2013 syrah.

Reservations are available between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. Dinner costs \$150 per person, including tax and tip. To reserve, go to form.jotform.com/213014610873144. For more about the restaurant, visit grasings.com.



Chef/owner Kurt Grasing (left) and executive chef Cal Stamenov are collaborating on their first wine dinner together since Stamenov joined the Grasing's team in September.

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Monterey County Pops! presents its 5th annual fundraising auction, which is being done online — and ends Saturday.

While Covid has made its performances less frequent, the all-volunteer orchestra played for more than 1,000 people July 4 in Devendorf Park.

The group also created a virtual program for 4,000 elementary school students, based on “Peter and the Wolf,” and created educational programs for middle and high school students, too.

The auction includes an enticing mix of items, including hotel stays, golf packages, jewelry, art, wine, a private wine tasting tour for six, stargazing and snowshoeing adventures, and a pops concert at a site of your choosing.

To bid on items, visit montereycountypops.org.

■ Church hosts string group

Led by musical director **Dave Dally**, The **Monterey Peninsula College String Ensemble** presents a concert Monday at the First Presbyterian Church of Monterey.

Accompanied by organist **Eun Ha Chung**, the 24-piece string group will play Anton Bruckner’s “Prelude and Fugue in D Minor,” **Ottorino Respighi**’s “Suite in G Major,” and Arthur Foote’s “Suite in E Major.”

Tickets, which will only be available at the door, are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students. Masks are required. The church is located at 501 El Dorado St.

■ Live music Nov. 19-25

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 — **Michael Culver** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Johan**

Sotelo (Saturday at noon) multi-instrumentalist **Gary Regina** (jazz and pop, Sunday at noon and Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.) and singer and pianist **Scott Slaughter** (pop and jazz, Wednesday 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.

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Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **John Vicino** (Friday at 3 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Lindsay Wall** (Saturday at 3 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Johan Sotelo** (Sunday at 3 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road, (831) 293-7500.

Gusto Pasta and Pizza in Seaside — singer **Miranda Perl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz, Tuesday at 5:30

p.m.). 1901 Fremont Blvd., (831) 899-5825.

Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel — singer and guitarist **Steven Shook** (Friday at 6 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Kip Allert** (Saturday 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.

Intercontinental Hotel in Monterey — guitarist **Richard DeVinck** (classical, Friday at 6 p.m.) and guitarist **John Sherry** (rock, folk and blues, Saturday at 6 p.m.). In the C Restaurant, 750 Cannery Row.

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

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — singer **Haley Jane** (rock, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Ace de la Vergne** (Saturday at 6 p.m.) and singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (blues and rock Sunday at 6 p.m.) In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.

Lucy's On Lighthouse in Pacific Grove — **The Chuck Brewer Band** (rock and blues, Sunday at 2 p.m.). 1120 Lighthouse Ave., (831) 920-2006.

Midici Pizza in Monterey — singer **Janice Perl** and pianist **Martan Mann** (jazz, Sunday at 5 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 **Scott Brown** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.) singer and guitarist **Steven Shook** (Saturday at 6 p.m.) and multi-instrumentalist **Gary Meek** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

Pearl Hour in Monterey — **Songs Hotbox Harry Taught Us** (Friday at 9 p.m.). 214 Lighthouse Ave.

Rio Grill — singer and guitarist **Johan Sotelo** (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.

The Salty Seal Pub in Monterey — **Rogue Roosters** (rock and blues, Friday and Sunday at 8 p.m.) and **Victory Lane** (rock, Saturday at 8 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.

Sly McFly's in Monterey — **Samba Da** (world music, Friday at 9 p.m.), **The Bridget Marie Band** (rock, soul and funk, Saturday at 9 p.m.) and **The Stingrays** (rock, Sunday at 8:30 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row, (831) 649-8050.

Tarpy's in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Zack Freitas** (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (Saturday at noon) and singer and guitarist **Johan Sotelo** (Sunday at noon). 2999 Highway 68, (831) 647-1444.

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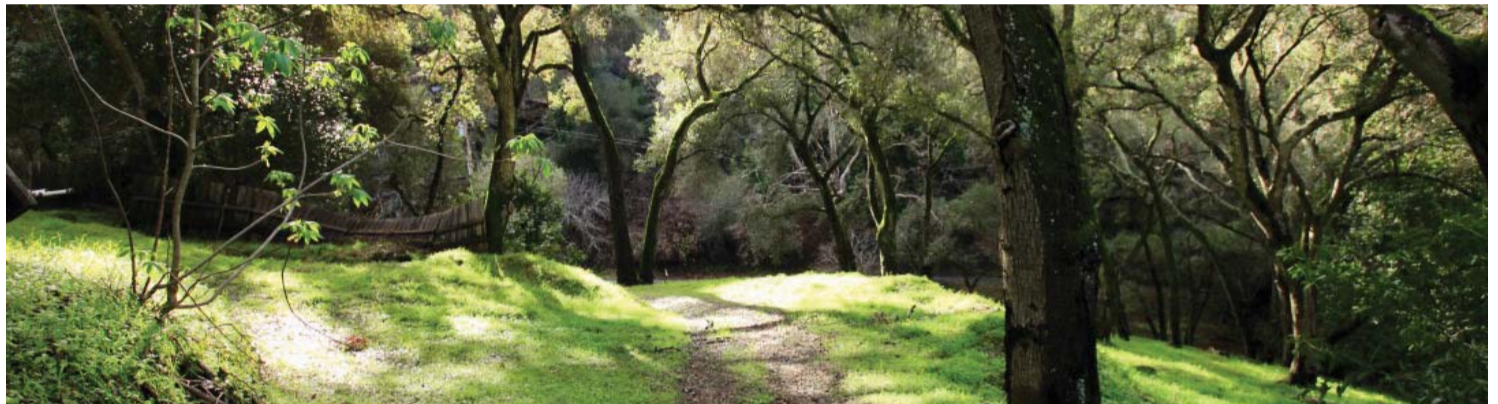
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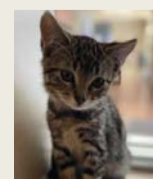
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MY FIRST Thanksgiving away from the comforting comestibles of my mother's table was a good lesson in diplomacy. You get used to certain tastes and flavors after savoring 20 years of your mother's cooking. I had fled the nest, married a girl not from my hometown and was living in her town. For our first Turkey Day, her parents lived two blocks away, mine lived 200 miles away. Guess where we ate?

She was one of seven children, so it was a full house. Fortunately, five of the seven were girls, so there was plenty of help. I was the only person allowed in the kitchen whose pronouns were not "she/her." My in-laws had already witnessed my prowess with a potato masher. In my powerful right hand, it was a lethal weapon. No electric hand mixer for me. I could take a large pot of lumpy tubers and whip them into a creamy smooth glacé with a minimum of added butter and milk. They were so light and fluffy they defied gravity — but surrendered to gravy.

Job well done

The meal at my in-laws was fine. The traditional dishes were the same as my mother served, but just a little off. The main discrepancies were in the gravy and the dressing. Sometimes it's the color. It is amazing how color can signal how some foods will taste. Think of going to a hardware store to buy wood stain. The differences between the cans of English Oak, Harvest Gold, and Orange Ginger are subtle, but spread them on furniture and the subtleties disappear. I can take one look at restaurant red sauce and tell by the color whether or not it deserves the appellation: Italian. Mom's gravy was so turkey-licious that a gravy boat became a ship of state.

My father-in-law supervised a team of professional truck mechanics. He liked a job well done. He liked meat that way, too. So my mother-in-law cooked things the way her husband liked them. Her entrées lacked enthusiasm, but her chocolate pie was blue-ribbon. Diplomacy entailed delivering just enough compliments about the food to qualify for seconds on pie.

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

My mother's turkey stuffing was simple. It had no apples, English walnuts, chestnuts, hazelnuts, whole wheat, corn bread, dried fruit or oysters. Basically, it was sage flavored stuffing mix, sage flavored sausage, onions, celery, and chicken broth. Sometimes she slipped in finely chopped bacon and semi-spicy Italian sausage. I became the keeper of mom's dressing recipe, passing it on to cousins, nieces, and nephews.

One year, my favorite nephew — who was single, had Tom Cruise good looks, was into sports and lived in a perpetual lite-beer commercial — asked me for the recipe and directions to make it. I knew I had to explain things in sports metaphors that he could understand. He had signaled his culinary expertise when he asked whether or not to defrost the bird before cooking it.

He said shopping for the ingredients would be no problem. Then he asked how big the onions should be. My reply? About the size of tennis balls after Serena Williams had been beating on them for a set

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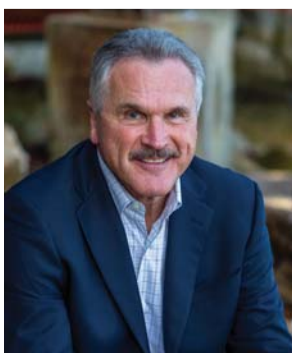
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or two.

“What about the celery?” he asked.

“Uh, it’s green with a leafy top that looks like Homer Simpson’s head.”

Then I explained sauté to him. He wanted to know when the chopped onion and celery would be done.

A good head start

I told him to give the celery a two-minute head start over the onions. “The onions will cover the handicap. They’ll be done when they’re the color of the hair of the third Laker Girl from the left, when we zoomed in on her with binoculars during basketball games at Staples Center. The celery will be wishy-washy pale green.

He said he had seen the sage-flavored sausage but could never figure how to get it out of the package.

“Slit it down the middle with a knife the way they start autopsies on those TV forensic crime shows. Then push it out with your

thumbs the way your grandpa used to push out his suspenders.”

“OK,” he said. “I’ve sautéed the onions and celery. I’ve browned the sausage. What should the consistency be when I mix them with the chicken broth?”

“Good question. Remember how you used to crumble crackers into tomato soup so the spoon stood up straight?”

“Like that, huh. Got it! Anything else I should know?”

“Why don’t you call me just before you put the stuffing in the turkey.”

“Put the what where?”

“The stuffing. It goes inside the turkey.”

“How do I do that?”

“Just like stuffing your gym bag when you go work out.”

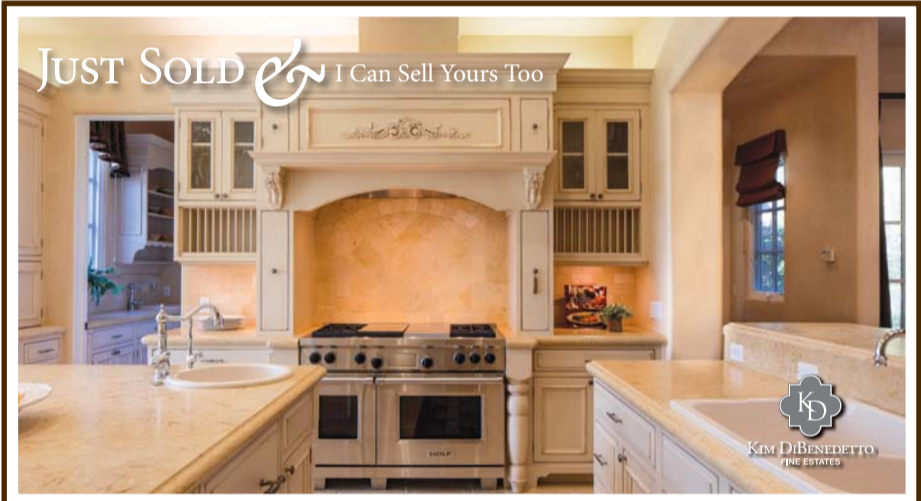
And it all seemed to work out because he never mentioned having to call 911.

The following year, he had Thanksgiving dinner at his fiancée’s house. He sent me her picture.

She looked remarkably like the third Laker Girl from the left. He’s still my favorite nephew.

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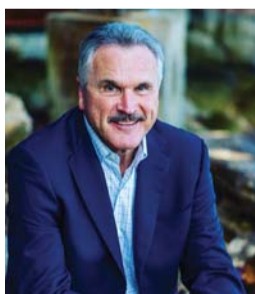
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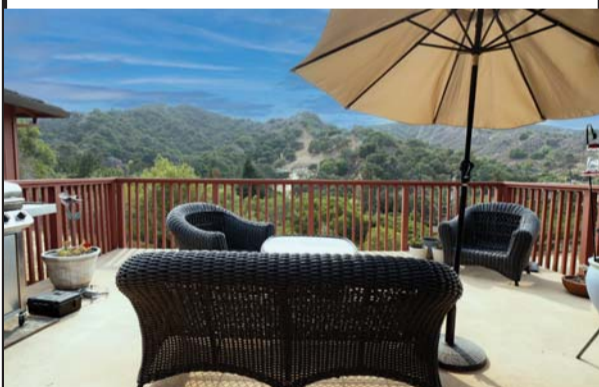
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Pacific Grove: A teddy bear was found at Lovers Point Park.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to Schulte Road after

report of a domestic.

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

Carmel Valley: A 22-year-old male on Del Fino Place was arrested for domestic violence.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Contact made with all parties involved in feeding a feral cat in the area of Mission north of Sixth and ways to prevent food access to wildlife.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a lost wallet on Fifth east of Dolores.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A license plate was found and turned in to the station. A postcard was mailed to the owner after telephone calls were unanswered.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle was towed from Sunset Drive due to expired registration.

Carmel area: Father on Castro Lane requested a report of threatening messages to his son from an unknown phone number.

Pacific Grove: Info report regarding a subject yelling at another person on Surf Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Identified a victim in the ongoing investigation of burglary and possession of stolen property on Funston.

Pacific Grove: Suspicious incident on Lighthouse Avenue. No suspect information.

Carmel Valley: A 30-year-old male was arrested on Carmel Valley Road for being in possession of a narcotic substance and a loaded firearm in a vehicle. He was also arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Pebble Beach: Deputies responded to a verbal domestic

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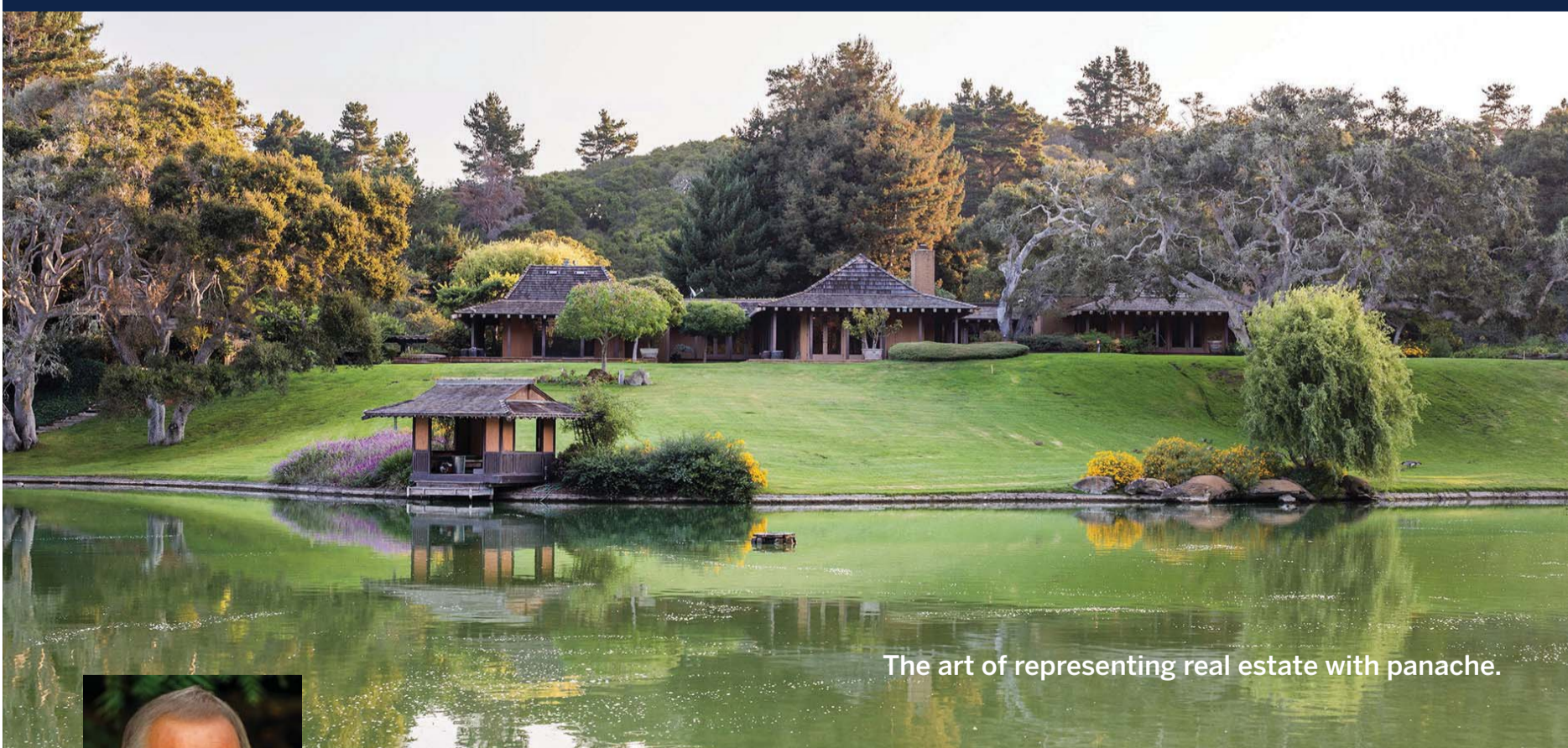


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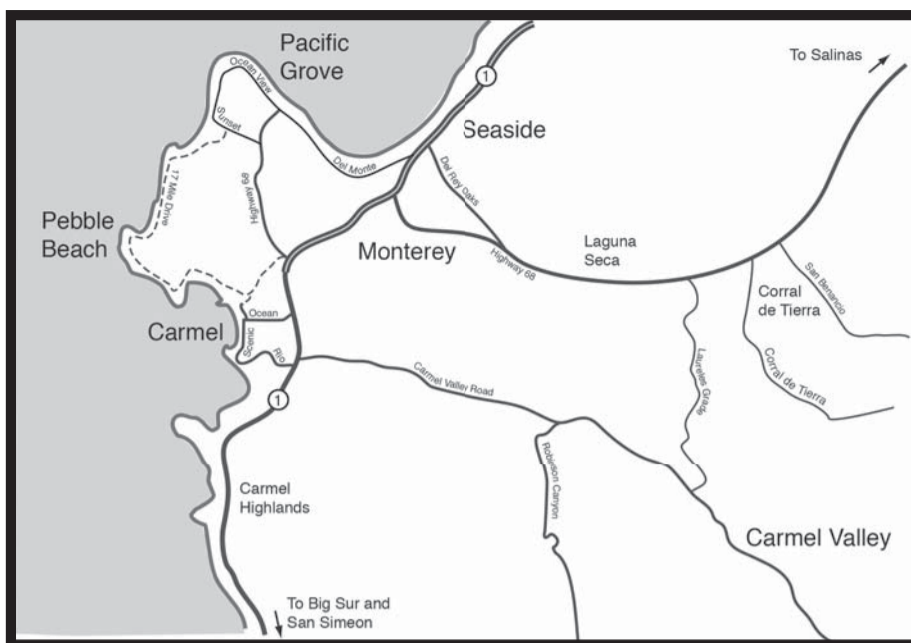
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on Crest Road. Case closed.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 20-year-old male was arrested at Carmelo and 17th at 0025 hours for possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia. Male was cited and released.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop at Dolores and Seventh resulted in a 51-year-old male probationer being cited for drug paraphernalia.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle on the roadway at Junipero and Lorca was towed for expired registration.

Pacific Grove: Neighbor issue on Lawton regarding property lines.

Pacific Grove: Report of child molestation on Sunset Drive.

Pacific Grove: Person on Ocean View cited for driving on a license suspended/revoked.

Pacific Grove: Report of public intoxication on Pine.

Pacific Grove: Information report regarding a neighbor issue on Monarch Lane.

Pacific Grove: Renewed trespassing admonishment on Sunset Drive.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Congress was found in possession of meth and in violation of probation.

Pacific Grove: A subject surrendered a suspended and expired driver's license for destruction.

Pacific Grove: Neighbor issue on Funston resulting in battery to both parties.

Carmel Valley: Verbal argument between adults on Westside Drive.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from Scenic and 12th for expired registration.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Battery at Monte Verde and Eighth, with no prosecution devolved.

Pacific Grove: Contacted two subjects at 0211 hours for smoking and having alcohol at Lovers Point Park. Determined one subject was on parole, had an out-of-county warrant and was in possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia. This was in violation of his parole terms. The 23-year-old male was booked into Monterey County Jail.

Pacific Grove: A 61-year-old female was determined to be driving under the influence of drugs. She caused a non-injury collision on 17th Street at 0956 hours.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Central reported fraudulent use of a credit card. Possible suspect information provided. Matter under investigation.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to Esquiline Road for a domestic.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a report of a violation of a restraining order on Upper Circle.

Big Sur: Online report of a property crime on Coast Ridge Road.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 27-year-old male and a 21-year-old female were arrested at Del Mar and Ocean at 0325 hours for drugs and drug paraphernalia.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject brought in found property (a necklace and a ring) from Del Mar beach.

Pacific Grove: Hit-and-run involving a parked vehicle on Central.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from San Carlos and Seventh for expired registration.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found property (a rosary) at Casanova and Ocean was turned in to the police department.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fall on city property on Ocean west of San Carlos.

Pacific Grove: Vandalism reported on Carmel Avenue.



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