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Pastor projects underway on Scenic, 13th

■ Home and Colonial Terrace Inn

By MARY SCHLEY

ONE OF Monaco businessman Patrice Pastor's most visible projects got underway this month, when one of his three houses on Scenic Road was demolished to make way for a pool and guesthouse.

Work also recently began on sprucing up the historic Colonial Terrace Inn, which will be renamed the Carmel

Beach Hotel and Spa when it reopens.

Over a three-year period, Pastor purchased the three houses on Scenic south of Ninth for a total of nearly \$20.5 million, and architect Jun Sillano shepherded various plans through the city's permit process. Ultimately, after several redesigns, Pastor chose to tear down the middle house and replace it with a small guesthouse and an outdoor swimming pool.

Home, guest house and pool

This week, demolition of the 1,802-square-foot house was completed, and the site is being prepared for construction of a 517-square-foot guesthouse and an outdoor swimming pool with a "rising floor" that can be lifted when the pool's not in use so it looks and functions like a patio. The lot will also be merged with the property to the south.

Pastor first proposed a demolition, remodel, outdoor pool and underground tunnel in July 2019, but planning commissioners panned the first project, in part due to concerns about having an outdoor pool visible from Scenic Road. The plans they eventually OK'd were vastly scaled down, eliminating the underground tunnel and putting had the pool inside.

Rather than proceeding with that project, Sillano brought new plans to the commissioners for consideration in June, when they gave their preliminary approval to the new project but wanted assurance the pool would be screened from Scenic so that no strangers are tempted to break in and try to use it when Pastor and his family are not home. In August,

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PHOTO/MARY SCHLEY

A home on Scenic well on its way to the scrap heap. Patrice Pastor owns the property, which will be the site of a new home for him and his family.

Big slide near county line blocks highway to Cambria

By CHRIS COUNTS

SUNNY SKIES may be in the forecast for now, but the heavy rains that fell on Big Sur this week caused at least three slides that closed Highway 1 — including one that is keeping the highway closed just south of the San Luis Obispo County line.

A 10-mile stretch of the highway between Ragged Point and the elephant seal turnout is closed and will remain that way for at least several days, Caltrans said.

"Highway 1 remains closed due to rockfall and debris in the roadway in northern San Luis Obispo County," Kevin Drabinski of Caltrans confirmed Thursday. "It's still an active slide — we're collecting material on a daily basis."

Rock, mud and debris have been removed from the highway, while more material hangs dangerously above the pavement on a steep hillside. Before the road is

reopened, the overhanging rock needs to be dealt with.

"Maintenance teams and contractors continue to assess how to safely remove an undermined rock mass on the hill high above the roadway," the report continued. "There is currently no estimated time for reopening — the cleanup effort could be impacted by additional rainfall in the area."

On Monday, Caltrans signed a \$1.25 million emergency contract with Souza Construction of San Luis Obispo to "clear the slide, remove the unsupported rock above the roadway and perform other related repairs."

Other closures, reopenings

Two other slides closed Highway 1 temporarily Sunday morning between Ragged Point and Deetjen's Big Sur Inn. A few hours later, the road reopened.

While Highway 1 is closed south of Ragged Point, which adds hours of driving to a trip from Carmel to Hearst Castle, the road is clear for travel to the north, and businesses remain open. "Travelers from the Monterey/Carmel area should be advised that Highway 1 remains

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PHOTO/CALTRANS

Triggered by recent rains, a slide has closed Highway 1 indefinitely just south of the Monterey County-San Luis Obispo County line.

Omicron surge arrives in county

By KELLY NIX

THE COVID-19 winter surge — very likely caused by the omicron variant — has begun in Monterey County, with case rates rising Thursday to almost 20 per day per 100,000 residents, the highest level since February. Statewide, the rate is 31, up from 16 just a week ago.

While it's unclear how much of the uptick is being caused by the highly contagious but less virulent omicron strain, Covid hospitalizations in Monterey County are still relatively low, with a total of 28 Covid-positive inpatients at the county's four hospitals. A year ago, there were 200.

Disruption

Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula's Dr. Martha Blum said that given that the omicron variant seems to cause less severe illness in those with some pre-existing immunity — either from prior infection or vaccination or both — the hope is that even with higher test positivity and case rates, the county won't see a similar rise in hospitalizations or deaths.

"But even omicron is capable of causing severe disease

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Panetta regrets major re-draw of his district

■ Says he's not sure why it was needed

By KELLY NIX

DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMAN Jimmy Panetta said this week he's disappointed that the state's redistricting commission decided to break up the area he's represented since 2017 and accused commissioners of ignoring pleas by citizens and elected officials to keep it intact.

In a decision certified by the secretary of state this week, the congressional district Panetta, 52, had represented for the past four years was altered significantly to remove all of the City of Salinas and San Benito County and numerous inland agricultural cities in South Monterey County. The district he will represent, if he's reelected next year, will span from the southern part of San Jose all the way to north San Luis Obispo County.

In an interview with The Pine Cone Tuesday afternoon, Panetta said that besides being disappointed in the district being retooled to exclude major communities he's gotten to know, he is "extremely disappointed" in the relatively little time the California Citizens Redistricting Commission spent on formulating the new congressional district.

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Peninsula friends mourn passing of John Madden

By MARY SCHLEY and ELAINE HESSER

WHEN ACCLAIMED sportscaster, NFL coach and video game entrepreneur John Madden died Tuesday at the age of 85, he left behind millions of fans who loved him for his uniquely accessible and often humorous approach to calling football games. On the Monterey Peninsula, folks have those memories and more, as Madden and his wife Virginia had a home at the foot of Ocean Avenue for decades, frequented local restaurants, stores and sports venues, and were even known to invite friends to sit on the sidelines at NFL games.

Fellow sports commentator and Pebble Beach resident Jim Nantz said he was "stunned and saddened" when he learned of Madden's passing, and noted that the coach "loved his life in Carmel."

"His primary home was in Danville, but he loved to come down and hang with his friends down our way," he

said.

Pebble Beach resident Jim Tunney, known as the "dean of NFL referees," shared the field with Coach Madden and his Oakland Raiders on many occasions, and said that he was "always a gentleman."

Once, when the Raiders were playing the Rams at the L.A. Coliseum, Tunney said Madden began yelling at him about "something he didn't like on the field." Madden kept it up, and when the first half ended, approached Tunney on the field and grabbed him by the arm to press his point. Tunney said, "I told him, 'If you don't get off the field right now, you won't be back for the second half.'" When the teams returned to the field, Madden apologized to Tunney. "He said, 'I'm sorry. I had no right to confront you in the middle of the field like that.'"

Madden regularly showed up at CHS basketball games,

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Comical companions

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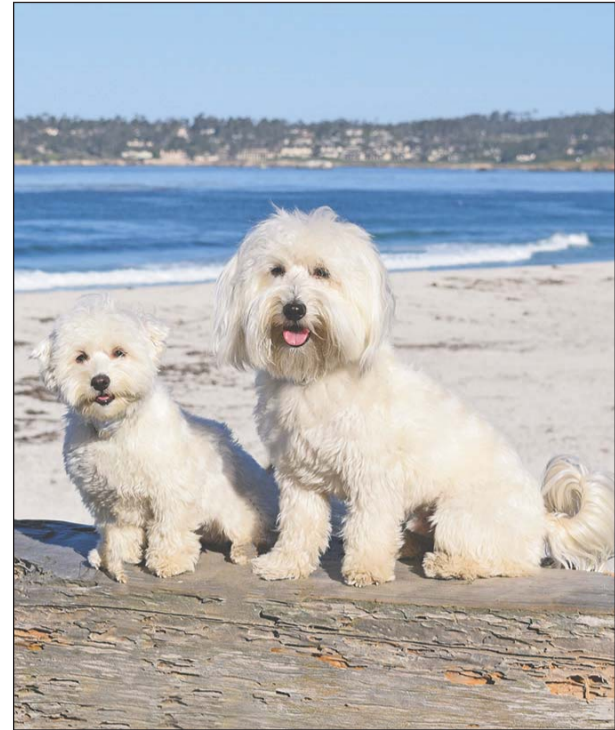
She'd had a Tibetan terrier for 12 years but became enamored of her friend's Havanese and decided to make her first foray into the breed.

Soon after she'd signed the contract to adopt the puppy, the pandemic curtailed her visit to the Phoenix breeder, causing her to wait another four weeks before she could see Cashew in person. When she did, she encountered a sweet, docile, lovable little thing. But suddenly she was distracted when another puppy — this one a little spitfire — raced across the room,

Enamored of Cashew but entertained by the little "hazelnut" that sped by, she debated. Ultimately, she brought the pair of them to her Carmel Woods home.

"I had no idea I'd be adopting pandemic puppies," she said, "but I'm glad they've had each other while they were cooped up."

Cashew and Hazel have not been well socialized,



their person admits, having spent their first 18 months in quarantine. But they are very good at entertaining each other.

"Hazel is the instigator, always ready for interaction," her person said. "If she wants Cashew to play, she'll force the game, usually cat and mouse. Fortunately, Cashew's pretty compliant."

Both pups also play well on the beach and haven't yet met a person or dog they don't enjoy.

"As soon as we get to the top of the sand dune, I take off their leashes, and both dogs high-tail it down to the shore," their person said. "Once we're near the water, he stays right beside me, and she becomes my little shadow, unless she sees someone she wants to greet."

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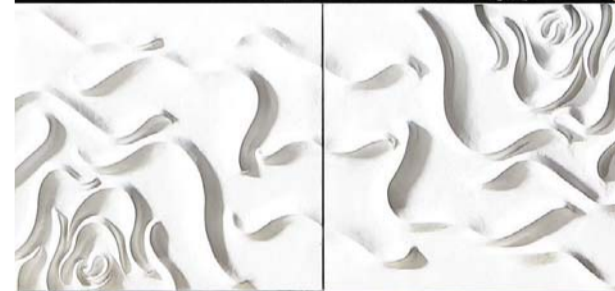
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MFD TO GET AMBULANCE CONTRACT

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CITY is negotiating a new contract with Monterey Fire Department to continue running its downtown fire station, but the city council decided earlier this month to have MFD take over the ambulance, too.

The half-dozen medics who work on the ambulance are on Carmel's payroll and are under the authority of the police chief, but MFD helps manage them — an unusual arrangement compared with other publicly run ambulance companies throughout the state.

"The more normal model is to have the fire department manage the ambulance operations," said councilwoman Carrie Theis, who with councilman Bobby Richards and four residents worked on a committee to evaluate ambulance services and come up with recommendations.

At their Dec. 6 meeting, the committee members suggested Monterey take over "all aspects of the city's ambulance and paramedicine program, including contracting services with the City of Monterey while working toward the retention of existing employees."

Operations

The city's ambulance responds to calls in the county when it's closer, and conversely, the county's ambulance provider, American Medical Response, comes into town when Carmel's is farther away or unavailable. Theis said that in 2021, the city's ambulance responded to 835 calls, 72 percent of which were outside the city limits.

In town, the average

response time is less than 3 minutes, "which is remarkable," she noted, especially considering residents don't have house numbers. She said the council is well aware that people don't want to give up that level of service.

"In other cities, they can't even approach that," she said. "It's more like 8 to 10 minutes."

But having the police chief oversee the ambulance presents logistical and other complications, including reduced efficiency and cooperation between it and the fire department, communication issues and different management structures, even though the fire department and ambulance work so closely together. Having MFD take over could resolve those, Richards and Theis said.

"The new police chief can focus on public safety and the police department, and Monterey Fire can take over the ambulance," Theis said.

Their committee suggested moving the city's ambulance workers to Monterey's

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Carmel's ambulance service — for decades a city operation — will soon become part of the Monterey Fire Department.



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Police & Sheriff's Log

Maybe it was just me after all

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, DECEMBER 13

Pebble Beach: Subject on Pine Meadows Way was placed on a 5585 W&I (juvenile mental health detention).

Carmel Valley: Deputies performed a welfare check at an East Carmel Valley Road residence, discovered a dead body and notified the coroner.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fall on city property on Sixth west of San Carlos resulting in an injury to the head.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Resident at Mission and Third called in to report hostile behavior from property management. Feels intimidated and bullied regarding rights. Counseled on possible solutions. Information only.

Pacific Grove: Unattended death at a residence on Sinex.

Pacific Grove: Moreland resident report-

ed a violation of a restraining order.

Pacific Grove: Traffic stop conducted on David Avenue. Driver is on probation. Drugs and paraphernalia were located in the car during a probation search. The 47-year-old male passenger was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia. Driver arrested for drugs and paraphernalia possession and multiple warrants. The 32-year-old female was booked into Monterey County Jail on multiple charges of possession of narcotics, possession of unlawful paraphernalia and check fraud.

Pebble Beach: A yard sign was vandalized on Ronda Road.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Pacific Grove: Units were called to a civil disturbance at a residence on Seventh Street. An informational report was taken.

Pacific Grove: Driver's license and credit card found on the rec trail were turned in. Attempt to contact owner has not been successful. Property held for safekeeping until owner contact.

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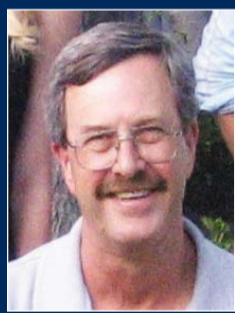
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The gavel falls

Verdicts, pleas and sentencings announced by
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Nov. 15 — A jury found Carlos Hernandez, 32, guilty of one count of misdemeanor battery on his child's parent and two counts of cruelty to a child.

On June 18, 2021, Jane Doe, the mother of Hernandez' four children, went to Hernandez' residence to pick up their young daughter. During the custody exchange an argument ensued. Hernandez grabbed and pulled Doe's hair and then punched her in the face in the presence of three of their young children. Doe drove immediately to a safe location, called 911 and waited for police to arrive. Greenfield police officers Jesus Rangel and Erik Santiago were dispatched to Doe's location and investigated the domestic violence incident, and eventually arrested Hernandez. They both testified Doe sustained an injury to her mouth that caused bleeding.

Judge Jennifer O'Keefe presided over the trial and sentenced Hernandez to three years probation, 120 days in jail, and ordered him to complete 52 weeks of domestic violence classes and 52 weeks of parenting classes.

Nov. 22 — A Monterey County jury found Moses Celestine, 42, a resident of Salinas, guilty of two counts of forcible rape and one count of forcible oral copulation of a minor.

In Fall 2020, Jane Doe (age 14) moved into a studio apartment with her mother. In November 2020, Moses Celestine, a friend of Doe's mother, went to her apartment when Doe's mother was attending night classes. He asked to come inside and play dice with Doe, just as he would when her mother was present. Once inside, he offered Doe some marijuana. Soon after, he sexually assaulted her in her studio apartment.

On New Year's Eve 2020, Doe was drinking with her mother outside of their apartment complex while her mother played dice with a group of men from the apartment building. After midnight, Doe's mother left the area without Doe and was unreachable by cellphone. A friend of Doe's mother offered to escort her to her apartment. However, along the way, Celestine offered to walk Doe the rest of the way to her apartment. He had to help her balance while walking due to her intoxication. He eventually took Doe to his apartment and sexually assaulted her again. After the assault, he threatened to report Doe's mother to CPS and have her mother arrested if she disclosed what he did to her.

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BY LARRY MESLER

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Marina police chief to run for sheriff

By MARY SCHLEY

MARINA POLICE Chief Tina Nieto, who spent nearly three decades with LAPD and was a captain in the U.S. Army Reserve, is running for Monterey County Sheriff.

Nieto has overseen the Marina department since 2017 and said with her extensive experience she is well qualified to run the sheriff's office, which has a \$135,027,492 budget for 2021-2022 and employs more than 450 people.

"Knowing my background, knowing that I run large organizations, knowing that my commitment to Marina is coming to an end regarding what I said I was going to do, I decided to run for sheriff," she told *The Pine Cone*.

Sheriff Steve Bernal announced several weeks ago that he will retire at the end of his term. "I was also encouraged by other police chiefs," she said, adding that she's received the endorsement of former Carmel Police Chief Paul Tomasi.

Initially, Nieto said she wasn't going to run but then reconsidered, "because the deputies and staff deserve something more — they deserve strong leadership."

Leadership experience

Her resume features a lot of leadership roles. Prior to becoming Marina's chief, she held the rank of commanding officer at the huge LAPD for a decade and notes she was the first Hispanic woman in the organization to reach that rank.

She was on the design team for the West Point Leadership Program, taught

diversity at the LAPD Academy, and has been a guest speaker at leadership conferences. This month, Gov. Gavin Newsom appointed her to a three-year term on the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training, which sets minimum selection and training standards for law enforcement. The POST Commission "forms a balanced group of city and county administrators, law enforcement professionals, educators and public members," according to Nieto, and has 15 members.

"Two critical pieces of legislation that the POST Commission has been tasked to implement are SB 2, which creates a system to investigate and revoke or suspend peace officer certification for serious misconduct, and SB 16, which increases transparency over peace officer misconduct records," her announcement said.

Nieto is also president of the Monterey County Chief Law Enforcement Association and serves on Monterey County's Restorative Justice Commission, Emergency Medical Care Committee, EMS Medical Advisory Committee, and the Medical Operations Subcommittee.

She received her Bachelor of Science in criminal justice from CSU Fullerton and her master's in leadership and management from the University of La Verne, and has participated in numerous executive leadership programs, as well as received awards locally, nationally and internationally for her "work with diverse communities," she said. Nieto also described herself as "a life-long learner."

"I'm truly a collaborator," she said. "I understand the office of the sheriff is an elected official and you have certain powers, but you have to work with people to get stuff done."



Tina Nieto

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Nursing home responsible for woman's Covid death, suit says

By KELLY NIX

THE DAUGHTER of an elderly woman who lived at a Monterey skilled nursing home before dying from coronavirus earlier this year claims managers violated numerous safety precautions designed to prevent the spread of the virus, including allowing an employee sick with Covid-19 to work at the facility.

But an administrator this week rejected the allegations and said the senior home would "vigorously defend" itself.

In a wrongful death lawsuit filed last week, Renee Travis-Takayama alleges that Cypress Ridge Care Center in Skyline Forest failed to follow numerous health and safety measures to prevent the spread of Covid-19, which caused her mom, Fannie Mae Thomas, 92, to become infected. Thomas was diagnosed Jan. 12 and died from the virus Jan. 25 while being treated at Community Hospital of the Monterey

Peninsula, the suit says.

Cypress Ridge "failed to correct deficiencies and provide adequate and properly trained staff in order to protect residents, including Ms. Thomas, from contracting Covid-19 and dying from the disease," according to the complaint, filed Dec. 21 in Monterey County Superior Court

Allowed to work?

In her lawsuit, Takayama also pointed to a phone conversation she said she had with a worker days before her mom was infected with coronavirus.

When Takayama called Cypress Ridge on Jan. 9, 2021 to speak to her mother, a female employee who answered the phone "was coughing and sounded very congested." When Takayama asked whether the worker had a cold, she responded, "No, I got Covid," according to the lawsuit.

"The employee further stated that she had tested positive for Covid on Dec.

28 or 29, 2020, but returned to work the following Wednesday," according to the complaint, filed by Dallas, Texas, attorney Dawn Smith. "She also said she still had no sense of taste, was fatigued and had no energy."

Takayama asked the unidentified employee if Cypress Ridge administrator Ryan McCormack was aware she was sick, and the employee responded, "Yes, but we're short-handed." (At the time, the CDC recommended people diagnosed with Covid-19 to isolate themselves for a full 10 days.)

'Knowingly exposed'

By Jan. 3, 2021, the virus had swept through Cypress Ridge, infecting more than half its residents and dozens of employees, the lawsuit claims.

Cypress Ridge's "ongoing neglect and failure to implement reasonable and necessary infection control policies resulted in transmission of Covid-19 to 49 residents and 40 staff of Cypress Ridge and numerous deaths from Covid-19 in the facility, which had only 99 beds for residents," the suit says.

Cypress Ridge's managers, including McCormack, "knowingly exposed" Thomas and other residents to employees who had tested positive for Covid and were

symptomatic, the complaint goes on to say.

McCormack — who is not personally named as a defendant — responded Wednesday to the complaint.

"Cypress Ridge Care Center is aware of Ms. Travis-Takayama's allegations and her lawsuit," McCormack told The Pine Cone. "We respectfully deny all of her allegations. We strive to provide quality care to all of our residents, and believe we have done so with respect to Ms. Travis-Takayama's mother."

McCormack added that "State health-care authorities investigated Ms. Travis-Takayama's complaint and did not substantiate it. We will vigorously defend the facility and our staff against Ms. Travis-Takayama's allegations."

He said Cypress Ridge continues to "strive to follow all federal, state and local guidance regarding Covid protocols as well, as we have done throughout the pandemic."

The complaint, which also names Marjoram Holdings LLC and Bridge Capital Partners LLC as defendants, alleges negligence, elder abuse and violations of the state's health and safety code.

Takayama is seeking an undisclosed amount in general and punitive monetary damages exceeding \$25,000. The case is set for an April 26, 2022 court hearing.

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PACIFIC GROVE PIER NEEDS REPAIRS FOR DAMAGE FROM 2020 STORM

By KELLY NIX

THE CITY of Pacific Grove will spend \$100,000 to determine what should be done to fix the Lovers Point Pier, a portion of which was damaged in a 2020 storm.

Deputy director of public works Joyce Halabi told the city council during a Dec. 15 meeting that the seaward tip of the Lovers Point Pier was severely damaged during a December 2020 storm. Several large pieces of the structure were dislodged from the tip of the pier, which the city closed to the public immediately after the damage occurred.

"The pier remains closed until we can make adequate repairs," Halabi explained.

She said the consulting contract the council approved on a 6-0 vote will allow for additional exploration of the structure so a repair estimate can be drawn up. The assessment is necessary, Halabi said, because the city has only "minimal information" about the structure, including how it's built.

The city selected Australia-headquartered engineering firm GHD to do the work. The company has done work for other cities in California, and Halabi said

it's "very equipped" to assess the pier.

"They've got a tremendous amount of experience assessing and facilitating the repair of various coastal infrastructure," she said.

The company will analyze the surface and subsurface of the pier and surrounding rip rap to determine how it was built, provide ways for the city to obtain grants to repair the pier and provide interim repair solutions. The assessment should take 10 to 12 weeks.

"Following the investigation and exploratory engineering, the company will devise an interim repair solution to protect the damaged end of the pier" to prevent further damage and degradation of the structure, Halabi explained.

Work to begin

After the assessment, Halabi said public works would return to the council to request funding for either short- or long-term repairs.

Resident Tony Ciani supported the pier assessment but cautioned the city against moving ahead with any plan to repair it until it is clear how nearby sea life might be impacted.

"You are not going to get a permit to do anything unless that permit acknowledges and address potential impacts to the marine environment," Ciani said.

Responding to a question from Mayor Bill Peake, Halabi said the city has not yet discussed the exploratory plan with the California Coastal Commission.

"We would obviously engage the coastal commission if we were to proceed with any sort of repair" and "go through the proper permitting," Halabi explained. "At this point, we really don't know what

the project is until we do that assessment."

With Councilwoman Jenny McAdams absent, the city council voted 6-0 to enter into an agreement with GHD, including having the company develop solutions to repair the tip of the pier and to help the city in obtaining grants to help pay for the work.

The city is "currently in the process of executing the contract" with GHD, Halabi told The Pine Cone Thursday, who added that work would begin shortly after the agreement is finalized.

Mental health hearing in stabbing case

By KELLY NIX

THE MAN charged with randomly stabbing a person on the Pacific Grove recreation trail in November is set to go before a judge next week to determine his mental competency, which will determine if he's fit to stand trial for the crime.

On Nov. 16, Pacific Grove Police Department officers arrested Daniel Hardin, 29, on suspicion of stabbing Erwin DeJesus with a knife the night before, causing him great bodily injury. Hardin is being held at Monterey County Jail on charges of assault with a deadly weapon, battery and exhibiting a deadly weapon. If convicted, he could be sentenced to many years in state prison.



Daniel Hardin

competency," according to court records. Monterey County Superior Court Judge Pamela Butler agreed, finding that "a doubt has arisen" as to his mental acuity.

"The court refers the defendant to a psychiatrist, licensed psychologist or other expert" for a mental competency "examination, and to return a report to the court," according to an order issued during the Dec. 15 hearing. Butler canceled a Dec. 17 preliminary hearing for Hardin and set his mental competency hearing for Jan. 5, 2022.

On Dec. 7, Hardin pleaded not guilty to the stabbing. His bail had been set at \$95,000, but records indicate that he is to remain in custody and that "no bail is allowed."

Officers arrested Hardin near the P.G. golf course on Nov. 16 without incident. DeJesus was hospitalized with what were described as "non-life threatening" injuries.

See **MENTAL** page 25A

No bail

But on Dec. 15, Hardin's deputy public defender, David Lee, "expressed doubt" as to his client's "current mental



The Pacific Grove City Council earlier this month OK'd a plan for an engineering firm to assess the Lovers Point Pier, the tip of which was heavily damaged in a storm. The city may opt to fix the structure.

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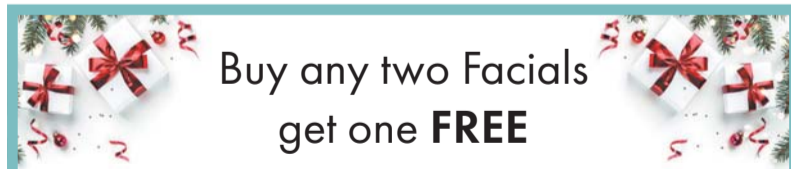
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SUPES REDO THEIR MAP AS 25,000 COUNTY RESIDENTS GET NEW DISTRICTS

By CHRIS COUNTS

WHILE THE state's new congressional maps have caused quite a stir by decoupling the Monterey Peninsula from the Salinas Valley, the county's new supervisorial maps increase the size of District 1, currently occupied by Luis Alejo, at the expense of Districts 2 (John Phillips), 3 (Chris Lopez) and 4 (Wendy Askew).

Take your pick

The supervisors were given three maps to choose from on Dec. 14, and only Phillips voted against the one that was selected. The one that was picked was the one that advocated for the most change, with more than 25,000 Monterey County residents now living in a new district.

Shelley Lapkoff of Lapkoff and Gobalet Demographic Research noted that before the maps were redrawn, District 2 had about 6,000 more residents in it than the other districts. "That's what prompted the review of new plans," Lapkoff said.

Lapkoff observed that some residents whose district has changed will not be able to vote for their supervisor for six years.

"When you move a lot of people, sometimes you make them wait to vote for their supervisor," she explained.

District 5 is left alone

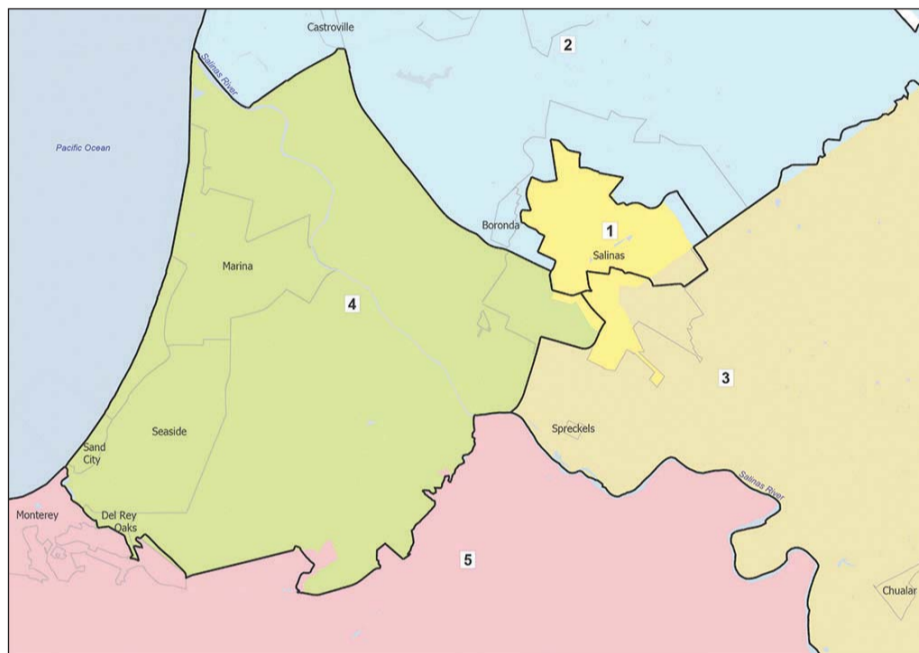
After the dust settled, District 1 gained 6,084 residents, District 2 lost 6,406 residents, District 3 sustained a loss of 428 people, and District 4 gained 753 people. District 5, meanwhile, which includes the Monterey Peninsula, Carmel Valley and Big Sur, was untouched by the boundary changes, although District 5 supervisor Mary Adams backed the plan.

Alejo said he welcomes thousands of new residents to District 1, which he represents. He said the previous boundaries split some communities.

"This will help unify neighborhoods," Alejo said. "This will help right historic wrongs."

Lopez agreed with Alejo that the new boundaries are better for those who live there.

"It's about putting communities together as soon as possible, and keeping them there to the best of our abilities," Lopez added.



After a lengthy public process, the county supervisors agreed to redraw district boundaries, with District 1 (the smallest district shown above) gaining more than 6,000 residents.

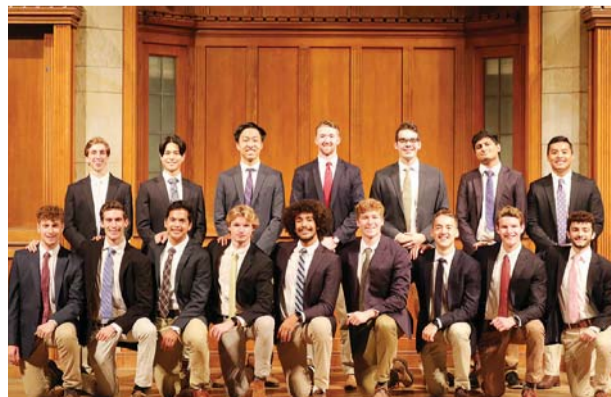
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New Carmel Resort Inn units to mimic two-story homes

By MARY SCHLEY

THE PROPOSED overhaul of the large Carmel Resort Inn property between Carpenter and Guadalupe streets near of First Avenue drew criticism from those who don't want to see its 16 lots developed all at once, who don't like the idea of all two-story structures along both streets, and who worried about construction and traffic impacts. Neighbors and others weighed in

see on residential lots — 1,600 square feet with a 200 square-foot garage," he said.

Sidewalks, undergrounding

Preliminary plans, which haven't been submitted to the city and are vastly different from the early drawings he filed with the city last year, also include a sidewalk along Carpenter and setting the hotel units back from the street. They'll have plenty of trees and landscaping too, according to Miller, and utilities will be underground.

Cars will have space to get in and out without having to back up onto Carpenter, an earlier concern, and there will be fewer of them, since the hotel will probably draw families and other groups traveling together, he said.

"We designed it so they could easily drive out onto Carpenter," through any of three driveways, he said. "Everyone is able to maneuver easily and drive out without backing out."

Miller also showed the architectural styles he's proposing, including desert-style "prairie suites," mid-century modern, modern, "modern farmhouse," a "beach suite" with wood siding, and a Mediterranean-style unit.

"It's not an institutional feeling — it's truly a series of buildings that look like Carmel houses," he said.

High-end homes

For the eight houses proposed for Guadalupe, Miller also came up with a range of designs, all two stories with spacious yards, but each one will go through its own design review and planning approval with the city.

"There will be an opportunity for people to further design this in a public hearing," he said, adding that developing the lots will provide "high-end residences up in this neighborhood."

Resident and former longtime building

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An architect's rendering showing some of the buildings proposed for the Carmel Resort Inn which had fallen into disrepair but is slated for a major upgrade.

at a community meeting hosted by architect Eric Miller Dec. 16.

The aging inn, with its 31 little cabins, saw years of abandonment and neglect before being cleaned up and reopened by its current owner a few years ago. Now Hitesh Dasai and his family are planning to turn the eight lots facing Guadalupe Street into single-family homes and to build 13 upscale hotel units on the side facing Carpenter Street.

They would also look like two-story houses with multiple rooms, full kitchens and garages. The property would have space to park two dozen cars, according to Miller.

"Right now, if you want a luxury suite, you have to go to Pebble Beach or Cannery Row or Carmel Valley," Miller told the few dozen people gathered at Carpenter Hall in Sunset Center.

He designed each hotel unit in a different style and said they should all be two stories, like many houses in town are.

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China Art Center, in-person meetings, parklets, housing on council agenda

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER THE planning commission panned a proposal to install a glass wall and door inside the historic China Art Center on Dolores Street as part of its conversion into a recording studio, architect Rob Carver asked the city council to overrule that denial and allow the soundproofing to be installed. The council is set to consider his request Jan. 4.

Decision makers will also be asked to weigh in on the potential of holding in-person meetings, how to meet affordable housing needs, the audit of the 2020-2021 fiscal year and their strategic initiatives, among other topics.

Glass or no glass?

The people who purchased the long unused building more than a year ago for

\$4.25 million are planning to do a seismic retrofit and complete interior remodel, with a new elevator, a new skylight, and new windows and doors. Their studio will be called The Conservatory.

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 renamed 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.

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MADDEN

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according to Karl Pallastrini, president of Carmel Unified School District and former high school principal. He said Madden came to root for Ryan Sanchez, son of longtime friend and Bruno's owner Fermin Sanchez. Pallastrini once asked for the recipe for the turducken that Madden made famous, but Madden looked at him and said that he seemed like the kind of guy who "would be better off eating just one bird or the other."

Markets and restaurants

Madden's love of good food led to him close friendships with people in the restaurant business.

Sanchez, for instance, recalled meeting Madden when he began visiting the market for his daily cup of coffee and "all the newspapers" before heading off to do his radio show on KNBR. "We would small talk," he said, until one day, Madden mentioned he was looking for some locals who played cards, and Sanchez knew just the crew.

"I got a group of guys together who would love to play," and they regularly gathered at the Pacheco Club, a men's club in Monterey, he said. They'd have dinner, play with a \$40 buy-in, and someone would bring dessert.

By all accounts, Madden was a top-notch poker player. Chris Arcoleo, owner of Chris' Whale Watching on the wharf, was part of the card-playing group and said they played Texas Hold 'em before it was popular.

"It wasn't about the money," Arcoleo said. "It was about winning."

The group, which included Sanchez' brother-in-law, Dominic Mercurio (owner of Café Fina on Fisherman's Wharf), later started looking for a new location. A spot they called The Clubhouse "was probably the best kept secret in Carmel — it was kind of a speakeasy, with no signs, no nothing," Sanchez said. The space was behind the Hog's Breath Inn, up some stairs at the back of a Dolores Street courtyard, and they outfitted it with big-screen TVs, arcade games, a bar and of course, "a beautiful card table."

When Sanchez learned Em Le's restaurant was for sale, he suggested to Mercurio that they buy it. Madden wanted in.

"John said, 'Let's do it! I always wanted to be a soda jerk,'" Sanchez said. "Dom and I ran the restaurant for a few years as a breakfast and lunch place, and during card

games, we'd take a break and go to the restaurant and have milkshakes and ice cream, and John would be there behind the soda fountain making sodas."

Attorney Michael McClure remembers helping the group through the purchase process. "John was very smart, clever and gregarious," he said, but he also was down-to-earth — just a guy who wanted to own a favorite breakfast spot with his friends.

In the mid-90s, Madden invited Sanchez and other friends to Kansas City for a game between the Chiefs and the 49ers. But when they arrived in Kansas City, he presented them with tickets for the nosebleed section. They all kept quiet, except for Sanchez, who said they were a little surprised they didn't have better seats.

Inside the stadium, Madden handed them field passes so they could sit on the sideline during the game. "He fooled us," Sanchez said.

Mercurio also has fond memories of attending football games with Madden, along with 13 cross-country trips on Madden's famous bus to Canton, Ohio, for Pro Football Hall of Fame ceremonies, starting with Madden's induction in 2006, when Mercurio catered a dinner for 500 during the festivities. In the following years, Mercurio was just along for the ride, bringing along "an Italian deli" in coolers for snacks.

While Mercurio rode the bus, Madden also chartered a plane to fly members of the Sanchez family and other friends — including Tunney — to the 2006 event. "When the plane landed, he was the first to open the cabin door to welcome us," Sanchez said.

Hours on a bench

When Madden was in town, he and Sanchez would spend hours sitting on the bench outside Bruno's, talking and taking strolls. As he got older, Madden came to town less often, but the friends stayed in touch.

"We would text most every day, because he lost his hearing, so everything was done through text," Sanchez said. "My last text to him was on Sunday," to wish the Maddens happy anniversary and suggest he and Ryan visit them in the new year.

Mercurio recalled meeting Madden and his wife 30 years ago when they were looking for a place to eat on the wharf. "He was larger than life, a whole head taller than everyone else, and he was bouncing back and forth, reading menus," Mercurio said, in search of good clam chowder.



John Madden in 2015 with Dominic Mercurio at the All-Madden barbecue in Pleasanton.

"I told him to sit down and try mine. I said, 'If you don't like it, don't pay and don't come back,'" Mercurio recalled. "He came back — seven Sundays in a row."

Once, Madden and Mercurio watched as a group of Down Syndrome kids and their teacher counted out money into a hat to go on a whale-watching cruise. Madden decided to pay their way, anonymously.

On another occasion, Mercurio said, "about eight or 10 elementary school teachers were having dinner and asking each other, 'Do you want to split an entrée?' John just said, 'overworked and underpaid' and took care of their check," again, insisting on anonymity.

For decades, a table at Café Fina has been reserved for Madden, complete with a little chalkboard to diagram plays. It's marked by a plaque warning anyone seated there that they would be asked to move if Madden stopped in. It's hard for Mercurio to believe it's never going to happen again. "I'm gonna miss that guy," he said.

Sanchez echoed that sentiment. "I was looking forward to going up to pay him a visit and get one more card game going," he said. "So, I'm going to get ahold of the rest of the guys and see if we can get a card game going at some point in his honor."

Nantz said Madden "will go down in history as one of the most important figures in the history of the NFL." "He was loved by everyone," he said.

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open from the north, through Big Sur proper, all the way down to Ragged Point,” the report added.

Another route into Big Sur, Nacimiento-Fergusson Road, has been closed for almost a year due to washouts from the wet weather that followed the Dolan Fire.

More rain coming

At higher elevations in Big Sur, 5 to 6 inches of rain were recorded over a recent five-day span, while at Big Sur Station near Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, 2 to 4 inches were measured, according to Eleanor Dhuyvetter of the National Weather Service’s Monterey office. Since October, 24.62 inches have been tallied at Big Sur Station.

Elevations above 3,000 feet also received 1 to 4 inches of snow, according to satellite imagery.

While the weather this week is expected to be mostly clear, Dhuyvetter reported that more rain could arrive Tuesday or Wednesday. Caltrans, meanwhile, urged motorists to be aware of the risks. “Travelers should drive carefully during the winter driving season and be aware of Caltrans, tow trucks and emergency responders on the highway,” the state roads agency added.

Rocky Creek locals raise \$\$ for road repairs, but the clock is ticking

FOR THE residents of a remote Big Sur neighborhood with a failing dirt access road, a four-year effort to raise nearly \$700,000 to fix it is approaching the finish line — giving them something to be very thankful about this holiday season. “We are collectively only about \$25,000 short,” resident Pam Peck told The Pine Cone

But now they’re facing a race against the calendar because the permits they’ve obtained to repair the road expire in October 2022, and it will likely be months before construction can begin.

The road that leads to the Upper Rocky Creek neighborhood intersects Palo Colorado Road 3.8 miles east of Highway 1. Dozens of property owners live up the road, but 28 of the 43 structures that were located along it burned down in the 2016 Soberanes Fire.

The wet winter that followed the fire “severely compromised” the road that leads up Upper Rocky Creek. Built in the 1930s as a logging road, it was damaged by a slide, and its wood cribbing was burned by the fire.

Last September, massive steel beams weighing 6,000 pounds each were trucked up the narrow and winding Palo Colorado Road. If all goes according to plan, they will someday soon support the road.

Peck told The Pine Cone that the fundraising effort

required every homeowner to kick in \$16,000. Peck said that was no small challenge for many, especially those who lost homes and can’t even live on their land.

October deadline looms

“Some have lost homes, lost jobs, live solely on social security or have serious illnesses,” Peck said. “Some can’t rebuild because they can’t get heavy equipment across the slide. Yet they’ve come up with the funds. We are such a success story — I am so proud of my community.”

Once the residents raise the final \$25,000 (you can donate at upperrockycreek.com), they need to get started on the work as soon as possible. Peck said if the permit expires, “We would have to start from scratch.” She also noted that building codes have changed, and if they had to go through the permit process again, the work could cost over \$1 million.

“We have to get the project finished Oct. 31, 2022,” she added. “The contractor won’t start until we get all the funds. We’re so close.”



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Serial criminal gets 15 years in prison

By CHRIS COUNTS

A MONTEREY man with an extensive rap sheet was sentenced Wednesday to 15 years in prison for misdeeds that including leading Carmel police officers on a high-speed chase in February.

According to the Monterey County District Attorney's Office, Francis Anthony Humes, 38, was sentenced by Judge Carrie Panetta for first degree residential burglary, unlawful possession of a firearm, four counts of assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer, three counts of evading an officer with willful disregard, evading an officer against traffic, vehicle theft, two counts of identity theft with more than 10 victims, possession of stolen property, two counts of resisting arrest, and driving on a suspended license.

Officer Gerald Maldonado of Carmel police was on patrol at Carpenter and First Feb. 24 when he recognized Humes getting into a vehicle. When he tried to pull the car over for traffic violations, Humes sped off, and a chase ensued.

"The defendant did not pull over and sped away through the neighborhood at approximately 60 mph, running stop signs,

and endangering the public walking along the roadway," the DA's report indicated.

Later, after other police joined the chase, Humes took off on foot and escaped. "The defendant made his way to a vehicle and fled the area before he could be apprehended," the report said.

His luck finally runs out

Humes was finally apprehended two weeks later when a CHP officer saw him driving a truck in Prunedale. Another high-speed chase soon began, and police reported that Humes's truck was clocked at 90 to 100 mph.

"Humes eventually lost control of the truck when he struck the dirt embankment taking the Pesante Road exit from northbound Highway 101," the DA added. "He then drove his truck the wrong way on northbound 101 toward pursuing officers, crashing his vehicle into the front of a patrol car with two officers at 30-40 mph, causing major damage and disabling the patrol car. The defendant then fled on foot and fought with officers when they attempted to apprehend him and place him under arrest. One officer suffered a concussion and a deputy had minor injuries."

of people worldwide build up sufficient immunity, though infection and/or vaccination, we may still be subject to successive waves of infection with new variants," she said.

Covid-19, many experts agree, will likely take the route that influenza has and never really go away, with periods of higher infection rates like the flu. Between 2010 and 2020, the flu sickened millions of people and killed 12,000 to 52,000 people annually, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"So even if or when Covid-19 becomes endemic, it does not necessarily mean that it will be universally less virulent or contagious," Blum said.

Nationally, another pandemic record was reached Thursday with 486,428 new cases, according to CDC data.

Test centers busy

Meanwhile, Monterey County Covid-19 testing sites are seeing a lot of activity these days. On Thursday morning, there were about 80 people in line at the Virus Geeks testing center at Monterey airport.

At another Virus Geeks testing site at Portola Plaza Hotel & Spa, hotel manager Janine Chicourrat told The Pine Cone that it performed about 300 tests one day this week, with a daily average of about 150.

"I wish more people knew about it, as it is so easy and convenient," Chicourrat said. "Plus, it is free."

The Portola Plaza location is open Tuesday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. It's closed New Year's Day. The airport location, 200 Fred Kane Drive, is open Monday to Sunday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. On Friday, Dec. 31, though, it's open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and closed New Year's Day. Walk-ins are welcome.

Thieves target C.V. mailbox

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE FAMILIAR blue mailbox in front of the Carmel Valley Post Office at 11 Via Contenta needs replacing after one or more vandals this week tried to either steal it, or its contents.

A photograph taken by resident Lorraine Comanor shows the collection box bolted to a chunk of concrete that somehow was ripped from the ground. It appears someone tried to pry open the mailbox to take what was inside of it.

"Look what happened to our mailbox," Comanor posted on social media. "Someone tried to break into it with a crowbar last night and didn't succeed, but managed to dislodge the box off its concrete slab."

Comanor said she and her daughter were taking a walk on Dec. 28 when she noticed a postal worker examining the box. He told her it could be a few days before a new one arrives.

"The box is now non-operational and, according to a post office worker, has to be replaced," she reported. "For now, you have to go inside to mail a letter. Pretty sad for our lovely community to have someone try to steal the mail."

While one person who responded to the post wondered if theft is still a crime in this country, another noted that it's still a federal offense to tamper with a collection box at a post office. Someone with Boyd's Asphalt in Salinas, meanwhile, chimed in and offered to donate a new slab.

It turns out that messing with U.S. Postal Service property can get you in a lot of trouble.

"Mail cannot be delivered to a damaged mailbox, and mailboxes cost money to replace," according to the United States Postal Service Inspection Service. "Mailboxes are protected by federal law and crimes against mailboxes (and the mail inside) are investigated by postal inspectors. Those who are convicted of destruction of federal property could spend up to three years in jail and be fined up to \$250,000."



PHOTO/LORRAINE COMANOR

Someone apparently tried to break into the mailbox outside the Carmel Valley Post Office this week.

OMICRON

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in people with risk factors and no prior immunity," Blum explained. "Being fully vaccinated and boosted is most protective against severe disease. Infection is not inevitable."

Even mild or asymptomatic cases, though, will cause disruption at home, the workplace and in schools, since those who know they have the disease will need to isolate themselves.

"We urge everyone to continue to be vigilant and use multiple prevention measures — vaccines, masks, distancing, smaller outdoor gatherings, testing, and staying home when ill — to protect themselves and our community," Blum said.

While the health department has confirmed only six omicron cases in Monterey County, there are likely many more than that. However, knowing where those cases have occurred and whether anyone infected with omicron has been hospitalized is impossible.

"Community Hospital has been submitting specimens to the public health lab for sequencing. This is for public health surveillance purposes and not clinical care," Blum said, "so the Monterey County Health Department does not inform providers which sequences came from which patients."

Stick around

Blum said omicron "is certain" to become the dominant strain "very quickly," but it "remains to be seen" how that could alter the course of the pandemic.

"Until the overwhelming majority

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official Tim Meroney commented that not many city blocks are filled with two-story homes, but rather have a mix of one-story and two-story residences.

"All I see is San Jose houses being jammed into Carmel on 40-by-100-foot lots," he said, especially since the property contains only single-story buildings now. "Unfortunately, I see something that's going to be completely out of character."

He also predicted it would create traffic problems on First Avenue and said drainage is an issue.

Miller said the state and city require the developers to have plans for dealing with "all the water on the site."

Meroney didn't argue for keeping the inn as it is, though. "It's high time Carmel Resort Inn be torn down," he said. "It's good to have an improvement," though he wasn't comfortable with the idea of it happening all at once.

If the city doesn't approve the proposal, Miller commented, "the alternative is selling the 16 lots individually," with designing and building each home potentially dragging on for years.

The devil you know

"You're better off with the devil you know than the 16 devils you don't know," he said. Miller also mentioned that with SB 9 now in effect, each lot could also be subdivided and further developed with more, smaller homes, "which is the last thing we want to happen here."

A Carpenter resident who didn't give her name worried about looking out at a "wall" of two-story buildings "that look very close together."

"I live here, too," Miller said. "I don't want this to be something people don't like."

Another resident predicted construction noise and traffic would badly impact her

neighborhood, and a man asked about contaminants like asbestos and mold. Miller responded that having a good contractor handle the job and a solid construction management plan will make the building process less painful.

Demolition and construction are subject to clean-air rules and other processes for ensuring carcinogens aren't released. "California requires us to do a hazmat test on every single one" of the cottages to be demolished, he said.

Longtime builder Dan Silverie, whose company handled the Trevvett Court development on Dolores for The Carmel Foundation and has overseen numerous other large projects throughout the county and state, supported Miller's plans.

"It's going to be a neat neighborhood when it's done," he said. "This is going to change a little bit of Carmel. I think it's going to be a really cool project."

Neal Kruse said he and others who live in town "are concerned we're losing character because of having more contemporary designs."

"We're not in favor of a lot of these contemporary designs," he said. "I look at this and see a subdivision in Los Altos."

Kruse said he'd prefer each lot be developed one at a time, so "each house has the full attention of the community."

Resident Paula Hazdovac asked if there is enough water on the property to do Miller's plans. "We have that all worked out," he told her.

Glen Gurries, who represented the prior owner in the inn's sale, commended Desai for having the courage to fix up the property and to pursue his plans now.

"When they were negotiating, the place was shuttered, and there were weeds everywhere," he pointed out. "It wasn't a pretty site."

Gurries told the residents they're fortunate the property is owned by a family that lives in town and wants to do "a nice project."

"I know they want a good project as much as I do," Miller said.

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payroll but keeping them on the job here. The agreement would also reduce overtime costs on the ambulance because MFD has more people who could fill in as needed.

“We want to maintain service levels,” she added.

Paramedic David Jedinak, who has served on the ambulance for 36 years and knows more about its operations than anyone, said he looks forward to working with Monterey “to make sure our association is represented and there’s transparency.”


“I think Monterey is an excellent organization,” he said, complimenting its “outstanding operational readiness and life safety that we’ve seen several times during some serious events in Carmel.”

No one else commented on what Mayor Dave Potter called “one of the most passionate topics in the city,” and he made the motion to direct city administrator Chip Rerig to add ambulance services when negotiating the new Monterey Fire contract.

The group also recommended the agreement include more public outreach in fire awareness and prevention, the use of on-duty firefighters for state-required inspections, semiannual inspections of public lands like Mission Trail park for fire risk, and education and outreach on beach fires.

Overall, negotiations should “look for opportunities to eliminate redundancy and increase efficiency,” and ideally “find cost savings that do not impact fire or ambulance services that reduce the overall cost for both below a combined \$4.3 million annually.”

Baron seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.



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ALLEN EUGENE FUHS

Allen Eugene Fuhs was born in Laramie, Wyoming on August 11, 1927, the second of two children of Grace and Michael Fuhs. He passed away in Monterey, California on December 20, 2021, at the age of 94. Dr. Fuhs was a graduate of the University of New Mexico, where he received his degree in Mechanical Engineering. After serving in the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict, he returned to his studies, earning M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Mechanical Engineering from the California Institute of Technology.



During his lifetime, Dr. Fuhs conducted research into topics ranging from rarefied gas dynamics for reentry vehicles to anti-prism geometries in structures. He spent the majority of his career as a professor at the Naval Postgraduate School, and retired from the School as a Distinguished Professor — the equivalent of a Chair at a private university. After retiring from NPS, he was Chief Scientist of Orbital Sciences Corporation from 1987-1990. His many professional awards included being elected President of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA); receiving AIAA's highest award, an Honorary Fellowship; and being selected for the New Mexico Museum of Space History Hall of Fame. Fuhs also served on Vice President Dan Quayle's Space Policy Advisory Board and on the Advisory Committee for the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. Late in life, he established the Fuhs Family Foundation (a part of the Community Foundation for Monterey County) to encourage involvement of young scientists and engineers in science communications.

Dr. Fuhs is survived by his daughter, Susan Fuhs; son-in-law and grandson, David and John Fink; his brother, John (Jack) Fuhs; many nieces and nephews; and his long-time companion, Maxine Hoag. After a visitation at Mission Mortuary in Monterey on January 4 (1:30 to 4:30 p.m., masks required) for local family and friends, he will be buried next to his wife, Emily, in Gallup, New Mexico.

VALERIA 'KAY' KING January 16, 1944 to December 5, 2021

Valeria Kay (Potter) King born and raised in Walnut Creek, California. Kay loved cooking, hiking, traveling, fine food and wine, classical music, hosting elegant dinners, and above all else, spending time with her friends and family. She attended the University of the Pacific, University of Oregon and received her bachelor's degree at the University of Nebraska, Omaha. She is remembered fondly for being a gracious host, a thoughtful, kind and considerate, gentle soul. She loved animals, especially cats.



Kay is survived by her husband of 57 years, Dr. Allen King of Salinas; her son, Dr. Phillip King; daughter-in-law, Dena (Bergeron) King of Carmel; her daughter, Jennifer (King) De Villiers; son-in-law, Alan De Villiers of Carmel Valley, and grandsons, Vetea De Villiers and Hayden King.

Per her wishes there will only be private services. If you desire, donations may be made to the Hospice of the Central Coast or to the SPCA for Monterey County.

Funeral Arrangements by *Struve and Laporte Funeral Home*.
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In Loving Memory of Frank V. Mayo

Frank Vincent Mayo passed away peacefully on November 10th, 2021, at age 78 in McKinney, Texas with both of his children by his side.

Frank was born in Cape Canaveral, Florida in 1943 while his father, Frank V Mayo Sr. was serving the Naval Air Force on Patrick Air Force Base. The family was transferred to the west coast where he grew up in Carmel, California, and went to Carmel High School where he became a well-rounded athlete and was the star quarterback of his football team. (Go Padres!)

Frank then married (Billie Jean Fritsche-DiMonaco) and had two children, a son, and a daughter. He continued his education and graduated from Humboldt State University in Zoology and completed his post-graduate degree at the University of Washington in Quantitative Science.

Frank obtained a 40-year career as a software engineer in software development for the Department of Defense where he worked for Boeing, NASA, and Raytheon Technologies.

He is preceded by his Mother (Freda Nicola-Mayo) and his Father (Frank V. Mayo Sr.) and survived by his sister (Sherie Mayo-Moreland, and his two children (Laura Mayo) and his son (Frank Mayo Jr.)

Frank had a love for all animals, sports (especially Football) and had an extremely contagious sense of humor that could make anyone laugh. He will be greatly missed, forever loved, and never forgotten.

To express condolences, you can contribute to St. Jude's Children's Hospital and/or your local Humane Society.



AGENDA

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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.

In his report for the council, planner Evan Kort explains that city staff will always recommend supporting a lower board's decision, even if the prior direction was to approve the project.

The council can overrule the commission and OK the project, deny Carver's request and leave it as is, or make changes to the plans, according to Kort's report.

City hall has been closed for the holidays but will reopen Jan. 3 with a full schedule. That day, the council will meet

in closed session to discuss labor issues and potential litigation, and on Jan. 4, the agenda also includes a verbal report on housing topics affecting the city, among them the recently enacted state bills allowing people to subdivide their lots and build more homes and a study of the feasibility of building affordable housing.

Council members will also receive and file the annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year that ended June 30 and will consider extending the mandatory removal date for restaurants' temporary parklets beyond Jan. 20, 2022.

Discussion of resuming in-person meetings is on the agenda, as well, along with a report on the various initiatives and priorities the council identified at a workshop in October.

For a detailed agenda and how to participate in the meeting, which is set to begin at 4:30 p.m., go to ci.carmel.ca.us.

GRANT DARE CONROY

Grant Dare Conroy, longtime resident of Carmel, Calif., passed away on Nov. 23 at the age of 79.

Conroy lived in Beverly Hills until the mid-1980s, then in Pebble Beach, Carmel, and a second home in Honolulu. The son of Capt. Thomas L. Conroy, U.S. Navy, and Marvel Hansen, Grant graduated from Carmel High School in 1959, where he went by "Dare" or "Bud" and played football. While taking classes at USC, he earned money doing stunt work and fell in love with the Hollywood film industry.

For the next 20 plus years, Conroy worked in the film industry, first doing stunt work as "Lance Dare," writing and producing small films, and managing the career of actress Joanna Cameron (star of the TV show "The Secrets of Isis"), the love of his life, who recently preceded him in death. They collaborated on short documentaries like "Blue Angels in Razor Sharp" (1982) and "El Camino Real" on Pope John Paul II's 1987 visit to the Carmel Mission Basilica.

Conroy was active and athletic in running, swimming, skiing, surfing, and golf. He enjoyed Pebble Beach's equestrian community and riding his horse Kona along the coast. He believed that "God takes care of those who take care of animals." He liked to hold court about his travels, Hollywood, and adventurous activities, and was very generous with his attention and hospitality.

He is survived by close friends and cousins in Colorado, California, Minnesota, North Carolina and Rhode Island. He was preceded in death by brother Michael (2008). Conroy will be named at the 9 a.m. Mass on Jan. 2nd, 2022, to be celebrated at the Carmel Mission Basilica on Rio Road, Carmel.

Memorial donations may be made to the SPCA of Monterey County.
Other remembrances are in progress.

Anne Christine Powers

November 9, 1943 - December 23, 2021

Anne Christine Powers passed away quietly in the early morning hours of December 23, 2021, at her home in Pacific Grove, CA after a brief illness. Anne was the daughter of the late Joseph and Evelyn Marcilliat of Tell City, IN and is survived by her devoted husband of 54 years, John Powers. Anne was a loving mother of two sons, Matthew (wife Grace) Powers of Woodland Hills, CA and Daniel (wife Aubrey)



Powers of Pacific Grove, CA and a proud, loving grandmother of five grandchildren, Montgomery, Brady, Aidan, Declan and Connor Powers. She leaves behind her sisters, Phyliss (Vincent) Welage and Eileen Colwell, brothers, Gene Marcilliat and Ted Marcilliat, and many friends.

Anne grew up in Tell City, IN and graduated from Indiana University with a bachelor's degree in nursing. She moved west to California in the mid-1960s to pursue her nursing career. She worked as a registered nurse at Stanford Hospital and Cottage Hospital of Santa Barbara, a public health nurse for the counties of Santa Barbara and Monterey, and as an office nurse for three medical groups in Monterey, CA. She was also a classroom aide at Pacific Grove High School.

Anne met her husband-to-be John Powers in Menlo Park, CA, and they were married in Santa Barbara. They moved to Carmel, CA and later lived on Candy Cane Lane in Pacific Grove for 48 years, with a special year spent living in Paris, France. After many years of nursing, she focused on her family and her grandchildren, attending as many Pacific Grove Breakers basketball and youth soccer and basketball games as she could. Her favorite activities included singing, swimming, reading, watching basketball at all levels, and walking her golden retriever, Abbie.

Anne will be deeply missed by everyone who knew and loved her. Funeral services will be held at St. Angela Merici Catholic Church in Pacific Grove, at 11 a.m. January 6 followed by burial at El Carmelo Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

To sign Anne's guest book and leave messages for her family, please visit www.thepaulmortuary.com.

PANETTA

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The commission held roughly 150 meetings to discuss changes to all of the state's congressional boundaries.

Citizens ignored

"It really seemed they spent very little time on this area," Panetta said, and he criticized the commission for not listening to the wants of the residents of the former 20th Congressional District. Panetta's new territory is the 19th Congressional District.

He accused the commission of spending more effort redrawing other districts throughout California.

"What disappointed me the most is we have a number of very proud civically minded citizens here on the central coast who waited hours on end to speak up and speak out against this, to highlight our communities of interest," he said, referring to the public meetings on the topic. "Unfortunately, it appeared that those numerous calls and numerous comments were ignored considering the district they created."

While the overhaul baffled many residents, some of whom publicly commented on the changes, Panetta said he has no inside knowledge of why the commission changed the district the way it did.

"That was part of the frustration," he said. "Once they set this district they were pretty intent on keeping it, despite the number of local elected officials," including South Monterey County Supervisor Chris Lopez, "and citizens who spoke out against it."

Besides "scooping out," as Panetta put it, the Salinas Valley and San Benito County, the commission removed Watsonville and Castroville — also both heavily Hispanic communities — from his district

and included them in the new district.

Panetta said the new district will have some of the same challenges as the area he represents now, though it's a tad more politically conservative, thanks to the addition of northern San Luis Obispo County.

Monterey County voters in the November 2020 election voted 69.5 percent to elect President Joe Biden compared to 28.3 percent who favored former President Donald Trump. San Luis Obispo County is more evenly weighted politically, with 59.7 percent of its residents having voted for Biden to 38.2 percent for Trump.

"But looking at the existing 19th District, it's still going to have the same interests in that it has beauty and bounty because of the way it extends down into Northern San Luis Obispo County, which has a lot of agriculture," Panetta said.

Reelection bid announced

Panetta predicted that Democratic Rep. Zoe Lofgren, 74 — who has been in Congress for 27 years and will represent some of his former territory — will do a very good job.

Panetta also noted a symbolic advantage with the redrawn district he covers.

"It puts our hometown and the Central Coast at the heart of the district, which is great," said Panetta, who lives in Carmel Valley and has a long history with the Monterey Peninsula.

To learn more about his new congressional district, Panetta said he has plans to talk to officials in the San Jose area and San Luis Obispo County.

Meanwhile, Panetta officially announced his 2022 reelection bid, saying he's excited for the opportunity to represent the new district.

"Although the shape of our district has changed, it will not change my dedication and desire to enhance the lives and ensure the livelihoods of my constituents by making government work for them," he said.



STACIE MARIE (STAINBROOK) TARSITANO

1966 ♦ 2021

Stacie Marie (Stainbrook) Tarsitano, age 55, passed away on December 11th, 2021, after a long, hard fight with a rare type of breast cancer. She was surrounded by family in her childhood home in Carmel Valley, California.

Stacie was born on November 26th, 1966, at Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula to Marilyn and Dave Stainbrook. Her love of sports began early by not only being a three-sport lettered athlete in diving, softball, and basketball but also as an accomplished equestrian. Stacie first met her husband Gerry at the age of 10 when they both attended Junipero Serra Catholic School at The Carmel Mission. They continued their devoted friendship while both attending Carmel High School and did not begin dating until they had completed each of their college educations. They were married on March 27, 1993 at The Carmel Mission Basilica and moved to the Coachella Valley where Stacie began her teaching career.

Stacie received her degree in education at Chico State, while competing as an All-American Diver, and her master's in history from Sacramento State. She helped open the new La Quinta High School and was instrumental in helping develop the International Baccalaureate program there while coaching swimming, basketball, and softball. She later took on the role of a Teacher Coordinator with the school district, at Desert Ridge Academy, and finally at Shadow Hills High School while simultaneously teaching. Her passion was history and she was always one of the student bodies' favorite teachers.

To say she was a 49er, Warriors, and Angels fan would be an understatement. On game days her outfit was done to the tenth degree and the world stood still in her house until the game was over. Stacie was very proud of her daughter, Colby, and son, Miles. As the heartbeat of the family, she was not only the most loving, supportive, and encouraging mother but also the best aunt, sister, wife, and friend. Her wit and sense of humor was unbeatable, an iconic part of her lighthearted personality.

Stacie is survived by her first husband, Gerry Tarsitano; children Colby and Miles Tarsitano; sister Tamara Hardisty and her children Brianna Lackey, Shane Lackey and Drake Hardisty; brother David Stainbrook and his children Troy, Taylor and Tucker Stainbrook, as well as many other family members and dear friends.

Stacie was laid to rest at a private burial. A mass and celebration of life will be celebrated for Stacie at The Carmel Mission at 11 a.m. on January 11th, 2022.

Special thanks to Dr. Nancy Rubin, Hospice of the Central Coast, and Bermudez Family Cremation and Funeral for their extraordinary compassion and invaluable guidance.

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Claire Barancik

Claire Barancik, devoted mother and wife, passed away on December, 23, 2021, due to complications from breast cancer. She was 88 years old, living in Chicago with her husband, Richard Barancik. Until 2018, they spent 26 wonderful years living part-time in Pebble Beach where they made many of their closest friends.

Claire was born August 31, 1933, to Walter and Louise Youngren on the south side of Chicago. She graduated from Hyde Park High School and later attended the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Her sister, Lucille predeceased her. Claire adored her parents, describing them as "love birds" and subsequently, family meant everything to her. Claire often said she had four wonderful lives. She lost two husbands to cancer, Allan Brown and Bud "B.C." Holland, but she didn't let that or any other tragedy in her life stop her from continuing to make all those around her very happy.

She had an indomitable spirit and led many museum fundraisers and charities with great enthusiasm. Throughout the 1980s Claire was very active in the Chicago art world, and in 1977 she was co-chair of The Crystal Ball, the annual fundraiser for Michael Reese Hospital. She was on the board of the Howard Brown Health and AIDS Foundation of Chicago, and the Monterey Symphony.

Claire's children, the late Gary, Steve (Amy) and Michelle Handelman (Vincent Baker) brought her much joy, as well as her grandchildren, Jon, David (Adrienne), Phoebe and Russell Handelman, and great-grandchildren, Amelia and Thomas Handelman, and stepchildren Robert (Amy Blake), Michael, Cathy Graham, Jill (Michael O'Briant) and Ellen Barancik, Bradley and Glenn (Michelle) Holland, Patti, Cindy and Laurie Brown.

We would like to thank Claire's care team for their loving dedication: Ponciana Wilson, Mona Del, Regina Portugal, Roselle Impe, Jade Santiago, and Andie Tumbali. Due to the pandemic there will not be a public memorial service. Donations in her name can be made to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation <https://www.bcrf.org>. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Despite two-year hiatus, Stevenson's soccer team is raring to go

"It's alive! It's alive!" — Frederick Frankenstein

WHEN ALL of the parts are there and the chemistry is right, villagers beware.

That intangible known as "team chemistry" might be the lightning bolt that helps the Stevenson Pirates electrify the 2022 boys soccer season, according to coach Toby

Section's Division IV championship last spring), a game in which Stevenson was missing two of its best players. The second came at Greenfield, another school with a formidable soccer tradition.

'I wanted us to be tested'

"I scheduled those kind of preseason games on purpose — I wanted us to be really tested, and we were," Elmore said. "We could have won each of those games, and we came away knowing we can compete with the best teams in the division above us."

Students at Stevenson, a boarding school, participated exclusively in online classes during the pandemic and a closed campus eliminated any opportunity for a spring athletic season. That put the Pirates in getting-acquainted mode when they reconvened this winter after two years.

Seniors Nathaniel Hahn (center midfielder), Win Metcalf (center back), and Ardan Dorrian (goalkeeper) — the only returning full-time starters from a 2019-20 team that went 7-4-4 overall — were named tri-captains.

Hahn, a four-year varsity player and three-year starter, showed up this year with a new body, thanks to a dedicated workout program during the pandemic.

"He was a strong player for us as a sophomore, but he physically transformed over the past year or so and has



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Senior co-captain Win Metcalf, No. 7, who will play lacrosse next year at Vassar College, is an athletic center back for Stevenson.

become a real force for us — very fit and strong," the coach said. "He has an ability to play a physical, box-to-box game and control the midfield. He's a great distributor, and very tough for our opponents to manage."

A varsity cross-country season proved to be good conditioning for Metcalf, a multi-sport jock whose best sport is lacrosse — he has committed to play next year at Vassar College in New York.

"He's an excellent athlete who has stepped up in a big way at center back," Elmore said of his key defender.

From goalie to striker

Dorrian figured to be Stevenson's starting goalie again this season (his 67 saves as a sophomore led the Pacific Coast Athletic League), but also spent time at the striker position on his club teams. That experience that proved invaluable when another outstanding goalkeeper — freshman Luke Brandler, a boarder from Hong Kong — showed up this season.

"When Luke showed up on our doorstep, it allowed us to put Ardan up the field to our No. 9 (main striker) position, where he's been excellent," Elmore said. "He's quick, he's technically very strong and he can finish quite

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Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Elmore, who sees energy, enthusiasm, athleticism, and — perhaps most important of all — symbiosis all through his roster.

After seven December games, Elmore has a squad that is meshing at a surprising rate, and, so far, has already exceeded expectations.

The Pirates emerged from a rugged December schedule with a 4-3 record that included a shocking 2-0 victory over Soquel (winner of the Santa Cruz League crown three of the past four years) and a 2-1 conquest of Palma.

Two of their losses were by 1-0 scores. The first came at the hands of Carmel (which played for the Central Coast



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Santiago Esquino, a freshman from Mexico, (left) is elusive, crafty and creative at wing back. Santiago Sanchez-Reyes, a senior from Mexico (right), is a tough defender who starts at wing back for the Pirates.

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strong.”

Brandler, meanwhile, has 10 saves in goal, with three shutouts, and one or fewer goals allowed in all but one game (a 3-0 loss in a rematch against Greenfield).

Three other senior lettermen, all part-time starters as sophomores, are back for their senior season. Owen Schmittgens, often injured as a 10th grader, worked out rigorously during the pandemic to grow stronger and improve his agility, balance and technical skills to become a formidable starter at center back, a new position for him.

Quan Bui, a boarder from Vietnam, played a pivotal role, and has developed into a shifty and physical midfielder.

Nate Schindler became a starter at center back as a sophomore after Metcalf suffered a broken nose, an injury that sidelined him for the final four games of the year. That experience made him into a versatile utility player this season at wing back, and as attacking player on the flanks.

Talent from Mexico

Three of the newest Pirates, all boarding students from Mexico, are gems. Senior Santiago Sanchez-Reyes is a tireless wing back with mad defensive skills and a big personality.

“It’s rare for a new upperclassman to step in and have the kind of impact that Santiago has had on the culture of this team,” Elmore said. “He’s super positive, he’s fun-loving, and his teammates really rally around him.”

Junior Nico Collignon, a midfielder, is one of the hardest-working players on the team, the coach said, with an exceptional aptitude for the game — attributes that have made him the team’s leading scorer (five goals in seven games).

Stevenson’s second-leading scorer (two goals), freshman Santiago Esquino, is an elusive, crafty and creative wing back who has played at a high level in Mexico.

Harrison Wilmot, who ran at CCS with the Pirates’ varsity cross-country team, is a tireless, fearless sophomore who has earned a starting wing back position.

“I really didn’t know what to expect from a bunch of kids who hadn’t played together in two years and a team with a whole host of new players,” Elmore said. “We hadn’t had much time to practice together and gel, but they came together immediately.”

The 2-0 road upset over powerful Soquel — the Pirates’ second game of the year — might have been more

lopsided, surmised the coach, who said his team missed multiple other opportunities to score.

The 2-1 win at Palma happened when six Pirates were playing through illness. Leading 2-0, Stevenson had a third goal nullified by what Elmore called “a somewhat questionable offsides call.”

In the 1-0 loss at Carmel, co-captains Hahn and Dorrian were missing from the lineup, away as co-leaders of the school’s sophomore wilderness exhibition.



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Stevenson coach Toby Elmore, right, lists midfielder Nico Collignon, a junior from Mexico, among his top finds this year.

Back-to-back losses to Greenfield, 1-0 on the road, 3-0 at home, also were winnable games, Elmore said.

“The first game was really frustrating — we missed three great scoring opportunities in the first 12 minutes,” the coach said. “In the second game, we gave Greenfield four consecutive corner kicks at one point, and they managed to score on the last one. You just can’t ask your defense to sustain for that long.”

Confidence and optimism

Such scrappiness and toughness has the Pirates feeling confident and optimistic as they approach their final preseason game against St. Francis SCP (3:30 p.m. Jan. 7 at home) and their Santa Lucia Division opener against Pacific Grove (4 p.m. Jan. 10 on the road).

“The only thing we can control is how hard we work,” said Elmore. “But I think we’ve already shown that we have the capacity to play really well.”

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a public hearing in the Council Chambers located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea and via teleconference, on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible. Immediately prior to the public hearing, the Commission will visit some or all of the project sites in-person as part of a Tour of Inspection. Social distancing requirements will be maintained during the Tour. Interested members of the public are invited to attend both the Tour and the Hearing. To attend via Zoom: (copy and paste the link into your browser); <https://zoom.us/j/97793575109?pwd=ZS1FQndQM3plbUNXWldxVjdHQUN1Zz09> Meeting ID (if needed): 977 9357 5109, Passcode (if needed): 818959; to attend via telephone, dial 1-301-715-8592.

Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-29-20 has allowed local legislative bodies to hold public meetings via teleconference and to make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the local legislative body. Also, see the Order by the Monterey County Public Health Officer issued March 17, 2020. The health and well-being of our residents is the top priority for the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea.

All interested persons are invited to attend via teleconference at the time and place specified above to give oral or written testimony concerning this matter. Written comments may be submitted to the Community Planning & Building Department at City Hall located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921 or P.O. Box CC, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921 or by email bswanson@ci.carmel.ca.us prior to the meeting. With respect to written comments, please submit them at least 2 hours before the meeting in order to ensure they are provided to the legislative body and made part of the record. Comments received after that time and up to the end of the public hearing will be saved as part of the record but may not be provided to the legislative body prior to or during the public hearing.

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DS 21-362 (California Coast, LLC)

Andrew Goodwin, Architect
San Carlos Street 2 southwest 1st Avenue
Block: 10, Lot: 3
APN: 010-126-017-000

DS 21-362 (California Coast, LLC) - Consideration of a Concept Design Study for the demolition of an existing 1,315 square foot one-story residence with an attached garage, and construction of a new two-story 1,565 square foot single family residence with a 235 square foot detached garage located in the front setback located on San Carlos Street 2 SW 1st Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District. APN: 010-126-017-000

DS 21-356 (Foley)

Eric Wynkoop, Designer
Casanova Street 3 southwest of 13th Avenue
Block BB, Lot 7, APN 010-282-003-000

DS 21-356 (Foley) - Consideration of a Concept Design Study for a 385 square-foot single-story addition to an existing 1,542 square-foot single-story residence located on Casanova Street 3 southwest of 13th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN 010-282-003-000

DS 21-224/VA 21-225 (White-Cox)

Thomas Bateman Hood, Architect
Northwest Corner of Santa Fe Street and 6th Avenue
Block 60, Lots 17 & 19, APN: 010-092-007-000

DS 21-224 / VA 21-225 (White-Cox) - Consideration of a Concept Design Study for additions to the historic ‘Comstock Studio’ totaling 247 square feet and a 267 square-foot detached accessory dwelling unit located at the northwest corner of Santa Fe Street and 6th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN 010-092-007-000

DS 21-318 (Tada)

Eric Wynkoop, Designer
Santa Lucia Avenue 2 northeast of Casanova Street
Block 146, Lot 26, APN: 010-176-025-000

DS 21-318 (Tada) - Consideration of a Combined Concept and Final Design Study (DS 21-318, Tada) and associated Coastal Development Permit for a 285 square foot addition to an existing 1,141 square foot residence with a 340 square foot attached garage located on Santa Lucia Avenue 2 northeast of Casanova Street in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District. APN:010-176-025-000

DS 21-220 (Gregg)

Brian Congleton, Architect
Santa Rita Street 3 northeast of 3rd Avenue
Block 23, Lot 16, APN: 010-025-012-000

DS 21-220 (Gregg) - Consideration of a Final Design Study and associated Coastal Development Permit for a 1,006 square-foot, two-story addition to the one-story, 594 square-foot historic Alfonso Ramirez Cabin located on Santa Rita Street 2 northeast of 3rd Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN 010-025-012-000

Scenic Pathway Benches - Receive a report and provide direction to staff related to feedback received from the public and the Forest and Beach Commission regarding recent Commission approval of sixteen (16) bench locations along the Scenic Road pathway

International Dark Sky Place designation - Receive a presentation on the requirements and application process to become an “International Dark Sky Places” (ISDP) designated city and provide direction to staff.

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Editorial

Keeping drought — and rain — in perspective

HERE ON the Monterey Peninsula, we live in a looking-glass world where water is concerned, and that makes it difficult for us to make sense of the constant back-and-forth among government officials and the news media about California’s drought (or lack thereof).

A couple of years ago, for example, when cloudless skies and shrinking reservoirs had a bunch of numbskull politicians, led by then-governor Jerry Brown, preaching that climate change would make droughts “the new normal,” it was little consolation for Peninsula residents to know that they had to be wrong. A warmer planet will invariably be a wetter planet.

But no matter how much it rains (and the the downpours of the last two weeks are a good example) our drought won’t end, because ours isn’t of the natural variety. It’s political.

At this very moment, as a result of all the rain we’ve had, huge amounts of water are flowing in the Carmel River and right out to sea. How much? According to the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, the river’s flow peaked at about 5,000 gallons per second on Dec. 26 and has since declined to a steady 3,000 gallons per second, which is 10.8 million gallons per hour, or 259 million gallons a day. Which is a lot.

And where does all that water go? Right back where it came from — the ocean. Which is to say that Mother Nature’s massive desalination operation, known as the hydrologic cycle, is working as hard as it can to supply us with clean, fresh water, but that we’re ignoring her bounty and letting it turn back into salt water without so much as a kiss on the cheek.

We could capture some of water behind a dam, and then use it all year for all sorts of wonderful purposes such as growing and preparing food, having beautiful gardens, and cleaning ourselves and our homes. We could even drink some of it to stay alive. And as soon as we got through using it, we’d let it go back to the sea, too, after just a brief delay to serve human purposes.

We do capture little, but almost all of it — whoosh — disappears as quickly as it arrives.

And why do we do this? You might be told it’s to protect the “environment” (definition: the natural world minus you), but that’s not really true. Almost all the water that’s flowing out to sea right now isn’t doing any creature or plant any more good than it’s doing you.

The real reason we don’t have enough water is that, starting back in the 1970s, a group of activists took advantage of various state laws to create a phony water shortage on the Monterey Peninsula to control growth.

To keep their charade going, these activists created a Gordian knot of rules and regulations to sharply curtail our water supply. These rules make it not only very expensive to use the small amount of water we’re allowed to keep, but practically impossible — and even more expensive — to develop a new source.

And that is where we are today: Sky-high water bills, with even higher ones on the way, even as today’s group of activists promise cheaper water — while they scheme to keep things exactly the way they are.

BEST of BATES



“Whaddaya mean, Carmel has no night life? Carmel has a lot of night life. We’ve got cats, rats, raccoons”

Letters to the Editor

The Pine Cone encourages submission of letters which address issues of public importance. Letters cannot exceed 350 words, and must include the author’s name and home town. We reserve the right to determine which letters are suitable for publication and to edit for length and clarity.

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Protect the view Dear Editor,

I’m opposed to the proposed lights for Carmel High School’s football field. The neighbors sure don’t want them, and I don’t blame them. Lights, traffic, noise, parking around their homes. With lights, other sports could schedule games at night and athletic team practices could be at night. That has the potential impact on the neighborhood of more than the occasional night football game.

My take on the issue is this: Carmel High School has a fantastic view from the football field bleachers, a view that needs protection. The poles for lights would be there forever, not just on game nights. It is beneficial for everyone attending a CHS home football game to have the view as part of their experience. I certainly did as a CHS student from 1955-1959. I love it still.

In 1958, artist Miguel Dominguez

played on a visiting team one Saturday afternoon at CHS. As he stood and looked at the view of the mountains, the valley and out to Carmel Bay, he vowed to live here one day. He does and is one of the most prominent artists of the Carmel Art Association.

After the newspaper article featuring Miguel, where that information was included, I introduced myself to him at one of the CAA monthly shows. I was a student at CHS in 1958. I told him that I was on the Carmel side of the field as a Songleader waving my pom poms while he was admiring our view. I wonder what Miguel thinks about the lights.

I remember a quote from a poem by Walt Whitman that embodies what I believe is the importance of nature and beauty in our lives. The gist of it is that whatever we look upon becomes a part of us. I grew up surrounded by the beauty of nature of Carmel. It is part of me. To destroy the beauty of the view from the CHS football field bleachers would forever deface the wonder of that majestic view, not only for CHS students, but for visiting teams, coaches, families, cheerleaders, songleaders, band members, announcers, spectators. This may be an altruistic position, but one I believe is important.

Cindy Lloyd, Carmel

Also opposes lights

Dear Editor,

In 1958, as the final seconds of my last football game at Carmel High School came to an end, I looked out across to the

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Hobby-horse races and pinball machines at Mission Ranch

AS WE have reported in recent columns, in the mid-1920s, lumber baron Willis Walker bought a 216-acre ranch near the Carmel River that had been established by the John Martin family in the late 1800s. As Carmel showed signs of coming out of the Great Depression in January 1937, Walker converted the former farmhouse and barns into what he called the Mission Ranch Club, a family-style country club. At the same time, he began developing

moved from a rental on Carmelo to the new home on Ridgewood. Margaret did some catering and became active with the Carmel Woman's Club.

In 1940, Margaret eloped to Reno with Bertram "Bert" Dienelt, a native of Virginia. It is not clear how they met, but he had come west in the late 1920s after a divorce. He had been a successful car dealer in Virginia. In 1929, he was the sales manager for the Chrysler distributor at Post and Van Ness in San Francisco. In 1931, he moved up the street to Geary and Van Ness to head the distribution of Duesenberg automobiles in northern California.

History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

housing tracts on much of the rest of the ranchlands between Carmel city limits and the river.

Walker relied on managers for the first several years, but when the colorful Don McFadden resigned in August 1942 to join the army, he opted to lease the club to Margaret and Bertram Dienelt. The Dienelts had been active bridge players at the club for years and owned a home on Ridgewood Road, in the nearby Walker Tract No. 1.

Eloping to Reno

Margaret was born in 1903 and raised in Piedmont, where she attended Miss Ransom's private school for girls. Her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Francis Musser, had come to California from eastern Pennsylvania and maintained many friendships there, including one with the Heebner family. While attending finishing school in the East, Margaret dated Charles Heebner. She returned to California and summered in Carmel in 1924, working at a Chinese antique store in the Court of the Golden Bough. In November 1924, she married Heebner and moved to Philadelphia.

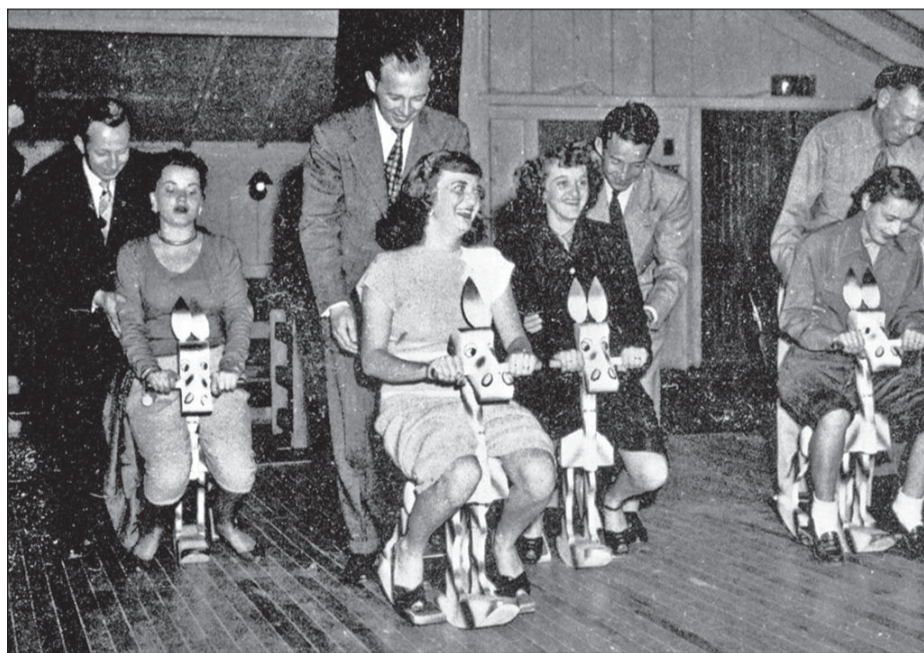
After a 1935 divorce, Margaret returned to Carmel with her two children by Heebner, Charles and Peggy. In 1936, they

Ziegfeld girl

In early 1941, the Dienelts bought the popular Sade's restaurant on the south side of Ocean Avenue between Lincoln and Monte Verde. Its founder, former Ziegfeld girl Sade Carr-Latham, had died a few months earlier. Margaret's widowed mother moved to Carmel to help with the children while Margaret and Bert expanded their commercial interests.

When the Dienelts signed the lease on Mission Ranch the next year, they hired Kay Brownell as the manager while they rebalanced their lives around the two restaurants. They kept Lynn Hodges as the ranch bartender, but separated his equestrian activity, leasing a portion of the property to Hodges as Mission Ranch Stables. They continued collecting member dues from patrons, but still welcomed uniformed military officers without dues, a practice begun in 1940 following the creation of Fort Ord. After the Navy occupied the Hotel Del Monte in January 1943 as a pre-flight training center, the Dienelts invited the cadets to enjoy the large barn at Mission Ranch as a recreation center on weekends.

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PHOTO/WHAT'S DOING MAGAZINE, MAY 1949

In the late 1940s, adult activities at Mission Ranch included racing on wooden horses that had once been used by children at the Hotel Del Monte.

Don't miss "Scenic Views" by Jerry Gervase — every week in the Real Estate Section.

HOW TO DO WHEN YOUR KID IS BORED AND ALONE IN RURAL TUNISIA

IN 2016, after 34 years of educating other people's kids, Cyndy Davis retired from teaching, loaded her RV with paints, brushes and her mutt terrier, Oakley, and drove off on a journey of self-discovery.

"It was my art pilgrimage. I was searching for my artistic voice," said Davis, who was 61 at the time. "I traveled for three months, all the way across Canada and back — a trip I called 'Travels with Oakley,' like the Steinbeck novel.

school, Dad got stationed in Tunisia — an opportunity for all of us to live in the same house in an actual town, instead of a tent or trailer. There weren't any schools nearby, so his company sent me to a boarding school in Rome and flew me home for the holidays."

Concerned that his 16-year-old daughter had no friends and little to do in Tunisia during a school holiday, Davis' father returned home one day with a set of oil paints, brushes, paper and a beret.

"I immediately went outside, sat down in the dirt, and did a painting of our house. Turns out I was pretty fearless — I still have

it, and it's fairly large," she said.

Her education at the college preparatory academy was outstanding, said Davis, who fell in love with her art history classes and began frequenting Rome's museums. But sadly, the school didn't offer any actual art instruction.

'Art was where I belonged'

"I finished high school in Houston, Texas, which is where I took my very first painting class as a senior," she said. "And that's when I discovered that art was where I belonged."

During the summer after her high school graduation, Davis convinced the manager of her apartment complex to let her use a vacant space for a makeshift "art school," where she taught children ages 5-11.

"I actually decided I could teach art at that age, and I did," she recalled with a laugh. "At that age, you think you know everything."

Davis moved on to the University of Oklahoma, earning degrees in fine art and art history. She went on to teach middle school art in Oklahoma and Australia, then moved to California's Central Valley to teach in Stockton and Modesto.

She married and had three children with her first husband, Rodney Swartzendruber, who was killed in 1999 when another driver ran a stop sign — a tragedy that drove Davis deeper into her own art.

Creating art was healing

"For me, creating art was healing — for a while I only did paintings that helped me heal," she said. "Those paintings are tucked away in my studio now, and I rarely pull them out, but I often encourage my students or people I meet who are struggling that art can be cathartic."

In 2000, during a parent-teacher conference, she met Michael Kennedy, a

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Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

"I picked up my husband twice along the way, in Alberta and Quebec. He would fly in, then fly home again, which was a choice. He was retired, too, but didn't want to wander like that."

Davis would stop whenever she felt inspired to sketch or paint things she noticed through the windshield and to experiment with various styles in search of her niche.

Paintbrush and passport

"I think that trip kind of established how important it is for me to travel with a paintbrush in one hand and my passport in the other," she said. "I've always been a wanderer."

Davis lived all over the world as a youth, experiencing the Canary Islands, Australia, Canada, Alaska and other venues while her father worked for an oil-exploration company.

"He was usually gone for a month at a time and we'd be living in pretty remote places," she said. "When I got to high



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Retired art teacher Cyndy Davis travels frequently to find inspiration for her diverse work.



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Optimism and hope drive her to keep making bad things better

IT DOESN'T seem like there's a straight line from sales to helping animals, but when Pebble Beach resident Vicki Nelson tells her story, it makes perfect sense.

Nelson grew up in Chicago, the oldest of three children

Great Lives

By ELAINE HESSER

and the only girl. Her father was a sales manager for the Marshall Field's chain of department stores (acquired by Macy's in 2005), and her mother worked at a bridal shop,



PHOTO/COURTESY MAX'S HELPING PAWS

Vicki Nelson (front) puts together mailers — people still do that — with other volunteers at Max's Helping Paws in October.

which she purchased when the owner retired.

Nelson moved to Los Angeles with her first husband. When they divorced in the early 1980s, she got a job as a receptionist at an advertising agency, then became a media buyer, purchasing print advertising or airtime for commercials on behalf of the agency's clients.

Maybe it came from her parents, or maybe it was just Nelson's relentlessly positive attitude, but a sales rep from a radio station told her that she ought to consider going into sales. "There were very few women in advertising or radio at the time," Nelson said. "I never thought of myself as a trailblazer, though. That was really the generation before me."

"It was exciting and fun — we worked hard, but it was almost a license to steal. We made pretty good money," she recalled. She did make it sound easy. "You write a proposal and explain to someone why they should give you their money," she said.

Not Eddie!

She also remarried. When the couple was deciding where to retire, Pebble Beach topped the list, but her husband died unexpectedly at age 60. Nelson was 47, and she stayed in Los Angeles for two more years before deciding to move here, anyway. That was when she tried to retire the first time, but ended up working as the executive director for the nonprofit Compassionate Care Alliance.

"We wanted to make it OK to talk about death and dying," she said of the group, which held workshops on end-of-life decisions with panelists who included attorneys, doctors and social workers. And that ability to ask people for money came in quite handy, she noted.

Although the subject matter was serious, the conversations could take on humorous overtones.

When teaching about advance directives, in which people designate someone to make decisions for them when they can no longer do so, Nelson said attorneys would often say that although the oldest adult child might seem like a natural choice for the job, they weren't always the most appropriate person.

"Then — always — some woman would poke her husband in the ribs and say, 'I told you Eddie's not the one!'" Nelson recalled.

After 16 years, Nelson said, the organization was no longer sustainable, and other groups, like VNA and Hos-

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NPS professor has all the right questions

By ELAINE HESSER

EVERYBODY KNOWS that Columbus' ships were the Nina, the Pinta and the Santa Maria. But which was the flagship that ran aground at Haiti and was partially dismantled to build the first Spanish settlement in the New World?

If you didn't know it was the Santa Maria, don't worry. The important thing is that Professor Sam Buttrey of Pacific Grove got it right in his successful pursuit of the \$100,000 prize in the first Jeopardy Professors Tournament, which aired from Dec. 6 through Dec. 17. Buttrey has a Ph.D. in statistics and is an associate professor of operations research, which he described in part as being "the science of making good decisions" at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey.

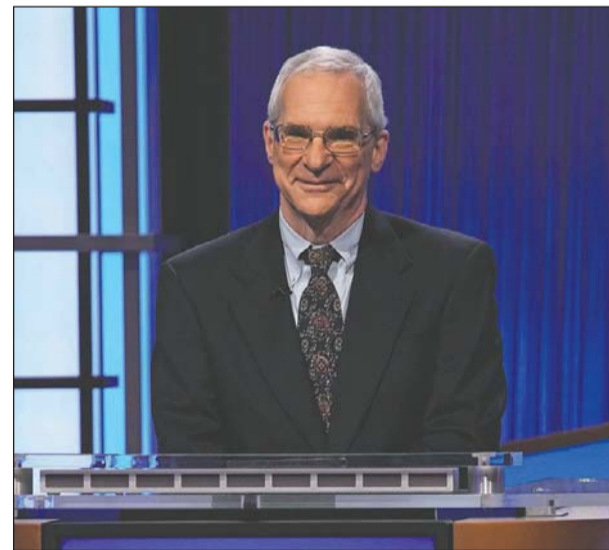
A long process

Buttrey has an excellent sense of humor and bears a resemblance to Steve Martin, which Buttrey said prompted people to post "a weirdly large number" of side-by-side photos of him next to the comedian on social media.

The episodes were recorded at the end of October, and Buttrey said he was only permitted to tell his wife, Linda Hardy, that he won. They didn't tell their adult son, who had to watch the tournament to see how his dad did.

This was the second time Buttrey completed the process to be on the show, which starts with an online test,

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NPS Professor Sam Buttrey isn't just a Jeopardy champion with a \$100,000 prize. Fans believe he's a dead ringer for Steve Martin.

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and, for those who pass, a proctored quiz. Then there's an in-person audition (done via Zoom during Covid) in which candidates demonstrate their buzzer skills (technically, it's called a signaling device) during mock rounds of questions.

Even if someone gets that far, there's no guarantee they'll be called on to compete, as Buttrey discovered and as Hardy knew too well, having gotten that far three times herself. Buttrey noted that each step along the way was fun, however, and is encouraging his wife to try again.

Defeating professors from Hofstra University and the University of Colorado in the first round, Buttrey advanced to the semifinals. In that match, which aired Monday, Dec. 13, he faced down Katie Reed from CSU Fullerton, and J.P. Allen of San Francisco University.

Hot dog star

It took Buttrey a while to get into a groove, but he hit his stride in a category called Fossil Words, which involved older words now used only as part of an expression, such as "boon" in "boon companion."

That makes sense, since Buttrey does British cryptic crosswords as a hobby. Unlike American crosswords, cryptics involve significant word play, anagrams and punning. Buttrey would shine again in Mirror Words, which have different meanings when they're spelled backwards, like rime and emir.

He also did well in Before and After, where one clue read, "A frankfurter within Canis Major," and the correct response was "What is a hot dog star?"

Going into Final Jeopardy for the semifinal match, Buttrey had \$19,000, Allen had \$13,400 and Reed trailed with \$9,000. The appropriate strategy for the leader is to wager just enough on that last question to win, even if everyone gets it right. And here, Buttrey — the statistician — said he made an arithmetic error that nearly got him eliminated.

He wagered \$7,401, thinking that would be sufficient even if Allen bet everything

he had, which he did. But had Allen gotten the correct answer, he would have had \$26,800 to Buttrey's \$26,401. In explaining his miscalculation, Buttrey said, "In our business, we call that 'the fog of war.'" Fortunately, Buttrey alone had the correct response and advanced to the finals on Thursday and Friday nights.

His competitors were Alisa Hove, a professor of botany at Warren Wilson College in North Carolina, and Ed Hashima, a history professor at American River College in Sacramento.

Funny and smart

Because of strict Covid protocols, no family members or friends could attend, but competitors watched some of each other's games, and Buttrey described the experience as fun, but "intense." He was particularly delighted by the collegial atmosphere, finding the other contestants "funny, smart and good to talk with."

At the end of the first game, going into Final Jeopardy, Buttrey had \$23,000 to Hashima's \$9,800 and Hove's \$6,400. None of the contestants got the right answer in World War II Geography. Buttrey wagered \$3,000, leaving him with \$20,000, while Hashima and Hove were left with \$4,600 and \$3,800, respectively. Those amounts would be added to the totals from the second game to determine the winner, giving Buttrey a clear advantage.

Facing former champs

The final game was evenly fought, although Hove ended the second round with a negative score and was eliminated from Final Jeopardy, leaving Buttrey and Hashima to go head to head in French Artists. The clue was, "The catalog of MoMA's first exhibition called this artist who died in 1891 a 'man of science' and 'inventor of a method.'" Seemingly to his own amazement, Buttrey got the correct response — "Who is Seurat?" — while Hashima guessed Monet.

In addition to the \$100,000 prize, Buttrey will return to play in the next Tournament of Champions, taking on other powerhouse winners like Matt Amodio. He said that he and his wife have some plans for the prize money, but they're "not ready to reveal them."

PROJECTS

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the commission approved the project after debating about fence height and landscaping.

Hare Construction is doing the work.

Hotel do-over

In September, the planning commission also signed off on Pastor's plans to refresh and rename the Colonial Terrace Inn at San Antonio and 13th and construction is underway there, as well. Pastor purchased the property in the fall of 2019 for \$12,453,500.

Changes planned for the inn include repainting its seven buildings, replacing windows and doors, improving ADA access along pathways and in parking, and extensive relandscaping.

A new spa, gym and bar will be inside and only available to guests, so they won't affect the look of the property, which contains five buildings constructed between 1930 and 1940 that are historic, and two built between 1940 and 1950 that are not.

The city's historic resources board approved the changes in August, and the planning commission OK'd them a month later, with some minor alterations.

The plans include reducing the number of rooms from 28 to 26 to match the operating permit the city issued in 1968, and repainting the buildings in their original colors. An extensive interior remodel is in

the works, too.

Planning commissioners demanded that all fireplaces throughout the property be gas, spa hours not run outside 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the fitness center be open only from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

David Fink will be operating the new hotel and said the "multimillion-dollar renovation" should take about eight months to complete. And once it's done, he told the planning commission in August, the hotel will attract "very well-mannered international guests." Fink also continues to own and operate L'Auberge Carmel at Monte Verde and Seventh, while Pastor purchased the building in January 2020 for \$13.9 million.

The pit

His plans for "The Pit" at Dolores and Fifth remain in limbo. He purchased the large property from the former developers in March 2020 for \$9 million and has proposed doing a mixed-use project with commercial space on the ground floor, apartments upstairs, and underground parking.

His most recent purchase was Rocky Point in Big Sur, which he bought in November for \$8 million. That purchase brought his real-estate acquisitions here to more than \$82 million.

All but Rocky Point are within Carmel's city limits.

MENTAL

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Meanwhile, Hardin was supposed to stand trial this month for a separate case in which he is accused of brandishing a knife. However, a mental competency hearing scheduled for Wednesday has delayed further court proceedings for that case.

In that incident, Hardin is accused of threatening the victim with a knife on Fremont Boulevard in Seaside in June. The criminal complaint from the Monterey County District Attorney's Office says Hardin battered "John Doe" and brandished a knife "in a rude, angry and threatening manner, and did use a deadly weapon in a fight and quarrel."

GAVEL

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Doe reported the sexual assaults in March 2020, once she was no longer living in the apartment complex near Celestine.

Judge Stephanie Hulsey will preside over the sentencing. Celestine will have a mandatory minimum prison sentence of 20 years and a possible maximum sentence of 32 years. He will be required to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life. The case was primarily investigated by Detective Luis Toribio of the Salinas Police Department.



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HISTORY

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The Dienelts faced some interesting challenges in their first year operating Mission Ranch. Willis Walker died in San Francisco on March 15, 1943. In April, Bert was arrested for adding slot machines to the club's offerings. He pled guilty on April 2 and was released on a \$100 bond. The machines were removed. A few months later, when he tried to expand the dining room, the county planning department red-tagged the property.

The Dienelts were unaware that in late August 1941, Walker, in conjunction with developing his residential tracts, had worked with the county to change the zoning of all of the ranch property to single-family residential. That made the club a non-conforming use. It could continue, but it could not expand.

Failed attempt at rezoning

The next year, on July 19, 1944, the Dienelts bought the 58 acres most closely associated with the Mission Ranch operation from Walker's widow for about \$40,000. The aging condition of the facilities coupled with county limitations accounted for the discounted price.

When Dienelt applied for a second liquor permit for their barn, neighbors formed Carmel Unincorporated in September 1945, and hired an attorney to fight the application.

The neighborhood group flexed its muscle once again in February 1946. Ashton Stanley, whose father, Carlos, had

been the longtime manager at the Hotel Del Monte before the war, sought a long-term lease for Mission Ranch with plans to build a luxury resort. To accommodate his plan, Stanley applied to have the property rezoned for business. The group voted 19-13 against. Stanley withdrew his application and moved to Fresno to manage hotels there.

San Francisco public relations professional Bill Fassett and his wife, Lolly (granddaughter of Carmel founder Frank Powers), moved to Carmel about this time and Margaret Dienelt hired Fassett as public relations director in 1946 to help improve public perception of the ranch. The monthly dues, which had dropped to just \$1 during the war, were abandoned. Mission Ranch also hosted more community events including the Del Monte Kennel Club dog show, a fundraiser for a new wing of the Salinas hospital. It became the new meeting place of the Carmel Lions Club.

They also acquired the wooden hobby horses that had been used by the children at Hotel Del Monte. At the ranch they were used by the adults for what became popular and often hilarious nightly races in the barn.

In the late 1940s, the Dienelts sold several acres of the Ranch to the school district (where River School was eventually built) and built a home in Carmel Valley. They invested in a third restaurant there, setting up Kay Brownell as co-owner and manager of the Carousel restaurant. The Dienelts became full owners of the Carousel in 1949, and sold it in 1959, when it became Wills Fargo. They had sold Sade's to its longtime bartender, Paul Swanson, in December 1951. The Norwegian immigrant had started working for Sade in 1934.

In the late 1950s, the Dienelts began splitting their time between Carmel Valley and Puerta Vallarta, where they maintained a second home. Margaret's son Charles "Skip" Heebner became the live-in manager of Mission Ranch, which had added ping-pong, pool tables and pinball machines to its offerings.

Ready to sell

In April 1966, while in Puerta Vallarta, Bert was shot and killed during a robbery. Margaret was beaten and hospitalized. She recovered and returned to Carmel. Skip continued to manage the Ranch and introduced rock and roll concerts to the barn. This worked against Margaret's effort at rezoning the Ranch in 1977. She had the support of 5th District Supervisor Sam Farr, but the area residents turned



PHOTO/CARMEL PINE CONE, FEB. 24, 1983

Charles Heebner (standing) and his mother, Margaret (right), remained active in the community after selling Mission Ranch in 1979. Also in this picture from a Mardi Gras party in 1983 is Heebner's wife, Harriet (left), the daughter of W. R. Holman.

the board of supervisors against her rezoning effort.

In 1979 Margaret sold her Carmel Valley home to Rolf and Kay Stolesen of Palo Alto. She let them know she was also interested in selling Mission Ranch. The Stolesens pulled together a group of Palo Alto-based investors and bought Mission Ranch in December 1979. A few years later, opposition to their plans for development of Mission Ranch led to Clint Eastwood's purchase in 1986.

That was 35 years ago. Eastwood has now owned Mission Ranch Hotel and Restaurant for just a few months less than it was held by Margaret Dienelt. Coupling their combined 70.5 years, with the initial 7.5 years under Walker and the brief seven years under the Palo Alto group, Mission Ranch will turn 85 in just a few weeks, January 23, 2022.

With Eastwood now in his 90s, there will likely be a new chapter or two in its future, but I trust Mission Ranch will be a part of Carmel's story for years to come.

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ARTIST

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student's father.

"Coincidentally, Mike had lost his wife the same year that I lost my husband. We wound up talking about it and starting a friendship," said Davis, who married Kennedy in 2002. "He also was a teacher — chemistry and biology — and he's passionate about science. We've had a big influence on each other — I now have a deep interest in science and Mike has become very interested in art."

While living on 10 acres in the San Joaquin Valley, the couple purchased a second home in Monterey, and in 2019, they became permanent residents.

"We fell in love with Monterey separately," she said. "Mike often visited the Peninsula with his wife. I'm an avid diver, and frequently came here with my first husband to dive."

Plein air and P.G. Art Center

Since retiring on the Peninsula, Davis has immersed herself in the local art community, painting outdoors once a week with the Monterey Bay Plein Air Painters Association and joining another group of artists each week to draw or paint a live model at the Pacific Grove Art Center. She spends much of the rest of her time in the backyard studio at her Monterey home, painting in natural light provided by multiple windows and a sliding glass door.

"My portfolio might look a bit diverse but there's a trend to all of it because most of it is based on my travels and my experience," said Davis, whose brightly colored body of work ranges from landscapes and seascapes to faces, figures, animals and still life. "I draw and paint what I see and feel."

"My mentors, I'd have to say, are artists of the past — mostly impressionists and expressionists," said Davis, whose favorites include Renoir, Da Vinci and Van Gogh.

Davis said she hasn't yet pursued local gallery representation, instead participating in the plein air association's thrice-yearly shows and the annual Arts Habitat Open Studio event.

Davis and Kennedy travel in their RV once a month, nine months of the year. He hikes and reads while she paints. She also participates in painting outings with an RV club and an adventure club.

Images of her art can be found online at fineartamerica.com/profiles/cyndy-davis. Contact her at cynddavis@gmail.com.

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Author signs books on growing up in L.A.

IT'S NOT every day that an octogenarian publishes a book, but Corral de Tierra resident Renee Patin Farrington has a new memoir out called "In the Shadow of the Sign." She'll sign copies and give a presentation on the book with a movie and slide show at River House Books on Jan. 9 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Farrington's father, Ray Patin, was a Disney artist and her mother, Maxine Patin, was a painter. They raised her in Burbank, on what Farrington calls "the wrong side of the Hollywood sign," and her book is illustrated with nearly 1,000 photos chronicling eight decades of her adventures there and elsewhere. River House Books is located in the Carmel Crossroads shopping center.

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LETTERS

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mouth of Carmel Valley. Up the Valley, I could see the hay fields of Rancho San Carlos, where I worked one summer hauling and bucking hay bales. Then south to Point Lobos, where we would play as kids, knowing the magic of Robert Louis Stevenson's "Treasure Island." I knew in that moment how lucky I was to have lived my early life in a magical place, like no other.

In 1947, Carmel High School started playing football where it is played today. Carmel, as we all know, is a unique place. Some of my classmates have spent their lives trying to keep it that way. The Saturday afternoon football games are part of that tradition. Don't stop those moments of revelation from happening.

There are options to having the lights. Carmel High School could build a field house at the middle school campus with an abundance of space available to expand the athletic programs and activities. It would be a 24/7 facility, as big as a football field and including a track. This is not just about money. There is much more to life.

When I walked off that Saturday afternoon, CCAL Division undefeated champion, I knew that I had left a part of myself on that field. Future Carmel High School students and athletes should continue to have the experience of seeing this place like no other, looking out in the light of day, not into the darkness.

Alan Eaker, Cedar, Mich.

'Manipulated organism'

Dear Editor,

I read your Dec. 17 editorial regarding the persistence of viruses three times over in a search to find something with which I disagreed, but I couldn't find any technical or philosophical missteps. You are entirely correct that Covid-19 is now endemic and we better find ways to live with it. The one point that I think may have been neglected is that Covid-19 is not a natural virus, it is an engineered virus. It was created in a laboratory by proficient scientists. The genetic profile of the virus alone should tell even a first-year graduate student in virology that it is a man manipulated organism. This was phenotypically reflected in invariants unnatural, "hit the ground running" infectivity and virulence in human beings. Thus, the epidemiological course the virus takes may not be as predictable and assured as would be the case for a virus evolved from an animal intermediate. We will have to see. Interestingly, the recent omicron variant is highly transmissible but not severe in effect, more in line with what "nature" might prefer. It seems possible that evolution may be in the process of "dumbing down" Covid-19 in omicron, so that it will more closely approach the behavior of a truly natural, endemic virus.

Alex McPherson, Pacific Grove

Basic math

Dear Editor,

One Ian Nico (letters, Dec. 24) has apparently taken you to task about the number of people dying of the "regular" flu as opposed to the 800,000 people who have died from Covid-19 during the past two years.

Let's talk numbers. In 2020, according to the CDC, 345,323 Americans died of Covid-19. Yet twice that many, or 690,882, died of heart disease alone, and 598,932 died of cancer, for a total of 1,289,814 people, nearly four times the death toll from Covid-19. And the total dying of heart disease goes up every year.

The present death toll from Covid 19 over two years is about 800,000. I believe the death toll for 2021 from heart disease and cancer will be at least as many as in 2020, so over two years the death toll from these two diseases would be 2,579,628 — over three times as many as from Covid-19. And unlike Covid-19, which tends to affect the elderly the most, heart disease and cancer affect people of all ages.

Just some basic math.

As someone well into their seventh decade, sporting a CHOMP-installed artificial heart valve and bypass, I'm far more concerned about heart issues than Covid-19.

Michael Markovitch, Marina

School board dispute

Dear Editor,

I am the parent Ted Knight, superintendent of Carmel Unified School District, called the police on for having a medical exemption to the non-binding CDPH mask guidance. He lied to you. There was no angry mob, nobody spewed expletives, and nobody tried to break down the door. We have it all on video. https://www.instagram.com/tv/CXhye_-Dwb1/?utm_medium=copy_link

Knight lied to you after he was told by seven officers that he better call his lawyer when he was trying to demand I stand in the cold and speak for three minutes because my doctor says I cannot wear a mask. Meanwhile in Spreckles, over 60 parents spoke, some maskless, and nobody called the police on a mom with a doctor's note. The officers were right. His lawyer told Knight he was wrong. And, after making parents wait over 2 hours, he canceled the meeting instead of admitting he was wrong and apologizing for the delay.

Knight needs to resign. He thinks discriminating and getting into a power struggle with a parent who just wanted

to tell the board the CDPH guidance is non-binding and schools are free to disregard it is the best idea. He has been sued for discrimination once already. He is blindly following his own personal political agenda and not acting in the best interest of our kids. And, Mr. Editor, did you know HIS kids live in Douglas County Colorado where they just lifted any mask "mandate." Resign or be sued and waste our taxpayer dollars. Knight has a choice to make.

Tracy L. Henderson, Carmel

Poor reporting

Dear Editor,

Your Dec. 17 article, "School board meeting canceled after dispute over mask rules," did not report the entire truth. Especially with school boards imploding with corruption across America, what a poor job of reporting you have done. Tracy Henderson had video footage of the event! It's plain to see that the parents are there talking and waiting for the board members to tell them what the delay was. And when they went to the classroom to ask, since that's where the board members were sequestered, they found them there talking and laughing about how long the parents would sit out there waiting, and they were without any masks! Ted Knight's children attend a school in Colorado where there are no mask mandates. Henderson had a medical exemption for not wearing a mask. Report the truth unbiased!

Dalila Epperson, Monterey

Lost loved ones

Dear Editor,

Like a lock of hair from a departed loved one, few leaves remain after the termination of our healthy and beloved elm tree in Jewell Park this past Friday. In the courtroom, the same judge that presided over the assignment of care for my aunt a decade earlier decided the fate of the elm. It was not lost on me the ends to which the legal system protects human life but falls seriously short of protecting non-human life.

Elders of all species deserve respect, care and understanding. I am deeply disappointed that the exigencies of the legal system in its current state could not overcome the overwhelming evidence that this tree still had many, many

years to live with proper care.

For a town that is quite literally a wildlife sanctuary, Pacific Grove's City guardians at the council and departmental level cling to status quo solutions while ignoring more wholly informed, inclusive and creative solutions. A check off the to-do list for a perceived threat and legal liability to the community gets us more pavement and concrete.

May we be reminded to take care all our community members. For the loss of this one who looked over our gatherings, farmer's markets and provided refuge and beauty, I grieve, as do so many others — human and non-human.

Laura Seidenberg, Pacific Grove

'Thrift store customers are wealthy'

Dear Editor,

Your article last week on the Last Chance Mercantile thrift store misstated the meaning of the name for me. It's a reference to the items for sale, not the customers. Nor, as you say, are the customers poor. As The Pine Cone should know, thrift store customers are generally wealthy, it's those who shop at your advertisers that are poor. You even suggest that \$2 for kitchen gadgets or \$3 for clothing is unusual. But that's what they're worth, and probably more than the workers who made them were paid.

Frugality is as American as Apple pie!

Michael Spicer, Monterey

'Hey, Kansas City!'

Dear Editor,

I've been blessed to reside in this beautiful area full of artistic natural beauty for many years now and my gratitude for all the great things that have happened in my life since I've lived here is enormous. But some of the coolest souvenirs I've ever had in Carmel were the many times I went to Bruno's and heard the familiar voice from over on the bench by all the free newspapers say, "Hey Kansas City, how are your Chiefs gonna do this week?"

So every time it happened, it always blew my mind that this hillbilly kid from Missouri was chatting football with the great John Madden.

Mark Marino, Carmel

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Lifestyles

Preparation is important for successful surgery — and a good recovery

By ELAINE HESSER

SO, YOUR knees finally need to be replaced and you're not sure how much assistance you'll need at home after surgery. Or someone you love had their gallbladder out and you're wondering how you can help.

Recovery from most surgeries isn't easy. There are some things you can do to make things go more smoothly, however, and it helps to know what questions to ask.

To learn more, Healthy Lifestyles spoke with Gisela Mandujano, a staff nurse in the medical surgical unit at Montage Medical Center and sent some questions to Montage Health.

Mandujano said that she sees a wide range of patients, from youngsters to senior citizens. They come in for all sorts of non-emergency procedures, like hernia repairs, joint replacements or hysterectomies. She noted that

many of those surgeries used to require large incisions, but can now be done laparoscopically or arthroscopically — through a small slit — significantly reducing recovery time.

It's never too early in the process to start thinking about making your comeback, Mandujano said. "Ideally, the conversation should start from when you're told you need surgery," she explained.

Your doctor will want a complete list of medications you take. You can take photos of the labels with your phone or provide a handwritten inventory, but include over-the-counter remedies, vitamins and herbal preparations. According to the Mayo Clinic, even something as seemingly innocuous as garlic or ginseng supplements can cause problems during surgery and afterward.

Covid has changed a few things. Whether it's a hospital or outpatient surgery center, the patient — and possibly the person picking them up after surgery — may need to show proof of vaccination and/or a negative Covid test a day or two before the procedure. Clarify requirements — some places do not accept at-home test results, for example — well in advance.

In most cases, only one support person will be allowed inside the facility to pick a patient up, which means the driver shouldn't bring young children (or pets) who can't be left alone in the car.

Recovery times can vary depending on what kind of surgery is being done and the patient's physical condition going in. Making sure chronic conditions like diabetes are being treated and controlled can help keep recuperation on track.

Although it's tempting to think about coming home and watching the ocean from your bed while someone brings

you chicken soup, that's not the best plan.

"We want to have you do as much as you can," Mandujano said, within any restrictions the doctor may place on activity. She added that one of her family members recently had a total knee replacement, and although all the relatives wanted to make her comfortable and wait on her, she had to remind them, "We need to get her moving."

She noted that another issue that's not always addressed is constipation from opioids found in many strong painkillers that are prescribed after surgery, like oxycodone or Vicodin. She suggested asking whether you need to start including more fluids, fiber or laxatives while you're on those medications.

Helpful gear

Also along those lines, and again, depending on the type of surgery, it's important to know that not all toilets are created equal. A too-low commode can be difficult under the best circumstances, after all. Addressing the problem is relatively inexpensive — an elevated toilet seat can be purchased for less than \$50, but it needs to be installed ahead of time.

There are other helpful tools you might need, like a walker, cane or shower chair, and the expenses can add up. Some facilities, like Montage, have a list of vendors



Gisela Mandujano



Learn to use any supportive gear, like a walker or crutches, before your surgery — it's not hard, but a little practice helps.

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Orthopedic surgeon reflects on staying fit, flexible and grateful

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

SHE WANTED to become a chemistry teacher and coach high school sports. Then, while attending Texas A&M University, she ran cross-country and track and ended up tearing her ACL — a ligament in the knee. Although she sobbed when her orthopedic surgeon told her her running season was over, she was fascinated by what he did to help her heal.

She realized that medicine — specifically orthopedic surgery — could keep her connected to athletes and maybe afford her the opportunity to teach.

Dr. Samera Kasim is an orthopedic surgeon who specializes in hand and shoulder issues, as well as sports injuries and arthritis of the knee. She earned her doctorate in osteopathic medicine at the University of North Texas Health Science Center/Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Worth.

Then the Texas native moved to Chicago and completed her residency in orthopedic surgery at Northwestern University before heading to San Francisco to do advanced residency training at the San Francisco Shoulder, Elbow and Hand Clinic.

“I did my residency in shoulder surgery in San Francisco, so the shoulder is my subspecialty,” she said. “Although I still do general orthopedics as well, I spend 80 percent of my time on the shoulder.”

Kasim works at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital and Monterey Spine & Joint.

“I grew up in Mesquite, Texas, a small town at the time,” she said. “After moving to Chicago for my residency in orthopedics, I lived there for eight years. I’m thankful for my time there and actually thought I’d live and die there. Then I saw Carmel.”

Kasim paid her first visit to the Peninsula while finishing her shoulder fellowship in San Francisco. Invited to give a lecture during a conference at Carmel Valley Ranch, she fell in love with the area and eventually moved to Carmel Valley.

“I met Dr. Christopher Meckel, co-founder of Monterey Spine & Joint. I found in him an incredible leader, surgeon and friend. After several meetings, I knew his practice was a great fit,” Kasim said. “Almost nine years later, I couldn’t ask for a better partner or practice to be part of. I work alongside some of the very best surgeons and clinicians, who are like family to me.”

Kasim has an older brother and a younger sister. Children of immigrants from Palestine and Pakistan, their family in the United States is quite small, but also mighty, she said, and closely connected.

“When I first moved here, I had the goal of having kids. It didn’t work out that way. What attracted me was the idea of creating a family unit and working with someone through the hardest job of being a parent. But I don’t know how to have a family and a demanding career.”

When Kasim was in medical school, the student population was an almost 50-50 split between males and females. Yet, she said, most studies show that 60 to 70 percent of women don’t work fulltime in medicine after five or six years in practice.

“I don’t blame them,” she said. “Working in medicine is hard. You would have to have an incredible partner at home to help you raise children while you practice medicine. And the dual-physician households? I don’t know how they do it.”

Opportunities for women to bridge the gender gap and develop top-tier careers in medicine do not necessarily resolve the di-

lemma of trying to simultaneously build a family and a medical career.

“There’s a reason there are not a lot of females in orthopedics,” said Kasim. “It’s a labor-intensive job. The hours are demanding and we’re on call, making it challenging to have a family — especially in the absence of extended-family support.”

Instead, Kasim cherishes her role as “the best auntie in the world” to her nieces and nephews, as well as the children of close friends.

“It’s so fun to pop into their lives, to be the ‘fun auntie,’ and to watch these wonderful children grow,” she said. “I appreciate the opportunity.”

Learning and living the lifestyle

Orthopedics is always evolving, said Kasim, and technology allows it to do so rapidly, whether it’s changes in the way doctors communicate with patients and each other, or developments in implants and surgical techniques.

“Ten years ago, you didn’t hear great things about shoulder surgery. Yet in this very rapidly growing specialty we are getting better and better at what we do through collaboration with shoulder surgeons around the world. I have had the opportunity to sit alongside surgeons from France and Germany at international meetings. We share our wins and, more importantly, our losses, because that’s where we really learn and grow.”

Kasim also appreciates what she learns from each patient, each of whom has a story and a life that she is trying to get them back into.

“It’s a journey from the day they walk into the office,” she said. “I enjoy seeing each patient recover, improve and come in to tell me that they slept through the night



Samera Kasim

without pain, got back in the pool for a swim or held their grandchild again.”

The community of orthopedic surgeons is made up of people who gravitate to the field because they enjoy math and science and working with their hands, said Kasim. She sees orthopedic surgeons as carpenters for the body, which requires some strength and stamina, motivating her to stay fit and healthy.

Although she was a runner during college, these days Kasim prefers to swim, hike and lift weights. She’s also a deep-sea diver.

“Although I prefer warm-water diving, I always say I will try almost anything at least two to three times to give it a chance.”

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It's a snooze of a job, but one we should all be grateful for

By ELAINE HESSER

NOBODY LOOKS forward to surgery. Even when it will resolve long-standing problems or relieve chronic pain, the idea of having someone cut into one's body is daunting.

Just imagine what it was like before the 1800s, which brought the twin blessings of antiseptics — significantly decreasing the number of infections — and anesthesia. If you're a fan of historical documentaries, you've no doubt seen grisly scenes of amputations in which the patient was given a shot of whiskey and a bullet to bite down on — a horrific prospect.

Before anesthesia, the prospect of pain was so frightening that patients often chose death over surgery. That began to change

in 1842, when a medical student named William Clarke gave a dose of inhaled ether to a patient before a dentist performed a tooth extraction. Starting in the mid-19th century, doctors began experimenting more with chloroform and ether to stop

pain during surgeries.

Nowadays, anesthesia is so commonplace that we can't imagine having a tooth filled without it, let alone letting someone remove an appendix. But it's still a little mysterious — you lie down on the table, see a mask come down over your face and then wake up in another room, surgery all finished, feeling as if no time has passed.

Dr. James Hlavacek of Natividad Medical Center has been an anesthesiologist for

37 years and took some time to discuss his work with Healthy Lifestyles. He started by explaining that the type of anesthesia used for a procedure is dictated by many factors.

Better technology

General anesthesia is defined by the Mayo Clinic as "a combination of medications that put you in a sleep-like state before a surgery or other medical procedure," usually using "a mix of intravenous drugs and inhaled gases." Hlavacek said that it's also the only choice for some procedures.

"It's not like natural sleep," he said, explaining why people don't remember dreaming and feel as if they wake up without any time passing. "My patients look up and say, 'What? You're done?'"

He said that anesthesiologists sometimes add muscle relaxants to the medications they administer, effectively paralyzing the patient so they're not moving around while the surgeon's trying to, for example, remove a gall bladder. When the procedure is finished, drugs to reverse the muscle relaxants' effects are administered.

Even with all that medication, Hlavacek said modern anesthesia is extremely safe, thanks largely to better patient monitoring. Take the pulse oximeter — that simple device that clips onto your finger and measures the amount of oxygen in your red blood cells.

It wasn't invented until the 1980s, "but by 1986 it was in every operating room," he said. Before that, Hlavacek said that if the anesthesiologist wanted to know how oxygenated the patient's blood was, he would observe the color of the patient's skin, lips or blood at the surgery site. In addition, where once there was one screen showing an EKG, medical professionals in



Dr. Hlavacek (center) receiving the Monterey County Medical Society's Physician of the Year award in 2019.

the operating room can now monitor multiple body functions. Ultrasound technology allows doctors to place nerve blocks and start arterial and central lines for different types of operations.

Make it safer

Some procedures don't require the patient to be unconscious. In those cases, Hlavacek said, regional or local anesthesia is used. Regional anesthesia numbs a whole section of the body, like an arm, or the area below the waist. Hlavacek explained it's done using a nerve block — injecting drugs around nerves that travel to that region to numb them. It can also be done in the spinal canal, the channel through the backbone where the spinal cord resides.

Local anesthesia numbs a much smaller area — like when the dentist is working on a tooth, or a doctor is treating a wound that needs to be cleaned out and stitched.

Hlavacek said that most adverse reactions to anesthesia are rare, although about

20 percent of patients might experience nausea and vomiting when they wake up. Still, he noted that that percentage is lower than it has been, and it's most common among younger people and women.

He added that there are some things patients can do — or avoid — to help make procedures safer. Obesity, for example, means that the doctor has to use more anesthesia to achieve the same results than they would on someone who weighs less. Chronically obese people and those who abuse alcohol can also sustain liver damage, which can interfere with the body's ability to process medications.

Smokers and vapers of nicotine and cannabis put themselves at higher risk of complications because of potential lung problems, and Hlavacek said that if someone's had Covid, he'll ask about the severity of the disease and the person's recovery process. Finally, it's important to provide

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CRAB CIOPPINO

Dominic Mercurio, *Café Fina*

HAPPY NEW Year! Making cioppino usually requires a whole fish market's worth of ingredients — mussels, halibut, shrimp, etc. — going back to the notion that the spicy, tomato-based stew was made when Italian fishermen all “chipped in” from their catches.

Sure, Wikipedia says cioppino was invented in San Francisco in the late 19th century, but its roots go much farther, back to the Italian region of Liguria, where the traditional fish stew was called *ciuppin*.

Drawing on both traditions, Dominic Mercurio of *Café Fina* on Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey has provided Healthy Lifestyles with a version of this dish in the past using all kinds of seafood — but since cioppino is one of the most indulgent and enjoyable holiday foods imaginable, we decided to bring you an all-crab version for your New Year's feast.

Stores that sell whole Dungeness crabs will usually break them down and crack the shells for you. The only suggestion we might add is that you cover the table with butcher paper and provide a couple piles of napkins, along with some small forks to help extract the crab from the shells.

Sure, an all-crab cioppino feast is bound to get a bit messy, but it's absolutely going to be worth it.



Serves 6
Ingredients:
 Olive oil
 1 large onion, chopped
 5 large garlic cloves, chopped
 1/2 cup red wine
 3 cups clam juice
 Two 28-ounce cans chopped or diced tomatoes in puree
 1 teaspoon sugar
 1/4 cup chopped parsley, divided
 1 cup chopped fresh basil leaves, divided
 2 cups water
 5-6 Dungeness crabs, cooked, cleaned and cracked in the shell
 2 pinches saffron
 Salt and pepper to taste
 Crusty French or Italian bread for dipping

Cover the bottom of a 10 to 12-quart stockpot with olive oil and cook onions for 10 minutes. Add garlic, stirring occasionally until light brown (keep an eye on it, it goes from brown to black pretty quickly). Add wine, clam juice, tomatoes, sugar, saffron, water and half the parsley and basil. Bring to a boil. Cook covered over medium heat 5 minutes. Add crab. Cover and simmer another 5 to 10 minutes. Garnish with remaining parsley and basil. Serve in a large bowl.

Suggested wine pairing: Pisoni Vineyards pinot noir

Chef Bio

WHAT WERE you doing when you were 10? Dominic Mercurio was already working in his Uncle John Pisto's restaurant, the Captain's Gig, which was on Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf. He said he “washed beer mugs and pots and pans.”

From there, he moved to what was then Pisto's Whaling Station near Cannery Row, where he started as a dishwasher and then helped with prep work. He was cooking by the time he was 15 or 16. “I was young,” he said wistfully.

He also helped his dad out every summer in Alaska, where they were part of the salmon fishing industry.

By 1981, he and his Uncle John had opened Domenico's on the Wharf, and

in 1989, Mercurio opened *Café Fina*. It's named for his mother, who, along with his grandmother, is responsible for the recipes for many of the items on the restaurant's menu.

If that's not home spun enough, Mercurio grows many of the vegetables he uses in summer dishes himself, on a farm in Los Banos. The restaurant has been featured on television and the walls near the hostess station are covered with photos of Mercurio and his celebrity patrons.



Dominic Mercurio

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to help guide choices, and the Carmel Foundation offers to lend its members mobility equipment at no charge. In a pinch, Mandujano said, you might be able to find a used item online or at a thrift shop like Goodwill or the Salvation Army.

If you'll need crutches, a walker or cane after surgery, get someone to help you learn how to use them (it's not rocket science, but it does take a little practice) before the procedure. If you wait until the day of or just after surgery, when stress levels are high or you're impaired by the aftereffects of anesthesia, it will be harder to understand and retain the information.

Every facility provides written post-op instructions. They'll include valuable information about what kind of pain to expect, what the wound will look like and when to call a doctor or head to the emergency room if something seems amiss.

Some patients will need to change their bandages regularly. Mandujano said that if it's a major incision, or the dressing is in a difficult-to-manage spot, a visiting nurse might be appropriate. Insurance coverage for those services varies, so investigate your options ahead of time.

For those dressings that can be managed without assistance, Mandujano said the most important thing is to assemble everything you need first, then wash your hands thoroughly. “Soap and water is marvelous” for sanitation and infection prevention, she said. Also, make sure to pat — not rub — the skin until it's thoroughly dry before putting the new dressing on.

Mandujano added that your pets may want to help, but they're not always the cleanest companions. “Maybe don't have your furbaby sleep with you at first,” she

suggested. And speaking of sleeping, she recommended having your bed already made up with fresh, clean sheets when you get home.

If friends and family want to help with meals, make sure they understand any dietary restrictions. “So much comfort food has a lot of carbs and sugar,” Mandujano said, which can raise diabetics' blood sugar levels and slow their healing. People who have high blood pressure must continue to monitor their salt intake.

A car is heavy machinery

When should you call the doctor? Signs of infection include fever, chills, weird smells and yellow or green pus, as well as severe pain. There should be phone numbers and instructions for such situations in the written discharge directions, but if you're in doubt, “Trust your gut,” said Mandujano. If you go to an urgent care facility or ER, bring the instructions with you, because they'll usually include a short description of the procedure you had along with other information that may be helpful to the staff at the facility.

Mandujano said another serious risk arises because a surprising number of people try to drive while taking prescription painkillers — “They don't understand when the label says ‘don't operate heavy machinery,’ that a car is heavy machinery,” she said. In addition to being dangerous, she noted that it can result in a DUI.

Finally, as you're recovering, whether in physical therapy or just getting around the house, recognize that you'll have obstacles and setbacks. “Remember that two steps forward and one step back is still one step forward,” Mandujano recommended. And give yourself credit for any progress, no matter how small.

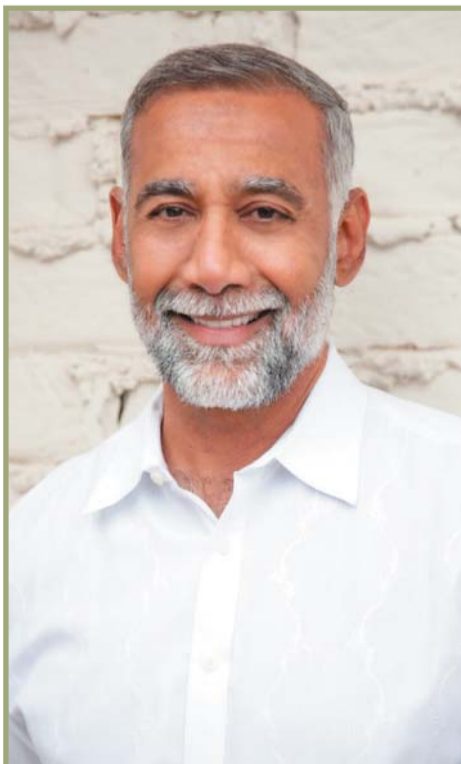
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She added, “I'm a new tennis player, and I dabble in golf — although to be good at it, I need time. I don't know anyone who likes something they're not good at. But if I'm outdoors, in nature, I'm probably going to like it.”

Kasim also enjoys cooking and dining with friends, ever hopeful that her exercise

offsets her eating.

“The best conversations are had over a great meal, long dinners that involve as much chatting as eating,” she said. “Travel also is a passion of mine, from international hostel travel to fun beachside vacations. It's great to grow through time and travel, and get to a place where I can experience other cultures and be thankful and reminded of what I have.”



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the surgeon and anesthesiologist with a complete record of medications (including over-the-counter supplements, herbal preparations, CBD and THC) being taken, to avoid unexpected interactions.

Hlavacek said he loves his work and is encouraged by the progress that's been made in the field. “In 1984, you'd hear surgeons talk to their patients and families and say, ‘It's too risky — you're too sick to operate.’” Now, he said, thanks largely

to improvements in anesthesiology, he's much more likely to hear “You're too sick not to operate.”

There are still situations when surgery is not a good option because of heart or lung problems, or simply advanced age, but they're much less common than they used to be.

“Patients have great respect for what we do, and they're so happy to see us,” he said. And surgery — while still a little frightening — is much less risky than it was even a few decades ago.

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PacRep cancels rock tribute show but First Night Monterey is still a go

NEARLY TWO years after news of it surfaced, Covid is still putting the kibosh on all sorts of gatherings, including PacRep's annual rock 'n' roll tribute concert, which was set to open Dec. 30 at an indoor site at Monterey Fairgrounds, but is now canceled.

Another festive get-together for New Year's, Monterey's yearly First Night Celebration, is still set to happen.

Risks were too great

Stephen Moorer, the executive director of PacRep, told The Pine Cone that the theater group decided to cancel the tribute concert after learning about the rapid spread of the omicron variant. "We just felt the risks were too great," Moorer explained.

Since making the announcement, Moorer said he's received a lot of positive feedback from his team about

making the decision.

"Everyone's been great about following our recommendations and trusting us," he said. "We alerted all the performers and our board of directors — everyone was in

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

full agreement that we made the right call."

The tribute concert pays tribute to rock 'n' roll's past, and includes "performances" by Elvis Presley, Little Richard, The Beatles, Bruce Springsteen and Tom Petty — all done by a mostly local cast of actors and musicians.

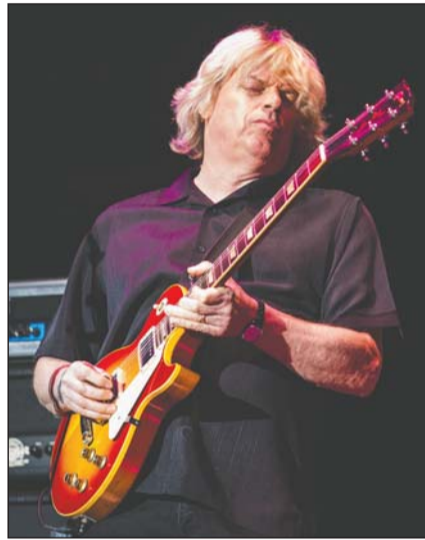
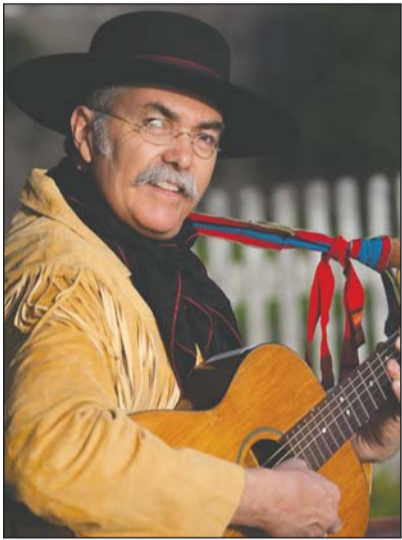
For now, PacRep plans to focus its energy on its lengthy remodel of the Golden Bough Playhouse, which is currently underway. The work is set to be completed in about eight months, and fundraising efforts are going on at PacRep.org to help pay for it. In 2018, the group also received a donation of \$2.3 million from Bertie Elliot to fund the lion's share of the \$4 million project.

"We just finished the demolition, and it's jaw-dropping to see," Moorer reported. "We start excavating next week."

Despite the setback, Moorer said PacRep has much to be thankful for this holiday season.

"We were really fortunate," he said. "We were able to squeeze in 'Shrek' and 'Julius Caesar' between the variants in July and August when the dip in Covid was at its

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(From the left) Singer and guitarist Cisco Jim takes the stage Friday at Trailside Café in Carmel Valley. Singer and violinist Michelle Lambert, singer and guitarist Brad Wilson and the acoustic duo, Dan Frechette and Laurel Thomsen, are all set to play Friday at the annual First Night celebration, which will welcome the New Year at a variety of sites in downtown Monterey.



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FOOD & WINE

How to do Dry January, parklets back on agenda, and BSFW donations

WHETHER THEY'RE embarking on New Year's resolutions to cut back on alcohol or just looking for ways to enjoy cocktails without the buzz, imbibers have a wide range of tools at their disposal.

Some local restaurants have started to list "mocktails" or zero-proof cocktails on their bar menus, and many of those drinks are created to stimulate the palate enough to make the drinker not miss the alcohol.

Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

"I love recommending the Blueberry Mojito to my guests because it's refreshing, beautiful and tastes just like the real thing," said Nenito Fajillan, bartender at Pacific's Edge at the Highlands Inn.

His creation calls for muddling fresh blueberry and mint and mixing it with simple syrup, lime juice and sparkling water, with mint, berries and a lime wedge for garnish.

And Amy Stouffer, co-owner of Mezzaluna on Forest Hill in Pacific Grove, described the zero-proof drinks on her list, including the Elderflower Spritz. "We keep it local with Carmel Berry Co. elderflower and our famous Baladin Mela Zen apple ginger soda," she said. "This is a must when you're going zero proof."

The Berry Smash, with berries, citrus and a splash of ginger beer, is so convincing, "you don't even realize it's a mocktail," Stouffer said, and the Rosemary Paloma is "full of antioxidants, and you won't even miss the tequila."

The top seller at Mezzaluna is Feeling Spritzzy, with Seedlip Grove NA spirits, Baladin ginger soda and orange.

Mixing at home

At home, people who are cutting back often resort to sparkling water and bitters, or something similar, to curb their cravings and reduce the sensation of missing out. More options exist, though, and many can be found at Social Hour, the new barware store on Sixth between San Carlos and Dolores. Among the beautiful glasses and bar tools are zero-alcohol spirits, recipe books, and interesting infusions and mixers to help amateur bartenders up their mocktail game.

Non-alcoholic spirits like Spiritless Kentucky 74, meant to substitute for bourbon, and Ritual's zero-proof alternatives for whiskey, rum, gin and tequila get mixed reviews, which is why store co-owner Karen Baymiller offers customers the chance to taste them.

"With all the no-alcohol spirits, some of them are trying to replicate a gin or a rum or a whiskey, but they're really not meant to be sippers," because the experience of tasting a good whiskey neat or poured over a large ice cube simply can't be replaced.

"But we feel that once you mix it in an Old-Fashioned or a margarita, it's going to balance the flavors to get you to the same spot," she said. "It's being part of the party without being the life of the party."

Social Hour carries several different lines of syrups, bitters and other mixers that can enliven the drinking experience without requiring liquor to be a part of it. "All our mixers and syrups can be used in no-alcohol cocktails, so they're also a good starting point," Baymiller said. Several producers also list mocktail recipes on their websites.

Have a Jukes

Jukes Cordialities were created by London wine critic Matthew Jukes in a quest to address "the lack of seriously rewarding, non-alcoholic drinks" in the world. Jukes products involve apple cider vinegar — said to have significant health benefits — infused with dozens of other natural ingredients in recipes designed to deliver "uniquely satisfying perfume, mouthfeel and aftertaste."

The concoctions are stirred into still, sparkling or tonic water to create satisfying and interesting drinks, but they're not for people who dislike apple cider vinegar, since it's fairly prevalent.

"I will go for a Jukes when I want to sip something but don't want a glass of wine," Baymiller said.



Sparkling rosé without the alcohol and zero-proof spirits are among the many products useful to people cutting down on their drinking or stopping altogether. The key is learning how to make them flavorful enough to curb cravings for the real thing.

Having a cocktail at the end of the day can be as much about ritual as it is about wanting to feel the effects of alcohol. "I drink water all day, so at the end of the day, I'm craving something different," she said. The complexity and "grownup" flavors of a cocktail are often the draw, and Baymiller encourages customers to give zero-proof-spirit-based libations a try, or even cut the real thing with the non-alcoholic version.

She also noted that demand for low-proof and zero-proof drinks has risen over the years. Her own adult children, for instance, don't drink much, and bars and stores dedicated to nonalcoholic products have opened in a few major cities.

Efforts to live more healthfully — not just a monthlong dry-out — are fueling the movement, according to Baymiller. "It's fascinating, and I think it's a good change," she said.

■ Parklets back on agenda

The Carmel City Council is set to vote Jan. 4 on whether to continue letting restaurants serve customers in outdoor

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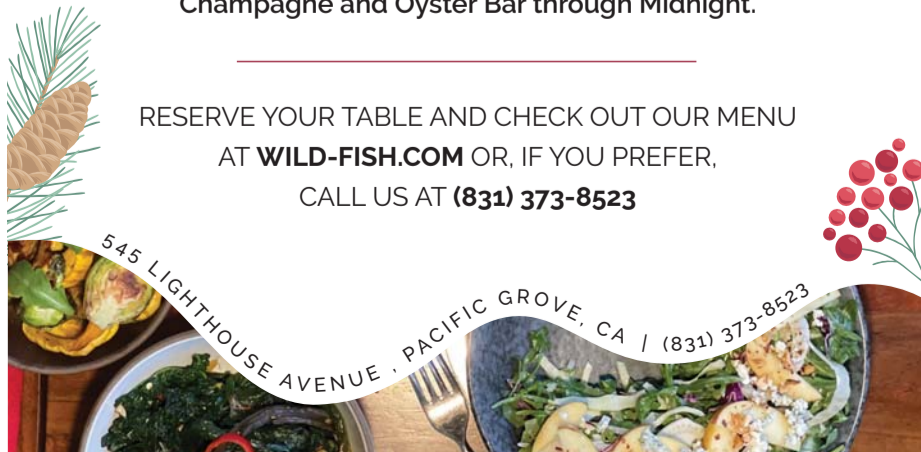
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dining areas set up in parking spaces. The inhospitable weather of late has rendered many parklets temporarily useless, but with worries about a winter Covid surge mounting, more people will want to eat outside.

In November, the council voted to let the parklets remain through Jan. 20, 2022, and is charging monthly rent of \$842 per parking space. Fees collected for November through next month brought in \$87,544 for the general fund, according to planning director Brandon Swanson.

At next Tuesday's meeting, Swanson will ask council members whether the removal date should be further extended, and if so, if restaurants that have already

removed their parklets should be allowed to rebuild them.

Those structures are temporary, so regardless of their fate, Swanson also wants to know when the council would like the planning commission to discuss allowing permanent outdoor dining in the public right of way. A council committee is set to present recommendations to the commission early next year.

For more information and how to participate in the meeting, which will take place via Zoom, go to ci.carmel.ca.us.

■ BSWF shares wealth

This year's Big Sur Food & Wine Festival and the Big Sur Fashion Show together raised \$150,000 for local charities, organizers announced this month. Both produced

by the BSWF Foundation, the events support "the children and families of Big Sur through grants to non-profits in the areas of health, education, safety and the arts."

Elsa Rivera, CFO and events director, said the mission was expanded to include "the cultural opportunities and land maintenance in Big Sur of the Esselen Tribe of Monterey County."

Recipients of the funds donated by businesses and individuals include Big Sur Fire, Big Sur Grange, Big Sur Health Center, Big Sur Park School, Big Sur Softball, Captain Cooper School, Esselen Tribe of Monterey County, Mid Coast Fire Brigade, Pacific Valley School, the Henry Miller Memorial Library and the Ventana Wildlife Society.

For more information about the events and their charitable efforts, contact Rivera at elsa@bigsurfoodandwine.org or (831) 596-8105 or Aengus Wagner at aengus@bigsurfoodandwine.org or (831) 667-0334, or visit bigsurfoodandwine.org.

■ Mushroom hike added

The Foragers Fest benefiting the Big Sur Health Center may not be having its big Fungus Face-Off food-and-wine tasting next month, thanks to the pandemic, but organizers added another foraging hike for the festival weekend.

The hike with Santa Cruz mushroom expert Dr. Phil Carpenter will start at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022, at the Big Sur



Parklets might not be packed these days due to poor weather, but people still want to eat outside. The city council will decide Jan. 4 whether to let them remain a little longer.

River Inn parking lot north of the gas station on Highway 1. Brunch will follow the hike at noon.

Tickets for the hike are \$60, with 35 spaces available, and Beer and Brunch costs \$50 per person. To participate, sign up at bigsurhealthcenteronlinestore.org/hikes-brunch.

■ Get ready for EcoFarm

The Ecological Farming Association's 42nd EcoFarm Conference is set for Jan. 19-22, 2022, with a return to the Asilomar Conference Center. EcoFarm is the oldest and largest ecological farming conference in the West, according to organizers, and draws farmers, ranchers, distributors, retailers, activists, researchers and educators focused on food and the future of farming.

The conference typically features visionary speakers, skill-building workshops, a farming business expo, seed swaps, networking events like Women in Ag, farm tours and other opportunities.

Pre-conference events start five days

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FOOD & WINE

LIVES

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... were doing similar work, so the alliance closed down, but not before being honored by the California State Senate for her service. Then she tried to retire. Again.

In 2015, she said, "I became part of the steering committee for Senior Roundtable, a group of medical professionals meeting monthly to discuss issues pertinent to seniors in our community." She did that for four years and then, entering her seventh decade of life, she retired "for real, with the intention of volunteering" in the community — but nothing too taxing.

Then she got "long Covid" — a less acute version of the disease that didn't require hospitalization. She lost her sense of smell and taste for more than 10 months and was shocked at how much of her stamina vanished.

"I had a stationary bike in the garage that I couldn't even use. I just recently got back to my normal exercise routine," she said in early December. For a long time, she could only take her dog, Ana Cara — a border collie-poodle mix she calls "the Einstein of dogs" — on the shortest of walks. "She was velcroed to me," said Nelson. "One day, she went and laid in the chair," her normal spot before Nelson became ill. "I thought, 'I'm better. She's telling me she doesn't need to be with me.'"

Ana Cara is short for Anam Cara, Gaelic for "soul friend," and a tribute to Nelson's previous dog, a border collie-Australian cattle dog mix named Cara. Nelson said she gravitated to Max's Helping Paws because she remembered when Cara needed surgery for debilitating tumors. "I was fortunate to be able to pay for it," she said, as the vet bills totaled more than \$5,000 — and Cara lived for four more good years.

It hurts Nelson's heart to think that, especially during the holidays, a family might lose a beloved companion

because they don't have the funds to provide veterinary care. "I volunteer there two or three days a week. I told them, 'I'll be one of your ambassadors. All of my friends will know about you.'" Indeed, she bought her friends mugs with Max's logo as holiday gifts. "It feels so good to do, to still be contributing," she said.

FOOD

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earlier with the Bay Area Urban Farm Bus Tour, an "Indigenous Land Remediation and Regenerative Food Production" at Pie Ranch in Pescadero, a No-Till Systems workshop and a Central Coast Farms & Ranches Bus Tour.

Conference keynote speakers will be Elizabeth Hoover, an associate professor at UC Berkeley whose work centers on "food sovereignty and environmental justice for Native American communities," and Mark Arax, a bestselling author and journalist who focuses on California agriculture and history. UC Merced history teacher Mario Sifuentes will discuss "water wars and equity in the California's Central Valley," and Ricardo Salvador with the food and environment program at the Union of Concerned Scientists will explore efforts "to transition our current food system into one that grows healthy foods while employing sustainable and socially equitable practices."

All conference attendees must show proof of Covid vaccination and register by Jan. 17 via eco-farm.org/conference/2022/register.

■ Pig celebration delayed

Those who thought they missed out on Cantinetta Luca's celebration of all things porcine will be relieved to

hear the annual La Maialata has been rescheduled to Jan. 27, 2022. In Italy, La Maialata is a feast inspired by "the wonderful variety of ways pork can be prepared."

Executive chef Jason Balestrieri has created an appropriate lineup of dishes, with sausage, meatballs and "crispy pig's head" as antipasti options, a soup of pork-filled pasta with broth and parmesan, and pizza with panna, fennel sausage, local porcini, chard and fontina.

Pasta dishes include Yukon Gold potato gnocchi with milk-braised pork, sage and winter squash, and toasted rye cappelletti filled with pork and mortadella, with pearl onions and brown butter.

Main courses focus on a grilled chop, roasted loin, baked torte filled with ragu, and braised belly with shank, ribs and sausage.

Items are all available a la carte, and organizers are asking for a \$25-per-person deposit by Jan. 25 at 5 p.m. to secure a seat. The feast will take place in the back room of the restaurant on Dolores south of Ocean between 5:30 and 9:30 p.m. Jan. 27. Go to cantinettaluca.com.



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MUSIC

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lowest. Moorer is also setting his sights on a date in the not-so-distant future.

“We’re in the middle of auditions for ‘Mary Poppins,’” he added. “It’s opening Aug. 11 at Forest Theater.”

Clear skies, lots of music

First Night Monterey was canceled last year due to the pandemic, but it’s full steam ahead for this year’s family-friendly and alcohol-free street party. Even the weather is cooperating — after a week of rain, the forecast Friday calls for mostly clear skies.

“It’s going to be a beautiful night to celebrate the New Year,” said **Ellen Martin**, executive director for the local First Night party. “Everything we’re doing is to keep everybody safe, from staff and performers, to First Nighters.”

Kicking off First Night is **Monterey County Pops**, which has a 6 p.m. performance at the Golden State Theatre. The show also celebrates the City of Monterey’s 250th birthday. (The city was founded in 1770, but Covid sidelined the celebration last year.)

Say goodbye to 2021

When the clock strikes midnight, you can welcome 2022 at one of two downtown shows — **The Latin Jazz Collective** takes the stage at the Golden State Theater, while **Samba Da** gets everybody grooving at the Monterey Conference Center.

This year’s First Night musical lineup includes **The Black Irish Band**, **The Gastinotes** with saxophonist **Paul Contos**, **The Eldorados**, singer and violinist **Michelle Lambert**, the acoustic duo **Dan Frechette** and **Laurel Thomsen**, **Sensory Tribe**, **Shannon and The Night Divers**, **Singing Wood Marimba** the drum troupe **Shinsho Mugen Daiko** and **The Wild Mountain Ramblers**.

There’s also Kids’ Night Out — First Night features an array of music, art and storytelling for youngsters starting at 3 p.m.

A year ago, the local First Night gathering was one of many livestreamed around the country. Remarkably, the longest one — which featured more than nine hours of performances — was First Night Monterey, Martin added.

Buttons for this year’s First Night party are \$29 for adults and \$18 for those 6 to 16 (under 5 get in free). Masks and proof of vaccination or a negative test are required for indoor shows. For more details, visit firstmonterey.org.

Baroque is back

For the 10th time in 11 years — Covid canceled last year’s visit — the Cherry Trio will celebrate the New Year

by playing baroque music Sunday at the Cherry Center for the Arts.

The trio includes **Elizabeth Gaver** on baroque violin, **Penny Hanna** on viola da gamba and **Michael Peterson** on harpsichord. They’ll be joined by guest violinist **David Wilson**.

“The program includes trio sonatas by Purcell, Rosenmüller and Muffat, a *Marais* suite for viola da gamba, and harpsichord solo by Fischer,” according to Cherry Center. “As the concert will be held indoors, proof of vaccination is required, as well as mandatory masking while indoors.”

The music starts at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25. The Cherry Center is located at Fourth and Guadalupe.

Live music Dec. 31-Jan. 6

Bernardus Lodge & Spa in Carmel Valley — singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), pianist **Martan Mann** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Kevin Pfeffer** (classical and pop, Sunday at noon). In the Lucia Restaurant & Bar at 415 W. Carmel Valley Road, (831) 658-3400.

Big Sur River Inn — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (folk, Saturday at 1 p.m.). On Highway 1 24 miles south of Carmel, (831) 667-2700.

Cypress Inn — **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, 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.

Embassy Suites in Seaside — **The Joe Sharino Band** (pop and rock, Friday at 7:30 p.m.). The hotel is located at 1441 Canyon del Rey Blvd. For tickets, call (800) 838-3006.

Folktales Winery in Carmel Valley — singer and pianist **Rory Lynch** (country, jazz and pop, Friday at 2 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road, (831) 293-7500.

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.



Serving up a danceable mix of Texas blues, Memphis soul and California surf rock, the Eldorados perform Friday at First Night Monterey. They’ll play 7:45 p.m. and 8:45 p.m. shows in the Monterey Conference Center’s Serra Ballroom.

The Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach — **The Andy Weis Band** with pianist **Bill Spencer** and bassist **Steve Uccello** (jazz, Friday at 8:30 p.m.) **The Andy Weis Band** with pianist **Gary Meek** and bassist **Dan Robbins** (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.) and **The Andy Weis Band** with pianist **Gary Meek** and bassist **Steve Uccello** (jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.). 2700 17 Mile Drive, (831) 647-7500.

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

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

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

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — **The Julie Capilli Trio** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer **Haley Jane** (Saturday at 6 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Kevin Pfeffer** (classical and pop, Sunday at 6 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive, (831) 624-3811.

The London Bridge Pub in Monterey — **The Hovering Breadbasket** (folk, Friday at 8:30 p.m.). 256 Figueroa St., Wharf No. 2, (831) 372-0581.

Mission Ranch — singer and pianist **Maddalaine 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 **Steve Mann** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), **Andrea’s Fault Trio** (jazz and blues, Friday at 8:30 p.m.), pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.) and pianist **Martan Mann** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row, (831) 646-1700.

Sly McFly’s in Monterey — **The Bridget Marie Band** (rock, r&b and funk, Friday at 9 p.m.), **The Stingrays** (rock, Sunday at 8:30 p.m.), **Long Distance Flyers** (rock, Monday at 8:30 p.m.), **Rhythm Tribe West** (classic rock, Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.) **5 Star** (rock and soul, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.) and **The DC Trio** (funk, acid jazz and r&b, Thursday at 8:30 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row, (831) 649-8050.

The Salty Seal Pub in Monterey — **The Rogue Roosters** (rock and blues, Friday at 7:30 p.m.), **Brad Wilson & Rolling Thunder** (rock and blues, Friday at 9:30 p.m.) and **The Chuck Brewer Band** (rock and blues, Saturday at 8 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row, (831) 920-2327. 700 Cannery Row, (831) 649-8050.

Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Cisco Jim** (country, Friday at 6 p.m.) and banjo player **Banjer Dan** (bluegrass, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place, (831) 298-7453.

Wild Fish restaurant in Pacific Grove — **The Lighthouse Jazz Trio** with pianist **Bob Phillips**, multi-instrumentalist **Paul Contos**, bassist **Zach Westfall** and drummer **Mike Shannon** (Friday at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m., and Saturday at 6 p.m.). 545 Lighthouse Ave., (831) 373-8523.

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Jan. 28 – Aspire Health Plan Presents: Valentine’s Crafts – at the MWC in Marina, 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 28. Spread the love this Valentine’s Day. Join us as we create handmade Valentine’s Day cards for individuals in local nursing homes. All materials will be provided. To RSVP, or learn about other classes, call (877) 663-7651, or visit: www.aspirehealthplan.org/connections2022

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DOROTHEA HAWKSLEY aka DOROTHEA KAMILLA HAWKSLEY

Case Number 21PR000473
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DOROTHEA HAWKSLEY aka DOROTHEA KAMILLA HAWKSLEY.

SUMMONS (Domestic Violence Restraining Order)

CASE NUMBER: 21DV000454
(1) Person asking for protection: CYD GLOER
(2) Notice to: PATRICK DUMAN (aka PATRICK DEAN DUMAN)
The person in (1) is asking for a Domestic Violence Restraining Order against you.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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File No. 20212676
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State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF AMRA ROBBINS

Case Number 21PR000538
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LIZA D. HORVATH

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Artists confront legacy of internment, kids explore creativity at First Night Monterey

EIGHT CALIFORNIA artists of Japanese-American descent delve into a dark chapter in our country's history

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

in the exhibit, "Shadows from the Past: Sansei Artists and the American Concentration Camps," that's on display at the Monterey Museum of Art through Jan. 9.

The artists include photographer Jerry Takigawa, painter Tom Nakashima and fabric artist Masako Takahashi, whose creations include black formal kimonos embroidered with strands of her own hair.

It's easier than talking

"I was born in one of the camps," Takahashi said. "It is a trauma I have lived with since I was born. These are feelings that are difficult to speak about. Art can be better than words to say certain things."

Many of those who were sent to the camps never talked about their experiences there afterwards, but even so, future generations still suffered from it. "Through their silence, my family protected me from what happened to them, but silence is a powerful transmitter of emotional trauma — there's no statute of limitations," said Takigawa, who lives in Monterey.

One of Nakashima's paintings, "Tule Lake Jail," shows the place where his uncle was sent with other "trouble-makers." He noted that the facility was surrounded by 30 machine guns pointed in toward its center.

"My uncle, Ted Nakashima, was a 'no, no boy,' one of the many young men who refused to be intimidated by the

required 'yes, yes' answers to the new loyalty oaths," he explained.

The curator of the show, Gail Enns, said it confronts a difficult topic.

"To create art to be shared in a public setting is powerful and transformative — the works not only express courage and vulnerability, but also remind viewers of the important role that the arts play in shifting our perspectives about our

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This piece by artist Judy Shintani is included in the show, "Shadows from the Past: Sansei Artists and the American Concentration Camps," at the Monterey Museum of Art.

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shared American culture and history,” Enns said.

Also included in the display are pieces by artists Reiko Fujii, Wendy Maruyama, Lydia Nakashima Degarrod, Lucien Kubo and Na Omi Judy Shintani.

The museum is located at 559 Pacific St. montereyart.org

First Night for kids

Besides giving adults a chance to cut loose and welcome the New Year on the dance floor, First Night Monterey gives kids an opportunity to explore their creativity through an assortment of arts-related activities.

On the lawn at Colton Hall from 3:15 to 4:45 p.m., kids can make “Celebration Hats” out of recycled materials. “Turn a paper grocery bag into a top hat with pizzazz,” executive director Ellen Martin said.

If your child prefers a crown to a hat, New Year’s Eve crowns will be made on the lawn at Colton Hall from 3:15

to 4:45 p.m. They can be adorned with plastic gems, rhinestones, glitter glue, stickers, buttons, ribbons and more.

Also introducing kids to the wonders of creativity is Chalk Art, which will be done on Pacific Street. “Create your own chalk art masterpiece for all to see,” Martin advised.

For kids who need to burn off energy, the Bubble Stomp — which happens on Pacific Street from 3:15 to 4:45 p.m. — is the way to go.

“Who can resist squishing and twisting bubble wrap?” Martin asked.

These activities, along with others, help kids tap into their creative impulses, which can be both fun and confidence-building.

“Now, after spending all this time in isolation, we need to gather and have the experience of making collective art,” Martin added.

Buttons for this year’s First Night party are \$29 for adults and \$18 for those 6 to 16 (under 5 get in free). Masks and proof of vaccination or a negative test are required for indoor shows. For more details, visit firstmonterey.org.



First Night Monterey offers an array of creative activities for youngsters, including using chalk to make street art. There will also be opportunities to make New Year’s Eve hats and crowns — along with popping bubble wrap.



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John and Danise McMahan to Hamid and Donna Mohammadi
APN: 418-231-003

38771 Palo Colorado Road — \$725,000

Sula Nichols and Torre Stromberger to Ignio and Rebecca Cafiero
APN: 418-011-070

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1471 RIATA ROAD
PEBBLE BEACH**

**\$6,500,000 | 3 BEDS | 3.5 BATHS | OCEAN VIEWS
1.57 ACRES IN PARK-LIKE PRIVATE SETTING**



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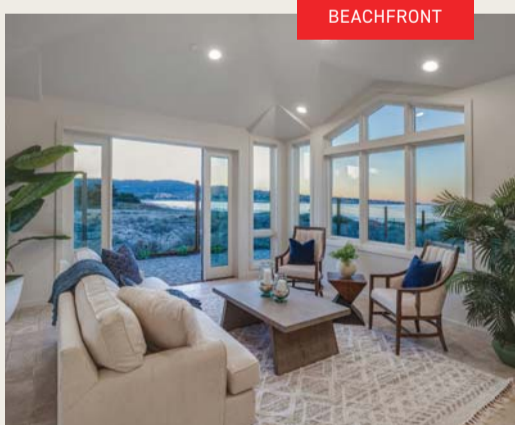
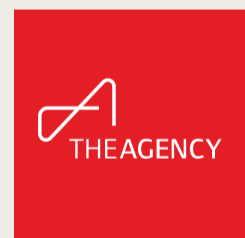
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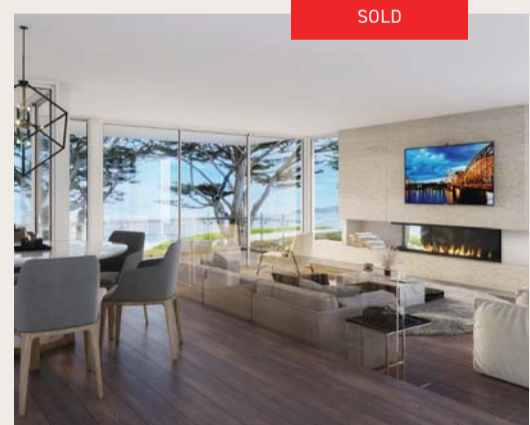


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3 BEDS | 3 BATHS
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Cristina Family LLC to Jennifer Adams
APN: 010-432-002

3235 Rio Road — \$1,355,000

Maria and Demetrius Kastros to Yeon Park and Myung Kim
APN: 009-312-002

26363 Scenic Road — \$8,200,000

Garth and Diana Bearman to 2514 San Antonio
APN: 009-442-017

Carmel Valley

20 Arroyo Sequoia — \$350,000

Mark and Jan Lorion to Michael and Ian Rogers



1020 Benito Avenue, Pacific Grove — \$1,725,000

APN: 239-091-029

34180 Robinson Canyon Road — \$400,000

Across the Street LLC to Mary Schickentanz
APN: 239-061-005

102 Hacienda Carmel — \$695,000

Richard Gilliam to Shirley Morgan
APN: 015-337-007

67 Del Mesa Carmel — \$920,000

Susan and JR Wheelwright to William and Rebecca Long
APN: 015-446-005

12 Piedras Blancas — \$1,360,000

Teri and Kellina Takikawa to Preston Gentry
APN: 189-362-002

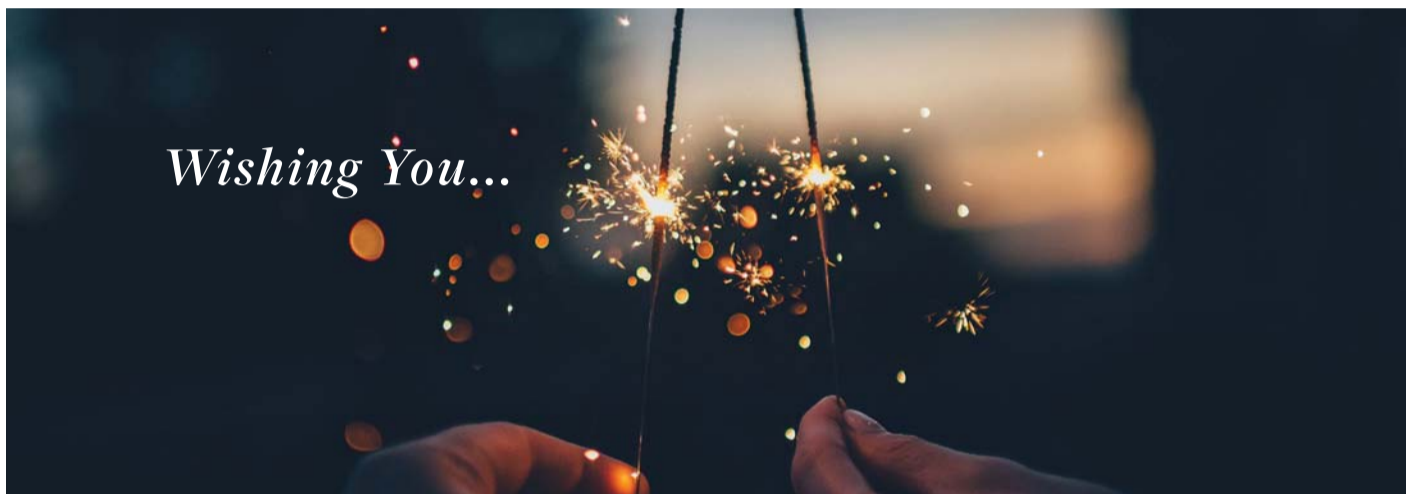
198 Laurel Drive — \$1,650,000

Natalya Gragunsky to Jason Panzer and Alexandra McCoy
APN: 187-671-015

1 Boronda Road — \$2,150,000

Dean Whitehead and Leslie Svetich to David and Janet Hurwitz
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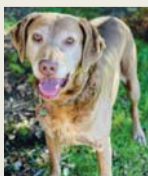
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5 beds, 4.5 baths ■ \$4,789,000 ■ www.1440LisbonLane.com



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FAMILY, FRIENDS, THE FRAGRANCE OF VIOLETS, AND A 1966 CHEVROLET

THERE IS a splendid scene at the end of the movie, "When Harry Met Sally." Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan, the titular protagonists of the movie, are listening to "Auld Lang Syne" at a New Years Eve party.

Harry: "My whole life I've never known what this song means. I mean, should old acquaintances be forgot? Does

that mean we should forget old acquaintances, or does it mean if we do happen to forget them, we should remember them, which is not possible because we forgot them"

Sally: "Maybe you're just supposed to remember you forgot them, or something. It's about old friends."

Yet sometimes we do forget to remember how important

family and friends are in our lives. Last year was a year of separation. There were tragic stories about Americans who lost family members during the pandemic without being able to be with them in their last moments, or to properly mourn and bury them.

Thanksgiving and Christmas 2020 were wipeouts for millions, as fear of traveling cancelled the two most important family gathering events of the year.

We live in a peripatetic society. Our parents were the last generation of stay-at-homes who lived their lives

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Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

where they grew up. Uncles, aunts, cousins and grandparents were a few blocks away. I am one of five children. Not one lives in the city of his birth. None of my three children live where they were born.

An effect of these nomadic lives is that you have to acquire a circle of friends who become as close as family. We are blessed to have such good friends here on the Peninsula. Life without them is unimaginable. I cannot recall having serious disputes with good friends, whereas I've witnessed Hatfield/McCoy-type feuds in my own family that persisted for years.

Car company's wisdom

Here we are slouching toward another new year. We often use this time to make resolutions that fade faster than the flicker of a firefly's taillight. Yet any resolutions we make are useless if we go into the New Year carrying a grudge or harboring rancor towards another person. "Forgiveness is the fragrance that the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it," is a quote attributed to Mark Twain.

Insight can come from the strangest places. This year it came from Chevrolet. Their car commercial titled "Holiday Ride," is currently running on television. It is the shortened version of a four-minute original you can find on the company's website.

You really should take the time to find it. The commercial is a reminder for all of us to call our family members, heal rifts, forgive and forget, tell them that you love them because tomorrow is not guaranteed and you might not get

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3 BD | 3 BA | \$2,475,000

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9687 Sycamore Court

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302 Park Street

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3 BD | 3 BA | \$1,448,000

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8375 Monterra Views (Lot 155)

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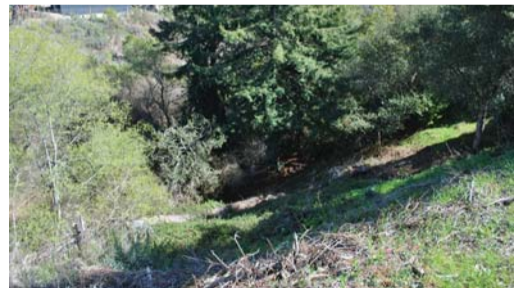
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0 Dougherty Place, Lot #2

0.719 ACRE LOT | \$135,000

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3 bedrooms/3 bathrooms/2,048 square feet
Offered for \$1,099,000

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APN: 243-193-030

Highway 68

20140 Portola Drive — \$945,000

Ulrich Bonfert to Steve Gandy
APN: 161-332-005

23048 Espada Drive — \$1,150,000

Joseph and Marilyn Green to Zachary and Ruth Zhang
APN: 161-521-001



10 Mentone Drive, Carmel Highlands — \$3,200,000

8120 Manjares — \$3,875,000

Dennis and Cheryl Woods to Charles and Christian Lily
APN: 259-191-003

24591 Silver Cloud Court LLC — \$6,762,000

Daniel Archer and Jon and Patricia Giffen to
PGA Fresno LLC
APN: 173-121-016

Marina

217 Mortimers Lane — \$541,000

Willie Peggs to Jessica McGee
APN: 032-191-021

364 Everett Drive — \$640,000

Quita Martin & Thomas Johns Partnership to
Maria Rivera
APN: 032-273-020

3092 Snell Place — \$776,000

Harry Hayden to Edward Miller
APN: 033-231-009

2992 Bonte Drive — \$841,000

JPA Marina Builders Inc. to Calvin Eagle
APN: 031-278-023

2988 Bonte Drive — \$997,500

JPA Marina Builders Inc. to Quinn Mefford
APN: 031-278-025

328 Reservation Road — \$2,477,000

Reservation Road Partners to Amol Ram
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Monterey

6 Castro Road — \$450,000

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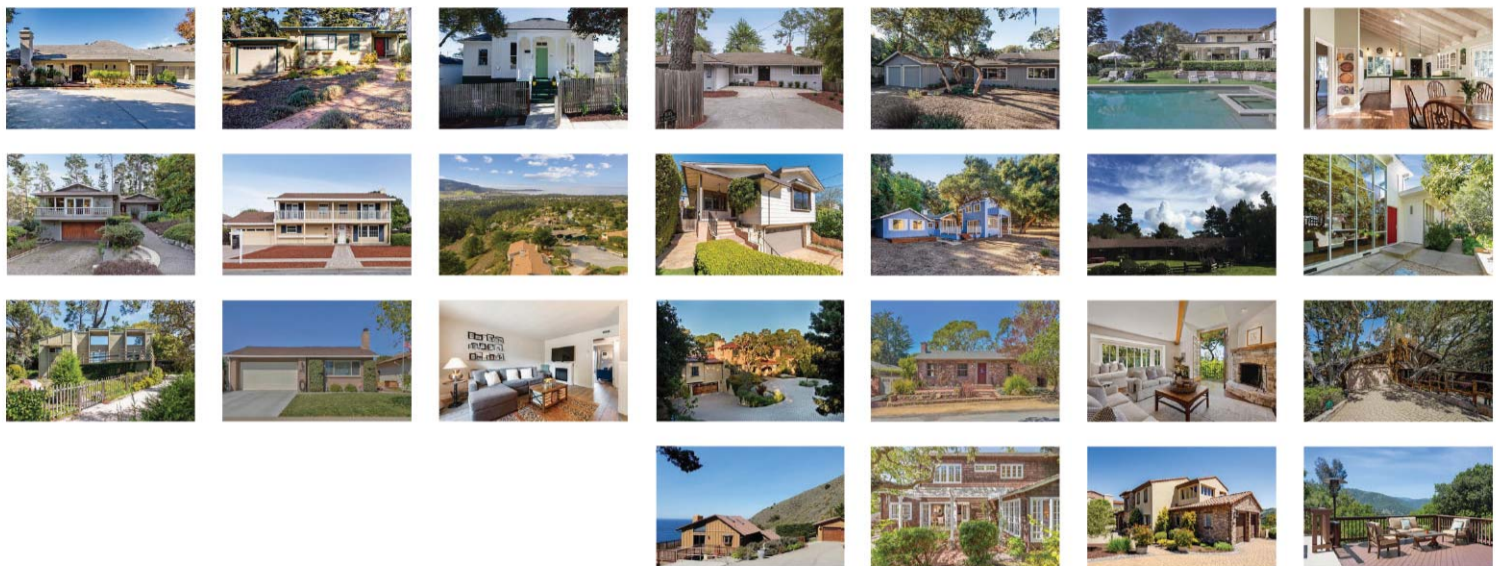
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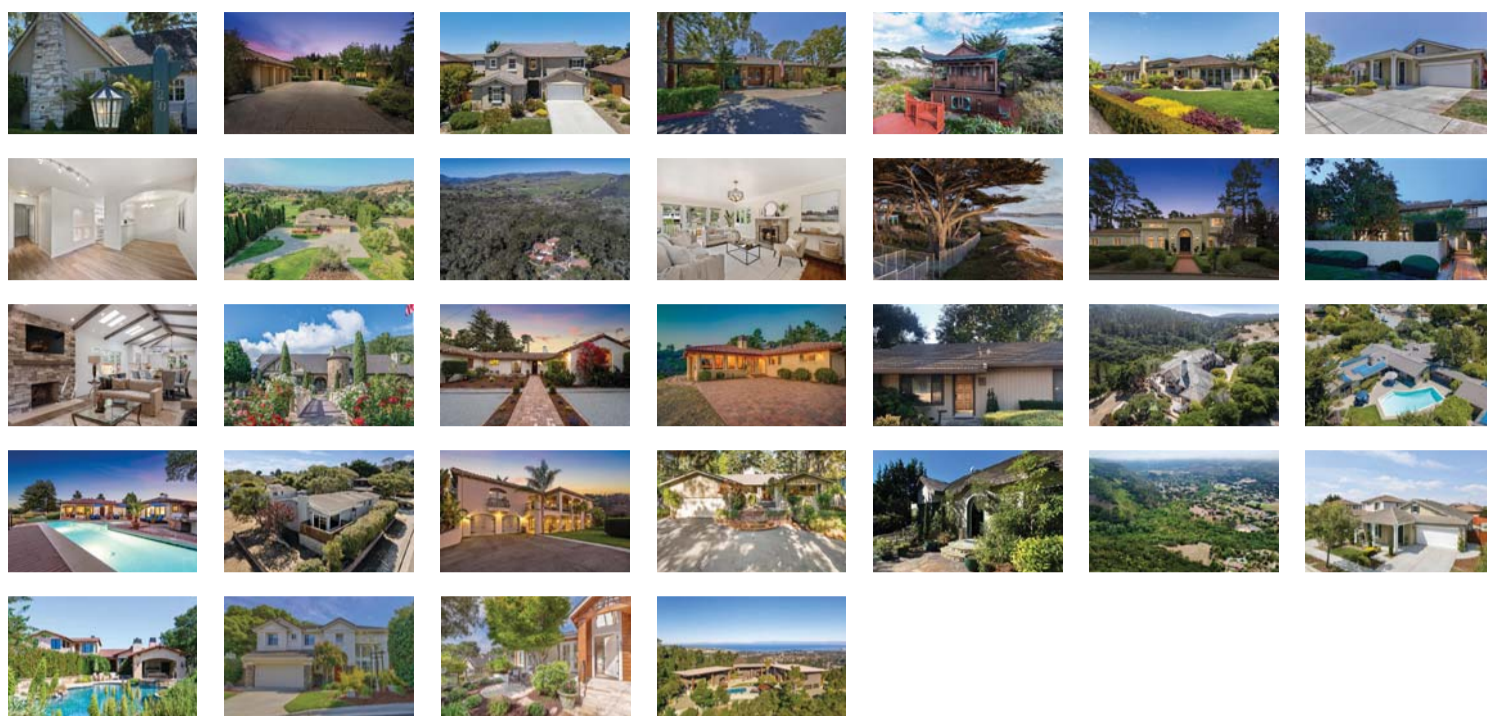
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

Carmel Valley: Deputies and CHP responded to a disturbance at Carmel Middle School during a school board meeting.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Info report at Junipero and Eighth for suspicious circumstances.

Pacific Grove: Elderly female on Heather Lane reported two saxophones missing from her residence. Live-in caregiver stated the elderly female was just released from the hospital and having mental issues and made up this incident. Info report only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop at Ocean and Lincoln at 0805 hours resulted in a 52-year-old male being arrested for having an illegal concealed firearm and driving while his li-

cense is suspended.

Pebble Beach: A juvenile was reported as leaving their residence on Pine Meadows Way.

Big Sur: Child Protective Services social workers requested a standby while they took custody of four children at a Highway 1 location.

Carmel Valley: A traffic collision on Carmel Valley Road resulted in the 51-year-old male driver being arrested by CHP for driving under the influence.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Injury accident at Ocean and Lincoln.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Drunk subject at San Carlos and Seventh was released to a family member at 1819 hours.

Pacific Grove: A 74-year-old male was arrested on Central at 0817 hours for resisting a public officer.

Pacific Grove: Elderly female on David Avenue had a consensual sexual encounter with an unknown male. No sexual assault, informational case only.

Pacific Grove: Injury accident at Central and Ninth Street.

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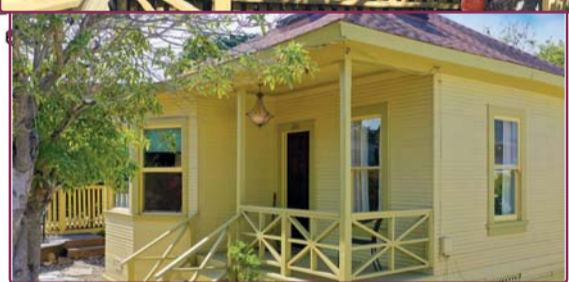


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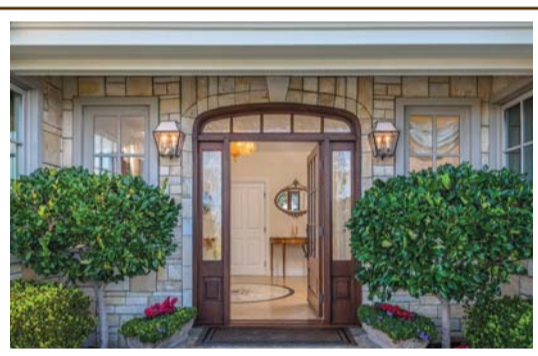
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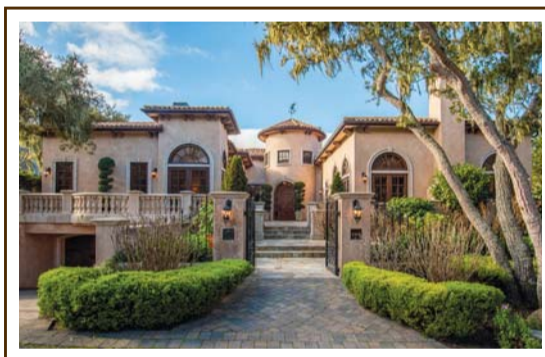
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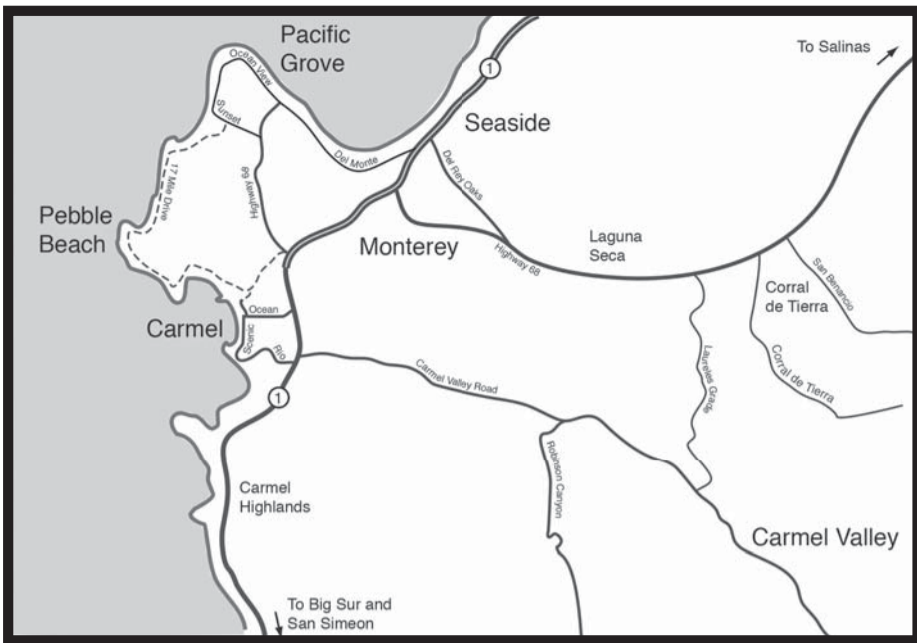
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Carmel Valley: A father reported that a student at his daughter's school on Carmel Valley Road threatened to stab her while they were at school.

Big Sur: A 35-year-old male was arrested on Highway 1 for evading police.

Carmel Valley: Verbal family dispute at a Carmel Valley Road residence.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

Pacific Grove: Officers contacted a subject on Forest who had a tool in his possession. The man stated he found it in Monterey and requested police to take it for safekeeping. There were no identifying marks on the tool and no reports of a similar item taken. Booked for destruction.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 26-year-old male Seaside resident was arrested at Hatton and Ocean at 0104 hours for DUI. Transported to county jail.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Resident at Mission and Fourth called to report a possible fraudulent charge on her mobile wallet. She

is currently unsure if she was the one who made the charges or if it was someone else. She will do further follow-up when she is feeling better. At this time, she wanted this incident documented only. She will follow up and provide information for a full report if she determines fraud has been committed on her finances.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a verbal dispute between a couple on Palo Colorado Road.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop at Mountain View and Torres for CVC violations found the driver, a 29-year-old male, to be on probation and driving while his license is suspended for DUI.

Pacific Grove: Dispatched after report of shoplifting on Forest Avenue.

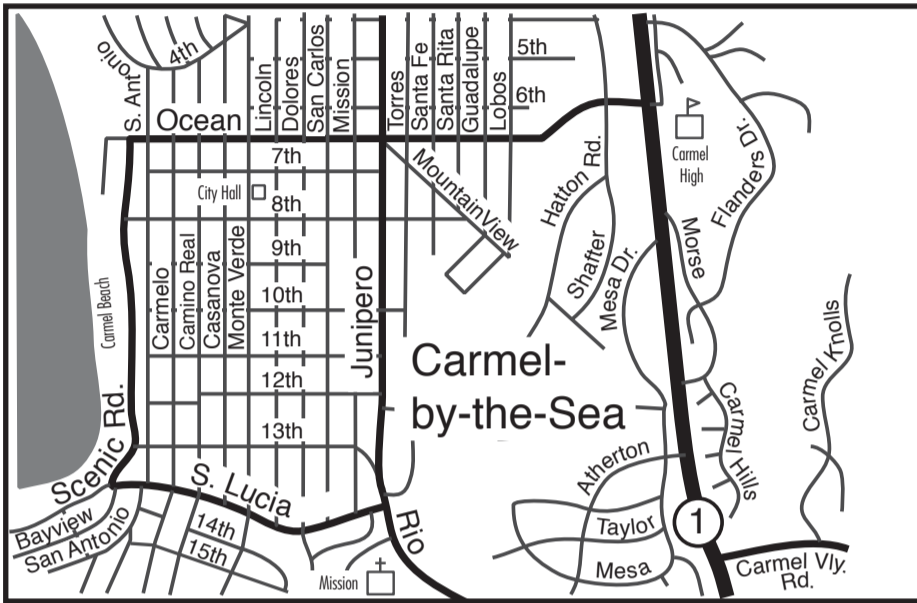
Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a report of battery of two juveniles on Middle Canyon Road.

Pacific Grove: City vehicle was struck by a deer on Asilomar and damaged. Info report only.

Pacific Grove: A non-injury collision occurred between two vehicles on Forest.

Pacific Grove: Fall on public property on Eardley.

Pacific Grove: Abandoned vehicle towed from 16th Street.



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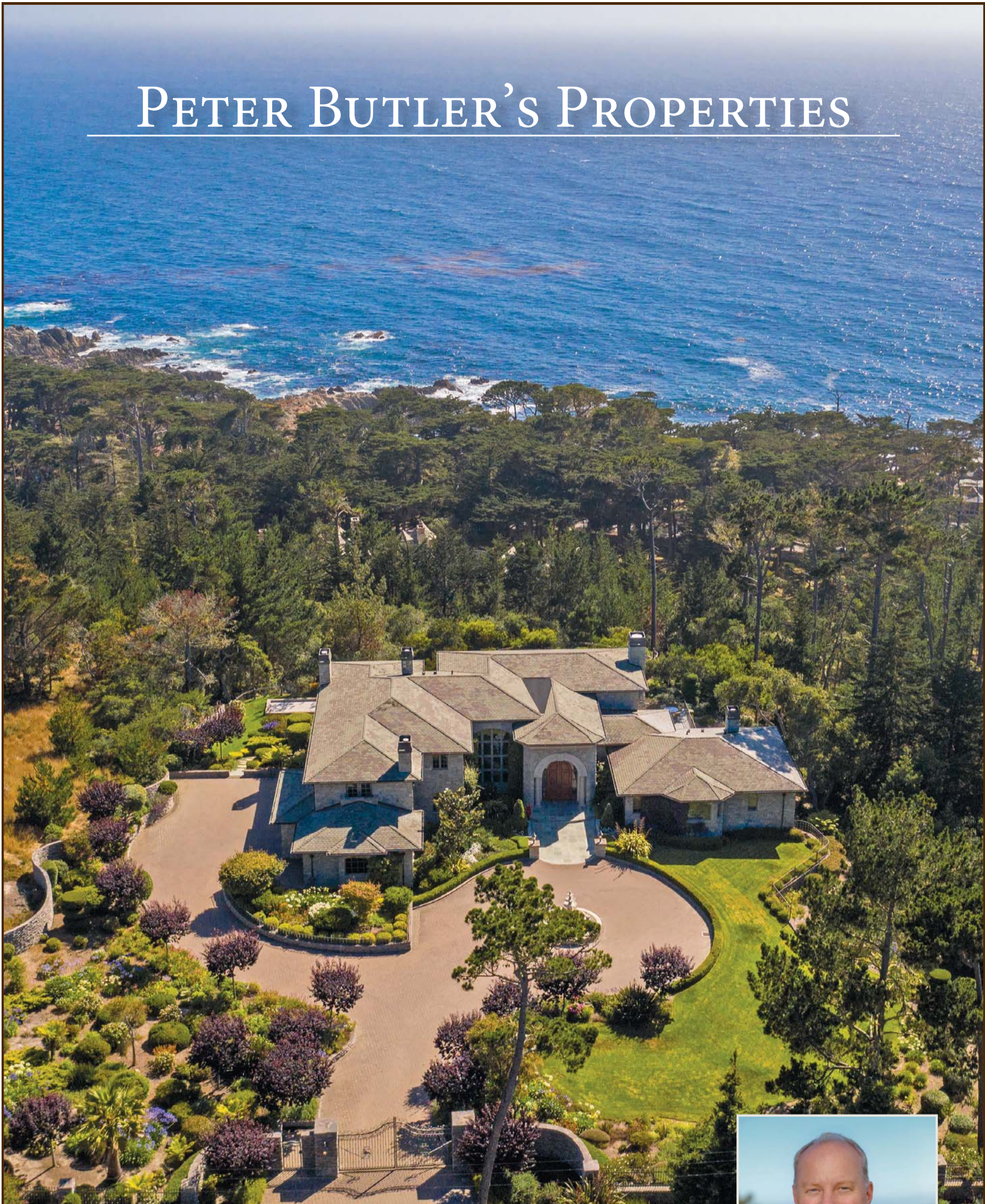
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