

The Carmel Pine Cone

In battle to make neighborhoods fire safe, state takes off gloves

By CHRIS COUNTS

AS PART of Gov. Gavin Newsom’s push to speed up fire prevention efforts on an emergency basis to combat the increased threat of wildfire throughout the state, Cal Fire is launching three ambitious vegetation-reduction projects in Monterey County, including one this week.

The effort even includes mobilizing the National Guard.

The scale of the work is far beyond anything that’s ever been attempted here — or would have been allowed by state law before the Camp Fire destroyed more than 18,000 structures and killed 85 people five months ago. In response to the Camp Fire and other destructive wildfires — as well as public sentiment — Newsom declared an emergency and issued an executive order in January to fast-track what have been deemed the state’s most important fire prevention projects.

Thirty-five projects have been prioritized, including three in Monterey County that will reduce vegetation along more than 100 miles of ridges and roads. Work is set to begin Monday on the first of the three, the Palo Corona-White Rock Fire Roads Project. Two others — the Palo Colorado Fuel Modification Project and the Laurel Springs Fuel Modification Project in Upper Carmel Valley — could start as early as May.

The bulk of the work involves creating wide fuelbreaks, where much of the vegetation is cut until it’s just a couple

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‘My plan was to attract people who had money to invest’

In 1915, Samuel F.B. Morse began liquidating the Pacific Improvement Company’s vast real estate holdings. While he continued working for that company for decades, he also took a personal interest in the property the company owned in Monterey County and in 1919, at age 33, he formed Del Monte Properties Company and purchased the nearly 20,000 acres for \$1.3 million. While his employment kept him based in San Francisco until 1924, he immediately brought new management and vision to the Monterey holdings centered around Hotel Del Monte, which had been unprofitable for several years. He also began thinking of ways to make the best use of the beautiful real estate we now call Pebble Beach

PART IV

VERY EARLY in my association with the Pacific Improvement Company and my study of the Monterey Peninsula, I determined that the hotel business was essential to the proper development of the region, and the ultimate objective was the development of the real estate in the area. The hotel was a big one and a delicate operation at best — and we had to make it profitable. However, the main objective always was to bring the right kind of people to

The Morse memoirs

the Peninsula, and then to interest them in living here.

Mr. H.R. Warner was the manager of Hotel Del Monte. Immediately after I took charge, I went with Mr. Warner through all of the various departments of the hotel. I made one suggestion after another, and it was obvious that none of them appealed to Mr. Warner. When we went back to his office I said, “Mr. Warner, my job is either to make the properties that we own profitable, or to dispose of them.” I added, “Apparently you are completely satisfied with this operation. I have either got to close the hotel and tear it down, or sell, if it is possible

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Commission favors ban on vacation rentals

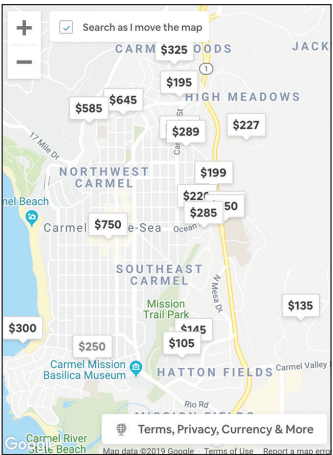
■ Expiration date on existing permits?

By MARY SCHLEY

THE PLANNING commission took the predictable step Wednesday of recommending the city council adopt an ordinance banning short-term rentals downtown and in apartment buildings. Renting out single-family homes for less than 30



An upstairs apartment on Dolores Street south of Ocean Avenue (left) is beautiful inside and out — and rents for several hundred dollars a night to vacationers, a practice that may end soon. An Airbnb map shows short-term rentals available in and around town later this month.



days at a time has been illegal in the city for 30 years, but no restrictions exist in the commercial and multifamily-residential districts.

In fact, many property owners didn’t even realize short-term rentals were legal downtown until the city started cracking down on illegal rentals and trying to collect business license taxes and transient occupancy taxes from the legal ones. Over the last 14 months, the planning department approved 24 permits for 33 short-term rentals, planning director Marc Wiener told the commission April 10 — many of them in the past few months.

In March, the city council decided vacation rentals downtown are bad for the city, because they can replace long-term rentals, which bring in far less money and can therefore be more affordable for people who live and work in town. Wiener

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BEACH FIRES TARGETED FOR EVEN MORE RESTRICTIONS

By MARY SCHLEY

WOOD FIRES on Carmel Beach — a century-old tradition allowed with few restrictions until three years ago — may be going the way of the dinosaurs. On Wednesday, the planning commission voted 4-1 to recommend that the city council forbid them altogether and allow only propane-fueled fires for a year.

Following a busy summer in 2015 when hundreds of wood fires filled the beach and generated smoke many found intolerable, the city council banned wood fires except in a handful of city-owned pits south of 10th Avenue. The council also decided to allow propane fires as long as they’re 25 feet from the bluffs. The program was implemented in 2016 and later extended to 2020.

But at this week’s hearing, the usual anti-beach-fire crowd lined up to testify and also sent letters asking for a ban on wood fires. While aesthetics are no longer an issue, since the sand is white again with the elimination of burning directly on the ground, they said wood smoke still threatens the health and safety of nearby residents and those who visit the beach.

In his April 10 report, planning director Marc Wiener said results from three air monitors installed near the beach show

the average amounts of particulate matter in the air from wood fires are well below what’s considered dangerous.

But any smoke at all could be deadly, according to Scenic Road resident Christy Hollenbeck. “The fine particulates and toxins we are being forced to breathe are well known to raise blood pressure, trigger heart attacks, stroke, asthma attacks, breathing problems, headaches, premature aging, cancer, birth

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PHOTO/KATHY BANG

Charcoal, burned soda cans — and even a fire extinguisher — littered the beach in 2015, when unlimited wood fires were allowed. Planning commissioners want only propane fires used there now.

Guilty plea in DUI death

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CARMEL teenager who drove drunk and crashed on Carmel Valley Road last July, killing her 16-year-old passenger and seriously injuring the woman driving the car she hit, pleaded guilty in a Salinas courtroom Tuesday to one count of vehicular manslaughter while under the influence and one count of driving under the influence causing injury, according to Monterey County deputy district attorney Meredith Sillman. Margot McNally, 18, will be sentenced next month to an agreed-upon four years in state prison.

In front of Monterey County Superior Court Judge Carrie Panetta April 9, McNally admitted to killing Carmel High classmate Anabelle Vandenbroucke and causing serious injury to Carmel Valley resident Sarah Coleman.

On July 12, 2018, Sillman said, McNally and Vanden-

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Woman sues after charity fails to cook ‘meal of a lifetime’

■ Claim: Item she bought at auction was never delivered

By KELLY NIX

THE DAY after a Dallas woman sued a culinary nonprofit claiming it failed to make good on a promise to cook her the “meal of a lifetime” after she agreed to make a big donation to the group during an auction at the 2017 Pebble Beach Food & Wine, the nonprofit — whose directors include two of the world’s most famous chefs — agreed to refund her money, her attorney said this week.

In a lawsuit filed Tuesday in Monterey County Superior Court, Marianne Plancke, 56, alleges she made the winning \$26,000 bid during an auction for a “magical” food and wine experience for 12 people. The meal was to be provided by a group called “Ment’or,” a Napa-based culinary arts nonprofit that gives grants to young chefs and trains a culinary team that competes against other chefs internationally. The nonprofit was also the beneficiary of the auction and received Plancke’s \$26,000.

According to Plancke, not only was she entitled to a fabulous meal for 12, famous chefs Thomas Keller of the French Laundry in Napa Valley and Daniel Boulud who owns seven restaurants in New York City and another half-dozen throughout the world, were supposed to be there.

But when Plancke was ready to redeem the meal in late 2018, she said Ment’or refused to make good on the “once-in-a-lifetime” food and wine event.

“The promise of the magical culinary experience was an illusion, and the charity auction became a story of promises not kept,” Plancke’s lawsuit says.

Keller is president of Ment’or’s board of directors and Boulud is the chairman.

Plancke said the organization also refused to return her money.

A day after Plancke filed the lawsuit in Monterey County, however, her Los Angeles attorney, Scott Vick, told The Pine Cone that Ment’or agreed to settle the matter out of court.

“I just received word that they have finally

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In a publicity photo from the nonprofit’s website, renowned chefs Thomas Keller and Daniel Boulud (both at center) watch as young chefs from Ment’or compete in a 2018 cooking competition in Mexico City.

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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

And then things went a little batty

HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office last week. This week's log was compiled by Mary Schley.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop at Carpenter and Valley Way at 0243 hours for a vehicle code violation. The 26-year-old female from Salinas was arrested for DUI.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Grand theft from an unlocked vehicle reported on Monte Verde Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female lost her cell phone.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found gift card at Dolores and Fifth was turned in for safekeeping. Finder relinquished interest. Report is for information only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Knife found on the beach in the area of Scenic and 10th was turned in to the police department for safekeeping pending owner contact.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen reported a barking dog in the area of Sixth and Carpenter. Follow-up was made. Uncertain where the dog

was barking from.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fall on city property at Junipero and Fifth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject was warned for trespassing at a business at Monte Verde and Ocean and was advised not to return.

Pacific Grove: Barking dogs/dog at large on Lawton.

Pacific Grove: Non-injury collision on Forest Avenue.

Pacific Grove: A male purchased almost \$8,000 of wine from a store on 17th Street. The credit card company later reported that the credit card was fraudulently used.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a 911 call from a Valley View residence. A male was placed on a 5150 W&I hold [danger to self or others].

Carmel area: Person reported a deceased male at an Outlook Drive residence.

Pebble Beach: An elderly female was contacted while walking along Holman Highway.

Carmel Valley: Hitchcock Canyon residence reported losing a bag with clothing somewhere in Carmel or Carmel Valley.

See **POLICE LOG** page 12RE in the Real Estate Section

The gavel falls

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

Feb. 21 — Martin Roy Avila, 35, a former resident of La Selva Beach, was sentenced by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Andrew Liu for three felony counts of vehicle theft and one felony count of forgery.

Between the months of May and June 2015, Avila stole three antique cars from the ranch property of the late Sherman Ball, who was a resident of Monterey County. Immediately after Mr. Ball had passed away in May 2015, Avila went to the Ball ranch in Royal Oaks and removed a 1960 Ford truck. In June, he returned to the ranch and removed a 1940 Packard sedan and a 1950 Pontiac Chieftain from the barn located there.

He then filed false documents with the California Department of Motor Vehicles to have the cars registered in his name. Avila repeatedly lied to the Ball family and to law enforcement when questioned about the vehicles, and even created a fake will as an attempt to steal more of Mr. Ball's property.

Avila was sentenced to three years of formal felony probation, 210 days in jail, and ordered to pay \$8,500 in restitution to the rightful heirs of Mr. Ball's estate.

Feb. 25 — Brandon Keen, 34, was sentenced to 141 years-to-life in prison. On January 16, 2019, Keen was found guilty by a jury for murdering his cellmate and assault with a deadly weapon by an inmate.

Keen was sentenced pursuant to California's Three Strikes laws as he has previous convictions for arson, assault with a deadly weapon and mayhem. Pursuant to law, Keen was sen-

tenced to three life sentences for the crimes he was convicted of, resulting in 141 years-to-life. As Judge Timothy Roberts handed down the sentence, Keen yelled out in open court, and in front of the victim's family members, that he had "no regrets," that he "loves it" and "wants more of it."

On October 4, 2013, Keen, while serving a 25-year prison sentence at Salinas Valley State Prison for mayhem, was found in his cell unharmed after he alerted correctional officers that his cell mate was "down."

The victim, Dimitris Kalatzakis, 31, was found lying face up in a large pool of his own blood and the cell walls were covered in blood spatter. He was pronounced deceased on scene. An autopsy revealed Kalatzakis had suffered six stab wounds by an inmate-manufactured weapon, had been beaten so badly that there was blunt force injury with broken bones throughout his face and that he had ultimately been strangled to death by a ligature. Kalatzakis had an anticipated release date of October 15, 2015.

The jury also found that on August 31, 2016, Inmate Keen was fighting with another inmate, Mathew Jennings, 46, in the day yard area of Salinas Valley State Prison when correctional officers deployed pepper spray to stop the fight.

Inmate Jennings fell to the ground and curled into a fetal position with his back to Inmate Keen who, with an inmate-manufactured weapon consisting of a toothbrush with two razor blades affixed to the handle, proceeded to get on top of Inmate Jennings and slash his face and neck.

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Woman arrested for going after ex-husband with knife

By MARY SCHLEY

A 57-YEAR-OLD Ojai resident was taken to Monterey County Jail March 11 after police said she tried to kill her ex-husband with a knife when the two got into a fight at his home in the area of Second and Camino del Monte, but the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office decided not to file an attempted-murder charge against Amie Alexander, instead seeking conviction for felony assault with a deadly weapon and felony spousal battery causing injury.

“Based on the evidence I have seen and the location of the wounds, I believe we did not feel that we could prove beyond a reasonable doubt that she had a specific intent to kill him when she used the knife,” deputy district attorney Danielle VanDamme told The Pine Cone this week.



Amie Alexander

The fight occurred shortly after 8 a.m. March 11, when Alexander showed up at Derrick Hanvey’s home and ended up chasing him through the house with a knife, according to Carmel Police Cmdr. Luke Powell. He

managed to get away from her and dial 911. When CPD detective Rachelle Lightfoot arrived, Alexander, who had gotten into her car by then, drove up and told Lightfoot that she has a restraining order against Hanvey, and that he had assaulted her.

“Alexander displayed some bruising on her left hand and a small rug burn on her left knee,” Powell said.

When the detective talked to Hanvey, she got a different account. “He was visibly shaken and had blood and a cut on the web of his right hand that was consistent with a knife laceration,” Powell said, though the man declined medical treatment.

He also told Lightfoot that Alexander had been calling and texting him, but when he ignored the messages, she showed up at his home and pushed past him when he opened the front door. “He

expressed his desire for her to leave, but Alexander grabbed him and battered him,” Powell said.

When Hanvey told her he was going to call

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P.G. school district postpones sex ed classes after group’s lawsuit threats

By KELLY NIX

SEX EDUCATION classes that were to be taught by Planned Parenthood to a group of Pacific Grove Middle School students last week were abruptly canceled when a conservative civil liberties group complained that parents weren’t given proper notice of the instruction.

The middle school was going to have Planned Parenthood workers teach seventh and eighth graders sex ed classes during the first three days of April. But when Pacific Justice Institute found out that Pacific Grove Unified School District had not given parents 14 days advanced notice of the classes — which the law requires — the group demanded the district cancel or postpone the instruction or face a lawsuit.

“We have reason to believe you failed to comply with important notice requirements contained in state law and would therefore be acting illegally if the presentations occur as planned next week,” the March 29 letter, signed by Pacific Justice Institute attorney Matthew B. McReynolds said. “It is therefore urgent and imperative that you take action immediately to avoid violating the law.”

The Sacramento-based group warned that if the school district moved ahead with the “non-compliant” sex ed classes, that “legal action would be justified” and the district

“would be exposed to liability.” In a press release about the classes being postponed, Pacific Justice Institute said “parents were outraged that less than a week’s notice had been given for such controversial presentations,” and it called Planned Parenthood’s “teaching” materials “shocking and offensive.”

Pacific Justice Institute did not respond to The Pine Cone about what specifically in Planned Parenthood’s sex ed classes they regard as offensive. But the group’s justification for compelling PGUSD to postpone the sex education classes was based on the district’s notification lapse, not on the content of Planned Parenthood’s instruction materials.

‘Short a few days’

School district superintendent Ralph Porras conceded the district had not notified parents far enough in advance, per the state’s Education Code, which also allows parents to opt their children out of the classes.

The “education code requires a 14-day prior notice to the parents, and we were short a few days,” Porras told The Pine Cone Tuesday morning.

Pacific Grove Middle notified parents on March 27 ahead of the classes that were to begin April 1. Porras said the principal of the

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COUNCIL GRAPPLES WITH PRANCING PONIES, OKs FOUR DOWNTOWN EVENTS

By MARY SCHLEY

NEXT MONTH’S Carmel Art Festival can use Devendorf Park, Doug and Genie Freedman’s Concours on the Avenue can take place downtown as usual, 100 vintage cars from the Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance can park on Ocean Avenue for a couple of hours, and the Prancing Ponies can take over a couple of blocks at Dolores and Sixth, the city council decided last week.

That last event, a small show featuring cars owned by women, split the council, with Jan Reimers and Bobby Richards voting against it.

“We had promised the community we were not going to have any more events during Car Week,” Reimers said at the April 2 meeting. “Those continue to be my feelings, so I wanted to mention that again.”

Gallery owner’s petition

Richards echoed her sentiments, which were based on a decision made under former Mayor Jason Burnett to limit the major events in Carmel during Concours Week to two after the Pacific Grove Auto Rally redrew its route to avoid downtown. The two remaining events, Concours on the Avenue and the Pebble Beach Tour d’Elegance, have been held for years.

“We made a promise to hold it to two events,” Richards commented.

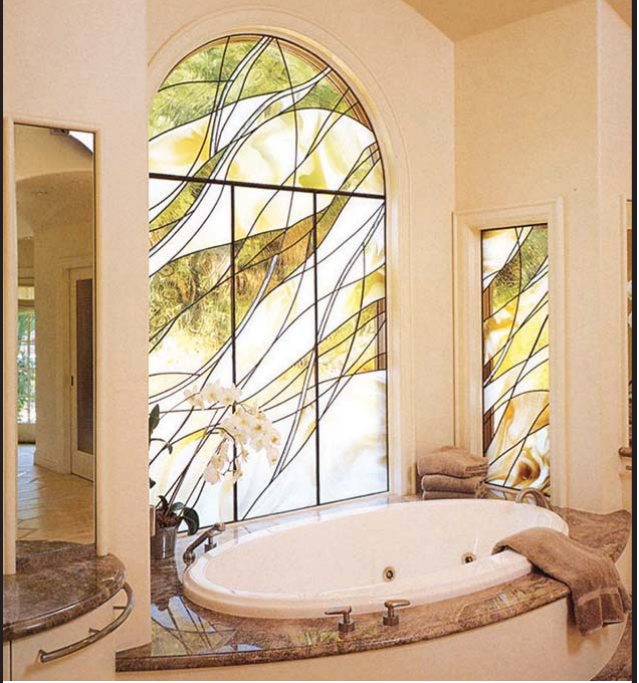
Resident Richard Kreitman, who owns an art gallery on

the northwest corner of Dolores and Sixth, turned in a petition signed by two dozen business owners in the area asking that the Prancing Ponies show take place somewhere else. He said a few businesses like the show and want it to come back, and

a few others didn’t want to sign his petition “because they feared offending clients or friends.”

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Decision delayed on hot springs resort as AG asks for more fire protection

By CHRIS COUNTS

IS A plan to build a 103-room hotel and 77 condominiums at Paraiso Hot Springs the magic formula that will bring much needed economic opportunity to South Monterey County? Or is it a foolhardy plan on a fire-prone site that could put the lives of guests and workers at risk? Comments made at a Monterey County Planning Commission hearing March 27 in Salinas included predictions of both scenarios.

The hearing comes just one week after county officials unexpectedly received a letter from California Attorney General Xavier Becerra identifying shortcomings in the resort's environmental impact report relating to fire risk — and suggesting the resort should be required to build its own fire station.

After listening to lengthy testimony from supporters and opponents, the supervisors voted unanimously to hold off on approving the resort's EIR, and they continued the hearing to a later date.

Located seven miles west of Greenfield in the foothills of the Santa Lucia mountains on a 235-acre property, the hot springs resort has operated since the late 19th century, but has been closed since 2003.

Six years after buying the resort, owner and developer John Thompson unveiled a plan for an ambitious makeover in 2005. Besides demolishing existing buildings and constructing a hotel and condominiums, he proposes to create a spa, expand an existing water system, install a wastewater treatment system and cut down 185 oak trees. The builder is also asking for after-the-fact approval for illegally tearing down 18 structures, including nine historic cottages, in 2003.

Mayor cites jobs

Proponents say the resort's makeover will pay big economic dividends in a part of the county that doesn't reap many benefits from the millions of tourists who visit the Monterey Peninsula.

The mayor of Soledad, Fred Ledesma told the planning commission that he and his colleagues — the mayors of King City, Gonzalez and Greenfield — all back the development.

Almost \$300 billion was spent in the county last year on tourism, Ledesma said, but "99 percent of that was on the Monterey Peninsula."

The mayor also said what the developer is proposing is reasonable.

"They're not trying to turn a cannery into a

hotel,” he suggested. “They’re taking a resort that’s been there for 100 years, and they’re basically restoring it.”

While Ledesma said he welcomed comments from Cal Fire about the fire risk — and farmers about traffic — he was critical of those who don't live near the development but are speaking out against it. "I don't really appreciate the comments from people who come from other parts of the county telling us what's good for our region because the cities feel this is a great economic boom for our communities," he added.

The owner of the resort, John Thompson, told planning commissioners the resort will create 300 jobs, and raise \$2 million in transit occupancy tax and \$1 million in property tax each year, and generate \$8 million in tourist dollars per year.

‘Smaller is safer’

Opponents who spoke out against the plan included three representatives from Land Watch Monterey County.

“Why would you approve an exclusive mega resort in a high fire hazard area on a rural property with inadequate roads and water?” Land Watch executive director Mike Delapa asked planning commissioners. “What message does it send to developers that they can come into Monterey County, hire a smart and always self-deprecating attorney, make some strategic friends in high places, and be rewarded with a project that should never be built? Please reject the after-the-fact permit and downsize the project so that it’s no larger than its historical use — a smaller project is safer project.”

Two members of the Alliance of Monterey Area Preservationists spoke, including board member Jeff Becom, who argued that the developer needs to pay a high price for demolishing the historical cabins 16 years ago. Becom said it would cost at least \$1.7 million to rebuild them — and he suggested that number as a mitigation fee. “This is the kind of money that needs to go to historical

preservation in this region," he said.

Attorney general chimes in

While most of those commenting on the plan for the resort were from Monterey County, Becerra's comments raised a few eyebrows.

In a letter submitted March 20, the attorney general identified problems with the plan and its EIR. The letter specifically took aim at fire protection, echoing concerns previously expressed by Cal Fire.

According to the letter, the EIR must analyze “the increased risk of wildfire that will result” from the development and “should address evacuations” in the event of a fire. It also contends the entirety of Paraiso Springs Road “should be widened.”

The project's environmental report indicates the resort is 15 minutes away from a fire station — the maximum time recommended by the Monterey County General Plan — but the attorney general's letter notes that Google Maps shows it 18 miles away. As a result, the environmental study "should be revised to accurately reflect the distance of the nearest fire station to the project site."

The letter goes on to say that this should be remedied, “preferably with the construction of a fire station onsite as requested by the local fire district.”

Planning commissioner Martha Diehl called the submission of the letter "extraordinary."

"I've been on this commission since 2001, and this is the first time I recall receiving anything from the attorney general's office at all directly," Diehl said. "It really caught my attention — that is not business as usual."

Attorney Tony Lombardo, who is representing the developer, agreed the letter is "extraordinary."

"I'm trying to determine what it was that motivated the attorney general," Lombardo added. "I've done a lot of really large projects around the state and never had a letter like that."

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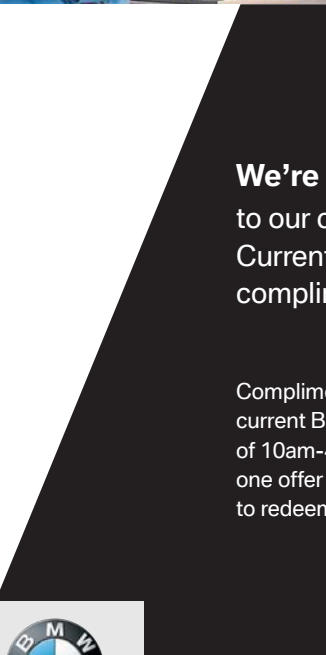
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City’s payroll totals \$8.4M, with \$500K for retirement and \$374K in OT

By MARY SCHLEY

OF THE \$8,374,595 paid out in salaries and benefits to city employees last year, \$3,681,172 went to the top 21 earners — 16 of whom work in the police department or on the ambulance, and one of whom took in a shocking \$71,274 in overtime — according to data provided by finance manager Robin Scattini in response to a Public Records Act request. Public safety is typically the most expensive area in any city budget, and with overtime and other benefits, cops and paramedics always come in toward the top of the payroll.

City administrator Chip Rerig was first on the list in 2018, with regular pay of \$179,910, vacation and sick pay totaling more than \$10,000, taxpayers’ contributions to his retirement totaling \$12,028, and “deferred compensation” of \$24,500. With more than \$24,000 in medical coverage added in, Rerig received \$250,917.

Right behind him was Police Chief Paul Tomasi, whose total take, including \$29,358 in retirement contributions and \$20,095 in medical coverage, was \$218,736. His regular salary was \$156,872, and he received a little under \$8,000 in sick and vacation pay.

While his regular pay was \$90,667, paramedic Myles Routh earned more than \$71,000 in overtime, picking up numerous extra shifts during the year, since fellow paramedic Michelle Cumming was out on leave. With just under \$9,000 in sick and vacation pay, \$10,387 in retirement contributions, \$18,912 in medical coverage, and \$18,032 in “other pay” — such as uniform allowance and shift pay, Routh’s total was \$218,689.

Police officer Chris Johnson — who left in February to go work for Marina P.D. — came in fourth, with regular pay of \$103,809, sick and vacation pay just a hair over \$13,000, \$38,699 in overtime and \$12,100 in other pay, \$22,864 in retirement contributions and almost \$19,000 in benefits, with a grand total of \$209,700.

Maxine Gullo, assistant city administrator, rounded out the Top 5 with a total of \$183,027 that included her base salary of \$133,417, more than \$15,000 in sick and vacation pay, \$8,288 in other pay and \$7,114 in retirement contributions, among other compensation.

Sixth through 10th were public works director Bob Harary (\$160,016 in regular pay, \$182,712 total), paramedic David Jedinak (\$87,355 base salary, \$24,918 in OT and \$17,864 in other pay, \$180,074 total), Cmdr. Luke Powell (\$136,258 base pay, \$177,527 total), planning director Marc Wiener (\$128,357 regular pay, \$175,327 total) and budgets and con-

tracts director Sharon Friedrichsen (\$145,821 regular salary, \$174,306 total).

After Friedrichsen, police officers and paramedics occupied the next 11 slots on the list of 96 employees. Their overtime pay ranged from \$1,308 to \$33,807.

Topping the “other pay” category was paramedic Michelle

Cumming, who has retired. She took home a total of \$147,902 that included \$83,190 in other pay for “paid administrative leave, uniform allowance, shift pay, and her vacation and sick payouts upon the ending of her city employment,” Scattini

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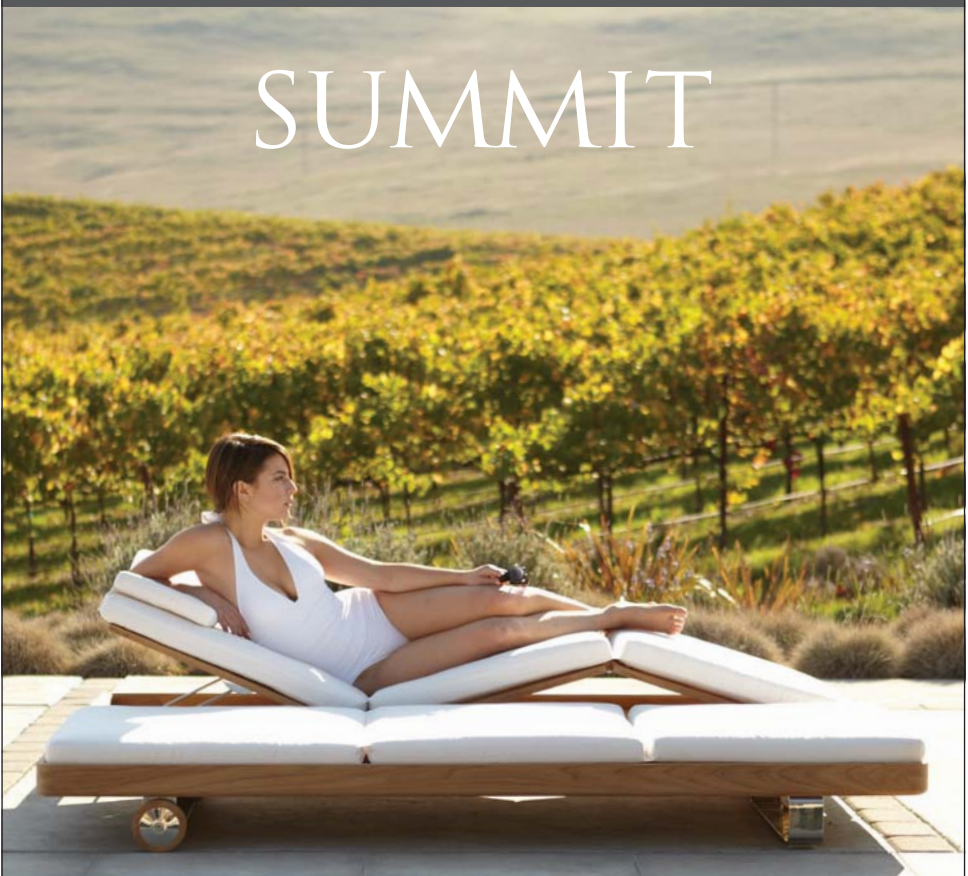


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McShane seeks supervisor’s seat

By KELLY NIX

A LONGTIME Salinas city councilman who has two decades of public service said affordable housing, reducing homelessness and engaging people in local government are among the issues he would tackle if elected to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors in 2020.

Steve McShane, 45, is running for District 4 Supervisor Jane Parker’s seat. Parker is not seeking reelection but has endorsed her aide, Wendy Askew, 41, for the job. District 4 includes south Salinas, Del Rey Oaks, Seaside, Sand City and Marina and Fort Ord.

McShane said his two decades of public service experience and ability to get along with others will help him as supervisor of District 4, if elected.

“Those who have worked me know me as an optimist and a positive bridge builder, and that is exactly what I will bring to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors,” McShane told The Pine Cone this week.

Fort Ord redevelopment

McShane, who is married and has a toddler and another child on the way, said Fort Ord should be considered for more affordable housing. The key is getting the public and officials from agencies and cities on the same page — something he said he could help facilitate.

“If we can get those parties together, redevelopment of the 500-plus remaining empty structures on the former Fort Ord is possible,” McShane said. “We put a man on the moon; I’m sure we could work through differences on water and put better housing options for

our local communities.”

McShane, who owned a landscape business in South Salinas for many years, also envisions reforesting some of Monterey County’s urban areas.

He would start by launching a tree-planting campaign, something he did as city councilman in his district in Salinas.

“We had a campaign to plant about 1,000 trees,” he said. “We are almost half-way there. We secured a grant from Cal Fire, and we have many neighbors who have done private fundraising to improve their blocks and neighborhoods.”

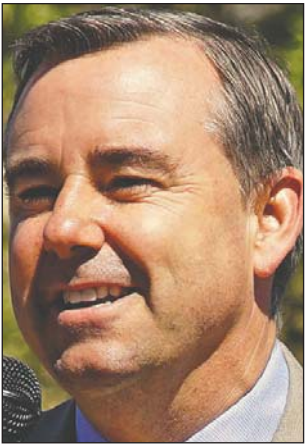
In terms of crime prevention, McShane said it’s helpful when residents work together to watch their neighborhoods and report suspicious activities and crimes, ala the Neighborhood Watch program.

“In my own backyard I organized a neighborhood association that is arguably

the most effective in Salinas,” he said. “While it’s important to support a robust police department and law enforcement, it’s equally important to support public safety at a local level. If you can get the neighbors more engaged, then the community and the region benefits.”

McShane said he’s running for the District 4 supervisor’s seat because he wants a “better region for my children,” and to “engage people” to be involved in local government.

“We are in an uphill battle up against electronic media and other ways to pass the time,” he explained. “Because of that, civic engagement has suffered. I want to make local government cool and engaging. I want people to fall in deeper love with the county of Monterey.”



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FIRES

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defects and death,” she said.

“This is at least the 46th meeting I have attended on the subject,” said Scenic Road resident Kathy Bang, who took on the issue as a forest and beach commissioner several years ago. “Wood smoke is very damaging to health. Residents and visitors are still experiencing unhealthy air on Carmel Beach. Why should folks suffer from smoke in their bedrooms simply for recreation?”

Wayne Moon, who said he still lives in the “smoke ghetto,” condemned the city’s efforts to improve conditions by limiting wood fires as “a failure.” Just as smoking is now forbidden in restaurants, he said, wood fires should be banned on the beach.

The Carmel Residents Associations’ board of directors also wants propane-only fires, president Barbara Livingston said. “We feel this is an urgent matter that should be controlled.”

“It’s very difficult for people who don’t live near the beach to understand how much the beach fires affect us,” commented Missy Jensen.

“Wood smoke is poisonous,” former forest and beach commissioner Karen Ferlito said. “There is no debate.”

Some speakers also said the \$95,000 cost of the program — most of which comes from paying public works to clean out the fire pits, which often get filled with sand, water, seaweed and trash, and paying police officers and private security guards to patrol the beach — is another reason for doing away with wood fires.

‘Pilot program worked’

Only former planning commissioner Ian Martin suggested continuing to allow wood fires on a limited basis — in city-owned pits from spring through fall between the hours of 4 and 10 p.m. — as is current practice. The hundred-plus fires burning on the beach on a summer night in 2015 created “the intolerable conditions the pilot program was designed to address,” he said, and the program has resulted in better air and cleaner sand. “I respectfully suggest it’s time to quit while we’re ahead,” he said. “The pilot program worked.”

Martin encouraged the commission to support making the rules permanent in the city’s Local Coastal Program.

Commissioner Stephanie Locke agreed with him. “The pilot project has obviously made a huge difference,” she said. “I think we should leave the program as it is.” She also pointed out that taxpayers will still be funding the cost of policing the beach even if wood fires are banned, since enforcement will have to continue.

Commissioner Gail Lehman said she was “conflicted,” but she ultimately took a propane-only stance

Chairman Michael LePage wasn’t at all conflicted. “The first responsibility of any public official is the health and safety of the public,” he said. “I really feel as a public official, we have to have zero tolerance.”

Commissioner Julie Wendt took it a step further. “If we’re going to put a ban on wood fire on the beach, we’re also going to have to ban wood fires in houses,” she said.

The commission voted 4-1 to recommend the city council adopt a propane-only program for a year. Commissioners also suggested installing air monitors elsewhere in town and working with retailers who might rent out propane fire pits.

MURDER

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Pena, 30, and Jon Logan Kennison, 26, and charged them with conspiracy to commit murder and “murder with the use of a deadly weapon or tear gas” in connection with the death.

Turner, who was already facing assault with a deadly weapon and murder charges, was slapped with a fresh conspiracy charge, like her co-defendants.

The Clark County criminal filings also indicate Burchard was an “older person,” an enhancement under Nevada law that could mean more prison time for the three suspects if they’re convicted of murdering the doctor.

Pena and Kennison live in Las Vegas, according to their Facebook pages, and both are listed as Turner’s friends on the social media site, with Kennison calling himself “Logan Lokz Kennison.” His cover photo is Joaquin “El Chapo” Guzman, the Mexican drug kingpin.

‘Be kind to everyone’

Among the photos on Pena’s Facebook page is a September 2018 post showing her Pena carrying a box of Corona beer while wearing a Caesar’s Palace nametag. She told friends on the social media website in 2016 to “be kind to everyone you meet, for everyone is fighting some kind of battle.”

Unlike the arrest warrant issued for Turner — which offered details of the circumstances surrounding Burchard’s death — the arrest warrants for Pena and Kennison have not yet been released, and police have not yet arrested them.

The arrest warrant for Turner suggests Burchard endured

a brutal death. Police found blood and evidence of a struggle at Turner’s Las Vegas house, including a bloody door that had been ripped from its hinges and broken in two. Police also found evidence of a “cleanup.”

Detectives found blood in Turner’s Mercedes and evidence of a small fire, and it appeared that Burchard had been struck in the head multiple times with an object, “which left a unique pattern.” The well-liked psychiatrist also had “apparent defensive wounds,” police said.

Turner, who is reportedly pregnant, was in Stockton courtroom last week for an extradition hearing. Prosecutors want her moved to Las Vegas to face the charges, and she’s expected to be in a San Joaquin courtroom on April 16 for an extradition hearing.



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Monterey officials want residents to evacuate

By KELLY NIX

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On Saturday, April 13, from 9 to 11 a.m., the public can participate in the evacuation drill by driving through the Pine Street gate, cutting through the Presidio via Stillwell Avenue, and then exiting through the High Street gate in the old town neighborhood of Monterey.

The evacuation test is being conducted by the City of Monterey, its fire and police departments, and the Presidio of Monterey to identify ways to improve the evacuation process in the event of a fire, flood or other emergency.

“Our intention is to identify logistical support that would be needed” and “ensure that people follow the correct route, get the gates opened, etc.,” Monterey Fire Chief Gaudenz Panholzer told The Pine Cone.

Officials, he said, have identified some issues ahead of the drill, including a cypress tree just outside the Pine Street gate that needed pruning and a gate that needed repairing.

“We may identify some more issues or best practices that can be incorporated into plans” after the drill has concluded, Panholzer said.

The test was organized after a January summit to discuss the status of emergency evacuation plans on the Peninsula.

The summit involved local mayors, city managers, fire and police chiefs, Monterey County Sheriff’s Office, California Highway Patrol, the Presidio garrison commander and other officials.

Breakfast with bunny

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The pre-Easter celebration is not an egg hunt. Instead, kids, parents and families are invited to tuck into a generous breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, orange juice, hot chocolate and coffee — all presided over by Mr. Bunny himself. Afterward, kids can visit Bunnyland to have their photos taken with the holiday celebrity, play games and have their faces painted.

Drawings for a children’s bicycle and more than 30 other prizes will be held every half hour from 9 a.m. to noon. Breakfast costs \$5 for children, \$10 for adults, and \$25 for a family of two grownups and two kids. Bunnyland Passports for the kids’ activities are sold separately for \$5 apiece.

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‘Canvas Mosaics’ opens at Sunset Center, longtime Big Sur artist comes full circle

By CHRIS COUNTS

WHILE SHE was recovering from a major health challenge, artist Carol Keyes found creative inspiration in her condition, and turned it into an exhibit that’s now on display in Sunset Center’s Marjorie Evans Gallery.

“I had just had a serious operation, and I was feeling very cut up,” Keyes told The Pine Cone. “I was looking at one of

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my paintings, and I said, ‘I’m going to cut it up.’”

A painter, sculptor and multimedia artist who lived in England for 25 years before moving to the Monterey Peninsula, Keyes proceeded to cut apart the painting — and put the pieces back together again in the same order. She discovered that the subject remained the same, but the texture of the piece changed dramatically. “I just loved the effect,” she recalled.

For her show at Sunset Center, Keyes created 25 pieces, most of which involved cutting up paintings she had already completed. Among others, the subjects include Carmel Mission, a floral bouquet, a school of fish and King Arthur’s queen, Guinevere. She calls the exhibit “Canvas Mosaics.”

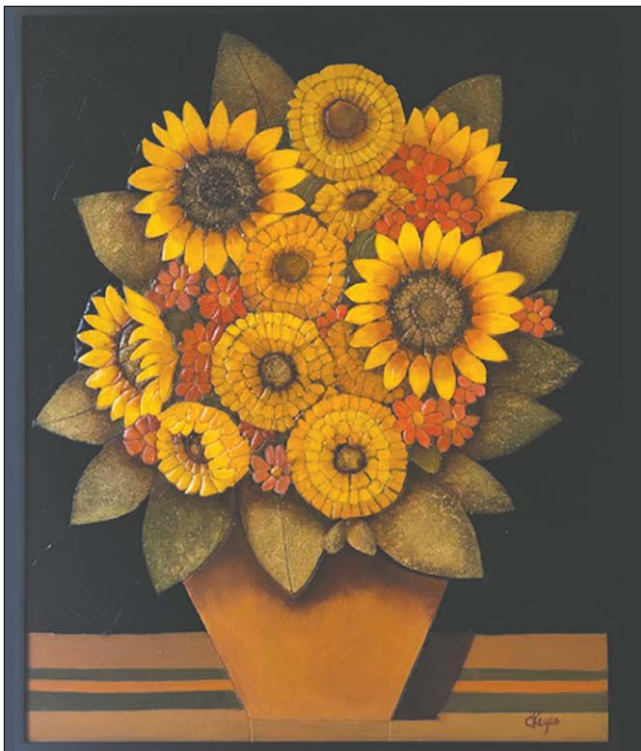
The exhibit is the latest chapter in Keyes’ lifelong pursuit of creativity. She credits her parents’ support of her artistic ambitions for making it possible. “Creativity is something inside of you that has to come out,” she explained. “Thank goodness my parents encouraged me.”

The gallery, which hosts a reception for Keyes April 18 from 5 to 7 p.m., is located at San Carlos and Ninth. The show will be on display through the end of the month.

■ Food, wine and photography

Widely considered one of the 20th century’s most influential photographers, Edward Weston discovered a world of

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Artist Carol Keyes’ “Sunflower” is included in a show this month at Sunset Center’s Marjorie Evans Gallery. A reception is set for April 18.

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MORSE

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— or find a manager to take your place who thinks that the hotel can be made profitable. I think I shall try the latter before disposing of the property. I will expect your resignation within a month.” Mr. Warner was astonished, to put it mildly.

Young men are often ruthless, but in this case, and in others I have handled in my life, it was necessary to make drastic changes to accomplish anything. I started looking around for a new manager. I had known Carl Stanley quite well when he was manager of the Porter Hotel in Santa Barbara and later at the Virginia Hotel in Long Beach. I asked him to come to San Francisco to see me the following Monday. To make a long story short, he accepted the job as manager of the Hotel Del Monte and stayed on in that capacity for 27 years.

Carl Stanley was one of the finest hotel men in the country, and besides being under me as a business associate, he became one of my close personal friends. I had great affection for him. Together, Carl and myself went to work on the old hotel and we made rapid and radical adjustments.

We also immediately started doing over the [Del Monte] golf course, modernizing it, and watering all the fairways and greens. The whole atmosphere of Del Monte changed. Among other things, we rejuvenated the polo fields and the race track and enlarged the polo plant to two full fields and a practice area [the land is now part of the Monterey fairgrounds and Monterey Pines golf course].

Polo was in itself a costly affair. Only a very few played it, and the best were usually prima donnas who wanted everything they could get for nothing. It was, however, a very exciting sport and brought us a lot of people who liked to watch it.

In talking with Carl, I frequently got across to him, “Our package is a ‘good time,’ not just room and board. Why do we have beautiful grounds? Why do we have pictures on the walls? Why do we carefully plan and spend money on the décor in the place?” I said, “These things are the ribbon that tie up the package. They don’t pay in themselves. They cost money, but they attract the people here that we want as guests, and this makes more business for us.”

How to sell a house

Very early in my connection with the Pacific Improvement Company, I learned the tremendous importance of publicity in

the various media. I inquired as to who it was that was getting all of the publicity for the City of Carmel which was continually being played up in the papers. I was told it was a young man by the name of Cerwin, representing the United Press and I sent for him. I think Herb Cerwin was about 21 at that time. He went to work for us. He has always been a genius in the field of publicity and publications. What he couldn’t think of to go into the papers just didn’t exist.

If there weren’t enough events taking place to write about, he would make them up, plan them, and get them rolling — like the Garbage Man’s Ball, and best of all, Salvador Dali’s unbelievable party at Del Monte. I think it is safe to say Hotel Del Monte had more unpaid publicity than any hotel in the country.

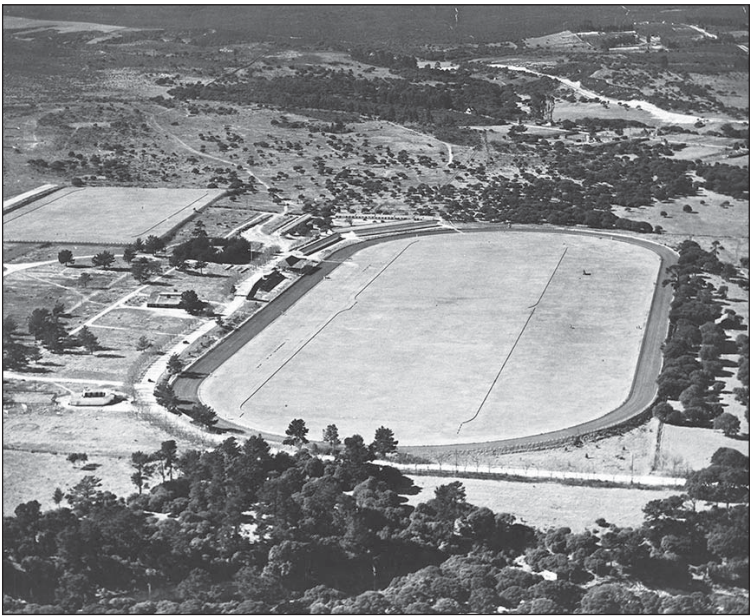
My plan was to attract the people who had money to invest, to buy homes and become permanent residents. We found when we had the people here that it was far easier to interest them in a home than when they were away from here.

That method still applies, and we try as adroitly as possible to call to the attention of the guests at The Lodge and those who come here as guests at other hotels and motels on the Peninsula, that this is a beautiful place to live and that many of America’s foremost citizens reside here.

In studying the development of the Monterey Peninsula, with the very helpful assistance given me by Mark Daniels, the idea of the greenbelt unfolded just by applying common sense to the situation. From the shoreline, the Peninsula rises to a height of almost 900 feet. The gradual rise made it possible to develop a great deal of the area away from water first, with beautiful views.

Don’t rush

It seemed perfectly obvious to us that if we sold the waterfront, there would be little attraction to the back country, because most of the homes would be looking down into the back yards of those who bought the waterfront property and access to the water would be cut off. I remember in those early days making a series of maps on which I showed the entire waterfront as a greenbelt, and also all of the canyons and areas that for one reason or another I felt should be kept in their



PHOTO/JULIAN P. GRAHAM, LOON HILL STUDIOS

The polo fields and racetrack just east of the Hotel Del Monte and between today’s Monterey fairgrounds and the airport were among the assets acquired by S.F.B. Morse’s company in 1919. This picture is from the 1920s.

natural state.

The idea was to preserve the forest and keep the trees from disappearing, as happened in Pacific Grove.

Del Monte Forest has always been, and as far as we can control the future, it will always be, a rural area. There are no parts of it cut in to city lots, it is a definite country development. There are no sidewalks and gutters and I hope there never will be. In certain places we have changed the roads to preserve important trees.

The forest is not a place to drive through in a hurry. It is a place to take your time and enjoy the magnificent views and the natural state of the forest.

This is the fourth installment of the serialization of the memoirs of Pebble Beach Company founder Samuel Finlay Brown Morse, which The Pine Cone is printing in connection with the company’s centennial. To learn more about him, read the book, “Boss,” written by his grandson, Charles Osborne.

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Underwater Parks Day offers glimpse beneath waves

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

HUNDREDS OF thousands of people visit Point Lobos State Reserve each year, but the vast majority only see a tiny fraction of the park. That’s because 9,357 of its 9,907 acres are underwater.

But on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., when the park celebrates California’s annual Underwater Parks Day, people can see what it looks like in the park’s vast marine protected areas — and what lives among the kelp forests that thrive there.

As part of the day-long event, which is designed to be both fun and informative, interpreter Daniel Williford will place a “remote operating vehicle” with a camera in the water at Whalers Cove, sending live imagery to a hand-held device onshore. The second device will make it possible for park visitors to see what scuba divers do — and they’ll get a chance to steer the vehicle, too.

While Williford will focus on what lies beneath the waves, interpreter Amy Brandt will explain how the park’s marine protected area designation benefit its underwater flora and fauna. She’ll be accompanied by a rock fish puppet, which will no doubt make her message more entertaining for younger audiences.

Also, representatives from the Marine Mammal Center, the Monterey Bay Aquarium, the Point Lobos Foundation and the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History will present

displays and offer more details about the park and the many plants and animals which call its marine protected areas home.

“It’s a family-friendly and low-key event,” said Pat Clark Gray of California State Parks.

“It’s a great way to learn about the importance of marine protected areas, and it definitely will be fun — our volunteers and the organizations represented are passionate about Point Lobos.”

Spaniels to occupy beach

THE ANNUAL Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Party on Carmel Beach takes place April 13, when, from 1 to 4 p.m., fans of the diminutive, sweet-tempered canines that were the favorites of U.S. President Ronald Reagan and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher will flock to the sand at the foot of Ninth Avenue.

Party goers will have to bring their own food and refreshments, blankets, chairs and other beach necessities — and their dogs — but the joys of watching a herd of Cavaliers cavorting on the beach will be provided, with the added bonus of a demonstration by “champion surfing Cavaliers Samson and Delilah.” For more information, call (831) 626-9369 or email samsondelilahsurfdogs1@gmail.com.

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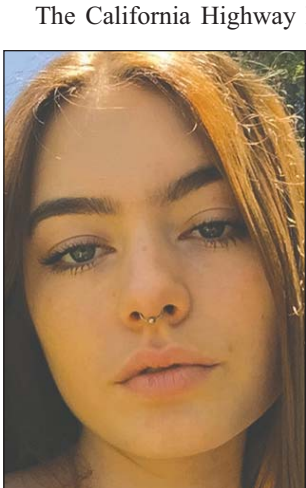
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GUILTY

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broucke were “heading home on Carmel Valley Road after an afternoon of drinking at ‘The Bucket,’” a hangout spot on the Carmel River east of the Village. Near Country Club Drive, McNally crossed over the double yellow line and crashed head-on with the GMC Suburban Coleman was driving.



Anabelle Vandembroucke

The California Highway Patrol officers investigating the crash noticed McNally appeared to be drunk, according to Sillman. “She agreed to a blood test which established she had a .11 percent blood alcohol level three hours after the collision,” meaning it would have been as high as .17 percent at the time of the wreck.

Since she is underage, any alcohol in her system would have been illegal, while for an adult, the legal limit is .08 percent. At twice the legal limit at .17 percent, a person generally experiences significantly decreased motor skills and muscle control,

loss of balance, nausea, and reduced ability to process visual and audio input quickly.

As a result of the crash, Vandembroucke died at the hospital six days later, while Coleman sustained numerous serious injuries that required multiple surgeries. Coleman has already filed a civil suit against her, though the complaint was put on hold in January while the criminal case was proceeding.

Panetta is set to sentence McNally to four years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation when the teen is back in court May 28.

After Tuesday’s plea, Sillman, who is part of the district attorney’s DUI Vertical Prosecution Unit funded with tax dollars from the California Office of Traffic Safety, told a TV reporter the horrible tragedy provides a stark reminder of the importance of having a designated driver or finding another safe way home.

“Once you’ve started drinking, put the keys in the car, lock the car, find a different way home, call your parents, call your friends’ parents,” she said.



Elizabeth “Liz” Resnick

Elizabeth “Liz” Resnick passed away at home March 26, 2019, after a two-year battle with cancer. She was 48.

A talented athlete and dedicated educator, she used her unique combination of intelligence, humor, kindness, and patience to help hundreds of students and families grow and thrive. She worked at several schools across the country but spent the last 5 years at Harvard-Westlake in LA as the Associate Head of School.

Splitting her time between LA and Carmel, Liz felt most at home and at peace when she was walking along the beach path with the loves of her life: her wife Jan, her kids Abe and Hazel, and her dogs Wally and Cuddie. She always marveled at the beauty and serenity that makes Carmel so unique and how lucky she was to call Carmel home.

Those of us who knew her will miss her ready smile, her infectious giggle, and her complete love of life! It is a tremendous loss for her family and her friends but she will forever be in our hearts.

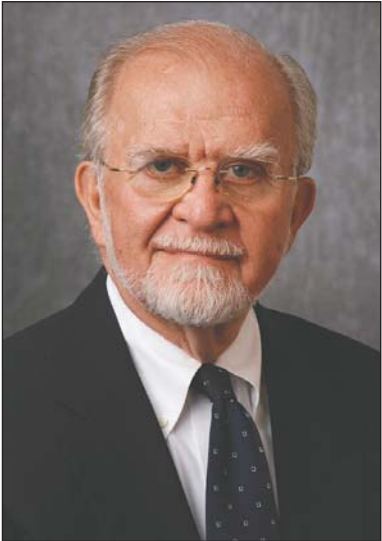
Rest in peace sweet Liz — until we meet again.
Love from your Carmel family: Ken, Harrison and Kathryn, Susan and Yair, Betsy and John

Richard A. Lumpkin

1935-2019

Richard Anthony Lumpkin of Mattoon, Ill. and, more recently, Carmel Valley, Calif., long-time chief executive and board chairman of Consolidated Communications, Inc. (CCI), passed away peacefully April 4 while visiting Palm Springs, Calif. He was 84 years old.

Dick, as he was known to friends and family, was born in Chicago on February 16, 1935, the third child of Mattoon residents Mary “Mollie” Lumpkin and Richard Adamson Lumpkin. He grew up in Mattoon during



WWII, and often remembered his days helping other Mattoon youth collect scrap metal to assist with the war effort.

Like his father before him, he graduated from Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass., (1953) and Yale University (1957). After serving as a second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and working for a year for Illinois Bell near Chicago, he completed his education with an MBA degree from Harvard University, awarded in 1963.

Later that year, he returned to Mattoon to begin his long career at CCI, then Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company (ICTC), a company originally founded by his Great Grandfather Dr. Iverson A. Lumpkin in 1894. Dick was named president of ICTC in 1977 and then, 90 years after the company’s founding, he became president of the newly formed holding company, Consolidated Communications Inc., in 1984.

In the years that followed, he would preside over a remarkable expansion of CCI into new lines of business, including: directory publishing, long distance and operator services, as well as the construction of a

formidable fiber network connecting Indianapolis to St. Louis. Rising competitive pressures led Dick and the family to sell the company to McLeodUSA in 1997. But when McLeodUSA later went bankrupt, Dick rallied a group of investors to buy back the historic CCI business in 2002, in part to ensure that jobs in Coles County and elsewhere would not be lost. Today, Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. is a leading broadband and business communications provider with operations in 23 states. It employs 3,600 people.

From his earliest days with the company, Dick recognized an opportunity to change the culture from the traditional top-down management style of his father’s generation to a much more inclusive and open management style. He instituted regular meetings for managers (there had been none before he arrived), and pushed year after year toward a model of shared decision making. The more employees were free to take the initiative, offer ideas, and take direct responsibility for performance, he believed, the more the company and its customers stood to gain.

Dick was truly in awe of the CCI family and loved nothing more than to brag about their skills, generosity and commitment, not just to the company, but to the communities in which they lived. When employees came to him with the idea for the Special Olympics Family Festival in the early 1980s, as a way for CCI to give back to the community, Dick knew it was the beginning of something big. In the 35 years since the festival’s founding in 1984, Dick never missed one. Today it is the largest festival of its kind in the United States, drawing some 700 Special Olympic Athletes and 1,200 volunteers each year.

Dick was always committed to giving back to the community he felt had given him and his family so much. Under his leadership, The Lumpkin Family Foundation, formed by his grandmother Besse A. Lumpkin in 1953, has grown into a major regional philanthropic enterprise.

One of Dick’s proudest accomplishments was his role in helping to found Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center. Beginning in the 1960s, the medical communities in Mattoon and Charleston began to recognize a pressing need for updated medical facilities. In 1969, Dick joined the Charleston-Mattoon Area Medical Planning Council, the board that would oversee the development, design and construction of Sarah Bush Lincoln Hospital. As a tribute to his many years of leadership within the Health System, Dick received the Soaring Eagle Award from the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Foundation in 1992.

Dick was also a passionate supporter of the Lumpkin School of Business at Eastern Illinois University (EIU) and its mission of educating the business leaders of tomorrow in East Central Illinois. In recognition for his lifetime commitment to East Central Illinois and many contributions to EIU, an Honorary Doctorate in Public Service was conferred by the University.

Dick served on numerous business and civic boards over the course of his 56-year career, including First Mid-Illinois Bancshares, Inc., Agracel, Inc., Ameren Corp., The Illinois Business Roundtable, the College of Commerce at the University of Illinois, the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce, National Telecommunications Network, Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, and Teldata Corp. He served as board Chairman of Illuminet Holdings, Inc. and Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center, as President of the Illinois Telecommunications Association, and President & Treasurer of the USTelecom Association, where he received the Distinguished Service Award. He served on the Yale University Council Committee on Information Technology and as trustee of Millikin University and Concord Academy.

After the death of his beloved wife of 36 years, Gail Gawthrop Lumpkin, Dick relocated to Carmel Valley, Calif., where he married Virginia Hawes in 2007. Dick continued to serve on the CCI board, attending his last board meeting shortly before his death, but he also enjoyed launching a new business in Carmel Valley, the Cima Collina Winery and Tasting Room. During the final years of his life, he was something of a fixture at his tasting room, regaling visitors from around the world with his many stories. But he was never happier than when some of those visitors hailed from Mattoon, Ill., the one place nearest to his heart.

In addition to his first wife Gail, Dick was predeceased by a sister, Mary Lee Sparks; a niece, Mollie Sparks; and a brother-in-law, Alfred Gawthrop, Jr. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Hawes of Carmel Valley, Calif.; his two children and their spouses, Elizabeth Celio and Candelario Celio of Oak Park, Ill., and Benjamin Lumpkin and Chiara Mangiameli Lumpkin, of Evanston, Ill.; four step children and their spouses, Peter Blakely Hawes, Jr. of Palm Desert, Calif., Carol Pecora of Carmel Valley, Calif., Curtis Hawes and Hoy Chung of Tiburon, Calif., and Katherine and Kevin Rider of Carmel Valley, Calif.; a sister, Margaret Keon of Kentfield, Calif.; a sister-in-law, Linda Boden of Lakewood, Colo.; a brother-in-law, John L. Sparks of Albuquerque, N.M.; five grandchildren, seven step grandchildren, one step great grandson, several nieces and nephews, and two dogs.

Richard was a loyal friend, a loving parent and a generous person with a passion for life. He will be dearly missed.

There will be a memorial service and celebration of life for the man who touched so many people on Saturday, May 11 from 2-4 p.m with a program at 2:30 p.m. at Lake Land College in Mattoon, Ill. Arrangements will be handled by Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home.

Memorials in lieu of flowers are suggested to Sarah Bush Lincoln Foundation where a fund has been set up to assist with medical services for those who are unable to pay.

GLOVES

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of inches above ground, thereby reducing the fuel that can feed a blaze. The fuelbreaks will create “defensive space around structures and road networks in order to slow the spread of fire and reduce their intensity,” Jonathan Pangburn of Cal Fire

BAN

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argued that prohibiting short-term rentals would “preserve the city’s downtown housing supply,” even if that housing is still far more expensive than comparable rentals elsewhere on the Monterey Peninsula.

He suggested the commission support the ban but allow people who already have permits to keep them indefinitely.

A few people who own short-term rentals supported that idea — as long as their vacation rentals can continue in perpetuity. Mary Carl, who has four apartments on Mission south of Fourth, operates one as a short-term rental, and she supported the effort to restrict them.

Not so sure

Carl doubted banning them would mean more workers living in town, though. “We’ve never rented to a teacher or a fireman, as much a we’d like to,” she said. “I’m not so sure taking short-term rentals away will provide more affordable housing.”

Realtor Alex Heisinger, who also manages short-term rentals, said just 3 percent of the units downtown are used for vacation stays. He also supported Wiener’s proposal, as long as existing permits are honored forever.

Commissioner Stephanie Locke said she favors a ban. “It’s near and dear to my heart that we support workforce housing, and if it’s affordable, all the better. We need people who live in town, work in town, shop and eat in town,” she said, adding

told The Pine Cone. Pruning and limbing will be done as well to make it more difficult for trees to catch fire.

Not only will the breaks be created in new areas, they’ll be much wider than they’ve been before — as much as 600 feet. And the environmental review process will be far easier.

“Our standard used to be 100 feet, but the fires we have now are exhibiting behavior that is significantly different than what we used to see,” Pangburn explained.

Not only will vegetation-reduction projects help protect

that as a renter here, she knows how difficult it is to find reasonably priced long-term rentals in Carmel. “I definitely don’t want to see more short-term rentals in town,” she said. “They are needed by the people who live here.”

Commissioner Christopher Bolton worried there would be a rush on permit applications before the law takes effect several months from now. He wondered if the city could prevent people from applying. It can’t, so he argued for having the permits expire rather than allowing them to remain in effect forever.

“I’m concerned we’re going to have a lot more than 33 units by the time we have a rule,” he said.

Commissioner Gail Lehman said she’d like a sunset clause, too, whether after five years, or 20.

“I think if there’s a gold rush on permit applications, we have to consider a sunset,” commissioner Julie Wendt said. “Permits are going to be valuable.”

Chairman Michael LePage said having the permits expire will still “protect people who made investments,” like Vince and Denise Brigantino, who bought a building on Mission Street south of Seventh and remodeled it specifically with the intent of running short-term rentals.

Commissioners unanimously voted to recommend the council impose a ban and have any existing permits for short-term rentals expire after a certain amount of time. The new law would also prohibit people from advertising their vacation rentals.

Assuming the council approves the ordinance next month, it would have to do so again in June, and the new law will also have to be approved by the California Coastal Commission. It’s likely to face a challenge in court.

nearby homes from wildfires, they will make it easier to bring in firefighting equipment.

Despite all the work Cal Fire plans to do, Pangburn said it’s still essential for residents to clear 100 feet of vegetation from around their homes. He said it’s not only good sense — but a state law.

While the work on the the Palo Corona-White Rock Fire Roads Project gets underway this week, the other two projects are on hold until fire officials can work out liability and access issues with property owners.

It’s unclear precisely how much the three local projects will cost, but Pangburn said \$2.1 million is available to pay for private contractors and their heavy equipment. By using the National Guard and contractors, Cal Fire will be able to continue fire clearance work during the summer — and free up personnel to fight fires.

Fire clearance ‘on steroids’

For those who already clear brush to protect homes in rural areas, the new Cal Fire projects are cause for celebration.

“They’re taking what we were doing, and they’re putting it on steroids,” said Mid-Coast Volunteer Fire Brigade Chief Cheryl Goetz, whose firefighters help protect those who live in the Palo Colorado area and beyond. “Everybody I’ve talked to is very excited and supportive.”

According to a Cal Fire report, 25 million acres in California are facing a “very high or extreme fire threat.” The threat has worsened over the past two years as fire behavior has become more erratic, fire officials say. As a result, they’re focusing their efforts on places like the Palo Colorado area, where the Soberanes Fire in 2016 burned down 57 homes and killed a firefighter.

“While restoring forest health and resilience will take decades to achieve, the actions recommended in this report can immediately begin to protect our most vulnerable communities,” the report adds.



Rachel Amy Lynn
September 17, 1969 - March 31, 2019

Our beloved Rachel Amy is free of her earthly bounds. She was taken from us far too soon and is missed beyond words. She is survived by her mother and father, Susann and Michael, sister Shosannah (Shosie), brother Chad, and a large, and very loving, extended family. She is also survived by her two precious kitties, Bruno and Avi.

Rachel was a loving, generous and fiercely loyal soul who touched the lives of many. She cared deeply for animals and had a special place in her heart for horses. She began volunteering to help animals as a teenager and continued throughout her life.

A private, family memorial will be held. Rachel’s family suggests that memorial donations be made to Animal Friends Rescue Project, at animalfriendsrescueproject.org, or, the Endometriosis Foundation of America, at endofound.org.

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Richard Arthur Mueller

May 25, 1936 - April 6th 2019
Carmel Highlands

Dr. Richard Arthur Mueller, died peacefully on April 6th, at his home surrounded by his wife, his children, their spouses and his grandchildren. His health had been in decline for some time, though it took a turn and his loved ones came from near and far to offer their loving farewells to a relationship they treasured.



Dick was the youngest child of Arthur Raymond Mueller and Irene Theresa Lanz Mueller. He was born in Glendale, California and grew up in Long Beach where he attended Saint Anthony High School. Dick then went on to study at Loyola University (Loyola Marymount University) in Los Angeles, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), in Mexico City and the University of California, Los Angeles’ School of Medicine. His medical specialty was Pathology, but an emerging field of emergency medicine and trauma surgery was developing. Dick jumped at the opportunity to help develop the new emergency room at Dominican Hospital in Santa Cruz.

Dick’s career in medicine was exemplary, but the outdoors and time spent with his family was most important to him.

A trip to the Mueller Ranch, now the Arroyo Seco Ranch in

Greenfield, California was memorable to all. From wild boar hunts to river rafting, hiking, and camping, good times were had by all. Dick enjoyed them thoroughly on his Appaloosa, named “Horse,” not to be outdone by his Springer Spaniel, “Bullmarket.” A talented athlete, long distance running became a passion. He ran several Big Sur International Marathons and Western States Three Steps.

A private, quiet and humble man, his faith was important to him. Dick was a member of the Third Order Carmelites Discalced Secular and celebrated daily mass with the Carmelite Monastery community until he could no longer.

Dick was predeceased by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Dianne Lee Taylor Mueller, his children: Gretchen Mueller Burke (Justin J. Burke) of Carmel, California, Richard Andrew Mueller (Ellen McCarthy Mueller) of Antigua, Guatemala and Ingrid Mueller Angier (Kent A. Angier) of Medina, Washington and his grandchildren: Isabelle, Oliver, Maximilian, Ryan, Andrew, Caroline, Bridgette, Annaliese and Catherine who all remember him for his incredible wit, and his loving disposition. He is also survived by his sister, Charlotte Mueller Murphy Bannan of Pasadena, California and numerous nieces and nephews.

The Funeral Mass will take place on Friday, April 12 at 10 a.m. at the Carmel Mission Basilica, 3080 Rio Road, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93923.

Memorial gifts in honor of Dr. Richard A. Mueller may be made to the Carmelite Monastery of Carmel, 27601 Highway 1, Carmel, CA 93923.

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SALARIES

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said. Scattini did not want to say why Cumming was on paid leave, though she was arrested by Monterey P.D. in February 2018 for a felony DUI accident that was reduced to a misdemeanor in court, and she was convicted in June 2018.

Following Cumming was Deanna Allen, whose nearly \$45,000 in other pay included “paid administrative leave, medical opt out, and her vacation and sick payouts upon the ending of her city employment,” Scattini said. Allen was put on paid leave in September 2017 while being investigated for “administrative issues” in the finance department and was fired in June 2018 on allegations of embezzlement. She has yet to be charged with a crime.

All told, in 2018, taxpayers funded \$5,563,026 in regular pay, \$546,503 in sick and vacation pay, \$374,411 in overtime, \$391,203 in “other,” \$526,651 in retirement contributions, \$77,096 in deferred compensation and \$895,705 in medical benefits.

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Margaret Ann (Margie) Thacker

January 28, 1952 – April 6, 2019

It is with profound grief we announce that, after a courageous battle against cancer, Margaret Ann (Margie) Thacker passed away at her home in Carmel on Saturday, April 6, 2019, at the age of 67 with her family by her side.

Margie was born in Spokane, Washington, the third of four children, to Mary and John Thacker. Margie graduated from Central Valley High School, where she was an outstanding student, a cheerleader and in her senior year was elected Lilac Princess, which was a very prestigious honor.



She attended Washington State University, where she was a member of the Delta Gamma Sorority. She was later hired by United Airlines as a flight attendant, a career she took “flight” in for 31 years until retiring in 2003. Following her training at United’s headquarters in Chicago, Illinois, she resided in San Francisco where she lived before moving to Carmel, California in 1993.

Not only did her job provide her with an opportunity to travel extensively, but the benefits she received as a United employee allowed her family to travel to many wonderful places such as Europe, Hawaii, Canada, New York City and Aspen. Margie was also generous with her parents, for whom she was able to get trips to Spain and Hawaii.

In 1983, Margie was celebrating St. Patrick’s day in San Francisco when she met Fred Miller. They married in 1985 and had two wonderful children, Natalie and Joseph. In 1993, Margie and her family moved to Carmel where she lived until she passed away.

Margie was just as beautiful on the outside as she was within. She had great warmth of personality and a joyful attitude that enabled her to make friends easily. She was a true friend in

that she was always willing to make sacrifices for the benefit of others. She was a selfless mother who instilled great values of love, comfort and kindness which her children will carry on throughout their lives.

Margie was also very athletic, and was an accomplished skier, a phenomenal horseback rider, and wonderful dancer. She skied in many places around the world including Banff, Canada, Lake Tahoe, Mt. Bachelor, Oregon, Beaver Creek and Colorado. Shortly after their marriage, Fred gave her an Arabian mare she named Holly on whom Margie rode throughout the foothills of Carmel Valley. Margie also had a passion for dancing which she carried on her entire life. She took dance classes at Monterey Peninsula College and was proud to say that she took a class on Broadway.

In addition to her immediate family, Margie is survived by her siblings, John Thacker and Colleen Baker of Spokane, Washington, and her brother, Dr. Dan Thacker of Seattle, Washington. She is also survived by her granddaughter, Brynn Sofia Krupnik.

A Mass will be celebrated at the Carmel Mission at 10 a.m. on April 16, 2019, and a celebration of her life will be scheduled at a date to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Hospice of the Central Coast, which was incredibly helpful and supportive during Margie’s last days.

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Willard Wesley Schenck

May 18, 1923 ❖ March 28, 2019
 Monterey, California



Willard (Will) Schenck passed away peacefully on March 28, 2019. Will was a rare individual who excelled in his military experience. He also was a wonderful father, husband, businessman, Mason, and community server.

Will was born in San Diego and worked a variety of jobs in his youth, including being the skipper on the ferry from San Diego to Coronado Island before a bridge was added many years later. He loved the sea and joined the Navy during World War II. He attained the status of Ensign and was stationed on an LCI landing craft in the Pacific theater. His final task in the Navy, at the conclusion of the war, was to skipper the LCI from the theater through the Panama Canal to its final base in San Diego. He was always very proud of his service and was decorated with a Purple Heart and two Stars.

Family was a main priority for Will. No matter how busy he was with his business life he always made time for his wife Mary and three children, James, Kenneth, and Margaret. He met Mary in college and had an amazing 71 years of marriage. Mary and Will lived in the South Pasadena area in the early days of their marriage and greatly enjoyed dancing to the live performances of the great bands of that era such as Benny Goodman, the Dorsey Brothers, Lawrence Welk, and many more. As time went on, he was his children’s Little League coach and their Boy Scout leader. He would often bring his young daughter Margaret along on the Boy Scout camping trips who could easily hold her own with the boys. However, the summer family vacations were always the highlight of the year.

Will received his Bachelors’ degree in accounting from Redlands University in southern California and did additional studies at USC. He initially worked for the Ben Hur Coffee Company in the accounting department. Later he was the Comptroller for Canon Electronics. Then in the 1960s he became the Chief Financial Officer for the Sacramento Union Newspaper. At that time, the Sacramento Union was the oldest newspaper west of the Mississippi and had many distinguished contributors including Mark Twain. After his “retirement” from the Union, he first worked with his eldest son James in many business ventures. His last job, at the age of 92, was with his son Ken in his veterinary practice.

Will was an active Shrine/Scottish Rite Mason. He joined Athens Masonic Lodge, which is now Yolo Masonic Lodge in Davis, California in 1970 and attained the distinction of Master of his Lodge twice. As a mason, he was able to support his daughter Margaret, along with his wife Mary, who were very active in the International Order for Rainbow Girls. He later joined Sacramento Scottish Rite and was Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection in 1978 and later a recipient of the Knights Commander of the Court of Honor. He was also an active member of Ben Ali Shrine. As a true patriot, he was especially proud of being Commander of the Ben Ali Shrine Legion of Honor.

Another dearly loved organization was Sons in Retirement. He served as Big SIR twice and later served as Treasurer.

Willard will be forever missed by his surviving family including his wife Mary, his sons James and Kenneth, his daughter Margaret, his son-in-law Sidney Leutholtz, his daughters-in-law Suzanne and Charla, his grandchildren Patrick Leutholtz (Rachel), Erick Leutholtz, and Sara Papson (James), and his great-grandson Rylan Leutholtz.

Will’s untimely and unexpected passing was due to severe brain trauma resulting from a fall.

Services to be held at California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery in Seaside, CA, Tuesday, April 30th at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to: Shriners Hospital for Children, Northern California, 2425 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95817 or online to: donate.lovetotherescue.org

KNIFE

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the police, Powell said, “Alexander picked up a knife from the kitchen counter and made several plunging motions with the knife in a threatening manner.” Hanvey told the detective he believed Alexander was going to stab him and that he feared for his life.

He tried to run away, but she chased after him, and the two grappled as each tried to gain control of the knife, according to Powell. He eventually managed to get the blade away from her and then shoved her out a back door before running out another to the street, where he called police.

Based on what each had said and their various injuries, officers determined she was the aggressor and arrested her for attempted murder, domestic violence causing corporal injury, and assault with a deadly weapon. She was initially held on \$1,030,000 bail.

But the district attorney’s office chose not to pursue the attempted murder charge, and in court March 13, Alexander pleaded not guilty to the other felony counts. Her bail was reduced to \$65,000, and she made the payment the next day and was released from the county jail in Salinas.

On March 27, prosecutor Danielle VanDamme asked for the preliminary hearing planned for that week to be rescheduled, since Lightfoot would be required to testify, and she was on vacation. Monterey County Superior Court Judge Andrew Liu agreed, moving the hearing to late May.

Alexander is no stranger to the local courts, according to records. In addition to nine traffic cases, she has been on both sides of cases seeking restraining orders — including a couple filed against her that were denied or dismissed — and pleaded guilty in January 2014 to violating a protective order.

Contempt charge

Last week, Alexander filed a complaint in civil court against Hanvey, accusing him of contempt for failing to pay her \$1,500 in spousal support that was due March 22. Since

the two divorced in July 2018, she noted, he had never before missed the payment, which he is obligated to make until May 2020, according to their settlement agreement.

But Hanvey “filed criminal charges against me on March 11,” she wrote in her petition for contempt. “Those charges are pending. Maybe he believes such charges exonerate him from paying spousal support.”

Presumably, he could have filed a contempt charge against her, as well, since the settlement agreement also states that “neither party will attend the other’s living space or work without invitation or approval.”

A hearing on his alleged contempt is set for May 10.

AUCTION

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agreed to return our client’s money, Vick said via email Tuesday.

Plancke’s complaint, which alleged breach of contract and unjust enrichment, names Ment’or Ltd. and the Ment’or BKB Foundation as defendants. Plancke will presumably drop the case now that Ment’or has agreed to reimburse her. Keller, Boulud and the Pebble Beach Food & Wine are not named as defendants in the lawsuit.

Plancke, according to a 2014 article on a website called “Homes of the Rich,” is one of the largest residential developers in Dallas and co-owned a \$19.9 million “Tuscan estate” in that city.

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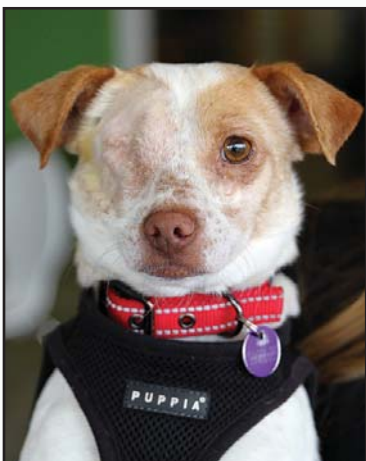
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ART

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creative possibilities when he began capturing images of fruits and vegetables nine decades ago.

Weston’s iconic “Pepper, 1930” is included in food-themed exhibit, “The Edible Eye,” which opens this weekend at Photography West. Also represented in the show are the works of Paul Caponigro, Olivia Parker, Jerry Uelsmann and Kenro Izu.

The opening of the exhibit — and its theme — are timed to complement this weekend’s Pebble Beach Food & Wine Festival.

The show will be on display through the end of the month. The gallery is located on Dolores south of Ocean. Call (831) 625-1587.

■ Printmaking demystified

In the latest of a series of “Meet the Artist” events at the Carmel Art Association, print-

maker Kathryn Greenwald presents a talk and shows how her work is made Sunday, April 14, from 2 to 3 p.m.

In a show that’s on display at the nonprofit gallery until the end of the month, Greenwald presents “Floating Light,” which includes large-scale monotype landscapes inspired by local scenery.

The gallery is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth. Call (831) 624-6176.

■ Kleefeld donates collection

Establishing a permanent home for her work, Big Sur artist Carolyn Kleefeld has donated 120 paintings to Cal State University in Long Beach.

“Carolyn’s impact on California art has been nothing short of remarkable and we are delighted that the university’s art museum will be part of her lasting legacy, as well as provide us with the opportunity to showcase her work and that of other significant artists,” university president Jane Close Conoley said.

An author and poet who has written 19

books, Kleefeld is also a painter whose colorful and otherworldly work brings together expressionist, abstract and figurative styles.

Kleefeld said she is thrilled to see her creations end up in Long Beach, where she first landed when her family moved to the United States.

“A profound circle has magically manifested,” the artist said. “When my parents came to this country from England with my brother, sister and myself, we first stayed for some time at the Biltmore Hotel in Long Beach. For my life’s work to be part of the Long Beach community is a destiny fulfilled.”

■ Artists aid homeless

Calling attention to the Monterey Peninsula’s rising homeless population, The Lab will be the site of the third annual Arts for the Cause fundraiser Friday, April 12, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Presented the Emerging Artists Alliance of Monterey, the event will raise money for Community Homeless Solutions, a nonprofit that

seeks to help the homeless by offering “safe housing, compassionate support, and opportunities for self-sufficiency through outreach, emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent housing and supportive services.”

A raffle will showcase the art of Paul Richmond, Chloe Wilson and others — and benefit charity.

Tickets are \$15. The Lab is located in The Barnyard shopping center above Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Company.



Printmaker Kathryn Greenwald, who created this piece, “Clouds and Blossoms Unfurled,” will demonstrate her creative technique April 14.

EVENTS

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Kreitman also said former Mayor Steve Dallas convinced two other council members “to break faith with the community and approve the event and the street closures. Twice.”

While he was open to the idea of moving the show or making other changes, councilman Jeff Baron pointed out it’s awfully late in the game to do that now, considering it’s set to take place in four months. “Is this the appropriate time to make this decision?” he asked. “It should be a larger discussion of what we should do during Car Week.”

He suggested approving it and then discussing the issue in the future.

Councilwoman Carrie Theis agreed, and said show organizer Chanterria McGilbra has worked well with the city and staff, paid her fees without protest, and done what’s been asked of her.

“This is a very smooth event, a very short event and a very small event,” she said. “To give them four months’ notice and say, ‘Nay,’ after they’ve done all this work — I think that’s discourteous.”

Promise kept

Mayor Dave Potter said he was willing to approve the show for this year, “but think if a promise has been made, it should be kept.”

The council voted 3-2 to OK the Prancing Ponies show, which will be held on Dolores between Ocean and Fifth, and on Sixth between San Carlos and Lincoln, Aug. 14.

After the meeting, restaurateur Ken Spilfogel said a lot of businesses on the street

support the Prancing Ponies event, despite Kreitman’s claims.

The council didn’t spend much time discussing the others. Resident Mike Brown wanted assurance the World War I Memorial Arch at San Carlos and Ocean that a small group is working to restore would be protected from people climbing on it during the Concours on the Avenue, but other than that, no one commented.

The council unanimously voted to approve the art festival and the two other Concours Week events.

The 26th Annual Carmel Art Festival will run from Friday, May 17 through Sunday, May 19, featuring exhibits from art galleries, a live sculpture demonstration, live music, an art program for kids, and a VIP wine reception. While the festival has also used the block of Mission Street between Ocean and Sixth in the past, this year’s festival will take place entirely in Devendorf Park.

The Aug. 13 Concours on the Avenue features classic European cars and American muscle cars displayed along Ocean Avenue between Junipero and Monte Verde streets, and on Mission, Dolores, San Carlos and Lincoln streets between Ocean and Sixth, and San Carlos, Dolores and Lincoln between Ocean and Seventh. The organizers will also put up tents in Devendorf Park.

The 22nd Annual Pebble Beach Tour D’Elegance Aug. 15 takes the owners and drivers of 100 vintage cars on a cruise through the Monterey Peninsula and down the coast that includes a lunch stop in Devendorf Park. For a couple of hours, the cars are parked on Ocean Avenue between Junipero and Monte Verde streets, where the public is welcome to check them out up close.

of congressional investigations and in some states, criminal probes,” the group said.

“Depending on one’s viewpoint, Planned Parenthood is either the embodiment of evil or the champion of reproductive rights,” McReynolds wrote. “It is anything but objective, unbiased or uncontroversial.”

Some PGUSD elementary school fifth graders started sex ed instruction last week, but Porras said the school nurse, not Planned Parenthood, teaches the classes in the two elementary schools.

“Also noteworthy, our school nurse is also helping to instruct” sex ed classes at the middle school, Porras said.

Planned Parenthood’s website says its teachers cover topics ranging from relationships, decision making, condom negotiation, gender identity, body image, birth control and sexually transmitted infections.

The organization does not say if abortion is among the topics it discusses with school children.

SEX ED

From page 6A

middle school has already rescheduled the courses.

“The only break from the Education Code was not” notifying parents far enough in advance about the sex ed classes, Porras said. “We made the correction.”

Planned Parenthood is approved by the state to teach sex ed classes in public schools, said Porras, and he said PGUSD has used Planned Parenthood “minimally” but “successfully” in the past.

‘Not objective’

In Pacific Justice Institute’s letter, the group noted that Planned Parenthood is the largest abortion provider in the United States and “one of the most controversial organizations in America.” It’s also been the “subject

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Editorial

So it’s a real emergency after all?

JUST A few weeks ago, the leaders of the Democratic Party and the national media figures who do their bidding couldn’t repeat often enough that the emergency President Donald Trump declared along the border to free up funding for his wall was fake.

“It’s a manufactured crisis,” said Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer, almost in unison, in mid-January, followed by the non-stop trumpeting of those very words on CNN, MSNBC, the old-school networks and in the New York Times. For days on end, they simply couldn’t repeat the phrase often enough.

The reality on the border was completely different, of course. The number of illegal immigrants crossing into California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas may not quite be up to the levels seen after the Reagan amnesty. Instead, what we have now is an onslaught of would-be legal immigrants who not only don’t try to avoid the border patrol, they can’t wait to meet them. How bad has that situation become? Bad enough for even the N.Y. Times to admit it.

“U.S. Border Could Be at a Breaking Point,” says a headline on the front page of the April 11 edition, followed by a lengthy story detailing how tens of thousands of immigrants, mostly from Mexico and Central America, have entered the United States recently, are waiting to enter right now, or are on the way. And those numbers might as well be in the millions.

“Gone are the days when young, strong men waited for their chance to wade across the Tijuana River, evade capture and find work for the summer,” the Times said. “These days, thousands of people simply walk up to the border and surrender.”

The smugglers who bring them, or the left-wing attorneys who urge them on, “have told them they will be quickly released, as long as they bring a child, and that they will be allowed to remain in the United States for years while they pursue their asylum cases,” the Times warned.

The result is a system that’s completely overwhelmed, or as one expert told the newspaper, “on fire.” More than 800,000 asylum cases are pending in our courts, it said, with more than 100,000 people joining the queue each month. And they come not only from Central America, but from nearly 50 other countries.

Another quote from the N.Y. Times story is worthwhile: “For years, both political parties have tried — and failed — to overhaul the nation’s immigration laws, mindful that someday the government would reach a breaking point. That moment has arrived.”

It’s a point that has already been long obvious to any fair-minded person. But since even the New York Times is suddenly saying so, it’s worthwhile to look at some of the basic problems that have created this very real crisis.

The first thing is that the frighteningly large number of people claiming asylum at our border today is just a tiny fraction of the tens of millions around the world who would surely like to do the same thing. How many asylum seekers would be too many? One hundred thousand a year? Five hundred thousand? A million? Ten million? Most of our political leaders won’t admit there’s an upper limit at all, much less say what it should be or impose it.

Meanwhile, our nation’s wealth may be very great, but it is not unlimited. Since so many of the new asylum seekers will need government (i.e., taxpayer-funded or debt-funded) aid, not only as soon as they arrive, but for their entire lives, how much should we be willing to spend/donate on their behalf? Is there a limit to that?

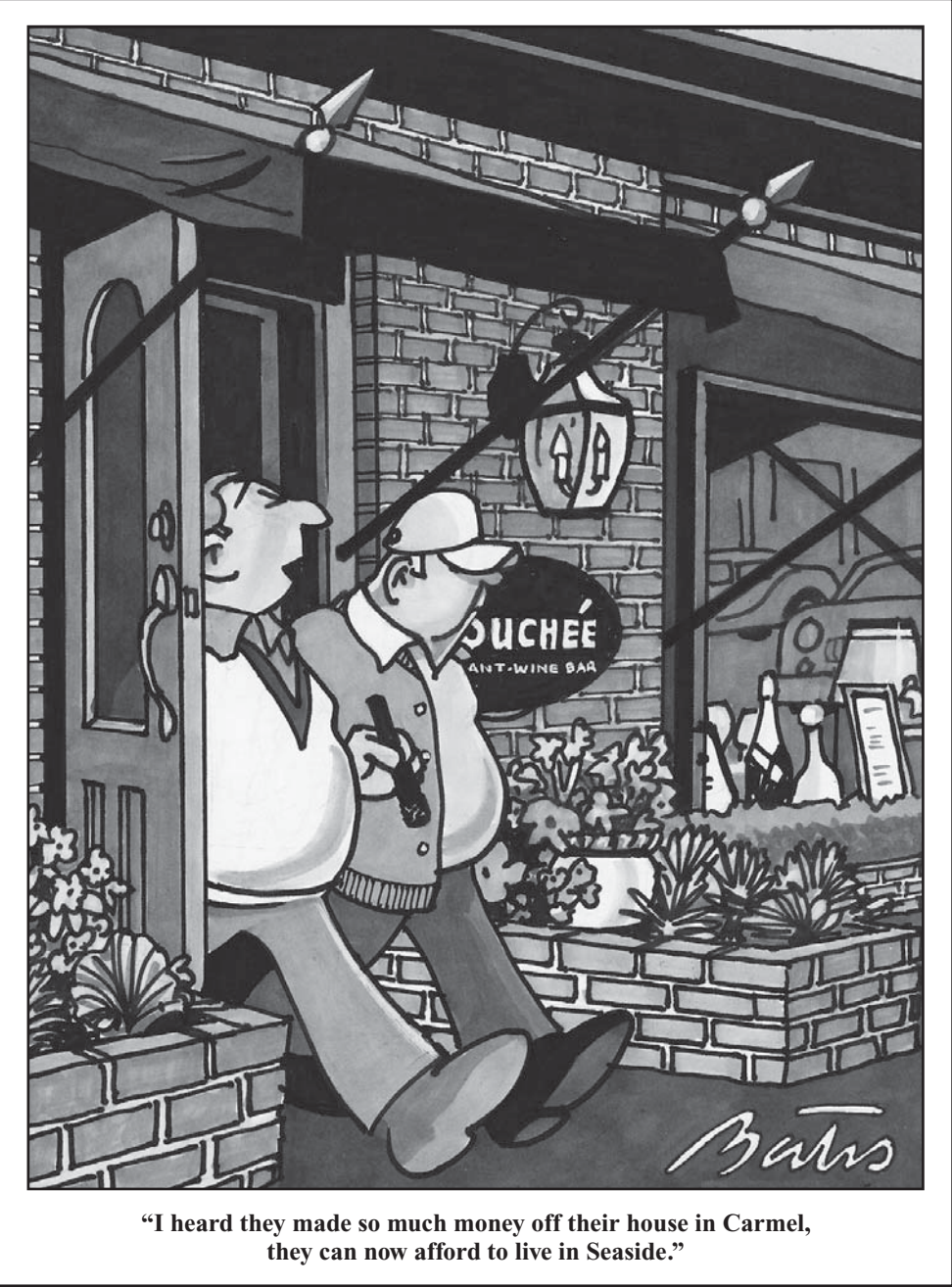
Many of the would-be immigrants are coming here to work, and many of them will find jobs, but only because they’ll work for less than their citizen and legal-immigrant counterparts. Should we be concerned about the people whose well paying jobs will be sacrificed for the benefit of somebody fresh over the border?

And the most basic one of all: Should American citizens have a say in who permanently enters their country?

The absurd situation at our border has continued for so long because many people greatly benefit from it, including the immigrants, the countries they come from, the people they work for, and the politicians who rely on their (eventual) votes.

What about everybody else?

BEST of BATES



“I heard they made so much money off their house in Carmel, they can now afford to live in Seaside.”

Letters to the Editor

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‘Disgusting’
Dear Editor,
And why did The Pine Cone think it necessary to print two photos of the woman (I will not repeat her name), alleged to having murdered local psychiatrist Thomas Burchard?
The one on page 20A is disgusting.
Elizabeth Herbert, Carmel

Priorities
Dear Editor,
Concerning last week’s updates on the activities of our elected officials, it certainly is comforting to learn that in this time of trillion-dollar deficits, incinerated forests and collapsing borders, Jimmy Panetta and Bill Monning are taking such courageous stands to protect kittens and fight tooth decay.
Jeff Kaiser, Pebble Beach

Eye for an eye
Dear Editor,
According to media accounts, federal authorities and some parents accused in the college admissions cheating are negotiat-

ing guilty pleas. Prison time is likely for the pre-indictment plea deals. Prosecutors say parents shelled out some \$25 million between 2011 and early 2019 for test-cheating and coach-bribery schemes.

Whatever prison sentences might be handed down to these parents, why not try to level the playing field in the colleges/universities that have been affected by asking that the parents each contribute at least the minimum amount equaling their respective total bribes. This would amount to a minimum of \$25 million in scholarship funds available to those students who are qualified for admittance but do not have the funds. I call this the eye-for-an-eye solution.

Sue McCloud, Carmel

Why don’t they play more Bach?
Dear Editor,
I really enjoy the music of Bach and have attended the festival regularly, but I am losing motivation. I have noticed, over the years, that the Bach festival plays less Bach, particularly popular pieces. Perhaps I am missing the musical sophistication to appreciate the other selections offered, but would it be so mundane or terrible to play more popular Bach at the Bach festival? I mean, is listing to a live performance of a Brandenburg Concerto or Air On a G String too boring once a year? It is a Bach festival after all, and I assume Bach was selected because Bach is popular in the classical music genre. How about more favorites?
Howard Raphael, Carmel

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By way of introduction: How I became obsessed with local history

WELCOME TO a new column on old subjects. Many Pine Cone readers will know me, or at least of me; others may not. Looking back, it is hard to imagine that I’ve been digging into local lore for more than three decades. What is more amazing than that is I still continue to learn new lessons from our history all the time — it is a fount that never stops flowing. When I first arrived after spending my first 30 years in far off Michigan, I knew little about California, let alone the Monterey Peninsula.

My wife, Bettina, is a native Californian and had ties to the area. Her grandmother settled in Monterey back in the 1930s. She ran a local grocery in Monterey and worked as a nurse on Cannery Row; Grandma Lola was buried in the Monterey cemetery. As a school girl from Redding on a retreat to Asilomar, Bettina toured the Peninsula with her grandma. Standing near Bird Rock on 17 Mile Drive, Bettina confidently declared, “I’m going to live here someday!” Grandma laughed, but many years later, Bettina and I lived just a short walk from the site.

We married in Michigan in 1984 and honeymooned in California the next May. We camped along the northern coast, drove into the mountains, and then down to Pebble Beach to visit “Uncle Bob” Shaw, a family friend who had served at Fort Ord. He had built a home at Stevenson near Indian Village Road after retiring.

California dreaming

When we ventured out the first morning from Bob’s house, we drove out the Carmel Gate and along Scenic. To our surprise there was a parking place above the beach. On the beach there was a surf contest going on with conga drums and girls in bikinis — California dreamin’ for this Midwest boy.



Neal Hotelling

We had been back in Michigan less than two months when we got the news that Bob had died. Bettina returned to Pebble Beach for a few weeks and called to ask if I wanted to move there. Like his father, Bob’s son was career military and expected to stay with the Army another five years. He needed someone to look after the house for a “reasonable” rent. We quickly packed and moved our household to begin a marvelous new life on the Monterey Peninsula.

Learning about Steinbeck

Bettina, who had sold real estate in Michigan, got her California license, and I eventually found a management position with a local business magazine. To counter the long hours, Bettina arranged a night out at Sunset Center for a talk about John Steinbeck. I’m only half joking when I say I wrote a high school book report on “Of Mice and Men,” but I’m not sure I read the book. I knew nothing about

History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

Steinbeck, but I saw his name on everything, and a lecture about him seemed like a good place to start learning about local history. I’m a history buff and enjoy learning odd facts — like Kent County, Mich., my prior home, had been bombed by the Japanese in World War II — true! Three incendiary bombs intended for the California forests caught the jet stream and made it all the way to Michigan.

I teathed on King Arthur stories, and when the lecture at Sunset Center included a reading from Steinbeck’s “Acts of King Arthur and His Noble Knights,” I was dumbfounded. At intermission, an announcement about a class on Steinbeck and King Arthur at MPC had me intrigued. Bettina and I signed up, and our local research went into overdrive.

Steinbeck merely whet the appetite for local knowledge. My personal library began to grow with Steinbeck’s books and books about the local history. Questions led us to seek out long-timers. We became friends with Carlton Sheffield, Steinbeck’s college roommate and “Good Companion” (title of his posthumously published memoir). We became especially close with Bruce and Jean Ariss, who early had been part of the group that gathered with Ed Ricketts in the Lab. Bruce, a gentle giant, was a bit of a Renaissance man who was an artist, builder, writer and publisher. He provided a “good understanding” for the local art community — personally laying the wooden floor into the sand base of the

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Putting to sea helped him find his way

SPENDING WEEKS at a time on the open seas, staring at endless horizons, afforded ample time for soul searching for Donald Mathews. He was manning the bridge of a U.S. Navy ship hauling warplanes to Vietnam in 1966 when his life suddenly came into sharper focus.

His three daughters were growing up without him, realized Mathews, who at age 36 was

University and the Naval Postgraduate School in aeronautics and aero-engineering.

All were endeavors that required him to dwell mostly in the left hemisphere of his brain — the analytical and methodical side. Over the years, art increasingly brought him in touch with his right hemisphere, the side of the brain believed to be responsible for creativity. Today he is a painter and sculptor, applying the same philosophy to his artwork that he did when he refused a third tour of duty in the Navy decades ago.

“There was a Greek poet, Kazantzakis (1883-1957), who said you’ve got to be willing to break the rules and do things others won’t do in life,” he said. “And in art, you’ve got to be risky. You’ve got to be able to find that thing that’s beyond the

Carmel’s artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

on a list to be redeployed for a third tour of duty after the current one ended.

“When I got back, and the detailer said, ‘I’m going to send you out again,’ I told him, ‘No, I can’t go — it will tear my family apart.’ He said OK, and it was just that easy,” Mathews remembered. “That’s when I found my voice. The truth is, being a maverick — finding the courage to say no to certain things — allows you to move forward in life.”

He was assigned instead to the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Va., where he reconnected with his family — he and his wife, Lou, have been married 66 years — and where he also discovered a previously dormant side of himself: He began to dabble in art.

‘Break the rules’

For the former Skyline Forest resident (now part of the Forest Hill retirement community in Pacific Grove), it was the beginning of an awakening that still feeds his soul at age 88. Mathews spent 24 years in the military as a naval aviator, aeronautical engineer and educator, teaching aeronautics at the U.S. Naval Academy and the Naval Postgraduate School. He served as a logistics manager for the long-range, P2V-7 patrol planes he flew. He holds graduate degrees from Stanford



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Pacific Grove painter and sculptor Donald Mathews, founder of The Creative Edge, is shown with two examples of his art.

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MOST PEOPLE have memories of a teacher who played a big part in their lives, and Donna Stewart of Pacific Grove is no different. She was born in Salinas and she and her older sister grew up in Watsonville. Her father was a printer who at one time worked for the Salinas Californian — where Stewart remembered the smell of the metal and ink when she visited — and her mother worked in retail.

Stewart, however, dreamt of becoming an archaeologist. “I loved being outside and digging in the dirt,” she recalled.

Then she met Mrs. Dugger, her high school business teacher.

“I took a lot of business classes,” explained Stewart, and she said that while she was still in school, she saw a classified ad for a secretary for an insurance adjustment firm. Dugger, who saw talent in her young student, encouraged her to apply for the position and even helped her fill out the application.

She got the job, which began a 33-year career in the insurance business.

In 1971 she began working for State Farm, and in 1975 she became part of what was then a radical experiment — she became one of the first female claims adjusters in the company. They worked inside the office back then, but by 1979, she was a field representative — one of the first women in Northern California to hold the job. “I was so curious, I just wanted to learn everything,” she said.

Taking up cooking

Things changed in 1980, when she met her soon-to-be husband, Carl Stewart, at the Salinas Rodeo. She didn’t quit her job, but they moved to Cupertino. Several more promotions followed, and Stewart became responsible for offices in Pleasanton, Newark, Hayward and Oakland.

As a newlywed, however, she also began developing an interest in cooking, with Bon

Appetit magazine as her bible. A group of six women who called themselves “The Gourmets” welcomed her, and they took turns hosting elaborate meals at their homes. Stewart took it to the next level. “I created menus with wine pairings,” she said, and soon the other women were following suit.

Around the same time, she and Carl began taking vacations in Gold Country — home to some of her favorite zinfandels — and they became wine aficionados. By 1990, they had discovered Monterey County’s wine country and purchased a second home in Pacific Grove.

Movie buffs

All the while, Stewart kept working away at her insurance career, eventually taking charge of the Northern California Special Investigative Unit for State Farm.

“My unit of specially trained investigators were responsible for handling all organized crime fraud insurance claims for Northern California,” she noted.

In 2004, she retired, and the couple moved to Pacific Grove, where Stewart — after years of moving and working — was determined to become involved in her new community. She was elected to the board of directors of the city’s heritage society and volunteered with Monterey County Vintners & Growers.

One afternoon, she and Carl, who are both movie buffs, decided to play tourist and take Doug Lumsden’s Monterey Movie Tour, which stops at scenic locations from films like “Play Misty for Me” and “A Summer Place.” Stewart said the tour wasn’t too full, and they struck up a lively conversation with Lumsden between stops. By the time the day was over, Lumsden pronounced her a “perfect candidate” for the Monterey County Film Commission, where she became a volunteer in short order.

She’s also a member of Carmel Woman’s Club, Carmel Valley Women’s Club and The Peninsula Club, where she served as first vice president for a year. With her love of food

and wine, it was probably inevitable that she would join the American Institute of Wine and Food and was accepted into the Knights of the Vine of Monterey County as well as Les Dames d’Escoffier, a local chapter of the international culinary society named for the founder of French cuisine.

For the past eight years, she’s managed the local Women of Wine Monterey Supper Club, which holds monthly dinners at various restaurants throughout the county. The group — which in its most recent incarnation began with 16 women — now numbers more than 500 members and has raised money for several nonprofits in the area.

Rounding things out — because what would community involvement hereabouts be without golf — she and Carl have served as part of the laser operations team at the AT&T

Pebble Beach Pro-Am, a job she found “extremely interesting.”

Finally, she’s been helping Carl with one of his pet projects, Honor Flight Bay Area,

Great Lives

By ELAINE HESSER

which take veterans to Washington, D.C. to see the monuments and memorials. Stewart choked up a little at the memory of serving as a guardian, or escort, for two Korean War veterans who made the trip in 2017.

What does Stewart get from all this activity? “I love meeting all the people, introducing them to other people — the special thing about every activity is the people that you meet.”

HOTELLING

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Carmel Art Association building when it was expanded in the late 1930s.

In 1991, I began a long career in management at the Pebble Beach Company. When I asked who the first golf pro was, nobody knew.

This led to more research and amazing connections with other longtimers who were still around. The rich history of this area is all the more amazing when one sees the connec-

tions. I am best known today for my books and articles on Pebble Beach history, but I’ve also written and lectured on the Carmel Mission, Steinbeck, Cannery Row, Salvador Dali and many other bits of local history.

In this new column, I will share many of the stories I’ve gleaned over the years. Let me know if you have stories to share, or questions of history you’d like to know. I can’t guarantee answers, but I’ve found understanding our past works best when it is collaborative.

Neal Hotelling’s new column, “History Beat,” will be appearing in The Pine Cone every week. He can be reached via email at nbhotelling@msn.com.

Architect hired for library interior redo

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

WALD RUHNKE & Dost architects will be paid \$53,240 to redesign some areas inside Harrison Memorial Library, according to a contract approved by the city council last week.

The \$250,000 project is being paid for with money from the Carmel Public Library Foundation and private donations.

The work will include creating a meeting space that can be divided into two smaller rooms, each with audio/visual equipment, consolidating the reference and circulation desks, and moving some book collections to other areas in the library.

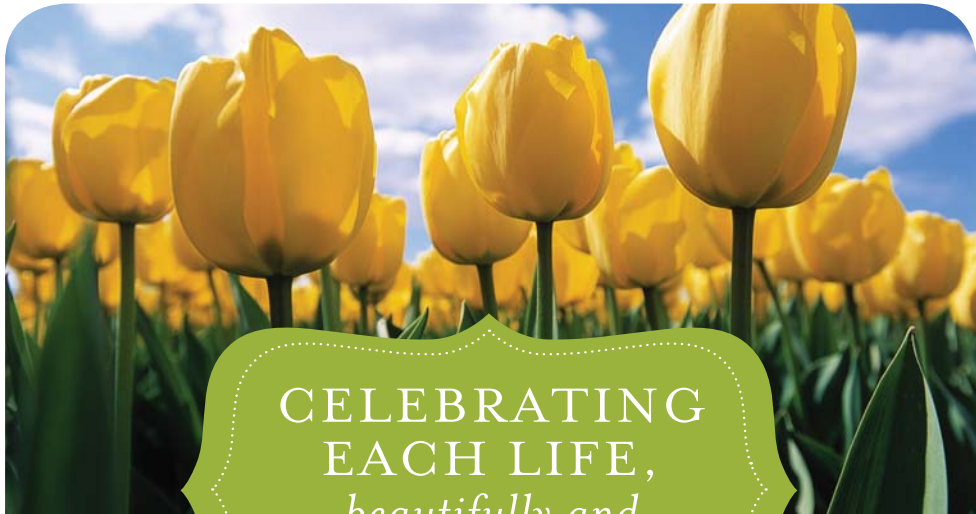
The Monterey firm was already paid \$16,140 for the schematic design, which was approved by the library foundation and the

planning and building department, according to public works director Bob Harary. He recommended signing the new contract with the architects to cover “design development, plans, specifications, and construction documents, as well as technical support during the public bidding and construction phases.”

Harary’s department will oversee the work. “To keep costs to a minimum, staff will manage the construction phase of the project, while minimizing the architect’s time,” he said.

He told the council he expects the design phase to be done by late summer, and construction late this year or early next.

Another contractor found asbestos and lead-based paint in the areas where the work will take place, however, so those will have to be removed before any construction begins.



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edge.”

Mathews said that also describes the philosophy behind The Creative Edge: The Way of the Arts, the Monterey-based nonprofit he founded three decades ago with a mission “to introduce and develop the inner creative process used by experienced artists of various fine-arts disciplines.”

“The original idea for The Creative Edge came to me in 1985 on the Greek Isle of Samos while touring with a group visiting ancient Greek sacred sites under the guidance of my spiritual mentor, Jungian therapist Edith Sullwold,” he said. “It was my first inkling of a deeper calling.”

Owning your imagination

The Creative Edge was launched in 1989, inspired in part by an unusual arts event Mathews attended the previous year at Asilomar, a 10-day celebration featuring storytellers, poets, artists and other creative presenters.

“That’s where I met David Whyte, who presented his poetry in a very different way. He really worked his poems during his presentation, repeating lines, thrusting through the content, and he blew the audience away,” Mathews said. “As a person whose background was entirely in engineering and technical stuff, it was the first time I had encountered poetry that made any sense to me.”

Mathews felt a calling to make similar experiences readily available to people who, knowingly or not, craved the same kind of artistic awakening he had experienced during the second half of his life. Like the Asilomar gathering, The Creative Edge brings together people of any artistic genre for a “creative arts gathering” for discussion and fellowship.

“It’s always a freebie — your ticket in is that you have to bring some kind of creative work,” he said. “We’ll get artists and photographers, writers, storytellers, poets ... we’ve had a woodworker/craftsman and a violinist. It’s just a place to share creativity, which is the essence of The Creative Edge.”

Mathews said his story is not unique. Like himself, many people fail to connect with their artistic sides until later in life. He shares some insight into his personal journey on the organization’s website at creative-edge.org.

“In my life journey I have discovered many barriers to knowing myself. Perhaps one of the most difficult to overcome was my deep resistance to owning my own imagination and creative abilities,” he wrote. “I did not honor my own sacred creative vision or muse. Therefore, over the first half century of my life, I denied it. However, a few special people supported me in my quest with unconditional love and then I was slowly able to discover the very human person I am, with various faults, but highly creative, imaginative, expressive and also deeply caring about my fellow travelers on the planet.”

Although his interest in art began to develop years earlier, it accelerated in 1975 after he left the U.S. Navy as a captain.

“I decided to go back to school, taking every kind of class I could at San Jose State,” he said. “I got my Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, then went into their master’s program. I went

in as a painter and came out as a sculptor.”

His apartment in the cottages at Forest Hill is decorated with his paintings and sculptures, along with a piano and harp that belong to Lou, a musician who volunteers as a church organist.

Mathews and his wife have three adult daughters — Robin Mathews Johnson (a former Salinas lawyer turned Methodist minister), Jennifer Mamola (a retired high school French teacher), and Carol Mathew-Rogers, a Sacramento resident who serves as executive director of The Creative Edge.

They also have seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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Section 2

Tiny Pirate squad takes to the water, strikes fear into league competition

FISH SWIM because they’re fish. High school athletes swim because they’d rather work ferociously hard than count down the days to summer vacation.

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Perks of high school swimming include burning lungs, aching muscles, and chattering teeth, which might explain why rosters in the springtime sport tend to be sparsely populated, especially at a small school, where options include baseball, golf, sailing, ten-

nis, lacrosse, softball, track, volleyball, or — maybe most alluring of all — stretching out on a beach after the final bell rings.

Only 20 boys are on this year’s varsity swimming roster at Stevenson School, where, against all odds, the Pirates are headed toward an undefeated dual-meet season in the Gabilan Division of the Pacific Coast Athletic League. The competition in the Gabilan includes San Benito (enrollment: 3,009), Salinas (2,707), Gilroy (1,698), Christopher (1,623), and Palma (768, all boys) — populations that dwarf the division’s other two schools, Carmel (859) and Stevenson (500).

Ironically, Carmel has the strongest swimming tradition of the bunch, and his will mark the second consecutive year that the Pirates will be raising a championship banner in their gym. They won the Mission Trail Athletic League crown last spring, and they’ll go into the Pacific Coast Athletic League championships (April 27 at Hartnell College) as a co-favorite to win that title.

Elite swimmers

“Carmel has traditionally been the dominant team in our area, and I’d say they still are,” said Garrett Morrison, who is in his second season as head coach of Stevenson’s boys team, and fifth year as aquatics director at the school. “We’re undefeated in dual meets, but

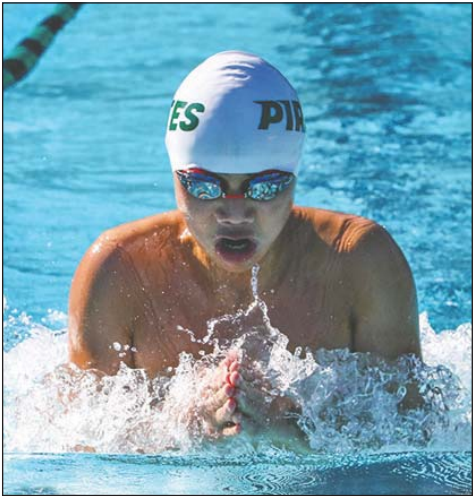
depth will be really important at the PCAL meet, and relays will be a key. I don’t think any particular team is going to be the considered the favorite going into that one.”

Stevenson’s boys defeated Carmel 105-80 in this year’s head-to-head meeting, the closest challenge the Pirates have had.

But the Pirates aren’t looking to be an also-ran. Four elite swimmers figure to score big points at the league championships, and Morrison says the team’s dual-meet success can be largely credited to an exceptional supporting cast.

The top swimmer on the roster this season, Patrick Powers, qualified as a freshman for

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PHOTOS/STEVENS ON SCHOOL

Noah Sindell (left) never competed in swimming before arriving at Stevenson, but now scores in the 50, 100 and 200 freestyles. Freshman Adrian Jin (center) is the Pirates’ fastest breaststroker, but is versatile enough to score in all four strokes. And sophomore Will Weber (right) has posted strong times in the 100 and 200 freestyle events this year.



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the 2018 Central Coast Section Championships, where he placed among the top eight in the 50-yard freestyle. His season-best time in that event as a ninth-grader, 21.7 seconds, is second-fastest in school history, bettered only by last year's teammate, Will Morgan (21.4), who is now playing water polo at UCLA.

"Patrick is a prodigy. He was a better 50-freestyler than I ever imagined a freshman could be," Morrison said. "We also put him in the 200 individual medley, the 100 butterfly, and the 100 backstroke, and he could qualify for CCS in any of those events with more experience."

Like Powers, Will Weber, also a sophomore, is an off-season club swimmer, who excels in middle-distance freestyle events, including the 500 (the longest high school race), but his best times have been posted in the 100 freestyle (50.85) and the 200 freestyle (1:51.37).

'Swiss Army knife'

The team's senior leadership comes from four-year varsity veterans Ryan Nielsen a college-level prospect — his 50-freestyle time (22.53) meets CCS qualifying standards — and Tahoon Kim, a versatile swimmer whose specialty is the 100 butterfly.

A third senior leader, Connor Jacobs, an all-league water polo player in the fall, has been sidelined all spring with a serious back injury from basketball season, but continues to support his teammates at every practice and meet.

If the Pirates are able to outscore 21 other schools to win the PCAL championship meet, a big reason could be the contributions of four other swimmers, juniors Noah Sindell and Ian Duffy, sophomore Luca Bozzo, and freshman Adrian Jin.

Jin, an international student, is the team's best breastroker, but swims all four strokes exceptionally well, Morrison said.

"He's our freshman phenom — the sky's

the limit for Adrian," the coach said. "He's going to get stronger as he gets older, and he already has wonderful technique. By the time he's a senior, he's going to be a stud."

Bozzo is the son assistant water polo coach Andy Bozzo, a member of Stevenson's Athletic Hall of Fame who still holds a school swimming record from 1989. He went on to swim for the USC Trojans.

"I'll often put Luca in the 500 freestyle, an event he probably doesn't always enjoy, and he gives us full effort every time," Morrison said. "I really admire the way he's willing to push himself to the edge. He has a great sense of how to do that."

Duffy, says the coach, is the team's "Swiss army knife," a third-year varsity swimmer capable of scoring in the backstroke (his best event), the 200 individual medley, the 100 butterfly, or the sprint-freestyle events.

Sindell is an athlete who never competed in the sport until he arrived at Stevenson three years ago, but now puts up formidable times in the 50, 100, and 200 freestyles.

"I think a big reason for the success of this program has to do with our entire approach to aquatics," said Morrison, who was a player-coach on a top-five nationally ranked club water polo team at Yale College. "Our water polo and swim teams here are closely associated, and when we can get kids competing in an aquatic sport for two of the three seasons during the school year, they get better a lot faster."

Most of Stevenson's swimmers were also part of a water polo squad that won the first CCS game in school history in the fall.

Local equestrian heads to nationals

Chandler Clark, a freshman at Carmel High, is headed to the Interscholastic Equestrian Association National Championships on April 26-28 in Harrisburg, Pa., to compete against the top high school and middle school English riding competitors in the country after a strong showing against riders from 36

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‘Magical and mythical’ violinist joins symphony, Jukebox at Golden State

THE ONLY American violinist to win the Gold Medal at Moscow’s Tchaikovsky International Competition, violinist **Elmar Oliveira** joins the Monterey Symphony for its fifth concert of the season Saturday and Sunday, April 13-14, at Sunset Center.

A Grammy Award nominee, Oliveira was also the first violinist to receive the coveted Avery Fisher Prize. Recognized as a national treasure in Portugal, where he was born, the violinist has founded two music competitions, including one which bears his name. He will accompany the symphony this weekend when it plays Max Bruch’s *Violin Concerto No. 1, Op. 26*. “Omar is one of those mythical and magical violinists,” executive director **Nicola Reilly** told The Pine Cone. “He’s

friends with our music director, Max Bragado-Darman, and he’s played here before.”

Bruch’s violin concerto showcases Oliveira’s talents.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

“It’s a familiar piece to anyone who’s played the violin beyond high school,” Reilly said. “It’s lush and romantic, and it gives a violinist an opportunity to express and emote.”

The symphony will also perform Felix Mendelssohn’s concert overture *Calm Seas and Prosperous Voyage, Op. 27* and Robert Schumann’s *Symphony No. 4, Op. 120*.

The symphony’s final concert of the season is set for May 18-19 at Sunset Center.

Saturday’s concert starts at 8 p.m., while Sunday’s matinee begins at 3 p.m. A free pre-concert talk is offered an hour before each performance. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Tickets are \$43 to \$84. Call (831) 646-8511.

■ New songs, old style

Part cover band and part time machine, **Scott Bradlee’s Postmodern Jukebox** celebrates the music of today — and the sounds of yesteryear — Friday, April 12, at Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

Instead of breathing new life into old songs, Bradlee and company do just the opposite by taking contemporary hits by Lady Gaga, Beyoncé, the White Stripes and others, and reimagining how they would have sounded in the mid-20th century. Miley Cyrus’ “We Can’t Stop,” for instance, is done in a ‘50s doo-wop style, while Radiohead’s “Creep” becomes a jazzy ballad.

Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets are \$44 to \$98. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070.

■ Live Music April 12-18

Barmel — Johnny Tsunami & the Shoulder Hoppers (rock, Friday at 7 p.m.); **American Trashbird** (rock, Saturday at 7 p.m.); and **Magpie** (folk rock, Thursday at 7 p.m.). In Carmel Square at San Carlos and Seventh, (831) 626-3400.

Bon Ton LeRoy’s Lighthouse Smokehouse in Monterey — **Ginger Cowgirl** (Americana, Saturday at 7 p.m.). 794



Founded by pianist Scott Bradlee (left), Postmodern Jukebox takes contemporary hits and re-imagines how they would sound in the mid-20th century. The group plays April 12 in Monterey. Violinist Elmar Oliveira (right) joins the Monterey Symphony this weekend at Sunset Center.

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Youth center's event, Saxon Brown at the Highlands, and A Table Affair

THE CARMEL Youth Center's major fundraiser — simply called The Event — will be held at Sunset Center the afternoon of April 28, and restaurateur Ken Spilfogel, a member of the youth center's board, said it will feature a stellar lineup of musicians, a silent auction, and plenty of food and wine.

"We have a lot of local restaurants and a half-dozen or so wineries, and beer," he said, including restaurants like

Village Corner, Flaherty's, Vesuvio and Anton & Michel, as well as Corral de Tierra Country Club and Room for Dessert. Wineries set to

Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

pour include Scheid, Kori, De Tierra, Mana, Galante and Alpha Omega, with cocktails and spirits provided by Fog's End Monterey Rye and Pour Girl mobile bartending.

"The music is significant," he said. Promoter Mark Governor helped line up the acts. Nashville recording artist M. Callahan is coming to Carmel just for the event, which will also have sets by Solar Yellow Human, AC/DC cover band Touch'd Too Much, Razzvio, Ace De Le Vergne, Astrobabes, and Evyn + Gabe The Duo. When they're not playing live, DJ Hanif Wondir will keep everyone moving.

"I thought we should have more of a music element, and we've pulled that off. It's going to be bigger and better than the last one," Spilfogel said. The Event is set to be held in the Sunset Center parking lot, lobby and foyer. And if rains, he said, "It will be a very big cocktail party" inside.

Lots of kids

He encouraged everyone to pick up a ticket — \$75 until April

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Fifty colorful and clever tablescapes will fill the main ballroom at Spanish Bay for the annual A Table Affair April 18. It's free but aims to generate donations for the featured charity, which is Youth Music Monterey this year.

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19, when they increase to \$95, or 10 for \$650 — to support the youth center, which is the only recreational resource for Carmel youth but also serves youngsters and teenagers from throughout the Monterey Peninsula.

It's more than just an afterschool hangout or a drop-off center for kids to kill a couple of hours, he said. Under the leadership of new executive director Jessica Faddis, the youth center is adding more educational elements.

“She has done a great job making it a learning center,” he said. “We are so much more of an education source, now, and Jessica has done a phenomenal job with that.”

To support those efforts, The Event will also have a silent auction and a drawing.

It will take place from 2 to 7 p.m. April 28, and tickets can be ordered through [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).

■ Saxon wines at Highlands

Winemaker Jeff Gaffner will share some of his small-production wines during a four-course dinner created by executive chef Chris Vacca at the California Market at Pacific's Edge restaurant in the Hyatt Carmel Highlands April 18, starting with a reception at 6 p.m.

Gaffner, former winemaker for Chateau St. Jean, started Saxon Brown — named after the character in Jack London's "Valley of the Moon" — "to focus on small single-vineyard bottlings reflecting his preference for elegantly structured, well balanced and age-worthy wines." He uses fruit grown

on small plots in the Napa-Sonoma area, as well as Anderson Valley and the Santa Lucia Highlands, where he buys grapes from Gary Francioni's Rosella's Vineyard.

The evening will begin with a reception out on the restaurant's glass deck, with glasses of unoaked 2015 Etre Sonoma Coast chardonnay served with a blini topped with escargot, spring garlic crema and smoked steelhead roe. After everyone sits down in the impressive wine room, they'll sip 2013 Durell Vineyard chardonnay paired with Vacca's king salmon crudo, a raw dish.

The second course will be ravioli with duck rilette and black truffle butter, served with 2013 Ferrington Vineyard pinot noir, followed by 2013 Stonewall Vineyard zinfandel paired with lamb. Dessert will be late-harvest semillon (the white grape best known for the sweet Sauternes of France), which Gaffner is planning to bring to the dinner, served with flan, berry and chocolate.

The cost is \$130 per person, and reservations can be made through [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com). No walk-ins. The Highlands Inn is located at 120 Highlands Drive off of Highway 1 south of Carmel.

■ Dinner meeting on 'Blue Zones Project'

Because how and what people eat have huge impacts on their health and well being — and chefs and food purveyors make their livings feeding people — the American Culinary Federation Monterey Bay Chapter's Green & Sustainable program has organized a dinner meeting at chef Soerke Peters' new restaurant, Mezzaluna, April 16 at 6:30 p.m., to discuss the Blue Zones Project. Blue Zones are the areas throughout the world where people statistically live longer, healthier

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Cultura bartender Josh Perry brought out the big rocks for the first of four superlative cocktails he made during the 7D Mixology Throwdown Finals, which he won Monday.

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lives, and the project is dedicated to studying what makes that so and then sharing that information with others who might benefit from it.

Lisa Wegley of the Blue Zones Project “will share how healthy eating and lifestyle choices will play a key role in transforming Monterey County into a healthier community,” according to the ACF.

The \$35-per-person fee includes dinner, tax, tip and the presentation. Wine and other booze will be available for purchase. Mezzaluna is located at 1188 Forest Ave. in Pacific Grove. For more information, call Claudia Quirarte at (831) 601-5895 or email her at cpquirarte@aol.com.

■ Carmel couple buys sweets shop

In business for six decades — the last 39 under the ownership of Lanny and Linda Rose — the Cottage of Sweets on Ocean Avenue sold in late March to another local couple, April and Hans Hess. Known for its quaint, diminutive fairytale-style shop, and for its homemade fudge and other specialty candies, licorice, and hard-to-find treats from England and beyond, the Cottage of Sweets is a fixture that’s long been a favorite of local kids and catches the eye of crowds of tourists.

The Roses decided to sell because they want to retire and move to Colorado to be with family, according to Oz-belle Osorio from Carmel Business Sales, which brokered

the deal for the sellers and the buyers.

“They intend to preserve and continue the business for decades to come,” she said. “They have great experience in food service businesses, and they have received intensive training from Lanny and Linda. Cottage of Sweets has great staff, and all the staff are staying on.”

Hans Hess visited the store 30 years ago as a kid, and he’s since grown to take his own children to shop there many times, she said. “They hope their children may work in the shop at some point, and maybe someday take it over.”

When it was listed for sale, the price was \$829,000, with gross annual sales of nearly \$1 million, “net cash flow” of \$260,000, and little need for hands-on work by the owners. Part of its draw, according to Carmel Business Sales, is that the candy business is “recession proof.”

“Over almost four decades, economic downturns or other negative events (e.g. heavy rain years, etc.) had only small and temporary effects on revenue,” the listing said, adding that the store is also “Amazon-proof,” because it generates its cash from walk-ins and isn’t vulnerable to online competition.

And it “makes people happy.”

■ Table Affair benefits YMM

The annual fundraiser that features 50 stunningly decorated tables — but no one dining at them — will be held Thursday, April 18, from 2 to 6 p.m. in the main ballroom at the Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach.

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The brainchild of P.B. resident Averil Nero, A Table Affair has grown significantly over the years to feature dozens of tables decorated in creative themes by dedicated organizations and individuals.

Nero always picks the beneficiary, helping to raise money for several different local animal-welfare groups and other charities.

This year, the fortunate group is Youth Music Monterey, which will have some of its young musicians performing during A Table Affair and meeting guests.

Refreshments will be served, and a cash bar will be open for those who would enjoy a glass of wine or other libation while they peruse the tables. No reservations are required, and the event is free, but direct donations to YMM are strongly encouraged.

In addition, a boutique with unique gifts, consumable and otherwise, will help raise money for the organization that aims to “build the next generation through music.”

For more information, call Nero at (831) 644-0833 or email acnero@comcast.net.

■ Cocktail bragging rights

Josh Perry was crowned Best Bartender in the 7D Mixology Throwdown finals at Seventh & Dolores Steakhouse Monday night, when Perry, of Cultura, went up against Olana Sullivan, owner of Pour Girl mobile bartending. Each had prevailed in earlier competitions to end up as finalists.

And both stepped up their games for the finals, each creating three distinctive cocktails, the first using Hennessy Cognac, the second incorporating Folktale Brut sparkling wine, and the third a drink of their choice. Sullivan’s were beautiful to look at, garnished with flowers and presented elegantly, and crowd pleasing in their balanced use of liquors and additional ingredients, mostly on the fruity side. Perry, meanwhile, took the risk of combining unusual ingredients, some little known and quite esoteric, in his spirit-forward drinks, which were presented without any garnishes.

Sullivan and Perry ended the main part of the competition in a tie, so they presented a fourth cocktail to the panel of judges. Perry’s tiebreaking drink contained no alcohol at all. With low-alcohol cocktails and nonalcohol-

ic mocktails appearing more frequently on menus, the play was, in fact, appropriate.

Restaurant GM said the cocktail contest will resume in October with a new set of contenders.

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The place is mellow, and free housemade chips and salsa are offered with any drink order. Several wines are available by the glass — and the pours are generous — but skip the mixed drinks. The Clubhouse appears to lack experienced bar staff, so the cocktails are subpar — and ants were found floating in two out of two during a recent visit. Several beers

are served on draft and by the bottle, too. Other afternoon snacks include a hummus platter with grilled bread and chilled vegetables, beer-battered onion rings, truffle fries, beef sliders with caramelized onions and cheddar cheese, shrimp quesadilla, and Bufalo wings. The chips are surprisingly good, the onion rings are crisp and tender, and the sliders are worth ordering.

There appears to be a bit of confusion regarding the hours, with the website indicating Happy Hour ends at 5:30 p.m., but the menu showing 6:30 p.m. Either way, it’s an easy stop for a sip and a snack before heading up the hill to the ranch’s Valley Kitchen, the excellent restaurant run by executive chef Tim Wood, or before heading home from work. Valley Kitchen has a full and sophisticated bar, too.

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Cooper’s Pub & Restaurant in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Rick Frost** (country rock and blues, Friday at 9 p.m.); and **The Sweet Dreams Duo** (Americana, R&B and classic rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row, (831) 373-1353.

East Village Coffee Lounge in Monterey — **The Shay Salhov Trio** with keyboardist **Dahveed Behroozi**, bassist **Tyler Harlow** and drummer **Jason Lewis** (jazz at 5 p.m.); and Open Mic Night (Wednesday at 7 p.m.). 498 Washington St., (831) 373-5601.

Fernwood Resort in Big Sur — **Flying Fish Cove** (“fantasy pop,” Friday at 10 p.m.); and **Johnny Tsunami & the Shoulder Hoppers** (rock, Saturday at 10 p.m.). On Highway 1 25 miles south of Carmel, (831) 667-2422.

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Along with the rest of her band, Ginger Cowgirl, singer Stacy Antonel performs in Monterey April 12.

guests (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.); singer-songwriter **Taylor Rae** (Wednesday at 7 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Ace de la Vergne** (Thursday at 7 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road, (831) 372-1234.

Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley — **The Rightly So** (Americana, Friday at 3 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Moshe Vilozy** (Saturday at 5 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Alex Lucero** (Sunday at 3 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road, (831) 293-7500.

The Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach — **The Jazz Trio** (jazz, in the lobby, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.); and **The Dottie Dodgion Trio** (jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.); also, a bagpiper plays every evening at sunset. 2700 17 Mile Drive, (831) 647-7500.

Jacks Monterey — **The International Trio** (“the world’s favorite songs,” Sunday at 11:30 a.m.). At Portola Hotel & Spa in Monterey, 2 Portola Plaza, (831) 649-7868.

Julia’s vegetarian restaurant in Pacific Grove — singer-songwriter **Buddy Comfort** (Friday at 6:30 p.m.); singer-songwriter **Nicolas Jorgensen** (Monday at 6:30 p.m.); singer-songwriter **Rachael Williams** (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.) singer-songwriter **Tiffany Decker** (Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Rick Chelew** (acoustic folk, Thursday at 6:30 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave., (831) 656-9533.

Mission Ranch — pianist **Tom Gastineau** (jazz, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 5 p.m.); singer and pianist **Madd-aline Edstrom** (jazz and pop, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 8 p.m.); singer and pianist **David Kempton** (jazz, Monday through Thursday at 5 p.m.); and pianist **Gennady Loktionov** (jazz, Sunday at 10 a.m., Monday through Thursday at 8 p.m.). 26270 Dolores St., (831) 625-9040.

Sunset Lounge at Hyatt Carmel Highlands — singer **Neal Banks** (pop and rock, Friday at 7 p.m.); and singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Saturday at 7 p.m. and Thursday at 6 p.m.). 120 Highlands Drive, (831) 620-1234.

Terry’s Lounge at Cypress Inn — singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Friday at 7 p.m.); pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Saturday at 7 p.m.); **Andrea’s Fault** (jazz and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.); and guitarist **Richard DeVinck** (classical, Sunday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, (831) 624-3871.

The Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — singer and guitar-

ist **Rick Chelew** (acoustic folk, Friday at 6 p.m.); and **Grove Acre** (rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place, (831) 298-7453.

Wild Fish restaurant in Pacific Grove — singer and guitarist **Andrea Carter** and keyboardist **Gary Meek** (jazz and blues, Friday at 6:30 p.m.). 545 Lighthouse Ave., (831) 373-8523.

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April 12-20 - Easter Shopping Week at Baum & Blume and The Carriage House! Easter petits fours, handmade caramels, cookie boxes, Italian fruit breads & preserves. Easter cards & gifts too! Ordering deadline for “Roman Holiday Easter-to-Go” is Apr. 17. View menu @ www.baumand-blume.com. 4 El Caminito, Carmel Valley. Open 11:30-7pm (831) 659-0400

April 15 - “Singing Into Spring – A Musical Interlude” will be presented at the Carmel Woman’s Club at 2 p.m. with arias, love songs and favorite melodies filling the air. The public is invited. Performances will feature the beloved voice of tenor Erasmo Aiello accompanied by noted pianist Pauline Troia. In addition to her songs, multit talented musicologist Elise Rotchford will perform on the flute in a duet with Troia. A coffee/tea reception immediately follows the program. Members, free; guests \$10, includes reception. (831) 624-2866 or 915-8184.

April 17 & 24 - Debbie Davis will be performing at Roadhouse Wine Bar 5-7 p.m. It’s on Highway 68 above Tarp’s Roadhouse Restaurant. Debbie will perform many favorite songs of yesterday and today. Debbie can be reached at (831) 277-7825 or follow her at Facebook.com/DebbieDavisSingerCarmel

April 17 - Aspire Health Plan Presents: Mediterranean Diet, a Community Connections Class. Find out what makes the Mediterranean diet so healthy, AND so tasty! Event is free. 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Montage Wellness Center, 1910 N. Davis Road, Salinas. We ask you to register so we can know how many people to expect. RSVP to (877) 663-7651, or www.aspirehealthplan.org/connections2019

April 18 - “A TABLE AFFAIR-2019” will take place in the Main Ballroom, The Inn at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach, 2 to 6 p.m. Invite friends and come enjoy seeing an intriguing array of table arrangements. Sip a cup of tea or coffee, enjoy a cookie. There will also be a no-host bar for those wishing for a glass of wine. Purchase items from the “Fiddler’s’ Fayre” Boutique. There is no admission charge and reservations are not required. Donations (which are tax deductible) are respectfully requested at the event for Youth Music Monterey, this year’s beneficiary. For further information call Averil Nero at (831) 644-0833 or by e-mail: acnero@comcast.net

April 20 - Please join us for a **celebration of Arbor Day** and the **renovation of the North Dunes.** We’ll have refreshments, activities for kids, and the planting of a new City tree. 10 a.m. to noon, north side of Ocean Avenue between San Antonio and the beach, Carmel-by-the-Sea.

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April 24 - Aspire Health Plan Presents: Line Dancing, a Community Connections Class. Dance like nobody is watching. Join us for an easy introduction to line dancing, where having fun is as important as learning the steps. Dance improves strength, increases balance and flexibility, and improves your cardiovascular health. Event is free. 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Oldemeyer Dance Studio, 986 Hilby Ave., Seaside. We ask you to register so we can know how many people to expect. RSVP to (877) 663-7651, or www.aspire-healthplan.org/connections2019



April 25 - Free Medicare Seminar: Alliance on Aging is hosting a free seminar on the basics of Medicare plans and more! 5:30 p.m. at Sally Griffin Center (700 Jewell Ave., Pacific Grove). Call 831-655-1334 or www.allianceonaging.org

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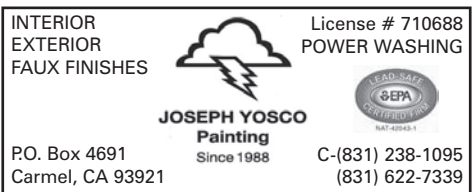


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She competes for the high school team led by Toni Venza Training at Cypress Stables in Carmel.

Looking ahead (April 12-18)

Baseball — Friday: Soledad at Carmel (4 p.m.). Saturday: Sacred Heart Prep at Carmel (2 p.m.). Tuesday: Carmel at Watsonville (4 p.m.). Wednesday: Stevenson at Anzar (4 p.m.). Thursday: Stevenson at Soledad (4 p.m.).

Boys golf — No events scheduled.

Boys lacrosse — Saturday: Overlake School at Stevenson (11 a.m.).

Girls lacrosse — Wednesday: Monterey at Stevenson (4 p.m.).

Softball — Friday: Santa Catalina at Notre Dame (4:30 p.m.); Alisal at Stevenson (4 p.m.). Saturday: Stevenson at Watsonville tournament (TBA). Monday: Gilroy at Santa Catalina (4:30 p.m.).

Swimming and diving — Friday: Notre Dame at Carmel (3:30 p.m.); Stevenson at Gilroy (3:30 p.m.). Tuesday: Soledad at Stevenson (3:30 p.m.).

Boys tennis — Friday: Alisal at Stevenson (4 pm.). Monday: North Salinas at Stevenson (4 p.m.). Wednesday: Stevenson at Alvarez (4 p.m.). Thursday: Team playoff: Gabilan champion vs. Mission runner-up (TBA).

Track and field — Saturday: Carmel at Bill Kearney Invitational, Hartnell College (8:30 p.m.). Thursday: Stevenson at Cypress Division meet, Pacific Grove High (3:30 p.m.).

Boys volleyball — Friday: Palma at Carmel (6:30 p.m.).

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