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Lodge buildings razed to make way for upgrades

By KELLY NIX

TWO BUILDINGS on the 18th Fairway of the Pebble Beach Golf Links that have been the backdrop for hundreds of historic golf, automotive and community events through the decades have been demolished in preparation for a new building at the Lodge at Pebble Beach that will have upgraded features and more guest rooms.

The two oceanfront buildings at the Lodge next to the historic Canary Cottage had 23 guest rooms but will be replaced with one building that contains 26 rooms, Pebble Beach president David Stivers told The Pine Cone Thursday.

“Our philosophy is to keep improving,” he said. “We want to maintain the historic look and feel of the Lodge, but at the same time take advantage of some of the things that our guests are looking for.”

‘Fresh look and feel’

The new building, expected to be completed in about a year, will have 600-square-foot rooms with high ceilings, fireplaces, big screen TVs and energy management systems, the company said.

The exterior style of the building will follow the design of the nearby Fairway One complex, a luxury development that opened in 2017 with 38 new guest rooms, including

30 rooms in three-story buildings and eight rooms in two four-bedroom luxury cottages that front the 1st Fairway.

“It’s going to be a very fresh look and feel,” Stivers said of the new building.

The work at the Lodge is the final phase in the Peb-

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PHOTO/KELLY NIX

Construction crews work Thursday at the site where two now-demolished buildings overlooked the 18th Hole at the Pebble Beach Golf Links.

Businessman from Monaco buys L’Auberge for \$13.9M

■ Adds to portfolio of valuable property

By MARY SCHLEY

PATRICE PASTOR, a 47-year-old real estate tycoon whose family is one of the wealthiest in Monaco, bought L’Auberge Carmel hotel at Monte Verde and Seventh from David Fink and his partners last week for \$13.9 million, according to Monterey County property records. Escrow closed Friday, making the hotel the eighth property Pastor has purchased in the city since 2015.

Fink said he will stay on to manage L’Auberge Carmel and its Michelin-starred restaurant, Aubergine, where executive chef Justin Cogley and the rest of the staff will remain on board.

“My company just sold the real estate, but I am going to be running it the same as before,” Fink said Monday. “There will be zero change except the title on the real estate.”

It’s just the latest acquisition for Pastor, the son of Victor Pastor and chairman of the family company, J.B. Pastor & Fils. He’s also the head of Pastor Real Estate in London and former owner of the monthly news magazine, L’Observateur de Monaco, among other interests.

He has three limited liability companies: Esperanza Carmel Commercial, Esperanza Carmel Residential and Esperanza Carmel. All are based in Marina del Rey and have attorney Jonathan Feldman listed as the only contact. Esperanza Carmel was formed in 2015 and the others in 2018.

Downtown spots

In early October 2018, Pastor paid \$4.2 million for a property on Ocean Avenue that was owned by a company controlled by Bill Mitchell. That property, between Dolores and Lincoln streets, includes two storefronts, the Der Ling Lane passageway, and a small Thomas Kinkadee gallery and garden. This week, acting planning director Marnie Waffle said the city approved the overhaul of an apartment in the Der Ling Building in June 2019 and that plan checks are underway with the building department.

Pastor bought a building on the east side of Dolores south of Seventh for \$2.4 million from James Brown in late October 2018. Last June, his architect, Jun Sillano

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Scenic Road erosion raising fears of collapse

By CHRIS COUNTS

A PROJECT to build a seawall to protect Scenic Road as it meanders above Carmel River State Beach been



PHOTO/LORIN LETENDRE

A plan to protect the bluffs supporting Scenic Road near Carmel Point is in the works, but nearby residents are worried the fix won’t get done soon enough to save the road.

slowly moving forward for nearly a decade, but a group of residents are telling county officials that they’re worried the work won’t get done soon enough and the road will collapse.

In response, Monterey County 5th District Supervisor Mary Adams told The Pine Cone she’s seen the site up close and understands the locals’ concern. But she’s confident county workers are monitoring it and have a plan in place if the road shows any signs of failing.

According to Lorin Letendre, who lives nearby, the wave action along the shoreline at Carmel River State Beach is eroding the sandy bluff supporting the road, creating a potentially dangerous situation.

“We’re getting higher and higher waves,” Letendre told The Pine Cone. “The waves are coming right up to base of the bluff, which undermines it. One neighbor saw a wave come over the top of the bluff and onto the road. In the last 20 years, we’ve lost about 30 feet of the bluffs.”

Adams agreed the bluff is getting steeper. “You can see it has changed,” she said.

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Big Sur cat honored by Guinness for record jump

By CHRIS COUNTS

LEAPING INTO the heart of anyone with a pulse, a small black and white cat with the noble name of Waffle the Warrior was captured on video at Plaskett Creek Campground in Big Sur jumping 7 feet from one chair to another.

Taken two years ago, the footage is no ordinary cute cat clip on social media. Instead, it is proof that Waffle’s jump was the longest ever by a member of his species, according to the 2020 edition of the Guinness World Records, which came out in September. In fact, the cat broke the old mark by a foot.

Waffle’s feat certainly stands out among his fellow felines, but it pales next to that of Yabo, a rabbit from Denmark who recently set the Guinness standard among his kind for jumping nearly 10 feet.

Waffle’s accomplishment is impressive nevertheless, and it merits a sentence-long mention in the new edition of the famous record book.

No ornamental cat

Along with his sister Princess Tirzah, Waffle was adopted 11 years ago as a kitten by Kar-

en and Gregg McCandless, a couple who live and work at Lake Cachuma in Santa Barbara County as park docents.

When they adopted the pair, the McCandlesses weren’t looking just for layabout pets — to the contrary, they were looking to create something akin to a traveling cat show.

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PHOTO/COURTESY KAREN AND GREGG MCCANDLESS

Waffle the Warrior Cat jumps 7 feet from one chair to another — the longest jump ever recorded for a domestic cat, according to Guinness World Records.

Permits still available for vacation rentals

By MARY SCHLEY

SINCE THE new ordinance prohibiting new short-term rentals downtown and in apartment buildings has yet to take effect — the California Coastal Commission must certify it first — the planning department is still processing applications for short-term rentals and approving those that comply with the requirements.

The number of permits (which will last forever unless the building where the rental is located is demolished or its use changes) now stands at 40, with the issuance Jan.

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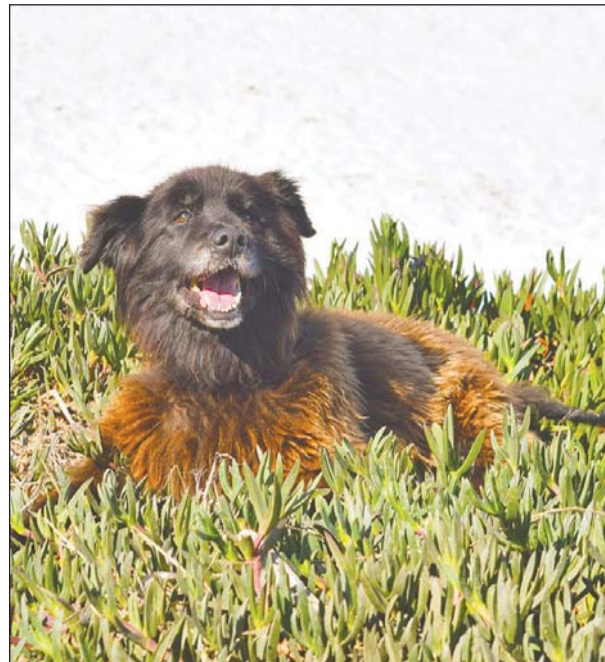
FOR SEVEN years, Keely and her person have departed their Skyline Forest home almost daily to hang out at Carmel Beach and live the coastal California life.

The chow chow-border collie mix is always looking for balls to fetch, other dogs to chase, and those “whoosh waves” at the shore, in which to cool off.

Meanwhile, her person is always on the lookout for Carmel Pine Cone people, who might be interested in a Sandy Claws story about a dog nearly everyone assumes is a bear.

“I’ve watched Keely, who’s almost 15, taking fewer, slower steps and wondered how to get her in The Pine Cone,” her person said. “When I was reading through the paper, I considered calling. But then, there we were at the beach, where another dog was being photographed, and I knew it was our moment.”

By Lisa Crawford Watson



Keely’s not aware of her moment or the fact that people constantly point at her or ask her person if they can pet, photograph or just find out if his dog is actually a young bear.

“She’s actually an old bear at this point,” her person said. “I call her my little bear-dog and believe she secretly wants to be the bear in a Forest Theater play. I also believe she absolutely owns the beach and is a great ambassador for the place.”

Keely has lots of Instagram followers, but behind her celebrity, she is a mellow caretaker, who was a service dog for her person during a 10-year illness. Now that he’s gotten better, and she’s gotten older, he’s become her service human.

“When my daughters were little, they learned that a diamond is the hardest thing in the world. They decided Keely’s ears were the softest thing,” her person said. “The dog and the girls are now grown, but Keely’s ears are still super soft.”

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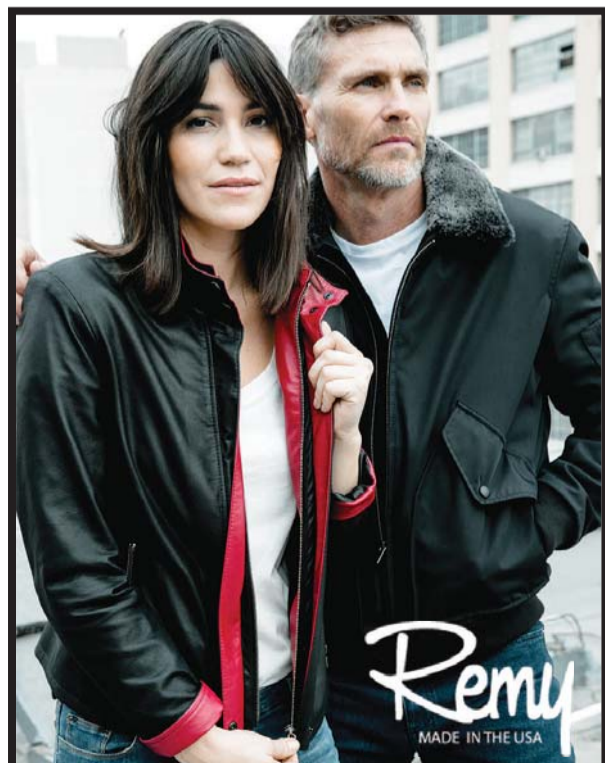
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Bret Baier at Panetta Lecture Series to discuss Trump impeachment

By KELLY NIX

THE LEON Panetta Lecture Series kicks off its 2020 season next month with a discussion featuring Fox News Channel chief political anchor Bret Baier, NPR correspondent Mara Liasson and CNN analyst David Gregory.

In the Feb. 24 lecture at the Monterey Conference Center, entitled "Impeachment and the Election," Baier, host of "Special Report" on Fox News, and the other panelists will weigh in on the impeachment of President Donald Trump ahead of the Nov. 3 election.

"The format for my appearance is a question and answer session with other journalists about covering President Trump, Washington and the world in the current environment," Baier told The Pine Cone Wednesday. "I hope to provide a glimpse of how I do my job and what goes through my mind when trying to put together a fair, comprehensive look at the day for my show."

Baier, known for his evenhanded reporting, covered Leon Panetta while he

was secretary of defense and CIA director under the Obama administration. He said the former congressman has always struck him as a "straight shooter."

"I was asked to speak at the lecture series and it seemed like a good fit," Baier said. "I love the area and have been out there a number of times for golf events. This seemed to work in my schedule, and Leon has always been gracious to me."

Baier, who most recently played at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am in 2018, said he plans to "sneak in a round" when he's in town.

"I don't know where, but I am positive I can make something come together," he said. "Very few places have a golf environment like the Monterey Peninsula."

This year's theme of the Panetta Lecture Series is "A Republic If We Can Keep It" — a title inspired by the famous comment made by Benjamin Franklin at the end of the Constitutional Convention in 1787.

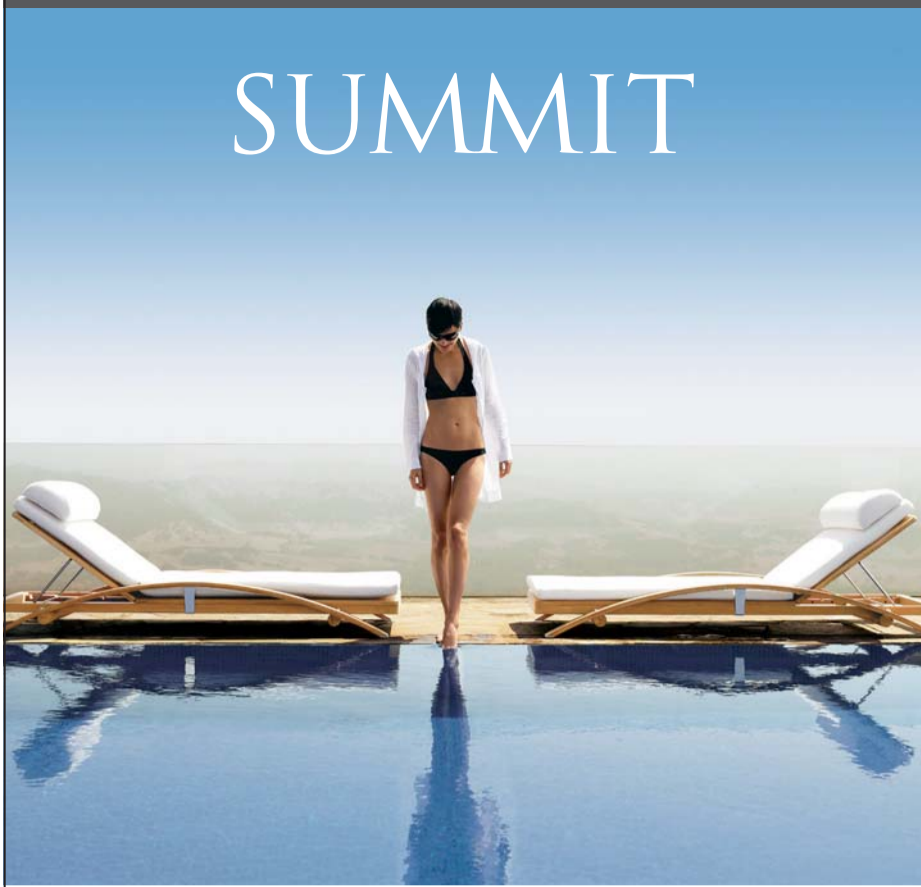
Panetta characterized the Nov. 3 election as possibly "the most important in our

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Bret Baier, chief political anchor for Fox news and host of the cable channel's Special Report, will be in Monterey in February to discuss the impeachment of President Donald Trump.

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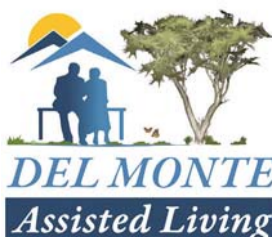
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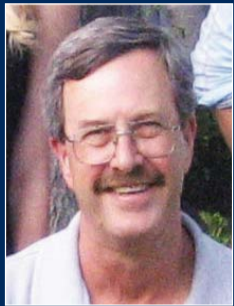
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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

Brass knuckles, drugs lead to jail

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, JANUARY 1

Carmel Valley: A resident was referred to the hospital for a psychiatric evaluation.

Carmel Valley: A minor was sent to the hospital for a mental health evaluation.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: At 0044 hours, person advised there was a male passed out on the sidewalk on San Carlos north of Seventh. Officers located the male, who had objective signs of intoxication. The male was evaluated by paramedics and released to his parents.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A female walking on the beach located a cell phone by the waterline near Scenic and Eighth. Returned to owner moments later.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject on Second east of Dolores reported hearing a gunshot outside her residence and then a pellet coming through a window in her home. A 13-year-old juvenile was later contacted and it was determined it was a pellet gun. Incident solved through civil action. Report for information only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Unattended backpack found in the bushes at Monte Verde and Seventh. Backpack contained numerous emergency preparedness items. There was no identification on written on the bag. Backpack does not match missing or taken property from recent vehicle or residential burglaries. Backpack booked into CPD property.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found ID and credit card on the beach near Ocean and Del Mar.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found credit card at Scenic and Eighth.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle vandalized on Junipero Avenue.

Carmel area: Resident was found unresponsive at the beach after a suicide attempt. Resident was transported to CHOMP via ambulance for treatment.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Firearm turned in for destruction by a Mission Fields Road resident.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found laptop bag on Dolores south of Ocean.

Pacific Grove: Theft of an animal reported on Fountain Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Report of a missing juvenile on Maple. Juvenile was located.

Carmel Valley: A civil dispute occurred over a deceased male's property on East Carmel Valley Road.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A female subject on San Carlos south of Ocean was found to be intoxicated and having suicidal thoughts at 1236 hours. She requested to go to the hospital for a self-committal. Medical was summoned, and the female was transported.

See **POLICE LOG** page 10RE in the Real Estate Section



The gavel falls

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

Oct. 10 — James Sloop, 42, previously convicted by a jury of felony domestic violence, felony false imprisonment, two counts of felony witness intimidation, five counts of violating domestic violence restraining orders, and one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm, was sentenced by the Honorable Mark E. Hood.

On February 23, 2018, at approximately 2 a.m., Sloop pointed a firearm at Jane Doe's cousin during an argument. Doe, Sloop's girlfriend, intervened and he ordered her to get into his car. He drove her to an isolated area near Jack's Peak where he immediately began accusing her of infidelity and started punching her in the head.

The next morning, Doe escaped in Sloop's car after he fell asleep. He was arrested the same day and the court issued a criminal protective order prohibiting any contact with Doe. While in custody, he contacted Doe repeatedly, and had third parties contact her, to convince her not to testify against him. He also contacted his wife, Jane Doe 2, in violation of another criminal protective order. He committed over 400 criminal protective order violations.

Sloop has a significant criminal history, including two "strike" priors. He has been sentenced to prison multiple times, and his numerous felony convictions include many

firearm-related offenses. At sentencing, Sloop faced life in prison but was sentenced to 17 years and eight months. Due to Proposition 57, he will be eligible for parole in three years.

Nov. 18 — King City resident, Jose Aceves, 39, pled to one count of armed robbery and one count of resisting arrest. The defendant also admitted that he has a prior strike conviction.

On September 4, 2018, the defendant entered the 7-Eleven store located on Broadway Street in King City. The defendant asked the victim for a pack of cigarettes. The victim retrieved the cigarettes and handed them to the defendant. The defendant then pulled out a knife and demanded money from the cash register. The victim opened the register and backed away. The defendant stole \$200 in cash and left the store.

Approximately 45 minutes later, the defendant returned to the area while police officers were on scene. Officers recognized the defendant as the perpetrator from viewing the store's surveillance video. The defendant led officers on a short foot pursuit before his apprehension.

Judge Andrew G. Liu will sentence the defendant who faces a maximum of 16 years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

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PG&E night work sparks complaints

By MARY SCHLEY

CONTRACTORS WORKING for PG&E shut down Lincoln Street between Fifth and Sixth avenues Monday night to hook up utilities to a mixed-use project under construction across the street from the Christian Science reading room. But police, the public works department, city hall and many of the surrounding businesses and residents had no idea they were going to work through the night with jackhammers and generators, and shut off the power to several downtown blocks to install equipment for a new restaurant, tasting room and apartments.

“Our guys did not know about the anticipated power outage,” Police Chief Paul Tomasi said. “The people affected included not only businesses and residents, but the library, which has computer servers and stuff, so it always helps to know those things, so we can prepare.”

Tomasi said PG&E officials told him they sent 150 notices out by mail on Jan. 6, did automated calls to customers who would be affected, and mailed a letter to the city.

“I don’t know where the letter went,” he

said. “Nobody knew. It was a bad job of noticing people.”

Police fielded complaints from residents in the area Monday night, mostly regarding the noise, and sent officers to the work site.

“The big issue was jackhammering,” Tomasi said. “None of that was anticipated, none of that was explained in their permit. So that got shut down.”

Nonetheless, work crews kept the street closed and worked all night with floodlights, generators and other equipment. Power was shut off in the area until around 6 a.m. Tuesday.

“We have been in contact with them a lot over the last few days to do better notifying people and not to do any after-hours work,” he said.

“It really did take us by surprise.”

Permit didn’t include it

Janet McAthie, owner of the Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Co. shop on Ocean between Lincoln and Monte Verde, said she received a mailed notice from PG&E Jan. 9. “The power went down from 9 p.m. Monday through 6:15 a.m. on Tuesday.

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Contractors working for PG&E spent Monday night jackhammering and cutting into Lincoln Street for new utilities, shutting down power and prompting complaints from neighbors and catching city officials unaware.

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Forester seeks help fixing code, finding money to protect trees

By MARY SCHLEY

SARA DAVIS, who left the City of Denver to become city forester here, has spent the past five weeks learning a bit about the forest, beach and parks she's responsible for — and about some of the impediments she faces.

"I've learned in the last two days that I don't have all the money in the world like I used to have in Denver," she told the forest and beach commission last Thursday. "So encouraging gifts, especially for planting, would be greatly appreciated."

She asked commissioners for help with several tasks she came up with while reviewing her new department's policies and procedures and reading the municipal code sections that govern the city's forest, parks and beach.

In addition to fundraising, she suggested, they might have thoughts on the best way to get the message out regarding "problems of the urban forest, including a public information program concentrating on the care of forest resources."

"What's the best way to engage the community? Is it social media? In print?"

she asked. "What's going to be the most impactful and help us reach the most people to inform them about the importance of the forest?"

Cleaning house

Davis also pointed out that the forest management plan needs updating, considering a couple of decades have passed since it was last touched, and discovered two separate chapters of the Carmel Municipal Code have the same title, "Trees and Shrubs," and overlap some but are not identical.

"They are similar, but they don't really match," she said, including mandating how pruning and removals of trees are handled during emergencies.

Duties assigned to the director of forest, parks and beach (a position that no longer exists) in one chapter are assigned to the city forester in the other, and one says the commission decides how many trees to plant, while the other uses a formula.

"I need your help with figuring out how to make everything much tighter and clear-

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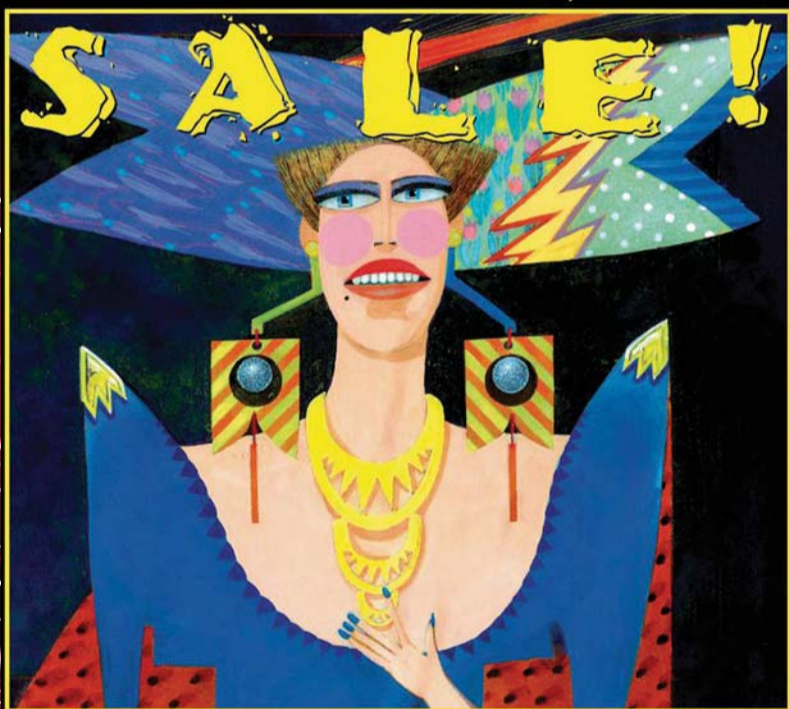
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After second student is hit by car, officials look to make P.G. crossing safer

By MARY SCHLEY

A TEENAGER biking to Pacific Grove High School Friday morning was struck in a crosswalk by a driver who apparently never even saw him. Fortunately, the boy escaped with minor injuries, but a girl who was hit while walking through the same intersection last November had to be rushed to a trauma center. Now, police, city engineers and Caltrans are trying to figure out how to make the crossing at Sunset and 19th Street safer, according to PGPD Cmdr. Rory Lakind.

On Jan. 10 at around 8:25 a.m., Lakind said, a vehicle traveling eastbound on Sunset toward Forest hit a 15-year-old boy bicycling across the crosswalk at that intersection. The driver, an unnamed man, immediately stopped and was cooperative with police when they arrived.

“Obviously, he was very upset,” Lakind said. Fortunately, the teen suffered only minor injuries and was treated at the scene, without having to go to the hospital.

The girl who was hit on Nov. 22, 2019, shortly before 8 a.m. was not so lucky. The 15-year-old was also in the crosswalk when a driver failed to see her and hit her.

“Probably the sun was a factor,” Lakind said. Medics on scene initially requested an air ambulance for the student but ended up sending her in an ambulance to Natividad Medical Center in Salinas for treatment.

Police cited the female driver but refused to disclose her identity.

Two is too many

“We have had no other accidents in that vicinity heading in either direction in the last five years,” Lakind added.

But two in the last couple of months, especially involving kids walking to school, is already too many, so police, public works and a traffic engineer are working with Caltrans — since Sunset is part of state Highway 68 — to come up with ways to make it safer.

“It’s not a City of Pacific Grove road, but we’re very concerned about the intersection itself,” he said. “It’s the

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Mayor: Council has ‘no appetite’ for pot shop

By KELLY NIX

THE IDEA of allowing a shop in Pacific Grove that would sell recreational marijuana — which could bring big bucks in tax revenue but might make the drug more available to children — has been postponed indefinitely, Mayor Bill Peake said Jan. 6.

Though P.G. has a ban on the commercial sale and cultivation of cannabis, the city council had considered lifting the prohibition to allow a pot shop to open. At the Dec. 18 city council meeting, a city-hired consultant said sales could mean \$180,000 to \$270,000 in annual tax revenue for the city.

But Peake told The Pine Cone last week that the idea of allowing a marijuana outlet is now off the table.

“Cannabis is not on council’s near-term agenda,” he said. “There wasn’t any appetite to move forward.”

Peake was referring in part to concerns from the Pacific Grove Unified School District and residents.

‘Hugely detrimental’

Pacific Grove Unified superintendent Ralph Porras, who worked in Santa Cruz schools for 18 years, said the availability of marijuana there was “hugely detrimental” to students.

“I wouldn’t want to see anything remotely like that in Pacific Grove,” Porras said at the city council meeting last month.

Several citizens have also spoken out against allowing cannabis sales, including Jill Kleiss, who urged council

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Mayor says P.G. may ask for 'professional help' on housing

By KELLY NIX

GRAPPLING WITH ways to offer more affordable housing, the City of Pacific Grove is considering hiring a consultant to help it do just that.

Like other Peninsula cities, Pacific Grove wants to offer more places for people to live. While P.G. has suggested that areas such as the parking lot behind the movie theater on Lighthouse Avenue be used for affordable housing, those proposals have not gotten past the discussion phase.

Mayor Bill Peake said the city might seek professional help.

"We expect to hire a consultant to help us move forward other affordable housing initiatives, including an inclusionary housing ordinance," Peake told The Pine Cone this week.

Details, including the cost of the consultant, have not yet been discussed.

The plan follows other new ideas by Pacific Grove to increase housing, including a proposal to loosen permit requirements for multi-family housing developments that consist of eight or more units. If OK'd, developers would be required to obtain only an architectural permit for such projects.

"Generally, as more discretionary approvals are required, the risk a property owner takes increases and the less attractive the city looks as a potential development site," assistant city planner Alex Othon said in a report for the P.G. Planning Commission.

On the city's planning commission agenda Thursday night was a proposal to form a three-member advisory group to "discuss and provide recommendation on reducing minimum lot sizes as a way to increase housing opportunities." Details of the proposal are not clear since there was no report attached to the agenda.

Of course, until a significant new water

project comes online, Pacific Grove and other Peninsula cities don't have water for affordable housing units, even if officials rezoned areas to accommodate such development. The Peninsula's water shortage — which has been in place since 1995 — has been a major contributor to the area's housing shortfall.

Last fall, Gov. Gavin Newsom signed several laws that prevent municipalities from limiting housing, including prohibiting cities from allowing single-family homes to be built on lots meant for apartments. Another law was aimed at making it easier to build granny units.

The planning commission was also expected to discuss the granny unit law Thursday.

CEQA in the way?

The need for housing in California is so great that one Democratic lawmaker has proposed setting aside environmental laws to promote construction.

On Wednesday, Los Angeles Assemblyman Miguel Santiago introduced a bill that would allow low-income housing projects and homeless shelters to bypass CEQA — the powerful environmental protection statute that stymies development in the state.

The issue has pitted hardcore environmentalists against some legislators and others those who say the laws should be relaxed to allow for more housing.

In April 2019, dozens of environmental organizations, including the Sierra Club, Center for Biological Diversity, Audubon and a group called Protect Monterey County, sent a letter to Newsom urging him not to mess with CEQA.

"CEQA should be preserved and strengthened, not weakened," the groups said. "Strong environmental laws like CEQA ensure that California remains a healthy place to live, work and visit."

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Outrage over council's approval of restrictive coastal development rules

Even homes with coastal permits will suddenly be 'non-conforming'

By KELLY NIX

THE PACIFIC Grove City Council Wednesday OK'd an updated set of coastal development rules despite strong opposition from residents of one part of the city who say the plan puts unduly harsh restrictions on what they can do with their properties.

The council voted 5-2 to accept the city's local coastal program, which was heavily modified by the California Coastal Commission to affect owners of homes in the Asilomar Dunes. Mayor Bill Peake and councilman Joe Amelio voted against the plan. Once finalized, the LCP will give the city permit authority in the affected neighborhoods.

The coastal commission at its Nov. 15, 2019 meeting OK'd the plan in Half Moon Bay. The city had until May to accept the agency's modifications so the document could be certified.

Several council members who pointed out flaws in the LCP and seemed to sympathize with homeowners ended up voting to approve it, including councilwoman Jenny McAdams.

"I have no doubt that this is not a perfect document, but I also have no doubt that having local control and administering our coastal activities will positively impact the city, residents and businesses," McAdams said.

Residents very unhappy

Nearly 20 residents blasted aspects of the plan, including a reduction of maximum coverage on lots of less than a half-acre from 20 percent to 15 percent, a limitation on the height of structures visible from Sunset Drive to 18 feet and one story, and a requirement that houses destroyed by natural disasters be rebuilt according to updated local coastal program requirements, rather than being allowed to be rebuilt as they were. This would even apply to houses already approved by the coastal commission.

Resident Kathryn Poling said Asilomar Dunes residents

understand and agree that restoring and maintaining the unique habitat in the dunes is a high priority, but they don't believe it should be done at the expense of homeowners.

"How can it be considered remotely reasonable that homeowners whose homes were built with permits issued by the coastal commission and were legally found consistent with the Coastal Act, may have to in the future remove second stories and reduce their footprint by as much as 50 percent?" Poling said.

Kirstie Wilde, who told the council that if her two-story oceanfront home was destroyed, the LCP would require her to obtain a coastal permit to rebuild the structure. But she would face myriad restrictions in replacing it.

"I would have to agree to give away the right to use 85 percent of my property in a permanent deed restriction, rip out all my landscaping and replace it with native plants, which I would be required to maintain forever," Wilde said. "My historic home built in 1929 — five decades before the Coastal Act — could not be rebuilt."

Wilde went on to say that she would be prohibited from redoing the second story, and pointed out that her 300-foot driveway, which "protects the public view" from Sunset Drive, would no longer be exempt from the 15 percent coverage maximum and would count as living space.

Neil Edwards, who, with his wife, lives on Calle Dos Amigos, said the message from the coastal commission to residents in the Asilomar Dunes is they "have no right" to live in the area "because there should have been no residential development in the first place."

Despite overwhelming opposition to the plan, there were several people who spoke in favor of approving it, including former Mayor Bill Kampe.

"The LCP brings decisive benefits for protections and flexibility that we don't have today," Kampe said. "It's important we apply those."

Like others on the council, councilman Robert Huitt seemed to sympathize with the Asilomar Dunes residents.

"I want to assure residents that your concerns are not falling on deaf ears, by any means," Huitt said. "Having said that, we the council have a decision to make, and we have limited choices."

But Amelio suggested that a few residents of Asilo-



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Under new rules imposed by the coastal commission, recently built homes such as these in the Asilomar Dunes will be subject to much stricter development rules.

mar Dunes meet with coastal commission staff to let them know their concerns in hopes the agency reverses the strict rules pertaining to that area of the city.

"It may not resolve all the issues for the Asilomar Dunes, but at least there is an attempt," Amelio said.

'Punitive and worse'

Councilwoman Cynthia Garfield said that while it's "aggravating and outrageous" that the coastal commission hasn't listened to the concerns from the city and residents, if the council rejected the plan and the city had to start over, the state agency would come back with revisions that are "more punitive and worse."

While the city's staff told the council it's possible the coastal commission — after the city council approves the plan — could agree to change its more contentious aspects, Peake said that idea is "just founded on hope."

"The coastal commission has demonstrated time and time again no flexibility," Peake said. "So why should anyone think they'll be flexible and listen to our community's concerns in the future?"



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Builder behind 3.5-acre Cannery Row project sues coastal commission

Commission cites sea level rise as reason to deny permit

By KELLY NIX

THE DEVELOPER behind a Cannery Row project that includes condos, shops, restaurants and affordable housing is taking the California Coastal Commission to court over its refusal to issue a permit for the plan.

In a complaint filed Monday, Ruby Falls Fund LLC alleges the coastal commission and director Jack Ainsworth have broken the law by withholding a permit that would allow the company to build its oceanfront project, called Cannery Row Plaza, on a long-abandoned oceanfront parcel between the El Torito and Chart House restaurants. “Ruby Falls is ready, willing and able to build a mixed-use project that has been fully vetted and approved, but that has been intentionally — and unlawfully — stymied for more than two years” by the coastal commission, the Jan. 13 lawsuit filed in Monterey County Superior Court says.

In August 2008, the coastal commission approved an initial permit for the plan, and while that permit was extended several times, Ruby Falls, which bought the property in 2017 and is run by Robert Faulis, asked the commission to allow another extension until Aug. 7, 2020.

But at the coastal commission’s Nov. 13 meeting in Half Moon Bay, the panel decided to bring the permit to a halt over what its staff said were concerns about water supply and sea level rise. Ruby Falls is asking the court to order the commission to give it the OK to proceed.

Housing opportunity

Ruby Falls Fund’s plan includes 38 market-rate condominiums, 13 low-income apartments, 377 parking spaces and 87,000 square feet of retail, including 30,000 square feet for restaurant use, and a pedestrian bridge over Cannery Row.

“The property occupies a large portion of the Cannery Row area and is by far the largest vacant site along all of Cannery Row,” Ruby Falls says. “For decades, it has been in desperate need of development,

particularly affordable housing.”

The oceanfront land between the restaurants is 2.2 acres, while another 1.3-acre parcel sandwiched between the rec trail and Cannery Row that’s now a parking lot would be used for the affordable-housing element and more parking.

The Cannery Row land had been occupied by the Pacific Fish Company and San Xavier Canning Company, both of which closed in the early 1960s.

The development plan has been complicated by a court battle between Ruby Falls and another company, AquaLegacy Development LLC, over who owns the Cannery Row property. Both argue sole ownership.

“Over the last two decades, ownership of the property has changed hands several times, until the current owner, Ruby Falls, acquired it,” the suit, filed by Los Angeles attorney Paul Beard, says.

Though Ruby Falls sent the coastal commission a grant deed, title insurance policy and an attorney opinion letter — “far more” than Ruby Falls said is “legally required to prove ownership” — the agency has refused to recognize it as the sole

landowner, the suit says.

A spokeswoman for the coastal commission did not respond to an email request for comment on the lawsuit.

In its November 2019 report to commissioners, the coastal commission planning staff cited a lack of water for the development. An on-site desalination plant Ruby Falls proposed is “infeasible,” the commission said, because of granite underneath the site.

“Thus, the approved project does not have evidence of an adequate and sustainable water source, raising the specter that it cannot be found consistent with the Coastal Act,” the agency said.

The commission also claimed that sea level rise estimates are significantly higher now than they were in 2008 when the project was first approved. By 2100, sea level is expected to rise as much as 6.9 feet, which could dangerously affect the project, the agency said.

“In addition, other evaluations and tools now being applied to this stretch of coast indicate that a portion of the site will” potentially “be affected by sea level rise” as early as 2030, commission staff wrote.

Climate change effects expected ‘as early as 2030’



This vacant oceanfront property between El Torito (pictured) and the Chart House is at the center of a legal dispute between the landowner and the California Coastal Commission.

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Laguna announces 2020 race season, track management still a mystery

By MARY SCHLEY

WEATHERTECH RACEWAY Laguna Seca is offering season passes again this year and this month announced the event lineup, which begins with the Trans Am SpeedFest in May and wraps up with the IndyCar Firestone Grand Prix of Monterey in mid-September.

The announcement came later than usual, with the schedule typically revealed in the fall so people can take care of the motorsports fans on their Christmas lists. The schedule was released following the departure of the non-profit Sports Car Racing Association of the Monterey Peninsula after 62 years of its running the raceway and the arrival for former hotel GM John Narigi, whom the Monterey County Board of Supervisors decided late last year should take over management of the track and other recreational areas at Laguna Seca.

No World Superbike

The race calendar starts with the Trans Am races May 1-3, followed by the MotoAmerica Superbike SpeedFest July 10-12. The American motorcycle-racing series used to accompany the international World Superbike races, and before that, the world's top-tier motorcycle-racing series, MotoGP, during their stops at Laguna.

Next will be the Ferrari Challenge July 23-26, followed by the Monterey Pre-Reunion races Aug. 8-9 and the always popular Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion Aug.

13-16. Another Speed Week, as it was called last year, will wrap up the year's racing, with the IMSA Monterey Sports car Championship Sept. 11-13 and IndyCars Sept. 18-20.

Tickets go on sale to the public at weathertechraceway.com Feb. 12, though the motorcycle races are being "independently promoted," so tickets for that event must be ordered through motoamerica.com.

Season tickets will include admission to all race events, a value of more than \$600, and are being sold for \$399, with a discounted rate of \$299 for Monterey County residents. A new Family Friendly Pass includes four tickets per event and preferred parking pass for \$800 for Monterey County residents and \$1,000 for nonresidents.

McGrane's goodbye

Other than the season schedule, not much has come from Laguna's new management. Last month, former track CEO Tim McGrane sent a farewell newsletter recapping the year's successes and pointing to the impacts racing had on the county, including total attendance of 263,888 at the 2018 events, three quarters of whom were from outside the area. He put their total direct spending at \$84,442,412. In addition, more than 110,000 people went to other events, like the Sea Otter Classic and the Amgen Tour cycling races, track rental days and camping during 2018.

At the end of his final newsletter last month, McGrane thanked the hundreds of volunteers who have helped stage the races over the years and said Laguna Seca couldn't have existed without SCRAMP.

"Without SCRAMP, there would not be a Laguna Seca Raceway and the legendary status that it holds in international motorsports," he wrote. McGrane said he appreciated working with the staff, racers, fans and volunteers during his 18 months at the track. "I truly believe that we were making a difference, and I would like to thank all those that supported us in trying to secure the new agreement. It's time to move on and discover that next opportunity."

Narigi a mystery

Last November, citing fiscal mismanagement and near insolvency, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors voted to oust SCRAMP in favor of a three-year contract with a new LLC called A&D Narigi, which is named for John Narigi's sons, Anthony and Dominick. Some track supporters have found the name questionable, if not of-

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HOME BUILDER FINED \$50K FOR DAMAGING TREES

By MARY SCHLEY

A WOMAN building a house on Santa Rita south of Fifth was fined \$50,000 by the forest and beach commission last week because her workers severed the roots of numerous trees on the lot while excavating last October, requiring that three of the trees be cut down.

Work has been stopped on construction of the two-story, 1,800-square-foot home approved by the planning commission last June since a citizen complained that workers were damaging tree roots on the lot and arborist Glenn Whitlock went to investigate. The property has four pines, three cypress and an oak, none of which were slated for removal to make way for the house.

“Usually when that happens or someone discovers roots, work stops, and we get out and evaluate as soon as we can,” he told forest and beach commissioners Jan. 9. “By the time I got to the site, construction was still going on, people there were using heavy equipment around the trees, and there could be extensive root damage seen, with roots thrown all over the site.”



PHOTO/MARY SCHLEY

Three of the eight large trees at this Santa Rita lot must be cut down because workers damaged their roots while excavating. The owner was fined \$50,000.

Strict rules apply

City rules dictate that areas around trees are protected and any digging within a certain distance is done by hand, not machine, to ensure major roots are not damaged.

The property owner, Jie Mei, said she is the owner-builder working on the property and brought “some people I know” from the Modesto area, where she lives,

to handle the excavation and foundation work. Through questioning, Mei admitted the workers were not licensed contractors.

“I didn’t have a general contractor when I started, but now I’m thinking I may have to hire a general contractor,” she said, adding that she has a background in civil engineering and is in the process of getting her own contractor’s license.

Mei also offered no explanation for the root damage, other than that she hadn’t thought the trees would be an issue.

“We didn’t realize it would be a problem, because it’s pretty open land,” she said. Mei apologized for the damage.

Her realtor, Tom Bruce, said he helped her with her first project, a new residence at San Carlos and 12th that “turned out beautifully,” and assisted with the planning department, architect and other aspects of this endeavor, too, because of Mei’s language barrier. Bruce said the roots

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fensive, considering Anthony died in a crash on one of the track’s exit roads when Dominick was behind the wheel in 2007. Narigi sued the county over the collision, and the case was dismissed a year later in October 2009, but the results are unknown because the physical file was destroyed.

Dominick was charged with a felony in 2008 and subsequently accused of violating probation several times. He was the subject of another felony case in 2012.

Narigi has also been named in a far-reaching Fair Political Practices Commission complaint filed by political consultant Christian Schneider in April 2019 involving contributions from a couple of Monterey hospitality and business groups to various members of the board of supervisors. That investigation remains open, FPPC communications director Jay Wierenga said last week.

After the supervisors’ unanimous vote to hire Narigi — who was widely supported by colleagues in the hospitality and business communities during that meeting in Salinas — another contender for the track management contract, Long Beach Grand Prix founder Chris Pook, sent a letter to the FPPC complaining about the supervisors’ “total political bias in favor of Mr. Narigi.” Schneider also sent another letter complaining about the process.

FPPC enforcement division chief Galena West responded in a Jan. 3 letter that her division “found insufficient evidence of a violation of the Political Reform Act and Government Code §1090, and will not pursue an enforcement action in this matter.”

A call to Narigi inquiring about his plans for the raceway and surrounding recreation area since he took charge Jan. 1 went unreturned.

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LODGE

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ble Beach Company's four-year guest room renovation project. All the company's other rooms, including at the Inn at Spanish Bay, Casa Palmero and other oceanfront rooms at the Lodge, have been updated.

"It was basically a full renovation of all the rooms throughout the resort," Stivers said.

With the opening of the new building, which looks

down the 18th Fairway and out at Stillwater Cove, Carmel Beach and Point Lobos, the Pebble Beach Company will have 492 guest rooms, including the Lodge and the Inn at Spanish Bay.

"All of the rooms in the new building will have a fantastic view," said Stivers, who added that it should be open for business sometime next winter.

Memories linger

Diane Stracuzzi, Pebble Beach Company vice president of marketing, said the architect for the project is Fletcher + Hardoin, the interior designer is Hirsch Bedner Associated

and the construction contractor is Hathaway Dinwiddie.

Though the two demolished hotel buildings, one built in 1949, and the other in 1968, were known as Sloat and Vizcaino, Stivers said the company has not yet decided on a name for the new building.

While the buildings may be gone, memories linger of the great events they witnessed, including six U.S. Open Championships, 70 years of the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, and more than 70 years of the Crosby and AT&T Pro-Ams, plus outstanding individual achievements such as Tiger Woods' gutsy 273-yard shot over the ocean during the 2010 U.S. Open — a shot the Pebble Beach Co. says is one of the 10 best shots ever hit at the course.

And at Jack Nicklaus' last U.S. Open in 2000, the golfer wiped tears in his eyes at the 18th Green before making par in his final hole played in a U.S. Open.

Ruth Maloney Louis

May 5th, 1923 – December 25th, 2019

Ruth Louis died on Christmas Day after suffering a bad fall days earlier. At 96 years old she lived a full life, bringing brightness, laughter, and love to her family and friends.

Ruth was always an active volunteer and leader. (In fact, she once said that you couldn't fail to be a leader when you're almost six feet tall.) She lived at Carmel Valley Manor for the last 12 years where she served on and led multiple committees and participated in many clubs. Before moving to Carmel she spent 45 years in Marin County. She was married to Walter Louis (who died in 1994) and they raised their three sons, Augie, Chris, and Dan, as well as four stepchildren in Larkspur and Tiburon. She was also the bookkeeper for her husband's plumbing business, Louis Plumbing. Ruth served in numerous positions on the PTA at Del Mar Jr. High School and later Redwood High School, and was recognized for her leadership with the first Honorary Service Award given by Redwood High School. Ruth was also active in Lifehouse Foundation when it was known as MARC, working for independent housing for the developmentally disabled.

Ruth was a proud graduate (1945) of the University of Michigan. She was raised in Evanston, Illinois, and brought to California many stories about her Midwestern roots. She was an avid sports fan and a reader, always willing to discuss either in an engaging conversation. Since she was so much fun, genuine and caring, Ruth was beloved by her family, including her three sons, her three daughters-in-law, and her nine grandchildren who all came to visit her as often as possible. She delighted in showing pictures of her three great-grandchildren.

Friends are invited to join her family in celebrating her life on Saturday, February 15th, 11 a.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church, 9th and Dolores, Carmel. Contributions made in Ruth's honor may be made to the charity of your choice.



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In this aerial photo taken during the run-up to the 2010 U.S. Open, the 18th Hole at Pebble Beach is bounded by the Lodge (upper right) and the two guest room buildings (upper left) that have now been demolished.

PHYLLIS SCHNEIDER

Feb. 20, 1933 ♦ Dec. 5, 2019

Phyllis Schneider passed away on December 5th, 2019. Born on February 20, 1933, in Southern California, Phyllis was a beloved daughter to Althea and Arthur Hughes, wife to John Schneider, mother to Cecilia and Celeste Schneider, and grandmother to Naomi Stark. Phyllis was a dear friend to many. She touched all of our lives with her abundant warmth and generosity, her sharp intellect and insights, her love of fun and whimsy, and her boundless creativity and curiosity.

Phyllis was widely known for her vivid and colorful storytelling, and her wry, incisive sense of humor. Wherever she went, she would spend a little extra time getting to know people, entrancing them with her witty and labyrinthine tales. She was recognized with a literary prize for her short stories in the eighties.

Phyllis worked with her physician husband, John, for many years as his medical assistant before embarking on a home design path. In the late seventies, she returned to the medical field to work for the venerable Dr. Benjamin Richards as his office manager for twenty-six years.

Phyllis was always happiest sharing laughter with others, and bringing joy to their lives. She brought out (and noted) the best in everyone she met. Phyllis is survived by her daughter Celeste and granddaughter Naomi who will always be inspired by Phyllis's love and creativity, as well as her ability to inspire rollicking laughter.

If you wish to be in touch with Phyllis's family you may e-mail Celeste Schneider at celesteschnei@yahoo.com. If you wish to celebrate and commemorate Phyllis's life, you may send a donation in the name of Phyllis Schneider Memorial Fund to either:

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Mary Krieger

Mary Krieger, longtime resident of Carmel, CA, died peacefully of natural causes Sunday, January 5, 2020, in her home attended by her son, John. She was 93 years old.



Born in Bizerte, Tunisia, the eldest of five children, and the only girl. After finishing her secondary education in Ferryville, Tunisia, she worked in several movie theaters where she met her future husband. They had three children, and in 1955 the family immigrated to the US.

Mary was a saleswoman "par excellence," beginning in the early 60's and ending in the late '90s in Carmel. Specializing in fine jewelry and clothing sales, she was known for her gentle persuasiveness and expert advice. She greeted all customers with her charming French accent, always using the exclamation "voila!" when making a point.

She was an incredible cook, loved having lots of fresh flowers in her home, and kept her home beautifully decorated. She was the quintessential hostess; her smile and laughter lit up a room. She was the definition of "chic," always beautifully dressed and perfectly coiffed.

She leaves three children: John Ozanne of Carmel, CA, Patrick Ozanne of St. Simons Island, GA, and Martine Addison of Denver, CO; four grandchildren: Dean Ozanne, Elizabeth Hargis, Mariel Addison, and Steven Addison. She is also survived by three brothers: Philippe Martorana of Toulon, France, Emmanuel Martorana of Sidney, Australia, and Marcel Martorana of Quebec, Canada.

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Created by local artists, Monterey history mural will be unveiled Sunday

MONTEREY'S NEWEST piece of public art digs deep into the city's rich past for inspiration. Adorning the walls of the Pacific House Museum's

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

brand new Education Room, a mural celebrating the history of Monterey before it became a state will be unveiled Sunday at 2 p.m.

To create the colorful mural — which covers the walls of a 500-square-foot room — California State Parks commissioned the Seaside-based nonprofit Open Ground Studios. The piece was designed by its executive director, **Denese Sanders**, and one of its members, **Renata Abma**, while four others members of the nonprofit — **Kim Campbell**,

Paul Richmond, **Giosi Cancilla** and **Melanie Mena** — helped to complete it.

"We were fortunate to have Open Ground Studios' artistic expertise lead the transformation of a previously little-used exhibit room into the beautiful space it is today," said **Lisa Bradford** of California State Parks. "The project was conceived as a wrap-around visual story which relays facets of Monterey's history from prior to 1770, up to 1848."

To welcome the new room and its mural, the museum will host a festive reception — "in the spirit of historic Monterey's *celebracions*," according to Bradford — and introduce the artists. "The artists involved will be on hand to share their stories of the process from conception to completion," she added.

Sanders told The Pine Cone she and her colleagues spent four months painting the room. Now she's thrilled to



Members of Open Ground Studios put the finishing touches on a new mural at the Pacific House Museum which chronicles Monterey's early history. The mural will be unveiled Sunday at 2 p.m.

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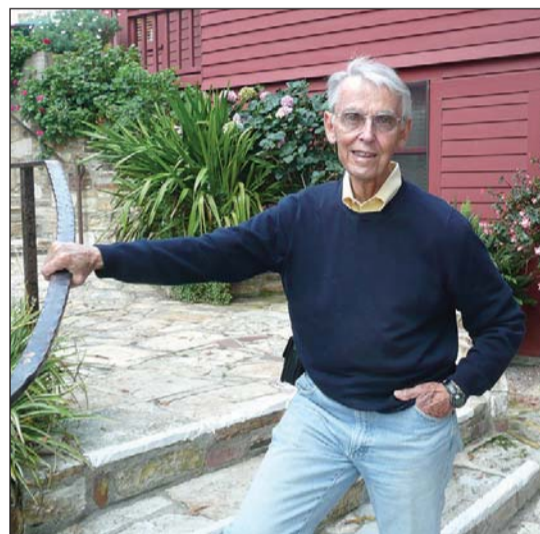
David Whorf

July 24, 1934 • Jan. 4, 2020

David Whorf died January 4th, 2020, at the age of 85. David was the second son of famous actor/director Richard Whorf and Margaret Smith Whorf. He was born July 24, 1934 in Syracuse, New York.

Hollywood called and the family moved to California in May of 1941.

David followed his father in show business starting in 1946 as a child actor in the film, "On Our Merry Way." He attended grammar school at Hawthorne School in Beverly Hills and high school at Beverly Hills High School for one year. He then followed his older brother, Peter, to attend and graduate from Lawrenceville School in New Jersey. David graduated from Stanford University with a B.A. in Speech and Drama in 1957. After college, David enlisted in the California National Guard and served for 6 years. He worked for sixty-five years in theater, movies and television, finally retiring in 2001. Feature film credits include "PT 109," "Caddyshack" and "The Right Stuff." David worked as an actor, director, assistant director, writer and producer during his career. Some of the television shows he worked on include: Batman, The Streets of San Francisco, CSI, Spenser: For Hire, The FBI, Canon, Barnaby Jones, The Brady Bunch, Lassie, Wagon Train, and Bonanza to name a few.



In 1959, David married Caroline Hughes and they had two daughters, Sarah Bradley in 1961 and Amanda Baker in 1964. In 1974, David divorced and moved to San Francisco to work on "The Streets of San Francisco." In 1985, David and Rob Alger formed the Alnitak Computing Company and produced the first production software program for the film industry, "AD/80." In 1989, he met Laurel Weber and they were married in 1991. In the years that followed, they lived in San Francisco, Carmel and Sun City Lincoln Hills in Lincoln, CA. David enjoyed a lifetime love of cars and woodworking.

He is survived by his wife Laurel, daughter Sarah Whorf, her husband, Norman Sherfield, Amanda and Ernie Valenzuela and grandchildren, Anne, Marco and Emilio.

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CROSSING

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state's road, so any decision made would in the form of advice to them, but we've asked them to open their own investigation into the intersection, as well."

Lakind said several options exist. The crosswalk, as well as those in front of the middle school on Forest and in front of Robert Down on Pine, already have flashing lights embedded in the road that activate when a pedestrian passes a sensor. While the lights might catch most drivers' attention, they also may give people too much confidence that motorists will stop, Lakind said.

"It's a false sense of security," he said. "It's part of the process of making it safer, but you still have to exercise caution."

Regardless, police aren't taking any more chances. Until the experts resolve the issue of how to make the intersection safer for pedestrians, a crossing guard is posted there each morning to ensure the safety of students on their way to school.

LECTURES

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history, and it may very well determine the future of our republic."

"As voters prepare to go the polls, what are the issues that we should be most concerned about? What are the questions we should be asking the candidates? What policies and which candidate will best protect our republic in a dangerous world? We will consider these questions as they relate to the issues of impeachment, the economy, the environment and foreign policy," Panetta said in a statement.

The lineup

Panetta moderates the series, which draws national leaders, policy experts and journalists to the Peninsula.

On March 16, former White House Director of Economic Policy Todd Buchholz and former U.S. Treasurer Rosa Gumataotao Rios will discuss "An Economy on Borrowed Money." On April 20, Mary Robinson, Ireland's first female president, and journalist David Wallace-Wells will

talk about climate change in "Planet on Borrowed Time," and on May 18, former U.S. Secretary of Defense James Mattis and former Secretary of State and U.S. Sen. John Kerry will discuss the "Future of American Leadership in a Dangerous World."

For tickets to the lectures, call the Panetta Institute at (831) 582-4200.

RENTALS

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6 of a permit for Monterey Peninsula Water Management District GM Dave Stoldt, who owns a condo in a complex on Mission north of Fourth. According to Monterey County records, Stoldt bought the condo from Julie Greene for \$1,265,000 last August.

Permits can be obtained for vacation rentals in the commercial districts and housing complexes, as long as they meet ADA requirements and other building codes. Once the law takes effect, new short-term rentals will only be available to developers who commit to building three units — one for low-income tenants, another for people with moderate incomes, and a third going for market rate. According to the law, under those circumstances, a fourth unit can be used as a vacation rental.

On Monday, acting planning director Marnie Waffle said she hopes to have the coastal commission review the ordinance within the next several weeks. Even if the state's approval weren't required, though, the new law wouldn't take effect until early February, since ordinances don't become law until 30 days after they receive final approval.

Waffle said no one else has applied for a vacation rental since Stoldt.

"We do not have any additional applications in review at this time. The total number of STRs approved stands at 40," she said. "I hope to be on the coastal commission agenda in February or March."



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CAT

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“You can do more with your cats than let them do nothing,” Gregg McCandless told The Pine Cone.

The two cats were taught an assortment of tricks — including how to “drive” remote control cars — and before long they were performing in senior centers and classrooms as the Kitty Kat Theatre.

Waffle turned out to be a natural on stage, and he’s developed quite an array of tricks. In fact, he previously attempted to break the Guinness World Record for Most Tricks Performed by a Cat in a Minute, but came up short.

Waffle was also disqualified on his first try at the cat jump a year earlier in Big Sur. He made the distance, but the McCandlesses didn’t follow proper safety protocol. By the time the fearless feline was ready for his second try, the couple was working and living at Plaskett Creek Campground in Big Sur. It was January 2018.

To meet the safety standards, the couple brought in four buckets of sand to create a soft landing between two chairs

that were spaced seven feet apart. Next, they put a GoPro camera on a tripod and recruited a couple of their co-workers, since witnesses are required to verify a record.

After capturing footage of the jump, McCandless sent the clip to Guinness World Records. A couple months later, they received word that Waffle’s leap was accepted as a new world record. “I cried and jumped up and down,” recalled Greg McCandless when he heard the news.

Waffle’s record-setting jump not only makes up for his earlier failed attempts, it atones for the brief moment of infamy he attained on the television show, “America’s Got Talent” in 2013. After driving around the stage in one of those remote control cars, none other than Howard Stern took offense to his act and gave him the hook.

While Waffle still enjoys entertaining people, time is taking a toll on him. He’ll be 12 in March, and in June, he was diagnosed with diabetes. In August, he had to be hospitalized for four days.

“He was near death, but he pulled through,” Karen McCandless added. “He now gets an insulin shot every day. But he still likes to do his tricks.”

A crowdfunding campaign is underway at gofundme.com. To find the page, search the site for “Waffle.”

UTILITY

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Our shop usually opens at 6 a.m. daily, but we weren’t able to open until 7 a.m. on Tuesday,” she said.

“We had to remove all of our dairy and perishables to another refrigerator at a separate location Monday night and bring everything back early the next morning,” she added.

‘Shortcomings’

According to city records, PG&E obtained the permit for the work in March. Permits expire in six months, but the utility asked for and received an extension in November 2019. The permit did not include working and closing the road overnight.

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PASTOR

From page 1A

of International Design Group, presented preliminary plans calling for the demolition of the building and construction of a new two-story structure with commercial space on the ground floor, two apartments upstairs, and an underground parking garage. Planning commissioners advised Sillano to reduce the scale of the building and to talk to the neighbors about the plans. It has yet to return for a hearing.

In late April or early May last year, Pastor bought another commercial building on the east side of Dolores north of Seventh from Joy Hoban, Janvrin Wells and Judith Evans for \$4 million. The Tudor-style building is home to an art gallery, and no changes appear to have occurred there.

Finally, a couple of months ago, Pastor bought the Colonial Terrace Inn on the northeast corner of San Antonio and 13th from a limited partnership based in La Jolla for \$12,453,500. Waffle said the inn is undergoing interior cosmetic upgrades.

Pit next?

Widely circulating rumors in town, and word from some who say Pastor told them directly, have him also in the process of purchasing the pit at Dolores and Fifth. The construction project embarked upon by Leidig/Draper Properties a few years ago included the demolition of two buildings and their replacement with underground parking and multistory buildings with commercial space, apartments and condos, but it stalled out last March due to lack of funds and has since generated complaints from the neighboring Carmel Art Association and Carmel Foundation

about structural and cosmetic damage to their properties.

Realtor Tim Allen, who is representing Leidig/Draper, said he couldn't confirm Pastor's interest due to non-disclosure agreements.

"I can't disclose details, but I can tell you that Leidig and Draper are working with a very qualified partner and are exploring ways to complete the project," he said. "The partner is qualified and has deep experience with projects like this. This is a benefit for all involved."

Allen said the developers and their unnamed partner are working on the issues, including "how to deal with the neighboring properties."

"I think the community will embrace the partnership and the project going forward," he said.

Pine Cone readers are familiar with Pastor's proposal for a home on Scenic Road. He purchased three adjacent properties south of Ninth Avenue, starting with Steve and Patricia Schott's home for \$9 million in June 2015, then Ron and Carolyn Corradini's home for \$5.25 million in late August or early September 2016, and finally Claire Spencer's residence for \$6.2 million in late May 2018.

Last July, Sillano presented a proposal that included tearing down the two southern homes and replacing them with a 4,274-square-foot residence, connecting it to the remaining house, formerly the Schotts', via underground tunnel, and building a 525-square-foot pool. After the planning commission rejected that concept, he returned in December with revised plans calling for demolishing one of the houses, replacing it with a small residence and a walled-in pool, and connecting it to the former Schott house via tunnel. Although they were much more positive about the revised design, and several neighbors also

supported it, commissioners voted unanimously to ask the architect to make additional changes.

Neighbors Gary and Kathy Bang sent a letter to the commission supporting Pastor's proposal.

"We like the appearance of the addition, the fact that it continues the Carmel cottage character of Scenic, and the manner in which the visibility of the pool has been disguised. The project uses creative but proven technology in a way that can be a model for others who may want to house a large family without creating what appears to be a 'mansion,'" they said. "It is a pleasure to support welcoming an international family with

children into the block, making a home that works for them but still preserves the character of Carmel."



Patrice Pastor

RELUCTANT

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members to reject the idea, citing health concerns, an increase in impaired driving, and easier availability of the drug to young people.

"Yes, drugs are easily available to our youth," Kleiss told The Pine Cone. "Do we have to leave the door open to make it any easier?"

Peake said P.G. residents who want to use marijuana can buy it in other Peninsula cities, and cannabis delivery service is also available to Pacific Grove.

He also said it's not clear that allowing a pot shop would mean significant revenue to the city.

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TREES

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might have been cut for a home that was built there previously but was subsequently torn down.

'Amateur hour'

But the neighbors were all highly critical of Mei and the shoddy work that resulted in damage to the trees. A few said they were concerned about their safety.

Neighbor Richard Hewitt said the trees on the property "drove the design" by architect Anatoly Ostretsov.

"You had eight trees, and now three will be removed," he said. And even after the damaged trees are removed, the risk of any of the remaining trees falling would still be "pretty high."

"She doesn't have a general contractor. She doesn't have all the necessary stopgaps," Huitt continued. "We're running amateur hour, here, and my family is bearing a lot of the risk."

Resident and former forest and beach commissioner Karen Ferlito was angry.

"This is one of the most egregious situations involving trees I've seen in 30 years in Carmel," she said. "And believe me, I've seen a lot of them."

She condemned the "total disregard for the rules" and said building in Carmel is a privilege, not a right.

"And as part of that privilege, you are supposed to follow the rules, with good reason — for safety and to retain the beauty of our trees," she said.

Acting planning director Marnie Waffle attended the meeting and said she didn't believe the workers damaged the trees on purpose. She also noted that the architect came back to the planning department after the red tag to see about changing the house plans to accommodate the roots, and she said in general, her department could do a better job of educating owners and builders about the requirements they have to follow during construction.

'Really appalled'

Commissioners were less willing to accept ignorance as an excuse.

"I'm really appalled at what happened here," chair Michael Caddell said. He speculated that Mei was trying to do her project on the cheap by "bringing in someone from out of town who is not licensed, not bonded, and will do the work really cheap, really quick."

"This is outrageous damage to beautiful trees — probably some of the best trees in our forest," commissioner Al Saroyan commented.

Caddell agreed. "I'm pissed," he said. "This was as attractive a group of trees as I've seen on any lot, and three of those have to come out and perhaps others."

Commissioners unanimously voted to approve removal of the three trees — a 32-inch-diameter Monterey pine, a 34-inch-diameter Monterey cypress, and a 4-foot-diameter Monterey pine — and a \$50,000 fine to be paid to a city fund for tree planting. Mei also has to have the city forester approve the contractor who will remove the trees and assign an arborist to evaluate the five that remain. She can't resume construction until all those requirements and a few others are met.

FORESTER

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er, and then perhaps, if you think it's wise, to add some more regulations or delete some," she said.

Davis also wants to update ordinances, master plans and the permitting process, and impose stricter licensing requirements for contractors hired to do tree trimming and removal.

"Tree work consistently rates as one of the top five most dangerous jobs in the country, and you want to make sure you have professionals doing that work so citizens aren't put at risk and property isn't put at risk," she said.

Public works director Bob Harary told commissioners he and Davis would come back with some suggestions on how to proceed, at which point the commission might want to appoint an ad hoc committee to take on the tasks, similar to the planning commission's work on the zoning code and commercial and residential design guidelines.

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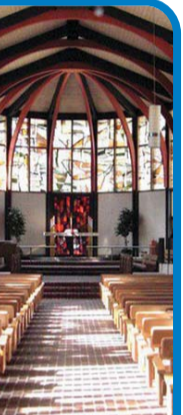
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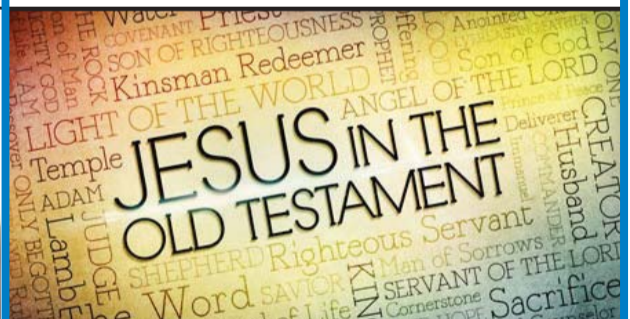
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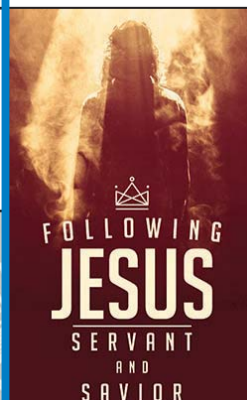
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Editorial

Health insurance woes

PITY THE small business owner. From restaurants, to retail stores, to law firms, and, yes, to newspapers, the cost of providing health insurance to employees has gotten so high, nobody can believe it. And yet, nobody does anything about it, either.

Not to make a poster child out of ourselves, but since we have the figures right here at hand, we might as well write about The Pine Cone.

In 2014, which was the last full year before Obamacare went into effect for us, our company-wide annual health insurance premium (for 11 employees and seven dependents, or a total of 18 people) was \$66,360.

This year, for 12 employees and five dependents (17 people) it is a whopping \$149,954.

Are you kidding me?

If our coverage has gotten any better, it certainly doesn't seem that way. And everybody is still beset with a big yearly deductible — \$4,000 or so — which makes them just as hesitant as ever to go to the doctor.

As we have said before, Obamacare is great for the people who get free medical care or enjoy heavily subsidized premiums. Meanwhile, everyone over 65 also has free or very low-cost health care thanks to Medicare, and for the rich who are under 65, health care is just another easily manageable personal expense.

But what about the rest of us? Once again, the great population of working people who give this country much of its prosperity and who pay most of its taxes are just screwed. And no one seems to care.

Several months ago, at one of the Democratic Party debates for presidential candidates, every single person on the stage said they think the government should offer free health care to illegal immigrants. We share the good intentions behind that sentiment. But we also think it's an idiotic thing to say when so many citizens can barely afford to go to the doctor.

Elizabeth Warren says she has a solution: Medicare for all, with no co-pays or deductibles. But to avoid bankrupting the country, she says she'll also make doctors, nurses and hospital administrators take big pay cuts — which will happen right after Bernie Sanders joins the Marines.

Politicians excel at giving away free stuff, but somebody always has to pay for it. And if you're one of the somebodies, the hard truth is that they don't care about you at all.

Include this

ONCE AGAIN, Peninsula cities are putting the emphasis on "inclusionary housing" as the solution for our dire shortage of affordable places to live.

The problem with inclusionary housing is that it only works if people are building things. Otherwise, there's nothing to include affordable housing in. And since the Monterey Peninsula has added almost no housing since the water shortage began in 1995, any talk about inclusionary units is just baloney.

If we want to get serious about providing a steady (but modest) supply of new apartments and small homes each year, the first thing to do is end the water permit moratorium, and the second is to increase the density of zoning in suitable neighborhoods so that land costs are no more than \$50,000 per unit.

Will either of those things happen? Sure ... right after Donald Trump joins the Peace Corps.

BEST of BATES



"Who's walking who?"

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What the drivers say

Dear Editor,

As a driver for Uber/Lyft, I have given several rides to independent contractors upset by AB5. These non-employees range from golf caddies, to musicians, to independent writers. Virtually everyone I've spoken with is distraught about this new law.

Although opinions in the Uber/Lyft driver community are somewhat mixed, a significant number of us are equally upset. AB5 is medicine that may be worse than the disease it purports to cure.

Are drivers being exploited? Yes. A simple example is that, when I started driving, Uber and Lyft took 20-25 percent of the fare, an amount that seemed unduly high, considering that the match made between a ride seeker and a driver was 100 percent automated. Typical finder's fees are often 10 percent. And now Uber and Lyft take 40-50 percent, and in some cases, up to 60 percent. And as many know, all vehicle ex-

penses and upkeep are on the shoulders of the drivers.

Furthermore, independent drivers can't unionize to fight such growing exploitation, as Uber seeks to finance its attempt to dominate the ride-hailing industry on the backs of its drivers.

So, naturally, some drivers look to employee status as a way to right some of the wrongs and make putting your car into service for ride sharing a somewhat profitable endeavor again. I suspect that the relief some drivers are feeling may be short-lived.

Drivers universally list flexibility as the No. 1 benefit of this work. That advantage may disappear as independent drivers, who up until now have had a right to go online and offline as they please and accept or decline requests as they wish, find themselves corralled by an ever growing number of restrictions regarding where, when and how they must ply their trade. Add to that the bank-breaking costs if Uber and Lyft are forced to pay typical employee-related job benefits.

What may be needed is legislation that finds a happy medium between contractor and employee status. A sort of quasi-employee classification, whereby independents can collectively bargain for improved wages and working conditions, yet maintain the flexibility that draws us to the work by the millions.

This may be a stretch, however, for politicians and lawmakers, who would be forced to think outside of their boxes for solutions. But few citizens would relish the exit of Uber and Lyft from California, which is a possible eventuality under AB5.

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A wealth of overseas experience — and then supervising a bear

THE AREA around Reading, Pa., is known for a railroad now found only on Monopoly boards and outlet shopping — but that wasn't always the case. The factory outlets there today grew out of a once-thriving textile industry, and Susan Wolfe's father owned one such operation, the Wolfe Dye & Bleach Works.

While her two older brothers went into the family business, Wolfe resisted. "I had to be the rebel," she remembered with a laugh. However, she also said, "My parents taught me about the importance of philanthropy and giving back."

Great Lives

By ELAINE HESSER

It's that legacy that eventually brought Wolfe to Pacific Grove's Museum of Natural History, where she became development director at the end of last year. The journey took her halfway around the world and back.

She attended Lafayette College, a small liberal arts institution near Allentown. After earning her bachelor's in government and law, she got a job in the Connecticut State Senate as a fiscal analyst and campaign manager, delving into the intricacies of tax codes and fiscal policy.

In September 1988, she began working for the National Conference of State Legislatures in Washington, D.C. The bipartisan group, which operates independently of state and federal governments, provides support to state legislators and their staffs as they pursue their goals.

While there, Wolfe took part in a South African task force. "This was still during apartheid," she explained, when many businesses and organizations boycotted the country. That was how she met her husband, a South African diplomat. Part of his job was to lobby for people to reinvest in the country as negotiations to end apartheid progressed.

Integration

Building on her experience in Washington, she took a job with the Australian Agency for International Development in Pretoria, South Africa, where she authored and published the first guide to South African universities and helped support integration in education. She also worked for the United States Agency for International Development as its public relations officer.

Wolfe returned to the United States in 1999 as part of Sesame Workshop, which many people remember under its former name,

the Children's Television Workshop, the organization behind Big Bird and the gang on "Sesame Street." While there, she became director of government and community relations, working with the FCC and corporate donors.

In 2003, Wolfe and her husband moved to the Monterey Peninsula and took jobs with what was then called the Monterey Institute of International Studies. She was manager of corporate and foundation relations and public affairs, and raised nearly \$3 million for the school. She wrote grants and handled public relations, as well. But she wasn't quite done traveling.

Her next move was to Europe, where she did a four-year stint as development officer for the Vienna International School in Austria, which is affiliated with the United Nations and provides education to children of diplomats and employees from around the world. Then, she returned here to work at York School as director of alumni relations and annual giving.

Spare time?

She and her husband (now an American citizen) are raising their teenage son in New Monterey, and she said she loves the 20-minute walk to her office.

In her spare time, she's been a member of the United Nations Women's Guild and served as its vice president, been a parent volunteer for the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club's varsity sailing program, and served as a board member for Habitat for Humanity.

"That was really great," she said of her

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Susan Wolfe outside the Pacific Grove Museum, her current job in an eclectic, life-long series of professional pursuits.

Her attention span may be brief, but her creativity is limitless

ANN NALL'S body of work as an artist is a gumbo of mixed media that includes watercolor and acrylic paintings (animal renderings, still life, abstract landscapes), collage, and her most recent passion, glass decoupage — most of which have been displayed over the past 15 years by the Carmel Valley Art Association.

"The thing about me is I get bored," said

That said, the level where she's perched is an impressive one. Her decoupage creations are classy, colorful, and immensely creative, transforming ordinary glass — much of which somebody gave away to a thrift shop — into brilliant showpieces.

Most remarkable is that she only began experimenting with her current genre in September.

Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Nall, 70, who lives in Pacific Grove, three blocks from Point Pinos, with her husband of six years, Ron Rice, also a CVAA artist (specializing in digital art and titanium jewelry).

"I tend to learn what I can, make what I can, and then I move on," she said. "I don't seem to have the kind of patience I need to pick up a medium and keep honing it. I've never been willing to find a teacher who can help me take it to the next level."

of art," she said. "I sold 35 pieces in four hours."

Nall was born in London into a creative family. Her father hand-carved the full size carousel horse that sits in her living room. Her mother wrote poetry and played the piano. One sister is a sewing wizard, and another has a gift for pastels. Her cousins are painters.

But her early life took her in other directions. She moved to New York City on her 21st birthday, found work as a TWA flight attendant, and was aboard the first New York-to-Paris flight on a 747 aircraft.

"It was a time when people dressed up to travel. Men wore hats. Women wore heels and stockings," she remembered. "I learned to cook on jets, making filet mignon or filet of sole for 60 passengers in the first-class section. That job is where I grew up. At one point, it occurred to me that I was a young woman in my 20s, living by myself in New York City, and I was doing just fine, thank you."

The job also convinced her that she wasn't "the stewardess type." Rude passengers got on her nerves. Somebody died on one flight. The plane was struck by lightning on another.

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Ann Nall with some colorful examples of the latest medium of her artistic output: decoupage.

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History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

derness of Conconully, Wash. After 10 months as editor, he moved deeper into the wilderness and took up mining. In five months of mining, he had produced plenty of ore, but the price fell and making a profit became impossible. At the urging of friends, he returned to the political fight in post-earthquake San Francisco, where the city bosses were finally on trial. Despite some successes, the mayoral candidate he supported lost, and Newberry vowed to give up politics.

Ad man

When the election was over, Newberry was broke and out of work. Friend Harry Lafler set him and Bertha up with a rent-free shack on Telegraph Hill. Newberry soon lined up a job in charge of advertising for the Pacific Cereal Association — producers of Carnation Mush and several other brands. However, the job wasn't to start for a few months.

With more time than money, Newberry wrote his first children's book, "Tom Westlake's Golden Luck." In early 1908, he submitted the handwritten manuscript, and it was eventually accepted for serialization in American Boy magazine, and by M.A. Donahue & Co. for a book, but the publications were delayed until 1911-1912 for the seven-part serial, and 1913 for the book.

In the meantime, Newberry also began writing another story, "The Stolen God of the Hung Hu Tse," which was accepted for the magazine, The Blue Mule. The first installment ran in the April 1908 issue, but then the magazine folded. Newberry later wrote a new opening for the story, aged his character, and submitted it anew as "The Nose for News," which was published in its entirety in the December 1910 edition of People's Ideal Fiction magazine.

Newberry also began a job in marketing. Carnation Wheat was the association's top selling brand, and Newberry put together a plan to wean grocers and customers off the other brands and focus the association's marketing on the Carnation brand. Newberry was fond of the word "mush" and his marketing campaign included painting brand signs for Carnation Mush on barns and buildings from coast-to-coast. The campaign was a success, improving revenues and cutting costs.

In the summer of 1908, representatives of the Republican party again approached Newberry to lead the progressive fight. He initially declined, but his boss at the cereal company encouraged him and offered to lend him out for the effort with no cut in pay. Suddenly back in politics, as head the Lincoln-Roosevelt League in San Francisco, Newberry fought to improve the makeup of Republican delegates and candidates.

In April 1909, the league broke up. A month later, Newberry created the constitution and by-laws of a newly organized Independent Republican Club, which unsuccessfully worked to elect Byron Mauzy as San Francisco's mayor. The November 1909 defeat again ended Newberry's interest in big city politics.

Newberry retained his marketing role with Pacific Cereal but turned his energy to writing short stories, several

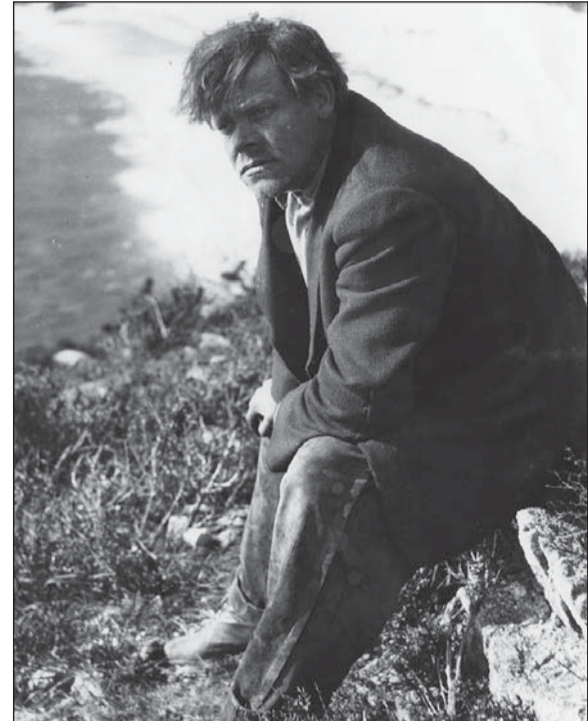
and roof at just the cost of hauling them from his ranch in Big Sur. It was Sunday and there was no transportation to town, so Lafler walked the couple from near the Monterey wharf up Carmel Hill, and then down through trails to the fledgling compound along the coast. Exhausted, they sat down under a pine above the large beach, and Bertha said, "I want to own this pine tree, Perry."

The lot that contained that tree turned out to be one that was for sale, and after meeting Frank Devendorf at the Pine Inn, they negotiated terms — "five dollars down payment, the balance in monthly installments of five dollars beginning after twelve months, without interest" — they then went out and physically affirmed the site. The tree was on lot 5 of Block Y, on the oceanside of Carmelo Street between 12th and 13th. At the time, the streets were barely discernable, and there was nothing between their



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In the summer of 1910, Perry Newberry (right) relocated to Carmel and built a house above the beach. Later that summer, his wife, Bertha (above, at left) appeared as "Sarah" in "David," the first production at the newly formed Forest Theater.



of which were published in the San Francisco Call between February and June 1910. Others were sold to the pulps, and Newberry began to believe he could support himself with these stories and sought a quiet place where he could focus on writing. First he visited Santa Barbara and then, with Bertha, paid a call on Monterey and Pacific Grove. He had been turned off on any thoughts of Carmel by the persistent boasting to members of the Bohemian Club in San Francisco by developer Frank Powers.

A generous offer

While waiting for the car that would take them to Pacific Grove, they ran in to their friend and former landlord in San Francisco, Harry Lafler, who had homesteaded in Big Sur and was in town for supplies. Lafler insisted that Carmel was the place for the Newberrys. If they were to build a home there, Lafler offered to provide shakes for the walls

site and the coast.

While Newberry worked on building their house in the summer of 1910, friend George Sterling offered to let the Newberrys sleep in his large chicken coop. Bertha preferred sleeping under their own tree.

That summer, Sterling and Herbert Heron created The Forest theater. Bertha was cast in the theater's first production, "David." In next week's column, more on the Newberrys' work with the theater as they became active residents of Carmel-by-the-Sea.

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EROSION

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Besides offering access to a handful of homes, the road gets a steady stream of visitors, who are rewarded with spectacular views of Carmel Bay and Point Lobos.

"If the road is closed, there could be a real bottleneck of tourist traffic along Scenic Road," Letendre warned. "It could be a real mess."

But according to County official Melanie Beretti, before the county can get started on a seawall to protect the road, an environmental impact report must be completed, not only for the road project, but also for a flood control barrier at the north end of the Carmel River Lagoon.

Beretti said the EIR will cost \$764,000. Residents in the flood plain have contributed \$100,000 to the effort, with the county paying the balance. Beretti estimated it will be at least 12 months — and as long as 18 months — before the studies are done and the EIR is finalized.

Adams, meanwhile, reported that the county is working on an agreement with state parks to give the county an easement over the site where the seawall would be built. She called the agreement a "critical step" in the process, and said county officials understand the "urgency" of the work. But she also noted that the powerful California Coastal Commission will ultimately have to sign off on whatever work is done at the site.

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NALL

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She survived two crash landings. So Nall left TWA for a job planning diplomatic events for an organization connected with the United Nations. Her journey as an artist began as a survival technique — escape from the 60 or 70-hour weeks she worked later for the Public Broadcasting System in Washington D.C. “My job there was to be a consultant to development directors at public television stations,” said Nall, who stayed with PBS for 17 years, then spent the final 30 years of her career as a professional fundraiser and a direct-mail consultant. “Painting became my stress reliever.”

Nall originally moved to Carmel with her parents as a teenager, lived part-time in Boston during her first marriage, and returned to live in Carmel Valley to be closer to her family as her parents aged and a sister contracted multiple sclerosis

Commercial success came when she began painting animals — specifically, portraits of other people’s pets — which blossomed into a business that lasted 15 years.

“I found out that I was pretty good at it,” she said. “There were times that people would look at what I had painted and cry. Sometimes they’d send me long letters explaining why they loved it, and what it did for their soul.”

Commissions came almost entirely via word-of-mouth advertising, and eventually they began coming too fast. That’s when the boredom began to take hold.

“As I got better, it became less challeng-

ing,” Nall said. “And at that point, it started feeling a bit like assembly-line work, especially around Christmastime, when I would have 15 or 20 animal portraits to finish in a two-and-a-half-week period. I lived and breathed animal portraits, and eventually decided I didn’t want to do them anymore.”

The other rub: Carmel Valley Art Association owners Shelley and John Aliotti were interested in showing her work, but she had nothing to offer. Everything she painted went right out the door to the pet owner who had commissioned it.

“Shelley and John hung prints of my animal portraits in their gallery, and handed out my brochures,” Nall said. “But that’s also when I started painting other animals — mountain lions, giraffes, owls, crows — and they sold.”

When she tired of those, Nall began working with paper and glue, creating abstract collages that invited the viewer’s interpretation.

Six months ago, she moved to another medium, painting abstract landscapes, but then she discovered her current passion.

“Decoupage makes me feel like a little kid, because I can get messy, with paper scraps and glue everywhere,” she said.

“I find myself to be totally intrigued with this medium, more than anything else I’ve ever tried. I’ve been doing it for several months, now, and my interest hasn’t waned at all.”

Nall’s work can be seen at the Carmel Valley Art Association (2 Chambers Lane, Carmel Valley) or on her website at annall.com.

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ART

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see it completed. “I learned so much about Monterey in the process of making this mural,” said Sanders, whose nonprofit was honored last year as one of county’s Champions of the Arts. “It’s an honor to have a piece of art in one of Monterey’s most historic buildings.” The event is also family-friendly — a scavenger hunt using imagery from the mural starts at 2:40 p.m.

Located just steps from Custom House Plaza, the museum was once a hotel and a courthouse, among its uses. Its peaceful garden was once the site of bear and bull fights.

Beyond landscapes

Two painters, **Claire Lerner** and **Paul Roehl**, explore the relationship between abstraction and landscapes in an exhibit, “Natural Histories,” which opens Friday, Jan. 17, at the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts.

Lerner is an award-winning photographer and painter who has taught art at Santa Catalina School for more than two decades. Although he is primarily known as an abstract painter, Roehl has studiously recreated the techniques and style of late 19th and early 20th century landscape painters.

Located at Fourth and Guadalupe, the center will be the site of a reception Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. The show will be on display through Feb. 22.

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Section 2

With just 860 students, CHS fields a powerhouse soccer team

THE CARMEL Padres fired a smoking cannonball across the bow of the Central Coast Section's girls soccer community last week, sending an ominous message to their new playmates in the Cypress Division of the Pacific Coast Athletic League.

opponents 42-7 in those games. The team's leading scorer, senior Yesenia Tinajera, had 20 of those goals — more than any other player in Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito, or Santa Clara counties.

"We weren't supposed to tie Alisal — we weren't even supposed to contend with them. They've been demolishing everybody in their path, so this was a really, really big deal for us," said Krista Winkler, Carmel's second-year head coach.

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

On Jan. 9, in their first outing of 2020, the Padres took on Alisal in a fight that figured to be about as fair as bug versus windshield.

Alisal, whose varsity team was selected from an enrollment of more than 2,600 students, rolled into Carmel (enrollment: 860) with a 7-0 record, having outscored their

The Trojans are co-favorites (with defending champ Christopher) this season to win the PCAL's top division, the Gabilan — a stark contrast to Carmel, which will play two divisions lower. The Padres were demoted to the Cypress Division (third-best in the PCAL) after posting a 3-11-4 overall record as a member of the Mission Division (the league's second-toughest) a year ago.

So, what happened? The Padres played mighty Alisal to a 1-1 tie, and did it without their starting goalkeeper, Jordan Chiewpanich, who sat out the game with a concussion. In her place stood senior Emily Valdez (normally a sweeper — a defender position), who volunteered to play an unfamiliar role against her team's most-formidable opponent and responded with nine saves.

Two freshmen
Tinajera, the PCAL's most-lethal offensive threat, was held scoreless by Padres senior Ella Fenstermaker, who smothered her for all 80 minutes.

And the goal that gave Carmel the tie was scored by Sophia Bone — a freshman — off an assist from Nikki Benak — another freshman.

"A couple of alumnae from last year's team stopped by to watch, and one of them, Serena Valdez, said, 'I can't even believe the improvement I'm seeing in just one year's

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Cosima Cristofalo (No. 3, at left), a junior captain on the CHS girls soccer team, is tied with freshman Nikki Benak for the team lead in goals. Midfielder Lauren Rice (No. 5 in center photo) uses the same intellect on the field that got her accepted into Duke University next fall. Krista Winkler (right), who played collegiately at CSU Chico, coached six seasons at Stevenson before coming to Carmel last year.



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SPORTS

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time,” Winkler said.

The coach is equally thunderstruck. Truth be told, Winkler was not as unhappy as some of her players when the PCAL mercifully decided to drop Carmel into a less-formidable division for the current season.

“Our players were really disappointed when they found out we had been moved out of the Mission Division, which says a lot about them, because we got crushed last year,” she said. “But I actually felt like moving down was the right for us, based on the team I thought we had coming back.”

Players who can make a difference

All of that changed when Winkler got her first glimpse of four ninth-graders — Benak (a center midfielder and forward), Bone (outside midfielder), Chiewpanich (the goalie), and Maddie Gallagher (a center midfielder who played a huge role in the tie with Alisal) — who were among the 55 prospects who showed up for the first day of tryouts. All are experienced soccer players from the highly competitive club circuit, and it was immediately evident to Winkler that each would be a difference-maker.

Benak currently has a team-best three assists, and is tied with junior Cosima Cristofalo for the team lead in

goals with five. Bone and junior Grace Craig have two goals apiece, and Gallagher has scored one. Chiewpanich, whose sister, Dillon, was Carmel’s starting goalkeeper a year ago, has 30 saves in six starts.

Perhaps as important as their physical contributions is this: All four freshmen have blended seamlessly with Carmel’s varsity veterans, who immediately welcomed them as peers, as opposed to interlopers.

“This is a team without a hierarchy, freshman to senior,” Winkler said. “Each girl has a voice at halftime, and they have really valuable things to say. It’s powerful to see a senior genuinely learning from a freshman — and vice versa.”

The senior leadership is strong, led by defender Amaya Gomez (one of three captains), whom the coach calls “our glue player ... a team mom — very smart on our back line, somebody who can shut down whichever opponent I assign her to cover.”

The other senior captain, center midfielder Lauren Rice, is statuesque, athletic, physically fit, and exceptionally smart (she was just accepted to attend Duke University next year). She’s also a well-rounded player with club soccer experience as a youth.

Valdez, the heroic backup goalie, is “our rock star sweeper — a girl with an old-school kind of mentality who was in the conversation for Defender of the Year last season,” her coach said.

Fenstermaker, said Winkler, is “one of the smartest players on the field, the kid I want in there (as a defender)

to prevent anything from happening.”

A junior forward, Cosima Cristofalo, is in her second season as a captain, an honor bestowed upon her as “the leader of this team in regard to voice and passion,” Winkler said. “She’s our do-or-die, put-the-ball-in-the-back-of-the-net player, and she and Jordan Chiewpanich are probably our two fastest athletes.”

Craig, an outside midfielder in her junior year, is one of Carmel’s most technically-skilled players, another player like Rice whose high academic IQ also transfers onto the soccer field, her coach said.

A chance to take the division

The team’s sophomore stalwart, Ella Mendoza, was the only freshman to make the varsity a year ago, thanks in part to her versatility: she plays forward, outside midfield, and center midfield with equal effectiveness.

“Her soccer IQ is off the chart,” Winkler said. “She’s very small, but plays like she’s got about 20 pounds more muscle than she actually has, which makes her a key component for us.”

The Padres entered the week with a 4-2-1 overall record — already a victory better than a year ago — and glowing with confidence as they head into the trophy chase in the Cypress Division, where Soledad and Seaside are likely to be the most-formidable title contenders. Greenfield, Notre Dame, and St. Francis also are part of the division.

“I believe we have a real chance to win this division,” Winkler said. “If we show up and play like I know we can, that’s definitely my expectation, and I think our girls feel the same way.”

The Padres play a 5:45 p.m. home today (Friday) against Notre Dame, host Menlo Atherton at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, and travel Wednesday for a 3 p.m. game at St. Francis Catholic.

Looking ahead (Jan. 17-23)

Boys basketball — Tuesday: San Benito at Stevenson (7 p.m.); Carmel at Salinas (7 p.m.). Thursday: Palma at Carmel (7 p.m.); North County at Stevenson (7 p.m.).

Girls basketball — Friday: Carmel at Soledad (7 p.m.). Tuesday: Stevenson at Carmel (7 p.m.). Wednesday: Santa Catalina at Pacific Collegiate (6 p.m.).

Boys soccer — Friday: Carmel at King City (3:30 p.m.). Saturday: Stevenson at Marina (22 a.m.). Tuesday: Rancho San Juan at Stevenson (3:30 p.m.). Wednesday: Monte Vista Christian at Carmel (3:30 p.m.).

Girls soccer — Friday: Notre Dame at Carmel (3:30 p.m.); Stevenson at Pacific Grove (5:45 p.m.). Saturday: Menlo Atherton at Carmel (10:30 a.m.). Tuesday: Santa Catalina at Gonzales (3:30 p.m.). Stevenson at Monterey (3 p.m.). Wednesday: Carmel at St. Francis (3 p.m.). Thursday: Gonzales at Stevenson (3:30 p.m.); Rancho San Juan at Santa Catalina (3 p.m.).

Wrestling — Friday and Saturday: Carmel at Mid California Classic tournament, Gilroy High School (9 a.m.).

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A MUSICIAN who lives in a desert that's famous for its trees as much as its scorching hot weather performs on two local stages this week.

A resident of Joshua Tree National Park, **Rags Rosenberg** shares the spotlight Friday at The Lab with singer-songwriters **Dixie Dixon** and **Steve Mortensen** — and Saturday at East Village Coffee Lounge in Monterey with singer-songwriter **Brett Perkins**.

Like the Eagles and U2 before him — each have a famous album cover celebrating Joshua Tree's scenery — Rosenberg seeks inspiration from the park's otherworldly landscape. But he's taken his fascination with California's sun-drenched desert even farther by actually moving and

playing music there. In fact, he leads monthly "Songwriters in the Round" gatherings at the park, which occupies nearly 800,000 acres in southeastern California.

When he's not enjoying the desert's solitude, Rosenberg takes his music on the road. This month and next, he's performing up and down the California coast.

"Rags is a prolific songwriter who writes poetic lyrics that any listener can relate to," musician and music promoter **Kiki Wow** told The Pine Cone. "His finger-picking guitar style is accurate with a laid-back feel and together with his wisdom and life experience, his music tells a deep story that's true to the heart — which is what being a songwriter is all about."

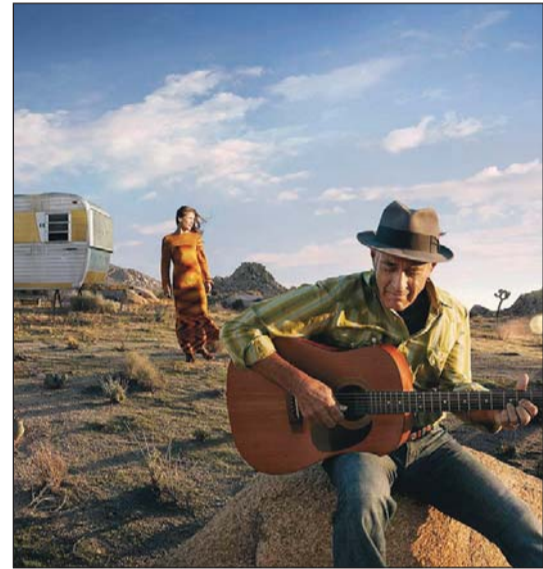
Friday's show starts at 5:30 p.m., while Saturday's be-

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On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

Rosenberg describes his music as "a road-tested brand of Americana and modern ballads in the vein of Bob Dylan, Leonard Cohen and Tom Waits."



A folk trio from Sweden, Fru Skagerrak (left) performs Sunday at the Henry Miller Library in Big Sur. One of the Monterey Peninsula's busiest live acts, the Money Band (center) takes the stage Friday at Sly McFly's in Monterey. Singer-songwriter Rags Rosenberg (right) plays shows this week in Carmel and Monterey.

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Saturday is the big culinary day, starting with continental breakfast at the Fairway One living room and terrace from 6 to 8:30 a.m., and then cooking demonstrations at

the Lodge from 9 to 11 a.m.

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By MARY SCHLEY

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■ "Oysters and Caviar, The Perfect Pairing" with Beach and Tennis Club executive chef Elias Lopez, Royal Hawaiian Seafood owner Jordan Bow, and "oyster sommelier, grower and distributor" Lou Gutilla will include information on how species type, growth methods and location affect the flavors of oysters, and a caviar expert "will tell the story of a unique fam-

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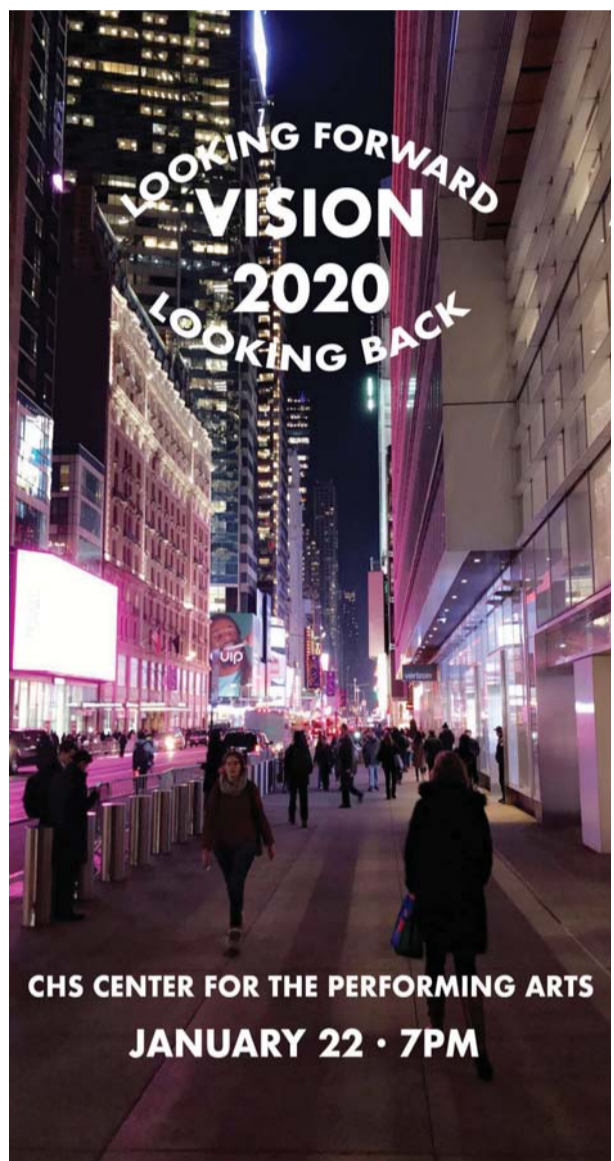
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■ “La Dolce Vita – Entertaining Italian Style” with Peppoli chef Angela Tamura, who “will create the perfect party featuring crudo with a unique sauce, timballo with Caesar salad, and zabaglione.”

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will hold a free reception for painter Gerard Martin, with lots of tasty food and Chesebro wines, Jan. 18 from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

Martin, a longtime local artist whose mother was a painter and encouraged his art, obtained his Bachelor of Fine Arts de-

gree from Art Center College of Design in Pasadena in 1991 and has long been inspired by the Peninsula's natural beauty. In the tasting room, he'll be showing some of his new paintings in the exhibit, which will run through May.

Grape grower and winemaker Mark Chesebro uses fruit from his three small vineyards in Cachagua and Arroyo Seco to

produce a wide range of wines, including many blends. They are well made and remarkably reasonably priced, and many will be available for tasting during the reception Saturday.

The tasting room is located at 19 E. Carmel Valley Road. For more information, visit chesebrowines.com.

■ **Playoffs at smokehouse**

Football fans who live down the coast or want to make an excursion to watch the NFL conference championship round this weekend can hang out at the Big Sur Smokehouse on Highway 1 at the entrance to Ventana, where the cooks are smoking this winter's crop of wild mushrooms to include in special dishes alongside their signature brisket, pork and other barbecued delights.

They suggest trying stuffed smoked mushrooms, or smoked chanterelle and corn salad, with a beer for \$20.

And for the AFC and NFC title games on Sunday — which have the Titans battling the Chiefs at 1:05 p.m. and the Packers playing the Niners at 3:40 p.m. — the Smokehouse is offering Happy Hour specials, pitchers of beer on tap and other reasons to kick back there and watch the games.

An added bonus is the locals discount. Monterey County residents with valid ID get 15 percent off.

The Big Sur Smokehouse is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday through Monday. For more details, visit bigsursmokehouse.com.

■ **EcoFarm at Asilomar**

The 40th EcoFarm Conference will be staged at Asilomar Conference Grounds Jan. 23-25, with more than 70 workshops and events focusing on farming and food for farmers, ranchers and everyone else who is interested in ecologically minded cultivation and cooking.

The conference is expected to attract more than 1,700 people and will include an

exhibitor marketplace, artisanal tastings, seed swaps, live music, keynote speeches, the annual awards banquet, and plenty of opportunities for farmers and ranchers to connect with industry experts.

Topics cover a range of issues in farming, from soil, production, crops, regulations and pests, to livestock, ranching, marketing, retail and wholesale, organic production, social justice, food, gardening, history, education and health.

Those interested in attending can choose single or multi-day passes with packages that include locally sourced meals and on-site lodging at Asilomar.

Before the conferences, EcoFarm offers all-day excursions and "intensives" Jan. 21-22, including an all-day farm and bus tour that stops at Lakeside Organic Gardens, JSM Organics, and Coastal Sun Cannabis & Coastal Moon Berry Farm, with an organic lunch prepared by chef Jim Denevan of Outstanding in the Field.

To learn more about EcoFarm and to register, visit eco-farm.org/conference.

■ **Forest Hill crab fest**

To encourage people to come check out Forest Hill, the Pacific Grove retirement community is hosting a free Crab Fest Luncheon Jan. 23 at 1 p.m. The menu includes fresh cracked Dungeness crab, penne pasta in a pesto cream sauce, Caesar salad, fresh sourdough bread, and chocolate mousse. Lunch will be offered in the grand dining room in the main building that was once a luxury hotel built in the 1920s.

Reservations are required. Call (831) 646-6488. Forest Hill is located at 551 Gibson Ave. For more information, go to foresthillretirement.org.

■ **Palmaz at Salt Wood**

Salt Wood Kitchen & Oysterette in Marina will have a wine dinner featuring Palmaz, a highly acclaimed Napa Valley win-

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MUSIC

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gins at 7 p.m. The Lab is located in The Barnyard Shopping Center (above Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Co.), while East Village is located at 498 Washington St.

Live music Jan. 17-23

Barmel — **Vintage Noise** (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.); and **Johnny Tsunami & the Shoulder Hoppers** (“classic hippy garage with reggae,” Saturday at 7 p.m.). In Carmel Square at San Carlos and Seventh, (831) 626-3400.

Cibo Ristorante Italiano in Monterey

— **Rhythm Tribe** (blues, Friday at 9 p.m.); **The Dave Holdiloff Duo** (jazz and swing, Sunday at 7 p.m.); singers **Lee Durley** and **Scotty Wright** (jazz and swing, Tuesday at 7 p.m.); **Andrea’s Fault** (jazz and blues, Wednesday at 7 p.m.); and **The Ben Herod Trio** (jazz and swing, Thursday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St., (831) 649-8151.

Coopers Pub & Restaurant in Monterey — singer-songwriter **Scott Fenton** (Friday at 9 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Rick Frost** (“country rock and roadhouse blues,” Saturday at 9 p.m.) 653 Cannery Row, (831) 373-1353.

East Village Coffee Lounge in Monterey — singer-songwriter **Rags Rosenberg** (Saturday at 7 p.m.); guitarist **Mike Lent**, saxophonist **Gary Meek** and drummer **David Morwood** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.); and Open Mic Night (Wednesday at 7 p.m.). 498 Washington St., (831) 373-5601.

Folktales Winery in Carmel Valley — singer-songwriter **Ace de la Verne** (Friday at 5 p.m.); singer-songwriter **Johan Sotelo** (rock, Saturday at 5 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **John Vicino** (Sunday at noon). 8940 Carmel Valley Road, (831) 293-7500.

Fernwood Resort in Big Sur — **The Ty Segall Trio** (acoustic rock, Friday at 10 p.m.); and **Wand** (psychedelic rock, Saturday at 10 p.m.). On Highway 1 25 miles south of Carmel, (831) 667-2422.

Fireplace Lounge in the **Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel** — **The David Morwood Jazz Band** with special guests (Friday at 7 p.m.); and guitarist **Frank Buchanan**, keyboardist **Eddie Mendenhall**, drummer **David Morwood** and special guest (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road, (831) 372-1234.

Henry Miller Library in Big Sur — **Fru Skagerak** (Scandinavian folk, Sunday at 5 p.m.). On Highway 1 28 miles south of Carmel, (831) 667-2574.

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.

The Lab — singer-songwriters **Rags Rosenberg**, **Dixie Dixon** and **Steve Mortensen** (folk, Friday at 5:30 p.m.). In the Barnyard shopping center above Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Company.

Midici Pizza in Monterey — Jazz Jam (Thursday at 7 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St., (831) 264-7013.

Mission Ranch — singer and pianist **Maddaline Edstrom** (jazz and pop, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 5 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., Carmel (831) 625-9040.

The Pacific Grove Art Center — The art center present its latest Hootenanny (Saturday at 7 p.m.). Everyone is invited to join the community sing-along and open jam session. 568 Lighthouse Ave., (831) 375-2208.

Pearl Hour in Monterey — **Intimate Stories** celebrates the release of its new EP (indie rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.). 214 Lighthouse Ave., (831) 657-9447.

Puma Road tasting room in Monterey — **Leche Malo** (“alt folk rock,” Friday at 5 p.m.); **Max & Bronwyn** (acoustic rock, Saturday at 5 p.m.); **Out of the Blue** (“soul

rock,” Sunday at 5 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Lindsay Beery** (Tuesday at 5 p.m.); 281 Alvarado St. (Portola Plaza) Call (831) 747-1911.

Sly McFly’s in Monterey — **The Money Band** (pop and rock, Friday at 8:30 p.m.); **The Minor Williams Band** (r&b and funk, Saturday at 8:30 p.m.); **The Brad Wilson Band** (rock, Sunday at 8:30 p.m.); **Zack Freitas & The Hired Guns** (rock, Monday at 8:30 p.m.); **The John Michael Band** (“classic rock and dance,” Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.); **The DC Trio** (jazz, funk and r&b, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.); and **The Minor Williams Band** (r&b and funk, Thursday at 8:30 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row, (831) 649-8050.

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 — **The John Sylvester Trio** (jazz, 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.); guitarist **Richard Devinck** (classical, Sunday at 6 p.m.); and singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, (831) 624-3871.

The Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — singer-songwriters **Tom Faia** and **Kate Miller** (Friday at 6 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Robert Elmond Stone** (“cool country,” 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 **Eddie Mendenhall** (jazz, Friday at 6:30 p.m.). 545 Lighthouse Ave., (831) 373-8523.

The YMCA of the Monterey Peninsula — contra dancing with fiddler **John Weed**, guitarist **Tyler Weed** and caller **Erik Hoffman** (folk, Saturday at 7 p.m.). 600 Camino El Estero in Monterey. montereycontradance.org



Violinist David Boyden (top) and singer Michael Carter (above) are members of Vintage Noise, a San Francisco-based group which plays jazz and the Bossa Nova. The four-piece combo takes the stage Friday at Carmel.

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WOLFE

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work at Habitat, “We built three houses in Marina and I got to see the results.”

She continues to hone the skills she’s used to write grants and raise money. Not many people enjoy fundraising, but, Wolfe said, “When you get to make that connection with a person with similar passions and show them you can make sure their investment is a sound one, their eyes just light up.”

A transformation

Now, she’s excited about using her talents at the P.G. Museum, which she said is in the midst of “transforming itself into a completely new experience.” Founded in 1883 as the Chautauqua Museum, part of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle, it was transferred to the City of Pacific Grove in 1916.

If you haven’t been recently, you should

go. The formerly crowded and dusty exhibits have been de-cluttered and given significant TLC to restore them to their original glory. A rearing grizzly bear towers over visitors near the entrance, providing a nearly irresistible photo opp, and the museum’s stuffed black bear is the only opportunity most folks get to pat such a beast on the head.

Also, on any given day, a school bus full of kids on a field trip might pull up to learn more about local plant and animal life. “We provide free education to kids about stewardship of the environment,” Wolfe said. “The museum’s on a good trajectory now.”

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

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PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20192627
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **BROTHER EARTH HEALING, 232 Barbee Ct., Marina, California 93933.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): NICHOLAS ALAN MEINHARDT, 232 Barbee Ct., Marina, California 93933.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 4, 2019.
S/Nicholas Alan Meinhardt Dec. 4, 2019

BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes a public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 4, 2019.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication dates: Dec. 27, 2019; Jan. 3, 10, 17, 2020. (PC1226)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No.19CV005151
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, LEONARD DAVID SUTTON, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name: LEONARD DAVID SUTTON
Proposed name: LENNY SUTTON

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: February 14, 2020
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
DEPT: 15

The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Susan J. Matcham
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Dec. 23, 2019
Publication dates: Dec. 27, 2019; Jan. 3, 10, 17, 2020. (PC1226)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20192641
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **BLUE FOX CELLARS IN THE VALLEY, 415 Casa Verde Way #8, Monterey, California 93940.**
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey.
Name of Corporation or as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: DRJCHAR-DONNAY, INC., 415 Casa Verde Way #8, Monterey, California 93940.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2020.
S/Jay Keller, President Dec. 20, 2019

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Sections 6250-6277).

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 20, 2019.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication dates: Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2020. (PC101)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20192643
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **ALCHEMIST HAIR STUDIO, 421 Alvarado Street, Monterey, California 93940.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): NICOLE SEIDEL, 275 Monroe Street, Monterey, California 93940
JENNIFER RAWLS-GLOVER, 773 Alice Street, Monterey, California 93940.
This business is conducted by a general partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Jennifer Rawls-Glover
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes a public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).

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Publication dates: Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2020. (PC102)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20192632
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **Belle Camicie, 56B 5th St Lot 1 #G, Carmel, CA 93921, County of Monterey**
Registered Owner(s): Adam Knott, 56B 5th St Lot 1 #G, Carmel, CA 93921
This business is conducted by an Individual

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A.
S/Adam Knott
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on December 18, 2019

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Publication dates: Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2020. (PC103)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20192632
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CARMEL CAPITAL GROUP, 2 NE of Santa Rita on 2nd Ave., Carmel, CA 93921.**
Mailing address: P.O. Box 953, Carmel, CA 93921
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): JOE VILLARREAL, 2 NE of Santa Rita on 2nd Ave., Carmel, CA 93923.
This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 31, 2019.
S/Joel Villarreal Dec. 31, 2019

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Sections 6250-6277).

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Publication dates: Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2020. (PC106)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20192627
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CARMEL MEDICAL SUPPLIES, 243 Crossroads Blvd, Unit #240, Carmel, CA 93923**
Mailing address: 326 Ardennes Cir., Seaside, CA 93955.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): JONATHAN LEE, 326 Ardennes Cir., Seaside, CA 93955.
This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 31, 2019.
S/Jonathan Lee Dec. 17, 2019
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes a public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).

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Publication dates: Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2020. (PC108)

SUMMONS – FAMILY LAW

CASE NUMBER: 19FL001252

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: LUIS A. R. RODRIGUEZ
Luis A. R. Rodriguez
YOU ARE BEING SUED.
PETITIONER’S NAME IS: MARTHA A. I. BARBA

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL120) at the court and have a copy served to the petitioner. A letter, phone call, or court appearance will not protect you.

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

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

NOTICE – THE RESTRAINING ORDERS ON PAGE 2: These restraining orders are effective against both spouses or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgment is entered, or the court makes further orders. They are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them.

SEE WAIVER: If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. The court may order you to pay back all or part of the fees and costs that the court waived for you or the other party.

The name and address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY MONTEREY, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940
The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner’s attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, is: RONALD D. LANCE, 11 W. Laurel Dr., # 215 Salinas, CA 93906

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This summons was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 4, 2019
Publication Dates: Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2020. (PC109)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20200031
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **ACME PLUMBING, 40 Clark Street #F, Salinas, CA 93901.**
Mailing address: P.O. Box 6204, Salinas, CA 93912.
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey
Name of Corporation or as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: E & D INDUSTRIAL TRADES, INC., 40 Clark Street #F, Salinas, CA 93901.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2020.
S/Deborah Anne Mendoza, Vice President Jan. 6, 2020

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 6, 2020.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication dates: Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2020. (PC111)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No.19CV005221
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, ROSE ANNE FISCHER, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. Present name: ROSE ANNE FISCHER
Proposed name: ROSEANNE RUCCELLO

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: February 21, 2020
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
DEPT: 15

The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Susan J. Matcham
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Dec. 27, 2019
Publication dates: Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2020. (PC112)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20192675
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **LIFE’S LITTLE SCRIBBLES, 23725 Determine Ln., Monterey, CA 93940.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): ELISA MARIE OLVERA, 23725 Determine Ln., Monterey, CA 93940.
This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 31, 2019.
S/Elisa Marie Olvera Dec. 31, 2019

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 31, 2019.
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Publication dates: Jan. 17, 24, 31, Feb. 7 2020. (PC114)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20200119
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **SALINAS VALLEY SPEECH THERAPY, 23204 Davenrich Street, Salinas, CA 93908.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): KRISTY ELIZABETH FLYNN, 22304 Davenrich Street, Salinas, CA 93908.
This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2020.
S/Kristy Elizabeth Flynn Jan. 14, 2020

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 14, 2020.
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Publication dates: Jan. 17, 24, 31, Feb. 7 2020. (PC115)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20200107
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CENTRAL COAST STUDIO, 3024 Santa Lucia, Carmel, CA 93923.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): AUSTIN MICHAEL ROBERTSON, 3024

CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP SAN CARLOS STREET MEDIAN ISLANDS AND BIKE ROUTE PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea Public Works Department will conduct a Public Workshop to discuss the San Carlos Street Median Island and Bike Route Project. This workshop will give residents the opportunity to discuss options and receive feedback on the center medians, landscaping and the upcoming paving project.

The Public Workshop will be held as follows:
Location: Sunset Center
Babcock Room
Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA
Date: Monday, January 27, 2020
Time: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Publication dates: Jan. 17, 24, 2020(PC113)

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FOOD

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ery, in its private Pearl Room Jan. 23 from 6 to 9 p.m. For the evening, executive chef Paul Corsentino has planned a five-course menu with wine pairings for \$145 plus tax and tip.

Menu highlights include leek and potato ravioli with smoked clam and leek sauce served with 2017 Amalia Chardonnay, grilled sturgeon with beurre rouge and 2014 cabernet, honey truffle glazed duck breast with truffle polenta and 2016 cabernet, and for dessert, candy cap mushroom and chocolate pot de crème with hazelnut sauce and 2013 cabernet.

Tickets are available through Eventbrite.

com. The restaurant is located at The Sanctuary beach resort at 3295 Dunes Drive in Marina.

■ Hofsas House raises \$15k for pups

In support of Peace of Mind Dog Rescue, the Pacific Grove nonprofit that has found loving homes for more than 1,900 senior dogs since its founding in 2009, Hofsas House has been hosting wine events since 2014.

The popular Wine Fridays have raised more than \$15,000 since their inception, and more are planned for this year.

The first is set for Jan. 24 and will feature McIntyre Vineyards, followed by Scheid on May 8 and Twisted Roots on Sept. 18. All the Wine Fridays run from

5:30 to 7 p.m. and cost \$15 per person, which includes a glass of wine and small bites.

Additional glasses can be purchased for \$5, and all the money goes to POMDR.

Reservations are required by calling Carrie Theis at (831) 624-2745. Hofsas House is located on San Carlos north of Fourth.

■ Industry honors hard work

The John "Spud" Spadaro Hospitality Awards will celebrate some of the amazing people who put their hearts and souls into feeding people during the 10th annual dinner at the Elks Lodge in Monterey Jan. 24 from 5 to 9 p.m.

Receiving the awards for hospitality this year are Anna Vindiola from Esteban at Casa Munras hotel, Jerry Ogle from the former Golden Tee Restaurant and Bar at the Monterey Airport, Regina Morrison from the Beach House at Lovers Point, and Sal Tedesco from Paluca Trattoria. In ad-

dition, four Lifetime Achievement recipients will be celebrated: Rosa Catalano of Cibo Ristorante Italiano, Fandango owners Pierre and Marietta Bain, and Joe Rombi, founder of La Mia Cucina and La Piccola Casa.

The awards are named for a man who grew up in the restaurant business, had his own successful spot in Salinas, and always gave back to the community in a variety of ways. "John expressed these beliefs: love your family, value your friends and give back to your community," organizers said, and proceeds from the awards dinner benefit The John "Spud" Spadaro Hospitality Scholarship at Monterey Peninsula College.

No-host cocktails start at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 and the awards ceremony at 6:30. Tickets are \$38 in advance and \$42 at the door, and tables of eight get in for the price of seven. Go to monterey-baytickets.com to purchase in advance. The Monterey Elks Lodge is located at 150 Mar Vista Drive.



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Jan. 20 – "New Year, New You" will be presented by Dr. Terry Franklin at the Carmel Woman's Club at 2 p.m. The public is invited. Dr. Franklin, a Fellow in the American Academy of Family Physicians, specializes in providing personalized preventative health care by integrating Eastern and Western philosophies in his practice. He holds advanced degrees in medicine and chemistry. A coffee/tea reception follows the presentation. Members, free; guests \$10. (831) 624-2866 or 915-8184

Jan. 21 – Vegetable Arrangement Workshop will be held at 12:30 p.m. at Pebble Beach Community Services District conference room, 3101 Forest Lake Road, Pebble Beach. Participation fee is \$10. Please bring a Kenzan or Oasis, clippers and a small knife. No vase is necessary. Other materials are provided. Guest fee is \$5. Fellowship tea following the workshop. Mention "Ikebana" for free entry at P.B. Gate.

Jan. 23 – Aspire Health Plan Presents: Identifying Goals and Building Resiliency, a Community Connections Class. Learn to harness motivation and retrain habits to achieve your goals. Understand the value of goal setting and how resiliency can impact your overall health and vitality. This event is free; 10 to 11 a.m. at Montage Wellness Center, 1910 N. Davis Road, Salinas. Please register so we can know how many people to expect. RSVP to (877) 663-7651, or www.aspirehealthplan.org/connections2020

Jan. 25 – Musical Postcards with Concert Pianist Tien Hsieh. Explore Beethoven and Schubert's depth, breadth and resilience in two iconic piano sonatas. 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale now: csumb.edu/worldtheater

Jan. 25 – Fisherman's Wharf Association's 10th Annual Whalefest Monterey on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 25-26, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This free, fun and

educational event for all ages includes a 2-day Symposium, activities, live music and interactive displays by national marine organizations that help protect the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. www.montereywharf.com

Jan. 30 – "Carmel-by-the-Sea – 25 Years On," panel discussion, 5 p.m. in Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center. Audience members are invited to bring written questions for the panelists, or mail them to: CRA, Box 13, Carmel, CA 93921. The program, sponsored by the Carmel Residents Association, is free and open to the public. Wine will be served.

Jan. 31 – 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, 2 to 3 p.m. at Dance Studio Oldemeyer Center, 986 Hilby Ave., Seaside. Dance improves strength, increases balance and flexibility, and improves your cardiovascular health. Free. Please register so we can know how many people to expect. RSVP to (877) 663-7651, or www.aspirehealthplan.org/connections2020

Jan. 29 – Aspire Health Plan Presents: Blue Zones Purpose Workshop. Join us for a life-changing workshop, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Salinas City Center, 1 Main St., Salinas. People with purpose are happier, more successful, and they live longer. This interactive workshop is a fun, enlightening way to find your purpose. Free. Please register so we can know how many people to expect. RSVP to (877) 663-7651, or www.aspirehealthplan.org/connections2020

Salinas Feb. 2 – Champions of the Arts Gala 2020 – 5 to 6 p.m. at Portola Hotel & Spa, Monterey. Proceeds benefit Arts Education Programs. Purchase tickets online at arts4mc.org.

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Conference center gets award for solar panels

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LAST SUMMER, the City of Monterey installed 330 solar panels on the roof of the city's conference center — panels that are expected to save the city about \$33,000 annually in energy costs, enabling taxpayers to break even

on the \$287,510 cost of the panels in nine years or so, according to the city's public information officer, Laurie Huelga. The panels are expected to produce 183,342 kilowatt-hours annually, which is about 15 percent of the electricity used at municipal buildings each year.

The installation, conducted by P.G.-based Applied Solar Energy, received Solar Builder Magazine's "Best Job by a City Engineer" award for its innovation and efficiency.

The project received accolades for its "unique and innovative bid parameters," which went beyond simply using the lowest cost per watt, which is typical, according to the city's public works director, Steve Wittry.



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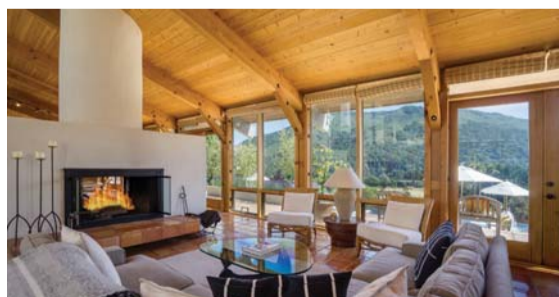


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