The children enrolled at Big Sur Forest School aren’t afraid to get dirty. One student, perhaps a future artist, discovers the joys of getting dirty. One student, perhaps a future artist, discovers the joys of getting dirty.

Restaurant wizard declares bankruptcy

David Bernahl, the affable wunderkind who co-founded Pebble Beach Food & Wine, Los Angeles Food & Wine and numerous restaurants, including 1833 and Cannery Row Brewing Company, is nearly $15 million in debt, according to bankruptcy paperwork he filed last month.

Exztero and the antithesis of camera shy, Bernahl was just in his early 20s when he helped open high-end clothing store Pacific Tweed in 2003. He went on to launch several other seemingly lucrative businesses, including Coastal Luxury Management, with former partner and

Nature’s classroom: Tiny pre-school has new name and a giant playground

After losing its longtime home in Big Sur more than two years ago, an innovative pre-school is discovering that nature can provide a classroom.

The school operated at Esalen Institute for four decades, but the Esalen School Park learned in 2017 that Esalen would no longer provide a site for the school and would withdraw financial support for it.

But today, taking a somewhat nomadic alternative to having a fixed address, the school is operating as a stand-alone nonprofit at a variety of sites down the coast, including Esalen, where it leases space. And increasingly, it is taking advantage of Big Sur trails and parks.

Sixteen children are enrolled at the school, which is based on a model developed in Denmark. Called “forest schools,” they are described as “classrooms without walls.” Through an assortment of outdoor games and activities, youngsters not only learn about the natural world, but are taught important life lessons and develop confidence. They also get lots of exercise.

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device.
Olive, the other bulldog

HER FAMILY THINKS they can tell a little bit about the abuse she suffered when she was young by the way she behaves now. She’s wary of her food and will eat it only outside — and even then only after she’s studied it and dumped it out of her bowl onto the ground. She doesn’t understand her bed but seems to like how soft it is. She’s almost got the hang of walking on a leash, doesn’t really get come, sit or stay, and has no idea what to do with a toy.

Olive is a 2-year-old French bulldog who was rescued from a breeding and smuggling ring. After being discovered in Sacramento by a Good Samaritan, she was brought to Peace of Mind Dog Rescue in Pacific Grove.

That’s how she came to be the youngest of eight French bulldogs in a loving Salinas home. Olive’s used to being around other dogs, but none that were nice to her. Koko, her bedmate, is her new-best friend. Once she figured that out, she became unwilling to leave Koko’s side.

Although Olive’s person brought in a trainer to help acclimate her to her new home and learn some basic manners, she wouldn’t have fit into the family without Koko.

Koko, now 6, was rescued by the family just before they got Olive. Maybe that’s why she’s drawn to her.

"The two of them are devoted to one another and won’t be separated," their person said. "They sleep together and, if one goes out, the other has to go with her."

Olive, whose person couldn’t pronounce her former Ukrainian name, got her new name after her person saw the Christmas special, “Olive, the Other Reindeer.” She is, after all, their eighth tiny bulldog.
‘The Pit’ remains abandoned, but sidewalk should be back soon

By MARY SCHLEY

THE GIANT pit that’s sat dormant at the southwest corner of Dolores and Fifth for a year due to financing problems encountered by the partners who own it — and which has caused damage to the neighboring Carmel Foundation and Carmel Art Association buildings — is at least no longer unnecessarily blocking the parking spots and sidewalks adjacent to it.

Public works director Bob Harary said he has been pushing the owners, Bob Leidig and Michael Draper, since last December to move the construction fencing in closer to the property line to free up several parking spaces that have been out of commission for the past few years, and to restore the sidewalk. Last week, a work crew installed a new fence and began preparing for the temporary asphalt sidewalk that will at least allow people to walk on that side of Fifth Avenue again.

“I gave them until March 31 to finish the sidewalk,” Harary said. “Someday, when the property changes hands and they build something, a permanent concrete sidewalk will go in.”

So far, a new curb with Carmel’s traditional rock front has been installed, but the ground where the sidewalk will be needs to be filled in and compacted, and an ADA-accessible curb ramp has to be installed.

“A good contractor could be in and out in a few days to a week,” Harary said. It’s unknown how long it will take the Leidig/Draper crew to finish the sidewalk and reopen it to pedestrians.

Still languishing

Meanwhile, the fate of the project, which includes underground parking topped by commercial space, apartments and condos, remains uncertain. Starting in 2016, Leidig and Draper received city approval to build two 12,000-square-foot, 30-foot-tall side-by-side complexes with underground parking, commercial space and apartments on the ground floor, and condos and more apartments upstairs, for a total of 16 units. To satisfy affordable-housing requirements, The Carmel

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People keep the darndest things

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.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A 39-year-old male was arrested at Ocean and Carpenter for possession of drug paraphernalia. Suspect cited and released.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** California ID card found and turned in at the fire station. A voicemail was left for the owner.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A Pebble Beach gate pass was taken from a vehicle at Carmelo and Fourth.

**Pacific Grove:** Citizen on Walnut Street reported his trailer was stolen.

**Carmel area:** A female subject attempted to take groceries from Safeway at the Crossroads. She was arrested on suspicion of petty theft.

**Big Sur:** A woman reported the possible theft of her wallet on Big Sur Rd.

**Carmel area:** Deputies investigated a report of fraud on Raymond Way involving an elderly person.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Citizen assist with suspicious circumstances on Ocean west of Lincoln.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Male on Monte Verde south of Seventh reported damage to his vehicle overnight.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Renter of a vehicle came into the station to get a copy report of damage sustained to his vehicle.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Cell phone found in the water at Carmel Beach turned over to the police department for safekeeping.

**Pacific Grove:** An insurance card was found on Grand Avenue and turned in to the lobby. Owner has been contacted for pick-up.

**Pacific Grove:** Citizens located a funny pack with miscellaneous items, including a Canadian passport. Canadian consulate advised, requested PGPD mail the passport to them. Update: Owner retrieved property from the station.

**Pacific Grove:** An ID card was found on Lighthouse Avenue. Item returned to owner.

**Pacific Grove:** Victim on Monterey Avenue reported sexual assault.

**Pacific Grove:** Report of an abandoned bicycle on Central. Recovered and transported to the station.

**Pacific Grove:** Juvenile placed on a mental health evaluation hold.

**Carmel area:** Resident was referred to the hospital for a psychiatric evaluation.

**Carmel area:** Subject discovered a grenade while cleaning out a home on Ribera Road. Bomb squad determined it was inert.

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**The gavel falls**

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

Jan. 17 — Jose Alejandro Diaz, 49, a resident of Salinas, was sentenced to 16 years in prison after a jury convicted him in December for one felony violation of Penal Code 284.5(a) Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child under 14, and two felony violations of Penal Code § 136.1(b)(2) Attempting to Dissuade a Victim-Witness. Diaz was charged with molesting a victim in Salinas when she was 9 until 11 years old. The conduct occurred on a weekly basis for multiple years. Jane Doe stated she did not disclose for years because Diaz told her not to tell anyone or else his son would grow up without a father like Doe. While the case was pending, law enforcement caught Diaz multiple times asking Doe's mother to drop the charges. During the sentencing, Doe and her mother submitted victim statements summarizing how much the abuse impacted the family and Doe. Judge Pamela Butler, who presided over Diaz's trial, found that the he abused a position of trust and took advantage of a particularly vulnerable victim. Judge Butler sentenced Diaz to 16 years in prison based upon the aggravating circumstances of this offense. He will also be required to register as a sex offender for life.

Jan. 17 — Tom Hays Gries, 44, was sentenced for a cannabis cultivation operation discovered at his property in May 2018. Gries received a three-year probation sentence and was ordered to serve 150 days in jail.

The illegal cultivation was discovered by Monterey County District Attorney investigators and members of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Over 1,000 cannabis plants were found to have been growing on the site, although they had been chopped down and dragged to a neighboring property at the time the search warrant was served. Various violations of Fish and Game statutes concerning waterways and Monterey County Code violations regarding the property were also noted. Additionally, Gries had failed to secure a permit or waiver from the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board which is required for all cultivation of cannabis that has the potential to negatively impact the waters of the state.

Commercial cannabis cultivation is highly regulated and is designed to protect the public by monitoring every step of the production process. Although this creates a more expensive product, it is necessary in order to provide a safe product that can also be traced if questions ever arise about a compound in the final product. The regulations also protect the environment.

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Commission OKs two home demolitions, delays third proposed by Tescher

By MARY SCHLEY

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS on Wednesday gave their final OK for two tear-downs but delayed a third because the owner wasn’t at the meeting and therefore couldn’t respond to requests from the commission for design changes.

Monaco businessman Patrice Pastor received final approval of his plans to tear down one of the three Scenic Road homes he owns and replace it with a new stone house that includes a pool. While the planning commission discussed his plans at three prior hearings and signed off on the project last month, the March 11 hearing was necessary for approval of design details like stone patterns and roofing materials.

The project was set for approval without discussion, but the woman who lives in the house asked if she could comment. “It’s a shame that it’s being taken down,” she said of the home, before saying the new design is more of a “box” than a cottage and suggesting a few additional design features.

Commissioners unanimously OK’d the demolition and new residence without any additional changes, other than to specify that the stone “be a random lay, with grout.”

Monte Verde

Most of a house on a small lot that fronts both Monte Verde and Second will be torn down and replaced with a new 1,712-square-foot two-story stucco house and detached garage, commissioners decided. They also approved a variance for limits on plate height, because the lot is sloped. The garage will face Monte Verde, the highest point on the lot, so without the variance, that would be the dominant feature seen from the street, with the house invisible behind and below it. Inside, the rooms would have to step down, which would make the house much less livable.

At a previous hearing, commissioners asked architect Jim Silliano to address privacy concerns expressed by the neighbor to the south, while a neighbor to the north wanted a shade study done and an evaluation of what a person on the rooftop deck could see.

Silliano said he made changes to address the neighbors’ concerns, and a woman who lives on Monte Verde northwest of Third said she drove by the property and wanted to make sure the trees on it won’t be cut down. (They are not being removed.)

She also implied the architect should have to design the house without a variance, since that would be more fair, and she complained that construction trucks would be noisy and disruptive. “Frequently they make it difficult to get out of your own home because of all of the trucks,” said the woman, who did not give her name.

The homeowner, Oliver Wang, thanked the neighbor for sharing her concerns. “It was a challenging lot, so we spent quite a lot of time going through the process to understand what can be done, and finally we came up with what will be a good plan — hopefully,” he said. Wang also pledged to work with the contractors and suppliers to keep the disruption in the neighborhood as minimal as possible.

Commissioner Stephanie Locke thanked Silliano for adjusting the design to accommodate everyone’s concerns, and commissioner Julie Wendt pointed out that without a variance, people would only see a garage from Monte Verde, and that stepping down from room to room would not work.

Wendt also said she liked the design, the colors and the materials.

Commissioners, minus Christopher Bolton, who had to recuse himself because he has property nearby, approved the design and the variance.

Better to be there

Builder Chris Tescher plans to merge two 4,000-square-foot lots on Casanova south of 12th and demolish an old house to replace it with a 2,827-square-foot two-story home and a 305-square-foot granny unit. Last month, planning commissioners

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City: People are not concerned enough about virus’ spread

Council to ratify emergency proclamation

AN EMERGENCY proclamation signed Thursday morning by city administrator Chip Rerig and set to be ratified by the city council at a special meeting at 11 a.m. March 13 authorizes him to make unilateral decisions about city operations, and even private gatherings, in light of coronavirus, which the World Health Organization declared a global pandemic this week.

According to Police Chief Paul Tomasi, who has been participating in regular briefings on the virus since it was first reported in China late last year, the WHO is concerned with “alarming levels of inaction” on the part of the public, and that “there’s been a reduced real perceived threat of this virus,” with people continuing to participate in social gatherings.

City at risk

With a disproportionate number of older residents, the population of Carmel is at greater risk of catching the virus, according to Rerig. Coronavirus spreads through the droplets expelled by sick people when they sneeze or cough, and it can live for as long as nine days on surfaces if not disinfected, which is why people are advised to stay at least 6 feet from each other — which has been labeled “social distancing” — to frequently wash their hands and not touch their faces, and to avoid large groups. This week, Gov. Gavin Newsom said gatherings of more than 250 people should be postponed or canceled, and people in any group should keep their distance.

Rerig said Carmel is the first Monterey Peninsula city to sign an emergency proclamation stating the existence of “conditions such as an epidemic which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of this city, requiring the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat.”

The proclamation also states, “Conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the city caused by the threat of COVID-19 that will impact significant city and community operations, including critical public infrastructure and services, and which will require the provision of additional public safety and emergency services,” and names him director of emergency services. As such, Rerig is in charge of determining how the city should respond to the coronavirus threat.

“One of the things the executive team is doing right now is developing operational plans for how we’re going to respond to this,” Rerig said.

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ASILOMAR HOUSES QUARANTINED PASSENGERS FROM GRAND PRINCESS

By KELLY NIX and CHRIS COUNTS

WITH FLOOD lights, a military-style Quonset hut, chain-link fences, caution tape and armed guards to keep people from entering and leaving, a portion of Asilomar Hotel and Conference Grounds this week looked more like a set from a Hollywood production about a zombie apocalypse than an international tourist destination.

On Wednesday, a mass of fencing and yellow tape was installed around a large portion of Asilomar’s buildings where at least 12 — and up to 24 — passengers from the Grand Princess cruise are being quarantined after showing mild symptoms of the highly contagious coronavirus.

“I can’t stop you from taking photographs from a public road,” a police officer with the U.S. Marshal Service — the law enforcement agency responsible for security at Asilomar during the quarantine — told a Pine Cone reporter Thursday morning. He didn’t want to make any other comments.

Another man wearing a California Office of Emergency Services jacket spoke to the police officer and another official. A silver Nissan Sentra was parked nearby.

“The marshal service flew us from all over to help,” the cordial officer told The Pine Cone. The man, who did not want to be identified or have a photo taken of his face, said he does not live in California.

Though he wouldn’t say how many U.S. Marshal’s officers were at the facility and how long they would be there, he said, “We are 24/7,” at the property. The officers are there to make sure no one enters or leaves.

“There could be a worse place to be,” he said, noting the Pacific Ocean nearby.

At Crocker and Sinex, the other side of the Asilomar housing, ambulances and numerous passenger cars were parked in the middle of the cordoned-off block. Hayward Park, a green space and walking path just east of the buildings, was also closed to the public.

In front of the barriers cordoning off the block, someone using yellow and pink chalk wrote on the pavement “Welcome” and “Happy Healing” with a heart next to it.

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for instance, already decided to meet at California Pizza
Take good care of our members,” she said.

Can’t be ’germ free’
Zoller said the foundation, which has classrooms, a
computer lab, a library and other gathering places, as well
large dining room and offices, simply has too many
surfaces that people touch, and that’s a way the virus is
spread.

“Never mind how on top of disinfecting we are, we’ll
never be able to keep all the surfaces germ free,” she said.
The foundation’s chef is still cooking meals for de-
ivery to homebound members, and is also cooking and
freezing meals in case demand increases, as well as to get
through ingredients on hand, according to Zoller. Any per-
ishables that aren’t used in cooking will probably be do-
nated to people who live in the foundation’s 50 apartments
throughout town. “We don’t anticipate much waste at all, because of
things we can freeze,” she said.

Isolation
Zoller said she is concerned about the people who will
be isolated at home because they can’t go to the founda-
tion’s gatherings, classes and other events that provide so-
cial interaction and intellectual stimulation.

“We are all about people staying healthy and thriving
— engaging minds and bodies — so it was a very hard de-
cision to make, because we worry about people when they
don’t have access to the foundation,” she said. “We want to
take good care of our members.”
She suggested they might still gather, even if they can’t
use the foundation as the venue. The needlecraft group,
for instance, already decided to meet at California Pizza
Kitchen to visit with each other and knit. Above all, she
wanted to remind everyone to get enough rest, eat health-
fully, exercise, and drink lots of fluids, because doing so
strengthens the immune system and makes people less
vulnerable to the virus.
Zoller also acknowledged those who continue to cau-
tion against contributing to the panic but said it simply
made more sense to close. “It boils down to, why wait until
the first one happens in our area?” she said.
Other executives who run similar organizations that
serve older members have also reached out to her to dis-
cuss the best strategies. “Everybody is watching everyone
else to see what decisions they are making,” she said.

Gala canceled
She hopes to be able to reopen the grounds April 1, but
that decision depends on the state of coronavirus here and
elsewhere at that time. Zoller also met with her executive
committee Thursday and decided to cancel the nonprofit’s
fundraising gala set to take place March 28. Prior to the
decision, she noted that canceling at this point would cost
the foundation money, but holding it could, too, with at-
tendance numbers down and people too afraid to be gener-
ous with their funds. The gala is the organization’s biggest
fundraiser of the year.
“We run at a deficit and don’t take government funding, so it’s through grants and bequests and donations” that the
foundation remains in operation, she said. “Next month is
our 70th birthday. We will survive, but I don’t want to keep
digging into our rainy-day fund.”
BOWLING benefits breast cancer patients

THE 18TH Annual Breast Cancer As-
sistance Group Bowl-a-Thon to help raise
funds for young mothers with breast cancer
will be held March 21 from 1 to 4 p.m. at
Monterey Lanes on Fremont Street. Found-
editors of a group of survivors, the nonprofit
by an entirely volunteer led and provides
grants for basic living expenses “to relieve some
of the financial worry associated with
breast cancer,” so patients can focus on
fighting the disease.

“Breast cancer patients face high finan-
cial costs, and many find themselves un-
able to work during treatment,” organizers
said. “This financial worry is especially
challenging for young mothers.”

Dühl, who noted that she wasn’t objection-
ing to the project, but the way it was being jus-
tified.

Attorney Molly Erickson also ex-
pressed concerns about the plan. Like
Dühl, she also remarked if a winery qualifies
as a cottage industry because, she said, it
doesn’t appear to fit the county’s defini-
tion of one. Erickson also noted that coun-
ty regulations don’t mention wineries as
an allowed use in low-density residential
neighborhoods. She suggested if someone
wants wineries to be included in that defi-
nition, they should work to expand it.

Planning commission chair Paul Get-
zelman, who also represents the district and
voted for the plan, described how much
his operation would create. The vintner
said that the grapes are picked by hand, and
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County planner Craig Spencer noted
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Planning commission chair Kate Daniel,
who also represents the district and voted
for the plan, said he didn’t know how much
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Planning commission chair Paul Get-
zelman, who voted for the winery, agreed
there are flaws in the process, but he said
Arzini shouldn’t be penalized for following
the plan. “I think we should reward people
who try to do things the right way,” he added.

C. V. winery gets OK to operate

I A SMALL “craft” winery can operate in
a Carmel Valley neighborhood, the Mon-
trey County Planning Commission decid-
ed this week after a spirited debate and the
opposition of two planning commissioners.
At a March 11 hearing in Salinas, the plan-
ing commission approved an application
by resident David Arzini to produce about
300 cases of wine each year. Arzini lives part-
time at 11729 Hidden Valley Road, which
is near Laureles Grade.

The plan calls for allowing “the conver-
tion of 1.6 acres of previously uncult-
ivated lands” to vineyards, and proposes
building a 3,015-square-foot, three-story
barn, an 855-square-foot wine cave and a
400-square-foot “crush pad.”

To help produce wine, Arzini will have
two employees.

Although he lives most of the year in
Menlo Park, Arzini said he plans to spend
about 45 days each year at his Carmel Val-
ley property.

“I’ve always wanted to produce wine,
but never on a grand scale,” Arzini told
planning commissioners. “The intent is not
to make volumes of wine, but to make the
best wine I can.”

A neighbor, Roger Williams, told the
planning commission he is worried the
wine operation would cause away or harm
nearby fauna. “My fear is that wildlife could be
adversely affected,” Williams said.

A cottage industry?

Planning commissioner Martha Dühl,
who represents the 5th District and voted
against the plan, took exception to calling
Arzini’s proposed winery a “cottage indus-
try.” She said the definition of such a busi-
ness requires that it be done by a resident.
“If it doesn’t fit the definition of a cottage
industry, I really have problem that,” said

undertaking similar precautions, according
to executive director Lauren Cohen. “Our
staff engages in extensive, museum-wide
safety and cleaning practices that include
washing, sanitizing and disinfecting be-
fore we open, during the day, and after we
close to the public,” she said. “This is our
practice every day at MY Museum, not just
during the time we are open. We are always
on alert for any sign or symptoms of any
illness affect our community. In light of coronavirus, we
have increased the cleaning and disinfect-
ing that happens throughout the day at the
museum and will continue to review our
procedures and adjust as appropriate.”

She said staff is also reminding every-
to frequently wash their hands and said
her greatest interest is keeping people safe
while they “enjoy a fun visit and have an
opportunity to spend time with your family
learning through the power of play.”

Free TP with sausage

And for grownups, the Monterey Muse-
ume of Art remains open, too, according
to executive director Stuart Chase. His staff
is also diligently cleaning, and plenty of
hand washing facilities are available. He
urged people to exercise all the precautions
suggested by the CDC, including frequent
hand washing and not touching your face.

“We at MMA remain committed to the
safety of our visitors and staff are constant-
ly updating our policies in accordance with
the spread of the virus,” he said.

And on the humorous side, PigWizard
deli and sausage shop at the Coast Guard
Pier on Cannery Row this week was of-
fering free toilet paper with purchases.

Customers who buy 2 lbs. of raw sausage
get one roll, while those buying 5 lbs. get
three. “Stock up on something delicious
while you prepare for the end of the world,”
owner Jonathan Roberts said. “Make plans
for your last meal at home by shopping at
PigWizard.”

Carmel.

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The Carmel Pine Cone

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VIRUS
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Callations, and whether Panetta believed members of Congress should work remote-
ly in an effort to prevent the spread of coro-
virus on Capitol Hill. The Carmel Valley Association put off
its annual meeting on March 15 because of the threat of the virus.

“In the interest of our members’ and
fellow valley residents’ good health, we
are postponing our annual meeting,” the
organization told its members. “We hope
to reschedule when health risks return to a
normal level.” Also with an “abundance of caution,”
District 2 Monterey County Supervisor
John Phillips decided to kill a March 16
community town hall meeting in Pruned-
ale, but said it would be rescheduled “when
the crisis and concern have subsided.”

The Carmel Public Library Founda-
tion Wednesday abruptly decided to pull
a “Golden Bough Theater talk” scheduled
for that night. That event, foundation exec-
utive director Alexandra Fallon said, would
also be rescheduled.

On Wednesday, Caltrans — also con-
cerned about coronavirus — canceled a
March 18 meeting in Big Sur that was sup-
posed to give the community a chance to
weigh in on the agency’s plans to replace
bridge rails on six bridges on the South
Coast. The same day, the Carmel Resi-
dents Association killed a March 18 event
featuring Monterey Bay Aquarium founder
Julie Packard “due to coronavirus precau-
tions and health of our community.”

The Pacific Grove Chamber of Com-
merce was supposed to celebrate longtime
resident Richard Stillwell’s 90th birthday
on March 17. That won’t happen now.

“He asked me to cancel it,” chamber
president Moe Ammar told the Pine Cone.

“We have 120 reservations.”

On Thursday morning, Wednesday Gallery
on Sixth Avenue said it would not hold a
scheduled book signing with Jeffrey Be-
com on Saturday because of health con-
cerns.

On Monday, the City of Monterey told
cruise ship agencies to cancel cruises into
Monterey Bay from now through April,
dealing a blow to shops and restaurants that
get business from their passengers.

And the Carmel Jewish Film Festi-
val announced Thursday that the final six
events of this year’s festival — including
three films that were set to be screened this
coming week — has been postponed due to
concerns about the coronavirus.

“We plan to reschedule remaining
events in the coming months and will hon-
or all tickets at that time,” a statement from
festival organizers read. “We want to thank
our sponsors, partners, and loyal film-go-
ers for their support and understanding.”

Monterey Peninsula College an-
nounced Thursday it is postponing the 29th
Annual Lobo Hall of Fame Banquet that
was set for March 14.

PacRep founder Stephen Moorer
Thursday had to inform the cast of “Matil-

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CIA director hard to lessen the financial hardship.”— or can donate the funds “to help lessen the financial hardship.” Sandin said ticket holders can get refunds or exchanges through the end of the month. Executive director Christine — would access curriculum via their computers, tablets — would involve teachers conducting online classes. Stu- (If you’d like to sponsor our next ad, give us a call.)

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Teaching via iPad
Monterey Peninsula College interim superintendent David Martin told students via email message Wednes- day that “Beginning immediately, and until further notice, MPC is recommending that face-to-face classes transition to online instruction if possible.”

Monterey Peninsula elementary, middle and high schools, public and private, remain open, but representa- tives for several of them told The Pine Cone they are also preparing for the possibility of teaching students remotely.

Pacific Grove Unified School District said it’s work- ing closely with the Monterey County Health Department to mitigate health risks and prepare “for actions that may be necessary in the future.”

That includes the possibility of “teleschool,” which would involve teachers conducting online classes. Stu- dents — who would be at home and not in the classroom — would access curriculum via their computers, tablets and cell phones.

PGUSD said it would also ensure its existing resources and tools — such as video conferencing — are “fully oper- ational to support online delivery of instruction.” It would loan computers to students who need them. Carmel Unified School District Superintendent Barb Dill-Varga in an email message to families Thursday af- ternoon said the district would be closing schools from Friday to March 27.

“Because the safety of our children is our number one priority, our district pandemic task force” made the deci- sion to close the schools, including preschools and after school care, Dill-Varga said.

She added that all school staff would report to work on March 16 to prepare for remote instruction.

York School spokeswoman Felica Pfieger said their schools are also planning to offer classes remotely, if nec- essary. “York faculty would teach their courses remotely to York students using Google Meet, a video conferencing application, and Haiku, our digital learning platform,” Pfieger said. “Students have access to and are familiar with both applications.”

The state health department recommends closing schools if two or more people in a community have tested positive for coronavirus, but that hasn’t happened in this county yet. Stevenson School spokeswoman Elena Mueller said training has already begun for teachers to re-familiarize themselves with various online tools for teaching remotely. “Stevenson already employs an online learning man- agement system which hosts class curriculum, homework assignments, and provides links to resources and read- ings,” Mueller told The Pine Cone. “This platform would be heavily utilized during a closure.”

Crystal Boyd, director of communications for Santa Catalina School, said the school and its teachers are pre- paring for several possible scenarios, including teaching students remotely if in-class instruction has to temporarily cease.

“We are providing guidance, support, and tools to teachers to help them stay connected with their students if there is a need to move to online instruction,” she said.

Meanwhile, there’s this. California’s former marijuana czar, Joe Devlin, this week claimed — in a statement put out by a public relations firm — that the state’s cannabis industry is “seeing a spike in sales due to the need to stay home and consumers getting bored.”

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New Car Week Policy to Limit Number of Events, Days, Hours

By MARY SCHIEY

DID THE city council intend to limit Car Week events to one held on Tuesday and one on Thursday, or could the 10-day span each August accommodate two events in town on other days of the week, instead?

And are those events specifically the Concours on the Avenue and the Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance? What if one of those goes away? Could another replace it?

Those are some of the questions community activities commissioners asked during their discussion of a new Car Week policy Tuesday.

Drafted by community activities director Ashlee Wright, the policy intends to regulate automotive events “to mitigate some of the negative impacts of Car Week, such as the resulting traffic, parking, and speeding or reckless driving, by limiting the number and size of events held on public property and permitted by the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea.”

Based on the council’s discussion last month, Wright wrote the policy to state no permits would be issued for public events other than those “occurring on Tuesday and Thursday of that week,” and that events other than those “occurring on Tuesday and Thursday of that week,” and that events other than those occurring on Tuesdays and Thursdays of that week, will be allowed to rent and block off parking spaces in front of their shops during Car Week. She suggested the policy could be done through the review process, because businesses that host car events are supposed to get special permits if such events are outside their normal course of business. She envisioned reaching out to downtown retailers to request adherence to the rules and to remind them that public events also impact the town.

“We are all in this together,” she said.

The overarching goals of such policies, Wright said, are “to keep us safe and to keep our community safe.”

Commissioner Judy Refuerzo also wondered if businesses should continue to be allowed to rent and block off parking spaces in front of their shops during Car Week, but Wright said she would address that at next month’s CAC meeting.

Commissioners discussed the limitation to two specific events on two specific days and asked Wright to get clarification from the council when it reviews the policy, most likely at its May meeting.

Sheriff begins enforcing sound rules

By MARY SCHIEY

A NEW ordinance imposes strict new limits on nighttime noises in the unincorporated areas of Monterey County, and the sheriff’s office has been warning that viola- tions will be cited.

The law, which was adopted by the board of supervisors last July and affects outside events, like Pebble Valley, Monterey, and Pebble Beach, Big Sur, and the neighbor- hoods surrounding Carmel-by-the-Sea, bans noise that’s “plainly audible” from 50 feet away after 9 p.m.

Prior to that, the ordinance limited loud noise after 10 p.m. The law intends to curb loud parties in residential neighborhoods, not public events at commercial venues.

“Sheriff’s office will be enforcing this ordinance. We have already been pro- viding residents with copies of the new ordinance and issuing citations to those in violation,” the sheriff’s office announced this week.

“The sheriff’s office encourages the community we serve to enjoy time with their families while being mindful of neigh- bors who enjoy the peace and tranquility the unincorporated areas have to offer.”

The ordinance caps noise between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. and permits for emergency vehicles running with sirens, other chimes related to religious services, and commercial agricultural operations — “not including activities at farm-related hous- ing,” and outdoor gatherings, public dances, shows and sporting and entertain- ment events” at commercial venues, as well as New Year’s Eve parties at large outdoor locations.

Expert talk about secret lives of badgers

By CHRIS COUNTS

THIRTEEN YEARS after telling The Pine Cone about her work investigating Fort Ord’s elusive badgers, researcher Jes- sie Quinn presents a talk about the cute but famously ornery pair of the weasel family Sunday at the Pacific Grove Muse- um of Natural History.

A viral video of a coyote and a badger that came out last month, meanwhile, brought public attention to a startling discovery that highlights the research of Quinn and others do — as strange as it might seem, coyotes and badgers not only get along surprisingly well, but have a mutu- tually beneficial relationship.

Tracking Fort Ord’s badgers

Snick, short-legged and possessing shaggy hair, badgers are nocturnal, so they are seldom seen — except, from time to time, as roadkill. It was with this sad reality in mind that Quinn approached a study that involved surgically attaching tracking de- vices to 10 Fort Ord badgers so she could follow their movements.

Only one of the 10 badgers bothered venturing across busy Highway 68. But he did so more than once.

“He was moving back and forth across the highway,” Quinn reported. “He’d be on one side one night and the other the next night.”

Thankfully, the wandering weasel sur- lived the study. “The last I knew he was alive,” Quinn said.

The video of the badger and the coy- ote, which filmed in the San Francisco Bay Area, turned up on social media a month ago. Besides warming hearts and getting lots of applause, it also highlighted a surprising relationship between a mismatched pair.

In the video, which can easily be found by googling “coyote and badger,” a coyote appears excited by the arrival of a badger, who turns out to be a badger. Next, as if they are on a pre-planned mission, the two enter a culvert together and walk down it until they disappear from sight — appar- ently heading off on a nighttime excursion to find food.

“IT’S called cooperative hunting,” ex- plained Quinn, who lives in Sacramento and is currently working as a consultant on a biodiversity management plan for the Mid-Pen- insula Regional Open Space District in the San Francisco Bay Area. “The badger digs, and the coyote steals the kill.”

If you’re interested in learning more about badgers, the talk by Quinn starts at 3 p.m.

Seldom seen, bad- gers come out way at night. A viral video, meanwhile, offers a glimpse into what some of them do when the sun goes, and it might surprise you.

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friend Rob Weakley. Bernahl's businesses, at their peak, were generating nearly $50 million per year — according to his attorney — an astonishing success by any account. “We own and operate the Pebble Beach Food & Wine, which is now the largest luxury food and wine event in the country,” Bernahl said in a video interview in 2011, three years after the debut of the now wildly popular event, which swelled from an initial attendance of 3,000 in 2008 to more than 8,000.

“David Bernahl’s businesses brought millions and millions of dollars to this community,” said banker Charles Christyerb, whose loans made some of Bernahl’s entrepreneurial forays possible. “He is one of the smartest and most creative people I’ve ever known.”

But Bernahl’s businesses also left a trail of unpaid bills and broken promises to contractors who helped build his empire and employees who kept his restaurants running.

And a 35-page bankruptcy filed in federal court in February portrays a 40-year-old man in financial ruin. Bernahl owes $8,560,070 in local, state and federal taxes and another $6,076,811 to individuals and businesses for loans and other services, according to paperwork filed with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District.

His single largest government debt is $6.9 million to the Internal Revenue Service. But Bernahl also owes $1,066,000 to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, $273,000 to the state Employment Development Department, $187,956 to the Monterey County Tax Collector, $89,565 to the Franchise Tax Board and $41,549 to the City of Monterey.

The face of Pebble Beach Food & Wine, always dressed to the nines, and often found behind the wheel of a flashy car, Bernahl does not own a home or vehicle and is unemployed, the court documents show.

His bankruptcy papers list meager possessions, including $4,500 in household goods and furniture, $2,000 worth of electronics like computers and a TV, a shotgun and a Smith & Wesson revolver worth a combined $400, and clothing and shoes amounting to $750.

His only remnants of wealth are $20,000 in luxury Swiss watches — including IWC, Cartier, Roger Dubuis and Dubey & Schaldenbrand — and a wedding ring, the bankruptcy papers show.

Among the individuals, businesses and companies he owes are Monterey County Bank ($2,265,000), a Watsonville-based company identified only as SLS ($1,550,000), Orbis Financial ($855,000), Connecticut-based Libertas Funding ($350,000), Nate Damaggio ($200,000), Marianne Plancke ($180,000), winery owner Stacy Montoya ($150,000), New York City-based Fox Capital ($130,000), Carpenteria resident Joe Fazio ($55,000), US Food Services ($41,000), Amex ($29,390) and Argyle Event Staffing ($14,113).

Bernahl’s total debt, his bankruptcy says, amounts to $14,636,881. He lists nearly a dozen limited liability companies on the document that he either owns or co-owns, including Cannery Row Brewing Company LLC, Est. 1833, Not Alone Cypress, and Coastal Luxury Management, but says his shares are worth nothing. His attorney, Ralph Guenter, explained the reasoning behind that. “When taking into account the debt which is cross-collateralized between the companies, the businesses can no longer operate, hence the value,” Guenter told The Pine Cone. “Mr. Bernahl is working with Monterey County Bank and other creditors to maximize the return on the sale of assets so that there may be some relief from the
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Professional relationship challenges and real-estate struggles.

Meanwhile, Guenther said Bernahl lost about $1.4 million of his own money in the failed business attempts.

“Devastating” Bernahl was candid about his losses and the inability to pay individuals and companies who helped fund his business ventures along the way.

“It’s a devastating feeling when you have to look at yourself in the mirror and admit failure,” he told The Pine Cone. “The devastation doesn’t come from a bruised ego, it comes from the feeling you are left with when people that believed in you were affected along the way.”

Coastal Luxury Management grew at breakneck speed, reaching a point where it had more than 500 employees.

“Unfortunately, it was impossible to cut expenses and staff at the same rate as the revenue declined,” Guenther explained.

Only one person Bernahl owes money to responded to The Pine Cone’s request for comment. Monterey journalist Patrick Cone. Keeley said that Bernahl from whom he owes $45,000, is paying him back.

“I was an investor in Pacific Twed many years ago,” Keeley said. “And since Pacific Twed failed, he has been making every effort to pay me very regular basis.”

In 2011, the owners of The Crossroads shopping center filed suit against Bernahl and the other owners of Pacific Twed, Sean Murphy and Todd Tempalski, for allegedly failing to pay $91,586 in rent and more than $1.2 million in future monthly rent for the shop. Pacific Twed filed for bankruptcy.

In late 2014, Bernahl was emblazoned in litigation against his longtime friend Bob Weakley, the other owner of the trendy Los Angeles restaurant, Faith & Flower.

The married co-owners also sued Bernahl and Weakley, alleging they had not paid back a $150,000 loan, among other things. His attorney at the time called the couple’s claim “meritless,” and the case was settled in 2015.

Cannery Row Company and CEO Ted Balestreri, who has known Bernahl for many years, called him “very creative and high energy,” but said he expanded his business too quickly.

“He did a lot of wonderful things,” Balestreri told The Pine Cone Wednesday. “It’s just that he got a little over his head. I think David’s ambition and creativity are a little faster than the operation could handle. I can’t say that it was all his fault, by any means.”

Balestreri said that Cannery Row Brewing Company, which shut its doors in November 2019, had been making “big money.”

“We own the building, so we know,” Balestreri said.

Lots to be proud of”

Despite the devastating setbacks, Bernahl said he has much to be proud of, including that his businesses employed hundreds of people — chefs, servers, dishwashers and other food service professionals.

“It’s pretty amazing to think that we’ve created around $170 million in revenue over the years,” he said. “But it’s also went out of business.”

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RICHARD MONROE

June 1954 • December 2019

Richard Monroe, a lifelong resident of Carmel and Carmel Valley, passed away December 10, 2019, following a brave battle with cancer. Thanks to the devoted care of his beloved daughter Katie and wonder dog Zoe, the support of many loved ones and wise guidance from Hospice of the Central Coast, he was able to pass peacefully at home, as he wished.

Rick was born in the old Carmel Hospital in June 1954. One year later to the day, brother Jimmy was born, “his first birthday present,” as he’d say. Their shared birthday spawned decades of infamous B-day parties with their huge circle of friends.

His fondest childhood memories were the many summers spent at the family beach house in Pacifica, Big Island with maternal relatives. Long days of running wild on the reef, fishing, snorkeling, and body surfing with cousins filled Rick’s fun-loving spirit. It helped offset the constant pain he endured from his many major surgeries, of which his friends are well aware.

Rick graduated from Carmel High School in 1972, attended UC Santa Barbara and Chico State, and spent a semester in Grenada, Spain while touring on his Norton 750. Rick’s love of travel, music, ceramics, photography, cooking and dancing came creatively through his life. Put any instrument in his hands, and he could play it in no time.”

As a baby or animal in his arms, and he could play for hours. This 65”, sharp-tongued, edgy man turned into a major purveyor of heartwarming animal videos!

Once Katie was born to Rick and Amy, his focus never wavered: she was always his pride and joy. He was a Title IX supporter in every way, ferrying Katie (and all her friends) to their sporting events all over the map and cheering louder than everyone. He fostered her high-intensity activities from team sports to skateboarding, surfing, rafting and snowboarding, and was a proud papa when she became a professional outdoor recreation leader.

An entrepreneur since youth, he started his successful business, Professional Liability Insurance Services, in Carmel Valley Village in 1989. Specializing in attorney liability insurance, he was well respected in the industry and formed great relationships with his many long-term clients.

He was proud to base his office in the Village and provide jobs for locals. His legacy will be carried on in a new form by Katie, David Stone, and long-time business manager and friend Jade Davis.

Rick was preceded in death by parents Harriet and Bill, brother Jim, Joanne Monroe and Brian and Travis Haag. He is survived by daughter Katie, sister Alexa/Deborah, the extended families of Debbie Edwards, Dan Hoag, Mathew Hoag, Pony Monroe, Amy Stone, cousins/ aunts/uncles, and countless friends. His unabashedly loud, booming laugh and larger-than-life presence will be missed.

A Hawaiian-themed Celebration of Life will be held from noon to 5 p.m. on May 30 at the Carmel Valley Community Center hall. Aloha attire and flowers are welcome. Please RSVP through Facebook or phone to BFF Kathy Stone (KK), so we get an idea for food prep.

If you would like to make a donation in memoria, the family suggests St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, whose work was near and dear to Rick’s heart.
Georgianna Main Dickinson
July 22, 1926 • March 3, 2020

Georgianna Main Dickinson (Georgie), 93, long time resident of Monterey and Carmel, and teacher in Salinas passed away March 3 in Portland, Oregon. Georgie was the daughter of Dr Sidney Main and Marjorie Bump. Originally from Michigan, the family moved to Daytona Beach, Florida when Georgie was a toddler. Dr Main, a dentist, often traipsed all over France, as-signed to live in one place of orphan children. They tripped all over France, as-signed to live in one place and another, always on the move and often times on foot. After returning from France, Georgie attended Cornell University where she grew up in Hebron, Nebraska on August 23, 1935, and the Pacific. Bev was thrilled to achieve her life-long desire to retire near the ocean and spent many years walking the beaches in Carmel and Pacific Grove.

She is survived by her three sons, Bruce, Roger and Scott, her brother Sidney Main, three grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

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Lana Weeks passed away on November 20, 2019, after a short illness. She was deeply influenced by her family, friends, colleagues, and especially the members of Big Sur Fire to whom she became family, friend and mentor.

Lana was born in 1956 in Washington, Iowa, to Geri and Richard Weeks. She graduated high school in 1975 and Bethel University in St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1980 with a B.A. in Theater and Dance, becoming a professional fund raiser, nonprofit organizer and uncompromising friend and mentor.

In 2004, Lana joined the Big Sur Land Trust as Development Director and became a driving force for guiding the Land Trust from its roots in traditional conservation on the Big Sur Coastline to expanding its impact in wider Monterey County. In addition to developing the first major gifts philanthropy program, she helped create new and enriching partnerships with the Salinas social service community, ranchers, and local artists and music groups, to name a few. These relationships led to innovative new projects such as the Glen Deven Ranch and Marks Ranch youth camps and the Carr Lake project in Salinas, attracting diverse new leadership to take the initiative in planning for the future. Lana adopted the members into her life and was included warmly as a family member by the operational members.

Lana was an indefatigable optimist and incomparable capacity for encouraging and supporting the members of Big Sur Fire to whom she became family, friend and mentor. In 2008, when a local medical personnel haven't had enough time to plan for the four-day festival that our hospitals have been planning for this year, he said. Moreno also responded to worried about what not enough test kits are available.

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION**

Notice is hereby given that personal property will be sold in the City of Monterey, Monterey County, California. The personal property consists of vehicles, motorcycles, and other personal property to be sold on March 26, 2020, at 9:00 AM at the Finney Building, 116 Pearl St., Monterey, California. The personal property will be sold to the highest bidder, subject to the condition that the person making the highest bid shall purchase the personal property described in the Notice of Sale. The personal property will be auctioned under the direction of the Monterey County Sheriff's Office. The proceeds from the sale will be used to defray the cost of the sale and to pay any costs and expenses incurred in connection with the sale.

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Carmel Valley Community Planning Committee will be held on March 23, 2020, at 6:30 PM at the Carmel Valley Community Center, 11700 Monterey Road, Carmel, California. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss and act upon the following matters:

1. Approval of agenda
2. Update on Carmel Valley Community Plan
3. Discussion of Carmel Valley Elementary School
4. Discussion of Carmel Valley Town Center
5. Any other business

All interested persons are invited to attend the meeting and to present their views regarding the matters discussed.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on March 24, 2020, at 6:00 PM at the Monterey County Courthouse, 2200 Fremont St., Monterey, California. The purpose of the hearing will be to consider the following matters:

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- “Thanks for the opportunity to read this wonderful little paper. It is much appreciated.”
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- “We poll our ticket-buyers as to where they hear about our concerts. You might be surprised to learn how many of them mention The Pine Cone. Thanks!”
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Symphony cancels after conductor stranded, church hosts bagpiper send-off

JUST DAYS after reporting that a guest conductor for this weekend’s concerts at Sunset Center would be replaced because he couldn’t travel from Italy due to restrictions in place to protect against the coronavirus, the Monterey Symphony announced it is canceling all events scheduled for March.

The cancellations include all March concerts, youth concerts and luncheons, a pop-up art show set for this weekend, and other related events. Sunset Center’s executive director, Christine Sandin, endorsed the decision.

“Sunset Center fully supports our presenting partner’s decision to cancel their event this weekend due to concerns over the potential spread of the coronavirus,” Sandin said Wednesday. “We recognize that each organization that contracts to use the center must make their own choices about public gatherings relative to the audience and performers they serve, and we are here to help facilitate that.”

The symphony, meanwhile, noted that its musicians “travel from every corner of the state, and in some cases other parts of the United States.”

As a result, “out of respect and concern for our musicians, patrons, staff and the community at large, we are canceling these concerts to mitigate risk,” the symphony announced.

Understandably, the cancellations have put musicians in a vulnerable financial position, but the symphony plans to help them out.

“We are deeply committed to the members of the orchestra, and we will still be compensating them,” symphony officials added. “Proceeds from tickets that are donated back will be used to offset these costs.”

Tickets can also be used for an upcoming performance or be put on hold to be used at a later date. montereysymphony.org.

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VIRUS OR no virus, St. Patrick’s Day is just around the corner, and even people who don’t like corned beef and cabbage or Irish whiskey can look forward to traditional St. Patrick’s Day fare — a holiday that means green beer, Irish coffees, colorful cocktails and the shenanigans all that might lead to.

For people who can’t get enough of all things Irish, several local restaurants are planning to offer specials on March 17.

Four days Quail Lodge in Carmel Valley will be serving St. Patrick’s specials March 14-17 at Edgar’s, the restaurant in the clubhouse. A classic Reuben sandwich will be available for $15 on National Reuben Day March 14, while Irish Nachos with corned beef or bacon can be had for $10 March 15-17. On St. Patrick’s Day proper, a $21 plate will include red potatoes, cabbage and braised corned beef.

Drink specials at the Waypoint Bar & Grill in the lodge lobby will include green beer and flights of Jameson Irish whiskey. The lodge is located on Valley Greens Drive. Visit quaillodge.com to learn more.

Lucky at Poppy Hall “It’s your luckiest day of the year,” said the folks at Poppy Hall. “Just for you, Poppy Hall will be open on Tuesday, March 17, from 5 to 9 p.m. serving up the most sumptuous Irish feast this side of the Mississippi.” Poppy Hall, which was also named Best Restaurant last week by the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce, is typically closed Tuesdays.

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Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

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Hooray for donuts!

Homero Simpson is infatuated with them, and cops with senses of humor joke about them, but they just might be the perfect food, and no one makes them better than Red's, which has been turning out deliciously sugary fried rings of dough for seven decades. Red's Donuts in Monterey and Seaside is celebrating turning 70 by selling (non-fancy) donuts for 50 cents each and $4 per dozen on March 13 — until they run out. On Alvarado Street, the shop will open at 6:30 a.m., and the folks at Red's are urging fans to “make our day special by spending it with us!”

Magnum sale at Galante

The Galante Vineyards tasting room on Dolores south of Ocean is offering 25 percent off magnums through March 14. Nearly a dozen red wines, some of which go back to the 1995 vintage, are available for $67.50 to $240 this week — compared with $90 to $320, regularly. Varietals include malbec, cabernet sauvignon and petite sirah. For more information, visit galantevineyards.com.

C.V. Rotary dinner

Carmel Valley Rotary’s “3rd Annual The Party!” with a prime rib buffet and plenty of Carmel Valley wines will take place March 14 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Palo Corona Ranch Regional Park HQ (formerly Rancho Cañada) at 4860 Carmel Valley Road. Tickets are $65 and can be ordered through Eventbrite.com. Live and silent auctions will help the club raise funds for its service efforts, and The Jim Vanderwaan Trio will perform live. See FOOD next page
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A C.V. staycation
Carmel Valley Ranch hosts a Saturday Supper club through April 25 and work- shops on cheese making. cheesemaker Charlie Carmo from March 19 to June 20. Executive chef Tim Wood prepares fam- ily-style dinners to be served in the golf clubhouses Saturday, when everyone is invited not just to feast, but to roast marsh- mallows by the firepits and even participate in a bit of night golf, with glowing green tar- getes placed on the range.

A communal dinner of appetizers, soup, salad, a variety of entrees and desserts will follow; with items likes olives and pickled vegetables, parmesan puffs, winter soup and green salads, arugula insalata, pork osso bucco, sea bass, scallop scallion, grilled broccoli with caramelized shallots, and apple pie parfait.

The evening starts with cocktails, games and entertainment at 5 p.m., and then through the footsteps of the apostles Paul and Peter, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, the columnist lives at Carmel Valley. Challenge Success: A Well-Balanced Series, Parent & Teacher Lecture (831) 659-0400. Baum & Blume Café, 4 El Caminito Rd, Del Mesa Carmel, a retirement community of the Holy Spirit, the columnist lives at Carmel Valley, (831) 667-9533.

April 16 – “I Tell Them I Was Andy Rooney” is the title of a humorous column by Jerry Gerassos’ talk at the Carmel Writers Guild at 2 p.m. Jerry reveals how he became a columnist at age 68 without a college degree. A self-described “gentleman” who believes in the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the columnist lives at Del Mesa Carmel, a retirement community, he says he is a “Preserved Land Having with Milk and Grains,” whose talks are immediate, members. Friends: guests $10, (831) 624-2866 or 911-0184.

March 16 – Carmel Public Library Foundation and Carmel Unified School District’s: Parent & Teacher Lecture Series: 6:30 p.m. Carmel High School Performing Arts Center, Hwy 1 & Ocean Ave. Challenge Success: A Well-Balanced Perspective on College Fit. What is “fit” and why does it matter? Participants will learn practical strategies to allow unnecessary pressure around the college admission process, and ways to administer to their student’s overall well-being for college and beyond. Cost: Free. seating first-come, first-served. Questions? Carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org or (831) 242-2011

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March 18 – Julia V. Packard, founder of Monterey Bay Aquarium, to speak at 5 p.m. at Monterey Center, Canceled: This program, presented in collaboration with the Patrician Residents Association, is open and free to all. Wine and social hour to follow program. Carmel Presbyterian Church – 8466 Pajaro St., South withrian organist Eun Ho Chang and local soloists (Thursday at 11:30 a.m.); and pianist Michael Martinez (Monday at 6:30 p.m). At Portola Hotel & Spa in Monterey, 2 Portola Plaza, (831) 649-7684.

March 19 – “Learn to play bridge!” and Open Mic Night (Wednesday at 7 p.m.). On Highway 1 28 miles south of Carmel, (831) 667-2574.

The In at Spanish Bay – The Jazz trio, in the beh- by, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.; and The Dottiethep Doe Trio, Thursday at 7 p.m. also, a bagpipe plays every evening at sunset, 2700 17 Mile Drive, (831) 647- 7500.

Jackie Montgomery – The International Trio (“the world’s favorite songs,” Sunday at 11:30 a.m.). At Portola Hotel & Spa in Monterey, 2 Portola Plaza, (831) 649-7684.

March 22 – Get all your favorite music acts, in Portola – singer-songwriter Bruce Rowen “Molly’s Revenge has been two decades. His fans will have a chance to say goodbye when the band plays Sunday at St. Mary’s By-the-Sea in Pacific Grove. “Help us celebrate St. Paddy’s Day as we bid adieu to David as he sets forth on his next endeavor,” Jacqueline Pierce of St. Mary’s said. “Molly’s Revenge has been strong for 20 years, and the legend will continue.” The music starts at 7 p.m. The church is located at Central and 12th. Tickets $28. celticsoociety.org

March 25 – Free Medicare Seminar: Alliance on Aging is hosting a free event, free of charge, or on the basics of Medicare plans and more 5:30 p.m. at Hamiton Memorial Library in Carmel. Call 831-655-1334 or www.aol.com/nioningaging

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So long David
One-third of one of California’s premier Celtic music acts, Molly’s Revenge, bag- pipe David Brewer is leaving the trio after two decades. His fans will have a chance to say goodbye when the band plays Sunday at St. Mary’s By-the-Sea in Pacific Grove. “Help us celebrate St. Paddy’s Day as we bid adieu to David as he sets forth on his next endeavor,” Jacqueline Pierce of St. Mary’s said. “Molly’s Revenge has been strong for 20 years, and the legend will continue.” The music starts at 7 p.m. The church is located at Central and 12th. Tickets $28. celticsoociety.org

Live music March 13-19
(Better to check with all venues for last-minute schedule changes)

Harmel – Fields of Eden (acoustic pop and rock, Friday at 7 p.m.); and Blind Pony (rock, Saturday at 7 p.m.). In Carmel Square at San Carlos and Seventh, (831) 620-3400.

Cibo Ristorante Italiano in Monterey – Sonic Blue with singer Joey Bonner (rock and folk, Friday at 9 p.m.) and Pacific Grove (pop, rock and soul, Saturday at 9 p.m.) – guitarist Grover Cae and bassist, and his cellist, with a variety of blues, Sundays, 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) 649-8150.

Coopers Pub & Restaurant in Monterey – singer-songwriter Rick Frost (Friday at 9 p.m.); The Sweet Dreams Duo (rock and folk, Saturday at 9 p.m.); and The Eldorados (rock, Tuesday at 7 p.m.). 635 Cannery Row, (831) 373-1353.

East Village Coffee Lounge in Mon- terey — singer-songwriter Amy Oren- berski (Friday at 7 p.m.); saxophonist Roger Edly; guitarist Bruce Freeman and per- cussionist John Nava (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.); and Open Mic Night (Wednesday at 7 p.m.). 498 Washington St., (831) 373- 5601.

Ferndow Resort in Big Sur — B & B (the “honeycomb indie rock”, Satur- day at 10 p.m.) on Highway 1 2 miles south of Carmel, (831) 667-2422.

Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley — singer-songwriter Mike Annuzzi (Friday at 7 p.m.); singer-songwriter Kris Angels (Saturday at 3 p.m.); and singer-songwriter Ace de la Vergne (Sunday at noon). 8940 Carmel Valley Road, (831) 293-7500.

Henry Miller Library in Big Sur — singer-songwriter Rue DeMena (Sunday at 7.30 p.m.). On Highway 1 2 miles south of Carmel, (831) 667-2574.

The Lab — actor Taelen Thomas and singer and guitarist Bill Sparkman pay tribute to The Highwaymen (country, Fri- day at 5:30 p.m.); and mandolinist Dave Holodoff, fiddler Eddijah McCullar and pianist Vittorio Martire celebrate St. Patrick’s Day (Irish music, Sunday at 2 p.m.) in The Barnyard shopping center.

La Playa Café — The Dahl Mor- wood Jazz Band (Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m). Camino Real and Eighth, (800) Call for more music next page.
BUTTERFLIES turn Sunset gallery blue, honor pioneering photographers

As impossible as it might seem, hundreds of butterflies that ended up as lab specimens many years ago have turned blue and taken flight at Sunset Center. Part of an exhibit of cyanotype images on display at the Center of Photographic Art titled “Winter Blues,” the butterflies were created by North Carolina photographer and teacher Leah Sobsey.

The project got its start when Sobsey was accepted as an artist-in-residence at Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona. While the grand canyon has always been one of the continent’s most appealing vistas, Sobsey didn’t want to simply copy the work of others when she began living and working there.

“The traditional way of photographing the Grand Canyon had been done before,” she told The Pine Cone. “I felt I didn’t have much to offer it.”

Instead, Sobsey found creative inspiration in the grand canyon’s vast collection of insect specimens—several hundred varieties of butterflies—some yearly residents and others seasonal migrants—call the national park home.

“Each national park has an amazing specimen collection that’s specific to its region,” explained Sobsey, who later visited Acadia and Everglades national parks in search of specimens.

“The butterflies sparked my interest—I made digital negatives and created cyanotypes from them,” Sobsey added.

You can take one home
Each butterfly is printed on watercolor paper and cut to its shape. A “swarm” of more than 300 of them, now populates the Center of Photographic Art gallery at Sunset Center. The show continues through April 5.

For Photographic Art gallery at Sunset Center. The show, employing by photographers in the 19th century. Cyanotypes are noted for their brilliant blue tones.

While she was creating her cyanotype butterflies, Sobsey was also reminded of the work of Anna Atkins, who during the mid-19th century was a pioneer in botanical and cyanotype photography. “The show is an homage to her,” she said.

Sobsey is hopeful the show will raise awareness about the impacts humans and a warmer climate are having on butterflies—and in particular, monarchs, whose population is plummeting, she noted.

“Monarchs are widely affected by climate change and agricultural practices,” she said. “Their numbers are falling.”

The executive director of the center, Sobsey is paying tribute to a process of butterflies that ended up as lab specimens many years ago have turned blue and taken flight at Sunset Center.

By CHRIS COUNTS

Art Roundup

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MORE MUSIC

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Midici Pizza in Monterey — Jazz Jam (Thursday at 7 p.m.); 467 Alvarado St., (831) 264-7913.

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.).

Puma Road tasting room in Monterey — singer-songwriter Sej Miles (Friday at 6 p.m.); singer-songwriter Leche Malo (Saturday at 6 p.m.); Max & Browyn (acoustic rock, Sunday at 5 p.m.); and singer-songwriter Lindsay Berry (Tuesday at 5 p.m.).

The Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — singer-songwriter Shy McFly’s (Saturday at 6 p.m.); and singer-songwriter Andrew Shemanski (Sunday at 5 p.m.).

The Monastery — singer-songwriter Sej Miles (Friday at 6 p.m.); singer and pianist Dino Vera (jazz, blues and r&b, Saturday at 7 p.m.); and singer and pianist Lee Durley and pianist Joe Indence (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.).

The Longboard Cafe in Pacific Grove — singer and guitarist Andrea Carter (acoustic rock, Friday at 6 p.m.); singer-songwriter Dave “NoMad” Miller (Saturday at 6 p.m.).

Wild Fish restaurant in Pacific Grove — singer and guitarist Andrea Carter and keyboardist and saxophonist Gennady Loktionov (jazz, Friday at 6:30 p.m.).

The Blackbird Cafe in Carmel Valley — New Rome Theater (acoustic rock, Friday at 6 p.m.); and singer-songwriter Dave “NoMad” Miller (Saturday at 6 p.m.).

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Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

On Tuesday night, they traveled to Albany to play St. Mary’s for the Northern California Division IV crown, the last step before the state title game against Southern California’s champion.

Carmel came up short, 68-53, against the St. Francis of Los Angeles. In the opening round, where they lost 59-50 to Verbum Dei of Inglewood, they played for the Division IV state championship.

The Chieftains also played for the Northern California Division V title in 1992, losing 79-72 to Morningside Vincent. The last division title for Monterey County’s most successful program was the Central Coast crown in 2017, falling to St. Patrick-St. Vincent.

The ignition switch for the 2019 season was the sight of Gabilan Division MVP Luke Driscoll of Salinas, who scored 11.1 points, 6.4 rebounds, 3.8 assists, 3.4 steals, and 3.4 blocks.

Senior Kailey Clymo (11.0 points, 7.4 rebounds, 3.7 assists, 3.4 steals, 3.4 blocks) shared the Most Valuable Player honors with Thebastian Soria (5.2 points, 8.4 rebounds) of Pacific Grove.

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The MVP

Stevenson’s boys shared the Mission Division crown with Christopher (both 8-2) and went 18-8 overall, including a victory over Summit Shasta in the Division V playoffs.

Mission Division MVP Luke Driscoll (24.3 points, 6.0 rebounds, 3.0 assists, 2.2 steals) was joined on the all-division team alongside sophomore Evan Johnson (9.2 points, 6.4 rebounds, 3.6 assists), and senior Benjaming Soria (5.2 points, 8.4 rebounds) was a second-team pick for coach Justin Clymo.

‘Grit, determination and resilience when backed into a corner’

THE 2020 Carmel Padres were one of those “once-upon-a-time” teams in Monterey County boys basketball history — one of a precious few that ventured deep into the postseason playoffs.

The 2019 squad, which went 23-5, won the Gabilan Division championship, and lost in the finals in 1993 and 2016.

Until this season, Carmel’s best team ever was the 2019 squad, which went 23-5, won the Gabilan Division championship, and the CCS Division IV tournament, then was inexplicably bumped up to Division II for the state playoffs, where the Padres lost in the opening round.

Nine of the 13 players from that team returned this year to compile a 26-5 record, repeat as CCS Division IV champs, and beat Marin Catholic (56-53), St. Ignatius (59-42) and Foothill (55-50) to reach Tuesday’s NorCal finale.

Among them were senior Kai Lee (16.5 points, 5.8 rebounds, 4.1 assists, 2.7 steals) and junior JT Byrne (23.0 points, 7.7 rebounds, both 6-foot-5, both first-team All-Gabilian Division player.

The team’s most tenacious defender, second-team All-Gabilian Division senior Max Carr, was also the third-leading scorer (7.2 points), just ahead of sophomore Amir Brown (6.9 points, 6.5 rebounds), and seniors Parker Peavy (6.3 points), and Hunter Heger (6.0 points, 4.3 rebounds).

The ignition switch for Carmel’s engine, senior point guard Ethan Fletcher, dealt 5.9 assists per game.

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Big year at Stevenson

A few miles away, in Del Monte Forest, the Stevenson Pirates did a whole bunch better. They won the Cypress Division title, and were 21-5 overall, including a victory over Summit Shasta in the opening round of the CCS Division V playoffs.

“The team dynamic this year was electric. Because we returned our entire team and added a few key young players, we had the connection and fire, both on and off the court,” Stockdale said. “Some of these girls have been playing together since elementary school, and it shows. This team is truly a family, and that translated into a historically successful season for our program.”

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“I’m going to remember the time we spent together in the summer and traveling during the season, building trust and culture, and learning to be a part of something that was bigger than ourselves,” Clymo said. “The boys’ consummate belief in one another and their grit, determination, and resilience when backed into a corner were on display throughout the season.”

Youth at Carmel, Catalina

Despite a varsity roster with just one senior, first-year head coach Kevin Price guided Carmel’s girls to a second-place finish in the Cypress Division at 7-5 and a 14-11 overall record that included a first-round victory in the Division IV playoffs.

Sophomore Elle Bohlman was a first-team all-division pick, and junior Erin Trotter made the second team.

“We had a young group and a first-year head coach introducing new ways of thinking and playing, and a very difficult league that included several league champs, CCS champions, and perennial powers,” Price said of the Padres.

“Given all that, I thought we had a great year, played our best basketball down the stretch, and set the stage for continued improvement next season,” he added.

First-year head coach Peter Cofresi had nine freshmen among the 12 players on his varsity roster at Santa Catalina — four freshmen and a sophomore started — but the Cougars peaked at the right time, winning their final two games of the year to complete a 4-11 season.

“We had the youngest starting five in the history of Catalina, and we were able to compete with teams that were older and out of our league,” Cofresi said. “It looks like we grew and became a real contender in our division.”

Looking ahead (March 13-19)

Baseball — Friday: Monterey at Carmel (4 p.m.).
Wednesday: Palma at Carmel (4 p.m.). Thursday: Stevenson at Seaside (4 p.m.).
Boys basketball — Saturday: California state championship game: Carmel vs. Providence (Burbank) or Arcroyo Grande.
Boys golf — Tuesday: Carmel, Stevenson at PCAL meet, Laguna Seca Golf Ranch (3-30 p.m.). Thursday: Carmel, Stevenson at PCAL meet, Salinas Fairways (3-30 p.m.).
Boys lacrosse — Saturday: Cardinal Newman at Stevenson (4 p.m.).
Carmel at St. Francis Mountain View (12 noon) Monday; Stevenson at San Benito (6 p.m.) Wednesday; Carmel at Palma (5:30 p.m.) Thursday; Pacific Grove at Carmel (5:15 p.m.); Stevenson at Aptos (7:15 p.m.).
Girls lacrosse — Friday: Carmel at Monte Vista Christian (4 p.m.).
Monday: Salinas at Carmel (3:30 p.m.). Tuesday: Carmel at York (4 p.m.). Thursday: Santa Catalina vs. Carmel at York (4 p.m.).
Boys softball — Monday: Carmel at San Benito (4:30 p.m.); Tuesday: Stevenson at Pacific Grove (4:30 p.m.).
Wednesday: Watsonville at Carmel (4:30 p.m.). Thursday: North Salinas at Stevenson (4 p.m.).
Swimming and diving — Saturday: Castilleja at Santa Catalina (10 a.m.).
Tuesday: Santa Catalina at Carmel (4 p.m.).
Boys tennis — Tuesday: Alisal vs. Carmel, Carmel Valley Athletic Club (4 p.m.). Stevenson at Monte Vista Christian (4 p.m.).
Tuesday: Carmel at Everett Alvarez (4 p.m.).
Track and field — Tuesday: Santa Catalina at PCAL meet, Pacific Grove (3:30 p.m.). Thursday: Carmel vs. Palma/Notre Dame at Palma (3:30 p.m.).
Boys volleyball — Tuesday: Carmel at Salinas (6:30 p.m.).
Thursday: Carmel at Monterey (6:30 p.m.).

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Korea gives hope

NOW THAT Disneyland has closed, Broadway shows have all been canceled, and the baseball season has been postponed indefinitely — all on top of the numerous local cancellations and closings we chronicle this week — it’s definitely no exaggeration to say that we are seeing a world no generation of humans has encountered before. We may not be suffering the devastation of war or a major terrorist attack, but we are suddenly living in an era of terrible economic effects, widespread fear, and death that seems to come out of nowhere. It’s an era none of us thought possible, much less expected.

We offer that paragraph not to add to the huge pile of dire warnings that are already ubiquitous in the media. We offer it as a counterpoint to what we will say now. This epidemic cannot last, and with all the event cancellations and travel restrictions, all it will take is for everyone to follow basic safety and hygiene protocols for things to start to looking better quite soon.

Many scientists have already said the same thing, based not just on their knowledge of biology, but on the empirical evidence of how this virus has behaved — especially in a country like South Korea, which has an educated population and a pretty advanced healthcare system. It’s also a place where the government can be expected to tell the truth about what’s going on, which means its statistics are reliable.

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But the coronavirus no longer has the element of surprise on its side. Now, practically everybody in this country is on high alert and taking steps to protect themselves from the virus, and ready to take immediate steps if they think they have it.

Which means the advantage is now on our side.

Why the quarantine?

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you out of total frustration and with the hope that you can get answers from the “authorities” that I have been unable to obtain.

I am a long-time resident of P.G. My elderly neighbors, family and I have concerns regarding the state’s decision to house Grand Princess passengers who have been exposed to coronavirus in our neighborhood. I understand that Asilomar is a state-owned property. But it does not make sense that the state would introduce these potentially infected individuals into the midst of a small and elderly community... a community where those who are at the greatest risk of suffering (and possibly dying) from the virus reside in great numbers.

Certainly this puzzling decision raises a lot of concerns and questions that none of our local leaders have been able to address. Everyone I have questioned indicates that they have no answers. The relevant questions that need to be answered:

Why are these “passengers” under 24-hour guard? What is the extent of “security” being provided by the state to enforce the quarantine?

Why was Asilomar selected over all the other state-owned properties? The blueprint answer I have been getting is that Asilomar is a state-owned property and fits the CDC guidelines. End of story. Well, I am sure that there are lots of other state-owned properties that are better suited to house these passengers. How were these “lucky” few passengers selected? Who are they? We need to know how these 13 to 24 individuals were actually selected out of more than 3,500 people. What makes them so special that they get to stay at a resort in one of the most beautiful areas of the country? Why weren’t they sent to one of the military bases, as were so many others?

Who benefits financially from this deal? We need to know who is actually going to “provide services” to these passengers. As I understand, the Asilomar staff and employees will not be exposed in any way. Are we entitled to know who will be providing all necessary services? Why the lack of transparency? I am totally blown away by the fact that the state is not communicating with our county and local governments.

I am concerned that if we don’t raise our voices and concerns regarding this matter and get answers, the state may decide to transfer more individuals who have been exposed to coronavirus to Asilomar. I am concerned that the state will continue to operate without coordinating its efforts with the local governments involved.

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Letters to the Editor

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Crossing the border

Múñoz also enjoys his catering work as a purpose: "Every morning, before he begins cooking, chef Moses Múñoz prays, "Please, God, put your hands on my food so everything is good for my patrons." And every day, he says God shows up, and together they make great food."

At his kitchen at Carmel Valley Athletic Club, Múñoz and his staff assemble a menu of healthy options for club members and guests, using fresh ingredients that are as local as possible. His catering business does special events at the club and for private clients, including barbecues, formal dinners, wine tastings and Taco Night, for which Múñoz brings out his special taco cart.

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Impressionism with Photography

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Land baroness’ story starts with two lots on Ocean Avenue for $300

WHILE CONTROVERSIAL today, short-term rentals were an important part of life in early Carmel. A 1918 ad in The Pine Cone read, “For Rent, Several tents, cabins, cottages, all clean and well furnished; centrally located. Address Mrs. W.T. Dummage. Carmel, Cal.” Although largely forgotten today, Dummage was one of Carmel’s earliest residents and became one of its most significant landowners. I thank reader Betsy Durnell for bringing her to my attention. Durnell operates Soiled Doves in one of the buildings Dummage used to own.

Dummage was born Mary Louise Pearce in 1870. She and her siblings grew up on their grandfather’s farm in Madison County, Ill., near St. Louis, Mo. In 1889, she married Thomas Stallings and had a son and daughter before they divorced. In 1898, she moved to California with her 6-year-old daughter, Mabel, while her 8-year-old son remained with his father.

The next year, Mary married Melvin B. Norton, who was the son of the first grocer in Pacific Grove, worked for his father, and was widely respected. Norton was elected city clerk in January 1900, and in July, the couple had a son, Robert. Scandal rocked Pacific Grove in July 1901 when Norton disappeared, leaving behind hundreds of dollars in gambling debts. Mary had to petition the court to remand for a divorce in 1905 and continued as an independent businesswoman, renting out her property in Pacific Grove and soon acquiring more real estate in Carmel, Pacific Grove and what later became Seaside. Her widowed mother and older sister, Laura, both moved to Carmel in the first decade of the century. Laura came as the wife of Philip Wilson, who later built a golf course (see my June 7, 2019, column) and the Wilson building on the northwest corner of Ocean and Dolores. Mary and Laura’s mother died in Carmel in September 1913, and in November 1913, Mary became Mrs. W.T. Dummage.

Her husband was 58, and this was his first marriage; Mary was 43. He soon deeded his real estate to Mary, leading to the ad which begins this column. Rental income served them well, and she continued to acquire more properties. Her home at Dolores and Ocean became known as the Dummage Cottage. An official record of the cottage, produced in 1999, states that after they married, “they lived in the Dummage Cottage for the remainder of their lives.” This is not entirely true.

The 1920 census shows the Dummages were living in William’s home on Mission. On the 1930 census they were on Dolores. However, an item in the July 30, 1936, Salinas Californian states, “Mrs. Ella Spencer of Oklahoma has taken the Dummage cottage for a month.” So at least on occasion, Mary was renting it out. Still, it was clearly known as her home for many years.

The Dummages were also active in civil affairs. Will served on the sanitary board and covered as town marshal when Gus England needed a vacation. In 1930, Mary was named to Carmel’s first municipal advisory board. Its role was to review matters referred to them by the council. Will Dummage died Dec. 6, 1930. His death did not slow down Mary, who was then 60.

In 1933, she remodeled the upstairs of a building on Dolores to lease offices for two physicians and a dentist.

Mary married for a second time and moved to Pacific Grove. She made her home at Carmel from 1903 until her passing in 1952. She built a new commercial building at Lincoln and Ocean that opened in October 1937 with two new businesses. In October 1939, she bought the Eleven building just west of her cottage on Ocean. This building gave her four lots on Ocean between Dolores and Lincoln as well as two on Lincoln and two on Dolores immediately south of those lots. At 75, Mary showed her first sign of retirement when she added Mabel to the title of the five lots she owned along Ocean and Dolores, including her cottage. Mary died Oct.

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ART
From page 25A
Ann Jastrab said she’s thrilled to see Soohye’s butterfly swarm brighten the gallery at Sunset Center.

“We have the honor of exhibiting Leah’s timely butterfly swarm, which is flying across our gallery walls until April 5,” Jastrab said. “Stop by to see its majesty!”

The exhibit also includes cyanotypes by Paula Riff, Brenton Hamilton, Diana Bloomfield, J.M. Golding, Barbara Hazen, Max Kellenberger, Heidi Kirkpatrick and Brian Taylor, the center’s recently retired executive director.

Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 625-5181 or visit photography.org.

■ Art walk set for Saturday
Saturday marks the return of the Carmel Art Walk, when 17 downtown artist-owned galleries will place blue lanterns in their windows and stay open until 9 p.m.

Some artists plan to do demonstrations, including Mary Titus of Titus Gallery and Delia Bradford of Gal- lery Delia.

The event is free. Maps are available at participating galleries and at carmelaartwalk.com.

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tenure as executive chef for the Carmel Valley Athletic Club Café, from which he also runs his catering company, Forty Love Catering.

In August 2019, the Seaside resident became a United States citizen. Sometimes he considers retiring to Mexico to reduce his financial burden.

In June, the Carmel Valley, Big Sur, Arts & Entertainment

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tiple breeds, including Merens (native to the Pyrenees Mountains in France), American-bred stonewall sports- horses, Marwaris (found in India, characterized by ears that come together at the tips, outlining a heart shape), Lusitanos (native to Portugal), and gypsy vanners (char- acterized by a long, free-flying mane, and an abundance of feathery hair flowing from behind the knees and hocks).

“If you’re passionate about your subject matter, I feel like it will show through in your work,” Aiu said. “I think that pretty much sums up why I started and continue with the horses.

Her body of work also features artistic renditions of sheep, cows, deer, birds, people, landscapes and seascapes, koi and dolphins, among other subjects.

“This area is a treasure. I’ll go to Point Lobos, and sometimes I’ll stay for hours just trying to catch that beau- tiful moment,” said Aiu, who has been a Carmel resident since 2006 with her high school sweetheart and husband of 40 years, Alex.

On television
Aiu is a member of ImageMakers (a group of about 60 well known fine-art photographers on in the Monterey Bay area), and a volunteer at Carmel’s Center for Photographic Art.

She’s had solo shows in Benicia, Napa Valley, Fair- field and Vacaville, and was one of three panelists in 2017 on television’s West Coast Focus, an episode that can be found online at AMPMedia.org.

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15, 1952, leaving a large estate to her three children. Her eldest son had moved to Carmel in 1945 and operated Stallings Stamp Shop in one of his mother’s buildings.

As for the Dummage cottage, Mabel sold the building in 1957 and it was moved to a lot on San Carlos just north of Ninth. Mabel had a new commercial building built on the corner. MARY DAMMAGE was one of the powerful wom- en that helped build downtown Carmel, and her family stayed involved for several more years.

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