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What time is it when sewage fills your cottage?

By KELLY NIX

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE caused sewage to back up into an iconic Carmel-by-the-Sea cottage, forcing the home to be designated a biohazard and uninhabitable for nearly four years, a complaint against a



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

This quaint cottage, built by M.J. Murphy in the 1920s, was essentially destroyed by a sewage spill in 2016. (Construction debris is shown right.)

wastewater agency alleges.

Carmel Area Wastewater District crews on Oct. 26, 2016, were doing routine maintenance on one of the agency's pipelines when "sewage was forced under high pressure to spread throughout" the property of the home known as the Pied Piper on Lincoln Street near Eighth Avenue, according to a lawsuit filed by Lauren Cesare, the trustee of the Ruth G. Watson Trust, which owns the M.J. Murphy cottage.

"This caused the property to be completely uninhabitable and the contamination was deemed a Level III Biohazard," requiring a certificate of "air quality clearance" for anyone to enter the property, according to the complaint filed for Cesare by San Jose attorneys Ronald Cook and Charles Hellstrom.

The wastewater district, "by acting or failing to act, created a condition that was harmful to health, was indecent or offensive to the senses, and was an obstruction to the free use of the property, so as to interfere with plaintiff's comfortable enjoyment of life or property," the suit says.

The complaint, filed in Monterey County

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Supervisor, health officer urge everyone to get tested

By KELLY NIX

MONTEREY COUNTY'S health officer this week encouraged everyone on the Monterey Peninsula and other areas in the county to be tested for coronavirus — even people who haven't been exposed and don't have any symptoms.

At the board of supervisors meeting Tuesday, 5th District supervisor Mary Adams noted that if more people who are tested for the virus get a result of "negative," it will help the county's metrics and make it possible to advance to the more favorable reopening tiers set by the state.

Considering that, Adams asked health officer Dr. Ed Moreno if state rules permit anyone to get tested — even if they don't have any symptoms and haven't been in contact with someone who does.

"Yes, I'm comfortable with saying that," Moreno responded, adding that state officials are "looking at" the fact that Monterey County isn't maximizing capacity at its coronavirus testing sites, which he said run about around 85 to 100 percent of capacity.

"In order to maximize capacity and show the state that there is still a need here, I encourage people — even if you

See **VIRUS** page 19A

Plans uncertain for reopening city halls

By MARY SCHLEY

WHILE THE state department of public health offers extensive guidelines for safely operating in three dozen different business sectors, from agriculture and auto dealerships, to schools and shopping center, local governments are considered "essential services," which means the state says very little about how and when they should reopen their offices and city halls, many of which have been closed to the public since mid-March.

The two candidates for mayor in Carmel's Nov. 3 election — incumbent Dave Potter and challenger Judy Ruerfuerzo — said during a recent voter forum that they want city hall reopened as soon as possible, mostly so property owners who want to build can meet directly with a planner.

Even though shutdown rules don't address municipal governments, the state has rules for "office workspaces," and in counties in the most restrictive (purple) tier — such as Monterey County — people are supposed to work from

home. Many city employees who would normally be in their offices in city hall helping constituents find answers to questions, file building applications or pay fees and taxes are doing their jobs from somewhere else, and all public meetings are run remotely through online platforms. In March, Gov. Gavin Newsom suspended certain provisions of the Brown Act to allow meetings to be held electronically, as long as members of the public have a way to participate.

'When it's safe'

City administrator Chip Rerig said how and when city hall will reopen is unknown.

"The reopening plans are dependent on my ability to ensure the safety of my employees and the public," he said.

Assistant city administrator Maxine Gullo "is working with our insurance carrier on safety protocols and practices."

See **UNCERTAIN** page 21A

Restaurant, bagel shop cited for mask violations

By MARY SCHLEY

THE OWNERS of Plaza Linda restaurant in Carmel Valley, the manager of the Bagel Bakery at the mouth of the valley, and people at several other businesses received citations this month for failing to wear masks, Monterey County Environmental Health director John Ramirez said at a media briefing Wednesday. The tickets, which start at \$100 and climb for repeat offenses, came after a month-long effort to ensure nearly 2,000 businesses in the unincorporated areas of the county were complying with the state's mandatory mask order.

Covering up at work

Health officers spent the month of September doing outreach and education to enforce the requirement that operators, employees and others wear face coverings while in public, including at work, under most circumstances.

"There were 1,416 sites that were compliant on our very first visit," Ramirez said. And "195 sites required two

See **VIOLATIONS** page 18A

TWO RESCUED AFTER HEART ATTACKS ON GOLF COURSE

By MARY SCHLEY

A GOLFER who suffered a heart attack on the 14th Hole at the Pebble Beach Golf Links two weeks ago and another who went into cardiac arrest while playing on the 16th Hole at Poppy Hills three days later both survived their ordeals, thanks to people quickly stepping up to perform CPR until rescuers arrived, according to Cal Fire PIO Jonathan Pangburn.

In the first incident, at around 5:45 p.m. Oct. 16, a man was playing golf at the Pebble Beach Golf Links with his son to celebrate his 21st birthday when the man collapsed on the 16th Tee. Even though he had no history of heart trouble, according to Pangburn, he suffered cardiac arrest.

The people with him jumped into action, dialing 911 and starting CPR. When Cal Fire's engines from the Pebble Beach station and Carmel Fire Ambulance arrived at around the same time, a Pebble Beach Security officer, Hillary Drinovsky, was doing CPR on the man, who was unconscious and not breathing.

Pulse returns

The ambulance crew, firefighter paramedic John Moulton and EMT Tyler Young, took over as soon as they got there. "We started doing CPR and ended up defibrillating him three times on scene," Moulton said.

Once they got his pulse back, they rushed him to Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, "where he

started breathing on his own," and moving, Moulton said — both good signs he would pull through. After CHOMP emergency staff got him stabilized, they sent him in for emergency heart surgery.

The patient walked out of the hospital a few days later.

Every time someone fully recovers after a "field save," Moulton observed, it's a special victory for everyone.

Second case

Shortly before 8:30 a.m. Oct. 19, a call came in "for a person in cardiac arrest on the 16th Tee" at Poppy Hills, according to Pangburn, and again, bystanders dialed 911 and started CPR, which they continued until the Cal Fire engines and an ambulance arrived.

He, too, was unconscious and not breathing, and "fire department paramedics and EMTs took immediate action," opening his airway, continuing CPR, administering an IV and drugs, and undertaking other advanced life support interventions, all of which resulted in the patient regaining a pulse.

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Too unsightly for Big Sur?



PHOTO/COURTESY MAGNUS TOREN

While this might look like an ordinary guardrail — or even a prettier one than you would normally see on a California highway — to some people in Big Sur, it's an eyesore. See page 11A.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Can Rover come over?

SOME SENIOR citizens say he looks like Skippy, better known as Asta, the feisty wire-hair fox terrier in the 1934 detective comedy, "The Thin Man," starring William Powell and Myrna Loy. Others think he looks like a Steiff toy – one with a wind-up key.

His family knows him as Rover, their 6-year-old wire-hair fox terrier, but they agree he gets pretty wound up when he goes to the beach.

"His tail wags so fast, you think he's going to lift off the ground," his person said.

Rover is a doppelganger for the fox terrier his person had as a child, also named Rover, but this one is sometimes more of a "fox terrorizer."

"Anyone who knows fox terriers will tell you they're bright and full of energy and are absolutely adorable," his person said. "Rover is very lovable and affectionate. Yet, when he goes to the beach, he jets down the sand to play with other dogs, and another side of him comes out."



When playtime gets rough, it's no longer playtime.

More often, instead of risking a romp on the beach, Rover's family, who live just south of Ocean, will walk with him, on a leash, to Carmel Point and back. They usually head down Dolores Street to Mission Ranch and out to the point, and then wander along Scenic Road and back up Eighth, toward home.

"Rover loves his walks, and everyone and everything he sees along the way," his person said. "Walk' is not a word we say out loud unless we're ready to go."

Rover also can be content to hang out at home, but sometimes he visits his neighbors' deck, where he seems quite happy, particularly when he gets lots of attention. With his bright eyes and expressive little face, it's pretty much guaranteed.

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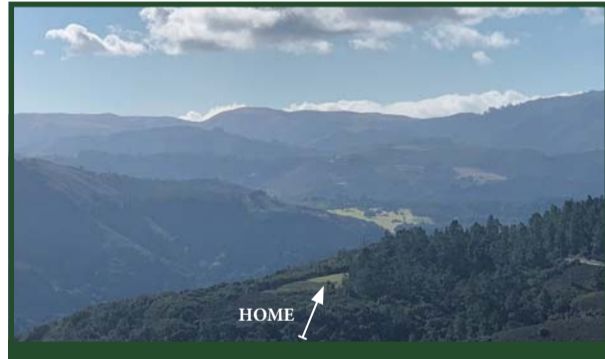
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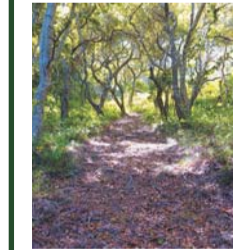
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With winter coming, mud becomes the bigger threat as fire fades

By CHRIS COUNTS

NO RAIN is in the forecast anytime soon, but fire officials are busy getting ready for the day when it arrives. Because so much of Big Sur's steep terrain has been stripped of erosion-controlling vegetation by the Dolan Fire, mudslides are likely.

"We are winding down the suppression effort on the fire, but we still have a lot of work ahead of us protecting roads and trails," top local U.S. Forest Service official Tim Short said Wednesday. "We're trying

our best to button things up. We're on Day 72 — it's been a long haul."

In areas impacted by the Dolan Fire, crews are taking measures to reduce the risk of slides. Along Nacimiento-Ferguson Road this week, they cleared culverts, protecting them by driving metal posts into the ground around them, and wrapping the posts with fencing. Along the North Coast Ridge Road, they did grading and compacting, and installed water bars to reduce the threat of erosion.

Along both roads, crews are doing tree work to minimize hazards so vehicles can safely use them again. "Trees are still coming down, so we're making sure trees and limbs are secure," fire official Mark Alvarado reported.

The fire started Aug. 18 near Esalen. Ivan Geronimo Gomez of Fresno is suspected of starting it, and he remains jailed for felony arson, with his bail set at \$2 million. He had a pre-trial hearing this week, and is due back in court Dec. 16.

The Dolan Fire burned nearly 125,000 acres and destroyed 14 homes. As of Thursday, there were still 164 firefighters on scene.

More than a week after the Coleman Fire erupted a short distance away from the eastern perimeter of the Dolan Fire — and quickly spread north and south — firefighters have slowed its advance, and say they are confident it isn't posing any risk to homes or businesses. It has so far burned 574 acres, and its containment stands at 93 percent.

As of Thursday, there were 96 firefighters on scene, along with three fire engines and two hand crews.

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Vast hillsides have been stripped bare of erosion-controlling vegetation by recent fires, creating a big risk of mudslides.

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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

Was it a zither? A sousaphone?

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.

disturbance at a hotel on Bay View Avenue. One guest, a 45-year-old female, was arrested for public intoxication.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person found an unattended ring lying near a parking stall near Forest Lodge. The finder wishes to claim the property if the owner does not come forward.

Pacific Grove: Ammo was brought in for destruction. Items placed in storage.

Pacific Grove: A 71-year-old male was arrested on Forest Avenue at 2130 hours for disorderly conduct.

Carmel area: A 40-year-old male was contacted inside his vehicle on Aguajito Road and was found in possession of controlled substances among other drug paraphernalia.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a lost hearing aid.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Wallet found in the Highlands. Courtesy report taken. A phone number was found, and a message was left.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed for being in the fire lane at Del Mar.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: An officer witnessed a non-injury traffic accident (vehicle backed into a parked vehicle) at Mission and Seventh. The driver began to drive off and was contacted during a traffic stop. Driver subsequently left a note on the parked vehicle, and it is unknown if damaged was caused.

Pacific Grove: Unknown subject entered a home on Sinex and left without incident.

Pacific Grove: Subject entered a city facility on Sunset with his vehicle when the city gate was open. Subject was advised to walk up to the main office in the future and not just drive in. Provided trespass admonishment if he fails to check in at the office.

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

Pacific Grove: A 28-year-old male on Moreland was issued a citation for driving on a suspended license.

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in the Real Estate Section

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from San Carlos and Ocean at 0146 hours.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Burglary and grand theft of jewelry at Mission and Seventh.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Wallet was found on the beach. Contact made with the owner, who will pick it up from the station.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Bracelet found in a planter box at Ocean and San Carlos.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Prescott reported a family disturbance at 0119 hours.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a



The gavel falls

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

Sept. 11 — Selina Singh, 57, and Kabir Singh, 30, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit insurance fraud and related felonies. The pleas were entered on Sept. 10 in Contra Costa County Superior Court before Judge Laurel Brady. Both defendants return to court on Nov. 19, for sentencing and face a maximum prison sentence of 11 years, six months.

Although the criminal charges were filed by the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office, the Monterey County District Attorney's Workers' Compensation Fraud Unit began and assisted with the investigation. In April 2016, the defendant owned two military subcontractor companies — Bara Infoware Inc. and Federal Solutions Group Inc. The companies did business out of San Ramon. Each of those companies had construction contracts involving facilities at Fort Hunter Liggett in Monterey County. In April 2016, one of the defendants' employees working at Fort Hunter Liggett suffered a severe crushing injury, ultimately losing his thumb. The employee was rushed to Natividad Medical Center.

While at the hospital, the defendants contacted the employee and instructed him to tell accident investigators that the injury did not happen at work. When investigators became involved, they interviewed Kabir Singh who admitted that the defendants did not have workers' compensation insurance. In the en-

suing investigation, investigators learned that the defendants, over a seven-year period, had routinely lied to their insurance carriers and the State of California about the true amount of their payroll. Those misrepresentations enabled the defendants to save over \$2 million in insurance premiums, which constituted fraud on the insurer.

Under California criminal law, all employers are required to secure workers' compensation insurance for their employees.

Sept. 14 — A \$1.43 million settlement against Kelly-Moore Paint Company has been entered by the Alameda County Superior Court, resolving allegations that the company violated state hazardous waste laws by routinely and illegally disposing of paint, colorants, electronic devices, aerosol products and other hazardous wastes into company waste bins destined for municipal landfills that are not authorized to accept hazardous waste. This action also resolves allegations that Kelly-Moore failed to shred customer records containing confidential information before disposal.

The investigation of Kelly-Moore was initiated by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control and was prosecuted by the District Attorneys of Alameda, Contra Costa, Monterey, Placer, San Francisco, San

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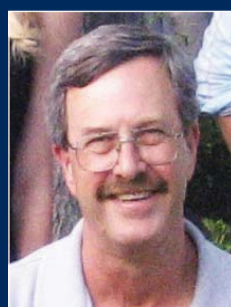
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Cachagua man accused of selling 'large quantities' of meth, heroin

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

POLICE ARRESTED a 29-year-old Monterey man in Cachagua Saturday following a month-long investigation into reports that "large quantities of methamphetamine were being transported and sold on the Monterey Peninsula," Monterey Acting Assistant Police Chief Mike Bruno said this week.

With the help of Monterey County Sheriff's deputies and the federal Drug Enforcement Administration, officers tracked down their suspect, Kristopher Crow,

and served a search warrant at a Cachagua Road address, where Bruno said they found "4 pounds of crystal methamphetamine, heroin, powdered fentanyl, drug paraphernalia, evidence of identity theft, and \$30,000 in cash."

Officers arrested Crow without incident and booked him into Monterey County Jail on several felony drug charges, including possession of a controlled substance for transport and sale, felony identity theft, and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. He remained in jail this week on \$350,000 bail.

Teenager found, but details of her disappearance are kept secret

By KELLY NIX

A 16-YEAR-OLD girl who went missing Sunday in Pacific Grove was found late Monday afternoon, but numerous details surrounding the girl's disappearance remain a mystery.

On Sunday, Pacific Grove Police Department posted on social media that a Hispanic, 5-foot-tall girl identified only as Angelina went missing at about noon that day near the intersection of Fountain Drive and Ocean View Boulevard. Police also released her ethnicity, age, hair and eye color, weight and the clothing she was wearing.

What happened?

Police did not say if they suspected the teenager was abducted, ran away, or could have been on a long walk, for instance. Fortunately, late Monday afternoon, the police announced the girl had been found. The police thanked the community and its volunteers and the Monterey County Sher-

iff's Office for "making contact with her."

However, where the girl had been while she was gone, where she was located and other details, including her last name, led The Pine Cone and many social media users to ask the police department questions.

"Where was she? What happened to her while she was missing? Was she abducted? Did she escape? Did the police find her? What was this about? Will someone please fill in the blanks, as we were all worried sick for her safety and want to help if we can know how," Pat Cutler posted.

Police administrative services manager Jocelyn Francis cleared up a few of the missing links Tuesday, but some of the details remain outstanding.

"She is local to P.G., and it was confirmed she ran away," Francis told The Pine Cone. "She is a relatively recent resident. Because she is a juvenile she was considered at-risk."

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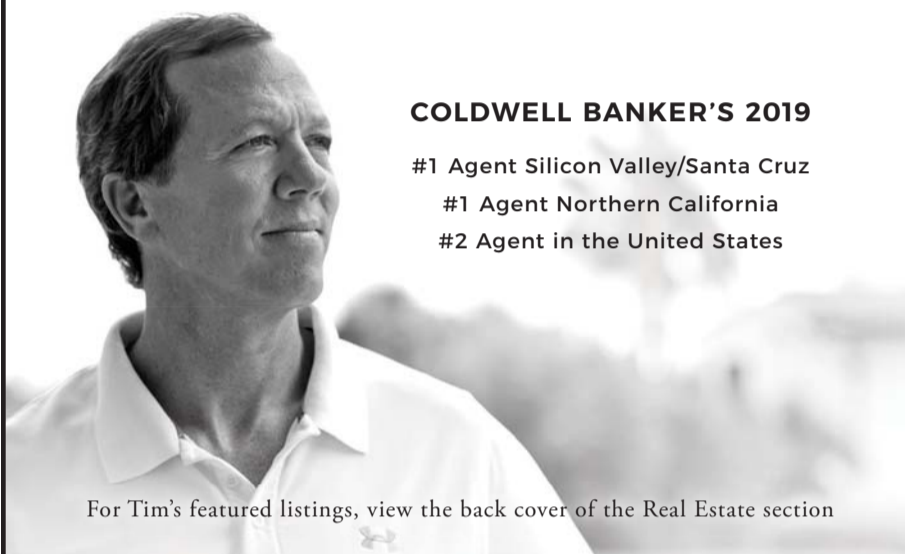
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So, why run for Trustee now?

She says: "I hold the necessary degrees for this position; I have the requisite amount of experience. I have love in my heart for this country which has given me more than I could ever give back. There is more work to be done and I have the energy, the smarts and the soul to continue the work. Look at me. Count me in."

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Kids on campus at CUSD schools

By MARY SCHLEY

EVERY CAMPUS in the Carmel Unified School District already has students in class there, interim superintendent Trisha Dellis told The Pine Cone this week, as parents returned forms due Oct. 30 indicating whether they would prefer in-room teaching or to keep their children at home and continue distance learning.

The small groups — 14 students and one or two teachers — are called "cohorts," and they include children with special needs, those who can't access the internet at home, English language learners, kids who are failing classes or otherwise "really struggling" with distance learning, and the children of faculty and staff who are working, for a total of 170. Seventy-seven preschoolers are also attending school in small groups together.

"We have cohorts on campus, which is not typical throughout Monterey County," Dellis said. "We have them at all schools — every campus has groups of these students — and they're coming on and staying within their groups."

The small groups make it much easier to trace contacts if anyone tests positive for Covid-19 and to prevent its spreading.

Free for workers' kids

Many of the students are still using Zoom for much of their learning, according to Dellis, but being on campus makes it more effective and provides access to teachers. Students with special needs are usually on individual education programs that require a different sort of attention from their educators.

The children of teachers, staff members, bus drivers, custodians and all other district employees who need to come in to work are in cohorts, too. "We're providing that for free," Dellis added.

Teachers and staff are constantly working to identify students who are having a

hard time learning from home and are trying to help them adapt or bring them on campus.

At last week's board of education meeting, Carmel High School principal Jonathan Lyons reported 50 students are either failing one class or are at risk of failing multiple classes.

Even still, Dellis warned, being at school isn't what it used to be.

"The kids think they're coming back into a regular situation, and they're greeted with someone who takes their temperature and is wearing a mask and a face shield and gloves," she said. "And then they're sitting in a classroom far from everybody else."

CHS kids will soon be back on campus for fitness training.

"Next week we are starting the athletic conditioning cohorts at the high school, so we will have students on campus in smaller groups and they'll be working out and conditioning," she said. They'll be arriving in small groups at staggered times to ensure they don't interact any more than necessary, and Dellis said the training will not be sport specific.

"I want people to be assured that we are doing everything we can," she said. "We are really running through all these different options and make any of them happen that we can. We want kids on campus."

After holding town hall meetings online for parents and students Oct. 22, the district sent forms to all parents asking them to commit to either in-room teaching or continuing with distance learning. Those forms are due Friday and will dictate the district's next steps, which include using a waiver from the county and state to reopen classrooms to kids up through fifth grade or waiting for the county to get to the less restrictive red tier, when a waiver is no longer needed.

A dozen private schools, charter schools and public schools, all small, have received waivers.

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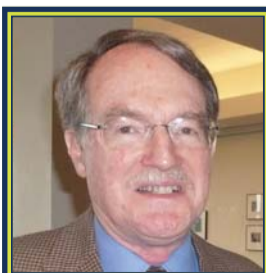
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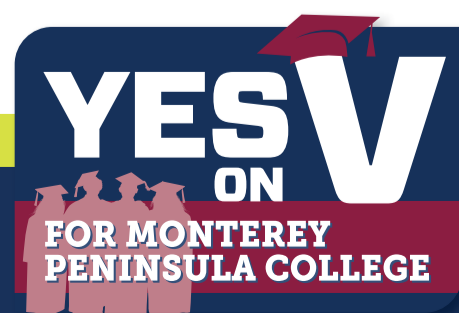


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Fee waiver for PacRep, hotel taxes, and \$21K for dunes on council agenda

■ No election night festivities

By MARY SCHLEY

AT ITS meeting next week, the city council is set to get feedback on increasing a hotel fee that pays for marketing, and to vote on accepting a \$21,250 “donation” to the North Dunes habitat restoration project from a resident who received permission to cut down eucalyptus trees. Council members will also consider waiving \$13,000 in fees for the remodel of the Golden Bough theater, according to the agenda released this week.

But, thanks to the coronavirus pandemic, there will be no gathering in city hall that night to hear the results of the election of the mayor and two council members and eat cake, as has happened there for decades.

“We are continuing to work on the plan to recognize council member Jan Reimers and celebrate and swear in the successful candidates,” city clerk Britt Avrit said. “It will be difficult to plan any type of gathering that takes place in public, due to state and county restrictions.”

PacRep, hotel fees

Listed as part of the council’s consent calendar of items set for approval without discussion is a resolution to waive part of the planning and building fees for the second phase of a remodel of the historic Golden Bough theater on Monte Verde. In 2011, the council waived \$15,000 in fees for the first phase of the remodel.

Fees for the second phase, which will address public areas inside and around the theater and is expected to cost \$3 million, are estimated at \$46,669, including state fees,

nearly \$27,000 for the building permit and about \$17,500 for plan checks. Pacific Repertory Theatre executive director Stephen Moorner requested the council waive all the city fees, but Avrit, who wrote the report, recommended waiving \$13,000, because an outside contractor will probably handle plan checks on the complex project, and the city will “continue to provide services throughout the actual remodel of the facility.”

Council members will also hear public comment on a proposal to extend the Carmel Hospitality Improvement District, which imposes a 1 percent fee on room stays that’s used to fund marketing efforts handled by the city’s tourism group, Visit Carmel. The new agreement increases the fee to 2 percent, with provisions that it can go up to 3 percent, and would run 10 years.

It’s expected to bring in around \$800,000 annually, with the city keeping 1 percent for collecting the money and forwarding it to Visit Carmel. Operators of vacation rentals would not be required to participate. The council will hear testimony at the Nov. 3 meeting and vote on adopting the new plan Dec. 8.

City manager’s contract


Changes to city administrator Chip Rerig’s contract are also on the agenda. His job performance has been the subject of multiple closed sessions, and amendments proposed for adoption include a two-year extension through March 1, 2025, the use of a city car, and an additional 40 hours of paid leave that must be used by Dec. 31, 2021, on top of the 80 hours he gets each year. Earlier this year, Rerig agreed to take a 10 percent pay cut to help ease the huge impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the city’s budget.

And council members will be asked to allocate \$21,250 from San Antonio Avenue resident Laura Overett to the North Dunes habitat restoration project, which was defunded due to budget cuts.

Overett received permission from the city to remove 27 huge eucalyptus trees on her property last year and the OK this year to cut down another 17. In exchange, she paid an \$8,500 “in-lieu fee” for planting replacement trees elsewhere and donated \$12,750, with the wish that all the money will be used in the North Dunes area.


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City candidates pick up donations

By MARY SCHLEY

A REPUBLICAN political action committee that focuses on business, a group of female Democrats, advocates of a government takeover of Cal Am, a public employees union and a local committee that seeks “to protect and defend the economy of Monterey County and the Monterey Peninsula” donated to the campaigns of a few candidates in the city’s Nov. 3 election, according to finance statements filed at city hall last week.

The Lincoln Club of Northern California PAC, which is based in Sacramento, donated \$1,000 each to city council incumbent Bobby Richards and to council candidate Graeme Robertson. The Republican-leaning Lincoln Club — unrelated to the anti-Trump group called the Lincoln Project — “recruits, mentors and supports local, state and federal candidates that strengthen fiscal and personal responsibility and free enterprise.”

More groups

Another group, called the Monterey Bay Action Committee, which appears to have no direct web presence but has a post office box on Via Nona Marie, contributed \$250 apiece to Richards and Robertson, and \$500 to incumbent Mayor Dave Potter. According to a 2018 tax document, the committee’s purpose is “to educate residents of Monterey County, and specifically residents of the Monterey Peninsula, with respect to local issues affecting the welfare of the residents and their community and the local business community, to support passage of legislation aimed at improving the local county and Peninsula economies, and to protect and defend the economy of Monterey County and the Monterey Peninsula.”

In 2018, leaders of the group included Gary Cursio, assistant director of the Monterey Peninsula Airport District, John

Narigi (now manager of Laguna Seca), architect Henry Ruhnke and contractor Paul Bruno, among others, according to tax records.

The Democratic Women of Monterey County donated \$500 to council candidate Karen Ferlito and \$500 to mayoral challenger Judy Refuerzo.

Public Water Now, the group advocating for a government takeover of Cal Am Water, also donated \$200 to Refuerzo’s campaign.

According to her financial statement, Refuerzo raised \$1,925 between Sept. 20 and Oct. 17, for a year-to-date total of \$3,702, and her campaign’s \$1,181 in expenses included newspaper ads and web design.

Mayor’s supporters

Potter, meanwhile, led the six candidates in fundraising, bringing in \$10,659 in donations between Sept. 20 and Oct. 17 for a total of \$29,545 so far this year, and he spent \$9,552.

Among his contributors were Bob Jenkins (\$1,000) and Howard Leach, who gave \$500, bringing his total donations up to \$1,000 so far. The owners of the Carmel Country Inn on Carpenter gave four donations of \$99 apiece this year, for a total of \$396, and Joanne Albert of Monterey donated \$150, as did Barbara Livingston.

Former Mayor Sue McCloud, former Carmel Foundation head Jill Sheffield and the Coniglio Family Trust each gave Potter \$500, and Robb Talbott and Sharon Farr both contributed \$250. PR company owner David Armanasco, former Mayor Ken White and attorney Christine Kemp donated \$100 apiece.

Pebble Beach film production company Honest Engine Films Inc., owned by Joanne Storkan, donated \$500, as did La Tierra Inc, the real estate brokerage owned

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Volunteers time tide, use gross product to clear graffiti from beach cave

By CHRIS COUNTS

A CAVE at the south end of Garrapata Beach in Big Sur that's been hit hard by vandals with graffiti in recent years now has none— thanks to a team of local volunteers.

During a recent effort that spanned four days, Austin Keegan, David Thiermann and Eric Zorc used a pressure washer and buckets of fresh water, along with some stuff with a really nasty-sounding name, to remove the graffiti from inside the cave, which is only accessible to the public during low tide.

"We were in there four times," Keegan told The Pine Cone. "We had to work around high tide. We didn't want to get trapped in there."

Keegan said he paid about \$200 for a small portable pressure washer with a rechargeable battery, and another \$100 for a gallon of what's called Elephant Snot, a substance which is designed to remove tagging from porous surfaces, like the walls of the cave.

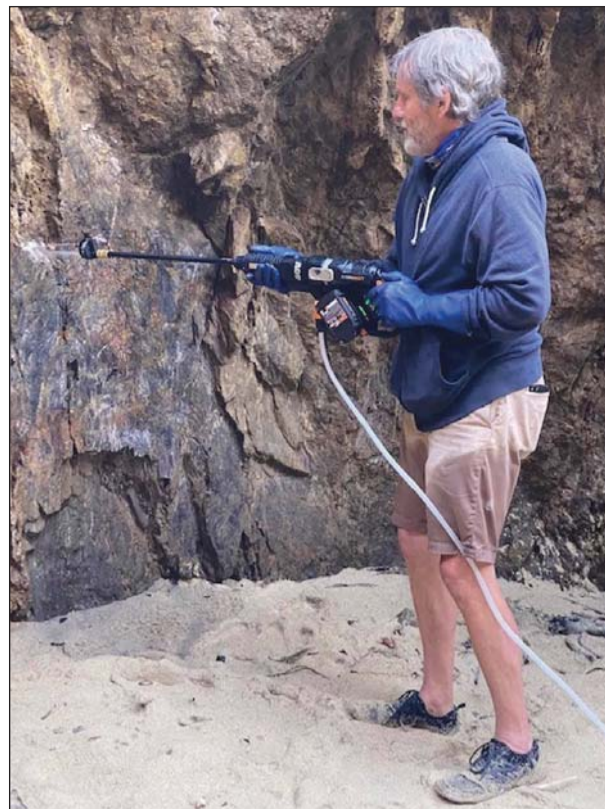
"It's biodegradable," Keegan said of the product. "You put it on the rock, and pressure wash over it. It really does the trick — I thought it would take weeks because so much graffiti was in there."

The pressure washer has a battery that's good for about 35 minutes of use, Keegan said. It also requires water, so the volunteers simply used sea water at first. But when salt jammed the device, they switched to fresh water from nearby Garrapata Creek.

'Let's get this done'


Keegan said the effort to clean up the graffiti near Garrapata Beach began in September when local photographer Kara Weston alerted him to the severity of the problem. The two cleaned tagging from some rocks but were unable to get inside of the cave due to the tide. Later, Keegan decided to try again. "I just said, 'Let's get this done,'" he recalled.

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PHOTO/COURTESY AUSTIN KEEGAN

Volunteer Austin Keegan uses a pressure washer to remove graffiti from a cave along the beach at Garrapata State Park.



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Look of new guardrails fails to impress, highway advisory group forms

By CHRIS COUNTS

TO MAKE travel through Big Sur safer, Caltrans is using smooth concrete “transition blocks” to replace metal guardrails along several sections of Highway 1. But some say the modern look of the blocks, which reduce the likelihood of a head-on collision with an existing guardrail, is clashing with the scenic route’s historic rock work — and violates a master plan for the Big Sur section of it.

“It’s utility vs. art, and I hope we can have both,” resident Magnus Toren told The Pine Cone.

Toren called the look of the guardrail improvements “jarring,” and wondered if there are ways to create something more complementary to the rock guard rails, which he described as “beautiful.” “Is this the best they can do to preserve the aesthetics of this iconic stretch of highway?” he asked.

Toren noted that the Big Sur Coast Highway Management Plan considers the

original masonry an important historical resource. “The existing masonry features, although not considered safety devices, are important reminders of the original construction of the Carmel to San Simeon Highway Historic District and are important contributors to the historic and visual character of the corridor,” the plan reads.

Two sites await work

While most of the work has been done, Caltrans spokesman Kevin Drabinski said concrete transition blocks are set to be installed at two other sites.

“These will be just north of Torre Canyon and just south of Grimes Canyon,” he said. “As winter is around the corner, these will happen sometime in the next six months, probably in spring of next year.”

In response, Toren urged Caltrans “to take aesthetics into account” when doing that work.

According to John Olejnik, a senior transportation planner for Caltrans, the project to install the concrete transition

blocks went through a rigorous planning process that included a review by the Big Sur Land Use Advisory Committee and a presentation at the quarterly Big Sur Multi-Agency Council meeting. “It’s a safety feature that meets our current standards,” Olejnik said.

Drabinski, meanwhile, noted that “no historic masonry has been replaced or removed.”

The plan notes that there are more than 300 “individual rock masonry features” along the highway between Carmel and San Simeon.

While Community Association of Big Sur President Butch Kronlund said he agrees with Toren that the use of concrete transition blocks to complement the masonry wasn’t a good idea, he agreed with

Caltrans that it went through the proper approvals.

“They’ve successfully gone through the process,” he said. “We just missed it.”

But Kronlund said the recent formation of the Big Sur Byways Organization to advise state officials on Highway 1 projects in Big Sur will make it much easier for locals to keep track of projects like the one that used the concrete transition blocks. Martha Diehl has taken the helm as chair of the group, with Kronlund serving as vice chair.

If the byways group had existed earlier, Kronlund suggested, Caltrans would have been required to share details about the concrete transition block project with it. “When this was being pushed through, we would have been one of the steps,” he added.

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Next phase of fire cleanup set to start Dec. 1

By MARY SCHLEY

TEAMS OF U.S. EPA workers have finished picking up most of the household hazardous waste from the more than 120 properties burned in the recent fires in Salinas and Carmel Valley and are now working down the coast on more than a dozen buildings damaged or destroyed by fire there, according to Kelsey Scanlon with Monterey County's office of emergency services.

"They are almost done," she said during a media briefing Wednesday. "They have wrapped up the Carmel and River fires and are wrapping up the Dolan Fire."

Planning for Phase 2, which will be handled by state and federal agencies unless people opt out and hire their own contractors, is now underway. While the first stage focused on getting rid of old paint, propane tanks, pesticides, herbicides, batteries and other hazardous and potentially dangerous materials, the second will include getting rid of asbestos, ash and debris down to the foundation — essentially, scraping the lot clean — and removing cars, dangerous trees, chimneys and foundations. It does not include pools, though. Crews will also implement erosion control measures as needed.

Scanlon noted that a handful of properties that weren't accessible during Phase 1 will be cleaned during the second phase.

Tax dollars or your own?

The government-sponsored cleanup will be handled by the California Office of Emergency Services and the state recycling agency under the guidance of FEMA, and will be funded by taxpayers. People whose insurance includes

fire debris removal will have to fork over any compensation received for that work to the county, though. To participate, fire victims need to submit their right-of-entry forms to the county by Dec. 15, and when the process is finished, they'll receive certificates verifying their properties are "clean" and ready for the next stage of rebuilding.

Property owners who want to hire private contractors and oversee cleanup efforts themselves must submit opt-out waivers, as well as wildfire rebuild applications and plans, for approval by the county. Work can't begin until the county signs off on the plan, which has to detail the condition of the property and how various types of waste will be cleaned up and disposed of.

"I really want to stress this point: If you are a property owner wanting to do this, just submitting your documents does not mean you can go ahead and start," Scanlon said. "I highly recommend that all property owners review all their options and the requirements, because it is quite extensive and can be costly."

Going private can also lead to delays, because no building can be done until officials verify the work was done properly and fully documented. The decision as to whether a cleanup meets the standards is at the sole discretion of Monterey County Environmental Health.

"They should not go into that lightly," Scanlon said. "You will not be issued building permits if we cannot see where your debris has gone."

Scanlon said Phase 2 cleanup should begin Dec. 1 and advised anyone in need of more information, along with the proper documents to download and submit, should go to the county website at co.monterey.ca.us and click on the yellow banner at the top.

County to offer \$\$\$ to help small businesses

By MARY SCHLEY

A COUNTY agency that supports job creation among local businesses will distribute \$468,000 to small companies impacted by the coronavirus shutdown, with individual grants of up to \$10,000 apiece, executive director Chris Donnelly said during a county media briefing Oct. 14. Help from what is called the Monterey County Workforce Development Board will first be available to employers with up to 50 workers in the unincorporated areas of the county but will then be extended to those in local cities if any cash is left.

The board of supervisors decided the tax dollars should go to businesses that haven't already received government assistance.

Business owners can apply for financial help online starting Nov. 2, and applications will be accepted for two weeks. They must be able to show the pandemic has directly negatively affected their finances.

Payment is based on actual expenses, so applicants who are approved have to submit receipts to get the cash, but it's retroactive to the day the shutdown in Monterey County began, March 18.

Eligible costs include payroll, rent and lease payments, and equipment and supplies purchased to help mitigate the spread of coronavirus and safely reopen or continue operating. The deadline for submitting receipts is Dec. 14.

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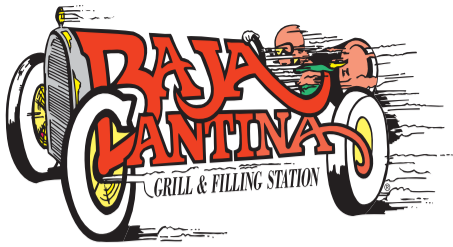


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Natalie Mae Munson

1924 - 2020

Natalie Mae Rakowicz came into this world December 6th 1924 in Emeryville, California. She had the immediate benefit of adoring parents and a close family. Growing up in nearby Berkeley and Oakland during The Great Depression, she knew the simple joys and the privations of that era. Rooted in her faith, Natalie was able to love and respect everyone she encountered and reflected this in her kind and receptive demeanor.

She found love at a young age as a junior at Oakland High School when she met the man of her life, and future husband, Bryan Elden Bradford. They married in September of 1944 when Bryan was a young Navy pilot, and as many young war couples did, stepped unblinkingly into their future, traveling across the country and back as Bryan's duty station changed.

Children came after the war: Penny in 1945, Bryan Ernest in 1948, Nicki in 1949 and Lauri Mae "The Baby" in 1955. Following Bryan's orders to transfer to the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, the family established in 1960 what would become their long term home in nearby San Benancio Canyon.

Always a loving and committed mother, Natalie still found time to keep a beautiful home and involve herself heavily in the Country Gardeners Club and other social groups. She was a Navy wife until Bryan's retirement in 1970: finally, they could breathe a sigh of relief knowing no changes in duty station lay in their future.

Bryan passed away in 1982 and, after some years on her own, Natalie married the next love of her life, Edward Munson, in 1987. They enjoyed great happiness until Edward's passing in 2004. As a resident of Carmel Valley Manor, she enjoyed her final years being very active in that community, and with much of her extended family living close enough for reunions, holiday parties and frequent visits.

She was always a woman of God, dedicated in personal prayer and in the affairs of her church. She had a passion for flowers and a soft spot for small dogs, so her home was one of fragrant floral color and interesting companionship. Natalie left this world on the morning of May 15th 2020, having had family in constant attendance. She was preceded in passing by her daughters Penny and Lauri. She is survived by her son Bryan Ernest, her daughter Nicki, seven grand children, ten great-grand children and many loving members of her extended family. We miss her dearly.



Woman leaves library largest gift ever

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A LOCAL philanthropist who died nearly a year ago donated a Carmel home and a bequest to the Carmel Public Library Foundation, according to executive director Alex Fallon, who described it as the "largest gift to date." Marjorie Perrine's home on the west side of Junipero south of Seventh sold Oct. 16 for \$1,827,654, according to Fallon, and the bequest totaled \$187,000, bringing her total gift to more than \$2 million.

Perrine earned an engineering degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute around 1950. She was the only woman in her graduating class, and among the first women to graduate from the institute, according to Fallon. Perrine worked as an executive with AT&T and enjoyed the pension she had earned.

She "was passionate about supporting public-benefit charities," Fallon said, including the Carmel Public Library Foundation, which honored her and her generous support during Philanthropy Day five years ago.

"We are so grateful to Ms. Perrine for having the foresight and generous heart to entrust us with this extraordinary gift that will be part of her legacy and will support the library she cared so deeply about," she said.

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Presentations Monday on major downtown projects

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE FUTURE of the pit at Dolores and Fifth and plans for a mixed-use building on Dolores south of Seventh will be the subjects of presentations by Chris Mitchell, a representative of owner Patrice Pastor's real estate company and his Esperanza Carmel LLC, Nov 2. The

properties are two of 10 Pastor has purchased in the city in the past few years for a total of more than \$67 million.

Mitchell will first talk about the Dolores and Fifth project, which is now being called the Ulrika Plaza Project, at 10 a.m., and will have architect Henry Ruhnke on hand to answer questions, as well.

At 11:30 a.m., Mitchell will discuss the other project, now being called the J.B. Pastor Building after Pastor's family business in Monaco, and will have architect Jun Sillano with him.

Each presentation will take an hour and will include time for "Q&A and feedback."

They will be held in the tent at 7th & Dolores Steakhouse, and since the meetings are happening in person, social distancing, masks and other protocols will be required. Attendance requires an RSVP to contact@esperanzacarmel.com, though the reply does not guarantee space, which will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Supe alerts residents to utility bill phone scam

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

PHONE LINES have long been used to scam people out of money, and 5th District Supervisor Mary Adams is urging residents to be wary of one of the new ruses that's going around.

"People are being cold-called by scammers with spoofed telephone numbers and greeted by a recording saying, 'This is an apology from your electric company,'" Adams said. "The call then offers a rebate due to overcharging, and if the intended victim stays on, a live caller joins and attempts to solicit bank information."

There is no such program being offered by any major utility in California, she added. The CPUC advises that Californians immediately hang up on any such calls received.

Park adds 80 acres in deal that's been in the works for 17 years

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THANKS TO the completion of a deal that began in 2003, Garland Ranch Regional Park in Carmel Valley is a little bit bigger this week.

The Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District acquired two contiguous 40-acre parcels along the western edge of Garland Park in a transaction that closed Oct. 22. The seller was Robert Sherar and the sale price was \$1.2 million.

"We started discussions back in 2003," the park district's finance manager, Kelly McCullough, told The Pine Cone. "In January 2008, we entered into a lease with an option to purchase." Now, according to McCullough, the land is "all paid off."

The new acquisition contains several of the park's plant communities, along with great views, but it lacks trails, McCullough said.

Park district board member Kelly Sorenson it's possible trails will be built, but it won't be his decision. "We'll go out and ask for input, and build what the public wants," he said.

Ultimately, the property is able to do something few other parcels could do — make the park bigger.

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Homecrafters' will be virtual, too

By MARY SCHLEY

IN NORMAL times, it would have been the 49th annual Homecrafters' Marketplace. But in pandemic times, the craft fair organized by the city each November is not going to happen in any kind of a normal way. On Tuesday morning, the community activities commission discussed how to connect people with the artisans and craftspeople they have grown to know and love over their years of visiting the sale at Sunset Center.

Community activities director Ashlee Wright suggested compiling a list of vendors and their contact information and posting it online through the chamber of commerce, the Visit Carmel tourism group and the city's own site for a week.

"We've received a number of inquiries about Homecrafters' vendors," from people who want to buy from them but can't, since the craft fair won't be happening, she said. "People are missing Homecrafters'."

The city doesn't typically directly market businesses, Wright noted, but "this would be a special thing that we're doing."

"I want to be sensitive to the fact we would be putting our Homecrafters' vendors on the website because we cannot have our regular market, but at the same time, I want to be sensitive to our local retail shops to encourage people to shop local here in town," she said.

And the vendors at the fair are usually very small, not big retailers. "These are

people who craft at home," she said. "And a lot of our vendors don't come from that far away."

Commissioner Donna Jett questioned spending tax dollars to promote businesses outside the city through any sort of advertising and suggested handing out the list at the farmers market.

"People who would come town for the Homecrafters' Marketplace would never look at our website," she said.

Missing normalcy

Chair Judy Refuerzo suggested having a QR code to direct people to a list posted online instead of handing out a printed one.

Wright said she would probably run an ad to direct people to the chamber and Visit Carmel websites to look for local stores and the vendor list.

"It would just be reminding people that we know you're missing the normalcy, but take a stroll down Ocean Avenue — start your Christmas shopping there — and then get in touch with the Homecrafters' vendors," she said.

As they did with Halloween and the city's birthday, community activities commissioners are developing creative ways to celebrate upcoming holidays, since the traditional ways aren't happening this year. Next on the list is how to replace the annual tree and menorah lighting, which typically includes several hours of skits, youth dance troupes, school choirs, visits with Santa and the like.

Why tempt fate? Get a free flu shot

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE VISITING Nurse Association, Carmel Valley Rotary and Hidden Valley Music are teaming up to help fight the devil you know — the annual flu.

On Thursday, Nov. 5, from 3 to 6 p.m. at the music venue's location at 104 W. Carmel Valley Road, kids and adults ages 2 and older will be able to get a flu vaccine at no charge.

A valid state driver's license or ID is required, and those under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Although Covid-19 has been on the front page, the National Institutes of Health at the Centers for Disease Control

estimates that about 38 million people will get the flu this fall and winter, with approximately 400,000 hospitalizations and 22,000 deaths.

While the CDC said it believes that Covid-induced social distancing, mask-wearing and handwashing will likely slow the spread of influenza as well, everyone is still encouraged to get the vaccine.

"Getting the flu vaccine can help keep the burden of influenza off the healthcare system at a time when those resources are also needed for patients with Covid-19," said Jane Russo, the VNA's chief strategic officer.

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COTTAGE

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Superior Court, contends that “the contamination was continuous,” and that Carmel-by-the-Sea didn’t issue a certificate of occupancy for the cottage until June 25 — almost four years after the spill had occurred.

The complaint says the claim was handled by CAWD’s insurance company, which hired a third party to have the property cleaned up.

However, there was a dispute over the insurance work and she received “another notice of intent to lien and several past due notices” from the remediation business. Cesare was later told the insurance claim had been closed.

“Plaintiff, and all trust beneficiaries, were shocked, as they had never received notice of the claim being closed,” nor had the company indicated that beneficiaries should stop working with contractors “toward final construction and restoration” of the property, the lawsuit says.

CAWD general manager Barbara Buikema told The Pine Cone this week that the

sewage spill was likely the result of grease blockage in the pipes upstream from the Pied Piper House, and that crews had been cleaning the lines before the accident occurred.

A sewer district report on the foul incident notes that the spill entered the home from a bathroom shower drain and that “water affected the bathroom, all neighboring bedrooms, living room, dining room and kitchen. Water also entered the heating system.”

Unfortunate mistake

The report notes that the spill occurred at around 11:30 a.m. and that CAWD was notified the next day at about 1:50 p.m. Wastewater crews responded quickly, getting to the house five minutes later.

Several other properties were also damaged by the spill.

Cesare alleges negligence and nuisance on the part of CAWD.

CAWD’s “conduct in acting or failing to act, thereby causing the flood of sewage that erupted from the sewer line, was unintentional, but negligent and/or reckless,” according to the complaint, which seeks an unspecified amount in monetary damages exceeding \$25,000.

An open letter from Conway of Asia:

I am sure many of you will recognize the name of Bamyan. This is the village in Central Afghanistan with the largest Buddhas in the world, carved into the cliffs overlooking the city over 2000 years ago. Sadly, they were destroyed by the Taliban and the world wept. The useless destruction of these iconic statues robbed humanity of one of the most stunning world’s heritage sites.

Bamyan was a peaceful village on the Silk Route that has existed in the middle of the Hindu Kush since the 5th century. The streets were lined with mulberry trees. The fruit from these trees kept the villagers alive during the harsh winters and provided the silkworm cocoons from which were made the world renown silk fabrics for which Bamyan was famous. These exquisite treasures were sought after by kings and royalty. Buddhism came to this rich valley a thousand years before Islam. The caves where the pious meditated were lined with breathtaking frescoes. There were two Buddhas. The tallest was over 600 feet. Like giant sentinels they kept guard over the serene valley below.

I discovered Bamyan in the 60s. After 20 hours of bone shaking toil, fording perilous swollen streams the weary traveler was rewarded with breathtaking views that literally sucked the air out of one’s chest. Surrounded by perennial snow capped peaks an ancient village frozen in time lay before us. The 10th century citadel rose ghostlike to the sky, the rampart walls totally encircled the ancient city. Ghengis Khan and his army destroyed the city in the 13th century and killed every living thing in the valley. He sheared off the faces of the Buddhas so those that came after him would not forget.

For 200 years Bamyan remained uninhabited. Centuries past and eerily the walls began to crumble and Bamyan was renamed “Share-ghoulgola,” the city of screams. The animist religion was replaced by Islam, and the Mongolian features of the inhabitants were the last vestiges of Ghengis Khan’s army. Only a handful of Westerners had discovered this tiny hamlet long forgotten in the Hindu Kush. Bamyan was now a peaceful hamlet with no vehicles or electricity; just the sound of songbirds and children’s laughter. The people were welcoming, industrious and happy, but dirt poor.

Everyone knew everyone in the village. The year was 1971. As a Peace Corps volunteer I set up my classroom in the mud teahouses that lined the river. Life here was idyllic beyond description. We feasted on roasted kebabs and sweet melons. Occasionally we caught fresh trout from the terrace of the teahouse. I can still taste the juice of the sweet melons running through my beard. Occasionally, a caravan of nomads and a 100 camels would wind its way up to the valley for higher pasture. Endless scenes would take your breath away! Life was so rich; the villagers shared their stories with me and I shared my stories with them.

There were many nights I would take my students up a 1000 step staircase that was literally hewn out of rock. We spiraled straight up in the darkness. In our candlelight we could see the bats hanging from the cave ceilings. They swarmed out of the caves at night to hunt, and returned before light. At daybreak, the swallows emerged towards the light as the bats returned to the darkness. This was the rhythm of life here. When we finally reached the top of the Buddhas, we would throw down our sleeping bags and lose ourselves in the majesty of the starry nights. The stars pierced the night sky. Huddled together against the bitter cold, we would build a fire on top the giant Buddha’s head. Sometimes my students numbered 30 or more. We placed rocks around the precipitous edge so that in our sleep we wouldn’t roll off to a sure death 600 feet below.

I was an amateur astrologer with a secret weapon: my amazing telescope. After several months my students could pick out almost every constellation in the sky. There were peals of amazement as they peered for the first time through my “magic glass”. It’s something I will never forget. They discovered another world beyond their little valley, and now they were so connected to the stars as firmly as they were to the soil that fed them.

Their questions to me were pure and ethereal: “Oh teacher, over which mountain pass did you come to reach us? And, in how many days walking from your country? What did you do wrong in your country that they sent you here? What are the people like in “Ahmrka?” I responded that America was a great country made up of black, red, yellow, and white people. One wide-eyed student asked, “Tell us about the white people...can you see through them?” I told them I was one of the white people: that was the best joke of all.

However, I made a tremendous mistake. I told them that if they looked carefully through the magic glass they could see the footsteps of the first man that walked on the moon. They were enthralled by my ‘fairytales’ and shared them with the whole village. The next morning, I was awakened abruptly by the only two policemen in the village. Gently handcuffed, I was escorted to the governor’s palace. I was accused of apostasy by the village mullahs. ‘How dare you fill these children’s heads with these tales. The moon is a heavenly orb. And it would be a sacrilege to think it would be soiled and desecrated with the footprints of an infidel!’ I was charged and lead to the mud walled prison to ponder my predicament. Graciously, the warden offered me tea before he showed me my confinement. Ten days later, the American Embassy managed to bargain for my freedom, on the condition that I give up this heresy and speak no more of this nonsense.

Thirty years later, I returned to Bamyan. The Buddhas were destroyed, but I heard in the teahouses that there was once a teacher who had come to this very village and taught about a world beyond. A grey bearded man told me as a child he once peered through a magic glass to marvel at the moon up close. There before me was one of my students. Our grizzled visages prevented us from recognizing from one another. The Afghan life that we lived prematurely aged us both. He told me one day the teacher disappeared and never returned, I wonder what happen to him...

These were the saddest days of Afghan history, caught in the grips of 30 years of war. The Soviets were defeated, but now the brutal Taliban ruled with the iron fists of fundamentalists. There used to be songbirds outside of every teahouse and children’s laughter prevailed. It was hard for me to hold back my tears. Yes, I turned my back on what was the Buddhas, remembering instead, the sweet innocence of youth that I had shared with these wonderful people.

Oh, a story I forgot to tell you! With the greatest luck and joy, I managed to adopt a young Afghan boy from Bamyan. I raised him along with my two sons. All four of us graduated from Carmel High. We remain, to this day, as close as any family could be blessed. As another day unfurls in ‘the bazaar,’ I will open a new container and, as space provides, pull out yet more treasures. I’m looking forward to your visit.

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MARTHA “MARTY” BARTON HARTMAN

After a long, fulfilling, happy life, Martha “Marty” Barton Hartman, age 92, passed away on October 9, 2020 at her home in Big Sur where she had lived for sixty-five years. Marty was the posthumous child of Benjamin Cousin Barton and was raised by her mother Myrtle Winn Barton and grandparents in Council Bluffs, Iowa. After graduating from high school, Marty worked as a telephone switchboard operator to put herself through college. She attended the University of Omaha where she played oboe in the school orchestra, and later transferred to Iowa State University and earned a bachelor’s degree in home economics with an emphasis in household equipment. Marty’s college days were truly idyllic and she spoke of them fondly. It was at Iowa State that her Alpha Gamma Delta sorority sister and best friend Maya nicknamed her “Marty,” a name she went by for the rest of her life. Maya also introduced Marty to Ted Hartman, a Theta Chi forestry major attending school on the G. I. bill, who would become Marty’s future husband and great love of her life. As newly-weds fresh out of college, Ted and Marty moved to Washington State where Ted was employed in research and development in the lumber industry and Marty worked at the employment office.

In 1955, the couple partnered with Ted’s parents and bought rustic Ripplewood Resort in Big Sur, a move that fulfilled their needs for better income, interesting and stimulating challenges, and a vital thriving community in which to raise their expanding family. Marty was the resort’s meticulous bookkeeper but also cooked, cleaned, sold groceries, and scooped ice cream as needed. She saw her main role in life, however, as a wife and mother and provided a loving nurturing home for her family. She was a prolific seamstress and was comfortable working with any fabric or pattern. Her pantry shelves were lined with homemade jams and jellies and fruit she had canned herself. She maintained a vegetable garden and every year would grow enough tomatoes to can, dry, give away, and keep the deer happy.

Marty loved meeting people from all walks of life and forged many lasting friendships. Despite her conservative Midwestern upbringing, Marty demonstrated complete openness toward the eclectic mix of artists and Bohemians, homesteaders and pioneers, government workers, literati, and eccentrics her new community comprised. Her friendly unassuming attitude toward others made her a welcome presence anywhere she went. Growing up, her three daughters cannot recall a single instance of her denigrating or speaking ill of another person, political figures aside.

In 1965, Ted and Marty leased the resort for others to operate and set about building their own home. Ted became a carpenter and eventually Marty went to work for the Big Sur Post Office, a job she loved and held for twenty-three years. She was a dedicated member and supporter of local nonprofit organizations including the Big Sur Grange, the Big Sur Historical Society, the Big Sur Health Center and the Big Sur Fire Brigade. In the 1960s she performed a variety of roles in the legendary Big Sur Grange Potluck Revues and was cast against type as the villain’s drunken sidekick in the Big Sur Fire Brigade fundraiser melodrama “Fire! Fire!” When post-fire debris flows destroyed the location of the Monterey County Free Library Big Sur Branch in 1972, Marty provided the library a permanent home at Ripplewood Resort. In her retirement, she dedicated many hours volunteering there, and for multiple years coordinated the annual Friends of the Big Sur Library Book Sale.

Once the kids were grown and graduated from college, Marty and her beloved Ted had time for new adventures. In their fifties, they learned to snow ski and went on numerous ski vacations with dear friends and family, staying active on the slopes all the way into their seventies. They traveled around the USA in their camper and traveled abroad. When out in nature, Marty, an avid birdwatcher, was rarely without her binoculars and a bird book.

Marty Hartman is survived by her three daughters: Maya Rizzo (Gene), Leigh Toldi (Francis), Carol Shadwell (Carl), her granddaughter Alicia Toldi, step-grandson John Little Wolf, and nine nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her older brother Horace Barton in 2010 and her husband Theodore Augustin Hartman in 2018.

A celebration of Marty’s life will be held when the times allow it. The family suggests any memorial donations be made to nonprofit organizations that serve the Big Sur community.

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VIOLATIONS

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visits before we had compliance on face coverings," while 209 required three visits, 18 required four, and 39 required five before they finally got the message.

"It took awhile, but some of them came into compliance," he said, while nearly two dozen more were put on a "watch list," requiring inspectors to repeatedly return to check.

No more Mr. Nice Guy

"In October, our team began issuing citations when efforts at compliance were not successful," Ramirez continued. They wrote a total of 11 tickets.

At Plaza Linda Mexican restaurant in Carmel Valley Village, owner Jessie Bonilla was cited for not wearing a mask on Oct. 2, and owner Velis Bonilla was ticketed for the same offense three days later.

At the Bagel Bakery on Carmel Rancho Oct. 17 and again Oct. 19, manager Vutha Sok was written tickets for not wearing a face covering.

Other businesses where owners, managers or employees were cited for not wearing masks include a barber shop called Head Honchoz in Prunedale, Farm Fresh Produce in Moss Landing, Aloha Coffee on Del Monte in Monterey, Panaderia Y Paleterra Michoacan in the Pajaro/Watsonville area, and The Gym 24/7, which received three citations, in Salinas.

"Citations are \$100, \$200 and then \$500," Ramirez said. "So for anybody getting issued three citations, it's basically \$800."

Food-related businesses that received tickets are being sent notices that they must immediately comply with the rules requiring masks or be shut down.

"The notice of violation will require immediate compliance, or they face immediate suspension of their food permit and will not be allowed to sell," he said. "It's the last and final warning."

Anyone who decides to fight it can request a hearing in front of an administrative law judge, but the judge could force the business owner not just to pay the fines and penalties, but to cover the costs of all the inspections, according to Ramirez. Only the county board of supervisors could overturn the administrative law judge's ruling.

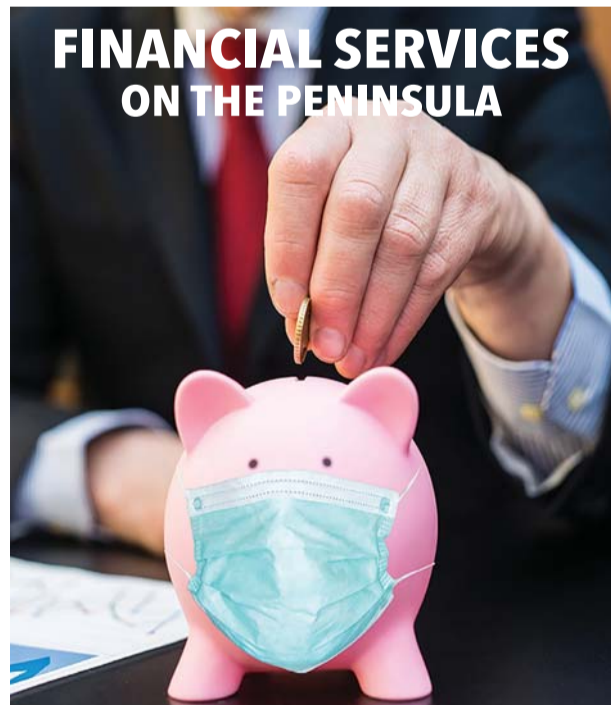
Threat of punishment

The process is a little different for non-food facilities, which are told to pay the fines and penalties and comply, or they can request a hearing before an administrative law judge. Only a Superior Court judge could overturn the law judge's decision.

Eleven citations might not seem like much, but they mean "we have ensured that 1,850 business operations are compliant, which is what we were striving for," Ramirez explained. "The low number of citations is a measure of that success."

Ramirez is hoping for even more compliance as time goes on and people hear about the penalties for not following the mask order.

"As soon as word gets out that there are penalties and consequences for not complying, we're going to get compliance," he said.



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VIRUS

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don't have symptoms — to go get tested," he said. "Please make good use of the Seaside High School location."

The announcement was a surprise, considering that since the beginning of the epidemic, federal and state health officials have discouraged people from getting tested unless they had a specific reason. And even as of this week, the state health department's website does not encourage testing for those who don't fall into certain categories, including healthcare and essential workers, residents in group homes, and those at risk of being infected.

However, the county's webpage says, "The general public is now invited to register for an appointment. You do not need to be experiencing symptoms to be tested."

Free Covid-19 testing is available at Seaside High School, 220 Noche Buena St., Tuesday through Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Won't ask to reopen

While there's no indication Monterey County will be able to advance to the next reopening tier anytime soon, its government would benefit economically if cities in the Monterey Peninsula were able to open up, since that's where much of the county's tax revenue comes from. There are few cases on the Peninsula compared to Salinas and South Monterey County.

On Wednesday, The Pine Cone asked Moreno if he or other officials had considered asking state officials to allow the Peninsula — and other areas with low infection rates — to move into the less restrictive tiers, so restaurants can offer indoor dining, movie theaters can reopen, etc.

Moreno said he's not considering that, and that Monterey County will continue to follow the state's tiered system.

"As a county, we need to work together to reduce transmissions and get our case rates down and positivity rates down so we can move into less restrictive Tier 2," Moreno said.

However, county administrative officer Charles McKee added that while driving the rates down everywhere in Monterey County is the primary focus, "it doesn't mean we are not looking at ways to see if there is some flexibility at the state level." He didn't specify what those options could be.

Of the 78 new coronavirus cases announced Thursday by county health, 34 are in Soledad, which suggests a hot spot in one or both of the state prisons. However, cases in the county's two prisons don't count against Monterey County's tier status. The county reported three more deaths from the virus this week.

Boots-on-the-ground campaign

Meanwhile, officials this week announced they will soon launch a boots-on-the-ground outreach campaign, mostly in Salinas and South Monterey County which have been hardest hit by the virus, to educate residents about virus prevention measures and offer economic and legal resources.

Officials Krista Hanni and Rosemary Soto said that health workers are developing an outreach plan which will employ "culturally relevant messages" to reach at least 200 people per week.

"We probably aren't reaching all groups, and this would be a way to start to identify how we can get more down into the weeds in particular communities ... and work with organizations that have that trusted awareness in the community," Hanni said.

Health workers will team with community groups, including farmworkers' advocacy organizations, to educate the hardest hit residents — most of whom are Hispanic or Latino — about legal and economic assistance aids, and other resources, including hotlines and social media applications. Officials may go to food drives and places where influenza vaccinations are being administered to also get their message across.

"We are hoping within two to three weeks we have those community workers out there getting more information to the community," she explained.

Hanni said that the workers will go door to door to

some areas of the Monterey Peninsula, too.

"The plan is to have outreach on the Monterey Peninsula, as there are some census tracts there on the list of the lowest quartile of Healthy Places Index census tracts," she explained, referring to data that indicate higher infection rates in some zip codes in the county.

The outreach program will cost about \$75,000, to be paid with state and federal tax revenue, and go on until spring 2021. It calls for two health workers, but Hanni said that could change as the program evolves.

Several community organizations, such as Clinica de Salud, "have also been doing more boots-on-the-ground outreach, and we're hoping to support expansion of that work," she said.

Napa, Sonoma and Fresno counties have outreach programs, and Monterey County could draw from those but would also "work with community partners to make those messages more Monterey County specific."

Supervisor Jane Parker liked the outreach program but recommended that officials "set up some measure of effectiveness" of the program.

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GRAFFITI

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What motivates Keegan to take on the seemingly never-ending task of removing graffiti from the busy state beach, where some visitors seem forever compelled to deface nature?

“People protect what they love,” he added. “I have a relationship with this place,

and it makes me feel so good to help.”

Keegan leads a loose-knit group of volunteers who call themselves Friends of Garrapata, aka F.O.G.

State law forbids the destruction, disturbance, mutilation or removal of “earth, sand, gravel, oil, minerals, rocks, paleontological features, or features of a cave.” The base fine is \$50 if cited as an infraction or \$100 if cited as a misdemeanor. With surcharges added by the courts, the penalty could be as much as \$280.

MISSING

From page 5A

The police department made the announcement about the missing girl only on Facebook and did not tell the news media or make any other public announcement, so reporters and residents would have had to visit the site or hear about the incident via the grapevine.

Hurts local news

“We think relying on Facebook is a terrible way of issuing such an important announcement,” said Pine Cone publisher Paul Miller.

“Not only does it mean that very few people will know about it and be able to help locate the girl, Facebook is a faceless and destructive international information conglomerate whose strategy for future growth includes putting local news outlets such as The Pine Cone out of business. Please don’t help them,” Miller added.

MUD

From page 3A

The fire started Oct. 18 around noon about halfway between Lucia and King City. Firefighters working on the Dolan Fire rushed to the scene and kept it from moving north or south. From the start, their hope has been to allow it to move to the west, where it would eventually meet areas burned over by the Dolan Fire, and run out of fuel. As of late this week, crews were watching hot spots and beefing up the containment lines.

The weather is expected to stay calm and mild, with light winds and relatively low humidity. There’s no wet weather expected any time soon.

While neither fire appears to pose additional threats to homes or businesses, smoke will likely continue for some time. “There will be smoke popping up for the next couple months until we get rain,” Alvarado added.

DONATIONS

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by Lisa Guthrie. He also received \$100 from the United Public Employees Union.

Potter’s campaign also received \$1,511 in donations of \$99 or less, which don’t have to be itemized.

Potter, meanwhile, donated \$300 to the Monterey County Democratic Central Committee and paid for mailing, PR, consulting and newspaper ads.

Council candidates

Ferlito brought in \$2,661 for the period and \$11,035 year to date and paid out \$6,747. Her contributors included her employers for more than 12 years, the owners of the Carmel Bay Co., who donated \$500, and retired architect and former planning commissioner Don Goodhue, who gave \$100. Ferlito’s campaign also received \$961 in un-itemized contributions.

She paid a Monterey County Democratic group for a campaign flyer, and other campaign expenses included postage, newspaper ads, graphic design and cam-

paign literature and signs.

Council candidate Mo Massoudi raised \$272 during the period and \$391 so far this year, including \$200 from forest and beach commissioner Darlene Mosley. He spent \$1,890 on design, ads and consulting.

Richards raised \$3,644, putting his year-to-date total at \$8,181, and spent \$2,999, with \$2,590 remaining in unpaid bills.

His donors included his brother, Richard Richards (\$300), Denny and Jeanne LeVett (\$250), former councilman Mike Brown (\$150), Ken and Jean White (\$100), and Betty-Lou Kullas (\$500). Un-itemized contributions totaled \$644.

He paid bills for pins, newspaper ads and consulting.

Robertson raised \$4,494 and loaned himself another \$5,450, bringing the total he has personally spent on his campaign to \$8,259. He paid bills totaling \$9,918.

Among his donors were Jill and Neil Sheffield, who gave \$1,000, and Nancy and Bill Doolittle, who donated \$250. The San Carlos Agency, led by Jack Britton, gave \$500, and his campaign took in \$694 in un-itemized donations.

Expenses included consulting and graphic design.

RESCUES

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At the hospital, the man was in ICU but was on the road to recovery as of Friday, according to Pangburn. “He is sitting up in a chair and answering most questions appropriately,” he said.

Pangburn credited both saves to bystander CPR and quick intervention by the pros once they were on scene. He encour-

aged everyone to get trained in CPR and learn how to use automated external defibrillators, which are now found in most public places.

“More than 350,000 cardiac arrests occur outside of the hospital each year,” he said, but CPR, especially if administered immediately, can greatly improve a person’s chance of survival.

Without it, the chances are much slimmer. “About 90 percent of people who experience an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest die,” he said.

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UNCERTAIN

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Since the state shut everything down, most city hall employees have been working remotely and are meeting with people in the field, such as during plan checks at building sites, as necessary, according to Rerig.

And while a city hall employee said last month he was “unable to accommodate property file research requests,” or let members of the public into city hall due to the pandemic but was “keeping a list of requests to be fulfilled once we are able to return to the office and perform this work,” Rerig said city hall staff members are working to ensure people get the records they want.

“We’re doing our best under the fog of Covid,” he said. The city has been meeting its obligations under the California Public Records Act, “and we’ll continue to do that.”

“We’re looking for mechanisms to scan documents and in a rare case have people come in and sit with an employee,” to review documents, Rerig said. “I have to protect my employees, but if the file is many inches thick, we can sit with someone in the chamber and then have the files sanitized or not touched for three or four days, and then we wipe down the area, obviously.”

Other cities

Ben Harvey, city manager for Pacific Grove, said city hall remains closed to the public and that P.G.’s designated Covid-19 protocol compliance officer, Amy Colony, has developed plans for how to reopen city offices safely when the time comes.

Employees are handling most requests electronically and are still conducting inspections in the field, but, according to a document outlining the city’s procedures during the pandemic, “Because non-essential personnel must shelter in place, the city will be unable to timely respond to requests for public records or meet other deadlines, including those under the Permit Streamlining Act. The city considers any such deadlines to be tolled during the period in which employees are required to shelter in place.”

But when the county finally moves to the next reopening tier, some of those workers will return to city hall, according to Harvey.

“As there is no official guidance as to when to reopen a city hall, we have made the determination in P.G. to ‘peg’ the reopening of our city hall to when indoor dining (at any capacity) is allowed again,” Harvey said last week. “I do not have an anticipated date.”

The red tier allows indoor dining at a maximum capacity of 25 percent or 100 people, whichever is fewer. To get there, the county has to report no more than four to seven new cases per 100,000 people and a positivity rate between 5 and 8 percent, both based on seven-day averages, for at least two weeks.

At Monterey City Hall, many offices, including city manager Hans Uslar’s, the city attorney’s, and those for

building, planning and engineering, are open by appointment, while everyone else is working remotely.

“We’ll continue doing that until we are sure the county actually has turned the corner,” he said.

While face-to-face interactions are generally avoided, business “continues almost as usual,” he said. Uslar said he believes holding public meetings via electronic platforms has actually increased the number of people participating — unlike in Carmel, where far more people spoke at city council and planning commission meetings when they could attend in person than do now that they are forced to dial in.

“We have more public participation during council meetings now — it’s way more convenient for people to sit at home, to log in and dial in and talk on various topics,” he said. “It’s more convenient than going down to city hall and waiting for the item to pop up.”

Uslar also said fulfilling records requests hasn’t been a challenge, since practically everything on file at city hall is already digital or can easily be made so. “I remember the

old days when we put the files together and they could sit and look at the files, and then we’d make copies of whatever they wanted,” he said. “Most of the time, we receive an electronic request and will scan and send everything.”

Making sure city hall is accessible has been a top priority since the beginning, according to Uslar.

“In the first week of Covid-19, we set three objectives. Objective 2 was that we will remain fully functional,” he said. The others were to ensure public safety remains staffed and to develop a plan to help businesses impacted by the shutdown and people who have lost their jobs. A few months later, “transparency” was added as a goal.

Everyone’s safety

Uslar said he will reopen city hall when it makes sense and he can ensure everyone’s safety, including workers who are vulnerable.

“It has to be scaled to the overall health situations and requirements of individual employees,” he said. “We have guidance on how to deal with it.”

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Editorial

The enthusiastic voter

THREE YEARS ago, when the city council decided to move the municipal elections from April to November, it was an idea we had long supported, but not for the reason the council gave, which was to save money. We thought moving the election would increase turnout, especially among the non-activist types who may be less passionate about voting but are also less extreme in their views about political issues. In our view, that means higher voter turnouts will produce better government.

There can be no simpler way to increase turnout in city elections than to make them coincide with national ones — whether in presidential election years, or mid-terms.

Turns out we were both right — but our argument was stupendously right. Who could possibly resist participating in the election coming up Nov. 3?

First, there's the insane national political scene. Here in California, which over the last 30 years has been turned into a statewide safe district for Democrats, the results are obvious: California's voting for Biden. Nevertheless, millions of people who live in the state are dying to take their first crack at voting for or against Trump since he took up residence in the White House. Whether you love him or hate him, the man has stirred up national political passions like nobody we can remember — and nobody can wait to express their opinion about what he's been up to.

Our local congressional race isn't exactly a cliffhanger. Jimmy Panetta is sure to be reelected again, and probably for as many terms as he wants. And we aren't electing a governor or a senator this time around.

But then there are the statewide ballot measures, including a slew of measures that are practically radioactive — such as making racial discrimination legal, increasing property taxes on businesses, imposing statewide rent control, doing away with cash bail and forcing freelance drivers to become employees. Millions of Californians are looking forward to having the chance to vote on those — in many cases, to stop them.

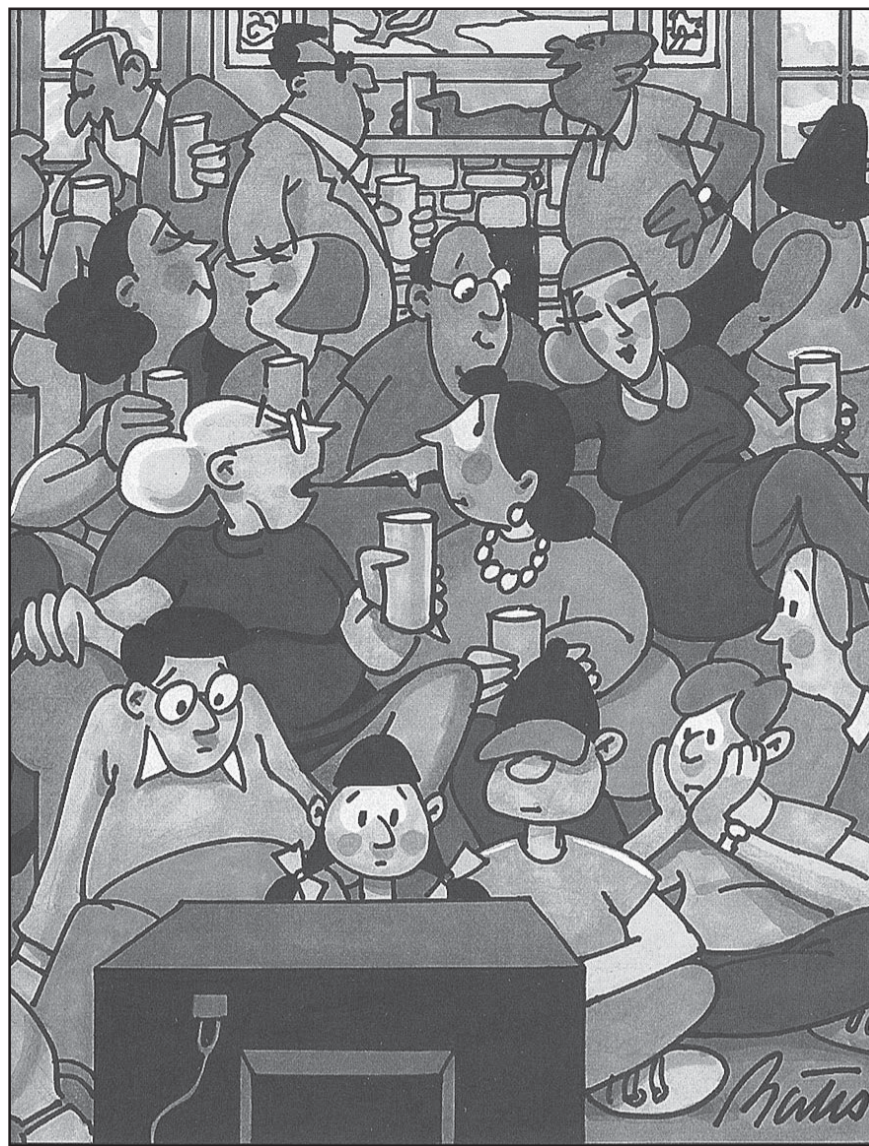
Here in Carmel, Dave Potter seems certain to be reelected mayor, though we aren't making any predictions about who will win the races for city council. The municipal election is devoid of hot controversies, which is a sign that the current council has been doing a good job.

The Carmel school board race drew an unprecedented number of candidates, which reflects the stakes in deciding when and how schools will reopen. Even that usually ho-hum race will probably draw lots of voters to the polls.

But still, it's Trump vs. Biden that's getting out the vote. According to the U.S. Elections Project, more than 80 million Americans have already voted, with California (8.5 million votes so far), Texas (8.5 million) and Florida (7.4 million) leading the way. Practically everyone is predicting a record turnout, and it's not hard to see why.

Which brings us back to our original argument for moving Carmel's elections to November. The higher the turnout, the better, and this year, it's going to be a humdinger.

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Carmel's 'silver lining'

Dear Editor,

While the pandemic has been devastating to many business owners and communities, there have been a few silver linings. We recently entered Carmel for dinner hoping to find a place open with safe outdoor dining. We were completely unprepared for and captivated by the proliferation of charming outdoor dining opportunities that now line various streets of Carmel.

We were looking for a place that was open late after traveling two-and-a-half hours from our home in Fresno. It was approaching 9 p.m., and the village's main and side streets bustled with lively outdoor cafes brimming with people. Moreover, they all beckoned one to enjoy a meal in a safe way, with safely distanced tables, masked service staff, and well-positioned heat lamps.

Suddenly, the sleepy-village nighttime ambiance of Carmel has a vibrancy like

never before! The various "parklets" that define these new outdoor dining spaces, each unique and inviting, have transformed the streets of Carmel into a vibrant locale bustling with life, as opposed to a village with a handful of commercial streets lined with parked cars as far as the eye can see. Restaurants that we didn't even know existed now define themselves in creative ways, and we have been moved to try places that we were unaware of, and to go to others that we had avoided because of crowding and interior noise that made enjoyment of a meal with friends less than pleasant. And, suddenly, popular places that often have a line of people waiting for a table, now have expanded seating so that one can get a seat after a short wait, if any wait at all.

It is as if we have let Sleeping Beauty awaken! By facilitating outdoor dining, the city fathers have compassionately given Carmel restaurant owners a new lease on life during the pandemic, but this gift to Carmel visitors should continue well after the pandemic is over. At last, we have a seaside village reminiscent of those in Europe, where patrons enjoy al fresco dining at all hours of the day and night.

Congratulations, Carmel. You have only become more dear!

Jolene Telles, Fresno

Reopen by zip code

Dear Editor,

I have had the opportunity on an almost daily basis to see in The Pine Cone the coronavirus infection rates for the Monterey County. Accompanying those county-wide reports, there is also a breakdown

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A time when Carmelites were even more brilliant than they are now

THE EARLIEST report I can find of journalist Grant Wallace being in the Monterey Peninsula is a full-page feature in the San Francisco Call of Jan. 17, 1909.

Titled, “The Literary Craftsmen of Carmel” — and carrying the promising sub-head, “A visit to the men and women who are piecing together songs, sonnets and best sellers on a strip of sandy beach between the pining pines and the tinkling ocean” — the article mentions the many successful writers already making their home here in the early part of the 20th century. Poet George Sterling is the highlight, while Wallace is

pictured with Alice MacGowen and her sister Grace, who were successful novelists in the South before making their way west. Western writer Mary Austin and journalist James Hopper are also highlighted in the text, which even refers to Wallace’s “ex-

History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

perimental ranch” somewhere in the area. The article concludes that these writers “are making Carmel what really seems to be a very vital little center for a heap of things worthwhile” — a belief upheld by history.

Regarding Wallace, we have learned via a family memoir that he “had a redwood shack under cypresses by the shiny white beach. In a nearby hut, Sinclair Lewis invented plots for Jack London’s stories and pestered Grant for instruction on writing them himself.”

This comes to us from the recently published, “The Big Work” compiled and published by Wallace’s great-grandson, Matt Berger. The book paints an interesting story of the family and is richly illustrated with the artistic heritage of Wallace and his two children largely raised here.

Eleven schools

While not as famous today as some of his friends, when he first arrived in Carmel, Wallace was iconic as a news writer and war correspondent. His 1904 coverage from the Asian front of the Russo-Japanese war for the San Francisco Bulletin led to his being awarded a medal and proclamation by the Emperor of Japan. After that, he became one of the top editorialists of the day.

Wallace’s daughter, Moira, covered in last week’s column, became a noted artist, while Kevin, like his father, became a successful newspaper, magazine and editorial writer, initially with the San Francisco Chronicle, beginning in 1937 while still a student at UC Berkeley, and culminating with 17 years at the New Yorker magazine. We learn from Kevin’s memoir, that the family was not a permanent fixture in Carmel but returned regularly.

“We left so often that Moira and I each changed school 11 times in the seven years we spent in the eight primary grades,” Kevin Wallace wrote.

We also learn the family’s colorful history, beginning with his grandparents.

In his father’s shoes

The sixth of nine children, Grant Wallace was born in 1868 and raised in northwest Missouri. He likely got his drive and adventurous spirit from

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Artist sets ambitious goal for her 100th birthday

WITH HER 98th birthday less than three months away, Tomiye Tanaka concedes that she doesn’t paint quite as late into the night as she did just a few years ago.

“I don’t go until midnight anymore,” said the watercolorist. “I used to sit there very late with my paints and my coffee, and I always knew it was time for bed when I started dipping my paintbrush into my coffee cup.”

But her art career is hardly winding down. Tanaka’s vibrantly colorful seascape was awarded first prize and Best of Show last month at the Monterey County Fair — the first major art awards she’s ever won — inspiring her toward a lofty new goal: “I’m planning to become a great artist by

my frustrations,” she said.

Fun fact about her success at this year’s Monterey County Fair: Tanaka has only been painting landscapes and seascapes for about a year, since she started taking classes at her church — and most recently on Zoom — from Carmel Art Association artist Robert McIntyre.

“I was always painting flowers before, but since Mr. McIntyre paints seascapes and landscapes, I started doing that. I discovered that I really enjoy it,” she said. “I had only painted a few before the fair, and when my daughter JoAnn told me I won first place and Best of Show, I almost fainted. It was such a surprise.”

Painting flowers came easily to Tanaka, who spent 35 years in the nursery business at Tanaka Garden Center, the company she started in 1962 with her husband, Tom, who passed away in 1992.

“We originally were located on Fremont Street at

Canyon Del Rey, where the Safeway is located now. Then we bought the corner of Canyon Del Rey and Highway 68, next to Tarp’s, which was a swamp at the time,” she said of the spot now occupied by Stone Creek Village Shopping Center. “My husband filled it with 5 feet of soil and turned it into a beautiful piece of property. We were there 15 years.”

Five years after her husband died, she retired, visited seven countries, and began sketching people’s faces during her travels. When she returned, she took art classes at The Carmel Foundation and began painting.

“Painting flowers came easily to me because I had studied them for so long at the nursery,” she said. “I really admired the way all the plants came in, how flowers grew so perfectly from a seed or a little root.”

Pearl Harbor

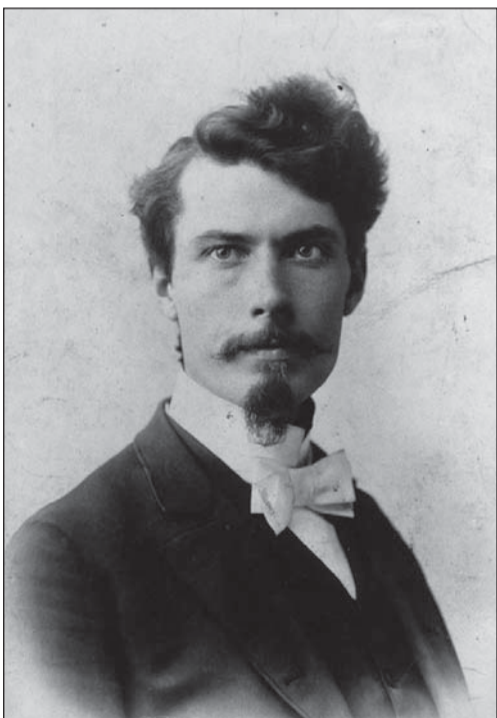
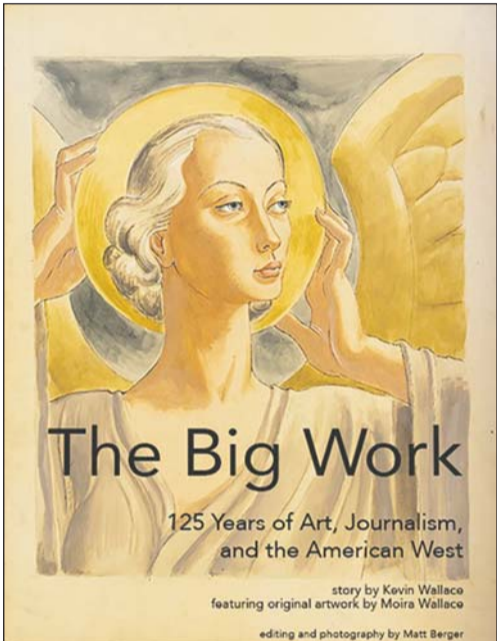
Tanaka grew up in Reedley in the San Joaquin Valley, where her father was a vegetable and grape farmer before the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor to draw the U.S. into World War II on Dec. 7, 1941, a Sunday.

“I remember that we all gathered in a little auditorium and listened to the news on a radio they set up on the stage,” she recounted. “Everybody was so shocked.”

Not long afterward, the Tanakas and other Japanese families were herded onto a train to Phoenix, then taken to an internment camp in Poston, Ariz., where they were impounded with 18,000 others. She was 17.

“It was very desolate, as far as you could see,” she remembered. “Every time a wind

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PHOTOS/COURTESY MATT BERGER, “THE BIG WORK”

The dashing young Grant Wallace circa 1890 (above) during his first sojourn to New York. The adventurous artist and writer would become one of the early founders of Carmel’s colony of likeminded individuals. His story is told in “The Big Work” (top), a new book detailing the art and lives of some of the town’s early Bohemians.

Carmel’s Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

the time I turn 100,” she declared with a twinkle, “...with God’s help, of course.”

Drumming out frustration

Don’t bet against her. Tanaka hikes for an hour almost every morning, “all the way up the hill, and back down again,” through her Seaside neighborhood. She spends another hour each day practicing the ukulele she plays (in less restrictive times) at local retirement homes and senior centers with about 15 fellow parishioners from El Estero Presbyterian Church. And she relentlessly pounds her djembe drum — a goblet-shaped instrument with origins in Mali. “I just bang away and take out all of



PHOTO/JAVIER CHAGOYA

Tomiye Tanaka, 97, holds the watercolor seascape that won first prize and ‘Best of Show’ at this year’s Monterey County Fair.

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The last graduation was a strange one, but the career was wonderful

THIS YEAR'S high school graduations were more than a bit strange. Matt Bell, then principal of P.G. High, led the first ceremony to be held at Laguna Seca raceway, and he wasn't at all sure how it was going to turn out.

The week before the event, he told The

Great Lives

By ELAINE HESSER

Pine Cone he was "a stress ball." Once the ceremony started, though, the magnitude of the moment hit him. "I just realized this was my last graduation," he said. "This is the only career I've ever known. The emotional piece of this is hard, but I'm going out in a nice way."

Staying put?

The P.G. resident retired this year after a combined 37 years as a teacher and administrator, all in Pacific Grove schools. "I'm a company guy, I don't like to move around a lot," he said — and he was only joking a little.

Bell grew up in Walnut Creek and Oak-

land. He decided to study economics at UC Santa Barbara because his father was a senior vice president for Kaiser Permanente and Bell said he thought, "I'll major in some kind of business." That was the extent of his plan.

When Bell was a senior, a friend mentioned his own plans to stay on for a fifth year and get a teaching credential. It sounded like a pretty good idea, so Bell did the same and, in 1983, found himself leafing through binders of

job postings in the UCSB employment office. He has never enjoyed moving around, so he began his search in Santa Barbara but could only find a math and chemistry position at a private school in town.

"I knew chemistry, but not well enough to teach it," he explained. He expanded his search to other nearby communities, then found a flier for a math job in Pacific Grove. He passed his first interview and then waited by the phone at home in Santa Barbara.

For the second interview, he said, "They offered to meet me halfway, at the Madonna Inn." That quirky slice of Americana on the south end of San Luis Obispo is known

for over-the-top themed guest rooms — you know, in case you want to sleep in a cave — and gaudy eateries catering to tourists with deep pockets.

Panicked about the bill

Bell didn't know that the interviewers would pick up the check, so he panicked when he realized he'd shown up with just \$5. "I thought, 'I can't order anything,'" and as the other men got full meals, the starving college student ate his serving of toast. "I was sweating bullets, wondering if I had enough for a tip."

"And then at the end they said, 'We've got this.'" To this day, Bell said, "If I'm out with anyone on my staff, I'm paying for it — and I tell them ahead of time."

Bell does that a lot — he talks about the job in the present tense, even as he contemplates his future. You get the sense that all this history just happened yesterday, it's so present in so much detail for him.

He taught high school math from 1983 to 1990. Oldest son Chris was born in 1989

(followed by son Tim and daughter Kendra), so he decided to get a master's degree and an administrative credential to better support his wife, Linda — "my backbone, encourager and anchor in the storms" — and their growing family.

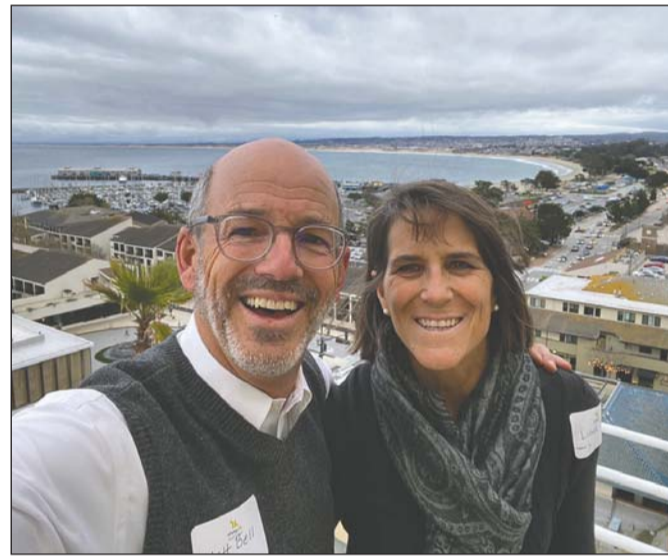
In December 1990, Bell said that the assistant principal at the high school retired "very suddenly and unexpectedly" to run an ice cream shop in the American Tin Cannery. Bell became the interim assistant principal, and then applied for and was hired for the position. It wasn't a dream job, at least not for him.

After about three-and-a-half years, Bell said he was convinced that "it wasn't a landing place, but a stepping stone." He was a disciplinarian — something he didn't relish — trying to nab kids sneaking a smoke and the like.

"Someone wrote graffiti that said, 'F**k you, Mr. Bell,'" he recalled, adding, "At least they called me 'mister.'" He became

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Matt Bell with his wife, Linda. Behind them, a view of the beautiful Monterey Peninsula, which he served as a teacher and school administrator for 37 years.



PHOTO/COURTESY MATT BELL

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his father, Tom, who began life in the mountains of New Hampshire and made his way west to Wisconsin where he married in 1850. The Gold Rush drove him farther west and he spent more than five years in the gold fields of California. His wife and infant son made the arduous journey via Nicaragua (before the Panama Canal) to join him near Grass Valley. Their next two children were born in California before they returned east and settled in Missouri.

Principal, model, exorcist

When the Civil War exploded, Tom became a second lieutenant in the local Union militia, until his men elected him judge for the territory. His children were all well educated. Grant Wallace began working as a printer's devil for the Hopkins Journal at age 13, and according to the memoir, on a bet with his brother, successfully wrote and published four of the trashy "dime novels" that were popular in the 1880s.

While still a teenager, Wallace headed to New York City to see the big world. He funded his travels in part by creating crime illustrations for the New York Evening Sun. At 19, he was hired as a principal at a business school in Delaware and taught mathematics.

At 21, Wallace was back in New York, where the tall good-looking young man posed for Dan Beard's illustrations in the first edition of Mark Twain's "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court," published in 1889. Twain reportedly visited the studio and "shared enthusiasms" with Wallace on "Tom Edison's plans to harness telepathy via phrenophone."

Wallace, we learn, had an obsession with the occult that would manifest itself more fully later. In Greenwich Village, he visited many of the popular mediums of the day, exposing many as frauds while experimenting with séances, Ouija boards and telekinesis. He returned to Missouri and learned his brother, Charles, was ready to have their mother committed to an asylum. Wallace looked her over and proceeded to exorcise from her what he said was "a guilt-racked earthbound monk left over from the Spanish Inquisition." Their mother was fine thereafter.

Train wreck, mafia murder

On a visit to his sister, Olive, he showed her classmate, Helen Vail, a ring he had brought from New York for Olive. Vail tried it on, swooned into his arms and said, "I will." They married on Jan. 1, 1891, and were soon living in Minneapolis, where Wallace worked as an illustrator for the Pioneer Press. Their son, Grant Jr., was born in 1893.

Wallace's young family, as well as his mother and two spinster sisters, moved to California after his father died in 1895. They settled at Fair Oaks, near Sacramento, where the budding horticulturist established an experimental orchard. For income, he ferried down the delta and worked as an illustrator and political cartoonist for the San Francisco Examiner.

With the encouragement of Ambrose Bierce, he sought a writer's role at the San Francisco Chronicle.

In December 1901, just a month after being made a reporter, Wallace stunned his editor with his drive and powerful writing. The day after the fatal crash of two Southern Pacific trains near Upland, then a Monterey County rail stop between San Lucas and San Ardo, Wallace wrote the personal story and confession of engineer John W. Coffey.

Wallace's style also caught the attention of Fremont Older, managing editor at the rival San Francisco Bulletin. Older hired him away, and the decision bore fruit when Wallace captured the dramatic 1902 story of an Italian immigrant in the city who was killed by the Sicilian mafia. The victim had stolen a painting by Titian in Italy, and the mafia tracked him to San Francisco. Wallace's 1904 dispatches from the war in Asia cemented his place as one of the great reporters of the day.

In 1905, Wallace interviewed Tom Lawson, a multimillionaire stock market tycoon intent on restoring the integrity of Wall Street and breaking up the empire of John D. Rockefeller. Lawson was so impressed that he hired Wal-

lace "to travel into every state, gather materials on the lives and hidden activities of all the U.S. senators, and prepare a series of articles for Everybody's magazine." Wallace's reports were so strong that the magazine's lawyers said they were "too libelous to print."

Lassoing lions

Wallace and Helen divorced in early 1906 and he sought new adventures. Time Magazine sent him to cover an insurrection in Cuba. In early 1907, Wallace traveled to the Southwest, at the invitation of Buffalo Jones to lasso mountain lions. Jones was immortalized by Zane Grey in "The Last Plainsman." Wallace then returned to California, planning to settle near his mother in Sacramento, but soon the famous writer joined old colleagues in the new development here — a story we will pickup on next week.

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ARTIST

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storm would come up, the sand would blow right into our barracks and swirl around. It was an awful place."

After a year, restrictions were eased, permitting anyone who found an outside job to leave.

"I was really fortunate to find a job as a domestic, working for Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Duke. He was vice president of the Minnesota Mining Co. in St. Paul, so I moved there," she said.

"That's where I met Tom, who was teaching Japanese to American soldiers at the University of Minnesota," Tanaka said. "Mr. Duke gave me away at our wedding, because my father was still in Poston, at the relocation center."

Plants for professors

Tom and Tomiye Tanaka moved from St. Paul to the Monterey Peninsula in the mid-1950s, and in 1962 they rented land from the Berry Brothers Feed Farm and opened their garden center.

"The nursery was very successful from the very beginning," she said. "The Naval Postgraduate School brought in a lot of professors from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, and many of them bought homes in the new Del Rey Oaks subdivision. A lot of them bought their landscaping supplies from us."

The progress she's made painting with McIntyre in her church classes and the beauty of her surroundings have changed the direction of her artwork.

"After finishing that seascape, I think I'll paint a lot more," she said. "Monterey has some of the most beautiful scenery in the world, and I want to paint a lot more of it."

"My son Darrell told me he knows a lot of people who want to buy that painting, and I'm very flattered — it's a very humbling feeling," Tanaka said. "But I told him not to sell it yet."

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LIVES

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principal of Robert Down in 1994, and said the move to elementary school, where parents were much more involved and spent plenty of time on campus watching out for their little ones, was a culture shock.

Fortunately, he said, "I had a terrific staff, who had lots and lots of grace for my missteps." He stayed at the elementary school for 11 years, then worked at the middle school. In 2008, when the high school principal decided to retire, Bell took that job. He apologized to the Class of 2012 at graduation "for the emotional trauma," since, he said, at least half the class had been with him since elementary school.

He said he's come to realize that "high school students are no different from kindergartners" or adults, for that matter. "They like pats on the back, they like to be called by name and they want me to be interested in what they're doing," he said, the main difference being that high school students are better at hiding their feelings.

Above all, Bell sees himself as an encourager, someone who told his staff not to fear change, to try new things. He's generous with compliments and said he shared his most recent achievement — the Association of California School Administrators' 2020 Principal of the Year award — with "everyone on the team" at P.G. High and in the district.

"I was totally humbled and completely stunned" by the award, he said, adding, "My adrenaline went 'whoosh!'" Since he had already decided to retire, it was great to leave on such a high note.

"It was time to step out," he said, noting that some aspects of the job had become just too stressful. He's allowed himself six months to "go running, bicycling and play golf," but after that, he's contemplating some part-time jobs, consulting gigs and volunteer positions with local nonprofits.

"There's still plenty of gas in the tank," Bell said.



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of infections provided by postal zip codes from throughout the county. It is my understanding that movement from one level of shutdown tier to another for the entire county is determined by the county-wide numbers.

It seems striking to me that the positive movement of the entire county from one level to another is being held up due to a number of infection clusters in Salinas and the Salinas Valley. There have been few infections in areas of the county that are near or on Monterey Bay and the ocean. Many jobs in the hospitality industry as well as the restaurant/entertainment businesses in Monterey, Pacific Grove, Big Sur, Carmel, etc., are being affected by the county-wide infection numbers while there are very few

infections in those communities.

It seems to me that a better way of determining moving from one level of infection to another would be to determine movement by zip codes rather than by looking at county-wide numbers. I know that I, as a resident of Salinas, and many others from the valley would be delighted to travel to the Peninsula towns for a great meal or visit the many entertainment sites that seem to abound or would abound given the opportunity.

The system currently in place simply doesn't appear to be fair to anyone at this stage of the pandemic.

Patrick Dunne,
Salinas

Reimers' vital role

Dear Editor,

Tuesday is an important day not only because it is election day, but it is the last day of Jan Reimers' tenure on Carmel's

city council.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Jan for the last two years. It quickly became apparent she was the driving force behind the formation of the North Dunes Restoration Project. She has worked diligently for years to ensure the native habitat returns to our storied beach, and the north dunes in particular. Because of her efforts, the black legless lizard will have a safe "forever home." And many native plant species are returning after years of devastation from non-native tree and plant debris.

It was Jan's passion and persistence that moved this project through the middle of its fifth year ... and still counting. I look forward to seeing the North Dunes transformations yet to come. Jan, thank you for your devoted service to the City of Carmel, thank you for your wisdom and advice with respect to my own projects, and thank you for your friendship. I hope your next chapter brings you happiness.

"The road keeps going, I'll meet you around the next corner"

Laura Overett,
Carmel

Reform resident parking

Dear Editor,

What is the point of paying for a resident parking permit when it does practically nothing to tangibly help residents? The \$20 price tag is enticing compared to larger and more densely populated cities, but our resident permit only extends parking on Carmel's city streets from two to three hours. How helpful! Locals would happily pay a higher fee for unlimited resident parking, which we inherently deserve.

With the coronavirus pandemic still in full effect, many of us are working from home, educating our children, and are simply too busy to move from one parking spot to the next every few hours. Many of us just turn our wheels or wipe off the parking enforcement chalk and continue on with our day. While we all now know how to get around parking tickets, our parking system for taxpaying locals is inefficient — at best.

Remember: Our taxes fund the \$75,000

salaries of our parking enforcement officers. Remember: We vote for council members to protect our way of life, not those of San Francisco Bay area day-trippers and tourists. Finally remember this: Carmel was designed to be "primarily, essentially, and predominantly a residential city." Has our city council forgotten this?

Phone our city council members to make your voices heard on this issue.

Anonymous,
Carmel

'Fresh voice'

Dear Editor,

As someone who has known and worked for several decades with Graeme Robertson, a city council candidate in Carmel-by-the-Sea, I feel that I am qualified to speak about his great leadership skills, his high level of integrity and fairness and his long experience in our village.

Graeme appreciates what makes Carmel special and unique. From the time he moved here before turning 6, through his years of growing up here when his parents owned two shops on Ocean Avenue, through his attendance at local schools, and during his professional career, he has always had the best interests of the town.

He supports our deep environmental heritage and character. Three of his key backers are present or prior members of the Carmel Residents Association, including a past president.

Graeme also knows that we must get our local economy back into operation, but only when it is fully safe after we have put the deadly virus behind us. That is why he also has key backing from members of our diverse business community.

Graeme's long list of endorsements includes former mayors Sue McCloud, Charlotte Townsend and Ken White, several former council members, and dozens more people.

Graeme would be a fine addition to the city council, able to help us through

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the challenging times ahead and someone who would be a fresh voice with the knowledge gained during nearly a lifetime in Carmel-by-the-Sea.

I hope that you will join me in voting for Graeme Robertson for city council.

Denny LeVett, Carmel

'Clear choice' for mayor

Dear Editor,

The current mayoral election in Carmel presents voters with a very clear choice about the civic governance of our city. The candidacy of Judy Refuerzo provides our electorate an opportunity to establish a new style of leadership, one that demonstrates transparency, availability, and a measured approach to issues that come to the mayor's office and before the city council.

Judy's work, civic, and life experience has prepared her to receive and handle complex matters by listening and engaging parties of interest to achieve positive outcomes, especially when those competing interests may have broad implications. Judy has the willingness to be actively, creatively, and visibly involved in the pursuit of good answers for our community, answers that represent balanced results for both our residential concerns and business requirements.

Judy is a collaborator and an engaged citizen, focusing on both current and long-standing topics for Carmel's viability. A vote for Judy Refuerzo for mayor will be a vote for openness and engagement, a vote for change in these changing and challenging times. As residents, we will reap the benefit of that vote.

LaNette Zimmerman, Carmel

'Invaluable asset'

Dear Editor,

Anne-Marie Rosen is the one school board candidate who garners my vote. She understands the strengths and weaknesses of our district, which currently educates 2,337 students, with an all-inclusive staff of 400 and an annual budget of \$60 million.

We property owners are currently paying for two CUSD school bonds — year 2011 for \$20 million and 2016 for \$21.5 million, as noted on our property tax statements — and will continue to for two to three more decades. CUSD wants a third bond which is incredibly pompous. Anne-Marie Rosen will not give her stamp of approval on a third bond without a compelling need.

One example of flagrant misuse of bond funds is the performing arts center at Carmel High School. The end expense was approximately \$16 million (\$10 million reported from bond funds) and it has a seating capacity of 370. We have 862 students at CHS and have had well over 600 since the PAC was conceptualized. We as a school had to rotate in twice in order to watch something the first few years. The past several years we have to rotate in three times if the entire student body is to experience a performance of some type. The frequency the student body uses it may be counted on one hand. While it looks very impressive and extraordinary lit up at night, it sits idle 98 percent of the time.

She is the only candidate who has a platform and who has also knocked on over 1,500 doors, "masked up" to speak with her future constituents. The business-as-usual needs an overhaul at CUSD, with the past two superintendents relieved of their duties requiring huge payouts, a principal at the high school "moved" to special projects at the district office, and two interim superintendents incredibly sweet, who let the staff and parents make all the calls. The funds coming in are not an endless supply, and the majority comes from taxpayers who own property within the assessment boundaries. Anne-Marie will be an invaluable asset to the CUSD board at every level.

Michele Pollock, Carmel

'Strong leadership'

Dear Editor,

There is but one clear choice for airport board, and that is Mary Ann Leffel. Her lengthy history in leadership posi-

tions is too extensive to go into, as are her accolades from her business and community peers, and strong leadership is needed for the economic vitality of our Peninsula. The airport is an integral part of our successful economy and Mary Ann has navigated the challenges before us with FAA requirements past and present and will do so into the future. She is a collaborator who will work with our community to bring a happy and successful resolution to upcoming challenges.

Join me in voting for Mary Ann Leffel.

Karen Calley, Monterey

'Diligently and tirelessly'

Dear Editor,

I have worked with Graeme Robertson at the Carmel Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club of Carmel-by-the-Sea and at the Carmel Foundation, and have found him to be compassionate, articulate and open-minded. Graeme does not have a personal agenda and will work diligently and tirelessly for the residents and businesses of Carmel.

Please join me in voting for Graeme Robertson for City Council.

Jill Sheffield, Carmel

'Voice that is honest'

Dear Editor,

Why is there such a heavy investment in Steve McShane's campaign for District 4 Supervisor to replace Jane Parker? It is over \$850,000 and counting. What is all that money supposed to buy?

It's not district representation. McShane's base is Salinas and the valley, but most of the population is on the coast.

It's not ideology. McShane was a Tea Party Republican a few years ago. He switched to "decline to state," then switched again about a year ago to Democrat.

It's not issue-based. McShane has promised many things to many people.

It's not business, not family, nor has he moved into Marina or Seaside.

McShane is ambitious and an opportunist. So why the

heavy investment?

It's for control. Financial interests always want influence, but the heavy investment in McShane is for more than influence. It's for control. Investors want to guarantee that Salinas Valley interests can dominate county government. It's not enough to prevail 3-2 on most matters. Occasionally one will switch. But 4-1 is a guarantee for control.

If you want representation, or integrity, or a voice that is honest, relevant, transparent, informed and credible, vote Wendy Root Askew for supervisor.

George Riley, Monterey

Today's Democrats

Dear Editor,

Today's Democratic Party has totally abandoned its heritage as a defender of a free and unfettered populace. The party of Truman and Kennedy, both staunch anti-communists, has given way to the yelping imps, emboldened by Barack Obama's socialistic administration, that would shackle us with staggering debt, oppressive taxation, and emasculated law enforcement. The Democrats would further deny our right to self-protection and dangerously diminish our national defense in extremely hostile times.

This might well be an appropriate time to heed the words of Congressman David Crockett of Tennessee in 1835, "The Stars and Stripes must never give way to the shreds and patches of party."

The current ongoing election boils down to a clear decision of choosing to remain a free people or to foolishly foist socialism on ourselves and criminally on our children. Refute the "patches and shreds" of the Democrat Party and retain the whole fabric of this magnificent country.

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When Kelly-Moore officials were notified by the prosecutors of the unlawful disposals of hazardous waste, they immediately agreed to cooperate and promptly implemented measures to properly manage hazardous waste at its California facilities.

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Section 2

Student-athletes caught in a high-stakes game of beat the clock

TO PLAY, or not to play? That is the question. And what an unfair question it is, in the age of the coronavirus, when the best available information is confusing, sometimes conflicting, perpetually evolving and based largely on incomplete data.

reports that the pandemic is accelerating. What to do? What a tough question.

“I’m optimistic that we’ll get to play at least one sport this school year,” said Carmel High junior Elle Bohlman, who plays basketball, lacrosse, and is a kicker on the varsity football team. “It’s been hard for me to not be able to play sports. But I also feel that it would be easy to spread the virus through sports, when athletes are on top of each other, touching and breathing on each other.”

Bohlman’s statement says a lot. It’s difficult to justify risking her health, but the window to play high school sports is open for just four years, and then it closes forever. We’re only young once.

“I’m feeling quite nervous about competing in sports again — how packed a cross-country race is, how close you get to someone when you’re playing soccer, and how big a track competition can be,” said Santa Catalina runner

Ana Leissner, a boarding student from Hong Kong. “But I do think Santa Catalina and other schools in the area will take good care of us, and run these competitions with safety in mind. I’m confident that we’ll be well taken care of if the pandemic is still going on.”

Difficult task

That level of confidence — kids putting their faith in adults — should be heartwarming and bone-chilling in equal parts to parents, school administrators, coaches, teachers, pastors, scientists and medical professionals whose task is to prove worthy of that trust.

“As you can probably infer from the national conversation, I don’t think anybody really has an answer for how to do that,” conceded one local administrator, who remains

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Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

As today’s high school student-athletes confront the possibility that they’ll be offered a chance to return to competitive sports in the middle of a pandemic, the ugly truth is this: Nobody — not even the world’s best epidemiologists and virologists — can recommend procedures that will guarantee their safety. At best, they can offer well intentioned plans, based on incomplete studies of a virus that has affected more than 9 million Americans.

Only young once

The California Interscholastic Federation has penciled in Dec. 14 as the date when high schools will be permitted to begin practicing “Season One” sports — football, cross-country, field hockey, volleyball and water polo. Competition theoretically would begin in early January, but since the state hasn’t yet OK’d team sports to be played, schools are devising back-up plans for many scenarios.

That mid-December practice date remains on the calendar for now, but all eyes are fixed on daily



PHOTOS/(LEFT) SANTA CATALINA SCHOOL, (ABOVE) COURTESY GRANT GALLAWAY

Catalina’s Ana Leissner (left), a CCS track and field qualifier, feels nervous about competing in cross-country during the coronavirus epidemic, while Carmel’s Grant Gallaway, a lacrosse specialist, says lower numbers of infections in the Monterey Peninsula make him optimistic.



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optimistic. “I think there are some things we can do that have generally been accepted as best practices to try to limit exposure, but that question — ‘How do we keep kids safe?’ — implies something that nobody can guarantee right now, including most of the scientists who are talking about this.”

Varying levels of regulation begin at the national and state levels. For example, 34 states are already playing high school football, while the remaining 16, including California, hope to start playing in January or this spring. Data from states that already have OK’d athletics in the time of Covid could help guide those who have kept kids on the sidelines for now.

Decisions in California could differ from county to county, league by league, and ultimately school by school. Standard procedures are expected to be recommended, but mandates figure to be more difficult.

Testing student-athletes for the virus before practices, games and bus rides sounds great, but the cost is likely to be prohibitive for many (probably most) schools, without state or federal aid.

So many athletes

In a state where more than 800,000 kids play high school sports, the availability of testing kits also promises to be a hurdle.

How to keep athletes from transmitting the virus during huddles, football pile-ups, body-on-body competition, in locker rooms, on bus rides, and after they return home to their families? Those problems are being studied, and although solutions are elusive, optimism remains alive.

“I think the ability to play football and not spread Covid is very much in reach,” said Stevenson senior Tyler Olson, a running back. “Our area has done a good job containing it, and I believe scheduling games within our area could work perfect-

ly. A league schedule between Stevenson, Seaside, Monterey, Carmel, Pacific Grove, and Marina would be a great solution.”

All eyes remain on California’s “Blueprint for a Safer Economy” tier system — a color code that indicates how widespread the virus is in each of the state’s 58 counties.

Monterey County isn’t doing all that well with virus containment. The county currently has “widespread” status, requiring maximum restrictions, meaning pandemic conditions must improve within the next six weeks for practices and competitions to be greenlighted. At the same time, Olson is correct that Monterey Peninsula residents have a much lower infection rate than people in the Salinas Valley.

“Our community has been responsible with social distancing, mask-wearing, signage all over town, closing beaches for busy weekends, etc. As a result, our numbers are extremely low,” said Carmel senior Grant Gallaway, who hopes to earn a college lacrosse scholarship.

“I also have seen the phased return-to-play protocols that the colleges have followed with success. As athletes, we want to get back on the field and stay there, so we will do whatever we need to do,” he added.

Some schools, school boards or individual students could decide to opt out, regardless of what the tier system says. Other decisions could be made on a sport-by-sport basis.

“I think it depends on the sport — for example, basketball is different from golf,” said Sarah Sheetz, who plays lacrosse, soccer and tennis for Santa Catalina. “As long as procedures are in place before games — temperatures taken, limited and dispersed audiences, etc. — I would feel comfortable resuming competition.”

Catalina classmate Alex Nickel, a boarding student from Arizona, said she’s been playing golf continuously since the pandemic began. “I have never once felt unsafe on the course, and I do not plan to feel unsafe in practice or competition at Santa Catalina,” she said.

Add peer pressure to the stew. If most of their classmates opt to march fearlessly into battle, how difficult might it be for an athlete to opt out? Or a coach? Or a referee?

‘Pretty confident’

“I think I’ll be a little worried about our safety, but, for the most part, I’ll be pretty confident,” said Carmel linebacker Amir Brown, who might have a football schol-

arship in his future — unless he doesn’t get to play high school football again. “I’m staying positive, and I have faith.”

“I’m going to miss it so much if I don’t get to race in high school again. I still have goals I want to achieve in high school,” said Stevenson senior Anna Watson, a standout middle-distance runner in both cross-country and track. “I really don’t know what to expect, but I’m trying to be optimistic.”

Will the pandemic subside in time? State, county, school officials, parents, and the athletes face one of the toughest decisions of their lives, and know they can’t afford to get this one wrong.

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Stevenson track standout Anna Watson runs in solitude near the Salinas River Wildlife Refuge.



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‘Live from the Lot’ series continues with Halloween-themed drive-in show

SUNSET CENTER’S series of shutdown-compliant concerts, “Live from the Lot,” continues Saturday with a Halloween-themed showcase of three local live acts. Presented by First Night Monterey, the lineup includes **Fields of Eden**, **Heartstrings** and **Dirty Cello**. It will also serve as a going-away party for singer-songwriter and music

wanted a real professional video to put in our program this year,” Martin told The Pine Cone.

■ Going-away party for Kiki

Led by Wow, who is moving back East in the next couple weeks, Fields of Eden plays three decades of classic rock. Martin said she will miss Wow — and for more than just her music. She paid her the ultimate compliment. “Kiki’s a giver,” she said. “She gives back to community in so many ways.”

Heartstrings, whose members include hammered dulcimer player **Paulette Lynch** — who founded First Night Monterey and long led the Arts Council for Monterey County — plays a mix of acoustic music from many places.

“It’s a group of string players who play instrumental music that comes from all over the world, with lots of traditional Irish and Scottish tunes, and music from Appala-

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On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

promoter **Kiki Wow**, who co-founded Fields of Eden.

“I’ve been trying to find a place where we could do a live concert before Kiki leaves,” explained executive director Ellen Martin of First Night Monterey, which is moving its annual end-of-the-year street party online in response to the pandemic. “I was really excited when Sunset Center agreed to approve the concert. We’re going to tape it and play it as part of our New Year’s Eve celebration — I

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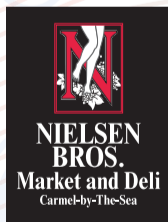
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In new show at Venture Gallery, imitation is more than just flattery

UNLIKE MANY artists, **William Eatmon** isn't the least bit shy about how his creative path has been shaped by some of the greatest painters who ever lived. In

A retired aerospace engineer who lives in Pebble Beach and once owned a gallery in Carmel, Eatmon will be in the gallery Sunday to greet visitors when the show opens. The exhibit will be on display through the end of the month. The gallery is located at 260 Alvarado St., next to Portola Hotel and Spa. For more details, call (831) 372-6279.

In "Meditations on Water," watercolorist **Anne Downs** and printmaker **Kathryn Greenwald** explore the many qualities — reflective, life-giving, symbolic, and form-shifting — of one of life's most vital components.

enticing muse. "I'm intrigued by this invisible substance that makes it possible for us to see the clouds and mist it forms, the waves it produces, the land it carves out, and the

Downs said water makes a particularly

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Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

a show opening Sunday at Venture Gallery in Monterey, he takes it a step further by showing how the lines can blur between master and student.

"Tribute to Masters" includes 21 original pieces by Eatmon, each employing the style of the artist he pays tribute to. The artists include Rembrandt, Pablo Picasso, Gustav Klimt, Henri Matisse, Georgia O'Keefe and many others.

"I have a list of about 200 painters I like, and I picked 21 for this show," the artist told The Pine Cone.

In some cases, Eatmon highlights a small portion of a masterwork. In other cases, he simply lets his imagination run wild. The artist said the paintings, which measure 11 inches by 14 inches, offer a "representation" of a great artist's work "at an affordable price."

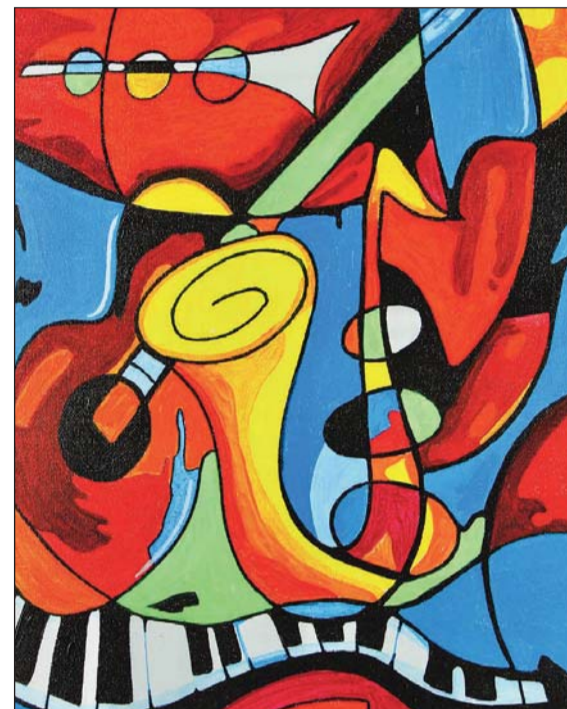
"The paintings are pretty accurate in terms of form and color," he explained. "I do change them a little bit, but they give you the essence of a painter."

Three years ago, Eatmon exhibited a series of paintings inspired by Klimt's work at the downtown Monterey gallery.

Color and water inspire

With everybody cooped up because of the coronavirus, those with an artistic flair have been busy in their studios creating their latest masterpieces. That's good news for the Carmel Art Association, which unveils three exhibits Thursday.

Painter **Melissa Lofton** looks for color in everyday life in her show, "Living Color." "This search leads her in some familiar and at times, surprising directions," the CAA's **Sally Aberg** previewed.



"Table for Two, Deetjen's, Big Sur" by painter Melissa Lofton (left) is included in one of three shows opening Thursday the Carmel Art Association. In one of his new pieces, painter William Eatmon explores Pablo Picasso's work (above). His latest show at Venture Gallery opens Sunday.

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FOOD & WINE

Halloween à la pandemic, a wine dinner, and planning for the holidays

BIG PARTIES, costume contests in bars and trick-or-treat events — many of the activities that make celebrating Halloween so fun — are off-limits this year, due to the scariest thing ever, a pandemic. Five months ago, people joked that they might dress up as coronavirus for Halloween, but now that it's late October and the virus is still making headlines, the idea is less amusing.

Nonetheless, there are still ways to have some fun.

At the Monterey Fairgrounds, the ongoing drive-in film festival features not-so-scary movies over the weekend, with plenty of snacks and beverages available, too. The lineup includes the animated "Addams Family" Oct. 30, and "Coco" and "Nightmare Before Christmas" Oct. 31., and booths at the back of the arena offer all sorts of savory and sweet snacks, from corn dogs and giant pretzels, to ice cream cones and funnel cake.

Among the adult beverages are margaritas, canned cocktails, beer and wine. See montereycountyfair.com for tickets and information.

Disney Halloween dinner

Paper Wing Theater doesn't want to let the best costume holiday of the year pass without an appropriately themed dinner, so it's presenting Disney Halloween Dinners on the patio alongside the Rec Trail at 3 and 6 p.m. on the big day.

Different characters will appear at each session — Belle and Beast, Snow White and Tinkerbell at the earlier one, and Jack Skellington and Sally at the later — to serve the dishes featured on the "delicious spooky menu." Kids will get goody bags

from them, too.

Dinner cost \$22 to \$28 per person, tickets must be purchased in advance, and guests are asked to wear their masks when they're not eating. Coming in costume is highly encouraged, of course.

Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

Go to paperwing.com and click on "Tickets: Themed Dinners" at the top. The theater is located in Cannery Row, just where Prescott Avenue crosses the rec trail.

Museum tricks and treats

MY Museum is offering "Unbelievably Fun Craft & Treat Buckets" to be picked up from 9 a.m. to noon on Halloween, sweetening the holiday for the kiddos.

"We wish we could celebrate together, but since we can't, we want to set you up for an unbelievably fun Halloween," organizers said. Each \$30 bucket — reserved in advance through Eventbrite.com — includes two science experiments, three tricks, two treats and a craft kit.

All proceeds benefit the youth museum, which is located at 425 Washington St. in Monterey.

■ **Halloween pop-up**

Colleen Logan of Savor the Local will hold another pop-up produce market at the Crossroads shopping center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Halloween, and the shopper

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who shows up in the best costume will win a free box of fruits and veggies. Logan works with small organic farms, bakers, dairy producers and other purveyors, all within a 40-mile radius of Carmel, to bring their products to restaurants and the general public.

Along with freshly harvested fruits, vegetables and herbs, Logan often has dried herbs, honey, bread, granola, milk, yogurt, cheese, eggs and other high-quality items available. See savorthelocal.com to get an idea of what she carries.

Wine dinner Nov. 2

Grasing's hosts its next wine dinner, which this time will also help fund fire recovery efforts in the Santa Lucia Highlands, Nov. 2, featuring Clarice Wine Company.

Reservations for groups of up to four people are available between 5:30 and 8 p.m. Diners will have the chance to enjoy the four-course dinner and wine pairings at their own pace, with wine director Eric Ewers and a representative from Clarice stopping by each table to visit and share information about whatever wine is in their glasses.

The new format is far safer than the traditional wine

dinners that had large groups dining together, and it provides "the opportunity to ask all those questions you may have not wanted to ask in a bigger setting," he explained.

Dinner will begin with a welcome taste of 2017 Flaunt Brut sparkling wine from the Russian River Valley, followed by a first course of scallops and lemon risotto with fresh ricotta paired with 2018 pinot noir from the Santa Lucia Highlands.

Next, oven-roasted lamb loin with braised endive and chanterelle mushrooms will be paired with 2018 pinot noir from Rosella's Vineyard, followed by grilled filet with pasta and triple cream Mornay, served with 2018 pinot noir from Garys' Vineyard.

Finally, savory Point Reyes bleu cheese semifreddo will be served with a petite salad, grilled pecan bread, and 2019 Beau Marchais pinot noir from the Soberanes Vineyard.

Dinner costs \$125 per person, including tax and service, and includes 3-ounce pours of the featured wines, which can subsequently be ordered by the glass if desired.

Grasing's is located at Sixth and Mission. To reserve a spot, go to form.jotform.com/202966652975167.

McIntyre's parklet

McIntyre Vineyards in the Cross-

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The pastry chef at the Inn at Spanish Bay has already started working on her next gingerbread display, which will be unveiled in early December. The rooftop deck and other outdoor areas at Grasing's will host guests during an upcoming wine dinner.



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roads shopping center is now hosting guests in its outdoor tasting area, by reservation only, Thursday through Sunday between noon and 5 p.m. Sign up through mcintyrevineyards.com, where information on each wine and other critical details can be found, as well.

Founder Steve McIntyre also gave a report on the state of the vines in his estate vineyard, given the smoke that poured over them from the River Fire and others in the state. "Like a lot of things that happened to any number of us in 2020, this harvest provided plenty of anxiety and uncertainty," he said. "Thanks to the several fires in our region and the associated smoke, we chose not to make any significant amount of pinot noir from our Santa Lucia Highlands McIntyre Estate Vineyard."

Instead, he purchased pinot noir grapes from a vineyard in the Santa Rita Hills area closer to Santa Barbara and said the fruit "shows good promise" for a delicious finished product. Chardonnay lovers will be happy to hear those grapes "fared much better under the circumstances and seem to be almost resistant to smoke absorption."

■ Fall sweet at Parker-Lusseau

Anne Parker and Yan Lusseau at Parker-Lusseau Pastries in Monterey have brought back their seasonal pumpkin-apple-cinnamon cake — an apple tarte Normande topped with pumpkin crème brûlée and cinnamon mousse. "Basically, it's a fusion of apple pie and pumpkin pie, making it the most refreshing pumpkin dessert you'll ever taste," they say.

Since 1995, the two pastry chefs have been creating and sharing some of the best croissants, tarts, cakes, breads and other beautiful baked goods in town. Right now, their Munras location is closed, but the bakery and small café at 539 Hartnell St. near the Monterey post office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information, go to parkerlusseau.com.

■ Mission Ranch T-Day

Looking forward and anticipating high demand without much supply, former Carmel Mayor Clint Eastwood's Mission Ranch on Dolores Street near the Car-

mel Mission is offering reservations for Thanksgiving, Nov. 26, between 1 and 7:30 p.m. The three-course prix fixe menu will only be available for outdoor dining, with groups limited to up to eight people, and costs \$63 per adult and \$20 per kid, not in-

cluding tax and tip.

The menu includes first-course choices of roasted Autumn squash soup or mixed greens with roasted pear and bacon vinaigrette.

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Beautiful, fresh raspberries are just one of the things Colleen Logan offers through her Savor the Local produce distribution business, and she'll hold a pop-up market at the Crossroads on Halloween from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Best costume wins a box of fruits and vegetables.



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FOOD

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grette, entrée selections of roasted turkey, Salmon Wellington or roasted leg of lamb, and pumpkin pie, pear galette or pecan tart for dessert.

Reservations are required by calling (831) 625-9040.

In addition, Mission Ranch's banquet department will offer takeout turkey dinners for six to eight people on Nov. 26, with orders and payments taken over the phone at (831) 624-6436 starting this week.

The to-go dinner features roasted whole turkey, homemade dressing, mashed potatoes, yams, fall vegetables, gravy, cranberry sauce, rolls and pumpkin pie for \$240 plus tax.

■ Something to anticipate

Gingerbread houses and Christmastime might seem a long way off, but why not have something to look forward to? At the Inn at Spanish Bay, pastry chef Anastasia Simpson is already laying out plans for the expansive gingerbread display she'll set up in the lobby on Dec. 1.

This year's house will be built vertically, rather than sprawling across a table, with "an intricate, tiered-cake-style display." Every one of its five levels will include several small gingerbread houses, each designed and decorated to be distinctive. Simpson and her team will spend nearly a month constructing the gingerbread masterpiece to get it ready for its debut.

Simpson also offered some advice for those who'd like to try to create their own gingerbread houses (or other structures)

at home. After noting that "patience is key," she said, people can cut holes in the cardboard bases and insert lights to illuminate their houses from inside, thinly slice Snickers bars with a very sharp knife and lay the pieces like bricks for walls and chimneys, use different colored almonds for a "dynamic roof," and get Nerds rope candy in Christmas colors to give the impression of strings of holiday lights or to make into wreaths.

■ Lions BBQ a success

The September tri-tip barbecue fundraiser hosted by several local Lions Clubs raised \$10,295 for the Community Fund for Carmel Valley to help with fire relief, according to Pam Klaumann.

Clubs that helped include Mission Trail, Carmel Host, Seaside, Marina, Salinas, Monterey Old Capitol and Freedom, and Community Fund advisory board President Alan Crockett accepted the check

from the clubs on Sunday.

■ BBQ for a good cause

Monterey County-based Key for a Cure Foundation is joining with Chasing Dreams and Finding Cures to host a tri-tip barbecue takeout fundraiser in King City to benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital, which helps fight and treat children's cancers. The primary focus of the Key for a Cure Foundation, which was founded in 2015, is to advocate and raise funds for research seeking to identify less toxic treatments and find cures for pediatric cancers.

The dinners of tri-tip, beans and salad will be available for \$65 for four people and \$35 for two, and will be prepared by caterer Cinni O'Conner. Orders must be placed by Oct. 30 and picked up curbside from 4 to 6 p.m. Nov. 7 at the Salinas Valley Fairgrounds, 625 Division St. in King City. To order, go to chasingbarreldreams_tritipdinner.eventbrite.com.



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Wednesday, November 18th - Aspire Health Plan Presents: POLST Form, a Virtual Community Connections Class. 10:00am - 11:00am. Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) forms are medical orders that communicate the kind of treatment you want during an unexpected emergency and your goals of treatment with care providers and medical professionals. This event is free and open to the public. We ask you to register so we can know how many people to expect. RSVP to (877) 663-7651, or www.aspirehealthplan.org/connections2020. Call or register to receive the participation details for this FREE online event.

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amniotic fluid that gives us life," the painter said. "With this new series, I've given up some of my control and allowed my medium of watercolor to inform my painting.



In a show this weekend at Venture Gallery in Monterey, William Eatmon pays tribute to his favorite painters. In this piece, he explores the colors and shapes that distinguished Georgia O'Keefe's work.

This resulted in a dialog between me and the wet paper, with colors and forms emerging in ways I had not imagined."

The shows will be on display through Jan. 5. The gallery is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth. To arrange a private tour Thursday through Monday for no more than two people, call Aberg at (831) 250-3347. Masks must be worn. For more details, visit carmelart.org.

artists who work inside their homes or backyard studios, the Monterey County Studio Tour has been postponed to May 2021.

But that isn't stopping the artists from creating, and early this month, the studio tour unveiled a website at mcarttour.org to help them connect with customers.

So far, 27 of the studio tour's 96 artists have signed on, including Maria Poroy, Mark Farina, Kimm Barnes, Paola Berthoin, Sibyl Johnson and Edi Matsumoto. "It's a way for artists to display their work during Covid," said Shirmaine Jones of Arts Habitat, a Seaside-based nonprofit that puts on the studio tour each year.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20201861
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The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **MONTEREY CAR CONDOS, 398 Shasta Street, #B, Sand City, CA 93955.**
Mailing address: P.O. Box 743, Seaside, CA 93955.
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey County.
Name of Corporation of as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: A. STROUSE & SON GLASS INC., 398 Shasta Street, #B, Sand City, CA 93955.
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 Oct. 12, 2020.
S/Cecilia Canisso-Strouse, Secretary
Date: Oct. 12, 2020

BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). [B&P Code 17913]. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes 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 Oct. 12, 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: Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 2020. [PC1029]

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20201625
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **PERFECT UNION, 840 Broadway Ave. B-4, Seaside, California 93955.**
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey County.
Name of Corporation of as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: PHSL LLC., 1610 Arden Way, Suite 101, Sacramento, California 95815.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: California
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on September 1, 2020.
S/David M. Spradlin, CEO
Date: Sept. 9, 2020

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Publication dates: Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 2020. [PC1031]

Public Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a public hearing in the City Hall Council Chambers, located on the east side of Monte Verde between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible. Immediately prior to the public hearing, the Commission will visit some or all of the project sites as part of a Tour of Inspection. Interested members of the public are invited to attend.

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20201941
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **VINO GAVE, 905 Kimball Ave., Seaside, CA 93955.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): JOSIAS JARED HERNANDEZ, 905 Kimball Ave., 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 N/A.
S/Josias Hernandez
Oct. 23, 2020

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LEGALS DEADLINE: Tuesday 4:30 pm

Public Notice

DR 20-266 (Seventh & Dolores)
Gregory Ahn, CEO
SEC 7th & Dolores
Block: 91, Lots: 6 & 8
APN: 010-145-020
Consideration of a Design Review (DR 20-266, Seventh & Dolores) for a temporary structure and propane storage in the parking lot of the Seventh & Dolores Steakhouse located on the NEC of 7th Avenue and Dolores Street in the Service Commercial (SC) Zoning District.

UP 20-314 (Dametra Cafe)
Lizette Fiallo, Property Owner
SEC Ocean & Lincoln
Block: 75, Lot: 8
APN: 010-147-013
Consideration of a Use Permit amendment (UP 20-314, Dametra Cafe) to extend the hours of operation to 11 pm for a full-line restaurant located on the southeast corner of Ocean Ave and Lincoln Street in the Central Commercial (CC) Zoning District.

DS 19-128 (Mei)
Connie Mei, Property Owner
Santa Rita 2 SW of 5th Ave
Block: 61, Lot: 5
APN: 010-038-002
Consideration of a site plan modifications to Design Study (DS 19-128, Mei) resulting from the removal of significant trees on a vacant lot located on Santa Rita 2 southwest of 5th Avenue in the Single Family (R-1) Zoning District.

DS 20-319 (Leatherberry)
Craig Holdren, Architect
26162 Ladera Drive
Block: MA, Lots: 2 & 4
APN: 009-331-019
Consideration of a Design Study (DS 20-319, Leatherberry) for the construction of a new 5'-6" tall, western red cedar driveway gate, and 3'-5"x6" stucco columns at the front of the property located in the shared driveway easement on a flagpole lot located at 26162 Ladera Drive in the Single Family Residential, 20,000 sq minimum lot size (R-1-C-20) Park Overlay (P), and Archeological Significance Overlay (AS) Zoning Districts.

DS 20-259 (Jackson)
Janet Heredia/Scudder Roofing, Contractor
Dolores, 3 NE of 11th
Block: 116, Lot: 6
APN: 010-155-012
Consideration of a Track 1 Referral for the installation of a new copper roof on an existing residence located on Dolores Street, 3 NE of 11th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District.

DS 20-125 (Russey-Hazdovac)
Adam Jeselnick, Architect
SWC 5th and Lincoln
Block: 54, Lot: 1
APN: 010-212-022
Consideration of a Concept Design Study (DS 20-125, Russey-Hazdovac) and associated Coastal Development Permit for the construction of a new 2-story residence on a vacant lot located at the southwest corner of 5th and Lincoln in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District.

UP 20-278 (The Nut Hut)
Blaine Helton, Business Owner
W/S Mission bwn Ocean & 7th
Block: 7, Lot: 21
APN: 010-141-003
Consideration of a Use Permit (UP 20-278, The Nut Hut) for the establishment of a new Specialty Food Store located on the west side of Mission between Ocean and 7th in the Central Commercial (CC) Zoning District.

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
Marnie R. Waffle, AICP, Acting Community Planning & Building Director
Publication dates: Oct. 30, 2020. (PC1032)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20201914
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **MackVision Photography, 353 Elwood St., Salinas, CA 93906,** County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s): MackVision Photography LLC, 353 El-

wood St., Salinas, CA 93906; CA This business is conducted by a limited liability company. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 02/12/2011.

S/ Scott Serrano, Managing Member
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 10/21/2020.
10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20/20
CNS-3407355#
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Publication dates: Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 2020. (PC1033)

CARMEL HIGHLANDS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AMENDING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-21

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. the Carmel Highlands Fire Protection District, Board of Directors will meet at the District's fire station located at 73 Fern Canyon Road, Carmel to consider adoption of an amended final budget for fiscal year 2020-21 that ends on June 30, 2021.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the final budget was adopted September 16, 2020 and is available for inspection at the District's fire station located at 73 Fern Canyon Road, Carmel between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any District resident may appear and be heard regarding the increase, decrease, or omission of any item on the budget or for the inclusion of any additional items.

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chia, and old time American music,” said another member, bassist **Rick Chelew**. “We also do some Middle Eastern songs and some contemporary folk tunes.”

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Cellist Saul Richmond-Rakerd (left) played a recital last Friday from a second floor balcony downtown. The next performance in the Monterey Symphony’s Balcony Sessions is set for Nov. 26. Heartstrings (center) and Dirty Cello (right) share the stage Saturday at Sunset Center, which hosts a drive-in Halloween-themed concert.



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