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Home of former mayor sells for \$8 million

By MARY SCHLEY

CASA LAIOLO on San Antonio Avenue, just opposite the intersection of Ninth, sold in October for \$8,050,000, according to Monterey County records.

Longtime resident Elinor Laiolo, who married the late former Mayor Barney Laiolo in 1978 and died in February, nearly two decades after his passing, lived in the home during her entire life here. The home was sold by her niece.

The large house was purchased by Barney and his first wife, Frances, in 1953, when new homes in town were advertised for less than \$20,000.

At the time of its sale, the home's assessed value was just \$214,888, which means it had annual property taxes of a little more than \$2,000. The new owner's taxes will be almost

council and was appointed mayor twice. Laiolo was later elected in the city's first mayoral election in 1980, making him the only mayor in the city's history to serve three non-consecutive terms.

Often referred to as "the father of Carmel," Laiolo was credited for kicking the hippies out of Devendorf Park by enacting a stay-off-the-grass law, and he also fought along-

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Most residents know Casa Laiolo, which remained in the same family for more than 65 years. It sold last month for more than \$8 million.

Virus: Hospitals worry about hitting capacity

■ County prepares for vaccine

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH CORONAVIRUS infections rising sharply throughout Monterey County during the past week — including 132 new cases on the Monterey Peninsula and 807 in Salinas and the Salinas Valley — doctors on Wednesday morning warned that the county's hospitals are nearing capacity and pleaded with people to resist the urge to celebrate the holidays with those outside their immediate families.

"There's a marked increase in the percentage in zip codes from the Peninsula that are positive," Dr. Allen Radner, chief medical officer at Salinas Valley Memorial, said during a media conference this week.

"I'm being told very strongly by the county that the demographics are shifting and they're seeing more people from the Peninsula," Radner said.

He didn't offer any reasons why, other than to say that most people claim to have caught the virus from other

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School board set to discuss reopening

By MARY SCHLEY

THE STATE and county health departments have OK'd Carmel Unified School District's request for a waiver to reopen its elementary schools to in-room teaching, even as the county's coronavirus infection rate is skyrocketing, and the board of education — including two newly elected members who will be sworn in that same night — is set to vote on the plan Dec. 16, interim superintendent Trisha Dellis said Wednesday.

Many critical details in the timeline for getting the teachers and kids back in their classrooms will have to be worked out, she said, including ensuring the right technology is available and in place, getting everyone trained on the new safety protocols and other requirements, and determining where the students and faculty will be at each campus.

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POLICE SEE LITTLE PUSHBACK AGAINST GOV'S CURFEW

By MARY SCHLEY

CITY STREETS were practically silent as soon as Gov. Gavin Newsom's curfew kicked in Saturday at 10 p.m. Newsom imposed the stay-at-home order, which is in effect from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m. every day until the morning of Dec. 21, in an effort to curb the state's rising coronavirus infection rates. Police were ready to enforce it if necessary but reported this week they didn't really have to.

The order issued Nov. 19 demands that "all gatherings with members of other households and all activities conducted outside the residence, lodging, or temporary accommodation with members of other households cease between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m., except for those activities associated with the operation, maintenance, or usage of critical infrastructure or required by law."

The curfew doesn't apply to the homeless, essential workers, or people leaving their home to take care of necessary business — like getting takeout at a restaurant — or commuting to or from work.

In town, that means all sit-down dining ends

at 10 p.m., and customers waiting to pick up takeout after that hour have to stay apart. People riding in cars must also be from the same household, and Monterey-Salinas Transit isn't running after 10 p.m., either.

No 'tepid response'

Following Newsom's announcement, city administrator Chip Rerig issued a stern warning.

"I hate to be hardcore about this, but Carmel P.D. will be enforcing this, and ours will not and cannot be a tepid response," he said Friday. "We have been preaching since March about the safety of our communities." Rerig noted that Carmel-by-the-Sea is one of the few areas that the county health department claims has had fewer than five Covid-19 cases.

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Prisoners scam state out of as much as \$1B

■ Monterey County prisons involved

By CHRIS COUNTS

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS from counties throughout California expressed outrage this week at the recent discovery that tens of thousands of prisoners signed up for — and received — coronavirus unemployment benefits, bilking taxpayers out of hundreds of millions of dollars.

The scam involved prisoners partnering with others who weren't in jail to apply for funds from the federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program. In one version of the scheme, applicants asked for their benefits to be paid by debit card, which they were able to have mailed to addresses outside of jail. The prisoners, in turn, received a cut from those who assisted from the outside.

"This could be the biggest fraud of taxpayers' dollars in California history," Sacramento County Dis-

trict Attorney Anne Marie Schubert suggested at a press conference in Sacramento Tuesday, where she was joined by district attorneys from throughout the state. "Tens of thousands of local, state and federal inmates are involved," she said.

Schubert said more than 35,000 claims were filed by inmates in her county between March and August. She reported that about 20,000 of them "have been paid."

Monterey County has two state prisons, as well as the county jail. District attorney Jeannine Pacioni confirmed that the scam has been done here, and she said local officials are investigating.

'Massive scale'

Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer said she became aware of the scam when an "abnormal" number of money orders — presumably, prisoners getting their cut — began arriving at prisons in her

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Grange Hall needs help



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This historic meeting hall in Big Sur needs repairs and upgrades but can't generate revenue because of the shutdown. The nonprofit that owns it is asking for help keeping it afloat. See page 9A.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Home away from home

WHEN THEY got each of their six golden retrievers, they seemed to love the new one even more than the one who came before. Their most recent, Molly, was nearly 9 when she was diagnosed with lymphoma, so they brought her from their home in Lake Tahoe to the Animal Cancer Center in Ryan Ranch.

After visiting Carmel for 35 years, and staying in the same house for up to five weeks around Thanksgiving, they knew that would be Molly's last visit. But they also believed she'd be back.

"I told Molly I knew she was coming back to us, and I asked her what her new name should be," her person said. "Marlee was the name that came to us."

Two and a half years later, Marlee, an English cream golden retriever, seems to sense when it's time to get in the car and travel from Tahoe to Carmel, one street up from the beach. Tucked in between the bikes and the golf clubs, she patiently waits until the climate changes and the fog blows in, telling her she's back.



"Marlee used to be very outgoing, sometimes even rambunctious at the beach," her person said. "She would go up to any dog and run circles around him, hoping to have found a playmate. Yet, in the past six months, she has become a little more mellow."

She also seems to have forgotten the moment at dusk, two years ago, when she and her person were stalked by two coyotes on Carmel Beach.

"It was the one time I'd forgotten my whistle," her person said. "Fortunately, I'd just put a leash on Marlee, which enabled me to keep her with me as we ran from the coyotes. Once we got to the sandy slope heading up to Ocean Avenue, they retreated."

These days, Marlee's just as happy hanging out with other dogs by the fire at Cypress Inn, while her people sip wine and socialize – sans coyotes.



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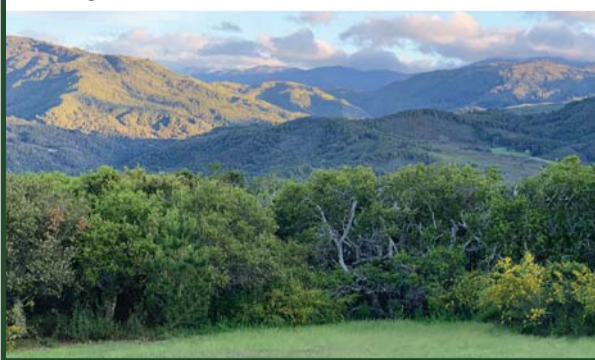
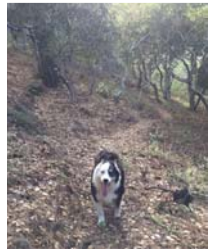
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Council votes to continue beach fire experiment until May 2022

By MARY SCHLEY

AT THE shortest public meeting on beach fires in history, the city council voted 4-1 Monday to extend its plan to allow five fire pits on Carmel Beach south of 10th Avenue from mid-May to mid-September, and to extend that plan through May 31, 2022.

The program is identical to what the council OK'd in September 2019, but which was never put to the test, since the coronavirus shutdown put the kibosh on groups lingering around fires at the beach.

While the city council "received a lot of correspondence" from people clamoring for a ban on wood fires and those equally passionate that they be allowed, according to city administrator Chip Rerig, none of it was available to the public Monday night, and only two people spoke at the meeting.

One reiterated an email sent by a family member stating that the council should focus on more important issues, like getting the county out of the highly restrictive Purple Tier and helping businesses recover, and the other, longtime beach-fire proponent Jeanne McCulloch, said the council should not spend any more time discussing or studying the issue. Letting the program expire would mean a return to unlimited fires south of 10th.

Five or none?

Rerig and others clearly were not interested in returning to the days of letting people burn fires on the sand, which resulted in patches of black, sooty beach and filled the air with smoke. Buried embers also sometimes burned feet, both human and canine.

Jan Reimers, attending her final meeting as a member of the council, said the city should not spend the estimated \$50,000 per year it takes to maintain the smoke-less

fire pits and keep them clean, and repeated her stance that only propane fires should be allowed.

While coronavirus-inspired rules have drastically curtailed activities on the beach, she said, it's still getting plenty of use.

"We really don't have to have fires — our beach is still open and active," she said. "I would suggest we do propane only."

Reimers also suggested that pro-fire people might be satisfied if the city hosted community bonfires at the beach every once in a while, such as for Independence Day or the city's birthday on Halloween.

Councilwoman Carrie Theis recalled that during the lengthy — and often divisive — hearings on beach fires last year, Mayor Dave Potter asked people from both sides to get together and come up with some compromise solutions.

"Have there been any meetings with both sides to address this beach fire pilot program?" she asked.

Potter responded in the negative. "They did not do that. They deteriorated into some name calling," he said. "It was very disappointing."

Theis remarked that the council "worked very hard" to come up with the compromise plan of five fire pits for four months out of the year and suggested extending that plan.

"We have listened to everybody," she said. "We have worked and put in a lot of staff time."

She also suggested possibly making the current plan permanent.

"We need to do something," councilman Jeff Baron commented. "Otherwise, the beginning of December will be a free-for-all. Extending the pilot program seems a logical choice."

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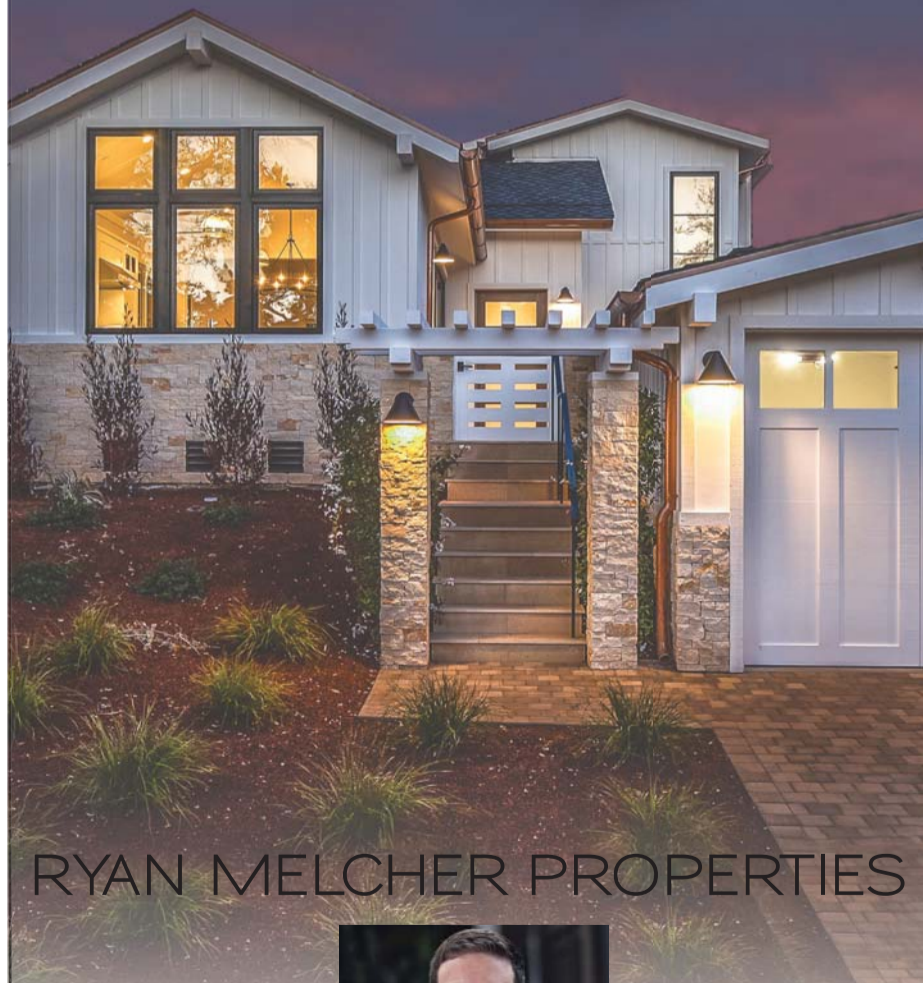
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Police & Sheriff's Log

Feline vandal, assault suspect at large

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.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Pacific Grove: Report on Lighthouse Avenue of fraudulent checks cashed out of state.

Pacific Grove: Bicycle theft on 15th Street.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle tampering/grand theft on Jewell Avenue.

Carmel Valley: A male on Carmel Valley Road reported theft. Subject(s) remain at large.

Carmel area: A disturbance was reported at the Barnyard.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subsequent to a traffic stop on Ocean west of Lincoln at 0032 hours, the 38-year-old male driver was cited for driving on a suspended license, and the vehicle was towed/stored.

Pacific Grove: Suspicious circumstances reported on 18th Street at 0257 hours. Possible fraud.

Pacific Grove: Theft from a vehicle parked on 12th Street. Doors left unlocked.

Pacific Grove: Trespassing admonishment at Country Club Gate.

Pacific Grove: Intoxicated subject on Lighthouse Avenue was released to friend.

Carmel Valley: Online report of vandalism on El Caminito.

Carmel area: Neighbor dispute on Upper Walden.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A passenger of vehicle subject to a DUI traffic stop at Junipero and Ocean at 0125 hours was initially arrested for public intoxication but later released to a sober person. He was released with no charges in the interest of justice.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 55-year-old female Pacific Grove resident was arrested at Ocean and Junipero at 0142 hours for DUI. She was held at the police station and then transferred to Monterey County Jail after a forced blood draw.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: The driver of a vehicle was arrested for DUI, and during the inventory of the vehicle's contents before it was towed, a male's wallet and a woman's wallet were located in the rear seat of the vehicle. Both wallets were placed into safekeeping.

See **POLICE LOG** page 8RE in the Real Estate Section



The gavel falls

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

Oct. 12 — Santos Samuel Fonseca, 21, was sentenced to 152 years and eight months-to-life by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Pamela L. Butler. The sentencing hearing followed a bench trial that resulted in Fonseca's conviction for two counts of first degree murder, firearm enhancements, and one count of escape.

Fonseca, a member of Northside Boronda, a Salinas-based Norteño gang subset, received instructions from an incarcerated gang member to commit a murder. On June 2, 2018, Fonseca acted on these instructions and walked on Klamath Drive in Salinas in search of a victim.

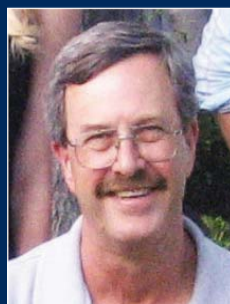
Fonseca located Lorenzo Acosta, age 37, who was visiting family members in Salinas. When Fonseca spotted him, Acosta was seated in the front seat of his car video-chatting with his wife after he returned from a trip to the grocery store. Fonseca approached Acosta, opened his car door, and shot him in view of Acosta's wife, who was still video-chatting with Acosta.

After Acosta's murder, Fonseca received instructions to murder another person. On June 5, 2018, Fonseca accessed the Facebook profile of his girlfriend, Alexandra Romayor. Posing as Romayor, Fonseca sent messages to Ernesto Cruz, age 22. In these messages, Fonseca convinced Cruz to drive to El Dorado Park in Salinas to meet with Romayor. After Cruz arrived at El Dorado Park, Fonseca and Romayor walked to El Dorado Park. Before they arrived at El Dorado Park, Fonseca

instructed Romayor to enter Cruz's vehicle, keep Cruz occupied, and exit Cruz's vehicle when Fonseca arrived. Fonseca and Romayor then followed this plan. When Fonseca arrived at Cruz's vehicle, he ordered Cruz out of his vehicle and repeatedly shot him. Civilian witnesses near the scene of Cruz's murder recognized Fonseca and Romayor and identified them to detectives. The next day, Salinas police officers arrested Fonseca and Romayor in a traffic stop. A search of their vehicle revealed a firearm that forensic analysis revealed was the same firearm used in Acosta and Cruz's murders.

On Nov. 3, 2019, deputies were unable to account for Fonseca's absence from E-Dorm in the Monterey County Jail. Inspection of E-Dorm revealed an inmate-created hole in the bathroom ceiling. This hole led to a pipe chase door on the exterior of E-Dorm. Due to construction, E-Dorm's exterior had limited fencing. The same day, the Monterey County Sheriff's Office and federal authorities launched a large-scale manhunt to find Fonseca. Two days later, federal authorities located Fonseca attempting to cross back into the United States under a false identity at the U.S.-Mexican point of entry in San Ysidro, California.

On June 29, 2019, Alexandra Romayor received a 17 years and eight months-to-life sentence after she entered a no contest plea to felony counts of second degree murder, accessory to murder, and possession of a loaded firearm.



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Jury finds serial child molester guilty

■ Faces minimum sentence of 175 years in prison

By MARY SCHLEY

A JURY last week convicted 52-year-old former Pacific Grove resident Eric Bloomer of nearly a dozen felony counts of sexually abusing a young child, and following the verdict, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Andrew Liu declared him to be a “habitual sexual offender” due to prior felony convictions for child molestation in Fresno County. He could be jailed for the rest of his life, according to prosecutor Christopher Puck, though he will be eligible for parole at some point.

Bloomer was arrested by Pacific Grove police Aug. 25, 2019, after he had moved there several weeks earlier to live with his ex-girlfriend and her two children, ages 6 and 10. He was there for a month-and-a-half before she kicked him out, and he had failed to notify his probation officer in Fresno that he had moved and did not register as a sex offender in Monterey County.

“Two weeks after the defendant was evicted, Jane Doe, age 10, disclosed that the defendant had sexually abused her during the six weeks he lived in the home,” Puck said. “In a forensic interview, Jane Doe disclosed many detailed incidents that occurred in various parts of the home when her mother and family members were away for work or in other parts of the home.”

No plea deal

A few days after P.G. police took Bloomer to jail, the girl’s mother filed for a domestic violence restraining order against him, saying he’d violated an earlier order and pleading with the court to keep him away from her and her two children. For a year-long period, she said, he “used threats and coercion to maintain contact with me,” causing mental and emotional anguish, anxiety and depression. “I was afraid for

all our lives all of the time,” she said.

The case went to a jury trial because prosecutors would not give Bloomer a plea deal. “I never gave him an offer, and I wasn’t going to agree to anything that would let him out of prison,” Puck told The Pine Cone this week, explaining that Bloomer was able to molest again because he received lesser sentences and punishments during his three prior convictions, all in Fresno County, in 1995, 2007 and 2008.

“I wasn’t going to give him another deal, because it was clear any deal that let him get out would result in a sixth victim,” he said.

Victims testified

All of Bloom’s earlier victims were related to him by blood or marriage, according to Puck, and three out of four of them testified at the jury trial, which lasted several days and ended with the verdict Nov. 16. He said they “courageously shared the details of their abuse, which were markedly similar to the allegations of Jane Doe.”

“They are adults now and wanted the opportunity to confront him a bit, which they didn’t get when the prior cases were given deals,” he said. “In speaking to them, they all wanted to help protect this new little girl.”

Puck said Bloomer took the stand in his defense and denied the allegations but could offer no real compelling reason why his newest victim would lie about what he’d done to her.

The case against him was very strong, and the threat to public safety if he were released was so compelling, that the prosecutor wasn’t about to cut him any slack.

“There wasn’t much he could say,” Puck said. “There wasn’t much he could identify to say why the girl would have the motive to make these things up.”

Puck praised the jurors for their service

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County offers advice to fire victims ahead of expected winter storms

By MARY SCHLEY

THE NATIONAL Weather Service is predicting a dry, warm winter, with quarter to half the normal rainfall — but that doesn't mean it's right.

And even if the weather models are accurate, the rain might still come all at once, which could be devastating for the victims of August's fires and those living within a mile of the burn scars.

A local "warning coordination meteorologist" and representatives of several county agencies offered advice last week on how property owners can protect themselves from mud and debris flows, and when to get out.

"We're looking overall at a dry winter this year," meteorologist Brian Garcia said during the Nov. 18 webinar, which can be found on the county's YouTube channel and

includes detailed information on weather, preparing for winter storms, how to sign up for county alerts, what various warnings and advisories mean, and a lot of other critical information.

"That said, any winter can bring that one whopper of a storm that can create some significant issues, so we need to make sure we're prepared for that one storm," he said.

Watch the rain

With nearly 180,000 acres burned, the 1,351 homes and three schools in and around the fires' footprints are at increased risk for flooding, mudslides, and debris like rocks and falling trees, Kelsey Scanlon of Monterey County's office of emergency services said.

"It's not just this year — it's for the next two to three years, and sometimes as far as five years out that you'll


see impacts from the wildfires during the winter," she said.

When rain is in the forecast, those at risk should keep an eye out for rainfall exceeding .3 inch in 15 minutes, .5 inch in 30 minutes and .7 inch in an hour, and should be ready to evacuate if there's a risk of flooding or landslides. The county has set up a "winter storm dashboard" in the storm preparedness section of the 2020 fire recovery webpage, which can be found by clicking on the yellow banner at the top of the co.monterey.ca.us website. Gauges can also be tracked through the National Weather Service.


Scanlon advised people to take extra care to be aware of their surroundings, especially at night, and to understand that burned trees can fall at any time, with or without wind.


A forester and an engineer with the Resource Conservation District of Monterey County offered suggestions for protecting properties, which are at risk if they are in a burned area or are downhill from one, since the top layers of soil are weakened while a subterranean layer has be-

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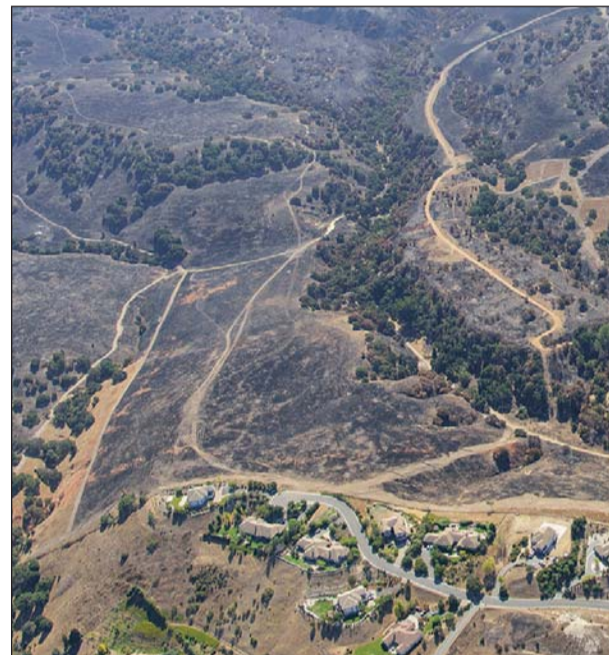


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City fines for failing to plant trees

■ ‘In-lieu’ fee raised, too

By MARY SCHLEY

PEOPLE WHO fail to plant new trees they promised to when they received permits to remove old trees, or as a condition of approval of their construction projects, will face fines and possible misdemeanor convictions, forest and beach commissioners were told earlier this month.

The penalties will also apply if a required tree is allowed to die.

“This is how to make sure that trees we’re requiring be planted actually get planted,” city forester Sara Davis said at the Nov. 12 meeting. “You have to plant a tree, we’re going to check on it each year for five years, and if it’s not there, it can be a misdemeanor.”

According to a code section that’s already in place but is rarely, if ever, enforced, people who don’t plant their required trees and keep them alive for at least five years could first be cited \$250, and then receive citations of \$500 monthly thereafter, until they follow through. The citations could also land them in court, where they could be found guilty of misdemeanors and required to pay additional fines and fees.

“It’s already the law, so maybe if we start using what’s already in the ordinance, we might be able to get a little more stick behind our carrot to get the trees to be planted and in place for five years for establishment,” she said.

Davis said a property owner who’s required to plant a replacement tree is also required submit a photo showing it’s been done. If that doesn’t happen, she said she’ll drive by to check. While enforcement has been lax in the past, she told commissioners she plans to start warning people and then fining those who lag.

If a new tree isn’t planted within 30 days after an old one is cut down, Davis will send a warning letter giving the person

another 30 days to get it done. After that, if the tree fails to materialize, the fines will pile up and could very well land the person in court. For a construction project, new trees have to be planted before the final inspection.

“It’s kind of silly to have to go to court because you didn’t plant a tree, and have a misdemeanor on your record,” she said. “Maybe that will motivate the required planting to happen sooner.”

“It hasn’t been strictly enforced, and people have been getting away with not doing what they’re supposed to be doing,” agreed public works director Bob Harary. “This is a good discussion about what we can realistically do to make things better.”

Commissioners agreed with Davis’ suggestions.

“I like this structure,” JC Myers commented. “I think it’s got some teeth.”

\$800 per tree

Besides enforcing the penalties for not planting trees, the commission decided to ask the city council to raise the “in-lieu” fee from \$250 to \$800 per tree. The fee is charged when a person’s lot or project can’t accommodate all the new trees the city could normally require.

A recent example is the approval of Laura Overett’s request to remove 34 huge eucalyptus from her San Antonio Avenue property, which isn’t large enough for the trees she removed to be replaced on a 2-to-1 basis.

The old fee, Davis said, is too low, because it’s “not really a true market value.”

Instead, the cost of the tree, transport, mulch, staking materials, and labor for planting and watering it every other week for a year is closer to \$800, she said. Davis recommended the commission ask the city council to raise the fee.

“I think we should increase the in-lieu

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Locals rally for historic Big Sur Grange Hall with an uncertain future

By CHRIS COUNTS

A DRIVEWAY just south of the Big Sur Roadhouse restaurant descends past towering redwoods on its way to picturesque Grange Hall, a building with a rich past, and possibly, a bright future. But the nonprofit board that runs it is juggling the challenges of operating a meeting hall that's 70 years old and in need of constant upkeep.

The pandemic has made it impossible for the hall to host the events that previously paid for ongoing maintenance and a slew of other expenses, including fire insurance — which alone costs \$7,000 a year.

The building, completed in 1950, needs a ton of work, mostly due to age. To accommodate events, a major kitchen overhaul is required. Perched on a bank alongside the Big Sur River, the hall also needs lots of drainage work. Necessary storage space, could be accomplished by digging out the basement — but that was partly buried by mudslide in the early 1970s.

In all, the upgrades will cost tens of thousands of dollars.

Costly compliance

Making matters worse, the hall's rainy-day fund was depleted by recent repairs to its entrance that were required to comply with ADA regulations.

"The Grange Hall has not been rented out since March, so we have no funds coming in," board member Kendra Morgenrath told The Pine Cone. "Like many other nonprofits, we are also not receiving the donations or grant funding from events like the Big Sur International Marathon, the Harvest Craft Fair and the Big Sur Food and Wine Festival, as they have been canceled. Like everyone else, we need funds to keep paying our bills."

Morgenrath and a handful of others are working to keep the Grange Hall going — and its doors open, at least part way, during the pandemic.

"We're looking at what it takes to do rentals again," Morgenrath reported. "We're actively meeting and talking about how to keep it alive, and see what future will bring."

For now, the Grange is hosting the Big Share, a weekly food giveaway, and classes by Laura Jeselnick of the Dance Center, who has received permission to teach them by promising to follow social distancing protocols. The hall also recently made a cameo appearance in the hit Netflix series, "Ratched," where it played the role of a 1940s gay bar for a scene with Sarah Paulson and Cynthia Nixon.

In better times, besides providing Big Sur's primary polling place, the Grange offers a stage for concerts, plays and musicals and a hall for meetings, weddings, yoga classes and an assortment of other gatherings. It also provides a home for the annual Stage Kids summer camp, a

site for the yearly Harvest Craft Fair, and a place for the Wholehearted Chorus to have weekly rehearsals and semi-annual concerts.

Long before the internet, the hall was a hub of activity in Big Sur. Its annual Big Sur Revue gave local legends like Walter and Frank Trotter, Eve Miller Ross, and members of the Hartman family a chance to shine on stage. That same stage was also put to good use by the Big Sur Players, a theater group founded by actor Jeremy Slate.

To raise money for repairs and upkeep, the hall is turning to crowdfunding. For details, visit bigsurgrange.org.

"The Grange Hall is one of those places that everyone loves, and just assumes will always be there," Morgenrath said. "But little projects turn into big projects because the building is so old. It all adds up."

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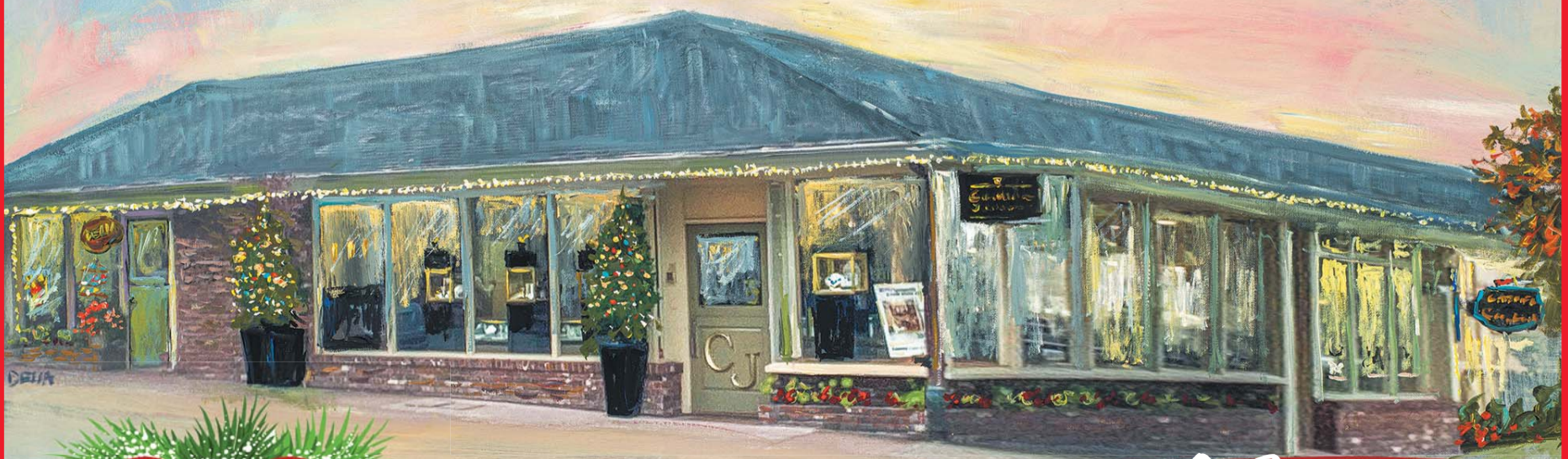
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Election results certified, swearing in to be virtual

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH CORONAVIRUS spreading rapidly in Monterey County, city administrator Chip Rerig announced Friday that a planned swearing-in of incumbents Mayor Dave Potter and councilman Bobby Richards and new city councilwoman Karen Ferlito set to take place in Forest Theater will now be done virtually, instead.

The new members can be installed now that Monterey County Registrar of Voters Claudio Valenzuela has certified the results of the Nov. 3 election. On Tuesday night, Valenzuela announced that voter turnout was 80.21 percent — “the highest voter registration level in the history of Monterey County, with 206,917 registered voters.” In the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, 2,449 voters out of 2,687 registered participated in the election, for a turnout of 91 percent.

Valenzuela noted that the vast majority cast their ballots by mail. “I am very proud that voters in Monterey County heard the

message to vote by mail and vote early in order to avoid crowding the polling places on Election Day,” he said. “This fact is reflected in the turnout of 74.71 percent vote by mail, compared to only 5.51 percent of voters voting at the polls.”

City’s final numbers

The certified results show that Potter defeated challenger Judy Refuerzo with 1,658 votes, well ahead of her 578.

In the council race, Ferlito came in first, with 1,121 votes, and Richards received the second highest number, 1,040. A possible reason for those results is that some Ferlito supporters were urging people to cast votes only for her, rather than choosing two candidates, as the ballot suggested. Challengers Graeme Robertson and Mo Massoudi came in third and fourth, with 768 and 634 votes, respectively.

The new council will be in place in time for the next regular meeting scheduled for Dec. 8.

Carmel Foundation online auction

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A FUNDRAISING auction for The Carmel Foundation, the nonprofit that serves members age 55 and older and is the city’s largest provider of low-cost housing, will go live online at 9 a.m. Dec. 4 and end Dec. 9 at 9 p.m.

“While our doors have been closed, we continue to provide critical services for seniors, including low-income housing, affordable food via our curbside-to-go program and meal delivery to those who are homebound, as well as a host of supportive services,” the foundation’s administrators said. Proceeds from the auction benefit the foundation’s programs and services,

including free medical equipment loans, transportation, field trips, classes, social events, computer lab and low-cost meals.

Auction items include lunch with Leon Panetta, two nights and three days in a downtown Carmel penthouse, a paella party with wine for 10 at La Playa, an “instant wine cellar” of 10 cases of wine, the chance to be a firefighter for a day, a magnum of Alpha Omega wine and tasting for four, a winemaker dinner for 10, and an S.F. Giants jersey autographed by Dereck Rodriguez, among other experiences and gifts.

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Agha asks supes to end permit delay

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A PLAN to subdivide a 50-acre parcel in Carmel Valley into 20 lots ranging from 1.1 to 8.5 acres goes before the Monterey County Board of Supervisors Dec. 9. The property is located at 8767 Carmel Valley Road, and the project is called the Vista Nadura subdivision.

The application for the project was made by Vista Nadura LLC and developer Nader Agha, who were told in September by the Monterey County Planning Commission that their application is incomplete. They are appealing that decision to

the county supervisors.

Janet Brennan of the Carmel Valley Land Use Advisory Committee said the project has “been around forever,” but hasn’t moved forward, partly because of opposition from neighbors.

The site is located behind Carmel Valley Manor.

The subdivision dates back to 2002, and Agha contends his application should have been certified as complete 13 years ago.

A county report at the time indicated that the application was determined to be incomplete “because the applicant had not submitted proof of adequate water supply.”

LETTERS

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business, environment, citizen, and low-income housing groups. The fact that such a diverse group has reached consensus shows how important the issue of growth is to all Californians. We must focus on sustainable and environmental quality growth so that all citizens can prosper in the future. We must be smarter about the way we grow in response to the needs of people at all income levels, while maintaining California’s quality of life and a strong economy.

Walt Notley, Carmel

School board endorsements

Dear Editor,

As the leadership of the Monterey County Democratic Central Committee, we are providing these facts to counter the misleading and false statements in Jill Lewis’ Nov. 13 letter to the editor titled, “Teachers union take over.” Truth matters to our party, a body that guards the interests of our 100,000-plus members. We hold that it should also matter to aspiring public officials.

Ms. Lewis, a recent candidate for Car-

mel school board, inaccurately stated in her endorsement application that she had the endorsements of elected officials and organizations when she had none. When we asked for clarification, Lewis indicated that she misunderstood the question. She meant she was in the process of seeking those endorsements.

The party has a policy — clearly stated on our application — of withdrawing endorsements when irregularities are found. This is because misstatements can influence our voting members, whether they were intentional or not. We opted to relax our sanction by removing her name from our voter guides, but left the endorsement in place. Over multiple conversations Lewis confirmed to us that she understood why her misstatements led to the party’s sanctions.

It should be noted that Lewis never sought the endorsements of the officials she listed. We were told they were not asked for an endorsement and none endorsed her.

Lewis’ recent letter making allegations about our endorsement process and our organization’s leadership leads us to make these public corrections because the truth matters.

Elena Loomis, et al., Monterey County Democratic Central Committee

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As long as the bloom's not off the rose, they have a use for it

By ELAINE HESSER

BIG EVENTS and big spaces call for big floral arrangements. But did you ever wonder what happens to them when the party's over? Even amid the pandemic, people are still marrying and celebrating milestones, albeit on



Volunteers (left to right) Lynn Bohnen, Soozie Bauer, organizer Anne Bell and volunteer Gail Challis with some of Second Bloom's colorful bouquets.

a much smaller scale. And if a luxury hotel is open, you're likely to find at least one large vase full of fresh flowers in the lobby.

Meanwhile, there are patients in hospice and seniors in nursing homes who could use a day-brightener — especially with curtailed visiting policies. That's where the Second Bloom Project, a nonprofit founded by Anne Bell, comes in.

Bell was working in Pebble Beach's floral and design department, but she had also enjoyed volunteering for three-and-a-half years with the Petal Connection, a nonprofit in Roseville, just outside Sacramento that repurposes donated flowers into bouquets for seniors.

Bedazzled and bedecked

That group has been around since 2013, and earlier this year marked the creation of its 60,000th bouquet. Bell — who lives in La Selva Beach — thought, "I can do this here." When she left her job to launch Second Bloom in 2019, she primarily used flowers from Pebble Beach. She said the company was "very supportive" and donated a lot of arrangements, but when events there (and everywhere else) came to a halt earlier this year, she had to look elsewhere.

Happily, Continental Floral Greens and KB Farms, both in Watsonville, donate to the cause. "They've been really generous," commented Bell. Each week, no more than six of the group's dozen or so volunteers mask up

and gather outdoors at Bell's house to arrange that week's blossoms and greenery.

The flowers go into soup cans that have been donated

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Bach with your turkey: symphony, gallery team up to stream recital

FINDING ANOTHER way to offer live music and comply with Covid precautions, the Monterey Symphony brought Monterey Symphony cellist Isaak Pastor-Chermak to Winfield Gallery last week and made a recording of him playing Johann Sebastian Bach's Suite No. 3 for Solo Cello and two other pieces.

ingly stalked him. But the big cat may have actually been eyeing a nearby pile of pillow-sized M&Ms, each made by sculptor Karen Shapiro.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

The gallery on Dolores between Ocean and Seventh, which is owned by Chris Winfield, has great acoustics, and that explains why the space was used as a dinner theater for the Carmel Bach Festival many decades ago. Since

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tor-Chermak to Winfield Gallery last week and made a recording of him playing Johann Sebastian Bach's Suite No. 3 for Solo Cello and two other pieces.

In its most recent effort to bring musicians and audiences together during the pandemic, the symphony will stream the recital on Thanksgiving Day.

"We wanted to release something special on Thanksgiving," the symphony's executive director Nicola Reilly told The Pine Cone. "We will do the same on Christmas Eve with another performance."

Because live music with an audience is prohibited for now because of the virus, only a few people watched Pastor-Chermak display his talents.

"We had limited staff at the event and everyone was wearing masks," Reilly explained. "Our amazing crew handled the recording."

Filled with colorful and eclectic art that changes with the seasons, Winfield Gallery offered a one-of-a-kind backdrop for the show. As Pastor-Chermak played, a sleek, life-sized bronze tiger sculpture by Gwynn Murrul, just steps away, seem-



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Cellist Isaak Pastor-Chermak plays his cello in Winfield Gallery last week. A recording will be live-streamed on Thanksgiving Day.

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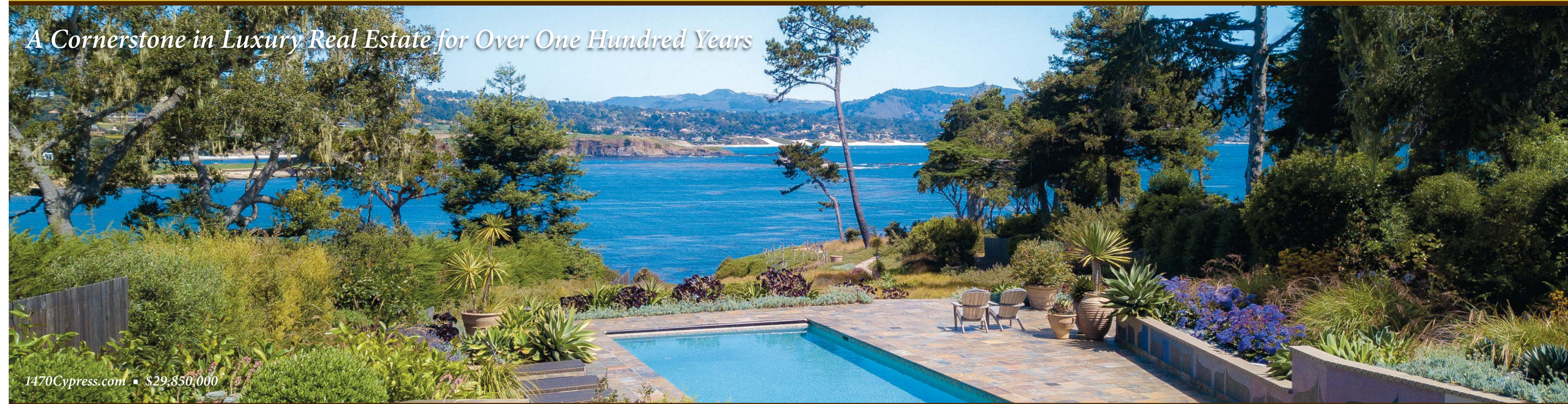
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come hardened due to the heat of the fires and actually repels water.

Wooden barriers, sandbag walls and other temporary measures can deflect water and debris away from structures and property that could be damaged, gentle irrigation can help seeds start to germinate and roots to regrow in unstable hillsides, and drains and culverts should be cleared to ensure stormwater can flow. People should also not remove burned or weakened trees and plants on hillsides.

“Don’t go up there and remove trees, at least through one winter season,” forester Jamie Tuitele-Lewis said. “They might still have roots holding the soil together. Definitely don’t go up there with heavy equipment, and avoid even walking up there, if you can.”

They offered advice on how to construct sandbag walls. Sandbags can be found at firehouses in Big Sur, Cachagua, mid-valley, Carmel Valley Village and at the intersection of Laureles Grade and Highway 68, on Rio Road and in the Santa Lucia Preserve, among others, and the county

FIRES

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He asked the council to extend it to May 2021 to provide more time for meeting and talking about what should happen next.

“I like Carrie’s idea of making permanent where we are now,” he added, suggesting that city staff work on the necessary legal documents to make that happen so the city can see what the California Coastal Commission “would say about enshrining the five devices we have now.”

A year-and-a-half from now, he added, the council and the community will still be divided on the issue.

Potter liked the idea of extending the plan, but not making it permanent.

“I don’t think we want to go ahead and pass it in perpetuity tonight, because we haven’t had a chance to test it,” he said.

Reimers’ last stand

Councilman Bobby Richards also agreed and said he would support a motion to extend the current program through the end of May 2022, at which point Reimers made one more stab at convincing the council to vote in favor of allowing only propane fires.

“My concern is financial, and my concern is health, and I believe we can have propane only,” she said, noting that

has dropped tons of sand at dozens of stockpile locations throughout the Peninsula, Salinas and elsewhere. A complete list with firehouse contact information and stockpile locations can also be found on the “winter storm preparedness” web page.

Ask for help

Every property has different conditions and circumstances, so residents are advised to get specific consultation and advice from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, which is providing assessments through the Emergency Watershed Protection Program. Private appointments can be scheduled by going to co.monterey.ca.us/watershed and clicking on “request a private property NRCS assessment,” or by calling (831) 796-1902.

The county’s next webinar will focus on Phase 2 debris removal and is set for Dec. 3 at 5:30 p.m.

“If you have a property that has damage or debris from the fires, you may qualify for government-sponsored debris removal,” Scanlon said. All property owners affected by the fires must submit either a right-of-entry permit or an opt-out waiver by Dec. 15, she said. Phase 2 debris removal, which includes getting rid of ash, foundations and other damaged structures, is set to begin Dec. 1.

the council shouldn’t be OK with spending \$50,000 on keeping fire pits clean when it’s had to cut the budget and lay off workers.

“I do feel that \$50,000 out of our budget is significant,” she said.

However, the rest of the council agreed with Theis’ motion to extend the program through the end of May 2022.

ABUSER

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during such a difficult trial. “I think the jury did an incredible job, and it was clear how difficult it was for them to hear the evidence,” he said. “I’m very grateful they took it seriously and they made sacrifices to sit through it.”

Bloomer now faces a sentence of at least 175 years to life in prison, Puck said, for his past convictions and the most recent verdict, which includes lewd and lascivious acts with a child under the age of 14 involving force or duress, sodomy of a child, oral copulation of a child, and sexual penetration of a child who was 10 years of age or under. The case was primarily investigated by PGPD detective Bill Hawkins.

Bloomer is set to be sentenced by Liu on Jan. 8, 2021. He has remained in Monterey County Jail since his arrest in August 2019.

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fee to be more in line with what the actual costs are,” commissioner Al Saroyan agreed.

Myers said that when Davis takes her fee request to the city council, she should also mention that the forest and beach commission wants more enforcement of the replanting requirements.

“All we can do is request that the city assign some priority to this enforcement,” commented chair Mike Cad-dell, and the vote to recommend the council increase the fees and up enforcement was unanimous.

LAIOLO

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side other city leaders against a state public disclosure law that was later thrown out by the California Supreme Court.

“Barney considered the preservation of Mission Trail park as his greatest achievement,” according to a historic analysis of the property by Meg Clovis. “He negotiated the acquisition of the 17 acres that would become the park as well as the purchase of the Flanders Mansion. In 1994, a grove of redwood trees was created in the park and dedicated in his honor and in recognition of his contributions to the city.”

The new owners

The house, which sits prominently on a lot just above Scenic Road, was built in 1929 by designer Frederick Bigland and underwent some interior and exterior work in the late 1950s and early 1960s. While it is not considered historically significant for its architecture — described as a blend of Spanish Eclectic and Monterey Revival — it is because Barney Laiolo lived there.

The home the Laiolos shared was listed for sale a few months ago, with escrow closing in October. Kim and Sandra Libreri, who live full time in Fairfax and also bought a house on San Carlos Street last year, purchased Casa Laiolo from Elinor Laiolo’s niece, Mary Hall. According to an online profile, Kim Libreri has been the chief technology officer at Epic Games — which is based in North Carolina and is best known for creating the popular game, Fortnite — for six years, and worked in Hollywood prior to that, principally for LucasFilm.

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SCAM

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county. The discovery triggered an investigation that shocked Zimmer. "I've never seen fraud on this massive a scale," she declared.

Zimmer observed that more of the fraudulent applications arriving in her county are coming from Los Angeles County than locally, showing the need for interagency cooperation, and illustrating the challenges county officials face. Many of the applicants have out-of-state and even overseas addresses.

San Mateo County District Attorney Stephen Wagstaffe said employees of the San Mateo jail overheard a prisoner talking about the scheme with someone on the outside and called in help. "We quickly found there was loads of fraud going on in the jail," Wagstaffe said.

Wagstaffe suggested the money will never be paid back. He also noted that four of those who were engaged in the fraud in his county are in jail for murder.

United States Attorney MacGregor Scott said the penalties for engaging in such fraud should be tougher, "But the Legislature in California hasn't been too receptive to increasing penalties."

Get sent up for life, get \$\$

Remarkably, even those on death row are getting paid for losing their jobs during the pandemic. Schubert listed "murderers, rapists and child molesters" among the beneficiaries of the state's generosity — and lack of oversight. She said those receiving money included serial killers Cary Stayner and Wayne Adam Ford, along with Susan Eubanks, who killed her four sons.

Considering that many of scammers are lifers or waiting for the death penalty, it's not clear what could be done to punish them. One killer who was caught scamming coronavirus funds, for instance, had an additional three years added to his 95-year sentence.

Many of the names used by scammers on applications came from victims of identity theft, while some, like that on an application received from a "Mr. Poopy Pants," are so obvious, they make a mockery of state oversight.

Another district attorney, Vern Pierson of El Dorado County, laid some of the blame on the state's Employment Development Department, which he called "dysfunctional." He also agreed the many millions of dollars stolen by inmates are likely lost forever.

Jail takes notice

Locally, Pacioni said her office was alerted to the scam by deputies at Monterey County Jail, who heard inmates discussing it. "They did the legwork and contacted our office," Pacioni told The Pine Cone.

The district attorney said the problem also exists in the county's two state prisons, Salinas Valley State Prison and the Correctional Training Facility, which is more commonly called Soledad Prison.

"We are aware of cases out of our prisons," Pacioni said. "It exists in every prison in California."

Stating the obvious, Pacioni said the vast majority of prisoners were not eligible for the relief money because they didn't lose work due to Covid.

"If someone is in custody, they didn't lose their job because of the pandemic," she said. "Most prisoners are ineligible."

But she also called the issue "complex" and said it requires that agencies communicate better.

"We're working with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation," she reported. "This requires a lot of collaboration. The people in our prisons committing the fraud may not even be from Monterey County."

When asked if there is a gang connection to the all the fraudulent activity, Pacioni said it's too early to tell, but noted a federal official has suggested there is.

Shutting off the faucet

So what can be done to stop all the fraud? According to the Schubert, it's easier to cross-check data — and therefore "turn off the spigot" — in 35 other states, and she urged Gov. Gavin Newsom to help make it possible for California to do the same. She, along with Pacioni and other county district attorneys, signed a letter urging Newsom to help fix the mess. "Immediate action needs to happen," Schubert insisted.

Newsom responded by conceding that more needs to be done.

"When we saw evidence of fraud in correctional facil-

ities, I directed the EDD to review its practices and take immediate actions to prevent fraud and hold people accountable when fraud is not prevented," the governor said.

For a first step in "doing more," Schubert issued a warning to those who help inmates run the scam.

"You can rest assured, we'll prosecute those on the outside," she added.

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CURFEW

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Rerig said police would “do their best to notify everyone of the rules and gain compliance. However, citations are an option and may be issued for violations.” He also warned that any business not complying should expect to be cited and hear from city officials.

But no one ran afoul of the new order after it took effect Saturday night, according to Carmel Police Chief Paul Tomasi. “We had a great response from our community over the weekend regarding the new curfew,” he said Monday. “My officers reported 100 percent compliance with our restaurants, and after 10 p.m., our streets were mostly empty. We really appreciate the efforts and sacrifices being made by our community to help keep our village safe.”

Pacific Grove Police spokeswoman Jocelyn Francis said her department is relying on community members and business owners to follow the order to help slow the spread of the virus. That being said, she acknowledged that most businesses in P.G. are closed between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.,

anyway.

But P.G. officers have been instructed “to focus on educating community members and visitors they encounter” after hours, Francis said, and to use warnings and citations “only if necessary.”

Just one call

Over the weekend, PGPD received just one call about a curfew violation — and that turned out to be unfounded, she said.

Meanwhile, sheriffs and police chiefs in other parts of the state are refusing to enforce the curfew. On national news and in a statement, Sacramento County Sheriff Scott Jones said he would not require his deputies to contact or cite people who are out after 10 p.m.

“The Sacramento County Sheriff’s Office will not be determining — including entering any home or business — compliance with, or enforcing compliance of, any health or emergency orders related to curfews, staying at home, Thanksgiving or other social gatherings inside or outside the home, maximum occupancy, or mask mandates,” he said. “Further, we will not dispatch officers for these purposes — callers will be advised to call 3-1-1 and be routed to county health.”

Stanislaus County Sheriff Jeff Dirkse made a similar statement. “My position hasn’t changed since March 19. We will not be arresting anyone as a result of this or any other order. This is a public health crisis, and we are not going to solve it by arresting people and making criminals out of the members of our community,” he said.

Dirkse said he and his department would continue helping to educate people about the need to protect themselves and their friends, families and community.

“Do the right thing for our community, follow the guidelines, and don’t worry about the cop in your rear-

view mirror,” he said. “Unless you’re speeding. Then be worried.”

Tomasi speculated sheriffs and chiefs in some of the larger communities are in part driven by the fact that enforcement of the myriad coronavirus-related restrictions is “extremely difficult” when they are already busy responding to all of the usual — and often more pressing — calls for service. “The added regulations being placed upon us for the safety of the community — face masks, social distancing and curfew — have increased the workload for police everywhere,” he said. “In some cities, the sheer number of calls and enforcement efforts being generated by violations would make it impossible for law enforcement to respond to these types of calls.”

He surmised their stance is more about “the reality of the problem” than an act of defiance. “As we have stated from the beginning, the pandemic is a social issue and one that requires people to follow rules and regulations out of respect and care for one another,” he said. “It is too big of a task to rely solely on the police and our judicial system to handle. People need to care enough about each other to do simple things to keep each other safe.”

And in a small town like Carmel with a large population of older residents, he said, “we have the ability and the responsibility to do our best to gain compliance.”

SCHOOLS

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Much of that last aspect depends on how parents respond when they are asked to commit to either sending their children to school or keeping them home.

“If we were to ask today, with the numbers going up, we might get a different answer than we would in January,” she said. “We would be asking for parents to make the decision and then we would take those numbers and see how many teachers will come back into the building,” since some might opt not to due to health or other reasons.

“It’s going to be like a big puzzle, once we get those numbers, to figure that out,” she said.

How many students?

During the last round of questionnaires sent to parents, Dellis said about 70 percent of River School parents said they want their children back in the classroom, while the percentage was lower among Tularcitos parents. Each school has more than 400 students.

Dellis said she expects to hear many comments from both sides during the Dec. 16 meeting, when new board members Seaberry Nachbar and Anne-Marie Rosen will take the oath of office for the first time and board President Karl Pallastrini will start his next term. “We will have our new board members sworn in that night, so that will be an interesting experience for them,” she said.

Dellis also noted that Carmel Unified “is the only public school district of any size in Monterey County that applied for the waiver.”

All told, the state and county have approved 18 schools for reopening, most of them small and private. That number includes the four CUSD campuses: Captain Cooper, Tularcitos, River and Carmelo.

William C. Dallmann

November 16, 1929 - November 17, 2020

A professor, lieutenant, speech therapist, private detective, actor, clinical hypnotist, sensei, writer and even lumberjack, William “Bill” Dallmann covered a lot of ground in his 91 years. Even more importantly, he will also be remembered as a son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, uncle, mentor, friend and lifelong dog lover.

Born in Detroit, Michigan, on November 16, 1929, William “Bill” Dallmann was the son of the Rev. Bertram and Lillian Dallmann. The family moved to upstate New York, Fair Oaks, California and Baltimore, Maryland, before settling in San Francisco in 1947, where his father served as the pastor at Christ Church until his retirement.



Bill graduated from Concordia High School in Oakland in 1948. After the Korean War began in 1950, he joined the Army and enrolled in Officer Candidate School, eventually becoming a First Lieutenant and machine-gun platoon leader in battle. In later years, his war experiences led him to become an active member of the Monterey, California chapter of Veterans For Peace.

Bill received a bachelor’s degree in Speech and Drama from San Francisco State University in 1957. In 1958, at his father’s church, he met a young medical student named Constance “Connie” Covington, and the two married there in 1960. They spent the next 60 years together and had four children: Brandon, who tragically died of cancer in 1966 at the age of three, Shane, Alan and Lara.

During his time at San Francisco State, Bill appeared in many theater productions, and worked with Jules Irving in the renowned San Francisco Actor’s Workshop. He earned a master’s degree in theater from the San Francisco State in 1963. Likely inspired by his love of film noir and 007 (yes, he preferred his martinis shaken, not stirred), he then spent a year as a private detective on the streets of San Francisco.

But being the son and grandson of Lutheran pastors, Bill carried on the Lutheran tradition by accepting a position as an instructor in the Speech Department at Valparaiso University in Indiana, where he also taught General Semantics. He went on to earn his PhD. in Speech Pathology from Purdue University in 1973, becoming a full professor and founding the Speech Pathology Clinic at VU.

In addition to his teaching, Bill maintained a private speech therapy practice, working mainly with children, and became a clinical hypnotist. He also continued his work as a private detective during the summer months with the Wittlinger Agency, where he helped to prove the innocence of a man on death row. All the while, he continued to appear in local theater productions and he passed his passion for theater down to his children and grandchildren.

During his time in Valparaiso, Bill earned black belts in Hapkido and Jujitsu. After his retirement from VU in 1984, the family moved to Pebble Beach, California. Bill opened his own dojo in the area, where he taught classes for several years.

In the last decade of his life, Bill battled Alzheimer’s disease, and in 2018 moved into Canterbury Woods in Pacific Grove, California.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Bertram and Lillian; sisters Barbara and Joanne; and son, Brandon. He is survived by his wife, Connie; brother David; children Shane (Lisa) Dallmann; Alan (Abigail) Dallmann and Lara (Greg) Otsuka; and grandchildren Rebecca, Brandon, Cameron, Zora, Mallory and Mia.

An online service performed by St. Timothy’s Lutheran Church will begin streaming at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 5, 2020 and can be viewed at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHP8hutt19neqHHHpbQPcDA>.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations be given to Veterans for Peace: either by check to VFP Chapter 46, c/o Dan Turner, Treasurer, 1490 Via Isola

Monterey, CA 93940 or credit card at <https://veteransforpeace.salsalabs.org/donate/vfp/index.html> (please add “Monterey Chapter” in the comment section); or to St. Timothy Lutheran Church, by check at 52 Soledad Drive, Monterey, CA 93940 or credit card at <https://www.sttim.org/give>.

Phyllis Carolyn (McDonald) Tucker

Phyllis Carolyn (McDonald) Tucker — long-time resident of Carmel.

Born February 28, 1921 in West Bend, Wisconsin; passed away peacefully in San Jose on November 4, 2020, at the age of 99.

Preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Frank, Jr. and her brother, Charles McDonald, Jr.

Mother of Ann Marie Hunt Bellah, Jean Riparbelli, Mary Mayes, Nancy Zurbrick, Frank Tucker, III and Brian Tucker.

Grandmother of 12 and Great-Grandmother of 6.

Mrs. Tucker was a WWII veteran, serving in the Philippines as a First Lieutenant with the US Army Nurse Corps. She was awarded the Philippine Liberation Ribbon.

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MPD looking for rec trail groper

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A MAN grabbed a woman from behind while she was jogging on the recreation trail near Del Monte and Ramona last Friday morning, according to Monterey Police Lt. Michael Bruno, and officers are asking the public to help find the assailant.

“The unknown suspect groped the female,” he said. “The victim fought him off and he fled the scene toward Sand City.”

A witness chased after the man — described as “a White or Hispanic male, medium build, approximately 5 feet 10 inches tall, wearing dark colored jeans, a hat or beanie and a blue mask” — but couldn’t catch him. Bruno asked anyone who was on the rec trail between Casa Verde and Canyon Del Rey between 6:30 and 7 a.m. Nov. 20 and might have seen anything or was taking photographs to contact him at (831) 646-3965 or bruno@monterey.org.



DANIEL TARALLO JR.

August 12, 1936-November 21, 2020

Daniel Tarallo Jr., 84, died peacefully on November 21 from natural causes. Born in Somerville, Massachusetts, Dan was the youngest child of Daniel Sr. and Rose Tarallo.

One of Dan’s earliest memories was watching GIs celebrate the end of World War II on the train he and his family were on as they traveled across the country to Monterey in 1945 in search of a better life. Dan remained a resident of the Monterey Peninsula for the entirety of his life.

After graduating high school and attending Monterey Peninsula College, Dan earned a bachelor’s degree in business and teaching from San Francisco State University and later acquired his master’s degree in counseling. Dan was a beloved teacher and counselor at Monterey High School for 18 years, known for his approachability and sincere dedication to his students. He also mentored numerous teenagers in his leadership role with Young Life. After retiring from public education, Dan established a private practice as a marriage and family counselor.

Dan was an avid fan of the San Francisco Giants, the 49ers, and the Warriors. He also developed a newfound appreciation for watching golf later in life. A lifelong Democrat, Dan was proud to cast his final vote in the 2020 Election. Dan enjoyed spending time with his friends at the Carmel Foundation and barbecuing with family. He was also famous for his gift of whistling.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters (Mary Riso, Gloria Mercurio, and Dolores Wallace), and dear friend Nubby Dudley.

Dan is survived by his former wife and friend Judy Sheeler; his daughter Robin Josefczyk (Mark) of Cincinnati; son Eric Tarallo of Monterey; six grandchildren: Adam Josefczyk (Jessica), Jordan Ruf (Carl), Megan Tallman (David), Johnny Tarallo (Carley), Juliana Tarallo, and Jenna Tarallo; two great grandchildren (Jane and Holden); and many nieces and nephews.

Family members cannot recall one time when Dan spoke negatively about another individual. It is this legacy of kindness, unconditional acceptance, and love that will continue to inspire all that knew him.

The family will hold a private celebration of life at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Dan’s name to the Carmel Foundation, VNA Hospice, or Monterey Peninsula Meals on Wheels.

John Nelson Baldwin, M.D.

1934 – 2020

Dr. John N. Baldwin passed away peacefully at his mountain home in Twain Harte, CA, a month after his 86th birthday. John lived his life honoring the many fallen soldiers who sacrificed their lives in Vietnam and his story to try to live up to that legacy throughout his life is described neatly in author Jim Lichtman’s 2004 book: *What Do You Stand For?*

John was born in NY City and lived his early years in Pelham Manor in Westchester County. John’s father, Clare, was Assistant Superintendent New York City Public Schools and his mother, Bella, a homemaker, earned a master’s degree in home economics from Kansas State University in 1917. John was a much-beloved only child who fished, hiked, hunted and camped with his parents, often times out west in Colorado.

John graduated from high school at age 16, attended Dartmouth College where he majored in English, graduated in 1955 and entered Cornell Medical School. He completed his internship in New York Hospital and residency at the University of CA, San Francisco; one of the youngest cardiac surgeons there. On April Fool’s Day 1967, John received a yellow telegram from President Lyndon Johnson “inviting” him to go to Vietnam. He was drafted and served as a Major in the Army Medical Corps at Ft Ord. It was at the 24th Evacuation Hospital in Long Binh where John’s greatest achievement was crowned: having the privilege of operating on nearly two thousand American soldiers. He received the Bronze Star and the Army Commendation Medal. He returned to civilian life, settled in Carmel, rising in his profession to become Chief of Surgery at CHOMP and a key partner in what became the premier



Dr. John Baldwin honored in 2017 as Dartmouth Uniformed Service Alumni Award winner (Class 1955)

vascular and general surgical practice on the Central Coast with partners, John Gratiot, Edmund von Hasseln Jr. and William Wenner at 950 Cass Street; later joined by Jon Benner, Lane Verlenden and Jeffrey Hyde.

John is past president of the UCSF Surgical Society, a diplomate of the American College of Surgeons and the American Board of Cardiac/Thoracic Surgery. He was chief consultant to the 7th Infantry Division at Ft Ord for 20 years and for 12 years was the American College of Surgeons’ consultant to the White House. He was past-president and active in Chapter 391, Sonora Vietnam Veterans of America, the largest chapter in CA and the 8th largest in America. He was Chairman of Dartmouth College Fifty-Five Cares and served as an unpaid consultant and board member of the Sonora Regional Medical Center.

John and Gloria Jean Mitchell married in Carmel in 1972 in front of the massive stone fireplace in their home at Casanova/Frazier Way and dined afterwards at the Clam Box for their wedding reception. Jean, who John met in Vietnam, was a 1st Lt. in the Army Nurse Corps and a combat operating nurse originally from Waco, TX and devoted her life to being John’s constant and loving partner. John retired from practice in 1990 and he and Jean headed up to Twain Harte, CA.



Major John Baldwin '55 awarded the Bronze Star by LTC Bill Hammon, 1969

Carmel in 1972 in front of the massive stone fireplace in their home at Casanova/Frazier Way and dined afterwards at the Clam Box for their wedding reception. Jean, who John met in Vietnam, was a 1st Lt. in the Army Nurse Corps and a combat operating nurse originally from Waco, TX and devoted her life to being John’s constant and loving partner. John retired from practice in 1990 and he and Jean headed up to Twain Harte, CA.

John was an avid fan of the 49ers during the Joe Montana era and was fanatical about following the Dow Jones. He was a beautiful skier and lived long enough to ski for free having reached the “Golden Age” at Dodge Ridge. As a doctor who was always good with his hands, John could fix anything: he once saved his cat by giving it mouth-to-mouth when the garage door accidentally shut on it and did many small operations gratis for neighbors with Jean acting as his reliable OR nurse. John was an avid fisherman and invited many friends to join him on excursions to Alaska. He could make a mean halibut ceviche with tequila.

In the last ten years of his life, John re-discovered the joys of living in Carmel, purchasing The Sandcastle, a quirky stone cottage near the Forest Theater where he could walk to the beach or attend Sunday service at the Carmel Mission. He and Jean enjoyed long walks around Scenic Point with their dog, evenings at Aw Shucks or enjoying the sunshine out at the Running Iron in Carmel Valley.

One of John’s last honors was being named the 5th James Wright Award recipient for Distinguished Service by the Dartmouth Uniformed Service Alumni (DUSA) in November 2017 in Boston which was attended not only by his family but by the sister of a fallen Vietnam vet whom John had operated on and had reunited with thanks to the internet.

John is survived by his loving family: wife Jean; daughters Nancy (Albert Wagner) of St Paul, Minnesota, Cynthia (Jeffrey Luchtefeld) of Overland Park, KS; sons John, Jr (Karen Vaughn) of Albany, CA and William of Sonora, CA; along with 6 grandchildren – Connor, Isabel, Zachary, Drew, Nicholas and Cricket. He is also survived by his nieces spread across the United States, and his first wife Joann Baldwin Duncan of Naples, FL.

If you were to have asked him, “How was your life?” – he would have answered: “It was incredibly special in every way and I was blessed by God to have been able to give back to so many.”

John lived a great life – indeed he was larger than life. If you are inclined to honor his memory, please donate to your favorite veterans’ charity



Dr. Baldwin’s love of fishing took him in his later years up to Sitka, Alaska

Hard work, training and sacrifice garner net successes for Tomi Main

HER SERVES leave vapor trails. Her forehand might ricochet off your forehead. She is also putting together a forcefield of self-confidence, an invaluable asset to any elite athlete.

But Tomi Main, a nationally ranked amateur tennis player in her junior year at Stevenson School, admits to a paranoia — fortunately, one that's more motivational than worrisome.

"Somewhere in the world, someone might be working harder than I am," she frets. "That thought is constantly in my head. I've got to outwork everyone."

Toward that goal, Main made a heart-wrenching decision two years ago, as a 14-year-old freshman at Stevenson, after a high school tennis season during which she never lost a singles match, or even a set, until the semifinal round of the Central Coast Section tournament. That's

where her friend, Kate Duong of Cupertino High School, beat her 6-2, 6-4.

Making tough choices

The epiphany was that she had to raise the level of her game to achieve her dream of becoming one of the best players in the country. The solution, she decided, was to leave high school athletics behind, get personalized coaching, travel to the strongest tournaments in the U.S., and play top-drawer competition in front of college recruiters.

"I knew 100 percent that I could play with girls in the top 10 in the country, but I realized I had to go to big tournaments to prove that to people," she said. "I also realized that recruiters were going to start talking to me during the summer before my junior year, and I needed to get my rankings up."

All of which meant walking away from her teammates in both tennis and softball (she batted .375 and played outfield for the Pirates as a freshman), leaving behind friends, teachers, coaches, advisors and mentors on Stevenson's

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

tightknit campus, and wandering into the Darwinesque world of elite tennis.

Has it been lonely? Sometimes.

Has it been worth it? "I'm definitely living my dream," she said.

That dream requires her to roll out of bed each weekday at 5:45 a.m. for a 90-minute commute with her mom to Sunnyvale, where she trains at the Eagle Fustar Tennis Academy. Workouts there begin at 8:30 a.m. (sometimes earlier) and last till 2:30 p.m. She typically does homework on her lunchbreak, and often on the ride back home, where her online classes at Stevenson commence via Zoom and last until 6:30 p.m.

She often plays tournaments on weekends against players who are ranked nationally and internationally.

Her decision has paid dividends. As she approaches her 17th birthday, Main currently is ranked No. 11 in the U.S. by tennisrecruiting.net among girls 16 and younger. In the 18-and-younger classification, she's No. 34 in the nation, No. 12 in the Southwest region, and No. 11 in California.

'Awkward' recruiting

Those credentials were enough to entice Todd Petty, head coach of the Texas Tech Red Raiders, to offer Main an NCAA Division I scholarship, even though the recruit won't graduate from high school for another year-and-a-half.

She accepted the offer and has committed to join a tennis program that has placed among the top three teams in the Big 12 Conference in seven of Petty's 11 seasons as head coach, with three conference titles. The Red Raiders have been nationally ranked in six of their last eight seasons.

"The recruiting process has been kind of awkward. During the pandemic, we're banned from making official visits to campuses, and we're banned from making unofficial visits, so I basically had to build a relationship over the phone," she said. "But the coaches at Texas Tech are phenomenal, and we clicked right off the bat."

Main also arranged to play in an International Tennis Association tournament in Lubbock, which allowed her to meet future teammates on a roster that currently includes three Australians, two Brits, a Russian, an All-American who transferred to Texas Tech this year from the Universi-

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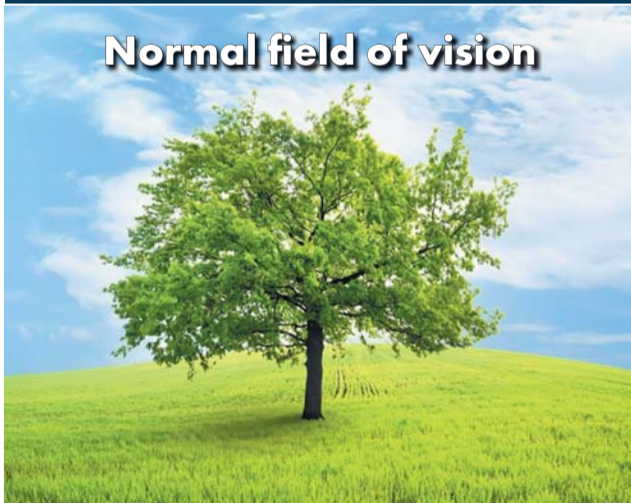
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Tomi Main's serve (left) and forehand are the most explosive parts of her game. Main has verbally committed to play tennis in the fall of 2022 at Texas Tech (above).

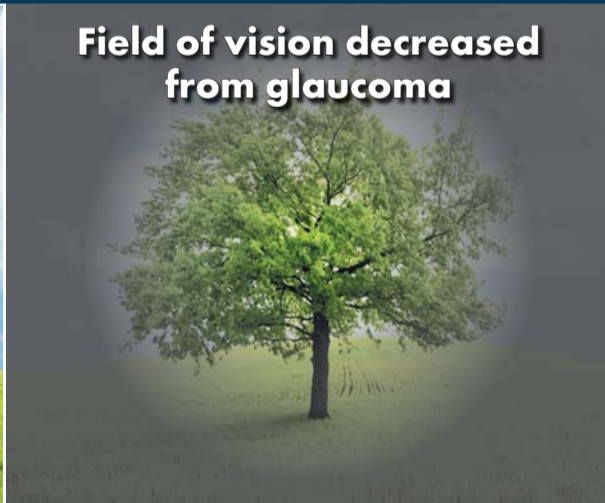
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SPORTS

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ty of Tennessee, and a hotshot freshman from Dallas.

She routinely sends videos of her workouts to Petty — a three-time Big 12 Conference Coach of the Year — and receives feedback on skills he'd like her to address.

She also likes the quality of the coaching she's getting in Sunnyvale from Jordan Angus and Nick Fustar. Much of that, she says, is targeted at the mental aspects of the game.

"I was lacking some confidence when I started training at Eagle Fustar, and I think it was mostly because I was too focused on my ranking," she said. "But now that I'm playing against a lot of older girls in international tournaments, I'm realizing I can compete at that level. It's all there for me."

Nowadays, she says she never feels overwhelmed, regardless of who is on the other side of the net.



PHOTO/COURTESY TOMI MAIN

Tomi Main, a junior at Stevenson, gets her education off campus as she travels the United States to play in national and international tennis tournaments.

Main's Sunnyvale coaches have helped her make major strides in the area of "court presence" she said. "That means making sure my opponent sees that I'm engaged and focused."

While her mental game matures, Main feels confident that the rest will take care of itself. Her on-court technique is strong, and at 16 she's probably two or three years from her physical peak. She already stands 5-foot-9.

Plenty of room to grow

She also has natural athleticism. Her mom, Cathleen, was a volleyball standout until her she blew out a knee during her senior year of high school. Her dad, Thomas, excelled in basketball and baseball. Two older sisters, Caroline and Jensen, became college softball pitchers. The genes clearly are there.

One more factor: Unlike most elite amateur tennis players, Main didn't zero in on the game until that undefeated

freshman season at Stevenson. Until then, she felt equally passionate about soccer and softball.

"A lot of female tennis players don't peak until they're around 20," she said. "I know a lot of girls who completely cut off any other sport when they were about 8, and started training on the tennis court six hours a day. I didn't do that, so I think I have a lot of room to grow."

That kind of tunnel vision rarely feels like drudgery, she said, even on mornings when her tired body begs her to sleep in and take a day off. Some future opponent certainly will be practicing while she rests.

"Those are honestly the best days to go out. There's no way I'm going to allow myself to lie in bed all day," Main said. "I like to train really hard throughout the week, then reward myself for it — just chill and watch TV — if I don't have a tournament on the weekend."

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Editorial

Where do we sign up?

IT'S UNDERSTANDABLE that many people dread going to the doctor or feel uncomfortable the minute they walk inside a hospital. Being sick or injured is awful, and confronting a hospital bill for your deductible can be almost as bad.

But one thing we don't understand is why people let those ominous instincts about the experience of having an illness or being stuck with a scary bill carry over to their confidence in our medical care system, or even science itself.

Soon after Bill Clinton became president, to cite one of many examples, he declared that a healthcare crisis existed in the United States — a crisis so severe that it warranted nationalizing the entire healthcare industry, which he tried to do. Barack Obama made similar claims when he was trying to sell Obamacare to a skeptical public.

But is our healthcare system really that bad? Of course it isn't. In fact, the coronavirus epidemic notwithstanding, it's a miraculous success — but you don't realize it unless you have at least a little knowledge of medical history.

As we have pointed out before, in the early 1900s, millions of Americans lost their lives every year to simple bacterial infections. Polio, smallpox, tuberculosis, diphtheria, flu and malaria killed millions more — yes, even in the United States. Simple asthma was commonly a fatal disease. The average life expectancy in the U.S. was less than 50 years. Nobody claimed that a health care crisis existed, but by our standards, the situation 100 years ago was much worse than that.

By mid-century, thanks to the work of legions of dedicated scientists, many infectious diseases had been conquered. The average American born in 1950 could expect to live a whopping 68 years. Nevertheless, hundreds of thousands of Americans died every year from untreated high blood pressure. Victims of routine heart attacks were usually hospitalized, monitored and prayed over — until they died. Most cancers were certain death sentences. But a national health care crisis remained undeclared.

By 1993, Clinton's first year in office, life expectancy was up to 75 years, and when Obama became president in 2009, it had risen to 78. Diseases that struck fear in our grandmothers' hearts have been forgotten. Millions of Americans live for decades with conditions that would have quickly killed them had they been born in an earlier generation. Medical care is costly, bureaucratic and frustrating. But it works.

It has worked so well, in fact, that many people believe that being healthy has become a God-given right. It isn't, of course. Sickness and death are as much a part of nature as the birds and the bees. Mankind has conquered a whole host of horrible illnesses through diligence, hard work and ingenuity. The promise of a long, healthy life has become a benefit available to most Americans, but it is not a right to be demanded or taken for granted. And the success of our highly innovative and advanced medical care system is certainly no reason to doubt that your doctor knows what he is talking about.

Case in point: Vaccines. Almost every doctor and healthcare expert adamantly believes in the efficacy and necessity of all the recommended childhood vaccines — and they do so for the simple reason that the vaccines work. They work so well that the diseases they prevent have become practically unknown, making it possible for some people to blithely decide they don't want their children to be inoculated.

We expect the same kind of misinformed skepticism to greet the new coronavirus vaccines, which will apparently start becoming available to the public in just a few weeks. While your doctor may tell you to get vaccinated as soon as you can, there will always be some street-corner smart aleck warning you not to, along with a few opportunistic politicians who will claim not to want the vaccines as long as Donald Trump is in office.

But don't believe any such nonsense. Only listen to qualified doctors and other scientists. From what we've seen, the vaccines now heading toward FDA approval are not only effective, but safe. Of course, there are a lot of people who deserve to get vaccinated before we do, but if we could, we'd be the first in Monterey County to be shot.

BEST of BATES



"Just keeping backing up till you hear glass."

Letters to the Editor

'Without facts'

Dear Editor,

As the former director and co-founder of Public Water Now, I can verify that the group has never taken a no-growth stand. Affordability, sustainability and public ownership of our water supply have been PWN's goals from its inception. There is NO agenda to limit water or growth.

Melodie Chrislock is absolutely correct in her statements. Bill Williams is wrong in his Nov. 20 letter.

Williams seems very confused. No one is recommending a maximum amount of water for the Peninsula. We use less than 10,000 acre-feet a year currently. People use less water because of two main reasons: 1) conservation supported by Cal Am and the Water Management District; and 2) the high cost of Cal Am water in the tiered rate structure. Cost is the primary limiting factor in water use.

PWN, LandWatch and the Water Management District all support the expansion of Pure Water Monterey for many reasons. But limiting growth is not one of them. As MPWMD's supply and demand report has shown, the expansion will provide plenty of water for decades of growth. It will cost ratepayers \$1 billion less than Cal Am's desal and can be completed much sooner. And it has no negative environmental impacts.

If Williams understood the facts, he

would see that the current limit on growth is the moratorium imposed by the state when it ordered reductions in Cal Am's continued overdraft of the Carmel River. This moratorium continues due to the lack of a new water supply. The Pure Water Monterey Expansion is ready to go and could lift the moratorium and allow growth. But Cal Am continues to block this new water supply. Cal Am is the only one limiting growth by holding out for its overpriced, oversized and environmentally intrusive desal plant.

George Riley, MPWMD Director

'Water for growth'

Dear Editor,

Public Water Now has never taken a no-growth stand or recommended any maximum amount of water that should be developed as claimed by Bill Williams' letter in your Nov. 20 issue. This is simply not true.

In fact, PWN, LandWatch, and citizens are focused on the expansion of Pure Water Monterey in order to meet the state cease and desist order and lift the moratorium. Cal Am will be able to stop overdrawing the Carmel River by December 2021 due to Phase 1 of Pure Water Monterey, but the expansion is needed to lift the moratorium on new water connections. The expansion would be enough water for decades of growth. But Cal Am has been blocking this cost-effective new water supply because it is more interested in maximizing its profits with an unneeded, expensive and destructive desal plant. LandWatch of Monterey County is sponsored by a diverse coalition of government,

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A New England druggist builds a Monterey business and landmark

ORDWAY PHARMACY, a landmark on the Monterey Peninsula, was acquired by Rite-Aid in January 2016, but just this month the old name was removed from its home at the corner of Alvarado Street and Pearl in downtown Monterey.

Oldtimers in town, however, know that

of the 20th century. He was born in Lawrence, Mass., in 1854, where his father was a druggist and a physician. Ordway, as had his brother Aaron, became a druggist working under their father, and after the father died in 1890, the brothers split their time between London, England, and Massachusetts, as druggists.

About 1900 they headed to San Francisco where their sister Martha had married druggist William T. Kibbler in 1882. Frank Ordway and his wife found the coastal climate of California, especially in Monterey, to their liking. Ordway later said he moved to Monterey for health. In 1902, he purchased the Del Monte Drug Store, which was on the east side of Alvarado street, just south of Bonifacio. James F. Moore had run it since the late 1880s.

For a home, the Ordways purchased the elegant mansion of Juan Malarin which spread across several lots at Ocean and Sixth in Monterey's Oak Grove neighborhood. Malarin (1825-1915) had built a horse-drawn rail line between Monterey and Pacific Grove in 1891 before moving to San Francisco for his final years.

When the Ordways first came west, their two children, Grace, who was 18, and Frank, age 7, stayed with relatives in Massachusetts and were brought to Monterey at the end of 1902.

As Ordway did not yet have a California license, he retained pharmacist G. D. Johnson as manager of the Del Monte Pharmacy. Ordway obtained his California pharmacy license in August 1903. Despite limited space, as an experienced merchant, Ordway wanted the store to be more than just a drugstore. He added fine stationery and imported tissue paper to the inventory, and he wanted more space.

New, stylish

In December 1902, Ordway purchased the northwest corner of Alvarado and Franklin and made plans for a large new building. He worked with architect William H. Weeks of Watsonville on the design of a stylish, two-story brick building with 31 feet of frontage on Alvarado and 77 feet on Franklin. The lower level featured the

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History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

for most of its more than 100 years of operation Ordway was not on that corner, but rather at 398 Alvarado (corner of Franklin).

Frank Leslie Ordway came to Monterey with his wife Cora at the beginning

climate of California, especially in Monterey, to their liking. Ordway later said he moved to Monterey for health. In 1902, he purchased the Del Monte Drug Store, which was on the east side of Alvarado



PHOTOS/COURTESY MICHAEL ORDWAY MILLER

(Top) 1920 photo shows the home that stood on the corner of Sixth and Ocean in Monterey. Built in the 1880s, from 1902-1967 it was the Ordway/Miller family home. (Above) Albert and Grace Ordway Miller posed in their home for this 1914 portrait with their first child, Albert who, as an adult, called Carmel home for many years.

It started with a shoebox camera

AS A grade-school kid, Gary Lopez saved the money he earned from mowing lawns and delivering newspapers, bought himself a telescope, and started gazing at craters on the moon and the rings around Saturn.

At age 12, the self-described “nerdy little kid” built a cardboard camera — all by himself — to photograph the things he was seeing.

“I used a shoebox, a couple of strips of brass to hold the film, and a cardboard flap for a shutter, and it worked ... sort of,” he said. “Exposures took 20-30 seconds, the moon kept moving across the sky, and my images looked a little bit smeared — I remember my mother wasn’t all that impressed — so I figured out fairly quickly that I was going to need more sophisticated gear.”

Never in a million years could Lopez have anticipated what’s happening now. Five-and-a-half decades later, the solar system is still right where it used to be (go figure), but technology has vastly improved, enabling the 69-year-old Monterey resident to shoot otherworldly fine art astrophotography from a homemade observatory in his backyard.

His photographs — some of them 6 feet wide, depicting real-life celestial scenes that are as much as 100 light years across — are on the walls of Gallery Sur in Carmel. Two of those images were recently purchased by world-renowned theoretical astrophysicist Eliot Quataert, who, at the time, was headed from UC Berkeley (old job) to Princeton University (new job) to solve the mysteries of those black holes in our universe.

“Who better to endorse my artwork from the perspective of a scientist than this superstar astrophysicist?” Lopez asked. “If Eliot Quataert likes what I’m doing, that’s a big deal.”

Merging art and science

Lopez is striving to bring art and science together. Keeping the science correct, he uses composition, color, and texture to bring beauty and drama to his images of wondrous objects in deep space.

“I often get asked, ‘is this thing in your picture real?’ The answer is ‘yes,’ this is a real object in space. The light that makes many of my images is very faint, the result of star energy that causes the surrounding gases to dimly glow. The light is too dim to be perceived by our eyes, so I use a sensitive camera and special filters to capture

Carmel’s Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

enough of the light to make an image.”

What feels surreal is the validation Lopez’s images are beginning to receive from the fine art world. In 2020, his work were among 13,000 entries from 120 countries at the International Photography Awards, which, for the first time ever, had an astrophotography category. One of his images was awarded first prize.

That his image took top honors was a monstrous thrill, but the fact that the International Photography Awards gave astrophotography its own category ... that, to Lopez, was like the birth of a new star.

Lopez’s journey to “overnight” success has been a few thousand light years long, with notable detours along the way.

‘Undersea World’

Lopez earned a zoology degree from UC Davis in 1973. By then, he’d been a longtime fan of “The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau,” an iconic television series (1966-1976) that documented the legendary French marine biologist and his crew on international scientific excursions.

His own interest in marine sciences led him to the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in La Jolla, from which he earned a Ph.D. in marine biology in 1981.

“As I was finishing my graduate work, I was shooting photographs for Encyclopedia Britannica to pay the bills and got hired to write scripts for some of their films. I traveled with their producers, learned the filmmaking craft, and began bringing the science

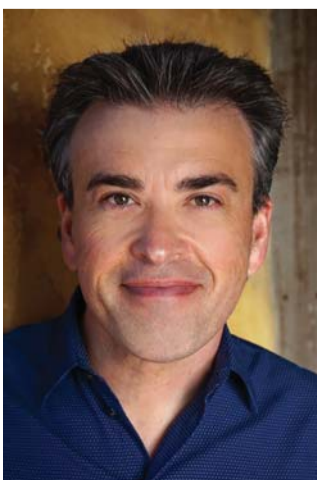
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Some artists make images from the local coastline, but Gary Lopez finds his inspiration light years away.

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storefront on Alvarado with storage, a lab, and a private office. Upstairs was equipped with seven offices and featured bay windows on the front and side. Construction began in September 1903 and the new store opened for business on July 6, 1904, as Ordway's Pharmacy. He also continued to manage the Del Monte Pharmacy as a separate operation. His first upstairs tenant was a physician, Dr. W. L. Teaby, who lived across the street from him in Oak Grove.

Ordway quickly became active in the community and served on the organizing committee that created Monterey's Chamber of Commerce in February 1903.

Great White Fleet

In May 1906, Ordway sold the contents of Del Monte Drug Store to his brother-in-law. Kibbler lost his two drugstores in San Francisco to the earthquake and fire that April. Kibbler moved the contents of the Monterey store to San Francisco to start a new store there. He soon determined that it would be pointless in the short term and instead chose to retire at the age of 50. The Kibblers moved to Carmel and became an active part of the community. Kibbler participated in the early dramas at the Forest Theater and the Arts and Crafts Club.

He was elected to the local school board in 1916, and to Carmel's Board of Trustees (city council) in 1918. In the 1920s he twice served as Carmel's board president, which was the same as mayor.

Meanwhile, Ordway turned the former Del Monte Drug Store building into the Comique Theater to stage plays. It had modest success until April 1908, when Ordway sold the theater to Mark Hanna who equipped it to show "moving pictures." It reopened in April as the Star Theater — Monterey's first movie house. Hanna had previously operated three such theaters in the Los Angeles area.

Ordway took an active role in preparing for the 1908 visit to Monterey of the U.S. Navy's Great White Fleet, which was dispatched by President Teddy Roosevelt on an around-the-world tour to help establish the United States as a world military and diplomatic power. Unfortunately, health issues caught up with him and he died suddenly on April 23, 1908, a week before the fleet's arrival in Monterey Bay.

His daughter, Grace, at age 24, took charge of the family businesses, and led the settlement of the estate. Officially she was the joint administrator with her mother, but Cora also had health issues. Grace had barely concluded settling her father's estate when her mother died on Nov. 3, 1908. Grace and her 14-year-old brother Frank were orphans. Grace focused on making the business successful while Frank fo-

cused on his studies. He had always been a top student, and upon graduation from Monterey High, he enrolled at Stanford.

'Seemed fine'

Grace hired Albert Chase Miller in early 1909. The new pharmacist at Ordway came from Ohio where he was first licensed as an assistant pharmacist 1888. Even though he was older, romance soon bloomed. They married on March 2, 1910, and made their home in the Oak Grove mansion where they raised three children: Albert (b. 1912), Grace Muriel (b. 1915) and Martha (b. 1922).

Frank graduated from Stanford in 1918 and joined the Army medical corps near the end of World War I. After finishing basic training, he worked at a stateside hospital until October, when he was assigned to France. Friends saw him off on the train from San Francisco, where he seemed fine, but by the time the train reached Ogden, Utah, he was dead. The official report was pneumonia. Given the times, it was more likely the Spanish Flu.

Sold and resold

Miller was 60 and approaching retirement when Martha was born. Grace sold the business in 1926 to Clyde and Mamie Dyke. She took them on as tenants, maintaining ownership of the Ordway building. They were both licensed pharmacists and had owned a drugstore in Newman, before moving to the Peninsula. Soon after Mamie died in 1933, Clyde left Ordway and partnered with Floyd Rogers at the Grove Pharmacy in Pacific Grove.

A.J. Watson and James Dow bought the Ordway Pharmacy and ran it until 1967, when they sold to Jack Valenti and Jerry



PHOTO/COURTESY MICHAEL ORDWAY MILLER

Michael Ordway Miller is shown in 1967, standing in the doorway of the pharmacy started by his great-grandfather in 1904.

Abbanat. Ownership of the Ordway Building also changed in 1967 when Grace died. Her husband died in 1953 and Grace left the building to her three children. It is now owned jointly by their children — the great-grandchildren of Frank Ordway, who built it.

Vince Cardinale, who began working at the pharmacy in 1962, became a partner with Valenti and Abbanat in 1978. Then, due to a lack of parking at the original location, they moved the pharmacy to the corner of Pearl in 1991. That is when Jamba Juice moved into the Ordway Building. Cardinale bought out his partners in 2001 and was the last independent operator of the century-old business until he sold it in 2016.

While the Ordway Pharmacy name is now gone from the community, the Ordway Building remains to keep the family's memory alive. And while many private businesses just close when the owner retires, this pharmacy's faithful clientele will continue to be served, as they have been for more than a century, regardless of ownership.

Shakes, friends raise \$\$ for Salvation Army

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE SHAKE family's annual Sabu's Safari Fundraiser brought in almost \$176,000 for The Salvation Army Monterey Peninsula Corps, even though the annual dinner and auction didn't actually happen. The event scheduled for Oct. 3 was canceled, of course, but the online fundraiser that replaced it brought out an exceptional showing.

"The Sabu Shake Sr. Memorial Foundation along with the Sabu's Safari Dinner Auction has raised more than \$4.7 million for The Salvation Army," since it started in 2008, Wendy Brickman said.

The money is used to help families, the homeless and seniors by paying for hot meals, shower and laundry amenities, rental and emergency motel assistance, utility and gas vouchers, and computer access and job training.



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VIRUS

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people in their households. And at a media call a couple of hours later, Monterey County Health Officer Dr. Ed Moreno also said the majority of those who have tested positive say they got it from someone else at home, with only 7 percent admitting they'd attended some sort of gathering.

Running out of help

As of Tuesday night, 69 people were hospitalized with the virus, including 14 at CHOMP, 23 at Natividad and a whopping 32 at SVMH, the hospitals said. A dozen of the patients in the county were on ventilators, according to Radner.

"We're all walking a very fine line now and are very concerned it's going to get worse with the holidays," Radner said.

Dr. Kelsey Gray, a pulmonary and critical care provider at SVMH, said the Covid-19 ICU is "very full."

"The patients keep coming," she said. "They're very sick, and it's a very sad ICU at this point. We keep seeing cases increasing."

The patients on ventilators require 100 percent oxygen and are stuck lying on their bellies to make it easier to inflate their lungs.

While they're receiving excellent care, she said, they can't see their families. "It's very difficult for them," she said.

It's also hard on the doctors, nurses, therapists, specialists and others who have been trying to slow the epidemic for the last 10 months and have seen 116 people who had tested positive for the virus die.

"We are seeing multiple family members that are getting sick and multiple generations that are being hospitalized," she said. "We're seeing multiple family mem-

bers pass away."

She noted how infectious the virus is and how widespread it's become. Dealing with it is also very labor intensive. In ICU, the ideal ratio is one nurse per patient, considering the complexities of caring for someone on a ventilator who might also be on dialysis and is receiving numerous drugs intravenously, all of which require frequent adjusting.

The hospitals have plenty of equipment, PPE, ventilators and even beds, Radner commented, they just don't have enough people to handle many more patients.

"You're not going to get as great care if your nurse has five patients," he said. "We're trying to expand our workforce, and all the hospitals are trying to do this. There's a breaking point, and I don't know what that is until we get there."

Gray said she understands how much "Covid-19 fatigue" people are feeling, but "we have to know this is not forever. We

have to try to get through the holidays."

"We want to make sure this doesn't continue to ravage our communities," she said.

Vaccine update

Moreno said Wednesday that the county is prepared to receive and distribute the coronavirus vaccine as soon as it is made available, and he anticipates health officials will use a system similar to the one they employ to distribute flu vaccines each year.

He explained the federal government will determine how much of the vaccine each state should get, and then the state will allocate it to the counties. The health department will have plenty of ultra-cold freezer space to hold Pfizer's vaccine so that it will never have to turn any away for lack of space, he said, and he suggested area hospitals or other facilities that don't

See **VACCINE** page 27A

Welcome some of the newest members of the medical staff at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.

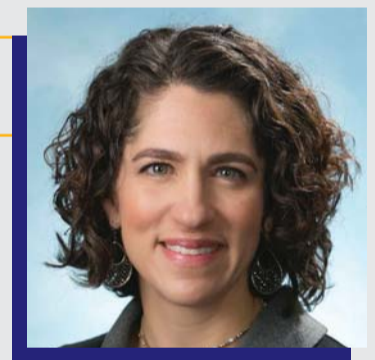


Dr. Sa Vanna Baker Leyva Family practice

Dr. Baker Leyva is a family practice physician with Salinas Valley PrimeCare in Monterey. She was born at Community Hospital and grew up in Pacific Grove. She graduated from Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Vallejo, and completed her residency at Community Memorial Health System in Ventura. Dr. Baker Leyva is enjoying raising her family and practicing medicine in the communities where she was raised.

Dr. Lisa Kroopf Pain management

Dr. Kroopf is a Monterey native who is double-board-certified in interventional pain management. She completed a physical medicine and rehabilitation residency followed by a pain medicine fellowship at Loma Linda University Medical Center. She graduated from the Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara School of Medicine and is fluent in Spanish. She has specialized training in advanced and traditional pain-relieving procedures. In her leisure time, Dr. Kroopf enjoys travel, fitness, snowboarding, and spending time with her husband, Carlos D. Ramirez, a family physician in Monterey, and their two children.



Dr. Jayme Rock-Willoughby Cardiology

Dr. Rock-Willoughby joined Montage Medical Group's cardiology practice after seven years with OhioHealth Heart and Vascular Physicians. She graduated from Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed her residency in internal medicine at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, and a fellowship in cardiovascular medicine at University of Toledo Medical Center in Ohio. Professional interests include preventive cardiology, cardiovascular disease in women, and cardiovascular imaging. Personal interests include spending time with family and watching Ohio State football.

ARTIST

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and the art together,” he said.

A series of Lopez productions about air pollution, water pollution and acid rain caught the attention of Jacques Cousteau, and Lopez was hired to produce a television series entitled, “Cousteau Moments.”

“It was a thrill to work with my childhood idol. We often worked side by side in Paris and Hollywood writing and editing film. I learned a lot from him about how to make films that touch people’s emotions and move them to action” Lopez said.

A president acts

Lopez’s own company, Archipelago, produced international television programming for The Cousteau Society until 1993, when Harcourt Brace purchased his company. Later, Lopez returned to documentary filmmaking, producing a two-hour PBS special, the inaugural episode of “Jean-Michel Cousteau Ocean Adventures,” for Cousteau’s son, with whom he worked from 2003 to 2006.

The episode, “Voyage to Kure,” inspired former President George W. Bush to designate 140,000 square miles of ocean — a strip stretching from Hawaii beyond Midway Island — a U.S. National Monument, the largest marine protected area in the world at the time.

“Upon viewing the film, President Bush declared, ‘I’m going to do something about this.’ A man of his word, two

months later, he used his Antiquities Act power to create the preserve,” recounted Lopez.

The new age

By 1993, astrophotography technology was rapidly advancing, inspiring Lopez to purchase a new digital astronomy camera and a 10-inch telescope, which he routinely carried onto the pier behind his home on Carmel Bay in Lake Tahoe.

“The new technology allowed me to make images of things that you previously could only see with enormous instruments at places like Palomar Observatory,” he said. “I could take really long exposures, layer exposures together, and make the kind of photos that previously had been reserved for enormous professional instruments. It changed everything.”

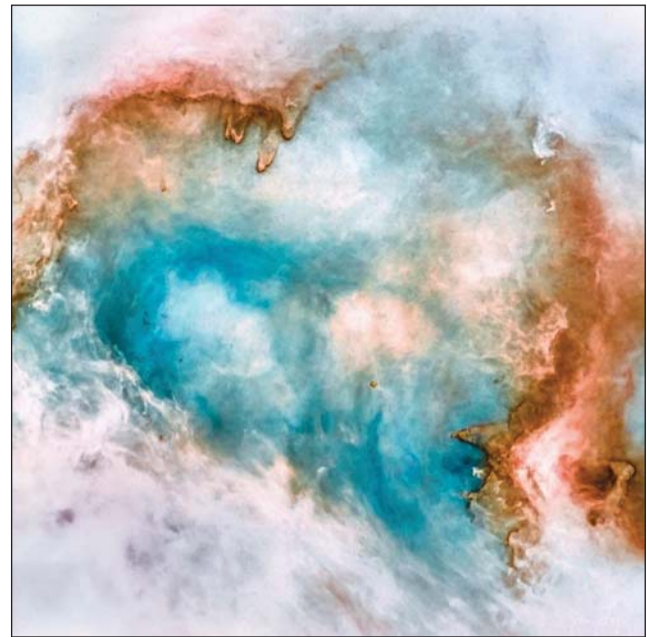
Better telescopes, much better cameras and high-tech filters also enable Lopez to deal better with “light pollution” (i.e., city lights, or bright moonlight) and other obstacles that hamper astrophotography. Fog, moist air, and turbulent weather commonly create challenges as he shoots space objects that can require 20 to 30 hours of exposures to create an image as his celestial target moves across the night sky.

“An absolute requirement for astrophotography is patience,” he said.

For all those reasons, Monterey is a less-than-ideal venue — a desert or a mountaintop would be preferable — but it is home for Lopez and his wife, artist and clinical massage therapist Monica Johnson, close to friends, family, and the Big Sur wilderness. They have

lived in Carmel or Monterey for 10 of the past 16 years.

Images of his fine art astrophotography can be found online at garylopezphotography.com or seen at Gallery Sur (Sixth Avenue, between Lincoln and Dolores streets) in Carmel-by-the-Sea.



Some artists make images from the local coastline, but Gary Lopez finds his inspiration light years away, such as this image of two nebulae.

PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20202011
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Carmel Internal Medicine Concierge, 7020 Valley Greens Dr, #16, Carmel, CA 93923, County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s): Rasha Morad, 225 Crossroads Blvd. #319, Carmel, CA 93923
This business is conducted by an individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A
S/ Rasha Morad
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on November 3, 2020.
11/20, 11/27, 12/4, 12/11/20
CNS-3410759#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication dates: Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11, 2020. (PC1112)

as follows on this Request for Order:

A COURT HEARING WILL BE HEARD AS FOLLOWS:

Date: February 24, 2021;
Time: 9:00 am;
Dept: 15;
Room: 7C
Address of court: 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063.
WARNING to the person served with the Request for Order: The court may make the requested orders without you if you do not file a Responsive Declaration to Request for Order (form FL-320), serve a copy on the other parties at least nine court days before the hearing (unless the court has ordered a shorter period of time), and appear at the hearing. (See form FL-320 INFO for more information.)

Respondent is not represented by an attorney. Respondent’s address and telephone number are:
Stefani Stockstill
1652 Boulder Springs Road
St. George, UT 84950
(650) 862-9932

A copy of this NOTICE OF HEARING shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for the hearing on the Request for Order in the following newspaper of general circulation printed in the county in which Petitioners last known residence is located:
Carmel Pine Cone
Date: November 3, 2020
//Franchi, Don
Judge of the Superior Court
Publication dates: Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11, 2020. (PC1115)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20202023
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
1. URBAN TRAPPING WILDLIFE CONTROL
2. URBAN TRAPPER WILDLIFE CONTROL
20241 Portola Dr., Salinas, CA 93908.
Mailing address: **306 Mulheim Rd., Seaside, CA 93955.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): DANIEL JACOB BURTON, 306 Mulheim Rd., 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/ Daniel Burton
Date: Nov. 10, 2020
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). **I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes 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 Nov. 10, 2020.
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Publication dates: Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11, 2020. (PC1113)

NOTICE OF HEARING ON REQUEST FOR ORDER
Jeffrey Thomas, Petitioner v. Stefani Stockstill, Respondent
Case No. 17FAM02019
In the Superior Court of San Mateo County, California
To Petitioner, Jeffrey Thomas: Respondent Stefani Stockstill filed a Request for Order in the above case on June 18, 2020 concerning her request to change the existing orders in this matter concerning child custody and visitation (parenting time) and to allow her to change the residence of the party’s child. A Court hearing will be held

Lien Sale Auction Advertisement
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act, (B&P Code 21700 et. seq.), the undersigned will sell at public auction; personal property including but not limited to furniture, clothing, tools, and/or other misc. items.
Auction to be held at 1PM on December 11th, 2020 at www.selfstorageauction.com.
The property is stored at: StoragePro of Carmel, 9640 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93923.
NAME OF TENANT
Hassan Leonard Lazarus
Publication dates: Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 2020. (PC1124)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20202049
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **MARITA’S SALES RACK, 549 1/2 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.**
Mailing address: **551 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): MARITA L. JOHNSON, 299 Park Cir., Marina, CA 93933.
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/Marita L. Johnson
Nov. 2, 2020
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). **I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes 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 Nov. 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: Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11, 2020. (PC1117)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20202108
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
1. THE GRILL AT POINT PINOS
2. GRILL AT POINT PINOS
79 Asilomar Dr., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
Mailing address: **863 Pine Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.**
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey County.
Name of Corporation or as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: LA CREME HOSPITALITY, INC., 863 Pine Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
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 N/A.
S/Tamie Maceves, CEO
Date: Nov. 17, 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 Nov. 17, 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: Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11, 2020. (PC1118)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20202076
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **SAL’S SEAFOODS, 1217 Lowell St., Seaside, CA 93955.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Registered Owner(s): SALVATORE PITRUZZELLO, 1217 Lowell

St., 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/salvatore Pitruzzello
Nov. 3, 2020
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Publication dates: Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11, 2020. (PC1119)

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Registered Owner(s): SALVATORE PITRUZZELLO, 1217 Lowell

St., 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/Charlene Agee
Nov. 3, 2020
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Publication dates: Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11, 2020. (PC1120)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20202085
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **AGI Investigations, 31 Downing Circle, Salinas, CA 93906.**
County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s): Charlene Agee, 31 Downing Circle, Salinas, CA 93906
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on NOT APPLICABLE
S/ Charlene Agee
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on November 12, 2020.
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CARMEL PINE CONE
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20202086
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **FULL CIRCLE HOME GROUP, 1808 Cherokee Dr., Salinas, CA 93906.**
County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s): SHATTO RENTALS, INC., 1808 Cherokee Dr., Salinas, CA 93906; CA
This business is conducted by a Corporation
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A
S/ Kelly Shatto, President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on November 12, 2020
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CNS-3414701#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication dates: Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, 2020. (PC1121)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20202098
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **THE JONES GROUP, by referral only, 216 27th St., Pacific Grove, CA.** County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s): Peggy Denise Jones, 853 Balboa Ave., Pacific Grove, CA. 93950.
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on NOT APPLICABLE
S/ Peggy Jones
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on November 12, 2020
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication dates: Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, 2020. (PC1122)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20201978
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **SUSHI JAWN, 47020 Highway 1, Big Sur, CA, 93920.** County of Monterey.
Registered Owner(s): SUSHI JAWN LLC, P.O. Box 486, Big Sur, CA, 93920.
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF MONTE VERDE BETWEEN OCEAN AND SEVENTH AVENUES, ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 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.
UP 20-278 (The Nut Hut)
Blaine Helton, Business Owner
W/S Mission btwn Ocean & 7th
Block: 77, 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.

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

The staff report and relevant documents will be available at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting on the City’s website at http://www.ci.carmel.ca.us. The Planning Commission meeting will be televised live on the City’s website and archived there after the meeting. For more information regarding Planning Commission meetings, please contact the Community Planning & Building Department at (831) 620-2010.

DS 20-125 (Russey-Hazdovac)
Adam Jeselnick, Architect
SWC 5th and Lincoln
Block: 54; Lot: 1
APN: 010-212-022
Publication dates: Nov. 27, 2020. (PC1123)

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S/ Sarah A. Sweeney
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on October 28, 2020
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication dates: Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11, 2020. (PC1107)

Consideration of a Final Design Study (DS 20125, 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 20-343 (Dutch Door Donuts)
Chris Whittman, CFO
SEC Mission and Ocean,
Carmel Plaza
Block: 78, Lot: All
APN: 010-086-006

Consideration of a Use Permit (UP 20-343, Dutch Door Donuts) for the establishment of a new Specialty Restaurant located in Carmel Plaza at the southeast corner of Mission and Ocean in the Central Commercial (CC) Zoning District.
UP 20-314 (Dametra Café)
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 Café) 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 20-191 (Brookes)
Erik Dyar, Architect
Carmelo, 2 NW of 12th
Block: R; Lot: 17
APN: 010-279-019

Consideration of a Final Design Study (DS 20-191, Brookes) and associated Coastal Development Permit for the demolition of an existing single-family residence and construction of a new residence located on Carmelo Street, 2 NW of 12th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District, Beach & Riparian Overlay and Coastal Commission Appeal Jurisdiction Overlay.
DS 20-196 (Turner)
Claudio Ortiz Design Group, Inc.
Mission 5 NW of Santa Lucia
Block: 142; Lot: 19
APN: 010-162-009

Consideration of a Concept Design Study (DS 20-196, Turner) and associated Coastal Development Permit for the construction of a new single-family residence on a vacant lot located on Mission Street, 5 NW of Santa Lucia in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District.
UP 20-354 (Sugar Farms Marketplace)
Rosana Rader & Michael Smith, Presidents SEC Mission and Ocean, Carmel Plaza
Block: 78, Lot: All
APN: 010-086-006

Consideration of a Use Permit (UP 20-354, Sugar Farms Marketplace) for the establishment of a merchandise mart located in Carmel Plaza at the southeast corner of Mission and Ocean in the Central Commercial (CC) Zoning District.

VACCINE

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can still plan to use dry ice to store it for a short time before it's administered.

Every hospital in the state has been invited to sign up in a new state system to show they "are ready to receive distributions of Covid-19 vaccine and have a target population that they can vaccinate

MUSIC

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he moved in 20 years ago, Winfield has only hosted two other musical performances, including one by keyboardist Morgan Fisher, who was once in Mott the Hoople.

According to Reilly, Pastor-Chermak had a great time playing in the gallery. She also thanked Winfield for making it possible.

"Isaac loved it and was blown away by the beauty of the space," Reilly added. "Chris was so generous."

Besides playing cello for the symphony, Pastor-Chermak is part of the Black Cedar Trio, a rare flute-cello-guitar combo. He's also the principal cellist of the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Symphony, and finds time to perform with an array of other ensembles.

The Thanksgiving Day recital is the latest offering in the symphony's Balcony Sessions series, which has turned a balcony — which hovers over Hampton Court at Seventh and San Carlos — into a stage. During the colder months, the symphony plans to record and stream performances in December from My Museum and in January from Sunset Center.

For more details, visit montereysymphony.org.

in a timely manner," Moreno said. "They would then be eligible to receive some of the first vaccine."

While the first round of vaccinations could arrive as early as mid-December, it will be very limited at first, according to Moreno. "I can't tell you how Monterey County is going to decide exactly who gets the vaccine," he said. "It depends largely on the state's working groups completing their assessment of how to achieve maximum proficiency of preventing deaths and preventing illness."

He said the state department of public health and the CDC are working to decide which groups should come first in line. "What seems to be consistent is healthcare providers will be prioritized," he said, followed by first responders and other high-risk groups, and then the general public.

FLOWERS

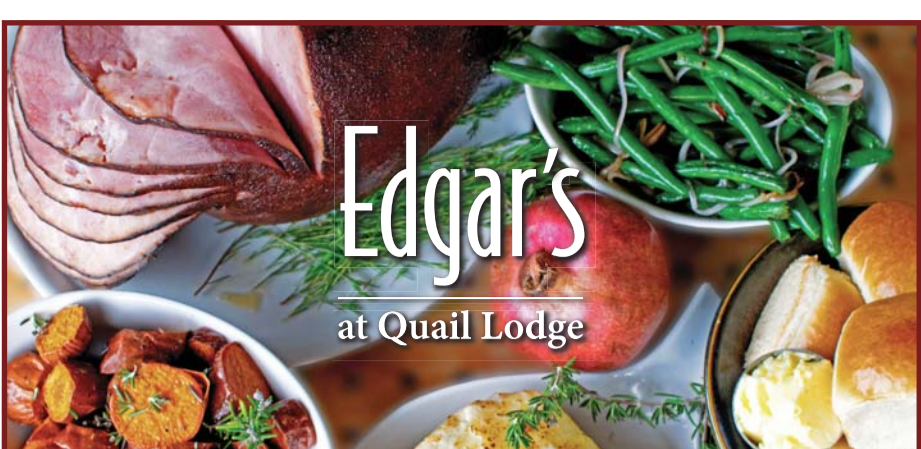
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and bedazzled with ribbons and bows, Bell said, adding, "The small arrangements are always beautiful." They make about 100 each week, then volunteers take the cheerful little bouquets to Central Coast VNA and Hospice, Heartland Hospice in Santa Cruz, and Aegis, a senior home in Capitola.

"Those people really need them," said Bell. She hopes that her organization will grow and that as life slowly returns to normal, big events — and the flowers that come with them — will be back, too.

In the meantime, she's preparing to do some grant-writing and is always looking for volunteers. In addition to meeting to arrange flowers or deliver them, people can donate time at home, turning soup cans into vases — it's a simple process, depicted in a 44-second video at the group's website, secondbloomproject.com.

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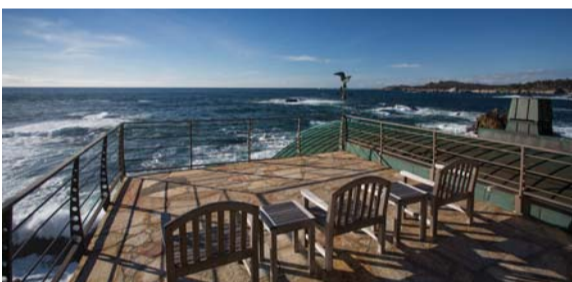


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Santa healthy, North Pole operational and other tidings of joy

By ELAINE HESSER

THIS HOLIDAY season will certainly be ... different, and we think it's important to clarify a few things of concern to the littlest readers, just to put their minds at ease.

Most importantly, the world coronavirus map at Johns Hopkins University (coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html) shows that the virus hasn't spread to the North Pole. And despite the shutdown, Santa's elves are essential workers and couldn't be laid off.

Also, the whole workshop has been self-isolating since Dec. 26, 2019, so everyone's fine and toy production is proceeding at normal speed.

Although he can't do in-person visits because he doesn't want to draw a crowd, North Pole clerks are working extra shifts to help with kids' letters. The U.S. Postal Service (about.usps.com/holidaynews/operation-santa.htm) lists the jolly old elf's official address as Santa Claus, 123 Elf Road, North Pole, 88888. Be sure to put a stamp on the envelope and include a return address. Occasionally, Santa has time to answer them — with help from some subordinate Clauses.

Finally, although you might think the Big Guy would be in the at-risk group for Covid — he's so far over 65 he gets two AARP cards — a Pole worker identified only as "Doc" said that St. Nick has been immune to contagious diseases since before the Black Plague ravaged Europe.

Which means he'll be perfectly safe as he visits everyone Christmas Eve, but all little ones should remain socially distanced, preferably nestled all snug in their beds.

Lights galore

Now that that's cleared up, here's the 2020 roundup of local holiday festivities, which emphasizes quality over quantity in its offerings:

The **City of Carmel** has ensured that you can still enjoy the crafters' fair usually held at Sunset Center. A link on the city's home page leads to a page of vendors and craftspeople



You can still see Colton Hall's Christmas tree live, but the Monterey Peninsula Ballet's gone virtual at Sunset Center.

with individual shopping and ordering information. Need some of Jeffrey's Best spiced nuts for someone's stocking? Maybe some comfy, handmade wool-felt slippers to keep the tootsies cozy during the holiday Zoom call? Jewelry, wreaths and silk scarves are just a few of the other gifts you can find.

While you're out shopping, mall management offices all over the Peninsula want you to enjoy the **decorations at Carmel Plaza, the Barnyard, the Crossroads, Del Monte Center and other shopping centers** while you browse.

If they happen at all, Santa sightings will be few and far between, but the magic of twinkling, colorful lights never gets old.

Illuminated **Christmas trees** suitable for evening viewing include the one in town at **Junipero and Mission, P.G.'s in Jewell Park**, and fine specimens in **Monterey on Cannery Row and Colton Hall**.

Over the next few weeks, the **Monterey County Fair-**

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You don't need big-box stores or the internet — a walk through town will do

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

THE NEIGHBOR'S Christmas lights flicked on last week, sending a starry harbinger across my yard. Grocery stores are playing holiday Muzak, and the world seems to dazzle the eye with holiday colors and offer the comfort of familiar traditions.

Last night, I thought I heard "the prancing and pawing of each little hoof," but it was only raccoons. Yet, with only two weeks till that jolly old elf makes his way down the chimney, it was past time to get my act in gear and go shopping.

After trekking to the mailbox to retrieve the day's load of retail circulars, I have firmly decided that, due to the coronavirus, I will be shopping by catalog this year. But as suddenly as the Grinch's heart grew three sizes, so does mine. Stores are open. They're chock full of merchandise, charmingly displayed and sure to spark a holiday mood. The catalogs go into the recycling bin and I stroll into the shopping district.

Pleasantly surprised by the hustle and bustle of holiday shoppers along the village streets, I find it exciting to join the parade. I feel safe if I keep my distance, wear my mask, and go with the flow. Stores offer hand sanitizer and let in a limited number of shoppers at a time. It makes me feel special, like being invited into the vault.

Designers by the dozens

I bring out my list and check each name twice, with gifts for the naughty as well as the nice. At the top is my husband, who said he wasn't willing to wear a watch until he saw a rare vintage Rolex in the display window at **Fourtané** jewelry (Ocean at Lincoln). While checking it out, I notice Fourtané is carrying one of my wish list



(Clockwise from top left) Local shops like Augustina's, Fourtané jewelers, The Club, Lloyd's and Pilgrim's Way are ready to serve you with extraordinary gifts for friends and family.

items: Roberto Coin fine Italian jewelry.

With men's wear still at the top of the list, it's time to visit **The Club** (Ocean between San Carlos and Dolores) to see what fabulous shirts Robert Graham has designed. No need for a gift receipt; anything by Graham is guaranteed to fit and be fashion forward and fabulous.

Next up, that woman who seems to have everything. **Augustina's** (Ocean Avenue between Mission and San Carlos) will

prove that theory wrong. There's no way my best girlfriend has a Paula Lishman exclusive handknit beaver fur throw blanket, in custom colors to suit her aura and warm those chilly December days. But she will.

I imagine buying a nice floral fragrance for my sister — **Carmel Drug Store** has more than you'd imagine — until I see the display window at **Lloyd's shoes**. I think about buying her a pair of lightweight, trendy "On Running" shoes in a cool color,

but that's before I notice the Italian-made Ron White weatherproof sneakers with festive metallic ribbon laces and lambskin lining — the same stuff they used in the space shuttle at NASA. I'll give the fragrance to my favorite aunt.

Break time

Christmas shopping is equal parts exciting and exhausting. Desperate for a break and some sustenance, I pile my purchases into the parklet outside **Dametra Café** (Ocean and Lincoln) for an order of bruschetta di Napoli, a glass of wine, and some people watching.

Feeling refreshed, I move down my list, across the street and over to **Pilgrim's Way** (Dolores between Fifth and Sixth). At this independent bookstore, which has been serving Carmel for 50 years, I find William Souder's "Mad at the World: A Life of John Steinbeck," for Uncle Bob, a lifelong Steinbeck fan always looking for more stories about the man.

Then there's Kristen Bell and Benjamin Hart's "The World Needs More Purple People," with a story and Daniel Wiseman illustrations that might be just right for the precocious little neighbor girl. I wrap things up with a hardcover for Grandpa, having chosen Erik Larson's "The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz" — perfect for someone who loves history and biographies of prominent people.

When shopping in town, I like to slip into the **Carmel Art Association** to see what some of my favorite painters — Mi-

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Over the river and through the woods to shop the local bounty

By SALLY BAHO

NOW MORE than ever is the time to shop local. This year has been rough on businesses, so as you do your holiday shopping, why not start in your own backyard? With so few people traveling, you can make a day out of your holiday shopping down the coast to Big Sur and/or out to Carmel Valley and feel like you're having a mini-staycation at the same time.

Going Coastal

You could start with Big Sur jade jewelry by **David's Coastal Collections**, which has a standing pop-up store at Ripplewood (Fridays through Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. weather permitting). Husband-and-wife team David and Haley Seefeldt are Big Sur locals who have been making jewelry since 2017. They offer handmade jewelry with Big Sur-sourced jade as well as natural jade stones. It's sustainably sourced — either by them or another small, local business — and everything else is done by the couple, from polishing to cutting and finishing the jewelry. If you miss them at Ripplewood, you can schedule a private shopping meeting or find their products at **COAST Big Sur Gallery**, **Pfeiffer Big Sur Lodge Gift Store**, and the **Fernwood** gift store.

p.m. daily). Owner Andrea Caruso sources her products from small business owners, and locally when possible, like **Valley Botanicals**, a natural, plant-based skincare, candle, and dye line from Big Sur. Founder Emmaline Molloy wanted to create herbal remedies for skincare and general wellness that were free of chemicals. All her products are handcrafted in small batches using locally grown ingredients. Molloy also makes hand-dyed scarves and masks, the signature gift of 2020.



You might also want to seek out **Big Sur Country soaps** made locally by Sheila Hillman, who has been making soap in the area since 1994. Her bath products are coconut and olive oil-based and — along with Mother Botanical — can be purchased at **Fernwood**, the **Big Sur Village General Store**, **Big Sur Campground and Cabins**, **Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park Lodge** and the **Phoenix Shop at Nepenthe** (open daily 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.).

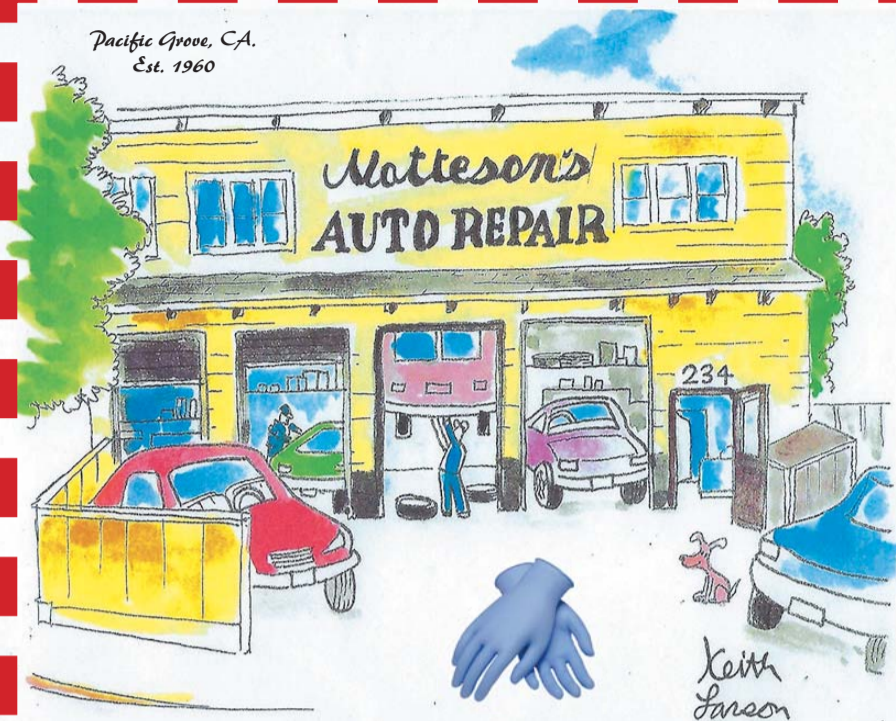
The Phoenix offers a wide variety of locally made gifts, and you're bound to find something for everyone on your shopping list. New moms and dads will love local artist **Kim Fassett's** adorable baby blanket and beanie sets. You can find bitters and shrubs (for cocktails or mocktails) by **The Bitter Ginger** and an assortment of pickles by **The Random Pickler**. The shop also carries all sorts of jewelry, including turquoise, semi-precious gems and of course,

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Scouting farther down Hwy 1, after a delicious little pick-me-up and coffee at **Big Sur Bakery** (bakery opens at 9 a.m., and breakfast and lunch are served from noon to 5 p.m. daily), be sure to stop next door at **Mother Botanical** (11 a.m. to 5

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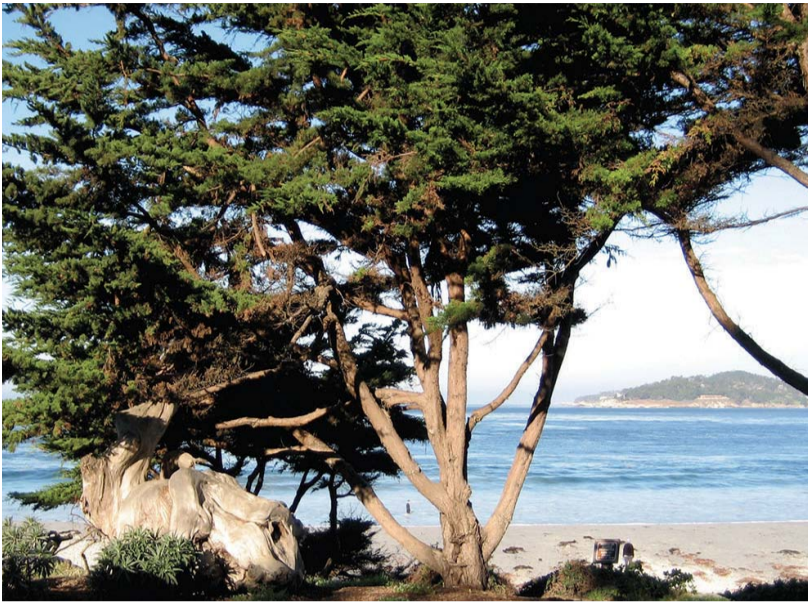
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guel Dominguez, Pamela Carroll, Alicia Meheen, and Jan Wagstaff — have on exhibit. The sign on the door says to call for a social-distance appointment, so out comes the cellphone and an unexpected invitation to come right in. And there it is: Jennifer Anderson's beautiful painting of a red fox, titled, "With Silent Secrets." It feels like winter, and I feel like having it, but my daughter will like it just as much.

In the center gallery, there's an exhibit

by renowned trompe l'oeil painter Pamela Carroll. Portraits of vintage toys are paired with the toys themselves for some retro-nifty gift-giving. That takes care of three nieces at once. It's simply a matter of deciding who gets which painting.

The afternoon passes quickly as all the names are checked off, until it's time for a stop at **Carmel Belle** to relax with a veritable bowl of hot chocolate and extra whip. Surveying the pile of packages on the sidewalk where I sit, it becomes quite clear. I'm going to need a ride home.



The Carmel Art Association has eclectic offerings, like this oil painting of a fox by Jennifer Anderson.

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grounds' Drive-in Movies will feature holiday classics like "A Christmas Story" (complete with leg lamp and Little Orphan Annie secret decoder ring), "The Muppet Christmas Carol" and the live-action version of "The Grinch" with Jim Carrey in the title role. Go to montereycountyfair.com to buy tickets and peruse the concession stand menu featuring popcorn, nachos, funnel cakes and all your fair-food faves — in December, no less!

Fisherman's Wharf invites locals to come down and enjoy its Christmas tree and sea-life-themed decorations, and to enter its All Things Gingerbread Photo Contest. Just



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run, run, run as fast as you can ... and snap a photo of yourself with a gingerbread man, or anything else made of the spicy holiday sweet, and submit it to info@montereywharf.com by Dec. 31.

Three top photographers will receive \$100, \$50 and \$25 in Wharf Dollars that can be used at any wharf merchant. For full rules, go to montereywharf.com, under the Events tab. Locals can park for free in the gated wharf parking lot Monday through Thursday with a photo I.D. The Monterey Salinas Transit trolley that usually serves the wharf and Cannery Row, however, is not running.

More gingerbread

On Dec. 5, Sunset Center will host a 1 p.m. drive-in show featuring the **Monterey Peninsula Ballet**. A minimum donation of \$75 admits one carful of dance-starved viewers to the pre-recorded performance. The program will be a "Winter Ballet Medley" and a 4 p.m. show has already sold out. The ballet will be followed by a showing of "Elf," the holiday classic with Will Farrell. Go to bit.ly/2IEikPL to donate or purchase tickets. There's also an option to sponsor a family, which would be a nice gift.

For creative fun on Dec. 4 and 5, the **Hofsas House** (hofsashouse.com) at San Carlos and Fourth will host its ninth annual **Gingerbread House Fundraiser for the Carmel Public Library Foundation**. For \$25 (payable through Eventbrite.com), you can reserve a kit to build a sweet little Carmel cottage. You'll be assigned a pickup time at Hofsas House on Friday, Dec. 4. Set up your construction zone at home (hardhats optional), decorate your house and snap a photo to submit to marci@buzzpr.net by 4 p.m. on the 5th to



Hofsas House and MY Museum have gingerbread houses to decorate.

be eligible for a drawing. Prizes include a one-night stay at the family-owned inn, and a \$100 gift certificate to Lugano's Swiss Bistro.

Also on Dec. 5, **MY Museum's Gingerbread Extravaganza** (takeout edition) has 10 members of the Monterey Peninsula Ballet Theater in their finest "Nutcracker" costumes scheduled to distribute gingerbread house kits curbside. For \$40 (in advance) you get a pre-assembled home, "tons of embellishments and frosting," a chef hat and apron and a big old cookie from Layers Bakery. For \$10 more, an adult can get a kit of their own that comes with a bottle of wine. Info and signup are at Eventbrite.com.

Same show, comfy seats

Streets of Bethlehem in Salinas runs Dec. 2-6, from 6 to 8:20 p.m. Put on by hundreds of volunteers from First Baptist Church, the free, 26-year-old event recreates the first-century village with Mary and Joseph, townspeople, Roman soldiers and live animals. Instead of walking through Bethlehem's streets, however, guests will enjoy a live show from the comfort of their cars in the church parking lot.

Organizers are asking people to drive to the church at 1130 San Vicente Ave. (off W. Blanco Road), where they'll be given further directions. The 20-minute live Nativity show will repeat throughout each evening, and sound will be available through your car radio. There is no charge or requirement to reserve a viewing time, but you can do so by clicking on the link at streetsofbethlehem.com, or going directly to Eventbrite.com. Cars without reserved times will be admitted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Hanukkah

On Friday, Dec. 11 at 5 p.m., the **Hospice Giving Foundation** says you can "celebrate hope and remember loved ones" as it virtually unveils this year's **Tree of Life lighting**. The tree will be atop the Marriott, as it has been for the last 30 years, but supporters are invited to watch online (hospice.org) or on television (Comcast channel 24). Local musicians will perform and speakers will include Rev. Luke Ham from the Church of the Wayfarer.

That same evening, **Congregation Beth Israel** will offer a **Virtual Hanukkah** celebration beginning at 6 p.m. Dreidels will be spun, a menorah will be lit and, quite possibly, a spirited debate over the proper toppings for latkes will ensue. Please call (831)624-2015 for the link.

On Dec. 12, Santa and his lovely wife will ride a vintage firetruck for **Santa's Fly-in, Covid Edition** in Carmel Valley. After a tour of the village to reacquaint the Big Guy with all the houses he's only been able to see on Google

In case you thought we just forgot ...

With the briefest of holiday calendars, you might wonder whether there are things going on that just were overlooked. Maybe, but to save you some time, here is a partial list of some things that are not happening this year:

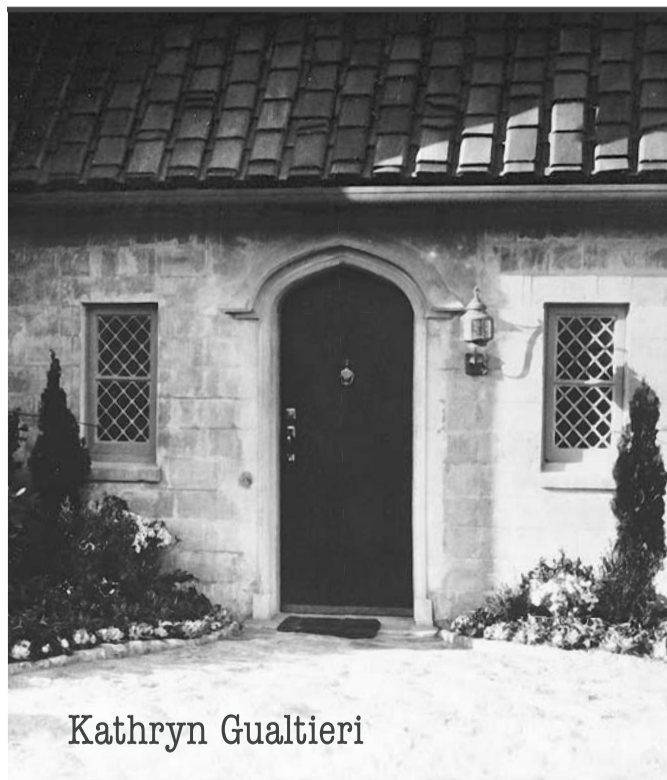
- Inns of Distinction Tour
- Christmas tree lighting ceremonies
- Christmas at the Inns (P.G.)
- Christmas in the Adobes (Monterey)
- Ice skating rink (Monterey)
- Stillwell's Fun in the Park (P.G.)
- Lighted boat parade (Monterey harbor)
- Lighted parades (P.G., Salinas)
- Performances of "The Nutcracker"
- Live choral or orchestral performances, including Tuba Christmas and Smuin Ballet
- Portola Plaza's lobby Winter Wonderland (Monterey)
- Lions' Club breakfast with Santa

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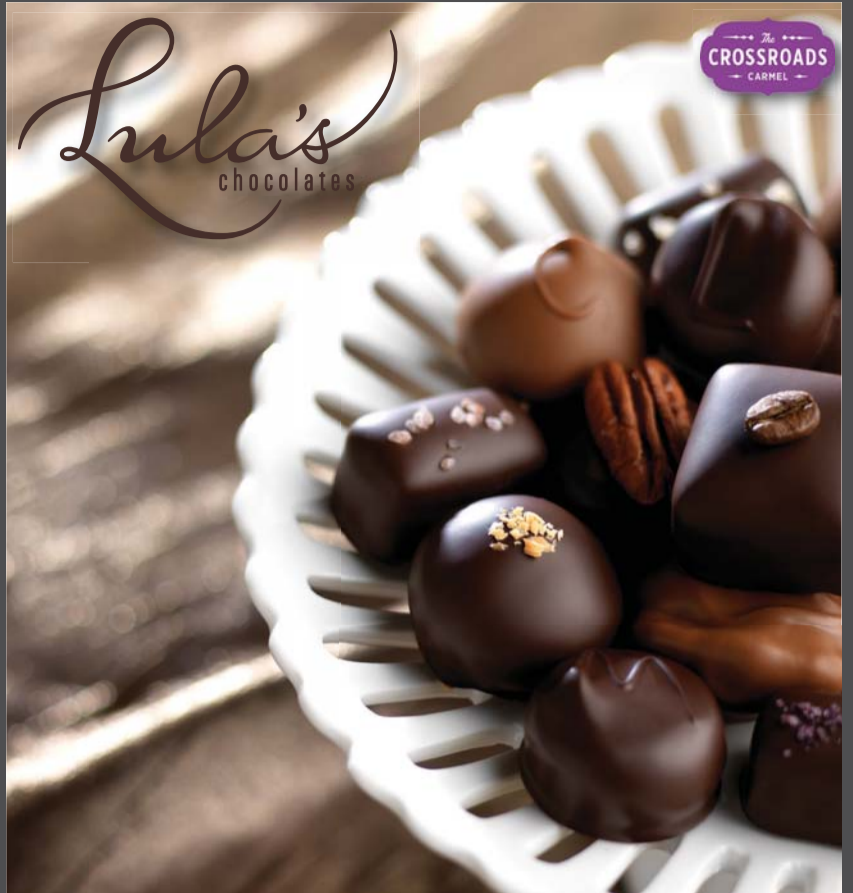
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Earth all year, Mr. and Mrs. Claus will take Zoom calls from the kids to help finalize those all-important lists. Go to cveyc.org for more info from the Carmel Valley Community Youth Center, or call (831) 659-3983.

Out of darkness

Normally, the **Arthritis Foundation's Jingle Bell Run** would be a time when hordes of festively attired runners congregate at Lovers Point. Since potentially spreading one disease while trying to cure another didn't make a whole lot of sense, the race has gone virtual. The Northern California region scheduled its run for Dec. 11-13. Register online for \$35 before Dec. 13 and receive a T-shirt and other goodies. Run your favorite 5k route while sporting your holiday finest on the streets, on the beach or on your treadmill. For more information, contact Wendy Bruns at wbruns@arthritis.org or call (916) 312-3416.

Starting Dec. 15, **Chanticleer** fans can enjoy an a capella concert titled "**From Darkness to Light**," a recorded performance of the group's holiday repertoire. Organizers say the "visually stunning film" opens with a traditional candlelight Christmas Eve procession and ends on Christmas morning.

Apparently, you're on the honor system. If you're watching by yourself at home, it's \$25; two or more people are \$42. Once you've purchased your ticket, you can stream the concert as many times as you like through noon on New Year's Day. Go to chanticleer.org for more info or to order.

Drive-thru lights

P.G.'s Candy Cane Lane (enter at Forest Avenue and Beaumont Street; look for signs) will be welcoming strings of autos snaking through its streets again this year (although there will be no decorations in the park). Put some holiday tunes on your satellite radio and check out the sparkling, inspirational and sometimes goofy displays erected by neighbors there to delight drivers and socially distanced walkers alike.

You could also check out the **holiday lights at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds**. The half-mile self-driving tour promises "spectacular lighted holiday displays all around you — giant Christmas trees twinkling with lights, Santa, reindeer, snowmen, lighted tunnels and many more magical moments."

Weather permitting, it will be open 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., Friday through Sunday evenings through Dec. 27, except Christmas Day. The \$15 admission (\$35 for those hauling 13 or more people) can be paid online in advance at fairgrounds-foundation.org, or you can pony up \$20 onsite. Snacks will be available for purchase and you can tune your radio to special holiday music for the event.

A happier 2021

Add **First Night Monterey** to the list of events gone virtual. It won't be the same as roaming the streets of Old Monterey on New Year's Eve with a mangled schedule shoved into a coat pocket and attendees in goofy hats.

Nevertheless, the fine folks at First Night hope you'll join them for a celebration that links the local "party" with similar groups around the country for a national evening of merrymaking. Details are coming at firstnightmonterey.org.

Kick off the New Year with a virtual version of the **Rio Resolution Run**. The 31st annual event is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 1, and will benefit CASA of Monterey County. Go to riogrill.com and click on the Happenings Link, then scroll down for more information and a link to the online registration form. The fee (\$40 until Dec. 1, \$50 after) includes a shirt, race swag and bragging rights.

Once you register, run or walk along a 5- or 10k route of your choice and post your time and photos online. The gang at Rio Grill says random drawings will be held for prizes, and additional awards will be given for "largest team, fastest team, best-dressed and more" later in the week. And, as they put it, "Walkers, strollers, dogs on a leash, cats on a leash, anything on a leash are all welcome at this year's virtual race."



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The Homecrafters' Marketplace has been cancelled this year but you can still go shopping.

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Big Sur jade. A nice collection of local books is available as well.

You might even be ready for a snack or Nepenthe's famous Ambrosia Burger and, if you grab a drink, there is always a cocktail on the menu featuring The Bitter Ginger's shrubs — you know, in case you need to try before you buy.

Carmel Valley

On your drive out to Carmel Valley, **Earthbound Farm's Farm Stand** (open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday) has a small but lovely gift shop carrying **Carmel Valley Soap Co.** soaps and other artisanal products. Carmel Valley Soap Co. is owned by Hillary Russell who makes her soaps in small batches. They're locally inspired, so you can pick up a Boronda bar or Garland bar for a neighbor or friend.



Baby blankets and beanies by Kim Fassett, locally handcrafted jewelry and more await shoppers at the Phoenix Shop in Big Sur.



The **Quail and Olive** (noon to 5 p.m. daily), a stone's throw from Café Rustica in Carmel Valley Village, is a must for lovers of things culinary. Owner Annalise Brabeck is passionate about carrying the highest quality California-sourced olive oils and vinegars, with intriguing flavors like blood orange and mission fig. The broad assortment of locally pressed oils includes the Quail and Olive's house brand along with **Tres Osos Taggiasca** and **Holman Ranch** olive oil.



Be sure to ask the knowledgeable folks there to help you pick out a special bottle — or a nice assortment — for the kitchen savant in your life. And, for everyone on your shopping list this year, grab a Carmel Valley Soap Co. hand sanitizer. They're practical and smell nice, as they're made with essential oils. These are great as stocking stuffers and will keep your loved ones' hands germ-free.

The Quail and Olive also carries **Carmel Berry Company's** handcrafted elderberry and elderflower syrups, made from herbs that have been long-touted for their nutritional properties. Elderberries are high in antioxidants and rich in vitamins, not to mention make a tasty addition to cocktails and confections. Owner Katie Reneker has created one of the first domestic elderberry companies taking advantage of trees that grow right in Carmel Valley.



Got salt? The Quail and Olive's shelves are stocked with hand-harvested **Big Sur Salts** from the beautiful coastline. They have plain salt as well as flavored salts and blends. You could try the Santa Lucia Highlands blend, Big Sur salt bathed in red wine from the Santa Lucia Highlands or the Lobos salt. The latter pays homage to Point Lobos, the "Crown Jewel" of the state park's system, which apparently tastes like coffee, hickory and garlic.

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Point, click and donate: Museum's 'Miniatures' show debuts online

TO COMPLY with coronavirus precautions, the Monterey Museum of Art has come up with a new way to present its annual fundraising Miniatures Show, which is now

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

underway.

For the first time, the holiday fundraiser has been moved entirely online. At montereyart.org, you can leaf through a digital catalog highlighting 157 different pieces

of art. The trove includes paintings, photographs, mixed media, ceramics, wood block etchings, and even a piece made mostly of horse hair.

If you're interested in a specific piece of art, go to the museum's website, find the piece, and make a donation for an amount of your choosing. If you want to increase your chances of winning it, you can donate as many times as you like.

Once the show closes Dec. 20, a drawing will determine who wins what piece — and how much you donated has no bearing on whether you will win.

All the pieces in the show were donated by museum members. Many of the Monterey Peninsula's finest artists

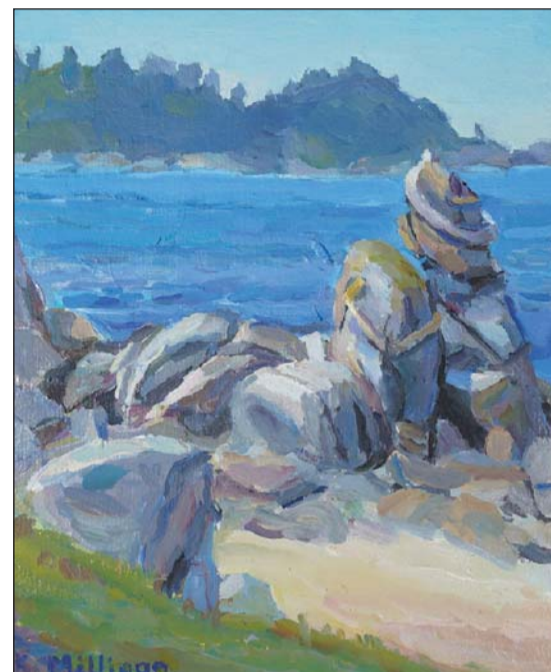
are represented, including **David Ligare, Mark Farina, Heidi Hybl, Mark Tanous, Lila Thorsen, Maria Poroy, Edi Matsumoto, Kathryn Greenwald** and others.

Also included is a photograph, "Point Lobos Tide Pools, 1972," by the late **Wynn Bullock**, which was donated by his family.

So far, response to the fundraiser has been promising. "We're excited and grateful that we've raised almost \$7,000," spokeswoman **Allyson Hitte** told The Pine Cone.

The museum's only annual fundraising show, it raises critical funds for exhibits and programs.

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The Monterey Museum's annual miniatures fundraiser continues online through Dec. 20. It features 157 pieces of art donated by members, including (from the left) "Gator Tours: A Juxtaposition" by Paula Hamilton, "Retirement" by J.W. Stahl, and "Rocks with Whaler's Knoll" by Kevin Milligan.

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FOOD & WINE

Covid-era wine dinners, lots of gingerbread — and a half-dozen nonprofits needed

DESPITE THE epidemic and all the frequently changing restrictions resulting from it, restaurateur Kurt Grasing and his wine director, Eric Ewers, are managing to host wine dinners, the third of which is planned for Tuesday, Dec. 1, at Grasing's restaurant at Mission and Sixth. Featuring the wines of Napa County's Lail Vineyards, the dinner will also benefit fire relief efforts in that area through the Napa Valley Community Foundation.

Ample outdoor seating and plenty of staff will ensure guests interested in tasting interesting wines and the dishes paired with them can sit, dine and learn comfortably, according to Ewers, who called previous dinners featuring Alpha Omega and Clarice wineries "an unqualified success."

With staggered seatings — rather than the traditional setup of having everyone start at the same time — and plenty of space between the tables, Ewers said, guests are able to safely enjoy the restaurant's "Covid-19 Era" wine dinners.

"Having the winery owners available to chat individually with our guests, rather than in a structured lecture format, also engenders a warmth and a personable aspect which have been incredibly well received," he said.

Four courses for fire relief

Winery owner Robin Lail — described by Ewers as "a riveting conversationalist" — will be at the Dec. 1 dinner to discuss each wine pairing and share information and stories about Lail Vineyards, and, pre-

sumably, her impressive legacy and career, with guests.

Lail grew up in the business, literally among the vines of Inglenook, which was founded in 1879 by a great-grandfather's brother, Gustave Niebaum, the Napa Valley winemaking pioneer. Inglenook was passed down to her grandfather and then

Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

her father, who sold it in 1964 but kept other estate vineyards, which she took over following his death in 1970. She went to work as Robert Mondavi's personal assistant, and he became her mentor, after which she co-founded Dominus with Christian Moueix and then Merryvale Vineyards with Bill Harlan, serving as president for 12 years.

She sold out of all her partnerships to create Lail Vineyards with her two daughters in the mid-1990s, and their highly acclaimed wines will complement Grasing's cuisine.

The menu is set to feature citrus-cured wild salmon and 2018 Blueprint sauvignon blanc, duck confit with chanterelles with 2018 Blueprint cabernet sauvignon, a duo of bison (tartare and grilled New York strip) with 2018 Welly cabernet sauvignon and 2017 J. Daniel cabernet sauvignon, and goat cheese cheesecake and 2018 Georgia

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FOOD & WINE

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sauvignon blanc.

Seating times will be offered every 30 minutes between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m., and dinner costs \$145 per person, in-

cluding tax and tip.

Grasing's is located at Sixth and Mission. Sign up at form.jotform.com/203267996934168. For more information and to register for the dinner, visit grasings.com or call (831) 624-6562.



Some of chef Justin Robarge's impressive new dishes at Montrio include Ora King salmon over pesto risotto, a creative combination of wedge and Waldorf salads, octopus carpaccio, and strips of Wagyu beef with figs.

■ **Mana + Pua Black Friday sale**

Mana + Pua Wines, formerly known as The Annex, is holding a big sale Friday, according to owner Ashleigh Hutchison, who also recently opened a store next door called the Lanai. From 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., all wines will be half price.

"If guests don't want to deal with the Friday rush, they're welcome to come in and shop the selections, as we are taking pre-orders all week," she said, and people will be able to pick up their orders or have them delivered (12 bottle minimum) the week of Nov. 30.

"Guests can call (831) 250-7471, and I can walk them through the wines, or via email."

The tasting room offers a diverse selection of wines, from excellent deals to extravagant splurges, which will be great for stocking up and for gifts. She's also offering a wide selection of gift baskets ranging in price from \$75 to \$300, as well as individually wrapped 187-ml bottles of Champagne (\$15) that are ideal for stocking stuffers and coworker gifts.

Mana + Pua and the Lanai are located in the Crossroads shopping center. More information can be found at www.manapua.wine (no .com needed).

■ **Gingerbread, virtually**

Each December, the Hofsas House hosts a very well attended gingerbread-house-building event to benefit the Carmel Public Library Foundation, with children of all ages (including adults) building gingerbread houses from kits while enjoying treats and conversation, all in the holiday spirit.

This year, obviously, no one can gather for the typically festive and crowded sessions, so they'll take place virtually, instead, with people undertaking construction in the comfort of their own homes and documenting the adventure through photos and video.

The kits cost \$25 — all of which goes to the library foundation — and can be reserved via Eventbrite.com. They'll be available for pickup at the hotel at San Carlos and Fourth Dec. 4 at designated times, to ensure enough social distancing, between 1 and 4 p.m.

Virtual decorating will take place Dec. 5, with participants submitting photos or videos of themselves to marci@thebuzzpr.net.

Every submission received by 4 p.m. that day will be entered in a drawing for a night's stay and dinner, with a winner drawn at random.

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FOOD & WINE

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■ New dishes at Montrio

Chef Justin Robarge has introduced several new dishes to the farmers-market-driven menu at Montrio Bistro on Calle Principal, including a couple well worth trying during your next al fresco dining experience in downtown Monterey. Talented in his blending of flavors and textures, and with an eye toward aesthetics, Robarge has added some diversity and freshness to the menu.

Coming in at the top is a small plate of super tender and flavorful F1 Wagyu beef sliced and served with grilled local figs, green tea jalapeño gastrique, grilled lemon and almond brittle. The beef and figs complement each other well, and the brittle is an unexpected sweet crunch. For those seeking heat, the sauce is a bit mild, but that ensures it doesn't dominate the other flavors.

Also impressive is the thinly sliced octopus carpaccio complemented by a late-season plum vinaigrette, fire-roasted peppers and smoked pear aioli, accompanied by grilled bread.

The Waldorf Wedge blends two classics in a light and creative way, capitalizing on the crunch of baby iceberg and bite of bleu cheese, and the sweetness of the grapes and apples that characterize a Waldorf. Spiced pecans and a tangy yogurt-poppysseed vinaigrette round it out.

And perfectly cooked Ora King salmon comes on a bed of basil pesto risotto with heirloom tomatoes, feta cheese, bits of crispy nduja sausage, and Mornay sauce. This dish replaces Montrio's longtime salmon entrée and is a worthy upgrade.

Finally, for anyone with a hankering for a bit of the wild, the mildly gamey venison loin is cooked tender and served with addictive crispy truffle risotto, celeriac puree, cherry glaze and pickled apples, for a complex blend of flavors.

For dessert, those who don't shy from eggs, cream and sugar should check out the Grand Marnier creme brûlée, served with two soft ginger cookies.

For information and reservations, go to montrio.com. The restaurant is open from late afternoon for happy hour and dinner nightly, and has plenty of heated outdoor seating.

■ Gingerbread on the wharf

Fisherman's Wharf is all lit up and decorated for the holidays, with a 30-foot tree surrounded by sea creatures, and is holding a gingerbread holiday photo contest this year. Visitors simply grab anything involving gingerbread — whether it's a cookie, fudge, house, ornament, toy or something else even remotely connected to the traditional holiday sweet — pose for photos, and send them in with captions and credit to info@montereywharf.com before the end of the year. Submissions should also include name, address, email and phone number, of course. Put "Wharf Gingerbread Photo Contest Entry" in the subject head.

Winners of first, second and third place will receive prizes of \$100 to \$20 in Wharf Dollars and will be notified by Jan. 15, 2021.

Also to consider when visiting the wharf: Locals get two hours of free parking Monday through Thursday, and can ask for locals' menus at various restaurants there. For more information, go to montereywharf.com or call (831) 238-0777.

■ Looking for charities to help

The new owners of Montrio, Rio Grill and Tarp's want to continue their philanthropic "Pick It Up — Pay It Forward" campaign and are hoping to hear from local nonprofits that would be worthy of their support next year.

"With the difficulties of the pandemic, many nonprofits are struggling to keep up with growing demand," Ken Donkersloot and Mona Calis announced. "We are partnering with different charities in the Monterey Bay area to work with and support on an ongoing basis."

In the campaign, 10 percent of the pro-

ceeds from takeout orders will be donated to a half-dozen charities.

"We feel a strong commitment to our guests, to the neighborhoods and communities in which they live, as well as to the organizations that are important to them," they said. "For our family in particular, it is also extremely important to nurture society in meaningful ways."

Their newly formed company, Coastal Roots Hospitality, will choose organiza-

tions to benefit from the fundraising effort throughout 2021, with a different nonprofit featured every two months.

To apply, email PR@CoastalRootsHospitality.com by Dec. 15 with all the pertinent information, including name and contact information, web links, mission statement and a short statement of no more than 300 words about why the organization should be selected and how the money would be used.

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ART

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■ Making beauty out of glass

If all goes according to plan, a new business in Sand City will be making beauty out of glass by the end of this

week.

Located at 801 California Ave., Monterey Glass Works will specialize in making artisanal glass for homes and businesses. They also plan to mentor the next generation by offering classes for would-be glass-artists, and residences for talented glass artists who live far way.

The business is owned by a father-son team of glass artists, **Al** and **Nathan Sambar**. This Friday, they will fire up their kiln at the new site for the first time.

“Our main job is to make glass installations,” Al told The Pine Cone. “But we are also going to use our facility to promote glass art. Teaching is important — to be a glass hub, we need to offer classes and expose people to glass.”

Not only are the Sambars hopeful they can turn their business into a magnet for glass artists, they say they can do so in a way that doesn’t harm the environment. Most of their equipment is powered by either electricity or vegetable oil, in contrast to relying on natural gas, which is commonly used for making glass, but very inefficient, Sambar said.

He noted that vegetable oil — which he gets from several local restaurants — “burns very clean.” The father-son team also makes use of recycled glass.

“Making glass is one of oldest human industries, but it’s a very dirty industry,” he explained. “Figuring how to do it sustainably is really important to us — there’s an entire generation that’s trying to figure how to do this in a sustainable way.”

Sambar — who described his business as a “giant experiment” — said Sand City has just the right “vibe” for what he and his son want to create. “It’s filled with young tradespeople who like to work with their hands and express their creativity,” he added.

For more details, visit montereyglassworks.com.

■ 2021 calendar makes debut

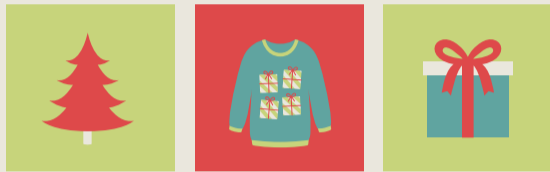
Few stocking stuffers capture the local creative spirit better than **Rachael Short’s** yearly calendar, which showcases the moods of her striking black-and-white photog-

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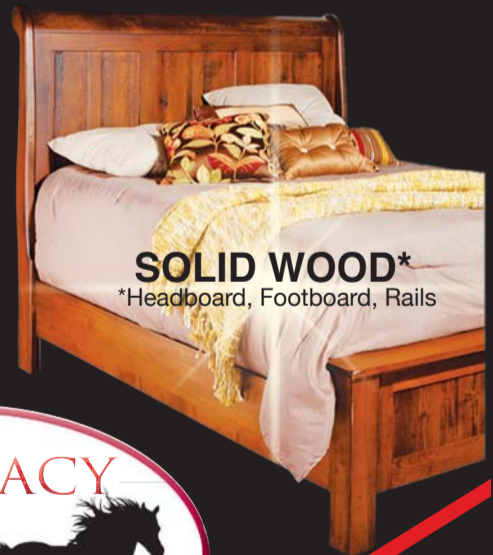
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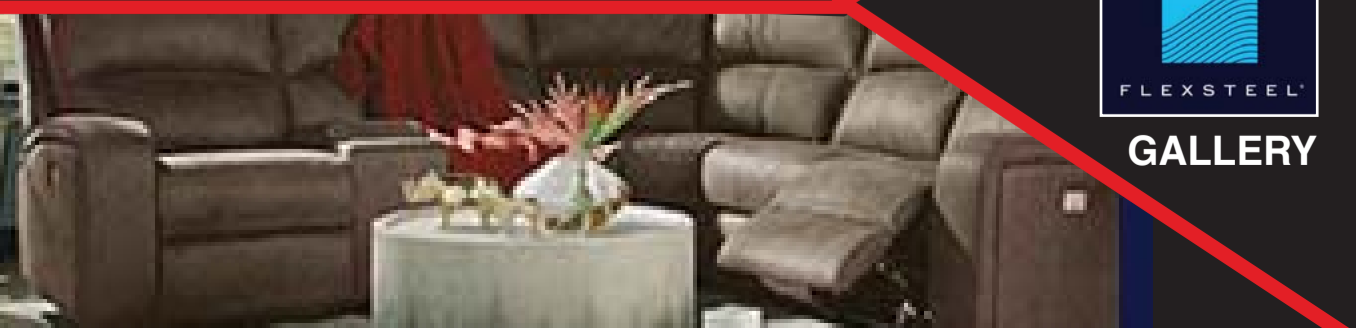
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Short also offers boxed sets of her photos printed on greeting cards, and you get eight cards, along with envelopes, for \$15, and she has prints available of her favorite images for as low as \$100.

Gallery Exposed is currently displaying a 20-year look at Short's work, which includes silver gelatin, platinum and lith prints, the latter an alternative photographic process that can create otherworldly images.

Located at San Carlos and Seventh (next door to Pescadero restaurant), the gallery is open by appointment only — at least for now. For more details, visit rachaelsort.com. "I hope to see the upper half of your face soon," Short added.

■ **The show must go on**

Despite the pandemic, artists who live in the Del Mesa Carmel retirement community are going ahead with their annual Holiday Exhibit, which is now on display.

Del Mesa Carmel is home to a number of talented art-

ists, and the holiday sale is typically filled with bargains.

"Most of us try to sell our work and we have all had fairly good sales over the years although our market is very limited," artist **Kari Hargrove** said. "Our prices are very good as we don't pay a commission to anyone."

Hargrove said Del Mesa's art gallery is open by appointment.

"If you would like to visit our gallery sometime, please

let me know and I will make arrangements for you to come in, and show you around," she added.

While the exhibit is happening this year, Del Mesa's annual Holiday Bazaar has been canceled.

Del Mesa is also home to an art center, which in better times, served as a hub of activity.

To make an appointment to visit the Del Mesa gallery, call (831) 622-0484.

One of Nathan Sambar's students learns how to blow glass. Sambar and his father, Al, are opening a glass studio in Sand City and will offer classes.



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- Immediately shifted our once-a-month Business Roundtable meetings to once-a-week updates.
- Collaborated with Visit Carmel on City banners and business signage.
- Collaborated with all Chambers in Monterey County to create business re-opening protocols for the County.
- Collaborated with the City on creative ways to keep restaurant and wine tasting room doors open.
- Collaborated with Carmel Gives to provide a pathway for community-related projects.
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- Re-imagined our Annual Awards of Excellence Gala to celebrate all of our remarkable members.
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