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Police nab suspect in downtown vandalism spree

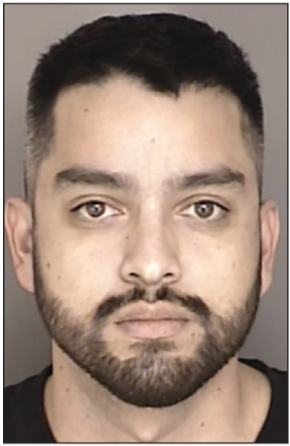
By MARY SCHLEY

GRAFFITI MIGHT be considered a minor crime in a lot of communities — but not here. A Napa man who came to town for a wedding, got drunk and went on a vandalism rampage in the early hours of Oct. 23 ended up in Monterey County Jail more than a week later, after police used surveillance video from numerous businesses to identify him and then went to his home to arrest him.

Gabriel Walker, 27, painted the letters “KRMA” in roughly 15 places, including private and public buildings, garbage cans, railings, a van and a bar bathroom between midnight and 2:30 a.m. last Saturday, according to police.

As officers Greg Johnson and Brian Liddy investigated and traced the vandal’s path, they began

receiving videos from numerous downtown businesses. One showed Walker vandalizing a railing.



Gabriel Walker

The numerous bits of surveillance video also allowed officers to essentially track Walker’s movements through town, including a visit to Barmel with his brother earlier that evening, Johnson told The Pine Cone. “Through the staff and the owner, we were determined he paid with a credit card, so we were able to get his name,” he said. Walker also allegedly vandalized the bar’s bathroom.

Wedding party

They learned Walker had been in town for a wedding, which Johnson said he was sure must have taken place at La Playa, since the hotel hosts weddings on Fridays. That turned out to be the case, and police were able to gather more information about him.

A DMV photo matched the image of the vandal on the video, and with Walker’s name and date of birth known, the next day, “our records department did a phenomenal job of locating him through various law enforcement databases,” Johnson said. Community services officer Dawn Almario discovered Walker was on probation from a DUI case in Napa County.

On Nov. 1, Johnson and two other officers went to Napa and watched his house until he showed up. Inside, they found the clothing he had worn in Carmel, notebooks with the same KRMA letters, spray paint and paint pens.

They also discovered more than 8 pounds of marijuana

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Kids 5 to 11 eligible for vaccine, can get shots Saturday

Mask mandate in effect Friday

By KELLY NIX

CHILDREN AGE 5 to 11 are now eligible to be vaccinated against coronavirus, and the Monterey County Health Department will start immunizing kids this weekend, officials said Wednesday.

On Oct. 29, the FDA expanded the emergency use authorization of the Covid-19 Pfizer vaccine to include children in that age group, and on Tuesday a CDC advisory committee also concluded the vaccine is safe. Children 12 to 17 can already get the jab.

On Wednesday, Monterey County physicians shared news of the immunization for young children and assured parents it’s safe.

“All that we are waiting on now is for the vaccine to arrive here in Monterey County,” Dr. Martha Blum with Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula said. “We are waiting on the deliveries, and hopefully we will see it given to children, certainly in the next few days or week.”

While more vaccine is expected to be issued to county providers next week, the Monterey County Health Depart-

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Council lets parklets stay through mid-January

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH MONTEREY County’s mask mandate throwing a wrench in the works, the city council unanimously voted Tuesday night to let restaurants keep their outdoor dining in parking spaces through mid-January 2022, when it will take up the issue again. The council had been discussing the fate of the parklets, and extending them by 30 days, each month since its initial decision last summer calling for their removal in September.

As usual, several of the 26 restaurant and bar operators who have parklets argued for retaining them, while a handful of residents said they should go.

Until restrictions are lifted

“Outdoor dining and eating and drinking is something that needs to stay,” Sade’s bar owner Parker Logan said, adding that with the county’s mask mandate kicking in

Nov. 5 and in place for an indeterminate amount of time, the parklets should remain at least until those restrictions are lifted.

Tim Twomey of the Carmel Residents Association reiterated his group’s position that the parklets need to go away and said the council should establish some criteria for when they must be taken down.

Covid here to stay

More than half of the customers at Cantinetta Luca routinely ask to eat outside, according to owner David Fink. “Covid is not going away — it’s never going to go away,” he said. “It’s gotten better, absolutely, but we’ve got guests who just don’t want to eat inside.”

Resident Cindy Lloyd reiterated her opinion that the parklets “interrupt the architectural ethic of Carmel,” as well as the use of sidewalks, especially on the south side of Ocean between Monte Verde and Lincoln, where several parking spots are occupied by a parklet.

“I had the sense that I was walking through a restaurant,” with servers going back and forth between the restaurants and their patrons, she said. “I felt as though I were an intruder.”

She said she understands people want to eat outdoors and that the restaurateurs want the parklets, but she hopes

See PARKLETS page 21A

Grease trap rule is sticky for hotel owner

By MARY SCHLEY

MARK STILWELL’S years-long effort to update the aging Carmel Lodge at San Carlos and Fifth that he owns with wife Susan hit another snag this week, when the city council failed to approve his application to install a grease interceptor in the sidewalk near the hotel’s restaurant, which has been mostly vacant since Kurt Grasing shut down his chop house there in March 2010.

Instead, council members told Stilwell to explore other options, even though he has said there are none that will work as well.

At issue is the Carmel Area Wastewater District’s requirement, due to the upgrades to the restaurant, that a new grease separator be installed to protect the public sewer system from dishwashing water. The utility prefers the grease interceptor to be onsite but will allow it on public property — with permission from the city.

Gravity

Due to the slope of the hotel property, none of its outdoor areas would work without wastewater having to be pumped up from the kitchen, according to planning director Brandon Swanson. If it’s placed in the sidewalk, the equipment would be underground with a camouflaged maintenance cover, and Stilwell would have new landscap-

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Will SB 9 ruin, fix or do nothing in C.V. Village?

By CHRIS COUNTS

WHETHER YOU love it or hate it, the new state law to open up single-family neighborhoods to oodles of additional houses and condos promises to bring major changes to almost every part of California. The law, SB 9, dramatically lowers the hurdles builders face to subdivide properties and exempts many housing projects from CEQA. But will the new law, signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom in September, apply to Carmel Valley Village, where many say affordable housing is needed but anti-development sentiment remains strong?

Adding a new twist this week to the topic, opponents of SB 9 launched a petition drive for a ballot initiative that would allow local land use and zoning regulations to override conflicting state laws — something not only builders, but activists and environmentalists, could find reason to support.

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County to target unvaxxed workers

By KELLY NIX

MONTEREY COUNTY will start taking “corrective action” against government employees who continue to disobey a county order that they get vaccinated against Covid-19, officials said Tuesday.

The Monterey County Board of Supervisors on July 30 voted unanimously to require all of the county’s roughly 5,500 employees to be vaccinated. The compliance deadline was Oct. 31. While 92 percent of the county’s workforce is fully vaccinated, compared to about 60 percent in July, there are still dozens who have not qualified for exemptions but are still not vaccinated.

On Tuesday, county human resources officials informed the Monterey County Board of Supervisors that 4,985 employees have shown proof they’ve been fully vaccinated,

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TISCORNIA DIES AT 75



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Gary Tiscornia, who earned widespread respect and admiration during his 16 years as head of the Monterey County SPCA, died Oct. 14 in Tucson, Ariz. See page 8A.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Tenacious terrier

AFTER FALLING for a tiny Tibetan terrier, she went to the breeder's residence straight away to see him. Yet, as she moved toward him, a little girl dashed in front of her, proclaimed her love for the dog and carried him off.

Perturbed, she sat down to ponder the situation, when what looked like the runt of the litter ran right up her leg and into her lap, and began chewing on her jewelry. Then the pup scurried off to tussle with her terrier siblings and seemed to vanish. She looked around, confused. "My friend told me to look down. There, tucked between my feet, was the little female. I didn't mean to get her — I really just went for some puppy love," her person said. "She claimed me."

Two weeks later, Tashi took her first flight across the country. She was so calm, so quiet, so soothing throughout the trip, her person realized she had acquired an emotional support animal.

"Tashi's name means 'fortunate' or 'prosperous' in Tibetan, although I'm the one who feels fortunate," her person said. "Dala is her middle name, which refers to the moon goddess. When she was little, she howled at the moon."



Tashi, now 4, is a resident of Monterey and the unofficial mayor of Del Monte Beach. She's interested in meeting every dog that runs along the shore, but if anyone tries to take something from the sand — seaweed, a shell, a sandwich — she's likely to bark and chase after them.

"Tashi and I have a thinking spot, a little stretch of blacktop between the beach and the hotel," her person said. "It's very peaceful, unless a bird or a ball or another dog comes by. Then she runs after it, to investigate. If she gets a funky vibe, she becomes a lifeguard, protecting me."

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Arch won't get plaque after all

By MARY SCHLEY

REGARDLESS OF whether it lists solely veterans or includes others who helped in the World War I effort, a plaque proposed for installation in front of the World War I Memorial Arch at Ocean and San Carlos shouldn't be there at all, the city council decided 4-1 Tuesday night.

After the historic resources board concluded the bronze plaque, with its list of Army and Navy veterans and those who helped in the war effort through the Red Cross, YMCA and other organizations, would comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and should be approved, a group asked the city council to deny it.

Former mayors Sue McCloud and Ken White, resident Mike Brown and master stonemason Brian McEldowney — whose grandfather built the original arch 100 years ago, and who worked on its recent restoration — argued the plaque should list only veterans. The arch was designed by architect Charles Sumner Greene and is a historic resource.

'Inclusive approach'

At the Nov. 2 meeting, McCloud said she was also speaking for former mayors Charlotte Townsend and Steve Dallas and former council members Paula Hazdovac and Gerard Rose when she argued that only veterans should be listed on the plaque, not others who served in non-combatant roles. Greene also designed and sculpted an "honor roll" of veterans and others who helped in the war effort that hung in city hall, but it was later lost. McCloud suggested it would be more appropriate to recreate the honor roll and place it elsewhere rather than to list everyone on a plaque at the monument.

But Ian Martin has studied the history of the arch and said residents and decision makers a century ago sought to honor everyone. "This is what the Carmel

community wanted to do — they wanted to have this inclusive approach," he said. "All we're trying to do is honor the wishes of the Carmel community of yesteryear and who they wanted to commemorate and have remembered in their service in the Great War as defined by them, not by us."

'Leave arch alone'

Residents, American Legion members and others spoke with varying degrees of passion on both sides.

"It's very hard to decide what somebody wanted 100 years ago," former American Legion Post 512 Cmdr. Brian Andrus said, encouraging the council to overturn the HRB's decision, while current post Cmdr. Gerry Paratore said that even though Legion members voted to withdraw their support for the plaque, he was "a man divided, because as a citizen and as a veteran, I fully support the inclusive list."

"To deny that plaque is to deny justice to folks who are long gone and can't speak for themselves," he said.

In discussion, Mayor Dave Potter asked councilman Bobby Richards to weigh in first, since he served in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1981 to 1987 and has been in the Coast Guard Auxiliary since 2000.

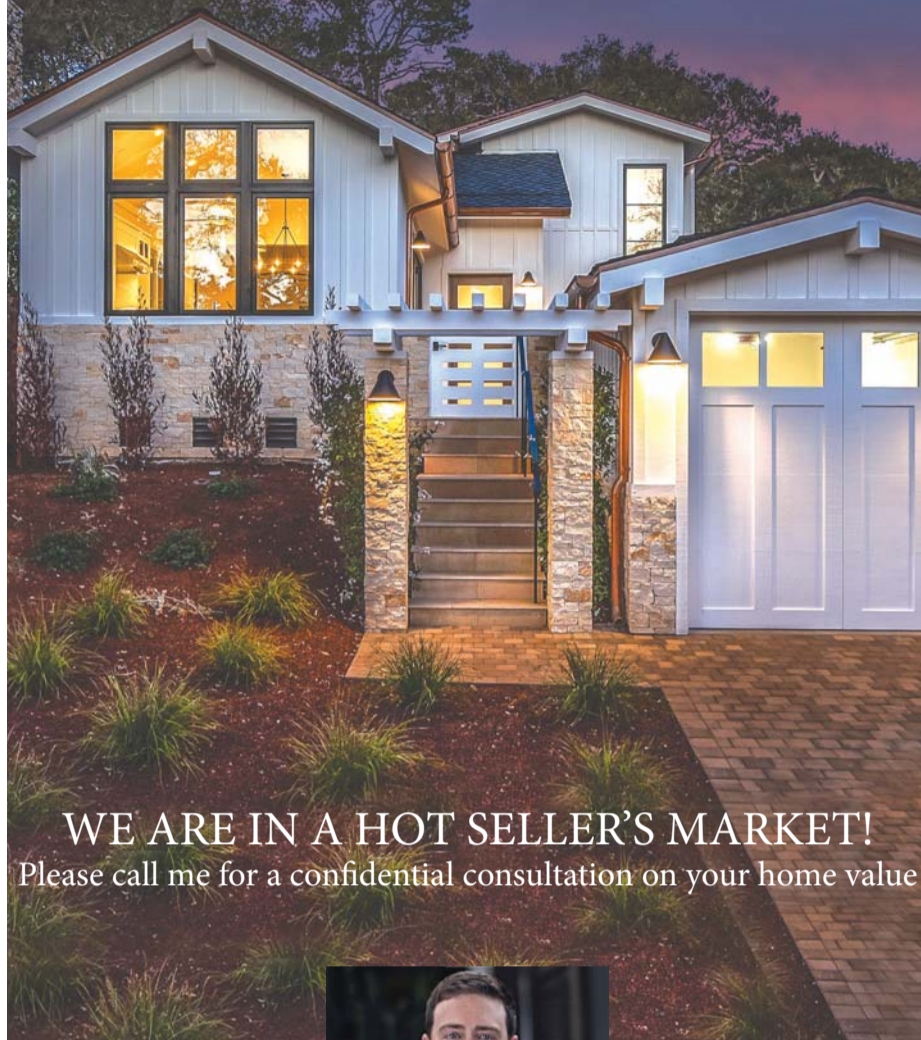
While it's important to recognize the veterans and auxiliaries who served in World War I, Richards said, he doesn't want a plaque on the arch at all.

"I think the arch should be left alone, and it should be viewed from afar," he said. "I don't think it's a great idea to have people come right up to it and try to read the names."

Councilwoman Carrie Theis thanked everyone for speaking and those who restored the arch for the work they did, but she agreed there should be no plaque on the memorial. Alternatively, Devendorf Park is a "quiet place where you can contemplate what these veterans and these

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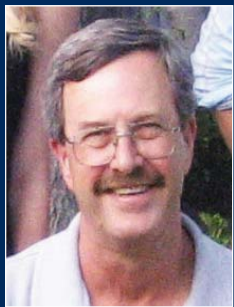
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Police & Sheriff's Log

This time the prowler was real

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fall on city property on Ocean east of San Carlos.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Juvenile female was contacted during traffic stop at Camino del Monte and Pico at 2259 hours and found to be driving without a license. Juvenile was driving home from work at a downtown restaurant. Mother was contacted and responded to the scene to drive the juvenile home.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found wallet was taken in for safekeeping.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Necklace lost at the beach on Oct. 2.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Outside-jurisdiction report of a lost wallet on Rio Road.

Pacific Grove: Report of a runaway juvenile.

Pacific Grove: Patterson Lane resident reported the theft of a 4-foot-by-6-foot mirror

from her residence.

Pacific Grove: Report of a violation of a court order on Pico.

Pacific Grove: Resident reported an ongoing neighbor issue at a complex on Pico.

Pacific Grove: A 25-year-old male on Bishop was determined to be drunk in public, and this was in violation of his probation terms. Male booked into Monterey County Jail on charges of public intoxication, probation violation, trespassing, vandalism and obstruction.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Pacific Grove: Possible wallet theft at a business on Forest. Credit cards used at retail stores in another jurisdiction.

Pacific Grove: Assisted adult protective services at a 16th Street residence.

Pacific Grove: Fountain Avenue resident reported being defrauded of money.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Lighthouse reported theft or loss of personal property.

Carmel Valley: School laptop was located on the side of Carmel Valley Road and turned in.

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



The gavel falls

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

Sept. 2 — Desjuan Thompson, 23, an inmate at the Correctional Training Facility in Soledad, was sentenced after being convicted of two counts of indecent exposure in front of a female prison employee.

On July 16, 2020, Thompson, who is serving a prison sentence for carjacking, walked down the hallway of CTF and saw the employee. As she passed by him, Thompson asked how she was doing, pulled out his penis and masturbated in front of her.

On May 6, 2021, Thompson approached the pill window at CTF where he asked for medicine. The female employee consulted her computer to find the medicine, but her system showed that Thompson did not have that type of medication prescribed to him. When she turned from her computer back towards him, Thompson had his penis out of his pants and placed on the window ledge.

Judge Sam Lavorato, Jr. presided over a one-day jury trial that concluded on Aug. 31, 2021. Judge Lavorato sentenced Thompson to six months in Monterey County Jail following his release from his current prison sentence. He will also be required him to register as a sex offender pursuant to California

Penal Code section 290.

Sept. 2 — Jerry Sanks, 31, and Lenny Sanks, 34, both of Salinas, pled guilty to the 2016 Chinatown killing of Kareem Jamal King, who was 23 years old at the time of his death. Jerry Sanks will be sentenced to 26 years and four months in state prison and Lenny Sanks, his brother, will be sentenced to 12 years, eight months in state prison.

Jerry Sanks shot King to death on the corner of Bridge Alley and Lake Street in the Chinatown area of Salinas on the afternoon of Sept. 16, 2016.

Lenny Sanks arranged for the ride to the location of the killing. Jerry and Lenny Sanks erroneously believed that King was responsible for shooting their friend Jelks on Labor Day, eleven days earlier.

Medical staff pronounced Marcus Jelks dead at Natividad Medical Center at approximately 11:33 a.m. on the same day that Jerry Sanks shot King to death.

The case went cold due in large measure to a pervasive "no-snitching" culture and fear of retaliation by eyewitnesses to the crime. In

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Woman who allegedly cased then burglarized home nabbed in P.G.

By KELLY NIX

A WOMAN arrested by Pacific Grove Police officers Tuesday on suspicion of burglarizing numerous homes has been charged with felony and misdemeanor crimes and is being held in Monterey County Jail.

Residents in Pacific Grove and other nearby cities in the past several weeks reported that their homes had been burglarized. A female, eyewitnesses said, would case homes during the day by knocking on doors and telling residents she was serving court paperwork.

"If nobody came to the door, she would check doors and windows and burglarize homes, taking prescription medications, cash and sensitive documents," Pacific Grove Police Department spokeswoman Jocelyn Francis said.

On Tuesday at about 1:30 p.m., officers responded to reports of a suspicious person on the 800 block of Lighthouse Avenue. That person, police said, looked similar to the burglary suspect, and a black Mercedes

SUV nearby matched previous sightings.

"While observing the vehicle, a female matching the suspect description entered the Mercedes," Francis said. "Officers made contact, interviewed witnesses and made an arrest."

More charges

Genia Kushner, 53, of Aromas was arrested on charges of prowling and possession of medication without prescription.

Upon further investigation, police also booked her on burglary, attempted burglary and possession of stolen property charges.

Kushner was transported and booked into Monterey County Jail, where she's being held on \$50,000 bail.

The Monterey County Deputy District Attorney's Office charged Kushner with felony first-degree burglary and misdemeanor charges of receiving known stolen property, loitering, theft of personal property and possession of a controlled substance.

She was scheduled to be arraigned Thursday afternoon in a Salinas courtroom.

Teacher accused of assaulting teen fired

By MARY SCHLEY

THE PACIFIC Grove High School teacher accused of slapping a female student on the butt twice during a class in August will be fired, Pacific Grove Unified School District Superintendent Ralph Porras said in a statement this week.

"At last night's meeting, the PGUSD Board of Trustees gave direction to the administration to begin the process of releasing a teacher at Pacific Grove High School," he said in the Nov. 2 email to parents and the community. "The direction followed an investigation by the school dis-

trict's legal counsel into serious allegations of inappropriate conduct toward female students."

Among those accusations were details shared by student Fiona McFadden at a PGUSD board meeting last month. "During sixth-period sports medicine class, Tony Payan sexually assaulted me along with at least one other student," she wrote in the letter read to the board by her mother. On Aug. 12 in his classroom, McFadden recounted, she was taping a classmate's ankle when Payan passed behind

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City hall gets bulletproof glass

By MARY SCHLEY

PUBLIC WORKS crews last week took down the plexiglass that was installed to keep coronavirus away from workers in the front office and at the planning department in city hall and replaced it with heavy-duty safety glass. They made the change not because anyone has threatened harm to anyone there, but because industry experts and the state recommend it, according to Jane Wilson, senior human resources analyst.

“There are best practices in the field regarding increases in violence in the workplace and what can be done to make sure employees are better protected,” she said, especially in “service areas where there’s a lot of traffic.”

On the list

Installing bulletproof glass had been on the worklist for a while, in fact, but other projects took priority, according to Wilson.

“But we knew this was a best practice and something we knew we wanted to do,”

she said.

The combination of a strong budget with unanticipated revenues and the ongoing threat of the pandemic drove the decision to go ahead and put in the glass.

“When the budget improved and we still had Covid, the two came together in terms of ‘Let’s do it now,’” she said.

The plexiglass barriers tended to flex, and therefore become pervious, when people leaned up against the counters at the front desk and at the community planning and building window just down the hall, according to Wilson.

The thick safety glass that replaced it is riveted in place around the windows, so that’s no longer a problem.

“The one we’ve got now is very secure,” she said.

Wilson reiterated that the glass, which cost \$11,908 plus the hours worked by Leo Hernandez, Michael Tope and Rene Aldama when they came in early to install it, is “just a preventive measure.”

“We’ve had no calls — no hostile people in the workplace,” she said.

Pebble Beach author to sign books

WENDY VAN Wyck Good of Pebble Beach has written a biography of Margaret, Esther and Helen Bruton, called “Sisters in Art,” which she will be signing at River House Books in the Crossroads shopping center Nov. 7 from 1 to 3 p.m.

The hardcover, which is filled with color art plates and photographs, traces the Brutons’ rise in the art world during the early 20th century. In Chapter 3, Good re-

counts some of the history of artists on the Peninsula, where Margaret participated in Monterey’s First Annual Industrial and Art Exposition in 1922.

The sisters spent a fair amount of time here, and the author describes some of the goings-on at Stevenson House, which was then a hotel.

You can check out Good’s blog about the family of artists at brutonsisters.com.

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Sculptor is a finalist to honor teenager who sparked civil rights fight

By CHRIS COUNTS

IN THE latest testament to his skill as a sculptor, Steven Whyte is one of five finalists to make a piece that pays tribute to the late Barbara Johns, who, as a teenager, led a strike in 1951 to protest segregation at her Virginia high school. "I am super happy to be in the final group," Whyte told The Pine Cone.

The statue of Johns will be placed in the National Statuary Hall Collection in Washington, D.C., where it will represent the state of Virginia. It will replace a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee, which had been there since 1909, but was removed last December.

Lee remains a hero to some, but many others have long called for the piece to be taken down because he owned slaves.

In April 1951, at age 16, Johns led 450 classmates in a walkout protesting substandard conditions at Virginia's all-black Robert Russa Moton High School. The action is credited with helping to spark the movement to desegregate schools. She died in 1991.

Johns will join Parks, King

Among the 100 pieces in the hall are statues of Helen Keller, Martin Luther King, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Rosa Parks, Gerald Ford, George Washington and Barry Goldwater. And while Lee is gone, other Confederate icons remain, including former Confederates States President Jefferson Davis — at least for now.

California, curiously, is represented by statues of Junipero Serra and Ronald Reagan, two figures who offend many in the 21st century and could join the ranks of the canceled.

While most of Whyte's pieces aren't political or controversial, he made news in 2017 when his Comfort Women Memorial was unveiled in San Francisco. The piece

caused a brief diplomatic row between the United States and Japan, and the sculptor received more than 1,000 angry emails about it. But he also received much praise.

Whyte said he'd love to see one of his pieces find a home in the National Statuary Hall Collection.

"It's been a longtime goal of mine," added Whyte, who has a studio in The Barnyard shopping center. "To be able to achieve this milestone, while also assisting in changing the narrative of the individuals and stories we celebrate as a nation, would be an incredible achievement."

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A statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee was taken down last year at the National Statuary Hall Collection in Washington D.C., and one of civil rights hero Barbara Johns will replace it.



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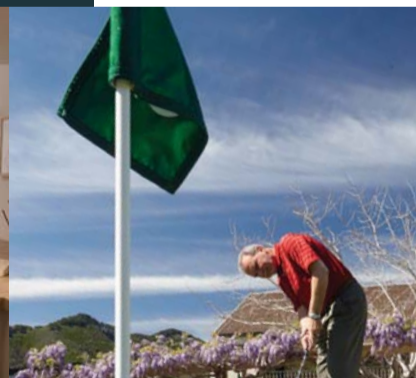
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Former SPCA director dies at 75

By KELLY NIX

GARY TISCORNIA, the longtime former executive director of SPCA Monterey County and a man the nonprofit characterized as an “incredible leader, mentor, friend, and tireless advocate for the animals,” has died.

Tiscornia, 75, who led the SPCA from 2000 to 2016, died Oct. 14 in Tucson, Ariz., where he lived with his wife, Colleen. SPCA Monterey County’s marketing and communications vice president, Beth Brookhouser, who worked alongside Tiscornia, said he was always striving for ways to improve the lives of pets, wildlife and those who love them.

“My life is better for having known him and having him as a mentor,” Brookhouser told *The Pine Cone* Wednesday. “And so many programs exist in Monterey County and throughout the country thanks to his leadership, kindness and love for animals.”

When he retired five years ago, Tiscornia said the success at the SPCA during his time there was all due to the hard work and compassion of the staff of more than

70, the board of directors, and the nonprofit’s 350 volunteers, and said working with them made his stint a pleasure.

“My goal has always been to hire people smarter than I am,” he said. “I have some terrific people.”

SPCA President and CEO Scott Delucchi, who took over for Tiscornia after his retirement, said he inherited a thriving, beloved organization with many important programs and a talented team of employees, volunteers and board members.

“Gary’s fingerprints were on everything, and he could not have been more gracious during our transition,” Delucchi said. “His impact is still felt today and will continue to make a difference for years to come.”

Raised in Saint Joseph, Mich., and Tucson, Tiscornia developed his concern for animals when he was a very young boy caring for his treasured childhood dogs, as well as wayward gophers and chipmunks in his backyard, according to his obituary, which also said he was “fair, pragmatic, forward-thinking, unflappable in a crisis, and ethical to a fault.”

Talbott’s Diamond T Ranch sold

NOTED FOR its vineyards and sweeping views, the Talbott Estate’s mountaintop Diamond T Ranch in Carmel Valley recently sold for just under \$9 million.

Located at 16 Oak Meadow Lane, the estate includes two houses, a fruit orchard, a wine cellar and an assortment of barns and outbuildings — along with a Volkswagen bus that’s been transformed into a “Hippie Fountain,” and a 1948 John Deere tractor that once cleared the land.

The property is also home to a pair of vineyards — one is dedicated to chardonnay grapes, while the other is planted with pinot noir.

In 1950, the late Robert Talbott Sr. brought his family to Carmel, where he started what would become a very successful tie business.

When he and his wife traveled to Europe to buy silk to make ties, they fell in love with the vineyards of France and Italy, and became interested in making their own wines.

In 1982, Talbott’s son, Robb, began planting grapes at the Diamond T Ranch, and soon, Talbott Vineyards was born.

Despite selling the property, Talbott’s son, Robb, has no plans to retire. He and his family are moving closer to Carmel.

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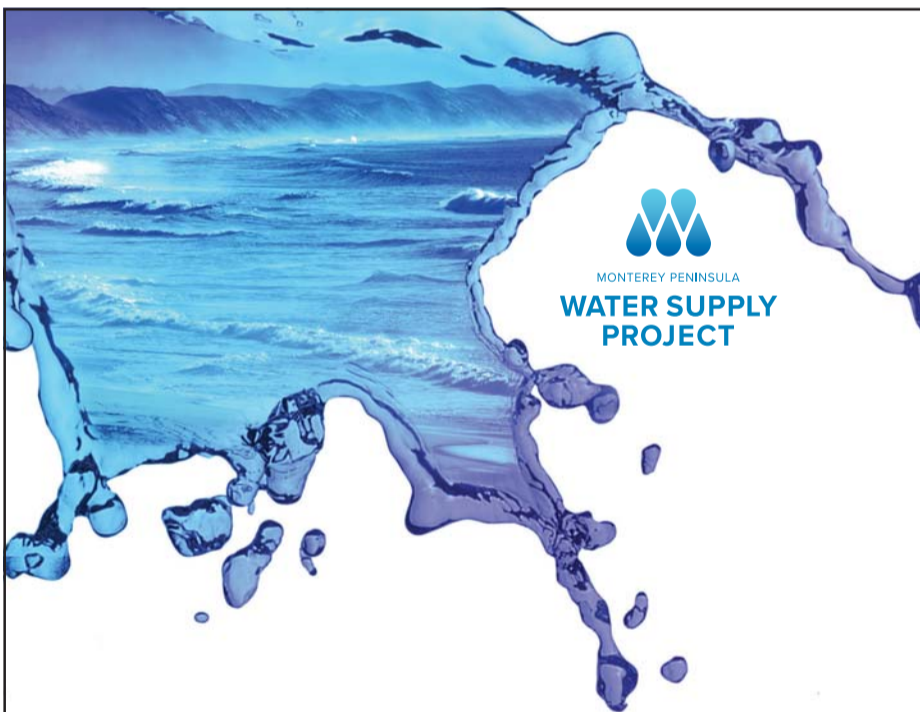
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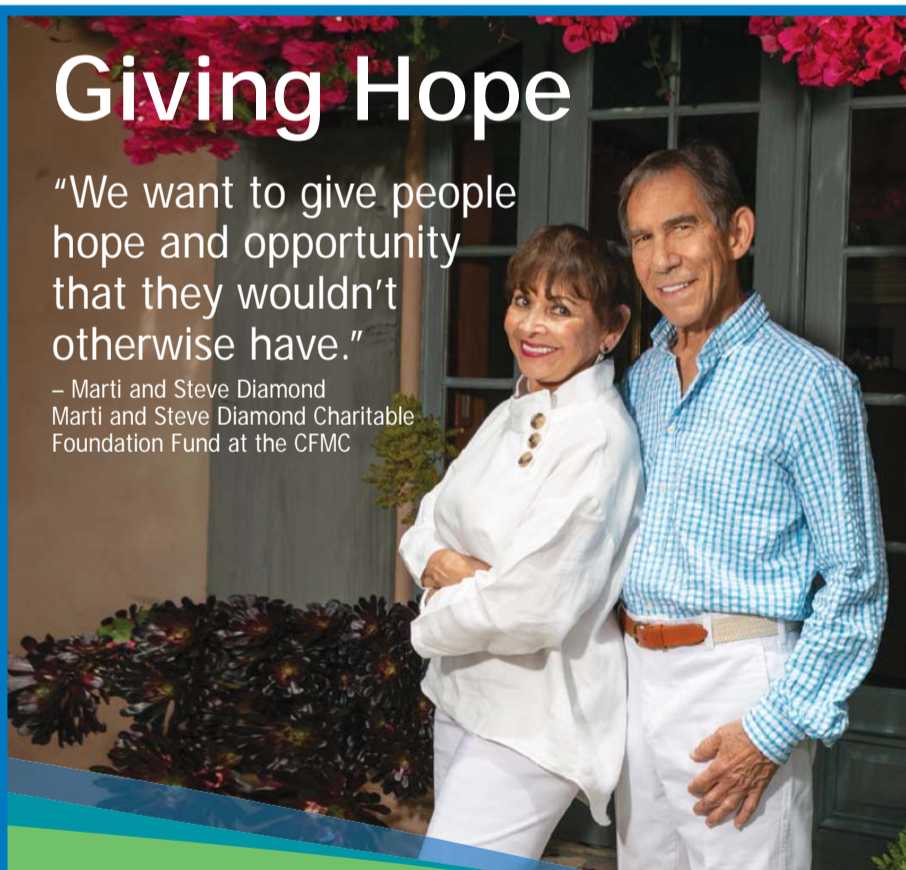
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COUNCIL OKs \$420K IN CONTRACTS

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CITY council on Monday decided to hire outside companies to help with building plan checks, code compliance, citations and parking tickets, and the recruitment of a new police chief and library/community activities director. The council also decided to spend \$101,000 more on two firms that are consulting on environmental issues, including climate change adaptation. The new expenses total \$419,350.

The contracts were part of the Nov. 1 consent agenda and proposed for approval without discussion before the council went into closed session. Council member Karen Ferlito asked to talk about one of them — the \$51,000 agreement with Bob Murray & Associates for executive recruitment services.

'Community input'

After former Police Chief Paul Tomasi announced he was retiring from his city job and going to head security at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, the city requested bids from headhunting firms and received two, according to assistant city administrator Maxine Gullo.

Using an outside search firm to recruit a new police chief and director of library and community activities — Ashlee Wright has decided to give up that position but will continue working for the city — will turn up qualified candidates more quickly, according to Gullo.

The firm will develop "ideal candidate profiles" for each job, recruit people, screen applicants to develop a short list, conduct interviews, identify finalists and make recommendations to the city.

"Reputable executive recruitment firms are charging in the range of \$25,000 to \$30,000 per executive recruitment in this region," Gullo said, and the typical timeline is three to four months.

Because interim Police Chief Brian

Uhler is collecting public retirement, he can only work for the city for a certain amount of time, so recruitment for a permanent chief should begin as soon as possible, Gullo said.

Ferlito had no quarrel with any of that but said some residents want a say in hiring the next chief.

"I have heard from some constituents who would like to have some sort of community input or interaction about the kind of police chief we're looking for," she said, suggesting that the firm should hold a community forum or conduct a survey toward the end of the recruitment process to involve the public.

City administrator Chip Rerig told her he plans to handle those tasks in-house, with the help of the police officers association, chiefs from other jurisdictions and community members.

"I don't think we need to pay the extra money at this point in time," he said. "And if I do, I'll come back and ask for it."

Rerig also recapped the hiring the city has completed for a police officer, a paramedic, four librarians, a planner and two dispatchers, and noted he is recruiting from within for someone to replace city clerk Britt Avrit, who left to go work for significantly more pay in another city.

And in the longer term, Rerig said he wants to work with Gullo "to develop some kind of strategic plan for recruitments."

The other contracts

The council didn't discuss any of the other contracts.

According to budgets and contracts director Sharon Friedrichsen, the city "wishes to utilize a firm with specialized knowledge and skills pertaining to building plan check review for certain types of technical projects and for on-call code compliance services to augment staff availability during evenings, weekends and spe-

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Ammar to retire after 29 years at helm of P.G. Chamber of Commerce

By KELLY NIX

MOE AMMAR, the influential Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce president who has steered the business organization for nearly three decades, announced this week he's stepping down from the position to spend more

time with his family.

Ammar said it's been an "honor and privilege" to serve Pacific Grove for 29 years but that it's time to focus on his family, which includes three children and six young grandchildren.

"I want to enjoy Pacific Grove," Ammar, who will soon

be 65, told The Pine Cone. "I want to spend time with my family and contribute and be a member of the community. I'm always working."

Ammar moved to the United States from Beirut, Lebanon, in 1976 to attend the University of Nevada Las Vegas. He met his wife, Trina, there and they got married three years later and honeymooned in Pacific Grove — a city he knew nothing about.

"We stayed at the Bide-A-Wee Inn," Ammar explained. "I said, 'Where do you want to honeymoon?' And my wife, who is from Marin County, said Pacific Grove. I said, 'I don't know where that is, but we will go.'"

After working for major hotel chains in Dubai, Baghdad and Damascus, Ammar transferred to Monterey to work for the hotel that later became the Monterey Marriott. He moved on to the Doubletree Inn, now the Portola Hotel & Spa, before starting his longest gig at the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce.

During Ammar's tenure, the chamber sponsored and helped pass four ballot measures to support the town's businesses, including limiting residential vacation rentals and changing the zoning of the American Tin Cannery property to allow a hotel to be built there.



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Today's P.G. Chamber is much different than it was when Ammar came aboard. There were only 90 chamber members then, compared to today's 385 members, and its annual budget was a mere \$55,000, which has grown to

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Study to determine how to make water project break even

By KELLY NIX

THE \$8 million Pacific Grove project that allows the city's golf course and cemetery greens to be irrigated with recycled water instead of drinking water isn't paying for itself, and the city council recently took steps to find out how it can avoid having to shore up the project with taxpayer funds.

On Oct. 20, the council agreed to pay a consultant \$12,500 to evaluate costs, revenue needs and break-even calculations for the project, known as the Local Water Project.

The treatment plant, operated by third-party vendor PercWater, was built to reduce the city's demand for potable water, and produces about 125 acre-feet (about 41 million gallons) of water annually for the city's greens.

While the project has been successful in reducing potable water usage, the plant operates at a loss, even after \$535,000 in annual sales of the water to CourseCo, the vendor that is contracted to operate the

Pacific Grove Municipal Golf Links, and others.

The annual operation and debt costs for the treatment plant, which was completed in December 2017, is \$740,000, meaning there is a loss of more than \$200,000 each year.

The plant is located at a former sewage treatment plant at 1313 Ocean View Blvd.

Little savings

A report to the council from public works director Daniel Gho said that the changes to operation of the plant would not likely yield significant savings, and additional water customers are "not foreseeable at the current time."

To build the facility, Pacific Grove secured \$2.4 million in taxpayer grants and \$5.2 million in low-interest loans from the state. The project was originally said to cost around \$4 million. Because of the reduction of potable water use, the state allowed the city to sell nearly 48 acre-feet of entitlement water.

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Sales tax receipts skyrocket after the dismal coronavirus spring of 2020

By MARY SCHLEY

THE FAMINE of a year ago has been supplanted by a feast this year, according to a quarterly sales tax report compiled by the city's tax consultant, HdL Companies. Sales tax receipts from April to June rebounded by more than 170 percent, coming in at \$830,094.

"This period, the local economy is benefiting from a resurgence in spending by local residents and businesses, along with the return of tourism to the area," the report reads. "As Covid restrictions were being lifted, folks who had been homebound for so long abandoned their kitchens for indoor dining and left their keyboards to shop inside stores and be among other people and touch what they were buying."

All told, according to the report, general consumer good sales that were down 63 percent a year ago gained 225 percent in the same period this year, thanks to the "re-

surge in both local and tourist trade."

With the first and most severe coronavirus-related shut-downs imposed in mid-March 2020, the April-to-June quarter that year "was the most adversely impacted sales tax period related to the Covid-19 pandemic." Diners were forced to get takeout, many "non-essential" businesses were shuttered, and most workers were told to stay home, all leading to steep drops in consumption and spending.

But with large numbers of people getting vaccinated in the spring this year, and many restrictions loosening, the dramatic gains that analysts predicted materialized.

By the numbers

With sales tax receipts broken down by business type, casual dining brought it the most — \$202,964 — during the quarter, seeing a 247.6 percent increase from a year ago, while jewelry stores came in second with \$96,036, a 376.5 percent rise. Fine dining's sales tax receipts rose by

361.5 percent, to \$65,186.

Seven other sectors, from family apparel to home furnishings, saw mostly triple-digit percentage increases, bringing in \$55,000 to \$16,269 during the quarter. The only area to see a less significant boost was wineries, which generated \$19,556 in sales taxes, a 47.2 percent increase over the same quarter a year ago.

Not surprisingly, given those results, the list of top 25 sales tax producers for the quarter is dominated by restaurants. Actual sales tax numbers for individual businesses are private, so the list is alphabetical.

The top sales-tax generators for the quarter were Alvarado Street Brewery, Anthropologie, Little Napoli, Carmel Classics, Carmel Shell, Casanova, The Club, Coach, Dametra, Flaherty's, Fournane, Wilke's Jewelers, Girl Boy Girl, Grasing's, Il Fornaio, Khaki's, La Bicyclette, La Playa Hotel, L'Auberge Carmel, Pangaea, The Pocket, Porta Bella, Seventh & Dolores, Tiffany and Treehouse Café.

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SB-9's new rules apply to urban areas — which Carmel and the Monterey Peninsula are considered by the United States Census Bureau — and “urban hubs” — which the Census Bureau says include Carmel Valley Village.

The bill exempts historic neighborhoods, but it doesn't mention exempting areas threatened by fire or floods. Yet at senate.ca.gov, a page addressing SB 9's “myths vs. facts” notes that it “excludes very high fire hazard severity zones, prime agriculture land, hazardous waste sites, earthquake zones and floodplains that do not have adequate mitigation.” So what does all that mean for Carmel Valley? Because parts of it have a high fire risk, is all the village exempt? And will “adequate mitigation” of fire or flood threats create a work-around for builders?

Also, does anybody really believe that state leaders intend to exempt California's most affluent neighborhoods, so many of which are located in areas that are at risk from fires or floods, from a law that touts equity? And how long will it take before a judge takes exception to such exemptions?

Groups push back elsewhere

The Pine Cone reached out to Rick Hall, the president of Livable California, a group that's calling for “empowerment of local governments to foster equitable, livable communities and truly affordable housing.” The group bills itself as nonpartisan. Hall suggested that those who think their neighborhoods will be exempt from the new rules will be disappointed.

“There are no blanket exceptions in SB 9,” he told The Pine Cone. “There are some exemptions, but there is no fire exemption.”

Hall said Livable California had the bill scrutinized by a group of attorneys.

“They looked at this every which way,” he reported. “They agree there's no fire exemption.”

Also contacted for this story was Maria Pavlou Kalban,

who formed a group, United Neighbors, “to protect single-family neighborhoods while supporting affordable and equitable housing for all.”

“SB 9 does not mention high-fire zones at all,” she said. The group suggests the affordable housing crisis won't be solved without protecting the rights of those who need housing and those who already have it.

“The rights of all residents of single-family homes and the rights of people needing affordable housing are bound together, and the solution to our affordable housing crisis requires thoughtful, effective and rapid-acting legislation,” a statement on the group's website reads.

Mayor Bill Brand of Redondo Beach agreed with Hall and Kablan that fire or flood risk won't exempt neighborhoods. A critic of SB 9, Brand told the newspaper that he's been working for three years on a ballot initiative to allow local land use and zoning regulations to override conflicting state law.

The effort to collect signatures got underway this week when California Secretary of State Shirley Weber certified the initiative for consideration by the public.

Brand said he and other supporters are facing an uphill climb to gather more than a million signatures over the next six months. But if the initiative succeeds, “it will bring planning and zoning back to local communities

where it belongs,” he said.

Not likely to help locally

While Brand and others call SB 9 a threat to neighborhoods of single-family homes, Monterey County Planning Commissioner Kate Daniels said she believes the legislation will ultimately have little impact on Carmel Valley Village. After recently listening to a presentation on the topic by county official John Duggan, Daniels said she's convinced exemptions for flood and fire threats do exist. She also noted there's very little water available for any development. “The potential benefits of SB 9 will likely be minimal in a rural county like ours,” she suggested.

But Daniels called such a scenario “unfortunate” because the local housing crunch won't be addressed. The planning commissioner said the smaller homes the bill seeks to create are just what is needed in Carmel Valley. She urged residents not to shy away from the issue and have an honest discussion about it.

“In Monterey County, the lack of affordable housing is off the charts,” she added. “At a certain point, all of our communities and neighborhoods need to start talking about what we are for and not just what we are against, or we will never build the units we need to tackle our housing crisis.”

VANDAL

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and 4 pounds of psilocybin mushrooms, and a Napa County drug task force is handling that part of the investigation, according to Johnson.

At the Napa police station, Walker confessed to Johnson he had committed the extensive vandalism in Carmel.

“He was faced with the video, and he didn't have much of a leg to stand on,” he said. “There's so much video of him, he couldn't deny it.”

Johnson also said Walker told him he was drunk at the time, “and he wasn't getting caught and no one stopped

him, so he just kept doing it.”

“The next day, he realized he had kind of gone overboard,” he said. But he wasn't exactly sorry.

“The remorse was minimal,” Johnson said. “I think he was proud of it, but not proud of getting caught.”

Shocked at the effort

Walker also admitted he was shocked police would make the effort to find and arrest him for it. They did, and he was booked into Monterey County Jail on a felony charge of vandalism. He has since made bail and was released with a court date later this month.

Johnson reiterated his gratitude to the many business owners who provided video that helped CPD quickly identify Walker. “I think everyone took it personally,” he said of the graffiti. “We here at the P.D. did, and people in the city did.”

Johnson also asked that anyone whose property was damaged by Walker but who hasn't reported it yet call Carmel P.D. at (831) 624-6403 so it can be added to the case.

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ASSAULT

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her on two occasions and slapped her butt “with his full palm,” in a way that was clearly not accidental. He said he needed to get by to grab a roll of athletic tape.

In her letter, McFadden said she felt “shocked and uncomfortable” and a few days later reported the incidents to a teacher and the school’s vice principal. Payan was put on administrative leave while law enforcement officers and others investigated, but a few weeks later, she was told he’d be returning to work with no repercussions.

Shortly after McFadden shared the details of her account publicly, the district announced Payan was being put on leave while an investigation was conducted. On Tuesday, Porras said that while the initial investigation by the Pacific Grove Police Department and the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office following McFadden’s report of the incident back in August “didn’t result in criminal charges, the subsequent employment investigation revealed additional information to support the board’s deci-

sion to take steps to release this teacher.”

He told The Pine Cone he couldn’t reveal what that “additional information” was, “because of student and employee privacy issues.”

In his statement, Porras acknowledged that “many in the community have questions and concerns about this matter,” and said the board’s decision triggered the “state-mandated process to release this teacher.”

Building trust

Laid out in a 2012 state appeals court case between the Stockton Teachers Association and the Stockton Unified School District, the process “requires some time and protocol,” he said, but “we believe strongly in our decision and the direction we are taking.”

Before the district can fire Payan, an administrative law judge must provide a final analysis and recommendation, according to Porras. Regardless, he said, “our ultimate goal in this process is to ensure this individual is released from our district and is no longer involved in our schools.”

He also took the occasion to reiterate his commitment to strengthen trust between the district and the community, in light of PGUSD’s seeming unresponsiveness to McFad-

den’s initial report and the subsequent decision to allow Payan to resume teaching.

In her Oct. 7 letter, the student articulated how those actions affected her. “This disrespectful and utterly disgusting choice left me with nothing but questions: Why is it that the teacher who sexually assaulted me along with other students is allowed to continue on with a normal, unaffected life?” she asked. “Why is it that I have to live with the fear that I will have to face the man who assaulted me every time I go to school?”

She dropped a class she had wanted to take in order to avoid him, she pointed out, and she condemned the school and the district for their dismissive treatment of her claims and for failing to care enough about their students’ safety.

Porras said in his Nov. 2 statement that the district “will continue to work to share information quickly and transparently.”

“While we may not always be able to share every detail of a specific situation, we know it is important to share what we can and to acknowledge the feedback we receive from the community,” he said. “My door is open, and I welcome the opportunity to speak with any member of the community with questions.”

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Panetta named assistant presiding judge

By KELLY NIX

THE MONTEREY County Superior Court judge who served on the bench in another county for half a dozen years before accepting her job here will be the county's next assistant presiding judge, a jury of her peers has decided.

Starting on Jan. 1, 2022, Judge Carrie M. Panetta will begin a two-year term as the assistant presiding judge before automatically becoming the county's presiding judge for another two years.

In 2013, former state Gov. Jerry Brown appointed Panetta, and she currently presides over felony criminal trials and serves as the criminal supervising judge. Her new role will move her from the Salinas courthouse to the Monterey division, where she'll handle civil cases.

Routine shuffling

Presiding Judge Julie Culver said she's "deeply grateful that Judge Panetta is willing to take on this important leadership role in fulfilling the court's mission to provide access to justice to the people of Monterey County."

Panetta, who was formerly an Alameda County Superior Court judge from 2007 to 2013, is married to Democratic Rep. Jimmy Panetta.

The county's assistant presiding judge is elected by a majority vote of the county's sitting judges and serves a two-year term. After it's over — and subject to confirmation from other judges — she assumes the role of presiding judge.

This year's routine shakeup also means that the county's current assistant presiding judge, Superior Court Judge Pamela Butler, will take over Culver's role starting Jan. 1, 2022.

Other changes with the new 2022 judicial assignments include Superior Court Judge Jennifer O'Keefe's move from handling misdemeanor trials to presiding over felony trials and arraignments. Culver, whose duties include handling felony arraignments in Salinas, will move to the Monterey courthouse to preside over civil probate, conservatorship, civil harassment, unlawful detainment, and other civil cases.



Judge Carrie M. Panetta

Any sitting judge may nominate a judge for assistant presiding judge, and judges can nominate themselves.

After the presiding judge announces the nominees, an election is held by secret ballot and usually submitted via email, court executive officer Chris Ruhl told The Pine Cone.

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GREASY

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ing and a brick sidewalk installed.

City administrator Chip Rerig described it as “a unique situation,” and Swanson confirmed it would be the first project of its type in the city.

Agreement makes it OK

Initially, Swanson and public works director Bob Harary “had serious concerns about a permanent encroachment for a grease trap with no assurances that it would be maintained to prevent leaks or other issues, especially into the future under potentially different ownership,” Swanson said in his report. But the city and Stilwell developed an extensive agreement that would place all the responsibility for maintenance, operations and service on the hotel owner in perpetuity.

The city would also be indemnified should anything go wrong, and its requirements include weekly inspections, monthly scheduled pumping, manufacturer-recommended cleaning methods, yearly inspections by a certified technician, and detailed record keeping.

“When I first saw this application, I was definitely opposed to putting the grease trap in the public right of way,” Harary said. “That concern has been eliminated because of this maintenance and operations agreement. Without the agreement, there’s no deal.”

He pledged the city would enforce it.

Swanson listed some pros and cons. On the upside, pumping hoses wouldn’t need to cross the sidewalk like they usually do, the location would be gravity fed and “gravity always works,” and it would include improvements to the sidewalk and landscaping.

Downsides are that it would set a precedent, there’s some risk to the city simply because it would be in the right of way, it could be argued that installing a grease trap is a private-property issue that’s not appropriate for public land, and it could interfere

with installing public utilities there in the future.

Stilwell told the council the corner spot at San Carlos and Fifth is the only viable location for the grease separator, and that the wastewater district “fully recognized that there may be circumstances where this is appropriate.”

“What we are trying to do is comply with an important health and safety requirement,” Stilwell said. “Rather than us setting a bad precedent, I think we are setting the right precedent — that the city will work with local restaurants to do what’s best for public health when the circumstances warrant it.”

Council divided

Former councilwoman Carolyn Hardy, restaurateur Rich Pepe, former Mayor Steve Dallas and former councilwoman Victoria Beach all opposed the proposal, suggesting it would open the door for other restaurants to move their grease traps onto public property and that it would put the city at undue risk. They also questioned whether there’s enough staff to monitor and enforce the agreement.

“We don’t know what the future might hold, and I don’t think you want grease interceptors all over the place in the public right of way,” Hardy said.

Mayor Dave Potter was receptive, since the trap would be easily accessed for servicing and the precedent wouldn’t be dangerous.

In fact, he said, it would be positive.

Council members Jeff Baron and Karen Ferlito didn’t like the idea of opening the door to such installations in the public right of way and were uncomfortable with setting any precedents. Baron suggested the privilege would have to be extended to all restaurants, and Ferlito worried about the impacts on public trees.

City administrator Chip Rerig said the circumstances are unusual enough that “this will not make it a universal truth that everyone can put their grease interceptor in the public right of way,” but Baron worried that would be unfair to other restaurant owners who could be faced with sim-

ilar requirements and circumstances in the future.

“I’m having a difficult time seeing a path forward for the city,” he said.

Councilman Bobby Richards said allowing the grease interceptor in the public right of way would make the restaurant safer for employees and guests, and he pointed out that “anybody who applies for this would know they would have to comply with certain rules.” Proposals would be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Potter made a motion to approve it, with Richards’ support, but Baron and Ferlito wouldn’t commit, and a 2-2 vote would be

the same as denial. (Councilwoman Carrie Theis recused herself because she owns a hotel nearby.)

As a result, the council instead voted to continue it with a request that Stilwell explore other options, including hand digging around the roots of trees on the east side of the property.

Locating the grease interceptor there would require a pump, though, which Stilwell said is a non-starter.

Putting it in the kitchen — if the regulatory agencies would allow it — would set a bad precedent, he added, but he nonetheless agreed to the delay.



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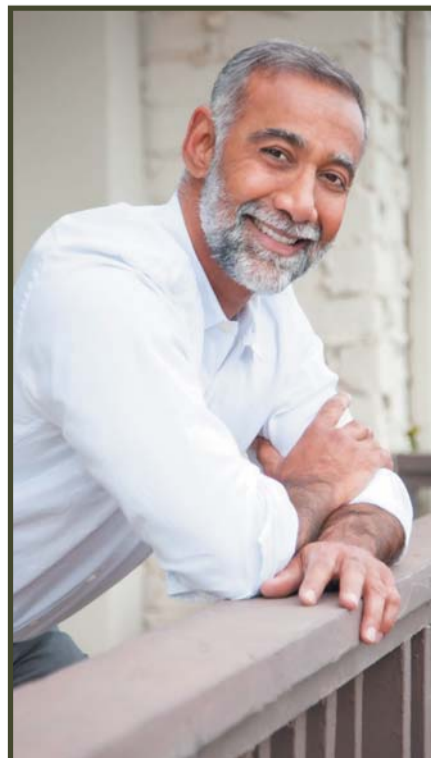
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Max Hernandez was born in Corpus Christi, TX, raised in Mexico, returned to the United States, and joined the Army. While stationed at Fort Ord he met the love of his life, Violet Figueroa, and they married in 1952. They lived in Pacific Grove throughout their marriage.

Max was a brick mason by trade and an avid hunter and rifleman. He won several service rifle team California State championships, as well as many individual marksmanship awards and in 1980 was awarded the Civilian Distinguished Rifleman Badge issued by the Department of the Army, Office of the Director of Civilian Marksmanship.

Max is survived by his children, Robert (Pennie) and Sylvia Newton of Pacific Grove, Brian Newton (Rebecca) of Monterey; four grandchildren, Christy, Nicholas, Max and Alexander and ten great-grandchildren. Max was preceded in death by his wife, Violet, and granddaughter, Victoria Hernandez.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions are suggested to the donor's favorite charity. To sign Max's guest book and leave messages for his family, please visit www.thepaulmortuary.com.

MANDATE

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while 305 workers have been given religious and medical exemptions and 73 are considered "non-compliant." Those who continue to refuse to be vaccinated will be given "specific directives" to obey the county mandate.

"We would give them five days to be compliant," county human resources director Irma Ramirez-Bough told the supervisors. "If they don't comply within the five days, we will put them on leave of absence or proceed with corrective action."

While she did not define "corrective action," it's likely that employees who continue to refuse the vaccine will eventually be fired. It's not clear when the five-day grace period begins.

County workers who haven't complied include some who applied for exemptions but were denied. Within the five-day period, the county will allow those who were denied exemptions to resubmit their requests.

"Some of these employees may be working on submitting additional information we requested and resubmit their exemption requests for consideration," explained HR employee Ariana Hurtado.

Other employees might opt to get vaccinated or show the county proof that they've scheduled an appointment to get the shot,

at which point they would be issued temporary medical exemptions, Hurtado said.

Nearly 2,600 county workers, including those in the health department, county hospital, probation department and sheriff's office who work in the jail, are under a state, not county, mandate to get vaccinated.

The remaining employees are under the county's vaccination mandate.

Of the 73 county employees who have so far refused the vaccine, 49 of them work in the sheriff's office, where Sheriff Steve Bernal — not the county human resources department — is responsible for enforcing the vaccine mandate.

"The sheriff is the appointing authority and it's up to him to determine whether or not to discipline his employees," county counsel Les Girard explained.

First District Supervisor Luis Alejo urged Bernal "to follow our board policy."

"We know when public safety officials are not vaccinated, they could not only put their own health in danger, but the public as well," Alejo said.

Asked about the supervisors' request, Bernal said this week that he has and is currently enforcing the vaccine mandate, but that nobody would be let go for refusing the vaccine.

"Most sheriff's office employees are in compliance, and the rest are in the process," Bernal told The Pine Cone Tuesday. "Some have gotten exemptions. I will not fire anyone for not being vaccinated."

Walt Furtado

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Walt Furtado, age 74, of Pacific Grove, passed away peacefully at CHOMP on October 17, 2021, with his loving wife, Barbara, by his side.

Walt was born on May 24, 1947, on Wahiawa, Oahu, Hawaii. He graduated from high school on Oahu. Walt joined the Army and spent 9 years serving our country. In 1978, Walt and Barbara were married and spent more than 42 lovely years together.

Walt leaves his wife, Barbara; his sister, Geraldine Tripp and her family on Oahu; his daughter, Jessica Warnimont; stepsons Ricky Pires (Tami), and Randy Pires (predeceased Walt); two step-grandchildren, Randy and Angela; two step-great-granddaughters, Lily and Rosalie; and his daughter-in-law, Judith from Mississippi. At Walt's request no services will be held.



Roger Allen Fulton

March 13, 1929 – October 19, 2021

Roger Allen Fulton passed away peacefully on October 19, 2021, in Monterey, California. Roger is survived by his wife of 66 years, Frances Townsend Fulton, his children, Sandra (John) Parke, Buz (Jill) Fulton and three grandchildren.

Roger was born and raised in Richmond, Indiana. He served in both the US Army and the US Navy. Roger attended Navy Flight School in Pensacola, Florida, and earned his wings at age 23. He served as a pilot in the US Navy for 7 years, most notably as the commander of a P2V Neptune Maritime Patrol Aircraft, with a crew of 12, based in Quonset Point Naval Air Station in Rhode Island. It was there where he met his future wife, Frances Townsend, who was attending the University of Rhode Island.

After his Naval career, Roger graduated with distinction from Indiana University's School of Business. His first job after college was with Aviation Power Supply, in Southern California, where Roger received a patent for developing a fuel injection system for aircraft. In 1969 Roger moved his family to Carmel. He built their family home in Carmel Valley and enjoyed it so much that he decided to pursue a career as a residential builder. He designed and built many custom homes in Pebble Beach and Carmel.

Roger was a member of Saint Dunstan's Episcopal Church in Carmel Valley for 51 years. He was a volunteer for the Salinas Air Show for 13 years, where he was the liaison for visiting Blue Angels and Thunderbirds demonstration teams. Roger was also an active volunteer at several golf tournaments on the Peninsula, and he was part of the first group of docents at the Monterey Bay Aquarium in 1984.

A private graveside service will be held with military honors. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Roger's memory to: montereybayaquarium.org. To sign Roger's guestbook and leave messages for his family, please visit www.thepaulmortuary.com.



First Fridays features new art shows, live music

DOWNTOWN PACIFIC Grove comes alive Nov. 5 when an array of shops and galleries stay open late for the monthly First Fridays celebration.

Presented by the town's chamber of commerce, the event starts at 7 p.m.

Participants include the Pacific Grove Art Center, Artisana Gallery, Phill's Barber Shop, Pacific Grove Books, the Red House Café and many others.

At the art center, the Central Coast Art Association unveils its 85th annual Juried Show, while a trio of painters

— Edi Matsumoto ("Goddesses and Warriors"), Bobbie Belvel (The Sea-Coast and Beyond) and Elizabeth Wrightman ("Who Knocked?") — share their latest work. Also new is a group exhibit by Monterey High School students, "Beauty Through Our Eyes." The shows will be on display through Dec. 16.

There's also live music — singer and keyboardist Glenn Leon-Guerrero plays old school R&B, while a talented lineup of musicians serves up a blues jam at Phill's Barber Shop, and at Wild Fish there's a jazz jam.



JOHN FLETCHER

John Fletcher, 61, of Carmel-by-the-Sea, died peacefully surrounded by family after a short battle with lung cancer. John was a multi-faceted man: a natural teacher with an irreverent sense of humor. He was a hard-worker, a talented musician and songwriter, and a natural storyteller. John had a huge appetite for life—he "played a big room." He loved cooking, food, and the New England Patriots. John cherished simple things like spending a few hours at the ocean. He loved living in Carmel. It's an understatement to describe John as generous. He was a one-man SWAT team for the family — many times he dropped everything to show up and help take care of loved ones when called. When our father was at the end of his life, John moved from California to Western Mass. and provided physical care for eight months until Ralph passed away. After a lifelong struggle with alcoholism, John enjoyed six years of sobriety. During this time he had a thriving painting business, worked at Home Depot, and was an active member of AA in Carmel/Monterey.

He leaves behind his siblings Ralph (JoAnn Portalupi), Jim, Elaine (John Novo), Tom, Bob (deceased), Joe (Christine Sandin), Kathy (David Simpson), and Carolyn (David Blue); 18 beloved nieces and nephews; a horde of cousins, uncles and aunts. We will all miss his political rants. But mostly we will miss his friendship, his heart, his love, the unmistakable sound of his laughter, and the place he held in our lives. **A memorial service will be held on November 26, 2 p.m., at the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula, 4590 Carmel Valley Road, CA, 93923.** <https://pray-with.us>

June Marian Gill

June 8, 1943 – October 4, 2021

June Marian Gill, age 78, passed away peacefully in her sleep in Carmel, California, on Monday morning, October 4, 2021. Born in Los Angeles on June 8, 1943, she was the daughter of Harold Leslie Gill and Dorothy Margaret Kress. She has one surviving half-sister, Carolyn Gill of Redlands, California. June is also survived by her loving partner of 16½ years, Gary L. Unruh, of Carmel. June cherished her role as godparent to Caledonia Gerner, Ella Gerner, and Benjamin Gerner. In addition to immediate family, June loved her chosen role as grandmother to Aiden Unruh-Nichols and Alex Unruh-Nichols as well as a loving stepmom to Holly Elizabeth Unruh, all of Monterey, California. June and Gary spent 14 years as residents of Santa Barbara and the last 2½ in their new home in Del Mesa Carmel, a beautiful retirement community.

June's education included graduation from Ventura High School, a B.A. from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and a Ph.D. in French literature from the University of California, Berkeley. She taught French, Spanish, and cross-cultural courses at CSU Fresno during her 34-year tenure. She traveled extensively due to her interest in varied cultures and her love of nature. She was an excellent photographer of birds, flowers and animals, these being the subjects of the majority of her pictures. She supported nonprofits that focused on nature preservation and on equal rights for women. Her grandmother was one of the first women to take on an academic position as a Spanish professor at the University of Texas, Austin.

June had many close friends, most of whom she communicated with right up to her last days. During her relationship with Gary Unruh the two of them traveled together extensively, both close to their new home in Carmel, California, as well as abroad. Posts placed on social media reflected the enriching experiences they enjoyed.

June was loved by many and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. A memorial will be streamed online at a later date.



LOIS ROCHELLE LYNNE-MCCARTHY

12/25/1941 • 12/11/2020

Lois R. Lynne passed away peacefully at her home in Carmel on December 11, 2020, surrounded by her husband, Rick McCarthy; her daughter, Tracy (Elman/Harris) Bennett; and her son-in-law, Kieth Bennett. Lois was a beautiful soul who touched many people in the Carmel area. The last few years she and her friend, Janet Tezak, were the primary teachers of the Monterey Peninsula Greek Dancers group. The members and associates of the Greek Dancers and the Greek Festival expressed a great loss and sorrow over Lois's passing.

Lois was born in Chicago, IL, on Christmas Day in 1941 to her parents, Joseph Cohen and Bette Weiss Cohen. Lois lived in Chicago with her parents and her brother, Alan, for 12 years before moving to Southern California. There she finished grade school and attended Washington High School where she made many life-long friends. She then attended Los Angeles City College where she received an Associates of Art degree in Sociology/Psychology. Shortly after, she attended California College of Paralegal Studies where she was on the Dean's List for four semesters. She later used her academic background by operating two Career Consulting/Resume Writing businesses, one in the San Fernando Valley and one later in Palo Alto. She also worked as a Trust Advisor on Statute and Common Law Trusts for a Palo Alto firm.

She met and married Eugene Elman in 1961 and they had two children, Tracy Beth Elman and Steven Tod Elman. They lived in various places in the LA area, primarily the San Fernando Valley. Her daughter Tracy married William (Bill) Harris and they had two sons, Justin Michael and Mathew Ryan, who all still reside in Southern California. Lois's son Steven married Lisa Sullivan and they had a son, Brendan Elman, who now resides in Billings, Montana.

Lois was always involved with charitable and socially beneficial work. As a teenager, she joined and became president of the local B'nai B'rith Girls club which did charitable work for Israel. After her kids were in school, she joined B'nai B'rith Women (who changed its name to Jewish Women International 'JWI' in 1995) and later she joined the ORT (Organization of Rehabilitation Through Training) which helped build vocational schools in many needy countries.

From the beginning of her life Lois dealt with many difficulties. She was born legally blind, and wore thick glasses and contact lenses most of her life. It wasn't until she had cataract surgery in the year 2000 that she could finally see comfortably. At 7 years old, she and her family lost almost everything in an apartment fire. A couple years later she witnessed a shooting across the street from her home. Later, the family car was stolen ... that's when they decided to leave Chicago! Her life with Gene Elman was not very happy, and she divorced him in 1976. As she got older she had three breast surgeries due to cancer formations. The third time she had a complete double mastectomy with implants to minimize future occurrences. Unfortunately, she wasn't done with cancer problems. A few years later she had most of her lower right jaw removed because of a cancerous growth. She was in the middle of getting dental implants to repair her jaw when she got a very serious infection in her sinus cavity which had penetrated into her skull. Although the surgeon was able to clean out the skull cavity, she never fully recovered and soon after passed away due to complications.

Lois and her husband, Rick McCarthy, did have some good times during their 26 years of marriage. The highlight was their move from San Jose to Carmel in 1998. They soon after joined the Greek Dancers which they both enjoyed immensely. They were also able to do some traveling. Besides trips around California and the West Coast, they made a trip to China set up by the Chamber of Commerce and three trips to Europe which included a two week Mediterranean Cruise, a two week excursion to the British Isles, and a 30-day train trip through 12 countries on the continent. Another trip was in the planning, but COVID caused it to be canceled.

She kept herself in good shape right up until the end. The European trips required a lot of walking which she handled very well. She was a vitamin, mineral and amino acid supplement fanatic. She studied supplement benefits 30 years before it was understood that, as hard as we try, we can't get all of the critical nutrition we need from an ordinary diet. One of the saddest things about her passing is that at the end she was unable to swallow properly which means she couldn't eat anything or take any of her vitamins. If the doctors could have helped her swallowing problem, she would likely still be here!

A Celebration of Life for Lois is scheduled for 3 p.m. Tuesday, November 16, at the Carmel Foundation. It will be held in Diment Hall (lunch room) which is at the southeast corner of Lincoln and Eighth in Carmel. It is the room at the top of the parking lot. Masks are required. Contributions to the Carmel Foundation in lieu of flowers would be greatly appreciated.



ELIGIBLE

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ment said it would start offering pediatric vaccinations on Saturday, Nov. 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Breadbox Recreation Center, 745 N. Sanborn Road in Salinas.

Vaccine providers in Monterey County, health officer Dr. Ed Moreno said, were allocated an initial 12,600 doses, but providers could order more on a weekly basis. There are about 43,000 children from 5 to 11 years old in Monterey County.

Lower dose

While children in that age group will receive the same Pfizer vaccine that's been given to adults and older children, they will be administered only one-third the dose. Blum reiterated the safety of the vaccine — which has been found to be 91 percent effective — based on Pfizer's results from clinical trials.

"They studied more than 2,200 children and the good news is that they actually saw fewer adverse reactions and side effects than they saw in their larger trials of older children and adults," she said. "Your kids can still expect maybe a sore arm and feeling a little achy, but some of those high fevers and reactions appear to be less common in this group."

Heart inflammation that was reported in some Covid-19 vaccine recipients in the 12 to 29 age range were not seen in the 5 to 11 age range, she said.

While children have been much less affected by coronavirus than adults, Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System's Dr. Mahendra Poudel said it's important they are vaccinated against the disease.

"Although the severity of the infection may not be very bad, we know they are equally susceptible to being infect-

ed, and about half of those kids may be asymptomatic and could still transmit the infection to their parents, grandparents and other vulnerable adults," Poudel said.

Using data provided by 45 states, 0.00 to 0.03 percent of all child Covid-19 cases resulted in death, according to an Oct. 28 report by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Community Hospital, Blum said, will not offer the vaccine for young children, while Poudel said Salinas Valley Memorial is working with a clinic to immunize kids in that group, and that it could begin the effort as early as next week.

To find vaccine clinics in Monterey County for children in the 5 to 11 age group, go to montereycountycovid19.com, myturn.ca.gov or call 2-1-1.

Meanwhile, Monterey County residents will be required to wear masks indoors starting Nov. 5, under the terms of an ordinance OK'd in September by county supervisors Mary Adams, Luis Alejo and Wendy Root Askew. The three supervisors established the mandate after Moreno declined to impose such a rule, saying it was unnecessary.

The supervisors made the mandate dependent on the CDC's reporting of new cases in the county, with a threshold of at least 50 new cases per 100,000 residents per week, a number that was reached Monday. But even as the CDC said the county's rate of new coronavirus infections was "substantial," the California Department of Public Health and the county health department both said it was much lower.

For instance, on Thursday, the CDC said Monterey County was experiencing 66 cases per 100,000 people per week, while the CDPH put the number at 38.5, and the latest data from the county health department showed that it was 44.

Furthermore, other metrics show that although there has been a slight increase in cases recently, the epidemic in the county is at a low level, with health officials reporting eight people being treated for the disease in four hospitals. For comparison, more than 200 people with Covid were hospitalized in the county in January.

The Pine Cone asked Moreno Wednesday if he would have imposed a mask mandate given the CDC's current numbers for transmission. He did not answer directly.

"As the health officer, I still highly recommend that people wear face coverings in indoor settings" to decrease

Covid transmission, he said.

Moreno previously said that he could not justify issuing a mask mandate based on the number of cases at the time, and has rejected the supervisors' method of strictly using day-to-day data in support of the mandate, explaining that it's more important to "follow trends over time," which offers a better idea of how the county is doing.

Regarding the massive difference in data provided by the CDC compared to the state and CDPH, Moreno said the CDC calculates cases on a weekly average with a three-day lag.

"And there are differences between that data and the state data," he said. "The state data is a daily average over a week with a seven-day lag."

Moreno was also asked if it's possible that the CDC data is more reflective of what's going on in Monterey County, to which he responded, "We don't know how the CDC calculates their case rates for Monterey County."

The Pine Cone has asked the CDC to explain its methodology, but officials with the agency have not done so.

'Political decision'

At the Carmel city council meeting Tuesday, Councilman Jeff Baron called the supervisors imposition of the mandate "a political decision, not a health-based decision." He made the comment during a discussion that focused on the idea that some Carmel restaurant owners were using the mask mandate as a reason to keep their parklets in place.

"I find it kind of ironic that a year ago we had businesses, and especially restaurants, complaining about the health officer's mandate and using that against public policy," Baron said. "And now we have restaurants jumping on this mandate, which is not a health mandate, it's a political mandate passed by the board of supervisors over the objection of the Monterey County health officer."

Baron was one of numerous elected officials in August who signed a letter to Moreno urging him to impose an indoor mask mandate, which, among other things, said "mask mandates work" and "helps to keep kids safe."

"This mask mandate, while I welcome it, is a political decision, not a health-based decision," Baron said.

The Pine Cone asked Baron why he decided to support the mandate if it was, as he claimed, politically motivated and not based on concerns over health. He did not respond.



PAUL GERALD FILICE
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Paul could walk into a room full of strangers and walk out with a new friend or two. If you put him in a room by himself, he would have a party. He had an infectious personality and charming smile. While he was taken from us too soon, he's leaving behind a legacy of his loves: 49ers, pasta, wine, tomatoes, skiing, fishing and most importantly, family.

With angels aplenty waiting for him to come home, he passed peacefully on Oct. 28, 2021, at the age of 70, surrounded by his wife and daughter. Born in Gilroy on Sept. 22, 1951, the youngest of four children, he was preceded in death by his parents MJ (Michael John) and Marian Filice. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Mary, daughter Regina Taber and son-in-law Michael Taber. He was Nonnuzzu to his two beautiful granddaughters, Lucille Marian and Margaret Norma. He will be missed by his siblings, Diane Bozzo, Michael Filice (Leslie) and Tim Filice (Janice) as well as a plethora of nieces, nephews, cousins and countless friends.

Growing up in a wine-making family and as the proprietors of San Martin Winery, Paul cared for the vineyards which became his life-long passion. Ultimately, his cancer diagnosis in 2015 led to his retirement. His tremendous faith in God and always positive attitude aided him in his fight.

The family is grateful for the care he was given throughout his battle. Doctor Jeffrey Wolf at UCSF, Doctors Michael Koontz and Roger Shiffman at Pacific Cancer Care in Monterey and Dr. Emily Guerard at Cancer Care Specialists in Reno and nurse Melissa Wells.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 8 at St. Mary Church, 11 First St., Gilroy.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks to please consider making a gift in Paul's memory.

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PARKLETS

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that “at some point, they would go away.”

The city should consider removing parklets that are in front of businesses that don’t want them there, according to Dolores Street gallery owner Richard Kreitman, and Ken Spilfogel of Flaherty’s said his informal inquiries indicated more than half of the downtown owners want them to stay because they bring people to town.

“They’re happy to have the parklets here,” he said.

Councilwoman Karen Ferlito said she had hoped “this would be the month we could say ‘goodbye’ to the parklets.”

“Unfortunately, with the mask mandate, I think that’s not possible,” she continued.

Handicap access

Ferlito said she found the argument that people only want to eat outside “hollow,” considering she’s seen restaurants full, especially when the weather is bad. But she

acknowledged the parklets will have to be around at least a little longer.

Parklets’ lack of ADA compliance is also a problem, Ferlito noted.

Councilman Jeff Baron said he thinks the mask mandate is “neither here nor there” when it comes to the parklet discussion. “This mask mandate, while I welcome it, is a political decision, not a health-based decision,” he said.

Councilwoman Carrie Theis said she finds the whole issue, and the unpredictability of the pandemic and the related rules, exhausting, while Mayor Dave Potter said the monthly parklet discussions are generating “more angst and anger.”

“The discussion is doing harm to not only the council but to the community,” Baron reiterated. “I would be interested in taking a month off from the discussion,” regardless of whether the county’s mask mandate is still in effect come the council’s December meeting.

Ultimately, the council decided 5-0 to extend the parklets to Jan. 20, 2022, and to take up the issue again at that month’s meeting.

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Editorial

Stop and think, please

“We have waited for more than 340 years for our constitutional and God given rights. The nations of Asia and Africa are moving with jetlike speed toward gaining political independence, but we still creep at horse and buggy pace toward gaining a cup of coffee at a lunch counter. Perhaps it is easy for those who have never felt the stinging darts of segregation to say, ‘Wait.’ But when you have seen vicious mobs lynch your mothers and fathers at will and drown your sisters and brothers at whim; when you have seen hate filled policemen curse, kick and even kill your black brothers and sisters; when you see the vast majority of your twenty million Negro brothers smothering in an airtight cage of poverty in the midst of an affluent society; when you suddenly find your tongue twisted and your speech stammering as you seek to explain to your six year old daughter why she can’t go to the public amusement park that has just been advertised on television, and see tears welling up in her eyes when she is told that Funtown is closed to colored children, and see ominous clouds of inferiority beginning to form in her little mental sky, and see her beginning to distort her personality by developing an unconscious bitterness toward white people; when you have to concoct an answer for a five year old son who is asking: ‘Daddy, why do white people treat colored people so mean?’; when you take a cross county drive and find it necessary to sleep night after night in the uncomfortable corners of your automobile because no motel will accept you; when you are humiliated day in and day out by nagging signs reading ‘white’ and ‘colored’; when your first name becomes ‘nigger,;’ your middle name becomes ‘boy’ (however old you are) ... then you will understand why we find it difficult to wait.”

— Excerpt from “Letter from Birmingham Jail,”
by Martin Luther King Jr., April 16, 1963

BY PRINTING the above, did we do something so bad that we should lose our jobs and be hounded into submission by a mob on Twitter? Does it contain a word so toxic that no one can be permitted to utter it, regardless of their intent or the context? Should our newspaper be forced out of business, our homes be vandalized and our children harassed until they’re afraid to go to school?

Here’s a better question: Could anyone who’s read Martin Luther King’s “Letter From Birmingham Jail” even contemplate the idea that it should be censored?

The letter is a masterpiece of such profound proportions, it not only helped revolutionize American politics at the time, it preserved for future generations the pain of 1960s racial discrimination in this country and the incredible courage it took to struggle against it.

As we reported last week, a local high school teacher was reprimanded recently for reading portions of King’s letter to a class of 11th and 12th graders, including the N-word. We were going to say that it must have taken a colossal amount of hubris for anyone to argue that the letter should not be read out loud and verbatim to high school seniors, but it’s worse than that. Only a fool would make such an argument. We say read the entire thing to every high school senior — and do it as soon as possible.

Human history is full of events so terrible that they’re literally unbelievable to anyone who takes the time to learn about them. And the thing is — the people who did those reprehensible things weren’t that different from the humans of today.

Has human nature changed much since biblical times? We doubt it. But the question doesn’t even arise, because the Katyn massacre (22,000 Polish officers murdered), the Great Leap Forward (30 million dead from starvation), the Holocaust (6 million Jews murdered), and a great many other sickening things all happened within the last 80 years, which means the people who did them were not only just like us, they practically are us. And now it’s controversial because an important historic document written by one of history’s most revered figures contains a word that makes people uncomfortable?

History must be studied because that’s the only way to understand yourself and the world you live in. Some things are better than before. How do we build on those successes and make them even better? Some things still need to be fixed — why did earlier attempts to improve them fail? Some things today are worse than ever, and that’s probably not an accident. What human actions made them worse, and how do we reverse them?

These are questions that confront everyone, including young people. Sugarcoating or hiding history is not the way to help them find the answers.

BEST of BATES



“He’ll do anything to get a resident parking sticker.”

Letters to the Editor

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How word is used

Dear Editor,

Thank you for reporting on the Pacific Grove Unified School District cracking down on a teacher who had the temerity to quote Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. She was quoting from his “Letter from Birmingham Jail,” which I recommend to all of your readers. Because King himself used the n-word, this teacher must have thought that it was alright for her to use it. How dare she accurately quote a historical document?

We residents of Pacific Grove and of other adjacent areas had a spirited discussion of the issue on Nextdoor the day after your paper came out. While the person who started the discussion seemed to see it as obvious that one should not quote the whole of King’s relevant sentence, many of us disagreed. There’s a huge difference between using the word to put someone down and quoting someone who used the word to explain his hurt and anger at the word’s

use. One of the main things educators can teach us is to make crucial distinctions. It’s too bad that the PGUSD, which is in the business of education, does not seem able to master what seems to be a simple distinction.

David R. Henderson, Pacific Grove

‘Champions of freedom’

Dear Editor,

It is disgusting that a teacher was hushed, investigated and left in tears for teaching students about Martin Luther King Jr., who fought against segregation even while in the Birmingham Jail.

Dr. King raged in revulsion of Blacks being called the n-word, and wrote and said the word to identify the problem.

In the 1960s, my generation protested during the on-going saga of segregation. Decades later, the weak-minded PGUSD is causing a cesspool by censoring MLK’s words, the constitutional right of freedom of speech, clouding history, intimidating people, treating students like babies, and promising to involve the state.

The students should consider having a “read-in” of MLK’s letters. Only the students (not the adults) will be able to successfully restore and protect freedom of speech for themselves and the school. And please take some roses to the teacher.

Lynn Ross, Carmel

Pine Cone’s bad job

Dear Editor,

We love our kids, their daytime sports programs and sharing our neighborhood

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FILING A FOREIGN PROPERTY CLAIM ISN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE

LAST WEEK, I provided the background of longtime Monterey area resident Col. Warren J. Clear, a remarkable officer who built a home at Pebble Beach in 1928 while stationed at the San Francisco Presidio.

After his retirement to the Monterey Peninsula in the 1930s, Clear was instrumental in elevating Camp Ord to Fort Ord in 1940. He was then called back into active service with Army intelligence in 1941

Oliver carefully ground the opening to make it wider and rounder. Then, after greasing the neck of the bottle, he tried again with his wire and successfully removed the piece. Then with gentle pressure, slowly unfurled the scroll. When the name Francis Drake came into view, Oliver and Clear had to hold back their excitement and not rush the process.

Oliver determined it was made of lead, a soft metal that's relatively easy to engrave. He put it in a press to carefully flatten it into a rectangle about 8 inches wide and almost 6 inches high. The engraved text was breathtaking. If it proved to be genuine, it would be of great historic importance:

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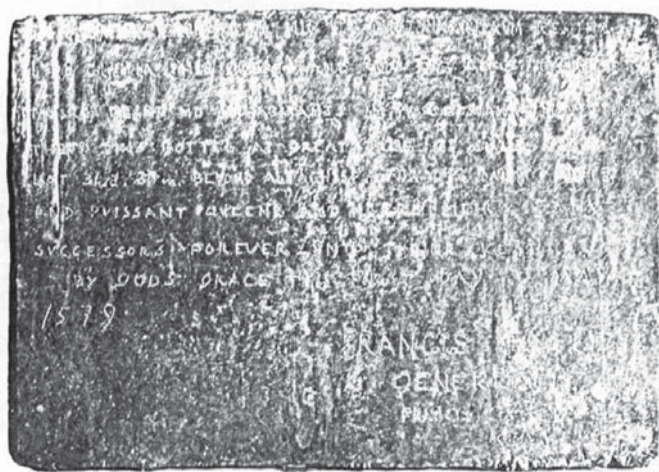
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Worried the scroll might be a hoax, Clear and Oliver sought expert advice before making their remarkable find public. Records confirmed that Drake circumnavigated the globe, leaving England on Dec. 15, 1577, and returning on Sept. 26, 1580. He did make land claims and had sailed along the California coast in mid-1579.

More specifically, in December 1578, a year into the voyage, Drake was in Chile, making repairs to the sea-worn Golden Hinde and replenishing the ship's food

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This poor-quality photo is one of only a few that exist of the lead scroll found by Warren Clear in 1934 at Fanshell Beach. It had apparently been hidden inside a bottle for more 300 years.

PHOTO/FROM 'MORE THAN MEMORIES' (1985), BY RANDALL REINSTEDE

History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

and was decorated for his service in Southeast Asia before and immediately after the nation's entry into World War II. From 1942 to 1945, he shared his expertise on Southeast Asia and Japan as an instructor at the General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Clear was barely 50 when the war ended and he returned to the Peninsula as a retired officer. Little did he know that a new remarkable chapter in his life would begin.

A 300-year journey

In 1934, Clear had found a very old bottle buried in the sand at Fanshell Beach near Cypress Point. He took it home and used it as a shelf decoration. Fifteen years later, while packing up to move to a new house near Jacks Peak the bottle caught his attention again. The sand in it had dried out and was loose. He started shaking it out and discovered there was more than sand in it, but he couldn't get the other materials out. Not wanting to break the bottle, he took it Myron Oliver, who had an art shop in Monterey and also refinished antiques.

In October 1949, Oliver first extracted a bent coin from the bottle. Carefully straightening the coin, he found it to be an old, British sixpence. The date was illegible, but it bore the image of Queen Elizabeth I, who was Queen of England from 1558 until her death in 1602. The real challenge was with a rolled-up piece of metal that sat at an angle within the bottle. Oliver rigged up a wire and pulled up from the bottom of the metal. The uneven opening in the neck of the bottle prevented extraction.

No matter how great the ride, sooner or later you have to step off

IN 1986, when she was juried into the prestigious Carmel Art Association after applying for the ninth time, Peggy Olsen started producing more artwork — a lot more.

She has finished at least 100 paintings annually during most of her 35 years of membership, and has ranked with the best-sellers among CAA's active artists. And although demand remains high — her work sold briskly last month during the Arts

and florals have been featured in no fewer than seven solo shows.

Show for cancer survivors

Among her most memorable events was a 1992 group show at the Monterey Museum of Art, where Olsen and a half-dozen other artists expressed themselves as cancer survivors.

"That show was very meaningful for me, because I was assuming my art career — and my life — were almost over," explained Olsen, who had been diagnosed with breast cancer that had a high likelihood of recurrence. "It was wonderful for all of the women, I think, because we had experienced something similar.

"I realized that being able to paint becomes a great privilege when you're not sure how long you're going to live." A triptych inspired by her experience is part of the collection at Community Hospital's Carol Hatton Breast Care Center in Monterey.

A 1984 show at the Monterey Conference Center was also significant for Olsen, who was considering returning to social work at the time. Her paintings were well received, providing the encouragement she needed to focus fully on her artwork.

Plan A: Find a husband

Born in New York and raised in Southern California, Olsen said that although she earned a bachelor's degree in English, her main objective at Pomona College was to find a husband.

"When that didn't happen, I decided I was interested in social work, and went to Columbia University in New York for my master's," she said. She returned to California to find work as a counselor at a family service agency.

"I was a social worker for seven years, and liked what I was doing, but I also found it very stressful," she said. "I really don't think I was very good at it."

In 1963, as a member of the Sierra Club, she met her future husband on a river kayaking trip. She married Hebard Robert Olsen in 1965, and had their first child, Christopher, four years later.

In 1970, the Olsens moved to Seaside, where Hebard (also known as Bob) joined the faculty at Seaside High. He taught there for 26 years before becoming a volunteer videographer, documenting as many as six events a week and producing his videos for public-access TV.

Their daughter, Marcie, was born in 1972, and in

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Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Habitat's Studio Tour — Olsen isn't sure she'll paint again.

"I really am headed toward retirement," said the 84-year-old resident of Canterbury Woods in Pacific Grove. "I used to have a very nice studio in my home in Monterey. It was a small space, in my kids' old bedroom, but I had a wonderful skylight overhead, which gave me all the natural light I needed.

"Since selling that house, I no longer have a good setup, so I've pretty much stopped," she said. "I probably could paint on my balcony here, but I'm not sure I want to do that."

For Olsen, walking away might be bittersweet, considering that creating art has been a productive and pleasurable pastime since she started painting full time 40 years ago.

"Art has a way of taking over your life, and in my case, it didn't leave a lot of room for other things," said the artist, whose colorful impressionist landscapes, seascapes



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Peggy Olsen's impressionist works have made her one of the top-selling artists at the Carmel Art Association since she became a member in 1986.

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LETTERS

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with Carmel High School. But over 100 petitioners from all over the Carmel area (that's who we are) chipped in to buy the full-page ad in your publication because of your insufficient coverage of the issues. You haven't reported or editorialized about the woefully inadequate EIR purchased by CUSD, or the potential for another nighttime teenage tragedy from our safety concerns, knowing our surrounding unlit and narrow streets as we do. You omitted mention of the night sky light pollution that will affect people from Carmel Beach to Carmel Views. And your editorial analogy of airports in neighborhoods is quite flawed. It was our neighborhood that in fact donated the land for the CHS stadium back in 1947 as we were both growing together.

CHS has now simply outgrown its footprint for the activities they want to host, developing all their land with no regard for student, faculty or event attendee parking. There are only 201 parking spaces for 900 students and faculty, with up to 2,000 attendees at night games, per the EIR. This makes for serious fire and emergency vehicle access concerns too.

Regrettably, your coverage of the Oct. 27 school board meeting omitted many other eloquent concerned community speakers and several viable alternatives for night games (like MPC and even Carmel Middle School grounds).

The Pine Cone needs to do a better job of informing our community for better decisions. That's what we ask and expect of you. We look forward to continued collaboration with CUSD for effective solutions and to be good neighbors.

John Dillard, Carmel

Another school's experience

Dear Editor,

I live in San Jose but read your newspaper quite religiously. I have followed the controversy over the stadium light proposal for a few weeks. We have had the same controversy at a couple of high schools in San Jose. Oddly enough, similar complaints were imagined in the same vein here as they have been in Carmel. In one case, the complaining neighbors felt that they might be able to read a book at night, just with the glare from the stadium lights. The schools initially tried using construction-type lighting that only went up 10-15 feet from the field. The over-glare was justifiably the basis for the complaint. Another issue of concern was the additional traffic with larger crowds.

The lights that were eventually installed were the same height as proposed at Carmel High School. The lights shine down and not outward from the field. Since these lights have been installed, there have been no follow-up complaints whatsoever. The rules that the high schools instituted as far as how long they would be on, and on what days, have been adhered to. Vehicular traffic has cleared out 15-20 minutes after the games are over. By the way, boys and

girls team share that field almost equally between football, soccer and other events.

Most importantly, this is something that benefits the kids who are playing their sports. The effort put in to getting onto a team and be able to suit up for that Friday night game is really important. Hard work, good grades, all that stuff is part of the effort and reward. The biggest reward is looking into the stands and seeing their family members or friends watching them participate. Just take a look at the kids on the sidelines, and see how they look for someone in the stands. It doesn't even matter if they get on the field or not, someone was there just to see them. This is the core of the argument for the stadium lights and support for their installation.

I would venture to guess that not all parents or family who are working can take a half-day or few hours off from work to attend an afternoon game. In some cases, I'm sure they have to risk taking an entire day off and lose that pay, or have to dip into vacation day or comp time reserves.

People can always invent a reason not to have the lights, but it takes a challenge to look at the lights at other schools and see how they look. It is for the kids.

David Byers, San Jose

Laguna Seca's history

Dear Editor,

Reference your editorial in the Oct. 29 edition, "The nuisance next door," I, and many residents in the Toro area, submit facts regarding Laguna Seca Raceway history that are not widely known. Up until 1957, SCRAMP put on one road race a year in the forested area of Pebble Beach. During the 1957 event a driver lost control, the car collided into a large tree and the driver died of the injuries. The Pebble Beach Co. realized a liability exposure and canceled the agreement/contract. SCRAMP discovered the area where Laguna Seca is now located. That area was part of Fort Ord. SCRAMP contacted our congressman, Burt Talcott. He and SCRAMP board members met with the commanding general of Fort Ord, submitted/explained the need and proposal. The general submitted everything to the Pentagon and, because the involved land was not being used by the Army, gave the general authority to enter into a contract with SCRAMP. On a Sunday morning in 1958, the residents were awakened by race car engine noise that they later determined originated on a racetrack they could not see. All that happened without notification to Caltrans or Monterey County or a permit process, as it

was U.S. Government property.

For the first three years there was one race event a year. SCRAMP got permission to increase the events to five a year. Then in 1974 the U.S. Army/government deeded the property to the County of Monterey and, before long, there was racetrack usage 300 days a year.

It is for the above facts that most of us "locals" complain about the noise, traffic, etc. I have been a homeowner since 1972, at that time the usage was greatly less because of the controls of the Army.

Myron Seres, Corral de Tierra

Short-term ordinance

Dear Editor,

The Monterey County Board of Supervisors have expressed that they intend to enact new short-term rental ordinances. Have they considered how this proposed District 5 pilot program will affect that goal? This will result in eliminating every STR in District 5. STR opponents will love this and strongly object to the current, or any future, draft ordinances that would permit STRs.

A similar situation occurred in 1997. Why did the county enact an inland STR ordinance in 1997 but not a coastal ordinance? The BOS passed both an inland and a coastal ordinance. The coastal ordinance was submitted to the Coastal Commission, but they objected to the administration process for a coastal development permit. The County made no effort to work with the coastal commission and did nothing. In a 2014 memorandum to the board of supervisors, Carl Holm wrote, "Best I have been able to determine is that there was a good amount of opposition to allowing this use (STRs) so the planning management at that time (1997) set the (coastal) ordinance aside."

The pilot program is not the answer. We need to follow the current policy set by the BOS in July 2018 — and enforce only when an actual nuisance has occurred. Carl Holm did not follow the BOS policy and continued to enforce STRs even when no nuisance had occurred. Thirty-three false cases were opened in a neighborhood due to a single vigilante. Twenty-nine of these cases are still open. MCVRA knows of other non-nuisance cases that were opened. The staff has reported that there are currently 126 open STR cases such as these. Ask the code compliance staff to reveal how many of the 126 cases involved an actual, confirmed nuisance. Alleged nuisance.

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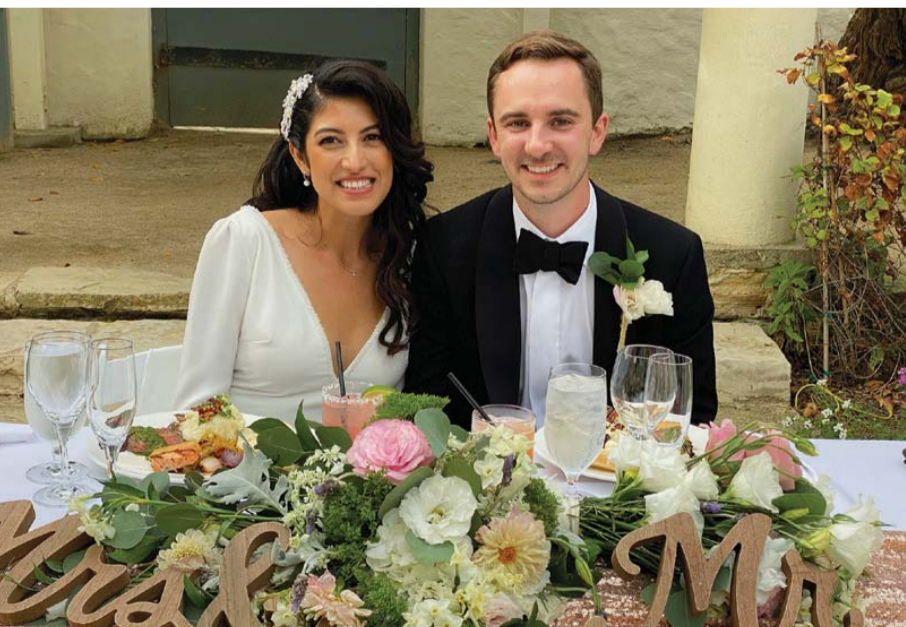
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BY LARRY MESLER

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sances by obvious vigilantes and complaints by someone not living nearby the STR should be ignored. There are perhaps 20 nuisance cases out of the 644 advertised STRs. Code inspectors should concentrate on nuisance violations. They have the staff.

Then focus on creating a fair and reasonable ordinance for everyone, not just those who are in opposition. Our neighboring counties have done this. Why can't Monterey County?

Dick Matthews, Moss Landing

'Unfounded rumors'

Dear Editor,

There are some rumors and false statements that STRs have gotten worse. These statements are unfounded and lack validity. In our own experience as home hosts, the story is quite different than what is being cited by Monterey County Supervisor Mary Adams for District 5. Let me tell you of our own story renting two bedrooms in our home, welcoming guests who come to enjoy our area responsibly and at a reasonable rate. These guests help support local businesses and venues by spending vacation dollars locally that may not otherwise be possible. Regarding our environmental and community "footprint," the imprint is negligible. We have on site parking and greet each and every guest as they arrive. Losing the income from this ban would result in us having to relocate from a community we love. Not every STR is a horror story of noise and neglect as is currently being portrayed in the latest desperate attempt to address the issue.

Please adopt a county ordinance that is fair to all concerned. Many municipalities with the challenges of inland and coastal community rentals have handled this delicate and controversial issue in very productive ways. By using the heavy hand of government to shut everyone down with the threat of losing income is unjust and capricious in its nature. All the citizens realize just how complicated this issue is, and most everyone cares deeply about our neighborhoods and community. Let's not buckle to the fear tactics of a few and consider a reasonable ordinance for the good of the community and its citizens, all of us!

CVA's Pris Walton said she and her group "do not want to ban short-term rentals in Carmel Valley, but they

want to put limitations on them," according to last week's Pine Cone. This statement alone shows there is common ground with a thoughtful, well structured county ordinance. Please rescind the idea of a pilot program that essentially bans all short term-rentals. The devastation from such a radical pilot program implementation is unconscionable and incalculable.

**Renata Barnwell,
Pebble Beach**

Chaos at MPC?

Dear Editor,

This year began and has continued in a tumultuous and chaotic manner at the MPC's board of trustees meetings which many feel has risen to a crisis level.

As evidenced in publicly available recordings of board meetings, at the center of the chaos has been trustee Debbie Anthony. Minimum responsibilities for board members include being an active listener, respectful to others, willing to understand differing points of view, exercising the art of patience, and adherence with Roberts Rules of Order/Brown Act. Anthony is certainly entitled to her opinion and voice, and should be respected no less than any other board member; however, as well intentioned as she made be, her actions have been at the core of ongoing discord and divisiveness. Why has she found it necessary to belittle the college president in public forums, repeatedly argue, over-talk and hurl insults at other board members, display unprofessional behavior, disregard decorum and meeting protocols, curse, and be absent from or late to critical meetings?

Her provocative and mercurial behavior has created and fostered a divisive environment, detracting from the important work of the board.

Ten months of escalating behaviors culminated during the Oct. 20 meeting, wherein Anthony publicly accused other board members of racism.

To the board of trustees, our community deserves better. Meeting behaviors have created frustration and embarrassment to many staff, faculty and administrators. Your lack of controlling the divide that has come about by not reconciling unchecked behaviors has the potential to undo

years of work. I can assure you that if this chaos is allowed to continue, the results will be disastrous, fiscally and professionally. They are already impacting the fabric and reputation of the institution.

The community funded the college foundation to \$12,000,000 and supported two bond measures. What will be the response the next time MPC goes before the public to request a bond measure or solicit contributions? With David Martin's departure, perhaps due in part to this chaos, what quality of president/superintendent do we feel would be willing to work with a dysfunctional board? Are your behaviors setting an example for orderly governance?

Immediate professional training is required that fosters respectful, positive and constructive conduct and reviews the rules of order for professional decorum. All board members must commit to attending. If they are not prepared to participate, they should consider resigning.

I implore the board to take this issue to heart. Please set aside your personal differences and commit to working as a unit. Bickering and personal animosities have no place in your work.

Peter Baird, Monterey

Astronauts to share stories

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

AFTER A long hiatus caused by the coronavirus pandemic, the Carmel Public Library Foundation and Carmel Unified School District are again collaborating on their Community Night with the Library. Set for Nov. 10 at 6:30 p.m., the free program, "Meet the Stars in Space," will have three astronauts sharing the tales of their journeys beyond Earth.

Stephen Frick participated in two Space Shuttle missions, Daniel Bursch had four spaceflights, and James Newman participated in the first Space Shuttle mission to begin assembling the International Space Station.

The talk is open to all, and people can attend in person at the Carmel High School performing arts center or virtually. Register at carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org.

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HISTORY

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and water. He continued north in January, reaching the equator in February 1579 and southern Mexico in early April. The records of Drake's travels do not record a stop along the 36th parallel, which passes through Monterey County, on May 1. They do record that on June 17, after sailing further north, Drake made land around the 38th parallel, what we call Drake's Bay near Point Reyes. His claim there named the area New Albion and again he claimed it for his Queen.

Still a question

This left a May 1 stop near Monterey possible, but unverified. So, while experts affirmed the bottle and sixpence were indeed 16th century, the lead scroll remained in question. Unsatisfied, Clear refused to go forward with the story.

But wagging tongues reached the Monterey Herald. The editors determined, despite Clear's protests, that the story was known to enough of the public that its readers had a right to learn what others knew. The story on Drake and the discovery — which did not include Clear's name because of his reluctance to go public at that point — consumed most of the front page of the Herald on Dec. 7, 1949, and many other papers picked up on the story from the Herald's account.

Clear personally took the items to the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, where experts found yet another sixpence

buried in compacted sand still at the bottom of the bottle. However, confirming the lead scroll remained a problem. The British Museum reportedly went so far as to determine it would have been impossible to have extracted the lead scroll from the bottle and straighten it, but any additional records of their reviews of the items no longer exist. I checked.



Warren J. Clear

Herald assistant editor Edward Kennedy first revealed Clear's connection to the discovery in a June 29, 1956, column. Kennedy seemed to believe it was legitimate and quoted Oliver, who said, "There is every evidence that it is genuine and no expert has successfully been able to disprove its authenticity," insisting the items would be impossible to fabricate in modern times.

At the time, the items were in Clear's possession, and he still refused to go on the record.

He also refused to sell them, despite being offered thousands of dollars.

Where the artifacts are now is anyone's guess. In 1965, Clear said they were stolen in a home burglary while he was overseas. He died in 1980; his wife even earlier, in 1969. They had no children. Many of us who know the story hope that somehow the bottle and lead scroll will resurface and become part of a local museum. And count me a believer in Drake's brief visit, even if it is a mostly meaningless footnote to Monterey Peninsula history.

Neal Hotelling has been researching and writing about Monterey County history for more than three decades. His email is nbhotelling@msn.com.

ARTIST

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1974, the Olsens bought their Monterey home.

"I honestly didn't know if I was all that interested in art until I started learning from Keith Lindberg and Reed Farrington," Olsen said of the two CAA icons. "Reed told me not to start judging my work until I had done at least 400 paintings, which was great advice. And everybody told me I'd never get into the Art Association if I took lessons from Keith, because all his students painted too much like him. But both were wonderful instructors and they taught me a lot, and I got into the Art Association by creating a different look."

A technique Lindberg shared — applying a burnt-orange, acrylic underpainting before painting with her oils — dramatically altered the look of her work, she said.

"I think that's one of the things that made a major difference for me," Olsen declared.

Validation from the CAA

Her acceptance into the CAA proved to be a turning point.

"That was huge — I had tried many galleries before, but they didn't sell anywhere near as much art as the Carmel Art Association," she said.

The validation and encouragement inspired Olsen to produce multiple paintings every month, always from her own inspiration, rather than trying to satisfy the tastes of a gallery owner.

"At the Art Association, they let you paint whatever you like, which isn't the case at a lot of places," she said. "I remem-

ber one gallery owner who criticized my work just because it wasn't exactly what she wanted."

Olsen also enjoyed becoming part of a new family of artists at CAA, where she served several terms on the board of directors.

Art as a healing tool

When her husband passed away in December 2019, after 54 years of marriage, Olsen found painting cathartic, and 2020 became one of the most prolific years of her career.

"I hadn't been painting much while he was sick, because I was taking care of him. After he died, I spent a lot of time in my studio and did quite a lot of work," said Olsen, who typically listens to classical music or opera as she paints.

The process of creating art is something she's likely to miss when she retires. Other responsibilities that come with it, not so much.

"It's not only about the time we spend painting — it's also the framing, transporting the art to wherever it needs to be and a lot of other things. It really is a lot of work, and it takes a lot of time," she said.

"I've spent so many years not doing a lot of other things because I was doing art," said Olsen, a grandmother of two. "I love reading, and I have so many things I've saved. I have things on DVDs that I've always planned to watch someday. I know if I don't make 'someday' come soon, it's probably not going to come."

Images of her artwork can be seen online at carmelart.org/artist/peggy-olsen, or at the Carmel Art Association gallery (Dolores between Fifth and Sixth).

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CONTRACTS

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Plus, it could provide equipment and services if the council pursues its plans to install paid parking downtown and/or in the Del Mar lot, according to Friedrichsen.

Finally, two firms — Rincon Consultants, Inc. and Dudek — already have \$24,500 contracts, which don't require council approval. Rincon helped amend the municipal code to comply with a new state law requiring businesses and residents to compost kitchen scraps and developed "adaptation strategies" for dealing with climate change. Now, the firm will get another \$50,500 to further assist with implementing the new state garbage rules, "assembling" the climate adaption plan and getting permits for various capital projects that require CEQA review.

Dudek reviewed plans for drainage and erosion control on private projects and will receive an additional \$50,500 to continue reviewing plans for compliance with stormwater runoff requirements, update the city's stormwater ordinance and obtain permits for the Mission Trail drainage project.

All the new and amended agreements on the Nov. 1 agenda were unanimously approved.

United Public Safety will receive \$67,350 between Nov. 1 and Oct. 31, 2024, for processing parking tickets and code-enforcement citations, and could also assist with the development of a new paid-parking program, according to Friedrichsen. UPSafety employs the same technology the city already uses to collect parking fees from tour buses and "is able to integrate its system with the city's existing license plate reader system and provide the city with fee collection, processing and citation appeals for parking and code enforcement," she said.

Parking tickets

CSG has worked with the city in the past, but the new contract broadens the scope of services to include plan checks and other assistance for the building department and incorporates language required by recently updated state labor laws, she said.

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\$670,000, an impressive figure given the size of Pacific Grove and the chamber.

Besides once getting a key to the city from the late Sandy Koffman, former mayor of Pacific Grove, Ammar said he's most proud of his role in expanding the organization that he's been a part of for nearly half his life.

"My biggest accomplishment was building up the Pacific Grove Chamber and improving it, in terms of the number of members and its financial stability," he said.

Weathering storms

The toughest period of his chamber career was the global financial crisis that began in 2007, but he credited the chamber's board of directors for helping weather that bad spell and other economic slumps,

including in the early 1990s, after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, and during the coronavirus pandemic.

Shrewd and tireless, Ammar has at times been criticized for his ardent support for development in Pacific Grove, including the transformation of the struggling American Tin Cannery into a hotel, which critics say is too large for the site and would be environmentally harmful, but which Ammar maintains would create jobs and increase tourism, business revenue and hotel taxes.

Ammar is committed to the hotel project and said he would continue to lobby for it. "I might be leaving the chamber, but I want to make sure the American Tin Cannery hotel project is completed," he said. "I really believe in it.

Ammar added that he isn't "really going anywhere" and that, besides spending more time with family, he plans on helping local businesses on a volunteer basis.

The board of directors, Ammar said, is discussing who will take over his job.

PLAQUE

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for our country," she said. "And in the middle of Ocean Avenue, it's a little bit hard to do that."

"What makes me very sad is that something that was conceived out of unity, out of celebration of what people thought was the end of war, has been turned into such a divisive issue within our community," councilwoman Karen Ferlito said. "Such a divisive issue that people are not speaking to each other. That is wrong — that is wrong in every way."

Ferlito argued that everyone who served, regardless of whether in combat or through another organization or effort, should be honored.

Councilman Jeff Baron pointed out those who designed and built the monument could have put a plaque on it but didn't.

"The plaque was put in city hall, not on

the monument," he said. "They had the opportunity to put it on the monument, and yet that's not where it ended up."

Richards made the motion to overturn the historic resources board's decision, which effectively kills the proposal, and the council agreed 4-1, with Ferlito dissenting. The plaque proponents could work with the city to install it or something similar somewhere else in town, if they desire.

'Cooling off'

After the meeting, Martin said he and the others will wait awhile before deciding what to do.

"I think a period of cooling off and reflecting is called for," he said, and any further discussion of the plaque should wait until everyone can "all meet together in the same room and really listen to each other and see each other's presentations."

"If we had all been able to do that at the HRB level, I believe a great deal of this divisiveness could have been avoided," he said. "This is too sensitive a discussion to have remotely."

GAVEL

From page 4A

2018, Detective Robert Miller of the Salinas Police Department reopened the case by pursuing investigative leads and interviewing witnesses. His perseverance convinced reluctant witnesses to reveal the truth.

Jerry Sanks was arrested on Sept. 18, 2018, after surrendering himself and publicly proclaiming his innocence. Lenny Sanks was arrested on Feb. 15, 2019, after additional investigation and evidence revealed his involvement in the killing of King.

Jerry Sanks also pled guilty to a felony for assaulting another inmate in the Monterey County Jail on Jan. 6, 2019. In addition to his plea in the killing, Lenny Sanks pled guilty to a felony for his role in fraudulently obtaining California Employment Development Department benefits while he was in custody in the Monterey County Jail. These benefits were intended to provide financial relief to people who suffered economic hardship due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The homicide of Marcus Jelks remains unsolved. If anyone has any information about his homicide, please call Detective Robert Miller of the Salinas Police Department at (831) 758-7954 or email him at robertm@ci.salinas.ca.us.

Sept. 2 — Police officer Alex Sakhrani pled no contest to and was convicted of hit-and-run causing property damage. This offense occurred when Sakhrani was off duty.

On April 12, 2021, a security camera captured a white Toyota Tundra veer over the curb of Mar Vista Drive in Monterey, driving through landscaping and damaging several plants. The Tundra then continued into a nearby driveway and collided with a wall, before reversing and leaving the scene.

The Toyota Tundra was registered to Sakhrani, who admitted to driving the vehicle at the time of the collision when later contacted by law enforcement.

The Honorable Judge Elisabeth K. Mineta sentenced Sakhrani to one year of probation, 10 days in the Monterey County Jail, ordered to pay any outstanding restitution, and prohibited from consuming alcohol during the period of his probation.



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Section 2

Stevenson's water polo teams prepare to face a tidal wave of talent

THE CENTRAL Coast Section paid its highest possible compliment this week to the water polo program at Stevenson School. In a section stretching from San Francisco to Big Sur, the CCS opted to place both Pirates teams — boys and girls — in the postseason tournament reserved for its strongest teams.

After a 17-6 season, Stevenson was seeded No. 6 in the boys bracket, drawing an opening-round game at 2:30

the Monterey Peninsula after winning 10 consecutive CCS girls water polo championships during a 12-year coaching stint at ... drum roll ... Sacred Heart Prep.

"To be recognized as one of the top teams, and placed in the Open Division, was a great honor, but to also be playing the team I coached for 12 years, the irony is pretty thick," he said. "I didn't know if we'd ever play Sacred Heart — we don't cross over with them very often, so this is definitely a unique situation."

A Pirates victory would be an upset reminiscent of the "Miracle on Ice" at the 1980 Olympics (Team USA 4, Soviet Union 3), and Burke has no delusions about the challenge ahead.

"We're looking at this as an opportunity to compete against ourselves and see what we can do right," he said. "We want to try to appreciate the small successes — the shot blocks, the good defensive stops, goalie saves. We're going to try to take it one possession at a time, one quarter at a time. I think that's going to be the best way to approach the challenge of playing a team like Sacred Heart."

Lady Pirates 20th in U.S.

The Pirates are ranked No. 20 in the nation by MaxPreps, playing in a bracket that also includes Soquel (22-3, No. 4 in the country), Leland (19-7, No. 10), Los Gatos (25-2, No. 12), St. Francis (16-9, No. 16), Castilleja (18-9,

No. 24), and Menlo School (16-9, No. 26). They also bring a seven-game winning streak into the tournament.

Stevenson's girls are led by the PCAL's second-leading scorer, Sofia Bozzo, who has 105 goals, and Kate Morgan, whose 96 goals rank her fourth in the league. Goalkeeper Olivia Garley has 144 saves.

Stevenson's boys, meanwhile, are not lacking in confidence, having gone 11-1 since Oct. 1.

"We've learned to play with no fear," said Frank Reynolds, who said his boys team was educated by road losses to Foothill of Santa Ana (currently No. 9 in the country) and Huntington Beach (ranked No. 2). "I think those experiences hardened us into a team that, in my opinion, nobody should look past."

Reynolds saw evidence of that on Oct. 16, when the Pirates defeated Bay League Peninsula Division champion

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Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

p.m. Saturday against the nation's 34th-ranked team, Bellarmine (15-11). The clash will take place in Bellarmine's home pool in San Jose.

If that sounds intimidating, consider the task facing Stevenson's girls, whose 20-4 record got them the No. 8 seed (among eight schools), and a first-round showdown against top-seeded Sacred Heart Prep in San Francisco (24-2) — currently the No. 2-ranked high school team in America, according to MaxPreps.com.

The news that Stevenson's teams are considered top eight in the CCS (70 schools have boys teams, 50 have girls teams) was both flattering and daunting to student-athletes and their coaches on a coed campus with just 524 students.

First time in Open Division

Pirates teams have played in the CCS postseason tournament before, but always in the Division II bracket, against smaller and less formidable schools.

"I think we all kind of assumed we'd be placed in the Division II bracket again this year, since that's where we've always been before," said Jon Burke, first-year coach of Stevenson's girls. "So, frankly, I think it was a little bit of a surprise for everybody, but I'll call it a pleasant surprise."

It also was a bit of a thunderbolt for Burke, who came to



PHOTOS/KERRY BELSER

Stevenson captain Jasper Dale, left, a senior, scored 83 goals this season, second only to his younger brother in the PCAL. Stevenson junior Wylie Dale, right, shown here firing a shot against Salinas, scored 91 goals this season, tops in the PCAL.

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Menlo-Atherton in its home pool, 11-10 in overtime, Stevenson's most impressive effort of the season.

"That team won the CCS Division I championship in 2019, pre-Covid, so they were battle-tested and had won some huge matches," he said. "For us to go into their house and step up to the moment was really when the lightbulb switched on. We realized that day that we could compete with anybody, and that we were meant to be in this Open Division."

The two highest scoring boys in the PCAL are Stevenson brothers Wylie Dale (91 goals), a junior, and Jasper Dale (83 goals), the Pirates' senior captain.

The Dales and goalie Luka Zaninovich (132 saves) are considered top college prospects.

"I think our confidence is in a place where we're ready to play anybody, but when we basically have a dead week (with no games), it's a balancing act between that confidence and our fitness," Reynolds said. "We'll work to keep everybody's heart rate up at practice this week so we maintain the level of fitness we're going to need to compete in the Open Division at CCS."



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

With 61 saves, goalkeeper Olivia Garley has been a force on defense for the Gabilan champion Pirates.

Carmel's girls team, runner-up to Stevenson in the Pacific Coast Athletic League's Gabilan Division, qualified for the Division II bracket with an 8-6 overall record.

The Padres, seeded sixth, will play third-seeded St. Ignatius (10-14) in an 11:30 a.m. game at Woodside High.

CCS semifinal rounds are Tuesday, with championship games on Nov. 13.

■ PCAL cross country

Carmel ran away with the Mission Division girls title Saturday at the Pacific Coast Athletic League Cross Country Championships at Toro Park, where six of the first seven Mission Division runners were Padres.

Carmel freshman Ava Ghio led all Mission runners with a time of 19 minutes, 56 seconds for the 3-mile course, followed by teammates Chrstiana Kvittek (2nd, 20:17), Isabella Davi (3rd, 20:34), Marina Hobson (5th, 20:39), Sophia David (6th, 20:42), and Chiara Kvittek (7th, 20:55).

Senior Gabby Torres (8th, 20:58) and freshman Amy Rong (14th, 21:48) were Stevenson's top finishers.

Carmel beat second-place Stevenson by 41 points to take the team crown.

Santa Catalina, competing in the Cypress Division, was led by Caitlin Kostka (9th, 22:15, Heidi Green (10th, 22:15), Audrey Morrison (11th, 22:16) and Sutton Pinkus (15th, 22:53).

In the boys competition, North Monterey County edged Carmel by eight points to win the Mission Division team championship.

Carmel's top finishers were Aiden Tarantino (3rd, 16:25), Dylan Craig (5th, 16:50), and Tyler Imamu-

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CALLING ATTENTION to people with a talent for writing music, the annual Monterey County Composers Forum returns Sunday to Hidden Valley Music Seminars in Carmel Valley after a year off due to Covid.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

The program includes music written by a dozen local composers, **Dana Abbott, Steve Ettinger, Alejandro Gatica, Paula Kaiser, Carleton Macy, Douglas Ovens, David Price, Bill Rentz, Julie Roseman, Karl Schmidt, Dale Victorine** and **Rick Yramategui**.

"We have some very good composers here," said Macy, a retired college music professor who helps organize the annual event.

The compositions will be played by the Monterey String Quartet, with guest performances by violinists **Tien-Hsin Cindy Wu** and **Liana Berube**. Macy said Wu, who lives off Laureles Grade, has been doing small concerts in her yard during the pandemic.

"She truly is a world-class violinist," he told The Pine Cone. "She's played with most of the world's major string quartets."

The return of the forum was made possible by taxpayers. "We got a Covid relief grant for \$5,000," Macy said. "Most is going to the performers, and \$1,000 is going to a video recording engineer."

The music starts at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10. 104 W. Carmel Valley Road. mc-composers.org

■ Rocker to play Sunset in March

Grammy Award-winning rock singer and guitarist **Melissa Etheridge** announced last week that she'll perform at Sunset Center March 26-27. Tickets for the concerts are now on sale.

A 15-time Grammy Award nominee, Etheridge won Best Rock Vocal Performance for a woman in 1993 for her song, "Ain't It Heavy."

In 2007, her composition, "I Need to Wake Up," earned her an Academy Award for Best Original Song.

Etheridge has recorded 17 albums, including "One Way Out," which came out in September. The disc is filled with unreleased nuggets from the '80s and '90s that never saw the light of day, but have been rerecorded with her new band.

Tickets are \$90 and \$132. Call (831) 620-2048 or visit sunsetcenter.org.



Singer and guitarist Melissa Etheridge (left) has announced plans to play at Sunset Center in March, and tickets are now on sale. Stormy Wings (right), featuring Chris Bohrman and Clare Manning, has a new CD out. The duo plays every Monday at the Pacific Grove Farmers Market.

■ Something different at Sandbox

And now for something outside the box — but somehow still in it. A trio, **Musikiwest**, performs alongside two dancers Thursday at the Sandbox in Sand City.

"Dancers **Antoine Hunter** and **Zahna Simon** of the Urban Jazz Dance Company, California's only Black deaf-led professional company, team up with harpist Adam Phan, violinist **Siwoo Kim** and cellist **Michelle Djokic** in this provocative program," reads a description for the event. The music starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$35. The Sandbox is located at 440 Ortiz Ave., sandboxsandcity.com.

■ Live music Nov. 5-11

Barmel — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (folk,

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Singer and guitarist Melissa Etheridge (left) has announced plans to play at Sunset Center in March, and tickets are now on sale. Stormy Wings (right), featuring Chris Bohrman and Clare Manning, has a new CD out. The duo plays every Monday at the Pacific Grove Farmers Market.



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FOOD & WINE

Falling for fall cocktails, driving for arancini, and shopping for good food

JUST IN time for changing weather and shifting clocks, the bartenders at the Rio Grill and Tarpy's are introducing new fall-inspired drinks.

Allison Peach, who runs the bar at Tarpy's on Highway 68 at Canyon del Rey,

is traditionally equal parts gin, Campari and sweet vermouth — is called the Pressure Drop and includes Lo-Fi Amaro, Nolet gin and orange bitters. The restaurant's proximity to Monterey Airport inspired the name, she said, and the cocktail is lovely to look at and to drink, with pronounced floral notes.

Peach, who has worked in the hospitality industry for 11 years and has been a bartender for four, said she's delighted to have been given

the chance to take on the responsibility of developing the cocktail program and deciding which spirits should be offered at Tarpy's.

"It's humbling and so exciting, and a huge learning experience, which has been fantastic," she said.

Patrick Fischer, who holds the same role at the Rio Grill in the Crossroads, said the scents and flavors of fall and winter "take



Allison Peach and Patrick Fischer run the bar programs at Tarpy's and the Rio Grill and have introduced new cocktails for the fall season, including Fischer's Fall Into Old Fashion and his Holiday Mojito.

Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

said she took used flavors like apple cider and citrus to riff on classic cocktails.

"Spiked mulled apple cider is always very popular at my house during the holidays," she said. Her Baked Apple cocktail features apple brandy, orange bitters, lemon, apple cider and mulling spices, and is served warm. "Guests can order it non-alcoholic, too," she said.

Peach's variation of a Negroni — which

me back to memories of when I was young and around my family and people I care about," and he'd like his seasonal drinks to be evocative of that.

"So, when I think about fall and winter drinks, I think about drinks that warm you from the inside, drinks you'd cozy up to the fire with," he said. "It's a joyful time of year, and if our drinks can bring joy to someone as they sit in one of our restaurants," that's a win.

Nostalgia

Fischer's Fall Into Old Fashioned was inspired by his memories of receiving pecans from his grandparents during the holidays when he was a kid and includes pecan-infused bourbon, maple syrup and Angostura bitters. He infuses the bourbon himself, and the drink is nutty, nicely balanced and not too sweet.

The Holiday Mojito incorporates Sailor

Jerry spiced rum, allspice dram, cranberry, lime and mint. The spiced rum and allspice bring the holiday spirit into this typically tropical, hot-weather drink. Considering that fall brings some of the nicest weather of the year on the Peninsula, it's also appropriate to have refreshing cocktails on the list.

Fischer, who started working in restaurant kitchens 25 years ago at the age of 13 and has held "pretty much every position in the restaurant that you can think of," at one time or another, described bartenders as "the chefs of the front of the house," with which Peach agreed.

"I like to make people happy and talk to a lot of people, and to go around and be that icing on the cake for everybody's experience," he said.

Fischer noted that he and Peach "put a real

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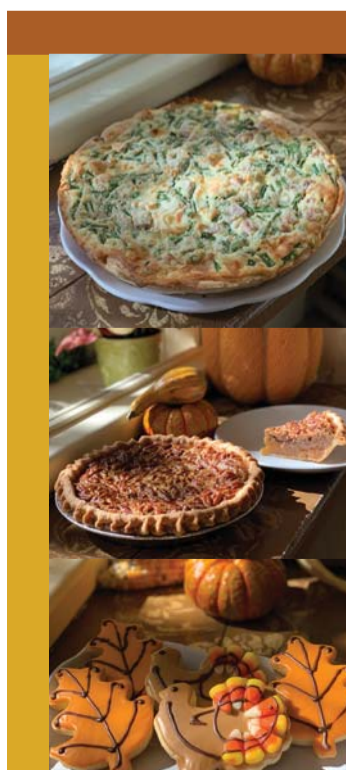
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FOOD & WINE

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division of Southern Glazer, and Nielsen's resident wine expert, Patrick Schrady.

■ Carmel Wine Expo

The Carmel Chamber of Commerce

will present its inaugural Carmel Wine Expo at Quail Lodge Nov. 30, the night before the chamber's annual awards gala.

For \$40, guests will enjoy two hours of tasting and opportunities to cast their votes for best red, best white, best rosé and "people's choice," which will include two tickets and an award presentation at the dinner.

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(and competing) include Bernardus, CRU Wines, Dawn's Dream, De Tierra, Galante, Hahn, Holman Ranch, McIntyre, Scheid, Silvestri and Wrath.

Due to the size of the event, participants will have to provide proof of a negative Covid test or proof of vaccination to get in.

The tasting will take place at 8205 Valley Greens Drive from 4 to 6 p.m. To register, go to carmelchamber.org.

ni-fund-raiser. For more information, call (831) 238-4448.

■ Favorite Fridays

For years, Hofsas House Hotel has hosted occasional wine-and-snack fundraisers benefiting various local charities, but the pandemic put all that on hold. Now, starting Nov. 18, Locals Favorites Wine Fridays return with a benefit for Peace of Mind Dog Rescue.

Scheid Vineyards will be the featured winery at the tasting, which will run from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the conference room next to the hotel's pool. The \$15-per-person fee (with additional glasses of wine available for \$5 apiece) will go directly to POMDR, which helps find homes for senior dogs and lends a hand when owners are too elderly to continue caring for their pets.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling hotel owner Carrie Theis at (831) 624-2745 or emailing carrie.theis@hofsashouse.com. Hofsas House is located on San Carlos north of Fourth. Visit hofsashouse.com for more information.

■ Speaking of nonprofits

Coastal Roots Hospitality donates a portion of the proceeds from to-go orders picked up by customers at the Rio Grill and Tarp's to local nonprofits and is looking for new charitable partners for 2022. The company's "Pick It Up — Pay It Forward" campaign has 10 percent of all proceeds from in-person takeout orders going to six nonprofits throughout the year.

To be considered, organizations should submit a statement no more than 300 words long explaining why they should have a spot on the list and how they would use the funds. Name, contact information, website and mission statement should also be included. Email everything to pr@coastal-rootshospitality.com. Submissions are due Nov. 30.

■ Change at Mana + Pua

The Mana + Pua wine bar in the Crossroads shopping center will have new proprietors soon, owner Ashleigh Hutchison confirmed this week. She's keeping the name and company but selling the wine bar and its liquor license to Lance and Roslyn Anderson, according to filings with the state department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. The new business will be called Vin Wine Bar & Bottle Boutique, and "the new owners are lovely," Hutchison said.

In the meantime, visit Mana + Pua for wine tasting, small bites, accessories and other delights. It's open daily from noon to 7 p.m., with Aloha Hour specials available weekdays from 3 to closing. Visit manapua.wine for more information.

■ Drive-through arancini

The Festa Italia Santa Rosalia Foundation is holding its inaugural drive-through arancini sale Nov. 13 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the San Carlos Cathedral Parish Hall Parking Lot at 500 Church St. in Monterey.

Arancini are balls of risotto filled with meat, cheese and peas and then fried crisp and accompanied with a dipping sauce, and they're always a hit at the annual Fisherman's Festival. Made from scratch, they can simply be heated and served at home.

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With art tours on hold, painter shares new work

HAND CRAFTED furniture and fine art come together at Studio Fogline, where an exhibit of paintings by **Elizabeth Murray** opens Friday, with a reception starting at 5 p.m.

Besides being a painter and photographer, Murray is the author of six books, including "Monet's Passion," which uses words and images to offer an intimate look at the famous painter's garden in Giverny, France.

The artist has long led group trips to the garden, where many of Monet's paintings were set. But Covid has put the trips on hold for now.

Two decades ago, Murray bought a home in Monterey's

Peters Gate neighborhood that was built more than a century ago by painter Charles Rollo Peters, who achieved notoriety for his nocturnals.

After returning from her last trip to France in October

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

2019, Murray shifted her focus to constructing a painting studio in her yard — in part so she could do larger pieces.

The pieces displayed at Studio Fogline represent the first pieces created there. "I've long had the dream of having my own studio," said the artist, who loves the idea that the money she made from teaching art in Monet's garden made building the painting studio possible.

Murray's colorful and somewhat abstracted new work

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Pictured here hanging her show at Studio Fogline, painter Elizabeth Murray will be there again Friday for an opening reception.

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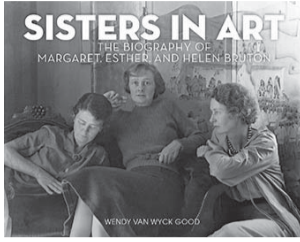
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CALENDAR

Nov. 7 – The Monterey County Composer's Forum presents "Heroes for the Arts," featuring local performers Cindy Wu, and the Monterey String Quartet with David Dally and Liana Berube. Composers include Abbott, Ettinger, Gatica, Kaiser, Macy, Ovens, Price, Rentz, Roseman, Schmidt, Victorine, and Yramategui; at Hidden Valley Music Seminars, Carmel Valley Road at Ford Road in Carmel Valley. \$10. Vaccinated and masked, please.

Nov. 7 – River House Books - 1 p.m. Author Wendy Van Wyck Good will read from and sign copies of Sisters in Art, her biography of Monterey artists Margaret, Esther, and Helen Bruton. 208 Crossroads Boulevard, Carmel. Call (831) 626-2665 for more information.



Last Chance Mercantile's 8,000 square-foot warehouse and two-acre yard offer a huge selection of unique treasures at bargain prices. Proceeds benefit the Veterans Transition Center.

Nov. 9 – Carmel Residents' Association presents internationally known and award-winning local artist Will Bullas, with his unique process, perspectives, images and humor. Join us at 5 p.m. in Sunset Center's Carpenter Hall. It's open to the public, enjoy a glass of wine, and chuckle too. For details visit www.carmelresidents.org.

Nov. 10 – Community Night with the Library program, Meet the Stars in Space: Three astronauts, Stephen Nathaniel Frick, Daniel Wheeler Bursch and James Hansen Newman, Ph.D., will share their journey, experiences and perspectives. 6:30 p.m. at the Carmel High

School Performing Arts Theater & Online. Register on our website: www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org. Masks will be required. Hosted by the Carmel Public Library Foundation in partnership with the Carmel Unified School District. Cost: Free; \$10 suggested Contribution. Questions? afallon@carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org or (831) 624-2811.

Nov. 12 & 13 – Carmel Orchid Society Fall Orchid Market 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Exotic orchid, carnivorous, California native and Tillandsia plants to see, buy and learn how to care for. Orchid display, Cymbidium repotting classes. 10 plant vendors. Outside. Free, easy parking. Breezeway – Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula, 4590 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel.

Nov. 13 & 14 – Baum & Blume's "Lighting of the Tannenbaum" Holiday Open House is RSVP only! Features food and crafting demonstrations and gift ideas: nature-inspired handcrafted goods, art prints by Ann Willey, handpainted candles from Lithuania and much more. Call (831) 659-0400, 4 El Caminito Road, Carmel Valley Village.

Nov. 14 – "Story Telling and Music to Empower Veterans – Big Love Benefit Concert," Folktale Winery, 8940 Carmel Valley Road. Reception, presentations from VTC and VHV along with concert. Biglovebenefitconcert.eventbrite.com

Nov. 15 – "Fabulous Food Arrangements You've Never Seen Before." That's the long title of acclaimed gourmet chef Jennifer Andrzejewski's presentation at the Carmel Woman's Club at 2 p.m. Known for creating spectacular displays of fruits and vegetables, Andrzejewski's career stretches from features in Martha Stewart publications in the East to chef services at Williams Sonoma in the West. Like works of art, her awe-inspiring food designs are colorful and camera worthy. The Carmel Woman's Club is at Ninth and San Carlos in Carmel. Members free; guests \$3. Reservations not necessary but masks are required.

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SPORTS

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ra (8th, 17:14) in a race won by Monte Vista Christian's James Ponzio (15:55).

Stevenson's best were John Puka (4th, 16:29) and Marcus Finley (10th, 17:22).

The Central Coast Section championships are scheduled 11/13 at Crystal Springs Cross Country Course in Belmont.

■ Iniakov third at CCS golf

Stevenson's Nikki Iniakov tied for third Tuesday at the CCS Girls Golf Championships at Laguna Ranch Golf Ranch, carding a 2-under-par 70, two strokes off the pace of medalist Bridget O'Keefe of Palo Alto, and one behind Castilleja's Norah Yang, who placed second.

Iniakov led the Pirates to a fourth-place team finish, behind Valley Christian, Palo Alto and Los Altos, with help from teammates Michelle Wang (79, 30th place), Sydney Craven (81, 39th), Siobhan Ong (88, 62nd), and Emma Chung (89, 70th).

Carmel's top finishers were Elle Bohlman (83, 49th) and Elle Rydeheard (85, 58th).

The NorCal Regional Championships are Wednesday at Berkeley Country Club in El Cerrito.

■ Padres, Pirates spiked at CCS

Third-seeded Carmel was defeated on its home court in the quarterfinal round of the CCS Division IV girls volleyball tournament Tuesday, falling to Mercy-Burlingame 25-12, 25-10, 25-7. The Padres finished their season with a 19-10 record.

Stevenson lost its Division V quarterfinal game on the road to second-seeded Summit Shasta, 25-8, 25-17, 25-7. The Pirates had a 15-8 record this year, including an opening-round playoff victory over Pacific Bay Christian.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 21CV003413
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, APRIL KAY LISIAK, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. Present name: APRIL KAY LISIAK
Proposed name: AUDREY KAY COSTA

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before

the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: Dec. 10, 2021
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
DEPT: 15

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

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

(s) Thomas W. Wills
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Oct. 26, 2021
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ART

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is inspired by her love of nature, and in particular, trees. The painter said they represent many things to her, including beauty, resilience, regeneration, solace and creativity. The pieces are done with oils, acrylics and watercolors.

“All the work in the show is based on trees,” she told The Pine Cone. “It’s all fresh work.”

Studio Fogline is located on Junipero near Fifth. studiofogline.com

Will shares his wit

Recently chosen by the Pine Cone’s readers as our Best Local Artist, illustrator and humorist **Will Bullas** presents a talk Tuesday in Sunset Center’s Carpenter Hall.

The artist will discuss his creative process and the inspiration for his work, along with making everybody smile, which he is particularly good at. “Dozens of Will’s images will escort our curious minds through this journey of humor and wit, with an

occasional glimpse of more serious paintings that garnered Will a bounty of fine art awards,” an invitation to the talk reads.

The event is free and starts at 5 p.m. Masks are required, but proof of vaccination isn’t. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth.

Late local loved still lifes

Unlike a plein air painter whose creativity is sparked by the beauty of nature — or an abstract artist who discovers shapes and patterns in his or her mind — the late **Peter Plamondon** found his muse in the small manmade objects he artfully arranged in his paintings. He died last year.

A year after his passing, the Carmel Art Association presents a retrospective exhibit of his work through Nov. 29.

As a young man, he was inspired to paint by a pair of talented locals, Sam Colburn and Kaffe Fassett.

After studying art in college — he graduated in 1985 with a Masters in Fine Arts from Boston University — Plamondon quickly found success in the art world as a still-life artist.

Boston’s prestigious Alpha Gallery

hosted his first solo show, and every piece sold. “Peter’s signature works were always still lifes, usually playful arrangements of ceramic, porcelain, or enamel cups, saucers, bowls, plates, teapots, garden pots, and vases that he sometimes enlarged to three times life size in acrylic on canvas,” the CAA’s **Sally Aberg** said.

Today, Plamondon’s art can be found

in a number of prominent public and private collections — and, for the rest of this month, at the CAA gallery, which is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth..

“He was immensely talented and his paintings inspired a sense of serenity and calm,” said Fassett’s niece, Big Sur painter **Erin Gaffill**. “He will be very missed indeed.”

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La Playa Hotel — **The David Morwood Band** (jazz, Sunday at 4 p.m.). Camino Real, (800) 582-8900.

Massa Tasting Room in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (folk, Sunday at 2:30 p.m.). 69 W. Carmel Valley Road, (831) 659-6221.

Mission Ranch — singer and pianist **Maddaline Edstrom** (jazz and pop, Friday through Sunday at 5 p.m.)

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The Pacific Grove Farmers Market — **Stormy Wings** (folk, Monday at 3 p.m.). Forest and Central avenues.

Puma Road at Portola Plaza in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Tom Faia** and singer **Kate Miller** (Sunday at 2 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St., (831) 747-1911.

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