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Betty White's generosity made her famous here

■ Ribera Road was where her heart was

By CHRIS COUNTS

BETTY WHITE may have been an icon in Hollywood who owned a home not far from the bright lights of the Sunset Strip, according to widespread media reports, but Carmel was where she longed to be during her final days.

Just two weeks short of her 100th birthday, White died "peacefully in her sleep" on New Year's Eve in her Los Angeles home. She had been staying there because she needed at-home care, according to various reports.

Perhaps it's easier to hire a caregiver in a big city. But a building on Ribera Road with a magnificent view of Point Lobos was White's true home. In 1978, she and her husband, Allen Ludden, bought a lot there for \$170,000 and built a 3,600-square-foot home. Sadly, Ludden died just weeks after it was completed three years later.

One of our own

Yet White kept the home as a getaway and spent much time here over the past four decades. With her legendary sense of humor and her generosity for causes benefiting animals, she endeared herself to Carmelites, who happily embraced her as one of their own.

She was an ardent contributor to local

charities. While most involved animal welfare, one that didn't was the short film, "Where's Marty?" produced in 2006 by the Monterey Film Commission as a fundraiser. When director and screenwriter Nola Rocco contacted White and asked her to be in the film, the actress agreed.

In her scene, White sat on a park bench in Piccadilly

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PHOTO/MONTEREY COUNTY FILM COMMISSION

At the filming of "Where's Marty?" in 2006, Betty White and Lydia Moran do a scene on a bench in Piccadilly Park.

School district sidelines sports, bus routes as virus spikes

By MARY SCHLEY

DOZENS OF kids at Carmel Unified Schools are out with Covid, as are 30 of the district's 400 faculty and staff members, superintendent Ted Knight said Thursday. As a result, officials are scrambling to keep the schools open and shutting down activities that aren't mandatory.

"We are definitely seeing increased numbers," he told The Pine Cone.

Knight speculated part of the reason is that the district distributed 1,455 take-home Covid tests to 80 percent of the staff and just over half of CUSD's nearly 2,500 students before the holiday break. And with increased testing comes a higher number of positive cases.

"We were one of the few districts that got take-home tests before the winter break," he said, and some kids tested positive Sunday and Monday, before classes resumed Tuesday, though he didn't know how many.

'Biggest surge'

On Jan. 4, the first day of school after the break, the district received reports of 18 more positive cases among students, and an equal number on Wednesday.

"It's definitely the biggest surge we've had, but not out of this world," he said, adding that most of the cases are very mild or asymptomatic, with no one severely ill.

"The key is isolating them," he said.

One Carmel High parent expressed frustration after

See **SCHOOLS** page 16A

If a new composting law falls in the forest

■ Time to start putting food scraps in the green bin, but does anybody know?

By MARY SCHLEY

WHAT'S BEEN described as the biggest change in garbage laws in 30 years went into effect Jan. 1, likely without many people knowing. The far-reaching state law aims to cut the amount of methane generated from California landfills by drastically cutting the amounts of food waste, paper products and wood that end up in the trash.

The law includes many requirements focused on recycling, but the most major change is how people handle their kitchen waste.

As of Saturday, residents are required to put all their food scraps — except for liquids, used grease and raw meat, which go in the garbage — in their green bins.

Moldy? No problem!

That 3-week-old leftover spaghetti in the fridge you forgot about? Scrape it into the green bin and toss the dirty takeout container in the trash, even if it's "compostable" cardboard. Uneaten cat food? Yard-waste bin. Coffee grounds, remnants from the mayonnaise jar, the bits of salad left on your plate, rib bones, soggy hamburger buns, freezer-burned items that are no longer edible — it all goes in the green bin, now, and you can't bag it first.

Businesses, too, have to provide bins for customers to

dump their unwanted food.

The city and its waste hauler, GreenWaste Recovery, have two years to educate and inform people about the requirements, with enforcement, including the deployment of people to check everyone's garbage bins, beginning in 2024.

See **SCRAPS** page 15A

Parklets get April 20 deadline for removal

By MARY SCHLEY

THE TEMPORARY outdoor dining areas set up by restaurants during the pandemic must go by April 20, the city council decided Tuesday. And at next month's meeting, council members will come up with recommendations for the planning commission on what kind of outdoor setup — if anything — should replace them.

During the discussion at the Jan. 4 council meeting, a few members of the public weighed in against parklets, complaining that they're unsightly, take up parking and keep people from visiting downtown stores, while others, mostly owners of restaurants, tasting rooms and bars, pleaded with the council to let them stay, especially as Covid cases are surging and people continue asking to eat outdoors.

Councilwoman Carrie Theis sided with the pro-parklet contingent, saying she has "known five people in the last week who have gotten Covid," mostly from family get-togethers.

Theis agreed the temporary parklets are looking shabby and said it's important they be kept tidy until they're removed, but she asked the council to move on to the discussion of making outdoor dining permanent, as a survey several months ago indicated most people want.

A permanent solution

"Let's have the planning commission take a look at this so we can get away from temporary and look at what a permanent solution would look like in a Carmel way," she said.

Mayor Dave Potter said he'd like to "see some much more rigid enforcement" of trash removal and other rules imposed on restaurant parklets, and councilwoman Karen Ferlito complained that many of the dining platforms are not ADA compliant.

See **PARKLETS** page 19A

MORENO: OMICRON CAUSING MOST CASES

■ County asks state for more test kits

By KELLY NIX

THE WAVE of Covid-19 infections in Monterey County — doubling the number of hospitalizations and the rate of new cases in a little more than a week — is being caused mostly by the omicron variant, which now dominates the majority of new infections, according to tests conducted by the county health department.

And as infections continue to increase, so has the demand for testing, which has led county health officer Dr. Ed Moreno to ask the state for help.

During a press briefing Wednesday, Moreno said that the omicron variant has taken over as the most common variant in the county, like it has in many parts of the

See **OMICRON** page 29A

Trying to keep it intact



PHOTO/PAUL FALWORTH

The roof caved in last June, and the rest of it's leaning precariously toward the neighbor to the north. After years of being covered in vegetation, the century-plus-old cabin where Robinson Jeffers once lived is now visible. See story page 8A.

FOOD SCRAPS

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Fish bones, yes. Sour milk, no. A waste district graphic shows what must and what must not end up in your yard-waste bin as of Jan. 1.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Gabby got home

STROLLING THE shoreline in the Hamptons, a couple encountered a dog that was so cuddly and cute, it was kinda like a child's favorite comfort toy. So, it was love at first sight.

Having never seen a dog like him, they had no sense of his breed or disposition, but they wanted one. The dog's person called him a Lagotto Romagnolo, a water dog with origins in Romagna, Italy.

And then, on an airplane on their way home, the couple met a passenger who couldn't stop talking about his dog, and was certain his seatmates had never heard of a Lagotto Romagnolo. They took it as a sign and didn't part ways until they had the name of his breeder.

"The Missouri breeder, who happened to have a new litter, sent us videos of the puppies and gave us our pick," they said. "She also offered us three levels of training, the most comprehensive of which meant we'd get our puppy at 9 months."

The couple liked the idea of a fully trained dog but didn't want to wait nine months to receive their little "Gabrielle." After Covid caused a delay in her delivery, Gabby got home at 9 months, after all.

Gabby's couple, who divide their time between Ath-



erton and Carmel, about a block from the end of the beach, sheltered through the storm of the pandemic by the sea. It was a perfect place, they said, to get to know Gabby.

"A little over 2 years old, Gabby is well behaved," her person said, "but she's a bit of a 'Covid canine,' having gotten used to our constant presence and attention. She's loving but shy, so we're working on that."

Hoping to find a friend for Gabby, the couple looked for a rare Lagotto Romagnolo sighting on the streets of Carmel and actually found one. The two have already enjoyed some playdates.

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Council OKs glass wall inside China Art entry for sound studio

By MARY SCHLEY

THE GLASS wall and door proposed for the vestibule of the China Art Center — a necessary component for converting the old building into a recording studio — are OK after all, the city council unanimously decided Tuesday, when it overturned the planning commission’s decision that the entryway should remain unchanged and the soundproofing installed somewhere else.

The hearing, which was victorious for owner Sean Moriarty and architect Rob Carver, marked the fourth on their plans to renovate the long defunct historic building on Dolores north of Seventh.

Designed by San Francisco architect H.H. Winner and constructed in 1929 by noted local builder Hugh Comstock and subcontractor M.J. Murphy in the Mission Revival style, the building was originally a trust and savings bank and was later remodeled to become the Carmel Museum of Art in 1967 and then the China Art Center.

Among its most remarkable features are the large arched entrance and matching Moorish arched windows, Carmel stone base and wood gates, and a distinctive, quatrefoil window frame above the entry.

Moriarty bought it more than a year ago for \$4.25 million under the name Dolores & 7th LLC. On Tuesday, he asked the council to overturn the planning commission’s decision and allow him to proceed with the overhaul, which also include a seismic retrofit and complete interior remodel, a new elevator, a new skylight, and new windows and doors.

“Everyone thinks that an Abbey Road-level recording studio is an exciting improvement for this abandoned building,” Carver told the council Jan. 4. “This is a culturally significant project.”

While the planning commission two months ago decided Carver should put the sound wall inside rather than in the entryway, where the glass might be seen from the street, he said that proposal “seriously compromises the sound isolation from Dolores Street.”

Ultra-clear

Carver changed the plans slightly so the old wood gates in front of the building could be opened and shut, rather than pinned open, and “ultra-clear, low-reflective glass” will be used.

“The whole building is unchanged, basically, except for this necessary sound lock,” he said, and the federal Secretary of the Interior’s standards allow for measures like this to facilitate new uses for historic buildings.

See GLASS page 28A



RENDERING/STUDIO CARVER

A rendering shows the glass wall and door inside the vestibule of the China Art Center, which will become a recording studio.

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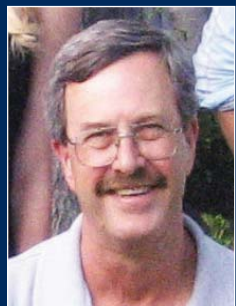


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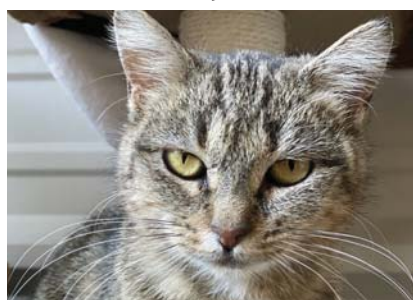
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Police & Sheriff's Log

Maybe it was a scooter biathlete

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.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

Pacific Grove: Subject on Ransford was placed on W&I 5150 hold [danger to self or others] based off suicidal ideations. Subject's two firearms were confiscated, and he was transported to CHOMP.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle backed into a temporary structure at Lincoln and Ocean, causing damage to the wooden wall and minor damage to the vehicle. No patrons were seated in tables adjacent to the wall that was hit. Parties exchanged information to pay for damage. Information only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Wallet reported lost in downtown business district.

Pacific Grove: Traffic stop on Forest resulted in a citation for driving on a suspended license.

Pacific Grove: A bicycle found on Light-

house was turned in.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to report of a prowler on Riverside Place at 0314 hours. The 23-year-old male was contacted and arrested for public intoxication.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Public works reported vandalism to city restrooms in Piccadilly Park. Cleaned/removed where able. Information only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of suspicious circumstances involving possible retail theft/fraudulent credit card purchases at Ocean and San Carlos. Involved subject contacted via phone. Information only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Anonymous crime tip regarding robbery with suspect information.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of reckless behavior involving a juvenile, a scooter and a BB gun in the area of Dolores and 11th. Juvenile was contacted and counseled.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Two scarves found in the area of Junipero and Ocean.

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



The gavel falls

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

Dec. 7 — The Real Estate Fraud Unit of the District Attorney's Office filed criminal charges against 10 persons the People allege were involved in a timeshare exit scheme. Each defendant is charged with one count of false advertising in violation of Business and Professions Code section 17500, and one count of practicing real estate without a license in violation of Business and Professions Code section 10139. Defendants acted under the name "International Escapes."

The criminal complaints stem from "cold calls" made to Monterey County residents who own timeshares. During these calls, Monterey County timeshare owners were invited to attend a meeting at a Salinas-area restaurant on Oct. 6, 2021, during which International Escapes made sales pitches to these residents.

At the Oct. 6 sales pitch, the People allege that the defendants made misrepresentations to Monterey County residents regarding International Escapes' services, and engaged in conduct constituting the unlicensed practice of real estate. Most of the Monterey County timeshare owners who attended the October 6 sales pitch were more than 70 years old.

According to the American Resort Development Association, the trade association for the vacation ownership and resort development industries, resort developers do not partner with timeshare exit firms. Consumers and timeshare owners should also be wary of timeshare exit companies that may use the Covid-19 pandemic as an opportunity to defraud timeshare owners, especially timeshare owners experiencing financial hardships.

Consumers are also warned never to pay an upfront fee to an unregulated company that claims to be able to get consumers out of their timeshare. (The preceding information is available at <https://www.arda.org/arda-roc-warns-consumer-timeshare-owners-beware-timeshare-exit-scams-during-coronavirus-pandemic>.)

Additionally, the following information is from the Federal Trade Commission, under "Avoid Timeshare Resale Scams," and is available at <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/timeshares-vacation-clubs-and-related-scams>.

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in the Real Estate Section

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Juvenile guilty in Fourtane robbery

■ Another in jail, two still loose

By MARY SCHLEY

THE 16-YEAR-OLD arrested in the Dec. 7, 2021, robbery of Fourtané Jewelers was found guilty on three counts of robbery Tuesday, Carmel Police Cmdr. Jeff Watkins told The Pine Cone. Officer Joe Martis and Cpl. Rachelle Lightfoot investigated the robbery and attended the court hearing presided over by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Pam Butler.

Juvenile proceedings are closed to the public, and defendants' names are kept secret. But the district attorney's office announced Wednesday that Butler delivered the equivalent of a guilty verdict against the minor, a resident of Stockton, for committing "three counts of robbery against three Fourtané Jewelers victim employees in Carmel."

One of four

Wearing black hoodies and masks, four people drove up to the high-end jewelry store at the corner of Lincoln and Ocean in a newer-model black SUV with no license plates shortly before 5 p.m. Dec. 7. Three of the vehicle's occupants, including the

juvenile, ran into the store carrying at least one sledgehammer and a claw hammer. They smashed display cases and grabbed precious jewelry before being chased off by the store's armed security guard, who ran up the street after them as they jumped back in the waiting car.

"In fear for their safety, one employee ran out of the building while the other two employees concealed themselves in a room and triggered the alarm," deputy district attorney Cecilia Sinohui said.

No one was injured.

Still in jail

Carmel police quickly alerted other agencies on the Peninsula to be on the lookout for the SUV, which not long after was stopped by a CHP officer on Highway 1 near Imjin Parkway. The rented Toyota only had two of the four suspects in it, though: 19-year-old Elijah Juarez and the unnamed 16-year-old.

Martis went to the location of the vehicle stop in Marina and arrested both teens. Juarez has since pleaded not guilty to three counts of second-degree robbery using a deadly weapon — a sledgehammer — and remains in Monterey County Jail on \$165,000 bail. He is also charged

See **ROBBERY** page 30A

C.V. WOMAN KILLED CROSSING ROAD

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

AN 86-YEAR-OLD Carmel Valley woman was killed Sunday night after being hit by a van while crossing Carmel Valley Road in the Village. Consuelo Calcagno died of multiple blunt force injuries, according to Monterey County Sheriff's Cmdr. Derrel Simpson.

The collision occurred just before 7 p.m. Jan. 2, as Calcagno tried to cross the road, according to the California Highway

Patrol. She wasn't in a marked crosswalk and stepped into the path of a westbound 2012 Chevy van driven by a 72-year-old female Carmel Valley resident.

The driver swerved to the left to avoid Calcagno but hit her with the front of the van, throwing her to the ground.

The driver stopped and tried to help the injured elderly woman, who nonetheless succumbed to her injuries, according to the CHP. Drugs and alcohol were not factors in the crash.



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Bloom | Design by Gunilla Ullberg
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Together with the Kasthall Design Studio, Gunilla created this variation to one of her most popular rugs. The Bloom pattern, part of the Häggå family, adds a romantic touch to the classic design. Made from pure wool yarn and is suitable as a wall-to-wall carpet.



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City council wants to return to in-person meetings next month

By MARY SCHLEY

PROOF OF vaccination — including booster shots for those who are eligible — and N95 masks will be required for everyone who wants to attend a meeting at city hall, the council decided Tuesday. Council members and city staff will also have to meet the requirements, plus take rapid tests before the meetings, which are set to resume next month.

“We’re moving toward this objective of getting back in person at the February meeting,” city administrator Chip Rerig said Jan. 4, though the virtual option will remain for anyone who gets sick, is exposed, or simply prefers watching and participating remotely.

He worried about the highly transmissible but less lethal omicron variant, however, and the resulting recent

spikes in cases.

“It’s getting more and more challenging for me to be extremely supportive of getting back to in-person because of the unknowns,” Rerig continued, even with rapid tests for officials and staff, proof of vaccination and N95 masks, which will be provided to members of the public if they arrive without theirs. “If you told me to try for March or April, it wouldn’t break my heart.”

But council members weren’t eager to wait any longer.

Tired of Zoom

“I’m disappointed the public didn’t speak up,” councilwoman Carrie Theis said, after nobody commented on the item during the meeting.

Theis noted the waste management district and other boards are already meeting in person.

“I’m a little tired of the Zoom meetings,” she said. “I think we can go in person.”

Council members Karen Ferlito and Jeff Baron said people who want to attend should be required not just to show they’ve been vaccinated, but that they’ve received their booster shots, too.

And Theis said windows and doors can be left open to encourage ventilation.

While she acknowledged communicating through thick N95 masks can be difficult, since they interfere with people’s ability to enunciate, Ferlito said, “We will have to deal with that technicality, I guess,” she said.

Mayor Dave Potter said he was comfortable with a February start unless Rerig decides it can’t be accomplished that quickly — especially if the city can’t get more rapid tests in time — but Baron wanted to take a harder line.

“I really want to be in chambers in February,” the councilman said, though he admitted not having rapid tests could be a deal breaker. “We’ve been going through this for a number of months now, and I would prefer that we leave the goalpost where it is, and we don’t start moving it around.”

Will they or won’t they?

As for whether the council’s return to in-person meetings would mean the planning commission and other boards have to follow suit, city attorney Brian Pierik pointed out that a Jan. 3 resolution adopted by the council states that each “may, in their discretion, continue to meet by teleconference.”

“If they wish to continue to meet by Zoom, the action that you’re taking tonight would not require them to meet in person,” he said.

But Baron said the council could demand the other boards and commissions meet in person if it wants to, and he argued that some hearings are better when the public participates in chambers.

“My own preference would be to let this go for a month and see what the commissions decide, but then look at this again next month or a month after that and decide how we want to proceed,” he said.

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Work begins clearing overgrowth, rebuilding decrepit Jeffers cabin

By MARY SCHLEY

THE 119-YEAR-OLD Monte Verde Street cabin once occupied by poet Robinson Jeffers can now be seen from the street, following the clearing of massive amounts of vegetation that covered it for years. Last summer, the roof of the long-condemned, decrepit building caved in, and owners Matt and Stacey Roy asked the city for permission to clear the plants so they could shore up the cabin, which is also leaning toward the northern neighbor's home.

Activity on the cabin has been dormant since 2018, when the Roys — who bought it in May of that year for \$425,000 — tried unsuccessfully to get it removed from the city's historic inventory. It was added to the list of historic properties in 2002 and condemned as unsafe the following year. The city's building official in 2018 said it's a hazard and should be demolished.

But the historic resources board decided the Roys could only rebuild a replica of the cabin on the property, not a new house. The couple asked the city council to support

their efforts to get it taken off the list and to build a new home, but the council never rendered a final ruling on their request.

New life?

Now, according to emails to the city from attorney Aengus Jeffers, the Roys are moving ahead with plans to rebuild it, under the guidance of architect Thomas Hood, after trying unsuccessfully in 2019 to find a conservation buyer to take the property off their hands.

"Fortunately, the Roys are now working with Thomas to assess the historical reconstruction of the cabin, which would be consistent with the HRB's stated desires back in 2018 and not be tied to any pilot programs," he wrote to planning director Brandon Swanson last September. "The first step in this process is to secure the cabin and allow Thomas the chance to inventory its remaining elements."

Hood is in charge of determining what parts of the cabin might be incorporated into the new construction, according to



In the 1960s, the cabin that was originally built for an attorney in 1902 or 1903 — and that was occupied for a short time by poet Robinson Jeffers — was still habitable. Today, it's definitely not.

Jeffers' letter, and shoring the flooring and walls is required to keep it from collapsing in the meantime.

Swanson said there are no active applications to undertake the rebuilding, yet.

"The vegetation had built up so much that it was impacting the cabin, collecting trash and housing rodents," he said this week. "There is no application at this point for any work to be done on the cabin itself."

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CPD to get \$360K radio antenna

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THE CITY council on Tuesday authorized spending \$357,786 on radio antenna equipment that will allow Carmel Police Department dispatchers and officers to speak to each other on encrypted digital channels.

The countywide communications system "is based on proprietary technology developed by L3Harris Technology, Inc.," according to budgets and contracts director

Sharon Friedrichsen.

"Thus, any expansion of the existing system must be L3Harris equipment in order to maintain continuity, connectivity and interoperability with the rest of the radio system," she continued. "Purchase of any other vendor's equipment will render the solution isolated and unusable."

Funding includes \$175,000 in federal tax dollars and \$200,000 in city sales tax revenues, and the purchase was approved by the council without discussion Jan. 4.

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Salinas Valley hospital workers sue over vaccine mandate

By KELLY NIX

ANOTHER LOCAL hospital is facing a lawsuit from more than two dozen nurses and other workers who oppose a requirement that employees be immunized against Covid-19 or lose their jobs.

In a Jan. 3 civil complaint, 29 employees of Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System say their religious beliefs and medical conditions should allow them to be exempt from being vaccinated against the coronavirus. But the hospital rejected their requests, contending that the unvaccinated employees pose a “substantial risk” to patients, staff and visitors.

The Salinas hospital — according to the lawsuit — offered only one option to workers who refused the vaccine.

“At this point in the process, the hospital believes that the only reasonable accommodation we can offer you is an unpaid leave of absence,” according to a letter to employees that was included in the workers’ lawsuit.

Religious reasons

The employees, however, argue that Salinas Valley Memorial could have followed guidelines from the California

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Lightspeed offers Covid testing for all at Carmel Foundation

By MARY SCHLEY

A WEEKLY Covid testing clinic offered by Lightspeed Testing at The Carmel Foundation at Lincoln and Eighth had been drawing about a dozen people until Dec. 31, when 200 people were tested in two hours and more were turned away, according to the foundation’s president, Holly Zoller.

“I think this speaks volumes about the current status of the virus” — especially the highly contagious omicron variant, she said.

The company offers Covid testing at the foundation on Fridays from 9 to 11 a.m., and it’s open to the public. “Lightspeed contacted us, and we found the space for them,” she said Monday. “We are so glad that we did it.”

While the nonprofit foundation serves members age 55 and older, the testing is

available to anyone who wants it, according to Zoller, who said she saw just a couple foundation members in line on New Year’s Eve.

“They ran out of tests and had to refer the rest of the people to their next clinic, which was later in the day at Costco,” Zoller recalled.

“Out of those tested here, they said that at least 30 tested positive,” she added.

Zoller said adults of all ages, as well as many children, lined up around the block to get swabbed.

“The test results typically come back in 15 to 30 minutes, but because it was so busy, they quoted about 45,” she said.

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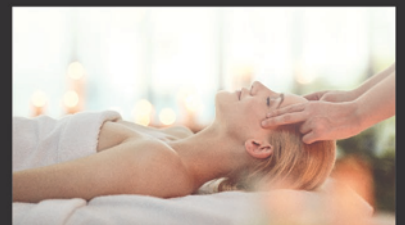


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Déjà vu for request to raise Pacific Grove sales tax to 9.25 percent

By KELLY NIX

PACIFIC GROVE residents in April will get a second chance to decide whether they want to increase the city's sales tax. Voters in November 2020 OK'd a half-cent tax hike, but the election results were invalidated due to an error.

On Nov. 3, 2020, P.G. residents voted 59.84 percent to 40.16 percent to increase the tax, which was expected to generate more than \$1 million per year. But the ballot measure, known as Measure L, was flawed because it erroneously referred to a P.G. Municipal Code section that pertained to a type of tax that cannot be legally increased.

As a result of the snafu, the state Department of Taxation and Fee Administration refused to administer the increase, compelling the city to hold a special election April 12. Like the 2020 election, the city will ask voters to OK the hike, which would raise the sales tax from 8.75 percent to 9.25 percent.

The ballot mistake has cost the city hundreds of thousands of dollars in lost tax revenue, not to mention the expense of April's special election, which could be as high as \$100,000. The city's last special

election in 2016 cost taxpayers \$80,000.

On Tuesday, the city said the revised ballot measure would be called Measure A. The move comes after the P.G. City Council on Dec. 15 voted unanimously to hold the April special election, declare a fiscal emergency and adopt an ordinance to enable the tax increase.

In hopes of avoiding another error, councilman Luke Coletti questioned whether the state taxation and fee administration had looked over the city's revised tax ordinance.

"We showed it to them in draft form, in next-to final form and in final form," city attorney David Laredo replied during the December meeting. "They have seen these exact words before you."

Stimulus dollars spent

The proposed tax increase, if approved, would pay for public safety and emergency preparation, city parks, trails, beaches and trees, pension expenses and other things, according to the report to the city council by city manager Ben Harvey.

A previous analysis, according to the city, indicated that about 70 percent of sales tax revenue is derived from visitors to Pacific Grove, not residents. In any case,

the city contends it could use the cash.

"As the city continues to slowly recover economically from the Covid-19 global pandemic, the city budget is expected to bear increasing economic pressure," according to Harvey.

Federal stimulus funds have been spent, according to Harvey, who added that projects to repair city infrastructure were scaled back the last two years, "which will only increase future costs for repairs and upgrades."

With its current revenues, "the city struggles to provide sufficient municipal service levels in areas with high need, including public safety and recreation," Harvey explained in the report. "In

addition, city costs are increasing, especially for pension obligations.

Without additional tax funds, Pacific Grove would have to make cuts to programs and services, which Harvey said would "threaten public health, safety and general welfare of residents and visitors, as well as curtail funding for maintenance, construction and other improvements to city facilities, infrastructure and the natural environment."

Pacific Grove, like other county municipalities, is authorized by the state to impose a tax rate of up to 9.25 percent with blessing from the electorate. Carmel, Monterey, Seaside and other Peninsula cities already have 9.25 percent sales tax rates.

Woman beaten on Christmas Day

Suspect at large, police said

By KELLY NIX

PACIFIC GROVE police said they are still searching for the person who viciously beat a woman on Christmas morning.

On Dec. 25 at about 9 a.m., Pacific Grove police officers were called to Arkwright Court after a woman in her 50s complained of being attacked. The victim, who was not named, was transported to Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula for treatment, but the extent of her injuries isn't clear.

"The suspect attacked the victim, hitting

her to the ground, and kicked her several times in the head" as she was "lying on the ground," the PGPD said in a police log entry. The suspect, also a woman, fled the scene prior to police arriving.

Pacific Grove police spokeswoman Shayla Hoffman told The Pine Cone last week that the victim and the assailant are not strangers.

"They are known to one another, and the suspect was identified to police," Hoffman said.

Police have not yet released the assailant's identity. The assault occurred outside

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Heavy lobbying fails to sway LAFCO on water takeover bid

By KELLY NIX

THE LOCAL Agency Formation Commission Wednesday sealed its decision to reject the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District's efforts to acquire California American Water's Monterey water system.

On Dec. 6, LAFCO voted 5-2 to block the move by the water district to produce potable water and sell it to customers who are currently served by Cal Am. On Wednesday, the commission formalized its December decision, voting the same way it did the first time around.

"We received 165 letters and emails, most of which were in support of the water district," a LAFCO staffer said.

The commissioners who voted against the takeover bid cited the loss of the roughly \$1.7 million in property taxes Cal Am pays each year — money that goes to county schools, fire departments and other public agencies. Private companies such as Cal Am pay property taxes, but government operations like the water district do not. The same commissioners also said they were concerned about higher water rates for customers in five satellite water systems in the county that would be retained by Cal Am.

The decision thwarts the water district's

plans to move ahead with its acquisition of Cal Am, though water district general manager Dave Stoldt told The Pine Cone following the December meeting that the agency would likely file a lawsuit over the decision.

A majority of Peninsula voters three years ago approved a ballot measure, Measure J, which called for the water district's acquisition of Cal Am's system if the move was found to be financially feasible. Cal Am has repeatedly said it's not for sale, which means the water district would have to go to court to fight for eminent domain.

To proceed with those plans, though, the district needed approval from LAFCO.

'Renegade commission'

On Monday, Melodie Chrislock with Public Water Now, the group that spearheaded the public takeover effort, issued a statement urging LAFCO not to finalize its decision.

"This is a renegade commission defying its own guidelines in order to support Cal Am," Chrislock said. "Public Water Now is asking them to reconsider."

Chrislock accused LAFCO commissioner and vice chair Mary Ann Leffel of "bias" for her previous support of Cal Am and said she should recuse herself. The group also called for Leffel to be "booted"

from the seat she holds on the Monterey Peninsula Airport District board.

"She clearly does not understand who she is supposed to be representing on LAFCO," Chrislock said.

At the start of Wednesday's meeting, airport district board chair Gary Cursio criticized Public Water Now for its treatment of Leffel.

"When they don't get their way they act like petulant children," Cursio said.

Commissioners Kimbley Craig, Matt Gourley, Pete Poitras, Mary Ann Leffel and Chris Lopez voted to deny the district its ability to move forward with the acquisition, while Ian Oglesby and Wendy Root Askew, an alternate for Luis Alejo, dissented.

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Carmel resident wins big on ‘The Price is Right’

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By KELLY NIX

‘COME ON down!’ A local woman was not only lucky enough to hear those familiar words when she and her daughter were on ‘The Price is Right’ this week, she won big on the game show, coming home with a new car, a trip to the East Coast and a bunch of other prizes.

When Ziona Goren’s daughter, Rachel, 23, asked her if she wanted to be on ‘The Price is Right,’ Goren initially thought about the what-ifs in accepting the challenge, including, what if they both took the time and effort to go to Los Angeles and were not picked to be contestants or got stuck with a bunch of prizes they didn’t want but would have to pay taxes on?

Ultimately, though, Goren — a longtime costume designer for Pacific Repertory Theatre — said they just had to do it.

‘We said, ‘Heck yeah, we are doing this,.’” Goren told The Pine Cone.

The show aired Thursday on CBS, and until then,

Goren was barred from talking about the outcome.

Once inside the Bob Barker Studio at CBS Television City in Los Angeles on Nov. 16, 2021, Goren said she and her daughter took in the “magic” of it all — from the busy stagehands with headsets shuffling things around, to cleaning crews sweeping floors.

Almost missed

Then the show began. Goren was the third contestant to be called. But because of the studio clamor and excitement, she almost missed her chance.

“At first I didn’t hear my name,” Goren said. “And I felt something tugging on my side and it was Rachel, who was saying ‘It’s you, it’s you!’”

That led Goren to contestants row. But the first half of the show didn’t look so good for Goren, who missed out on several items and the first of two chances to spin the wheel — the winner of which goes to the prize-filled “showcase.”

Her luck was about to change. At the start of the second half, there were three pairs of Dolce & Gabbana shoes. Goren guessed the highest at \$2,200 and the price was \$2,298, so she won, waving her arms and yelling in joy.

That got her on stage with host Drew Carey to play a game called Switch, which asks contestants to keep or swap the price that is placed on items.

With a little help from the audience, Goren told Carey she wanted to switch the prices of an iMac computer and 3D printer with a smart refrigerator. The move was a good one, and she won.



Ziona Goren and daughter Rachel react to Ziona’s big win on The Price is Right, which included a new Toyota CHR. The show was taped in November and aired Thursday morning.

“Oh my God, yes! Woohoo!” yelled an ecstatic Goren, who blew kisses to the audience members who helped her.

‘A new car!’

All of the show’s contestants, even those who don’t win anything, are eligible to spin a large wheel labeled with monetary amounts. The idea is to get as close to \$1 without going over. Goren beat out the other contestants with her spin of \$.90, which put her in the showcase.

“That wheel is heavy,” she told The Pine Cone.

The first items in the showcase included a boat, pizza

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PLANNING DIRECTOR: STATE HOUSING BILLS WON'T AFFECT CITY MUCH

By MARY SCHLEY

RECENTLY ENACTED laws requiring local jurisdictions to approve subdivisions and construction of more housing without subjecting them to the usual planning and permit requirements are unlikely to affect Carmel, planning and building director Brandon Swanson told the city council Tuesday.

"Based on my read and conversations with my counterparts, I think there's likely to be little to no impact to the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea from these Senate bills," he said Jan. 4. "I don't think it's a sky-is-falling situation."

Three housing bills — SB 8, SB 9 and SB 10 — took effect Jan. 1.

Swanson described SB 8 as an "omnibus cleanup bill" that limits government's ability to downzone or reduce intensity

of zoning and makes it easier and less expensive to build housing projects. It also requires that demolished low-income rentals be replaced in kind.

SB 10 enables jurisdictions to increase density if they want to and provides a CEQA exemption as incentive. Those rezoned areas must be within a half-mile of "high-quality transit," which the city doesn't have, Swanson noted, so the council couldn't increase the number of homes on a property even if it wanted to.

SB 9, "is the big one — the gorilla in the room," continued.

Bearing the awkward name, "California Housing and More Efficiency Act," SB 9 allows property owners to build up to four single-family homes on a single lot or subdivide a regular lot and construct two homes on each new piece of land. Approval of such projects would be

exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, design review and other typical permit requirements, the law says.

But, Swanson said, it also includes numerous "guardrails" designed to "prevent exploitation by developers," and they will ensure Carmel is untouched.

For one, a property owner can't demolish a house and then subdivide the lot. A project that involves removing more than 25 percent of existing walls is not exempt from CEQA and normal permit rules.

And despite clearing many roadblocks in single-family neighborhoods, the law still lets the city place limits on lot coverage, floor area and height, establishes minimums for setbacks and landscaping, and exempts properties at high risk of flood or fire — which includes many in town.

Subdivisions can't be any smaller than a 40 percent/60 percent split, a lot must

be at least 1,200 square feet, and adjacent properties can't be subdivided by the same owner or partners of the owner.

The city can require one off-street parking spot per unit, which on small lots could make building housing tough.

The new homes can never be used as short-term rentals.

And, last but not least, "you have to have the water to do this," Swanson said. "So, this isn't a thing where you get to build new homes without having the water."

Furthermore, a state order means no new water meters can be installed in the Monterey Peninsula until a new water supply is built, and no new meter means no separate lot.

"There are a lot of barriers to entry with SB 9," he concluded. "This is legislation that's geared to larger cities or counties that have a lot of space."

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COUPLE WITH KIDS TURNS LIFE DURING COVID INTO A FINE ART PHOTO SHOW

By CHRIS COUNTS

ISOLATED AT home with their three children during the pandemic, two photographers who are married found creative inspiration by turning their cameras on themselves.

“Each of Us is Fastened to the Other” by Josh Smith and Vanessa Woods opens Saturday at the Center for Photographic Art.

Smith and Woods use traditional black and white photography to document “their children being born and growing, the

children’s evolution and the couple’s own evolution.”

The two photographers take very different approaches to their work — Smith employs a straight documentary style,

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

while Woods delves into collage and takes a more inventive approach to her art.

Executive director Ann Jastrab said the show is intimate and personal.

“It examines, collects and reassembles the vestiges of memory and time from the early days of their relationship and what happened during the last two years specifically,” Jastrab told The Pine Cone.

“Needless to say, being locked down with three young children changed their art practices and their lives in ways they couldn’t have imagined,” she said.

The center was set to host an opening reception, but with rising coronavirus numbers, the event has been moved online, and an in-house closing reception has been scheduled for Feb. 12.

The gallery is located in Sunset Center at San Carlos and Ninth. To be part of the virtual reception, visit photography.org.

Center welcomes new art

While there will be no First Fridays celebration in downtown Pacific Grove Jan. 7 — the event returns in February — five shows open Friday at the Pacific Grove Art Center.

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“Lost in Thought” by painter Romanoos is included in one of five shows opening Friday at the Pacific Grove Art Center.

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SCRAPS

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Despite the big changes — and the related increases in garbage rates already OK'd by the city council — no PR blitz was launched by the Monterey Regional Waste Management District, the hauler or the city to ensure people knew what they were supposed to be doing as of Jan. 1.

Agnes Martelet, the city's environmental compliance manager, said she's updating the city's website with the new rules and will include information in city administrator Chip Rerig's Friday Letter.

"Much more information will be coming out over the next few months as the program continues to ramp up," she said.

Check your Insta

Zoë Shoats, communications director for the waste management district, said the agency didn't give people advance warning of the new rules because the district didn't want them to start throwing their food scraps in the yard-waste bins before the facility was ready for it.

The district posted the new rules online Jan. 1 at

mrwmd.org.

"Outreach will come in many forms as we roll out this program and will include social media, direct mail, newsletter outreach and more from MRWMD, the city and GreenWaste Recovery," she said. She did not mention local newspapers, TV stations or radio.

While almost everyone puts their food waste — everything from pizza crusts and chicken bones, to leftovers from the corner Chinese restaurant — in plastic bags and then the trash, the new rules require that everything go in the yard-waste bin, with no plastic bags allowed. Nearly all kinds of food scraps except liquids, grease and raw meat are required to go into the green cart for curbside pickup, including cooked meat, fish, bones, shells, cheese and other solid dairy products, bread, pasta, pastry, grains, coffee grounds, fruits and vegetables, and whatever your cat didn't eat.

"All food scraps must be unpackaged," Shoats said. "No metal, wire, glass, plastic, paper or cardboard should be included because of health and safety risks. Just food scraps."

"Compostable" takeout containers and the like still go in the trash.

To help people follow the new rules, free kitchen pails labeled with the list of acceptable items and instructions

are available on a first-come first-served basis at city hall (Monte Verde south of Ocean), Harrison Memorial Library at Ocean and Lincoln, and the Park Branch at Mission and Sixth. People living in the county area can get theirs in the basement of the Monterey County Courthouse at 1200 Aguajito Road, Ste. 007, in Monterey.

Disgusting?

But how many people will actually follow the rules?

Well-meaning residents who are trying to comply are already expressing frustration with attempting to separate their coffee grounds and other kitchen waste from the rest of the trash they accumulate in their homes.

"I have a confession to make," one resident — who requested anonymity — said this week. "I threw my coffee grounds in the trash."

"The idea of loose food waste in my yard-waste can is disgusting," another said.

"I am sure I will have more words, and perhaps some expletives, when my yard-waste can becomes smelly, or I have flies, or the raccoons have a field day," she said. "But like everything else, I suppose we will adapt and this will become a normal process."

Another said she was completely unaware there were any new rules.



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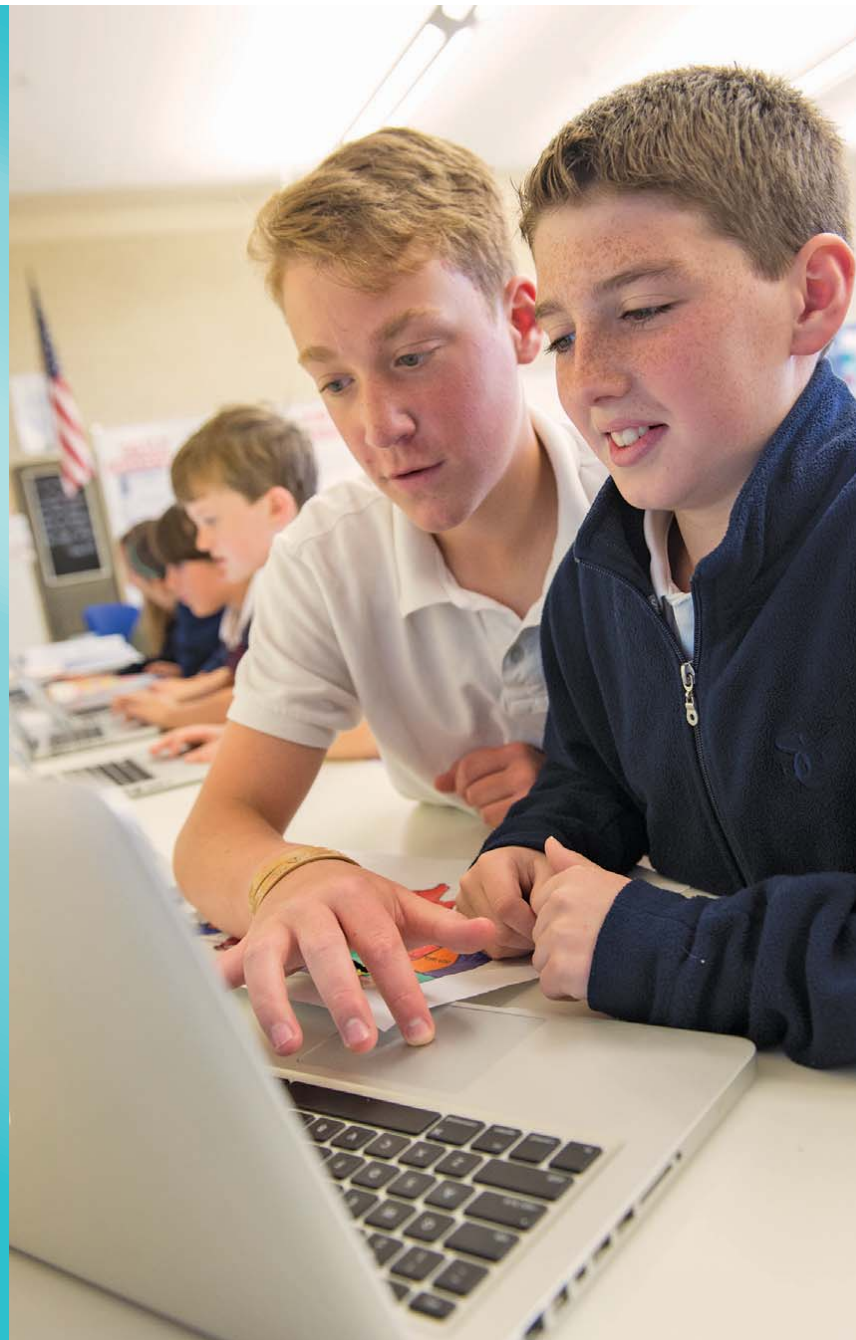
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SCHOOLS

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receiving three different texts from the school indicating her daughter had been exposed to Covid in four out of her seven classes over the course of two days.

The notice told her she might hear from a contact tracer and to “continue to follow all health and safety protocols, monitor your child’s health, keep your child home if they are feeling sick, wash your hands frequently, practice physical distancing, and continue to wear your face covering.”

Shuffling jobs

About 30 faculty and staff members are also out with Covid, which requires the shuffling of teachers and aides in order to keep most classes in session. “Anyone who

doesn’t have 25 kids in front of them is fair game to jump in and help, including me,” Knight said.

The district is scrambling to hire more substitute teachers to help cover for those who are out sick or are isolating with mild or no symptoms.

“In my experience, surges tend to happen after everyone comes back to school, so I’m a little concerned about next week after everyone got together in the same room this week,” he continued. “We want to make sure we have enough substitutes so we don’t have to cancel any programs.”

The one job others can’t jump in and assist with is driving buses, and the district is short drivers, too, so efforts are underway to recruit and hire more of them. In the meantime, some routes might get shut down if no one can be found to drive them.

Covid cases are impacting sports, as well. Boys varsity basketball was shut down for about a week after a half-dozen players and a couple of coaches tested positive

— similar to what happened with the football team last fall.

“The same goes for many other clubs and activities,” Knight said. “Our goal is always to keep school full and in person, but the things that aren’t mandatory,” like field trips and dances, may be canceled.

Faculty, staff and students can be tested at the district anytime they want, according to Knight.

“We still have a really robust testing system,” he said, adding that any student who’s been exposed to Covid or has symptoms can stop by the office for testing before ever setting foot in a classroom. Specially hired health assistants administer the tests and work as contact tracers, so teachers can stick with teaching.

Knight said the district is doing everything possible to avoid shutting down classrooms and campuses — which would only be done as a last resort — and he encouraged everyone to follow all the health and safety protocols. He also pointed out that while all schools reverted to distance learning when the pandemic began, that teaching method is not particularly effective, and the state has since banned it altogether.



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WHITE

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Park while a tourist, played by Lydia Moran of Carmel Highlands, badgered her for directions to Clint Eastwood's home.

'Oh, Honey, I've got this'

When it came time to shoot the scene, Moran told The Pine Cone she was nervous, in part because she wasn't an actress. At one point, she turned to White and suggested that the two "go over our lines." In response, White gave her a sly grin. "Oh, Honey, I've got this," she said.

Rocco also spoke with the newspaper this week, and what she recalled about the shoot was that White essentially tossed aside the script and improvised — which came as quite a surprise to the director.

"She just ad-libbed and had a conversation with Lydia," Rocco remembered. "None of the words in my script were used. She just took over the scene. You couldn't write it — she was such a natural."

And Rocco was thrilled with how the scene turned out. "We're all newbies, and she made us feel so comfortable," she said. "She was not only a talented actress, but an incredible person. She was just so lovely, you wanted to hug her."

While White's efforts to raise money for national animal welfare causes were well known, her local efforts were also important. She even made a series of videos urging people to support the SPCA for Monterey County.

"It's lovely to see a community think not only of themselves, but of their four-legged friends," White told viewers. "Every year, the SPCA rescues thousands of animals that need help and need a home — it's a wonderful organization."

Beth Brookhouser of the SPCA said White was always willing to help the group.

"She did those promo videos for our annual telethon to

encourage people to give," Brookhouser said.

White attended the dedication of the SPCA's wildlife center in 1982. At a subsequent fundraiser, the release of a great horned owl was auctioned and White was the winning bidder.

"She loved all animals," Brookhouser recalled. "When we shot the promo, we would bring out animals for her to hold — she just lit up and was so excited to meet every one of them."

According to the Monterey Bay Aquarium, White had been a "loyal supporter" from "the very beginning." After Hurricane Katrina, she even paid for a refrigerated cargo plane to transport sea otters and penguins from an aquarium in New Orleans to Monterey.

Photos shared online this week show White playing with otters at the aquarium. When White turned 99, the aquarium produced a special penguin-themed video wishing her a happy birthday.

White confessed to her love of stuffed animals in her 2011 memoir, "If You Ask Me." An entire room at her Ribera Road home was reserved for them. "You won't be surprised to learn that I love stuffed animals," she declared in the book.

Besides serving as decor, her stuffed toys were also close confidants. "I never enter that room without speaking to the animals," she wrote. "I say, 'Hi guys,' and I never leave it without saying 'See you later — I love you!'"

Where the magic happens

In 2017, White offered a brief and lighthearted video tour of her home on Ribera Road. It was a spoof of the MTV show, "Cribs."

"Welcome to my crib," she begins before stepping into her kitchen and opening the refrigerator. "The fridge is fully stocked with energy drinks and gluten-free mac and cheese. Those are for the dog."

The video tour ends in her bedroom. "This is where the magic happens," she said with a seductive smile before the camera pans to an actual magician, who's doing a sleight-of-hand trick. "What did you think I meant?" she asked, with an innocent look on her face.

White wasn't the only Hollywood icon in town with an affection for all things four-legged. She and resident Doris Day often crossed paths, and one day, they sat down and



PHOTO/MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM

On a visit to one of her favorite local sites, the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Betty White greets and feeds an otter.

bonded over cats.

"Doris and I finally had lunch, after threatening to do it for two years, at the Pebble Beach Lodge," she recalled in a 1983 interview on the Joan Rivers Show.

The two "talked and talked and talked" until they were the last two customers left in the restaurant, aside from a man and woman who were seated nearby.

"A little kitty went by, and Doris jumped up to pet it," White said. "As soon as Doris got back, I went ripping out to pet the kitty. Well, we got back and this woman took off on us. She said, 'Don't you know that if you encourage those cats, they'll be in the room with you? How would you like that?' And Doris said, 'I would love it — that would be wonderful.'"

But the woman wouldn't give up. "Well, we had 22 cats on our property, and Jack here [she pointed to her husband] shot them all," she said.

"Can you imagine getting Doris Day and Betty White at the same table and carrying on that kind of a conversation?" White added. "Well, she never made it out of the dining room alive — they skinned her and put her front of the fireplace."

Vivian Lucile (Lucy) Horn

November 16, 1921-December 11, 2021

The family of Vivian Lucile (Lucy) Horn mourns the great loss of their dear mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, cousin, aunt, and friend. Lucy was a long-time resident of Carmel, California and died peacefully in her sleep in



Oakton, Virginia. Her century of life was full of adventures: living in Mexico and Big Sur; visiting many countries but always being drawn back to Paris; building a beautiful house and living a charmed life with the love of her life and beloved husband Guy in Carmel; capturing scenes with

her camera and using those marvelous pictures in her faithful correspondence to friends and family all over the world. She was a PEO sister and a gardener, and her bookshelf was always piled high with books from the likes of poetry by Rumi to firsthand accounts of climbing Everest. She never stopped learning, telling stories, wondering, pondering and talking about the mysteries of life, relationships, love, music, flowers, trees and everything that makes life interesting. Her true love for life was evident for all to see.

Her living legacy of love and adventure is lived out in her family: daughter Susan Widmayer (Karl), son Mark Greenhalgh (Kit), five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and sister Dana Eggleston.

If you'd like to honor Lucy, please consider giving a donation to one of these organizations that she loved: the sisters at the Carmelite Monastery in Carmel, the Big Sur Land Trust, and The Carmel Foundation, or Central Coast Visiting Nurses Association & Hospice, and Capital Caring Hospice which were so helpful.

Please visit <https://www.funeralchoices.com/obituary/VivianLucile-Horn> to share your memories of Lucy.



Donald Jones

September 24, 1947 - November 19, 2021

Don died gently at home surrounded by his family and love on November 19, 2021. He lived gracefully and fully alive for the last thirteen years of his life with Multiple Myeloma. He remained optimistic and strong through it all.

He was proud of his son, Sean, who worked with him for many years. He was also proud of his grandchildren, Nate, Nico and Lexi, and grateful that he was able to spend time with them as they grew into wonderful adults guided beautifully by Sean and their mother Kristina.

He was very grateful for his Uncle Den and late Aunt Dotty and his three cousins, Gail, Sue and Carol, for making his childhood so special and for remaining happily and lovingly in his life to the end.

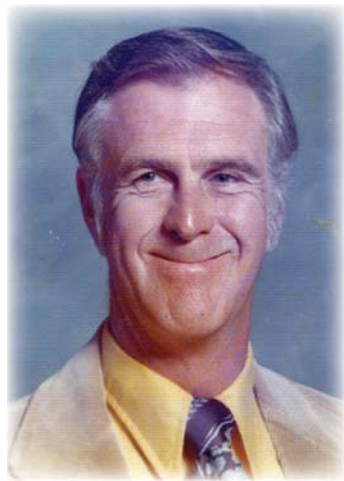
He loved his many years as a carpenter and then a contractor. He was able to live his bliss. He was well respected by his clients and subcontractors. Over the years he taught many of his crew to build homes bringing his skill and grace to every job. He was also delighted to be an illustrator of children's books.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Leona Jones; his brother, Gary; and his wife of 41 years, Rosemary.

His second wife, Natalya, is deeply grateful that he gave her the best years of her life.

He will be sorely missed by many friends who knew him as a gentle man and a gentleman.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, February 12, in Monterey.



JOHN EDWARD DALY

October 26, 1928 to October 21, 2021

John Edward Daly passed peacefully on October 21, 2021, with his wife by his side. John's great loves in life were his family, friends, music, Montana, the outdoors, and travel. He was born on October 26, 1928, in San Diego, California and grew up in nearby Escondido. He served in the U.S. Army at Fort Ord, was a graduate of the University of Montana, and earned a master's degree from San Jose State University.

John worked as a music educator, mostly in Monterey Peninsula schools, and as a professional musician where he played clarinet, saxophone, and bassoon, among other instruments. He formed and led the John Daly Big Band which played throughout the Peninsula and the Central Coast. He had a wide variety of interests including supporting and serving on the board of the International Language and Culture Foundation.

John was predeceased by his parents, John and Evalena Daly, and his older sister, Virginia Daly. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Ilse; children John W. (Elizabeth) Daly of Los Alamos, NM; Kathy (Ward) McCaughey of Florence, MT; Thomas Daly of Monterey; Howard Daly of Salinas; Thomas (Leslie) Brightbill of Walnut Creek; nine grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. John will be deeply missed by family, friends, and many former students. Funeral services will be private and a memorial celebration is being planned for the spring.

PARKLETS

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“Many cities are extending them, but many cities are having them removed — they are finally tired of them,” she said. “We have surrendered not just the parking spaces, we have surrendered our sidewalks to this.”

She also said half the downtown restaurants have outdoor seating on private property for people who want to dine in the open air. Outdoor dining that doesn't occupy the public right of way isn't subject to the April 20 deadline.

Councilman Bobby Richards is part of the ad hoc committee assigned to the topic of permanent outdoor dining and said, “I think we need to get on that right away.”

In the meantime, though, accommodations should be made to help reduce the spread of the coronavirus.

“I was supposed to be leaving for Germany tomorrow, and I canceled because of omicron,” he said. “I think there is a need for outdoor dining. I would like to see us offer as much as we can, but I do want to bring this to an end.”

He suggested letting the temporary parklets stay for another couple of months “while planning does what planning is supposed to do” and develops a plan for permanent al fresco dining.

Councilman Jeff Baron sided with Ferlito in wanting the parklets gone by the previously established Jan. 20 deadline. He also said the council should have a general discussion about permanent outdoor dining before the planning commission starts working on the program.

“I'm a council member and I would like to have my say in terms of crafting the instructions we give to the planning commission to come up with a plan,” he said.

Mayor Dave Potter suggested setting a 90-day deadline for removal of the temporary parklets and having the council and planning commission discuss the permanent program before then.

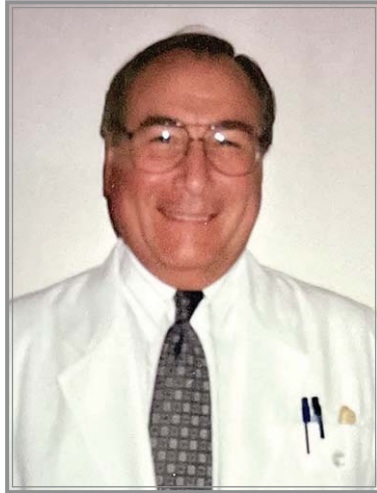
“I want to get some finality for this issue,” he said.

Ultimately, the council voted on two separate motions, unanimously deciding to discuss guidance for the planning commission next month and voting 3-2, with Baron and Ferlito dissenting, to require parklets on streets and sidewalks to be gone by April 20.

PAULINO EVO TOCCHET

Paul Tocchet, long-time Carmel Valley resident, affectionately known as the “Valley Doctor,” passed away on the evening of December 29, 2021, at the age of 82.

Born in Summit Hill, Pennsylvania, Paul was the only child of Italian immigrant parents, Paolo and Celia Tocchet. With a talent for illustration, Paul had aspirations of becoming an artist, but his coal miner father was skeptical and urged Paul to consider a more reliable occupation. So instead, Paul chose to study biology at St. Joseph's College (now University) in nearby Philadelphia, and with the help of a Navy ROTC scholarship, went on to medical school at nearby Temple University.



After graduation, Paul became an active-duty Navy medical officer, and did his internship at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton near Oceanside, California. There he met a young Navy nurse, Mella Dea Scott, and the two married in July 1966 before Paul departed for a tour of duty with the Marines in Vietnam. On his return, he was assigned to the medical clinic at the Naval Auxiliary Air Station Monterey, where he left the service in 1969.

Keen to start a family practice, Paul learned that the Valley might need a doctor. He was proven right when the doctor and nurse team opened the office on “Moon Day” in 1969, and saw a dozen patients on the first day. An old-fashioned country doctor who even did house calls, Paul went on to practice medicine for more than 50 years in Carmel Valley Village, tenderly caring for

generations of residents, living by the words “...the secret of the care of the patient is in caring for the patient.”

An adoring husband and father to his three children, Louis, Laura and Sebastian, when not golfing or enjoying easy conversation over a glass of wine, Paul had affection to spare. All those who knew him will remember him for his big warm hugs, his eternal optimism, and the twinkle in his eye when he smiled that made you feel like everything was just right.

To celebrate Paul, a private Mass will be celebrated at 3 p.m. Jan. 14 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, followed by a reception at the Carmel Valley Trail & Saddle Club from 4 to 6 p.m. where all are welcome. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Carmel Valley Manor Employees Christmas Fund (mail to: Carmel Valley Manor, 8545 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, Ca 93923) in recognition of the amazing staff who lovingly cared for him during his final days.

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In Loving Memory MICHELE MALIS GLIDDEN

Michele Malis Glidden passed away on December 9, 2021. She died of natural causes in the peacefulness of her home in Pacific Grove, CA.

Born July 27, 1958, in Santa Barbara, she was the daughter of Janice and Dave Malis of Carpinteria.

Michele attended both Carpinteria High School and Santa Barbara City College.

She worked in hospitality most of her career, notably at Montecito Country Club and El Encanto Hotel. It was at El Encanto where she met Tom Glidden — her husband of 32 years while he was General Manager of the resort. They soon moved to the Monterey Peninsula where they began their life together.

Michele was an active sports enthusiast in school and later in the community athletic programs of Santa Barbara. She had a fun and enthusiastic personality. It was generally known by all that Michele would likely be “the life of every party!” She enjoyed spending time with friends and family who knew her as a colorful and engaging lady.

Michele is survived by her son, “Jamie” Glidden of Santa Barbara; sister Cheryl Gill of Carpinteria; mother Janis Schilling, also of Carpinteria; and husband Tom Glidden now of Laguna Beach.

Farewell sweet Michele. You will be sorely missed...but not forgotten!

**“There is no night without a dawning
No winter without a spring
And beyond the dark horizon
Our hearts will once more sing...
For those who leave us for a while
Have only gone away
Out of a restless, care worn world
Into a brighter day.”**

— Helen Steiner Rice

NEIL LLOYD SHAPIRO

4/7/1947 – 11/13/2021

He wasn't really ready to leave. Two days before his tragic accident he received notice that he had been chosen to receive the Monterey County Bar Associations highest honor, The Lewis B. Fenton Award for advocacy from his peers. He also received Certificates & Board of Supervisors Resolution.

Neil was thrilled about the recognition.

Unfortunately, two days later, Neil got up in the middle of the night as he wasn't feeling well and fell, hitting his head. He lost consciousness and failed to recover.

Neil was a Berkeley native who graduated from Millbrook School in New York,

He graduated from UC Berkeley and Columbia University Law School before receiving his law degree from Boalt Law school Berkeley 1972. He was admitted to practice the next year.

Neil loved traveling, cars, motorcycles, cooking with friends, reading, writing a column for The Herald and Pine Cone and walks along the beach. He had a wicked sense of humor. Neil never turned down a good challenge and was always ready to help.

Neil tried, briefed and argued approximately 40 appeals, “all with remarkable success rate. Fifteen of those trials were to juries in the Superior Court of the State of California for the counties of San Francisco, Monterey, Alameda, Marin, Contra Costa, San Mateo, Los Angeles, Santa Clara, and in the United State District Court for the Northern District of California. The trials addressed claims in a wide array of substantive areas including business disputes, real property disputes, defamation, breach of contract, trademark and trade name infringement, bank and constitutional law.”

“Neil has briefed and argued in the United States Supreme Court and the California Supreme Court. Five or six in the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and one or more in each of the six districts of the California Court of Appeal.”

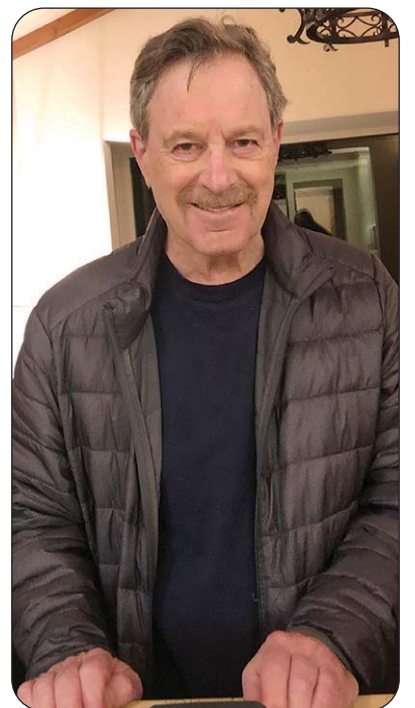
Neil practiced law in San Francisco and New York for 40 years before finally moving down to Carmel in 2003 to be with his wife, Sandra Meyrose.

Neil retired in 2019 and shortly thereafter he was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. He never let it slow him down.

According to his nomination for the Fenton Award, “Neil Shapiro's ethics and integrity are without question. He is a practioner of the old school model, when professionalism was expected of lawyers and common courtesies were actually common.”

He leaves behind his loving wife, Sandra Meyrose; his sister Erica Binnewies; his brother Saadi (Darlenne) Shapiro; many loved nieces and nephews; three step daughters from a previous marriage, Tera, Lane, Lyn Langmade. And his two cats, Mookie and Trixie.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to The Monterey SPCA.



PRICE

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oven and washer and dryer, which Goren passed on to the other contestant she was competing with. That woman, though, went over the cost and was disqualified.

The next set of prizes included a Toyota SUV, a portable greenhouse and trip to Washington D.C. Goren estimated the package cost \$29,222 and the actual cost was \$29,505. She won and fell to the floor in disbelief.

“Are you kidding me?” said Goren, who made it to her feet and embraced her daughter, who rushed on stage after her mom’s win. The two reveled in the victory

as the show’s credits rolled.

“It was amazing,” Goren recalled.

Once the show was over, Goren met with a representative from the show who went over the tax implications of the prizes. While Goren wanted to keep some of the items, she declined the refrigerator, designer shoes and 3D printer.

“We were trying to minimize the prize intake for tax purposes,” she explained. “If you get too much, it can bump you into a new tax bracket.”

Goren — who credits some of her success on the show to studying prices with her daughter on the drive to Los Angeles — decided to keep several of the items, including the Toyota.

“They gave me a license frame that says, ‘I won this car on The Price is Right.’”

Pickleball battle gets physical

By MARY SCHLEY

SOMEONE WHO’S apparently OK with tennis but has it out for pickleball slashed nets at the Forest Hill courts Dec. 22, causing about \$1,000 in damage, according to Carmel Police Cmdr. Jeff Watkins. Pickleball players suspect the culprit is a nearby resident who resents the popularity of their sport and their daily use of the courts, which the city recently restriped to accommodate more games.

“Everybody pretty much knows who did it. He has come down several times when I was there and spewed his anger at us,” said Mission Fields resident Cindy Vandenberg, who plays with a group at the courts almost daily. “At first, I was a little sympathetic because of how the park is built. It just echoes, and he can hear everything we’re saying.”

But most of the time, players are laughing and encouraging each other, she said, wondering what could be so bad about that.

The game itself is also louder than tennis, since the rackets and balls are harder.

“Something about pickleball brings out the worst in certain people,” she said, recalling similar vitriol from a neighbor who objected to games in the Via Paraiso area of Monterey.

When the forest and beach commission approved restriping the courts last September, the move was supported by numerous pickleball players, but no one objected at the meeting or subsequently asked the city council to overturn the decision. Later that month, though, several nearby residents sent letters to the city asking for reconsideration of the decision and further scrutiny of noise and parking issues.

The city should assess “the 100 percent increased noise level that would result from two additional courts to this inherently noisy game,” residents Graham Norton and Moira Whyte-Shearer wrote in an email to the city. “Second, the issue of safety is a real concern,” due to traffic and

parking issues amplified by more pickleball players flocking to the courts.

“Thirdly, we have concerns regarding property devaluation as a result of the noise and traffic increase to this quiet and historic residential setting,” they said, while also noting that they are “not killjoys or consider ourselves associated with the not-in-my-backyard philosophy, as we are tennis players and have played pickleball in the past.”

Trish Albiol, who also lives on Lorca with her husband and family, said pickleball is “a very loud game — the whack of the ball makes quite a loud noise, especially compared to the sound of a tennis ball.” Yelling and cheering in the morning sessions are also common and can affect “the peace we usually have in this part of Carmel Woods.”

‘The nicest park’

Vandenberg acknowledged the popularity of pickleball increased dramatically during the pandemic, and while other cities locked up their courts, Carmel’s remained open, which drove up demand.

“The sport has just taken off like a rocket — so many people are playing it,” she said. “Forest Hill Park is the nicest park in the area.”

While the city owns the tennis nets, pickleball players pitched in to buy the nets they use. Mounted on frames that can be wheeled in and out of place, the nets were left at the court for anyone to use, according to Vandenberg.

Now the group is figuring out how to replace the damaged equipment and contemplating ways to secure it. The nets alone, without the frames, cost between \$300 and \$400, according to Vandenberg.

She said she hopes police are investigating. “It’s an act of vandalism — it’s a crime,” she said. “This is affecting people who are participating in healthy activities on the courts and using the park for its intended purpose.”

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‘Rugged preseason’ sets stage for new and returning Padres players

FOR THE past seven months, the Carmel Padres have been gnawing on the bittersweet memory of the best soccer season in school history, which culminated in a double-overtime loss to Harbor in the Central Coast Section 2020-21 Division IV championship game. It was Carmel’s first appearance in the CCS finals.

This year’s CHS varsity roster is populated by 10 returning lettermen who watched in horror as Harbor’s Ottis Pendergraft scored the deciding goal in that 2-1 game with an improbable header into the net, redirecting a teammate’s free kick from nearly 50 yards away.

Their heartbreak was exacerbated when Harbor goalie Yeferson Hernandez stopped two shots in the final minutes of that second overtime.

More salt in the wound: Harbor had tied the game with five minutes left in regulation, while the Padres were a playing a man short due to a red-card penalty.

But there are dividends to be reaped from that pandemic-abbreviated 9-2-1 season.

“The expectations among our players this year are higher than ever before,” said Carmel coach Troy Grande, who has taken the team to the postseason in two of the past three years. “We’ve raised the bar for ourselves, and our guys are really becoming clear on what they want to accomplish with our program — not just playing and having fun, but really representing the school, winning the league, getting into CCS, and moving beyond.”

Senior leadership

Four battle-tested seniors — a forward, two midfielders, and a defender — form the nucleus of a mature squad.

Zack Ramwali, a center forward, ranked third on the team a year ago in both goals (6) and assists (4), and has helped this season’s Padres to a 5-2-1 December record with four assists (a team high) and two goals.

“Zack is a tireless worker. He’s fun to have on the team and he brings great leadership,” Grande said.

The midfield is anchored by returning starters Christian Esparza-Pasos and Jordy Cabrera, who play the length of

the pitch.

“Both have scoring ability and solid defensive skills, allowing them to play defense to offense,” the coach said.

Esparza-Pasos is beginning his fourth season in the starting lineup, along with center back Alexis Soriano, a key player in Carmel’s defense since his freshman year.

Two lettermen with extensive club-team experience are Brody Mendez, a junior midfielder, and Tarek Ibessaine, a sophomore forward.

Mendez, who ranked second on the CCS team with seven goals (plus three assists), has already scored six times — a team-best for the Padres in December

games.

Ibessaine, who started as a freshman, is the squad’s second-leading scorer from the left wing position, with three goals.

Multiple shutouts

Ryder Scheid and Isaac Martinez, who lettered as freshmen, have earned starting defender spots this season, teaming with Soriano, the veteran, on a defense that already has shut out Santa Cruz, Stevenson and Marina, and limited San Lorenzo Valley to one goal.

Taylor Cohen, another player who lettered as a ninth-grader, has developed into one of the most versatile Padres, a super-sub who has filled in on defense, in the midfield, and on the forward line.

This year’s freshman find, Alejandro Martinez-Resendiz, has earned a starting job at midfielder (where he’s scored two goals), thanks to his advanced technical skills.

The goalkeeper, Benoit Boudreau, is a first-year starter in his junior year, but played 80 minutes between the posts a season ago, surrendering just one goal, and already has two shutouts on his record this year.

“The fact that we managed to play a season last spring, when so many other schools didn’t, was huge for us because we got to see some of our younger players and evaluate their abilities,” Grande said. “Anytime you can connect with your players is valuable, especially at a school where kids can play a lot of different sports.”

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Coach Troy Grande, who took the Padres to their first CCS title game last spring, works with first-year goalkeeper Benoit Boudreau.

The Padres already have been tested by a rugged preseason schedule, squeezing out a 4-3 decision over Monterey, with 1-0 victories over Stevenson and Santa Cruz, a 6-0 against Marina, and a 1-1 tie with San Lorenzo Valley.

Their losses came against tradition-rich Soquel in the season opener, and Pacific Grove — both 5-2 games — along with a 3-1 setback at Seaside.

Early season illnesses and injuries have left the team short-handed in multiple games.

‘Ready and prepared’

“Our style of play requires everybody on the team to be involved,” said Grande, whose turnout was large enough this year to field a 22-player junior varsity team. “Our players are learning that you have to be consistent, play solid defense, take advantage of the opportunities you get, and work with all 10 of your teammates to make the team stronger.”

The Padres return this season to the Cypress Division of the Pacific Coast Athletic League, where their competition will include Monte Vista Christian (3-0-2 in preseason games), Greenfield (3-2-2, including two victories over Stevenson), North Monterey County, Palma and Gonzales.

“What I’m noticing about the PCAL so far is that there’s not a big difference between the divisions. We lose to Soquel, Stevenson beats Soquel, we beat Stevenson ... it’s all about getting your players ready and prepared,” the coach said.

“And it’s been a weird preseason — teams don’t seem to be scoring a lot of goals, so we might be looking at a lot of 1-0 and 2-1 games,” Grande added. “If that keeps up, it’s going to be a fun and exciting season.”

Carmel returns to action Jan. 12 with its Cypress Division opener at Greenfield (5:45 p.m.), followed by a home match on Jan. 14 against North Monterey County (3:30 p.m.).

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Junior midfielder Brody Mendez, (left) Carmel’s second-leading scorer last year, produced a team-best six goals in December. Senior co-captain Zack Ramwali, a center forward, is a scorer and playmaker who helped the Padres to the CCS finals a year ago.

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Carmel Music Society kicks off new season with award-winning quartet

ASIDE FROM a free concert that was offered in October as part of the postponed Carmel Bach Festival, the Carmel Music Society presents its first concert in two

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

years Sunday when **The Dover Quartet** performs at Sunset Center.

The award-winning Philadelphia-based ensemble plays two shows in California this week — one here and another in Napa. The program includes Franz Joseph Haydn's *Quartet in D major* ("The Lark"), Alexander von Zemlinsky's *Quartet No. 1 in A major, Op. 4*, and Felix Mendelssohn's *Quartet No. 3 in D major, Op. 44, No. 1*.

Featuring violinists **Joel Link** and **Bryan Lee**, violist **Milena Pajaro-van de Stadt** and cellist **Camden Shaw**, the quartet got its start when the instrumentalists met as students at Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. The group burst on the scene in 2013 with a sweep of the top prizes at the Banff International String Quartet Competition.

The concert is the first of six presented by the Carmel Music Society this winter and spring at Sunset Center. The schedule also includes performances by violinist **Stefan Milenkovich** and pianist **Marta Aznavoorian** (Feb. 6), guitarist **Manuel Barrueco** (March 13), pianists **Olga** and **Vladislav Kern** (April 3), **The Israeli Chamber Project** (May 1) and **The Quartet from the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center** (May 22).

The music starts at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$45 and are available at door. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 625-9938 or visit carmelmusic.org.



Singer and guitarist Taylor Rae, who has a new album out, performs Friday in the Terrace Lounge in Pebble Beach.

Yale Club of Monterey to bring them to a local audience."

Available at the door, tickets are \$25 for general admission, \$20 for seniors and active military, and free for students and children. Face masks are required. The church is located at 28005 Robinson Canyon Road.

Live music Jan. 7-13

Bernardus Lodge & Spa in Carmel Valley — guitarist **Gil Cadilli** (jazz, Saturday at noon), singer and guitarist **Kevin Pfeffer** (Sunday at noon), multi-instrumentalist **Gary Regina** (jazz, Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.) and guitarist **John Sherry** (folk, rock and blues, Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.). In the Lucia Restaurant & Bar at 415 W. Carmel Valley Road, (831) 658-3400.

Big Sur River Inn — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (folk, Saturday at 1 p.m.). On Highway 1 24 miles south of Carmel, (831) 667-2700.

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Singer Haley Jane (left) plays Saturday at the Terrace Lodge in Pebble Beach, while singer Scotty Wright joins singer Lee Durley at Cibo's in Monterey on Tuesdays.

A cappella at St. Dunstan's

One of the country's oldest a cappella singing groups, Yale University's **Bakers Dozen** performs Sunday at 4 p.m. St. Dunstan's Church in Carmel Valley. Formed in 1947, the group is one of 14 a cappella groups on the Yale campus.

The group's repertoire includes music by the Beatles, the Temptations, Ed Sheeran and Maroon 5.

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FOOD & WINE

Culinary Week kicks off Jan. 14, beer dinner at Shearwater, and more honey

A PARTY at Carmel Plaza Friday, Jan. 14, will mark the kick-off to a 10-day celebration of the city's burgeoning restaurant scene, with more than two dozen eat-

dents than visitors.

"It's not necessarily about attracting crowds of people, especially right now," she said this week. "Our restaurants really encouraged this," to offer something new and fun for the locals.

"They are all in support of bringing visitors and having exposure, but the restaurants really wanted to

acknowledge that it's truly the locals who they value so highly and who have helped them through such an up and down time," she said.

Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

eries offering special prix fixe menus and items, serving complimentary small bites and drinks, and organizing one-off tastings, pop-up dinners, seminars and other educational events.

Carmel Culinary Week, which runs through Jan. 23 and is organized by the city's tourism organization, Visit Carmel, was launched in 2020 and then put on hold last year due to the pandemic. It's back for 2022, but Amy Herzog, executive director of Visit Carmel, said it's more about resi-

What to do

Participating in Carmel Culinary Week is free and most easily done by downloading the "passport" from carmelculinary-week.com. It's web driven and lists all the participating restaurants and what they're offering, including numerous special menus, freebies and ticketed events.

Carmel Belle is offering free coffee or tea with a purchase, for example, and Flaherty's will provide a chef's choice appetizer for the table with the prix fixe. La Balena plans to offer a unique wine list and bread with olive oil, while Alvarado Street Brewery in the Plaza will have a free 5-ounce pour of Mai Tai IPA for those who purchase its prix fixe menu. Many other deals and dishes are listed, too.

Events with ticketed entry include a whiskey tasting at Barmel, the Destilado de Agave seminar

at Cultura, a potsticker master class at Café Luna, pies and pinot at La Balena, and wine-tasting and food pairings with nine holes of golf at the Links Club.

Thriving

"Part of this is about celebrating the culinary scene we have here," Herzog said, "which, despite Covid, truly is thriving, which is pretty incredible."

While it's been reported that 110,000 restaurants across the country have gone out of business during the pandemic, the city hasn't lost any and is in fact set to gain four this year: Chez Noir across from the post office, Foray in Carmel Lodge, Carmel Burger Bar in the Carmel Plaza, and Nicolás, from the owners of the popular and delicious Villa Azteca on South Main



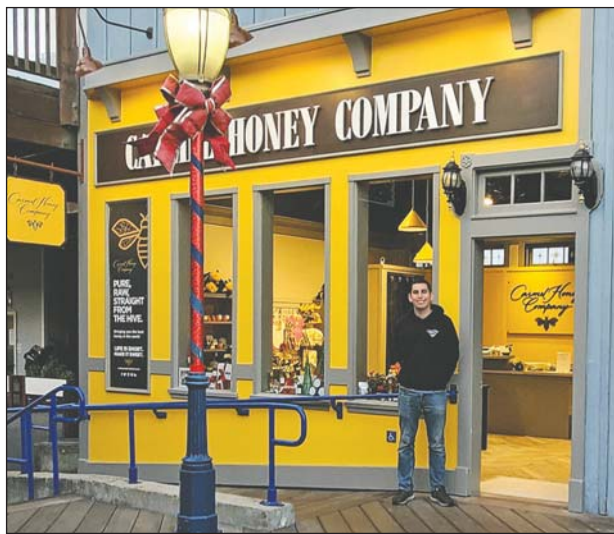
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Toro sushi restaurant on Dolores is offering a free glass of sparkling sake with certain orders of sashimi and nigiri during Carmel Culinary Week., which starts Jan. 14.

in Salinas, also in the Plaza.

Culinary Week's Jan. 14 launch party will feature 10 restaurants and about 15 Monterey County wineries spread out throughout Carmel Plaza. The kick-off will run from 3 to 5 p.m., and tickets cost \$45

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FOOD & WINE

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per person and can be bought through the passport.

“There will be some light entertainment, and we made commemorative pins that attendees will get,” Herzog said. Servers and others working in participating restaurants will receive pins, too.

Participating in Carmel Culinary Week are Alvarado Street Brewery & Bistro, Barmel, Basil, Brophy’s Tavern, Bud’s at La Playa, Café Luna, Carmel Belle, Carmel’s Bistro Giovanni, Catch, Cultura, Dametra, Edwin’s, Flaherty’s, La Balena, La Bicyclette, Links Club, Little Napoli, Mission Bistro, Pescadero, Porta Bella, Rise + Roam, Seventh & Dolores Steakhouse, Stationary, The Pocket, Toro, Vesuvio and Yafa.

Beer dinner at Shearwater

The tavern in the recently remodeled Carmel Mission Inn will offer a dinner featuring the beers of Alvarado Street Brewery Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. for \$60 per person, including tax and tip.

The first course will be Pacific Coast oysters on the half shell paired with Monterey Beer lager, while the second course will focus on Texas-style smoked brisket and creamed-corn flan with Land and Sea XPA.

Dessert will be New York-style cheesecake with a salted pretzel crust paired with “UGG Boots Golden Stout a touch of Pumpkin Spice.”

Kory Snider from Alvarado Street will lead the “fun, informative, unique evening,” and reservations are required.

Call (831) 624-1841 ext. 3 to save a spot. The hotel is located at 3665 Rio Road at Highway 1. Visit shearwatertavern.com for more information.

Pop-up dinners by Jonny Black

Jonny and Monique Black, the co-owners of the upcoming Chez Noir restaurant destined for the downstairs space in the new complex across the street from the post office on Fifth Avenue, are hosting pop-up dinners at Stationary restaurant on San Carlos south of Fifth this month.

“This Must Be the Place” will showcase Black’s seafood-centric dishes served in four courses for \$85, with wine pairings available for an additional \$45.

Samuel Louis Smith will be there pouring his eponymous wines Jan. 11, sommelier Ted Glennon will share wines from the Central Coast Jan. 18, and the Jan. 25 and Feb. 1 dinners will include wines curated by Chez Noir.

Tables can be booked through exploretock.com/cheznoircarmel.

Carmel Honey Co. expands again

Teenager Jake Reisdorf’s Carmel Honey Co. has grown again with the opening of another outlet in San Francisco, this time at Pier 39. The Carmel High School alum recently set up a booth at the Ferry Building on the Embarcadero, too, and has storefronts in Carmel Plaza and on Cannery Row.

Reisdorf, now 19, started his business after he made a fictitious honey company the subject of a fifth-grade project on web design and was subsequently encouraged to pursue the real thing. He has since won numerous awards, including the SCORE Young Entrepreneur and CSUMB Start Up Challenge Winner in 2016, Young Beekeeper of the Year in 2017, California Small Business of the Year in 2018 and SBDC Rising Star in 2019. He’s received visits

from celebrities and public figures, along with schoolkids, tourists and locals at his shops.

Carmel Honey Co. stores carry 100 percent raw artisanal honey and honeycomb, hive-related bath and beauty products, gift packs, and bee-inspired apparel and home goods.

“I’m still producing my signature honey varietals, but now with support from my pollination beekeeper friends,” Reisdorf told The Pine Cone, explaining how he’s meeting growing demand and filling additional stores. “I’ve been fortunate enough to create incredible relationships with key area farmers and beekeepers to maintain the quality and integrity of my honey and my bees.”

Those relationships are also allowing Reisdorf to “bring new honey varietals to my customers who have been asking for more options.”

The teen said he’s particularly grateful for the customers who “continue to support my ongoing efforts to educate the public about honey and bees through my Jake Gives Back Program,” which contributes funds to bee-related charities all over the world.

For more information, call (831) 687-8511 or visit carmelhoneycompany.com.

Help Big Sur Health Center

Wild Fish Restaurant at 545 Lighthouse Ave. in Pacific Grove will donate 15 percent of all dinner sales Jan. 19 to the Big Sur Health Center in honor of the annual Foragers Fest fundraiser. Dinner will be served from 5 to 8:30 p.m.

The restaurant will offer “some delicious innovative foraged-item dishes,



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Free pours of Mai Tai IPA are on offer for Carmel Culinary Week when guests order Alvarado Street Brewery & Bistro’s prix fixe menu.

including a three-course fixed menu,” that night, according to organizers, though the regular menu will also be available.

For reservations, email wildfishpg@gmail.com or call (831) 373-8523 and ask for Liz Jacobs.

Wine Fridays at Hofsas House

The Hofsas House Hotel on San Carlos Street north of Fourth will bring back Local’s Favorites Wine Fridays benefiting the nonprofit Peace of Mind Dog Rescue, starting with Bernardus Winery on Jan. 21 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

In the hotel’s poolside meeting room, supporters will enjoy wine and small bites as they support POMDR, “a resource and advocate for senior dogs and senior people on California’s Central Coast.” Since October 2009, the nonprofit has rescued more than 2,500 dogs and has helped more than 1,500 people and their pets stay together.

The cost is \$15 per person for one glass of wine and nibbles. Additional glasses of wine can be purchased for \$5 apiece. All the proceeds will benefit Peace of Mind Dog Rescue. To reserve, contact hotel owner Carrie Theis at (831) 624-2745 or carrie.theis@hofsashouse.com.

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Cypress Inn — singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Friday at 7 p.m.), pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Saturday at 7 p.m.), **The Andrea Carter Trio** (jazz and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.), guitarist **Richard Devinck** (classical, Sunday at 6 p.m.) and singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, (831) 624-3871.

Cibo restaurant in Monterey — **The Dave Holodiloff Duo** (jazz and bluegrass, Sunday at 7 p.m.), singers **Lee Durley** and **Scotty Wright** (jazz and r&b, Tuesday at 7 p.m.) and **The Ben Herod Trio** (jazz and swing, Wednesday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St., (831) 649-8151.

Folkale Winery in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Alex Lucero** (Friday at 2 p.m.), singer and pianist **Rory Lynch** (Saturday at 2 p.m.), singer and guitarist **John Vicino** (Sunday at 11:30 a.m.), singer and guitarist **Bobcat Rob** (Monday at 2 p.m.) and singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** (Thursday at 2 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road, (831) 293-7500.

Gusto Pasta and Pizza in Seaside — singer and guitarist **Peter Martin** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz, Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.). 1901 Fremont Blvd., (831) 899-5825.

Hyatt Carmel Highlands — singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Saturday and Thursday at 7 p.m.). 120 Highlands Drive, (831) 620-1234.

The Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach — **The Andy Weis Band** with pianist **Bill Spencer** and bassist **Steve Uccello** (jazz, Friday at 8:30 p.m.) **The Andy Weis Band** with pianist **Gary Meek** and bassist **Rick Chelew** (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.) and **The Andy Weis Band** with pianist **Gary Meek** and bassist **Steve Uccello** (jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.). 2700 17 Mile Drive, (831) 647-7500.

Intercontinental Hotel in Monterey — guitarist **Richard Devinck** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kip Allert** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Johan Sotelo** (Sunday at 6 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Kevin Pfeffer** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 750 Cannery Row, (831) 375-4500.

Juice and Java in Pacific Grove — Open Mic Night (Friday at 6 p.m.). 599 Lighthouse Ave., (831) 373-8652.

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

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — singer and guitarist **Taylor Rae** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer **Hayley Jane** (rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.) singer, and guitarist **Kevin Pfeffer** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Steven Shook** (Tuesday at 6 p.m.) and guitarist **John Sherry** (folk, rock and blues, Thursday at 6 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge (unless noted) at 1700 17 Mile Drive, (831) 624-3811.

Midici Pizza in Monterey — multi-instrumentalist **Paul Contos** and guitarist **Robert Papacica** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.) and singer **Janice Perl** and guitarist **Robert Papacica** (jazz, Thursday at 5 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St., (831) 264-7013.

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

Thursday at 5 p.m.). 26270 Dolores St., (831) 625-9040.

Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa — pianist **Steve Mann** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), pianist **Martan Mann** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Zack Freitas** (Monday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Scott Slaughter** (Wednesday at 6 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Steven Shook** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row, (831) 646-1700.

Puma Road at Portola Plaza in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Zhjon** (Saturday at 5 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St., (831) 747-1911.

Sand City Art Park — **The Rudians** (“reggae fusion,” Friday at 5 p.m.). 525 Ortiz Ave.

The Salty Seal Pub in Monterey — **Monterey County Line** (country rock, Friday at 8 p.m.), **The Edge Band** (country rock, Saturday at 8 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row, (831) 920-2327. 700 Cannery Row, (831) 649-8050.

Sly McFly’s in Monterey — **The Money Band** (pop and rock, Friday at 9 p.m.), **Retreauxspect** (classic rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.), **Victory Lane** (classic rock, Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.), **The John Michael Band** (rock, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.) and **Johnny Tsunami & The Shoulder Hoppers** (rock, Thursday at 8:30 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row, (831) 649-8050.

Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (folk, Friday at 6 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Dave “Nomad” Miller** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place, (831) 298-7453.

Wild Fish restaurant in Pacific Grove — **The Lighthouse Jazz Trio** with pianist **Bob Phillips**, bassist **Zach Westfall** and drummer **Mike Shannon** (Friday at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m., and Saturday at 6 p.m.). 545 Lighthouse Ave.



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Jan. 17 – “Be Prepared!” is the title of the talk by Wanda Vollmer, CEO and founder of Peace of Mind Preparedness, presented 2 p.m. at the Carmel Woman’s Club. All are invited. Vollmer, who was once victimized by fire herself, will offer valuable information on building a disaster kit to secure not only personal property but vital records as well. The Carmel Woman’s Club is at Ninth and San Carlos in Carmel-by-the-Sea. Members free, guests \$3. Masks required. (831) 624-2866 or (831) 594-6200

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Editorial

Into your own buzzsaw

WHEN YOU think of “activists,” you usually think of people who are trying to stop things, and nowhere has that been more true than in California, where an elaborate regulatory scheme that took years to create is in place to block anyone from building — especially along the coast.

“Successful coastal management is measured not by what we see, but what we don’t see,” coastal commissioner Mary Shallenberger explained in 2012. “Wetlands not filled, beach access not blocked, coastal bluffs and ridges and terraces not marred by inappropriate development.”

To achieve those laudable goals, the state’s coastal activists realized way back in the 1970s they couldn’t just rely on things like zoning codes and land use guidelines. To really put the coast off limits to development, they needed to come up with elaborate and powerful new strategies, especially as the state’s population boomed in the 1960s and 1970s.

The California coastline’s breathtaking scenery, blissfully moderate weather and myriad opportunities for recreation make it a place millions would like to live, and where practically everybody would like to visit. And when people start wanting to be someplace, they start needing highways, homes, hotels, schools, shopping centers, gas stations and medical facilities, not to mention sewer systems, power lines, internet access and all the other development that make living or visiting there possible — and all those millions of people can bring a lot of financial and political pressure to make their dreams of lives (or vacations) along the coast come true. It takes a lot of muscle to stop them.

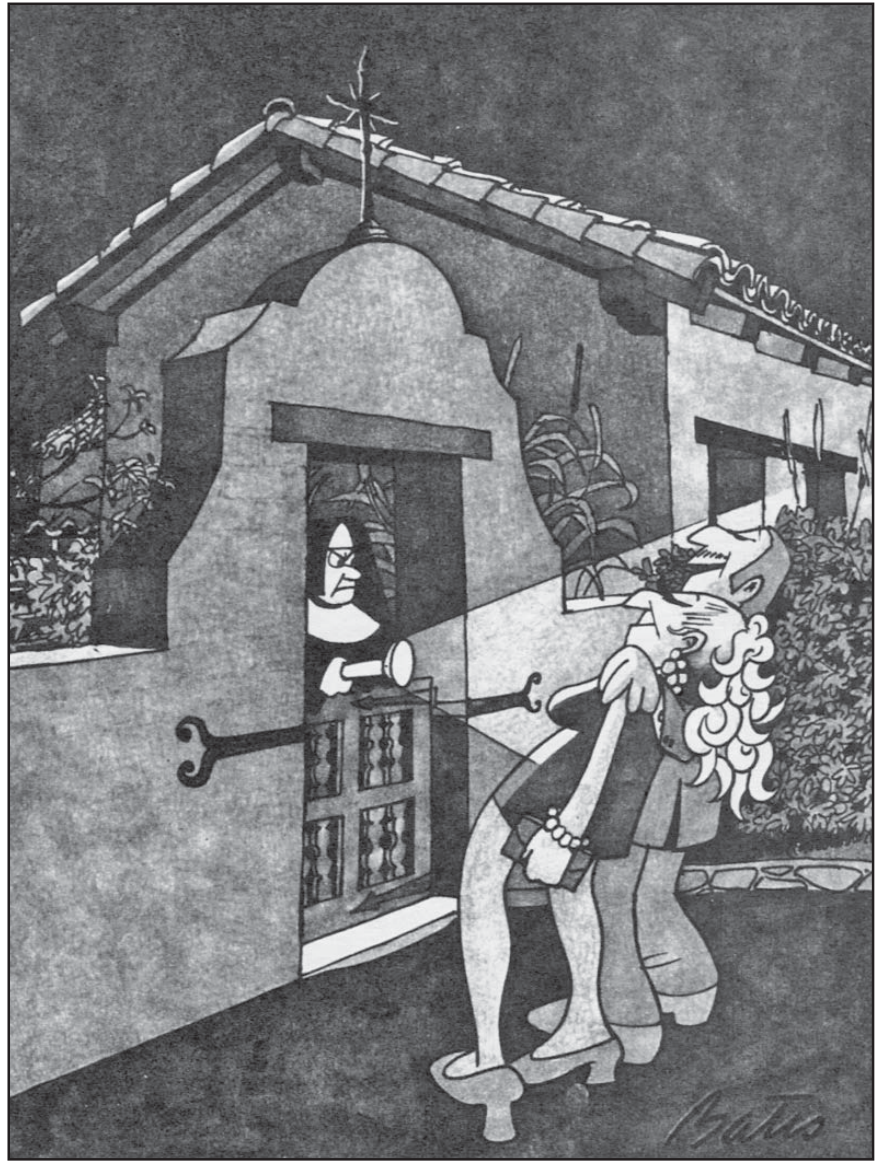
In a blog he wrote before he died in 2012, the coastal commission’s long-time executive director, Peter Douglas, explained how to do it. As he and his fellows activists worked in the early 1970s on the regulatory structure that would become the California Coastal Act, they invented what turned out to be perhaps the most effective tool for blocking development — something Douglas called “permit redundancy.”

Here’s how it works. To get a permit to, say, build an apartment building somewhere along the coast, first you need to go through an extensive environmental review supervised by the local planning department, with input from any citizen or government agency that has the slightest inclination to comment about what you intend to build. If you survive that step, next you go through the local planning commission and city council or board of supervisors, not to mention get sideline approvals from the local fire department, water district, sewer department, park authority, school district, air pollution control agency, forester, archaeological expert, etc., etc. And if you succeed with all of those, you may also need OKs from state and federal experts on various subjects, and you may even have to go to the coastal commission where the process, including environmental review, starts over again. And then there are all the lawsuits and court appeals. To reach the finish line, you have to win every step of the process, but to stop you, your opponents only have to win once. Unfair? Of course. But Douglas didn’t care.

“The arguments against us were that redundancy results in inefficiencies and hinders economic development,” Douglas wrote. But those arguments were a “phony pony” for developers, he said. “Redundancy is a good thing.” And with his help, it became a very deeply entrenched state law.

Which brings us to the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District’s effort to take over Cal Am. In a rational world, the MPWMD, being a duly constituted government agency with authority over our water supply, would be able to move ahead with the takeover on its own volition, even, if needed, by eminent domain. But we live in California, a place where rational decision making left the building decades ago. To take over Cal Am, the MPWMD needs the approval of something called LAFCO. Why do they need this? Redundancy, of course.

BEST of BATES



“Is this the Mission Ranch?”

Letters to the Editor

The Pine Cone encourages submission of letters which address issues of public importance. Letters cannot exceed 350 words, and must include the author’s name and home town. We reserve the right to determine which letters are suitable for publication and to edit for length and clarity.

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‘Right-wing extremists’

Dear Editor,

An appropriate New Year’s resolution: Wake up, voters! There is a sinister group of anti-vaxxers disrupting the business of our local school boards. Take for example the reported recall effort against newly appointed county office of education board member Annette Yee Steck. After the incumbent passed away, she was appointed unanimously (6-0) to a vacancy on the board because of her 27 years of experience as a member of the Carmel Unified School District board. She is one of the most experienced school board members in the state and is often asked to train new school board members all over California. How lucky are we that she is willing to serve this region!

Yet a small group of right-wing extremists want to immediately recall her appointment, which would not only cost a great deal of money, but would leave our region

with no representation until July at the earliest. If this ridiculous recall petition qualifies, state law requires the board member to step down immediately, despite the fact that she would be on the November ballot regardless. And the elections office must conduct an election at a great financial cost — money that should go to schools and special education programs. This recall effort is political and vindictive.

Please don’t let these noisy disrupters ruin our public schools. After all, Monterey County is where public education began in California and now provides one of the best learning opportunities in the country. Great k-12 schools, two outstanding community colleges, and a four-year university with postgraduate degrees. All affordable and accessible. All created and sustained by elected leaders. Don’t let the selfish politics of a few disrupt the good for so many. Speak out and vote to keep Annette Yee Steck on the board.

Sam Farr, Carmel

‘Reprehensible behavior’

Dear Editor

We are now entering the third year of the Covid pandemic. We should be in far better shape in America. We have enough vaccine for every person in this country.

The Carmel Pine Cone can take a sliver of responsibility for adding to and perpetuating the misinformation campaign that is killing people and prolonging this pandemic.

Over the past two years, The Pine Cone has published letters containing blatant

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Curing ‘rhumatiz’ and rinsing diapers — before it was Esalen

THE REPUTATION of the Esalen Institute and its role in the “human potential movement” was familiar to me years before I moved to California in 1985, but it was only after moving here and delving into the life and works of writer John Steinbeck that I learned that years earlier Esalen was known as Slate’s Hot Springs, and that it had been owned by Salinas doctor, Henry C. Murphy. The doctor not only delivered Steinbeck in 1902, but he also saved Steinbeck’s life in 1917, cracking

Big Sur was homesteaded by Thomas Benton Slate, a native of Missouri who was born in 1841. This proved to be another Steinbeck connection. Slate was named for Missouri Senator Thomas Hart Benton (1785-1858). The senator’s grandson, artist Thomas Hart Benton (1879-1975), illustrated a deluxe edition of Steinbeck’s “Grapes of Wrath” in 1940.

Slate was just a youth when his parents joined a wagon train that moved them west to Linn County, Oregon, in 1854. As a young man, he made his way south and worked as a lumberman in the Santa Cruz mountains. Suffering from pain — “rhumatiz in the feet” — he was told of a place down the coast known by the natives as “tahkitahk,” meaning hot healing waters. He searched out the hot springs and was healed. The census taker in 1870 found him there, when the postal designation was “San Antonio.” Slate homesteaded the land, welcomed guests to his healing cliffside springs, and continued to add to his land holdings along the mountainous coast.

In 1880, Slate married Bersabe Remigio “Belle” Soberanes. Her father, José Antonio Ezequiel Buenaventura Soberanes, had been the administrator of Mission San Antonio before moving to Monterey. Belle’s grandmother, María Isidora (Mrs. Mariano Soberanes), was a sister of General Vallejo.

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History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

open his ribs to drain his lungs during a severe case of pleural pneumonia.

In return, Steinbeck venerated Murphy in Chapter 54 of “East of Eden” as the doctor who cares for Adam Trask. The doctor showed an “affectionate anger” at Chinese servant Lee’s lay knowledge of medicine.

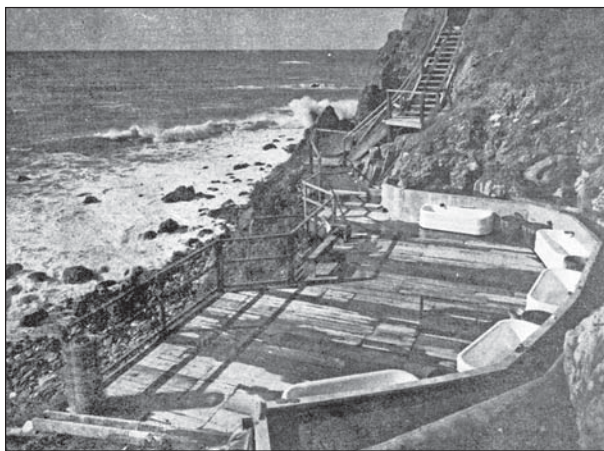
My Steinbeck research led to me to Bruce and Jean Ariss, who moved to the Peninsula in 1934 and became close friends with Steinbeck and Ed Ricketts. They told me stories of adventures at Slate’s in the late 1940s with writer Henry Miller, who disgustingly would rinse out his daughter’s dirty diapers in the hot springs.

Healing waters

The Arisses made me aware that Murphy was the grandfather of Esalen founder Michael Murphy and his brother Dennis. Their father, John Murphy, was just seven months older than Steinbeck. The two Johns had grown up together in Salinas and remained friends. Dennis Murphy’s 1958 novel, “The Sergeant,” has a unique place in Steinbeck studies. Steinbeck wrote an endorsement of Dennis’ book. So rare was a Steinbeck recommendation that the publisher, Viking Press, put it on the front of the dust jacket.

The late Dick Hayman was the first teacher to include Steinbeck literature in classes taught at Salinas High. Hayman suggested to me that Cal and Aaron Trask of “East of Eden” were modeled on Michael and Dennis Murphy. I once had the opportunity to ask Michael about this. His steely glare in response left the question unanswered.

In addition to the Steinbeck links to the Esalen story, I wanted to know why it had been called “Slate’s.” I learned that the remote location south of



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In 1939, Dr. Henry Murphy added this cliffside platform (top) with several bathtubs for his planned health spa. He reopened Slate’s Hot Springs in 1946. This photo of Slate’s Hot Springs ranch (above) is attributed to surveyor Lou Hare, c. 1913.

HE WORKS IN SUNLIGHT ON NATURE’S CLOUD-COVERED CANVASES

THERE ARE methods behind the magic Brad Wright makes with his Sony A-6000 camera, creating sublime images of Central Coast seascapes and landscapes illuminated by blazing skies, or blades of sunlight knifing through the clouds, or the mist or the trees.

A key, of course, is being in the right place at the right time — for example, atop the rocks above the crashing waves at sunrise — which, in itself, can require unusual dedication.

Carmel’s Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

“I also play in a couple of bands, so I’m often up late at night — sometimes till 2 a.m.,” said the guitarist, a co-founder of the Road Roosters and a recent addition to Jon Griffin & the Light Fighters, both Monterey-based groups.

“But if I have reason to think we’re likely to have a great sunrise, I’ll find a way to get myself up. You’ve heard that expression, ‘FOMO — fear of missing out?’ That’s what motivates me.”

He frequently checks weather websites. If he wakes up in the middle of the night, he always goes to the window to peek at the skies, hoping to see clouds — nature’s canvas for the artistic sun. And when his alarm clock blares in the pitch-darkness ...

“I’m like a fireman,” he said. “I jump out of bed and pull on my pants. I use a

shoehorn so I don’t have to untie my shoes. And I run outside with sleep in my eyes and my hair sticking up all over the place like a mad scientist, and drive to a good spot.”

Then, he wanders into the woods or finds his spot alongside the ocean and waits ... and waits ... for the magic.

“I’m probably going to get something better very early in the morning,” Wright said. “The purples and pinks are much more intense when the sun is barely starting to appear. The oranges are more brilliant. And then the sky turns more gold.”

“Sometimes I wait a long time before that happens, so, yeah, there’s a lot of patience involved — a lot like fishing,” he said.

Wright, 64, has been a Monterey resident since 2007, but was born in Palo Alto and grew up in Los Altos and Sunnyvale.

“I graduated from Homestead High, same as Steve Jobs,” he said with a laugh.

If accumulating wealth was ever a high priority for Wright, it eventually took a back seat to his hunger for creating art. He worked his early years as an electrotechnician in Silicon Valley, and was a realtor, approaching 50, when he decided he’d had enough of San Jose’s rush-hour traffic.

He credits a girlfriend with convincing him to move to Monterey where the spectacular scenery from there to Big Sur quickly became his true love.

Wright, who had dabbled in photography in his 20s, bought himself a better camera and became obsessed with the vistas waiting just minutes beyond his front door.

A thousand shots

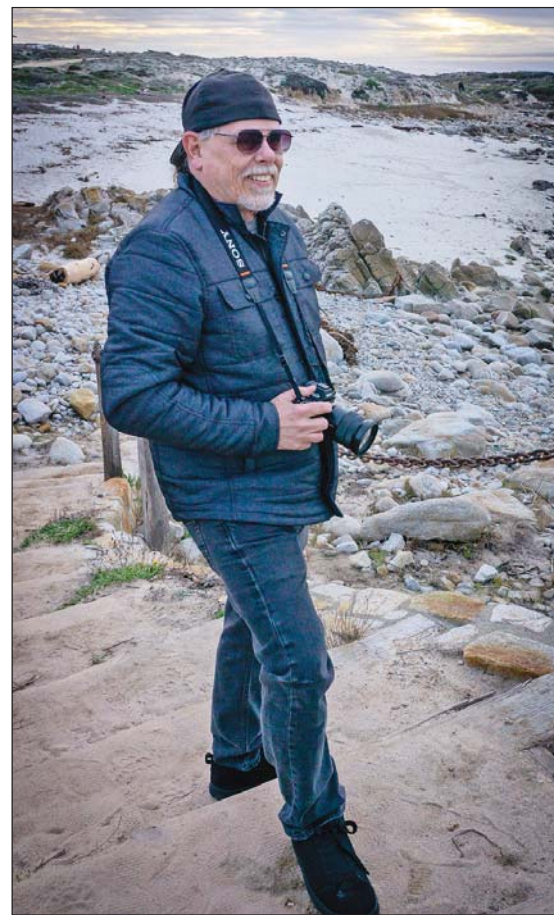
“I’ll usually take between 15 and 200 shots of a sunrise or sunset, but I’ve taken as many as 1,000 photos if I’ve gone out early for a sunset and stayed really late,” he said.

“I’m looking for fog, rays of light peeking through a cloud, or the tree branches — anything that will make a photo more interesting,” said Wright, who regards cloud cover as his collaborator. “I’ve sat there for an hour, sometimes longer, just waiting for a spot of blue to break through the clouds or watching for the next set of big waves. I want my pictures to look like something different.”

Wright’s attempts to start a career as a local real estate agent tanked in 2008, when the economy crashed. Then, he opened Monterey Apparel, a screen-printing business he owned for almost 13 years.

“I was taking pictures the whole time, but never had much time to seriously pursue it until 2015, when my mom passed

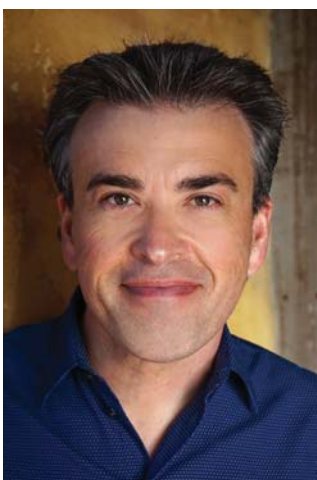
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PHOTO/BRAD WRIGHT

Monterey fine art photographer Brad Wright plays guitar in local bands, but often rises before the sun to capture spectacular images of the Central Coast.

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LETTERS

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and dangerous misinformation. One has to wonder why you are publishing letters as recently as last week, that continue to validate people's false beliefs in conspiracy theories and utter nonsense?

You, as the publisher, are making the choice to publish letters that may harm or kill people. This is not about presenting a diversity of voices and opinions. This is irresponsible and reprehensible behavior.

As long as you and others in the media continue to perpetuate the falsehoods that buoy people's belief in conspiracy theory and reject science, we will continue to see surges, deaths, new variants, depleted supply chains and ongoing disruption to life.

This is so simple: Get vaccinated, wear a mask, social distance, stay home if you are unwell, stop spreading misinformation and end this pandemic now.

Scott Bogen, Big Sur

The real reason for shortage

Dear Editor,

The editorial in the Dec. 31 edition makes two insightful and valid claims: 1. Our water shortage is political. 2. We waste huge amounts of water that during a rain storm flow out to sea. However, the real reason Cal Am does not capture any of the storm water is that Cal Am has been more busy lobbying state and local government officials or "activists" such as many county supervisors, the California Public Utility Commission, and the governors (who appoint the commissioners who must follow the dictates of Cal Am so as to continue receiving campaign contributions).

Cal Am has focused and spent so much of our money on lobbying to control rates so as to make maximum profit, that the only solution that Cal Am offered was a massive, destructive, and unneeded desalination project — again to maximize its profit.

We must remember that Cal Am has done everything in its massive power to stop the award winning water reclamation

projects (Cal Am makes no profit from these projects) the only new sources of water ever produced on the Peninsula that was developed in a Monterey One Water and MPWMD creative local government partnership.

The reason Cal Am and its state and local supporters (additional "activists") are scheming so much is to thwart the will of the voting mandate of Measure J passed by a 56 percent majority of voters who are tired of paying some of the highest water rates in the nation and want the abusive relationship to Cal Am to end.

Cal Am is spending huge amounts of money (ours again) in litigation to keep

their very profitable scheme going.

Walt Notley, Carmel

No night games

Dear Editor,

When I was at CHS, Saturday games were wonderful and festive and gave a backbone to our weekends. The incredible views from the bleachers, the mild temperatures in the 60s and 70s, and the excited crowds of people to watch our team (I was a cheerleader) were wonderful. Night games with star-dulling lights across the neighborhood are not needed! No on the lights at Carmel High school.

Lacy Williams Buck, Carmel

GLASS

From page 3A

Moriarty said he originally planned to have the soundproofing inside but that it would cut into the building's "great hall," which otherwise will be big enough to accommodate a full symphony.

"That's the pinnacle of recording — if you can do that, you can do anything," he said. If built inside, the sound barrier would reduce the available seating and make "an awkward room" that would require several changes just to make it usable.

"It's no longer looking like the great investment that I thought it was going to be," he said. "I think we just didn't get the point across at the planning commission hearing how pivotal and essential this is for my entire design."

Moriarty said he's planning on investing a large amount of money in the building to "improve it 20 times more than anyone else" would.

'An eyesore for decades'

Karyl Hall, a member of the historic resources board, said she had planned to submit a four-page letter and petition objecting to the glass but subsequently met with Moriarty and Carver and learned the gates would be able to swing open and shut, which resolved one of her objections. As a result, she didn't send the letter and tentatively supported the project, though she and ally Neal Kruse decried the increasing appearance of modern architecture and large panes of glass along that stretch of Dolores Street.

Several nearby business owners, including gallery owner Richard Kreitman, restaurateurs Rich and Sandra Pepe, and winery owner Jack Galante, supported the installation of the glass wall, which they

said could easily be removed if the building is converted to a different use down the line.

"This building has been an eyesore for decades, and they're cleaning it up and turning it back into the beautiful period piece that it is," Kreitman said.

"The modification is minor, reversible and essential if this building is going to be used to its fullest potential as a recording studio — a use that is wholeheartedly aligned with the best traditions of this village," resident Ian Martin said. "Any perceived downside to this design is greatly outweighed by the creation of a world-class recording studio downtown."

Councilwoman Karen Ferlito asked if the council should limit the hours of operation, and she worried about events on the rooftop, delivery of equipment and other issues. Moriarty said the use of the rooftop is restricted by the city and that the business will be very low key.

"The key to the whole place is discretion," he said.

Councilwoman Carrie Theis pointed out that the point of a recording studio is preventing sound from getting in or out, so it's unlikely to be loud or disruptive.

"You could work there until 2 or 3 a.m., and nobody would know it," she said. "I'm not concerned about the hours of use, because this project is soundproofed."

Theis supported the new use, saying it's different and just the type that's needed downtown, and while she typically doesn't like to go against the planning commission, she favored granting Carver and Moriarty's request.

The rest of the council agreed — and applauded the conversations the applicants had with opponents like Kruse and Hall — unanimously voting to approve the glass wall and door inside the vestibule. Council members made no changes to any of the other plans.

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OMICRON

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country. While the omicron variant is less dangerous than some previous versions that can cause more severe illness, it is much more infectious.

“The most recent sequencing shows that most of the cases here in Monterey County are due to the omicron variant,” Moreno said Wednesday during a press briefing.

On Thursday, the health department reported that 57 Covid-positive people were inpatients at the county’s four hospitals, up from 40 the day before. Studies show that people infected with omicron have a lower risk of serious illness and hospitalization.

“However, with the rising number of total cases, the number of patients hospitalized with Covid is increasing,” Moreno explained. “And so that is a concern of ours.”

Testing help needed

As of Thursday afternoon, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula had 24 patients with Covid in its care, including three in intensive care.

Spokeswoman Monica Sciuto said the hospital has adequate staffing to contend with the current patient load but conceded it’s had some “staffing challenges” because the virus has spread among its workforce.

“We have activated our Hospital Incident Command System to prepare for and make necessary changes as needed to accommodate the increased flow of Covid-19 patients and any staffing needs,” she explained. “If necessary, we have the ability to expand our ICU capacity by utilizing other spaces within the hospital to accommodate more ICU-level patients. Our surge plan can be activated quickly should these additional beds be needed.”

A greater number of cases in Monterey County has also meant a greater demand for Covid-19 testing here, according to Moreno, who said his department has requested that the California Department of Public Health offer more resources. In some cases during the past two weeks, residents on the Peninsula have had to wait in long lines to get tested for the coronavirus.

“Hopefully, the state will be able to respond and increase the access to testing locations,” Moreno said.

The health department, he said, has also requested the state provide more rapid testing kits, and it purchased some “to distribute to local agencies who are in need of over-the-counter Covid-19 testing for their clients.”

Go to the health department website at bit.ly/3t1TvC4 to find a Monterey County testing site and schedule an

appointment.

The omicron surge occurred during what was winter break for many Monterey Peninsula school students, most of whom returned to the classroom this week. Local school districts handed out Covid test kits and required students, regardless of vaccination status, to test themselves before returning to school.

There have been few infections in Monterey Peninsula schools. For example, as of Jan. 4, Pacific Grove Unified reported a total of 27 school-based Covid cases among students and six staff who have been infected with Covid-19 during the 2021-2022 school year. The district has more than 1,800 students.

However, those numbers were reported before most students went on a two-week break for the holidays, and before omicron really took off in Monterey County. The numbers could be much different in two or three weeks.

Still, President Joe Biden this week called for schools to stay open, despite the decision by teachers in Chicago and some other districts to cancel classes and return to distance learning.

“We know that our kids can be safe when in school,” Biden said Tuesday. “That’s why I believe that schools should remain open.” He also called Covid-19 a “pandemic of the unvaccinated,” a once ubiquitous claim that is becoming increasingly doubtful since omicron has demonstrated the ability to blow through vaccines.

Mask mandate extended

As omicron rages throughout California, state Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly announced Wednesday an extension to the state’s indoor mask mandate imposed in mid-December. The requirement will now be applicable until at least Feb. 15.

The law requires almost everyone — regardless of vaccination status — to wear face coverings in indoor spaces, including shops, restaurants and government buildings. Ghaly said he would reevaluate the mandate ahead of Feb. 15 to determine if it should be extended yet again.

The announcement comes at the same time new questions are being raised about the effectiveness of cloth masks against Covid-19. Many health officials contend they don’t protect people against the omicron variant, which spreads much more efficiently.

“Cloth masks are not going to cut it with omicron,” according to Linsey Marr, a researcher at Virginia Tech, in an interview with NPR.

Leana Wen, an emergency physician at the George Washington University Milken Institute School of Public Health, said people need to wear at least a three-ply surgical mask.

“You can wear a cloth mask on top of that, but do not just wear a cloth mask alone,” Wen told CNN.

There has been relatively little focus on the efficacy of cloth masks from state and federal governments, and ensuring citizens have access to proper face coverings to protect against Covid-19 and the omicron variant. And while experts say surgical masks such as N95, KN95 and KF94 are the best options to protect against that strain, they are more difficult to find than cloth masks, more expensive and often don’t fit children.

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SUE

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Department of Public Health, which said in an August 2021 order that workers may be exempt from taking the coronavirus vaccine if “the worker is declining vaccination based on religious beliefs.”

The CDPH also outlined accommodations, including regular testing and wearing of masks, for those who claim religious and medical exemptions, options that Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System did not offer, according to the complaint.

“The blanket denial to all employees requesting an exemption evidences an intentional disregard of the requests and clearly constitutes a violation of these employees’ rights under state law,” says the complaint filed for the hospital employees by Santa Ana attorney Daniel Watkins.

The lawsuit is similar to one filed by workers against Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula. Watkins is also representing the plaintiffs in the CHOMP complaint.

The religious exemption requests are based on the plaintiffs’ opposition to the connection between fetal cells and the vaccines. Cells obtained from aborted fetuses are used in the testing or development of certain Covid-19

vaccines, according to the U.S. National Library of Medicine. The vaccines themselves, however, do not contain aborted fetal cells.

While some people of religious faith may choose to be immunized, “any SVMHS employee is entitled to interpret the scriptural commands differently,” the lawsuit says.

Hospital spokeswoman Karina Rusk said officials have not seen the complaint.

Safety measures

“What we can say and want the public to understand, is that Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System fully supports the state’s vaccination mandate for healthcare workers and the new requirement for booster shots by Feb. 1,” Rusk told The Pine Cone.

“The requirements are evidence-based and the most effective tools we have available to protect our staff, patients and community,” Rusk went on to explain. “We are pleased that the overwhelming majority of our staff support the state vaccine mandates and the other important safety measures we have put into place during the course of the pandemic.”

The plaintiffs, who are requesting a jury trial, are seeking loss of earnings, benefits and other compensation, and damages, including punitive damages. The case is set for a May 3 court hearing.

ART

From page 14A

Painter Romanoos presents her latest creations in “An Artist’s Journey,” sculptor Rob Holt explores the abstract in “Living the Dance,” photographer Brian Spiegel finds beauty in “The Sea,” and painters Jesse Butterfield and Anjelica Colliard seek a connection with the earth in “Natural Life, Sacred Life.”

Also on display is “Celebrating Monterey County,” a collection of photos presented by Monterey County Historical Society.

The gallery hosts a reception Friday at 7 p.m. The shows continue through Feb. 24. The art center is located at 568 Lighthouse Ave. pgartcenter.org.



Volunteers at the Center for Photographic Art put up a new show, “Each of Us is Fastened to the Other” by Josh Smith and Vanessa Woods, which opens Saturday.

ROBBERY

From page 5A

with conspiracy and is next set to appear in court Jan. 11 for the setting of a preliminary hearing.

The younger teen, meanwhile, will now be transferred to San Joaquin County for a dispositional hearing, according to Sinohui.

“Robbery is considered a violent felony and is a ‘strike offense’ pursuant to Penal Code section 667,” she said. “Given the age of the minor, the robberies committed against the three employees will count as a strike on his criminal record.”

Investigators are still tracking down the two other robbers, according to Watkins, and have served search warrants. Anyone with information is asked to call DA investigator John Magana at (831) 784-5669.

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HISTORY

From page 27A

In the days before Highway 1, Slate's Hot Springs resort was not easily accessible. Today it is a 45-mile drive south of Monterey. In the 1880s, with trails that wove through the canyons, it was promoted as 90 miles from Monterey. Still, the "Hot Sulpher Baths," with their curative effects, attracted visitors. Slate also promoted "Beautiful scenery, lovely climate, good hunting and fishing, etc."

In early 1894, the Slaters and their four children moved to New Monterey shortly before a fifth child was born that July. In August, Slate sold his holdings down the coast, 675 acres that included the hot springs, to Walter C. Little. Slate ran for county treasurer in 1894 but died unexpectedly in October before the election. Belle sold the house in New Monterey and moved the family to Casa Soberanes, "House of the Blue Gate," at the corner of Pacific and Scott streets in Monterey. Her brother inherited the house when their father died in 1896; still, Belle remained there until her death 20 years later.

Roping, riding and hot springs

In 1895, soon after Little began operating Slate's Hot Springs, the Pacific Coast Steamship Co. started offering ocean transportation to many points along the coast, including Slate's. This may have helped, but most visitors still came overland. Walter's younger brother, John, raised stock and managed the hot springs. In 1899, John married Margaret McWay, who came with her parents from Brooklyn, N.Y., in the 1870s and homesteaded what is now Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park. John introduced equestrian training to the offerings at Slate's and people visited to

learn Western riding and roping skills.

Walter Little had accumulated 1,800 acres around the hot springs by 1910. That is when he sold the 157-acre spread at the hot springs to Dr. Murphy. Murphy was born and raised in northeastern Tennessee, where his father was a physician, and he came to the Salinas Valley in 1886 to establish his own medical practice. He married Vinnie Macdonald of Lompoc in 1892 and they had four children, three daughters and one son.

Eighth wonder

Having visited the healing baths at Baden-Baden in southwestern Germany, Murphy desired to create a similar type of health resort in Monterey County. At the time he bought Slate's, Murphy could drive his car only as far as the Post ranch. From there, he had to take a horse. He brought phone service into Slate's Hot Springs in 1911, and in 1913, hired county surveyor Lou Hare with hopes of developing an improved coastal route to his land.

Upon the return of the survey party, the Monterey American newspaper of June 17, 1913 reported, "The Panama Canal is the seventh wonder of the world, and there is no reason why this road, when completed, should not go down as the eighth wonder. It is suggested that Dr. Murphy wait until the Panama Canal is completed so that he can have the machinery shipped up here for construction work on the path that is to lead into one of nature's most beautiful spots."

The road and further development of a resort would need to wait. Construction of the coast highway was finally begun in the 1920s, the road north from San Simeon reached Slate's in 1926. The road south from Monterey did not reach Slate's until 1935. The highway was completed and officially opened in 1937.

Murphy retired from his practice in 1938 and worked

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on building his health spa. A new lodge and cabins were completed in 1939, but the effort was short lived. The onset of World War II closed the coast to tourism, due to fears of a Japanese invasion. As younger men went to war, Murphy resumed his practice "for the duration."

Murphy reopened Slate's Hot Springs after the war, but died in 1948, leaving the hot springs property to his wife. Dennis Murphy and his wife moved there in the 1950s and welcomed what a 1965 San Francisco Examiner article, referenced as, "pot smokers and other members of the overly unconventional set." Even beat writer Jack Kerouac, writing in his book "Big Sur," expressed discomfort around the gatherings at the hot springs at the time.

With Stanford classmate Richard A. Price, Michael Murphy leased the property from his grandmother in 1962 and created the Esalen Institute. The ne'er-do-well beatniks were replaced by intellectuals who could pay the way. For 60 years, Esalen has survived fires and rockslides and is now being challenged by Covid-related closures. Hopefully, the treasured site will welcome visitors again soon.

ARTIST

From page 27A

away," he said. "That's when I bought myself a great camera and started shooting photos at least 200 days a year. I was addicted."

Wright credits his daughter, Jessica — a photography major in college — for teaching him about composition, but otherwise considers himself to be mostly self-taught.

Wright maintains his own photography website and created a Facebook group — Monterey County Photography — as a public showcase for his work. But when other area photographers also embraced the venue, he welcomed them. After just one year, the group has almost 7,000 members.

Wright also sold many of his images, although marketing his own work has never been high on his to-do list. "I don't call myself a professional photographer," he

said. "Maybe my photos look that way, but when you're a professional, your photos are paying the bills. I realize that I need to up my game a bit on the business end, but I'm more interested in taking pictures. Art, for me, is more fun than anything, and I want to keep it that way."

Playing classic rock, jazz, and Motown-style music with the Road Roosters and Light Fighters is Wright's other passion — one that occasionally intersects with his photography.

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"When I'm out there playing music, and meeting new people, I'll introduce myself," he said. "And once in a while, somebody will say, 'You're Brad Wright? Oh my God, I've been looking at your photos forever!' One lady said, 'I've got a file on you!'"

Images of Wright's fine art photography can be found online at bradwrightphotography.com.

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BEAT

From page 10A

on Arkwright Court, a cul-de-sac with numerous apartment buildings on both sides located just off David and Moreland avenues and across the street from Lucky supermarket.

"Our detectives are actively working on this case and are doing everything they can to make an arrest," Hoffman said.

Asked about a possible motive for the Christmas Day

assault, Hoffman replied that it is "under investigation at this time."

Keeping name secret

Asked this week if the police department is considering releasing the perpetrator's name since she is still at large, Chief Cathy Madalone said, "it's still under investigation, not at this point."

Law enforcement agencies and courts have long reported a rise in domestic violence incidents during major holidays, such as Christmas and Thanksgiving, though it's not clear if the P.G. attack was a domestic violence incident.




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4000 Rio Road unit 79 — \$850,000

Scott and Deberra O'Brien to Anthony and Margaret Cannizzaro
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APN: 416-541-050



24755 Summit Field Road, Carmel Valley — \$2,047,500

601 Country Club Drive — \$1,502,500

Laura Balian to Cory Burke and Fiona Robinson
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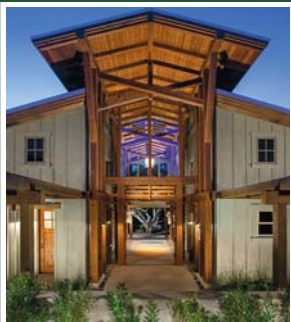
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HOME SALES

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APN: 015-051-043

24755 Summit Field Road — \$2,047,500
Adrienne Gambucci to Jason Connell and Alexandra Matlock
APN: 015-461-006

960 Laureles Grade — \$3,450,000
David and Sandra Bellamy to Diem Nguyen and Ivan Chen
APN: 151-011-057



3292 17 Mile Drive, Pebble Beach — \$33,815,500



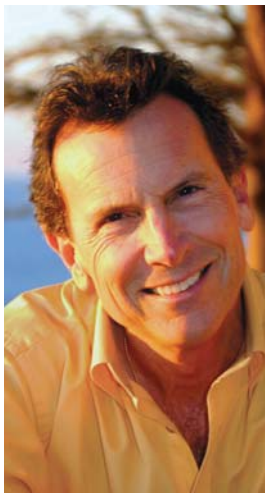
148 10th Street, Pacific Grove — \$1,435,000

Highway 68

26002 Paseo el Cajon — \$2,300,000
Samuel Cabiglio and Forza Trust to Gerald Pieroni
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A SHORT LIST OF PEOPLE I WILL MISS AS WE HEAD INTO THE NEW YEAR

DECEMBER WAS the cruelest month, as we lost an entire lineup of notables who had ties to the Peninsula. Michael Nesmith, John Madden, Joan Didion, and, of course, the irrepressible Betty White, all departed this mortal life. I was a fan of all of them, but it was Ms. Didion who made a lasting impression on me.

Joan Didion went slouching towards eternity late in December. She was an extraordinary writer. For decades, she dissected politics, culture, feminism, journalism, and the act of writing itself.

“We tell ourselves stories in order to live,” begins one of her books of essays.

Ms. Didion and I lost our spouses a month apart in 2003. When her book, about coping with her husband’s death, “The Year of Magical Thinking,” came out in 2005, I thought she had reached inside my head and pulled out the countless disoriented thoughts I had about losing someone so close. When two people have promised to become one, the survivor loses half of himself/herself with the death of a spouse. She understood that. Her book is a must read for

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Scenic Views

By **JERRY GERVASE**

anyone going through that tragedy.

Here are some of the other boldface names we lost last year:

You either hated him or loved him, but there was no denying that **Rush Limbaugh** was a personality not to be ignored. Aside from politics, Rush was known for his charitable work. During his career, he and his legion of fans collectively raised more than \$47 million for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Forbes Magazine ranked him fourth on its Most Generous Celebrities list.

Rush pointed out the frivolity of people who claim to be independent voters. You cannot be a sunshine conservative or a summer liberal because you can’t accommodate the two philosophies, which are diametrically opposed. One interest has to prevail over the other. He took on the crazies of society and beat them with one hand tied behind his back. Ditto-heads continue to mourn.

Getting misty

Oh, how we loved **Mort Sahl**. When I was a college student during the 1950’s, my friends and I would sit in the student union and take turns trying to be incisively satiric about the news. C-minus was the best anyone could do. Sahl’s comedy provided a commentary on politicians and current events that was in sync with an anti-establishment audience during the 1950s and ’60s.

In my book, **Hank Aaron** is still the home run champ. Hands down, he was one of the greatest players in the history of baseball. He was elegant and gracious — much more gracious than I am. When Barry Bonds broke his home run record, Aaron said, “I move over now and offer

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824 19th St, Pacific Grove	\$1,161,000
3025 Andecite Drive, Marina	\$1,098,000
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3006 Ransford Cir, Pacific Grove	\$965,000
729 Hillcrest Ave, Pacific Grove	\$840,000
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952 Bayview Ave, Pacific Grove	\$2,300,000
1113 Melton Pl, Pacific Grove	\$1,943,000
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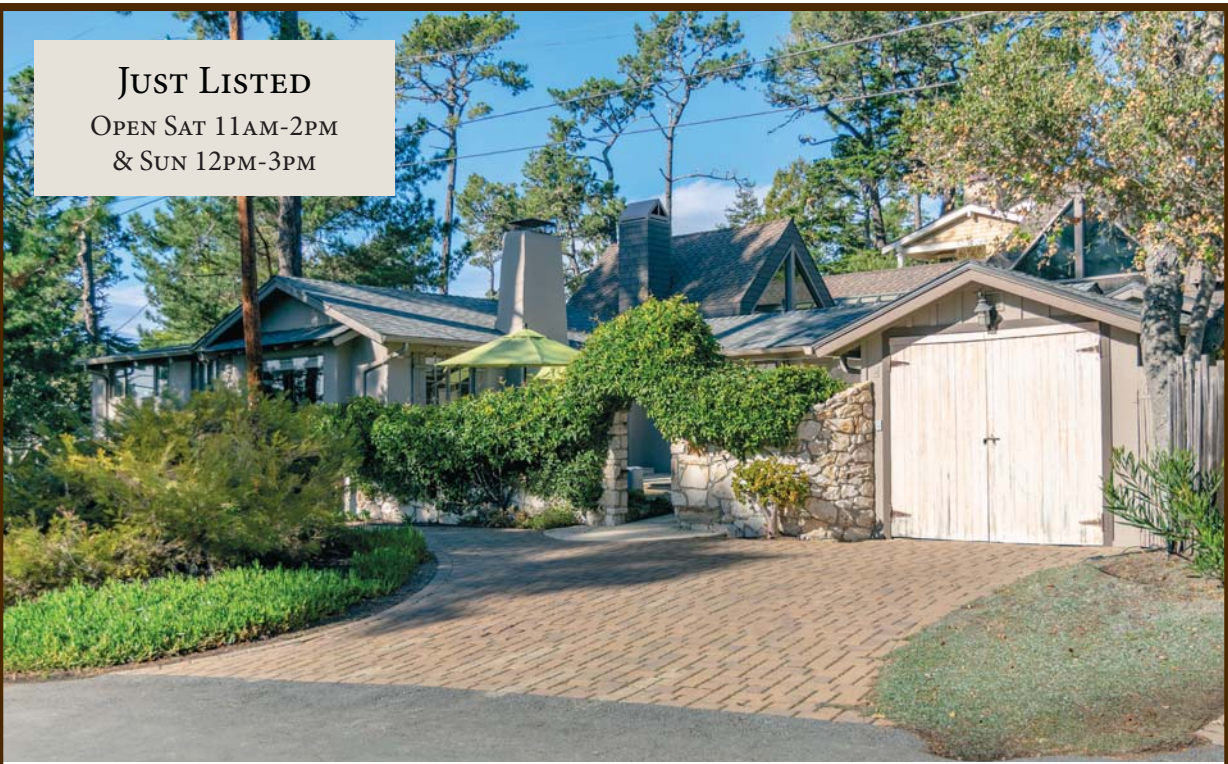
MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

Pacific Grove: Person on Hillcrest reported the theft of Christmas decorations.
Pacific Grove: Weapon turned in by a Grove Acre resident for destruction.
Pacific Grove: A wallet was found near Caledonia Park. Owner was contacted for pick-up.
Pacific Grove: Subject on Lighthouse reported someone had fraudulently obtained her credit card information and purchased goods with it. A report was taken.
Pacific Grove: A juvenile came to report being a victim of a criminal act on Lighthouse. A report was taken.
Pacific Grove: Report of a wallet theft at a business. Un-founded.
Pacific Grove: Report of a fall on public property on Ocean View Boulevard.
Pacific Grove: Stopped a vehicle on Funston at 2214 hours for CVC violations. Determined the 29-year-old male driver had a suspended license which was in violation of his probation terms. Cited and released.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Handicap placard lost.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Bracelet found a few days ago at the Barnyard.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Past-tense online scam resulted in the loss of \$500.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: OJ [outside jurisdiction] collision report taken. Both drivers were in rental vehicles; information exchanged.
Pacific Grove: Vehicle stopped on Sunset Drive at 0052 hours for a traffic violation. The 26-year-old male driver was determined to be driving on a suspended license and in violation of probation terms. Issued a citation and released at

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SHERIFF

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the scene.

Pacific Grove: Prescription drug bin disposal.

Pacific Grove: Suspicious circumstances on Divisadero. Resident recently learned that a change of address was requested unbeknownst to him.

Pebble Beach: A residential burglary was reported in Pebble Beach on Crescent Road. Entry was made via door kick. Electronics were taken.

Carmel area: Online report of stolen property on Selfridge Lane.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male reported a business owner on Dolores Street threatened to fight him over wearing a mask. There was no true criminal threat, and the man stated he would follow up with the chamber of commerce or city hall regarding the owner's behavior.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Semi-truck vs. privately owned tree on 13th Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Shoplifting from a business on Lincoln Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vandalized property on Camino del Monte.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male wanted to report his wallet missing somewhere in the area of The Pine Inn.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Funston was contacted for a welfare check. He did not meet confinement criteria but did have a warrant. The 57-year-old subject was issued a citation for the warrant and released.

Pacific Grove: Suspicious circumstances on Buena Vista.

Pacific Grove: A domestic violence incident occurred on Redwood Lane, and the victim sustained visible injury.

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Pacific Grove: Binoculars found on Ocean View Boulevard were surrendered to the police station. No owner information known at this time.

Pacific Grove: Subject at Country Club Gate was placed on a 72-hour detention for evaluation and treatment.

Pacific Grove: Stolen vehicle reported on

Sunset Drive. Later recovered.

Carmel Valley: Found property and owner were located on Laureles Grade.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

Carmel-by-the-Sea: City tree on Crespi fell, causing a road hazard and private property damage.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person on Mission Street reported threats over the phone by

ex-boyfriend.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject reported losing credit cards while visiting a restaurant on Dolores.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person called to report suspicious circumstances on San Carlos. Two males alerted the person that a male was seen tampering with the front lights in the driveway of the business. He chased after the

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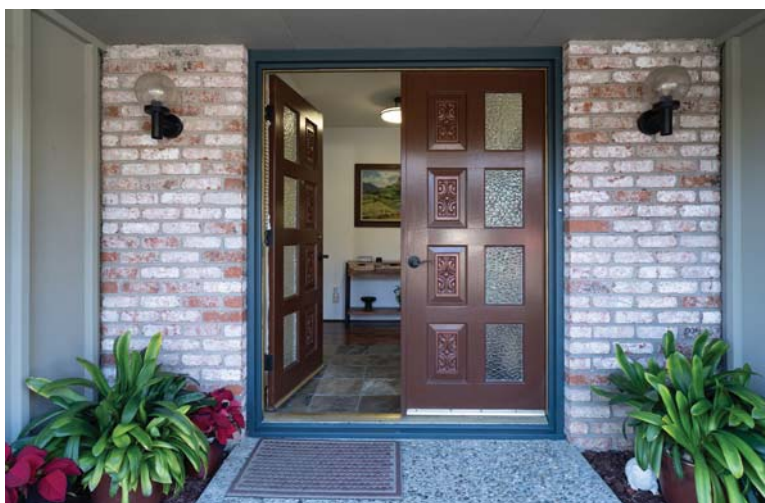
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Su 12-2
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47 Cielo Vista Drive
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Su 1-3
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GERVASE

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my best wishes to Barry and his family on this historic achievement." I think Bonds cheated by using steroids he claimed he didn't know he was using. I believe you can either compete at a game or cheat at a game. You cannot do both. The sports writers who vote for Bonds to be admitted to the Hall of Fame are selling their souls.

How many times have you seen the movie, "Play Misty for Me"? Sure, we all remember Clint, but how about **Jessica Walter**, who played the obsessed fan who stalked Clint's character everywhere, assaulted his maid, vandalized his house in the Highlands, and finally threatened to butcher his girlfriend. When I hear the song, I still look over my shoulder. Alas, Jessica is no longer there.

I could never understand what it must have been like to be Queen Elizabeth's consort.

Whenever I saw **Prince Philip**, he reminded me of the song, "The Wind Beneath My Wings."

"It must have been cold there in my shadow,

to never have sunlight on your face.

You were content to let me shine, that's your way.

You always walked a step behind."

I hope his style and grace carry over into the afterlife. After all, heaven is mostly populated by commoners.

I never bought any of **Ron Popeil's** products, but his Ronco television commercials kept me entertained with his Spray-on Hair, Pocket Fisherman, and Inside-the-Shell Egg Scrambler. Millions must have purchased them, because Ron made a fortune.

Curtain call

Imagine the movies you could have made if you could dip into this late, great cast of characters: **Gavin MacLeod, Hal Holbrook, Arlene Dahl, Ed Asner, Christopher Plummer, Jane Withers, Ned Beatty, Charles Grodin, Olympia Dukakis, Cicely Tyson, George Segal, Yaphet Kotto and Cloris Leachman.** A standing O for all the enjoyment their performances delivered.

If you lost someone dear to you last year, please accept my condolences — and I mean that with heartfelt sincerity. As John Donne explained, we are all interconnected:

"Any man's death diminishes me,
Because I am involved in mankind;
And therefore never send to know
for whom the bell tolls,
It tolls for thee."

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suspect but lost visual of him after approximately two blocks. No items or property were taken.

Pacific Grove: Deceased female at a Morse Drive residence at 0407 hours.

Pacific Grove: Hit-and-run vehicle collision on David Avenue involving three parked vehicles.

Pacific Grove: Fall on public property on Lighthouse Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Catalytic converter theft on Forest Avenue.

Pacific Grove: A hit-and-run occurred on Monarch Lane. No suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Traffic collision on Forest Avenue resulted in a broken lamp post.

Pacific Grove: Injury accident on Forest Avenue.
Carmel area: Theft from a vehicle on Mesa Drive.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Three males were arrested on Do-

lores Street at 0322 hours for stealing mail, possession of drugs, and possession of stolen landscaping equipment. A 26-year-old Salinas resident was booked into county jail for theft, mail theft, giving false identification to a police officer, driving without a license and conspiracy. A 21-year-old Salinas resident was booked for giving false ID, conspiracy and possession of paraphernalia, and on outstanding warrants for unlawful sexual intercourse, car theft and possession of a controlled substance. And a 29-year-old male from Salinas was booked for conspiracy, mail theft and possession of unlawful

paraphernalia and a controlled substance.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Attempted theft on San Carlos Street at 0208 hours.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Battery report on Camino Real with no prosecution desired.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle injury collision on Third.


Carmel-by-the-Sea: Hit-and-run traffic collision on

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PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20212627. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Journays #1153, 1558 Northridge Mall, Salinas, CA 93906-2022, County of Monterey...

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME. Case No. 21CV00354S. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, MILICA SILLIMAN, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name: MILICA SILLIMAN Proposed name: MILICA DINIC SILLIMAN 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.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE of AMRA ROBBINS

Case Number 21PR00538 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of AMRA ROBBINS. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LIZA D. HORVATH in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

The Petition for Probate requests that LIZA D. HORVATH be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval.

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Jan. 28, 2022 TIME: 8:30 a.m. DEPT: 15 The address of the court is 1200 Agujaito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

APN: 014-131-004-000 TS

Notice of Trustee's Sale. (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED September 13, 2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

Attorney for Petitioner: UTE M. ISBILL-WILLIAMS 26335 Carmel Rancho Blvd., Suite 2 Carmel, CA 93923 (831) 233-7375

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20212676 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: UTILITY SERVICES, 25993 Colt Lane, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20212722 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: 1. CHRISTINE VONROBARIE 2. VONROBARIE REAL ESTATE 3. REALTY CHRISTINE

to be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20212713 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Kombi Tours Monterey, 1291 Josselyn Canyon Road, Monterey, CA. 93940, Monterey County. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 222513, Carmel, CA. 93922.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20212720 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Khakis of Carmel, Carmel Plaza Suite 104, Carmel, CA. 93921. Mailing Address: P.O. Box M, Carmel, CA. 93921.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20212724 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Coredry Construction, 39011 Laurel Springs Rd., Carmel Valley, Ca. 93924, Monterey County.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20212734 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Coredry Construction, 39011 Laurel Springs Rd., Carmel Valley, Ca. 93924, Monterey County.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20212750 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Serenity Care Home, 391 N. Madeira Avenue, Salinas, CA. 93905, Monterey County. Mailing Address: 4225 Treat Blvd. Ste.

LIEN SALE AUCTION ADVERTISEMENT Notice is hereby given that Pursuant to the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act, (B&P Code 21700 et. Seq.), the undersigned will sell at public auction; personal property including but not limited to furniture, clothing, tools, and /or other misc. items.

The remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust.

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: GRAVITY WINE HOUSE, 28275 Alta Street, Gonzales, CA 93926. Mailing address: P.O. Box 908, Gonzales, CA 93926.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20212774 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: SILH FARMS, LLC, 28275 Alta Street, Gonzales, CA 93926.

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316, Concord, CA. 94521. Name of Corporation or LLC: PBS Enterprises, Inc. 391 N. Madeira Avenue, Salinas, CA. 93905. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20212685 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Copilot Goose Photography, 1820 Nadina St., Seaside, CA. 93955, Monterey County. Name of Individual Registrant: Kyle Christian Villavicencio, 1820 Nadina St., Seaside, CA. 93955.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20212730 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Culinary Creations, 4910 Peninsula Point Drive, Seaside, CA. 93955, Monterey County. Name of Individual Registrant: Alfred Matthew Montes, 4910 Peninsula Point Drive, Seaside, Ca., 93955.

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File No. 20212767 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: UKZ HARVESTING EQUIPMENT, 901 Harkins Rd Unit B, Salinas, CA 93901 County of MONTEREY.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20212714 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: PLANT THERAPY, 498 Foam Street, Suite 1, Monterey, CA 93940.

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Auction to be held at 1pm on January 14th, 2022 at www.selfstorageauction.com

The property is stored at: Leonard's Lockers Self Storage, 816 Elvee Drive, Salinas, CA 93901

NAME OF TENANTS Imelda Quiroz Farias, Samuel Dillard, Melissa Salazar, Sarah Turner, Sarina Marie Frias, Lawrence Joseph Vallez, Goeral David Ramirez, Jacob Silva Jr, Gerald William Neilson

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20212778 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: WINDMILL MARKET, 115 Monterey-Salinas Highway, Salinas, CA 93908.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20212778 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: WINDMILL MARKET, 115 Monterey-Salinas Highway, Salinas, CA 93908.

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NAME OF TENANT: Barbara M. Sobilo Publication dates: Dec. 31, 2021, Jan. 7, 2022. (PC1233)

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GAVEL

From page 4A

It can be difficult to get out of a timeshare obligation. Before you pay a company to help you exit or sell your timeshare, contact the timeshare developer or the resort's management company, and ask about your options.

The ARDA has a tool that can help you identify the company that you need to contact, along with other resources. It is available at: <https://responsibleexit.com/#sectionfour>.

You may see or hear lots of advertisements from companies claiming to be experts at selling timeshares — they're online, on the radio, and on social media.

But sometimes these companies exaggerate or flat-out lie about what they can do for you. They may take your money and then do little to nothing to help you.

These are some of the things you'll see in timeshare resale advertisements:

■ "The market is 'hot,' so we can easily sell your unit." [They can't.]

■ "Your timeshare will sell quickly," or "it will sell in months." [Unlikely.]

■ "We have lots of buyers ready to purchase your timeshare." [Doubtful.]

■ "We can guarantee you'll get big returns on your resale." [No, they can't.]

Be careful — these could be advertisements from timeshare resale scammers who will take your money but won't help you sell your timeshare. The truth is, the timeshare market is overcrowded, and it can be hard, if not impossible, to sell a timeshare. And no one can guarantee a sale or big returns.

To avoid timeshare resale scams, make sure to:

■ Check out the reseller. Contact the state attorney general and local consumer protection agencies in the state where the reseller is located. Ask if they have any complaints on file. Also, search online for the name of the reseller, plus words like "complaint" or "scam."

■ Ask about fees. It's better to do business with a reseller that takes fees after the timeshare is sold. If you have to pay a

fee in advance, get refund policies in writing.

■ Ask if the reseller's agents are licensed to sell real estate where your timeshare is located. Deal only with licensed real estate agents and brokers.

You can check with the real estate licensing agency in the state where the timeshare is located. Also ask for references from satisfied clients.

■ Ask how the reseller will advertise and promote the timeshare unit. Will you get progress reports? If so, how often? You want to make sure that the company will be active in selling the timeshare. If they're only putting the unit on a resale list, that may not be very helpful.

Get everything in writing. Read the contract carefully to make sure it matches the verbal promises you've gotten. It should include the services the reseller will perform, plus any fees you'll have to pay and when.

If the deal isn't what you expected or wanted, don't sign the contract.

Monterey County residents who believe that they have been the victim of a timeshare exit scheme are encouraged to contact the Monterey County District Attorney's Office Real Estate Fraud Unit at (831) 647-7770 or consumercomplaints@co.monterey.ca.us.

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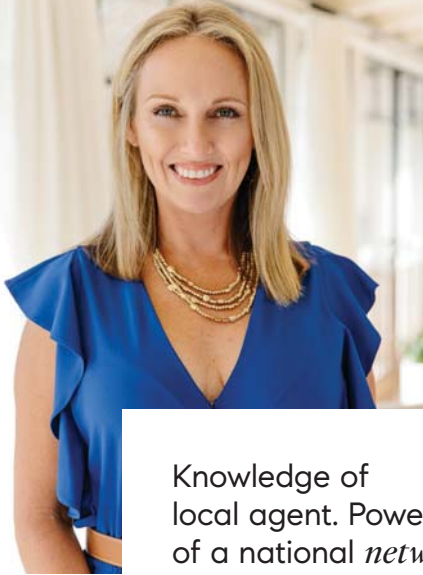


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CALLS

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Eighth Avenue.

Pacific Grove: A citizen turned ammunition in to the PGPD lobby for destruction.

Pacific Grove: Collision involving an MST bus and two parked vehicles on Laurel.

Pacific Grove: A wallet found on 17th Street was turned in to the PGPD lobby.

Pacific Grove: A wallet found on Sunset was turned in to the lobby.

Pebble Beach: Missing person was located and safe.

Pebble Beach: Deputies responded to a report of a prowler on Stevenson Drive.

Big Sur: Deputies responded to a report of a trespassing on Highway 1.

CHRISTMAS

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost jewelry on Mission Street.

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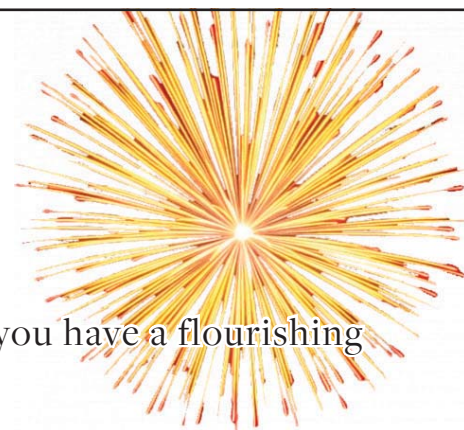


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