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Hearing set on revised plans for The Pit

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER BEING sent back to the drawing board by the planning commission in April 2021, Patrice Pastor overhauled his proposal for the long delayed construction project at Dolores and Fifth that's come to be known as The Pit.

The Monaco businessman, who stepped in to take over the partially completed project in March 2020 after



it languished when developers Bob Leidig and Michael Draper ran out of money, is set to have another hearing in front of the planning commission March 9, according to planning director Brandon Swanson.

"We were, of course, disappointed with the feedback we received at the last meeting, as we were proud of the mixed Tudor and Mediterranean-style architecture which we felt was very well suited for Carmel," said Chris Mitchell, managing director for Pastor's local company, Esperanza Carmel LLC. "We are confident that our new design addresses all of the feedback received."

Lower profile

The new plans for what Pastor has dubbed Ulrika Plaza call for wood-sided buildings in various styles, some with dormers and one with a mansard roof, incorporating retail space on the ground floor and living space upstairs.

He said he and the design team "have taken a lot of time to reflect, consider and implement the feedback we received following the last planning meeting from both the City of Carmel as

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Flagging has been installed at The Pit (top) to show the profile of what owner Patrice Pastor plans to build there, as depicted in a rendering (above) prepared by his architects. The planning commission, which asked Pastor to revise the first set of plans he submitted last year, is set to weigh in on the revised concept March 9.

Fired cop sues P.G., police chief and city manager

■ Claim: Free speech rights violated and career ruined

By KELLY NIX

THE FORMER Pacific Grove Police Officer of the Year who was fired in early 2021 for expressing what city officials felt were unacceptable political views has filed a hard-hitting, 30-page federal lawsuit against the city, its police chief and city manager, alleging they ruined his career as a police officer and violated his First Amendment rights to free speech. He's seeking more than \$1 million in damages.

Michael Gonzalez, 31, a Hispanic man who had an exemplary record while employed with the Pacific Grove Police Department for four years, was terminated on Jan. 13, 2021, for using an anonymous account on a social media site to criticize the Black Lives Matter political movement and to express support for Kyle Rittenhouse, the man who was acquitted last November for killing two people during riots in Kenosha, Wis., in the summer of 2020.

Gonzalez filed the civil complaint Tuesday in the



Michael Gonzalez

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JUDGE ASKED TO DISMISS VERIZON LAWSUIT

By MARY SCHLEY

WHEN THE city council denied an application from Verizon Wireless to install a cell tower and other equipment on a power pole at Carmelo and Ninth and approved a resolution stating the reasons for that decision last December, representatives of the telecom giant knew all about it. So their argument that the city failed to give them proper written notice of the denial by a federal deadline is a sham, and the company's lawsuit against the city should be thrown out, according to legal documents filed last week.

Verizon sued the city in U.S. District Court Jan. 18

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A simulation shows a proposed cell tower that's at the center of a lawsuit between Verizon and the city, which is asking a judge to dismiss the case.

Poor vaccination rates for some mystify officials

■ Blacks, Native Americans far behind Hispanics, Asians and Whites

By KELLY NIX

ABOUT 83 percent of Monterey County residents have gotten at least one dose of the Covid-19 vaccine, a laudable figure. So why is the immunization rate for Black and Native American residents trailing in the county? There is no clear answer, according to health officials.

In a Covid-19 update to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors Feb. 8, health officer Dr. Ed Moreno presented data showing that the proportion of Asian, Hispanic and White residents having received at least one dose of the vaccine was in the mid to high 70th percentile.

Not a surprise?

The data also showed that the first-dose immunization rate for Black residents is 47 percent, while it's not much better at 51 percent for "American Indians or Native Alaskans."

Despite a lot of talk from elected officials early in the pandemic about vaccination and health "equity," the supervisors didn't blink at the bleak immunization figures for those groups.

The Pine Cone asked the health department why the inoculation numbers for Blacks and Native Americans are disproportionately low and whether the agency believes the groups — for some reason — don't have as much access to the vaccine. The explanation was surprising.

"Lack of access likely oversimplifies why some racial and ethnic groups have lower vaccination rates," health department spokeswoman Karen Smith told The Pine Cone. "Individuals from both groups may have a distrust of government due to a history of institutional racism."

Three groups at more than 75 percent, but others at less than 50

Not 'true number'

Smith didn't elaborate on the institutional racism claim, but she went on to offer other possible reasons for low vaccination rates among specific ethnic groups, including that vaccination data may not reflect the "true number of vaccinated individuals in these groups."

"Race information is sometimes not included or not coded correctly when people register for their vaccination appointments,"

she said.

Yet, the county relies on the data for races with high vaccination rates. Asian and Hispanic residents are the most immunized in Monterey County, at 78 percent, while

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

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purebred Labradoodles. The product of a Labradoodle-meets-Labradoodle, instead of a Labrador and a poodle, the breed's name refers to its distinction as a therapy dog. "Cobber," in Australia, refers to "friend, companion, buddy and pal."

They'd named their previous dog, Esther, a 14-year-old chocolate Lab, after Aunt Esther. They decided to name their Cobberdog, Romi, after Uncle Romeo.

"Romi is, indeed, a good friend, a happy, playful companion, who sticks to us like Velcro," his person said. "He's also a bit of a devil. He loves to steal things, anything he can reach, and run away with them."

Trainers have said not to run after the stolen object since Romi's all about the chase, his person says. But if the retrieval isn't swift, Romi will destroy the object of his affection.

"Our bed is in the middle of the room. Romi will run around it with his stolen object, so two people have to divide and conquer. Only then," said his person, "will he drop it."

Romi's people lived in Carmel until 2003, when they moved to Healdsburg and, later, to Cloverdale. But they return regularly to their roots, where Romi, who turned 1 in December, loves to cavort on Carmel Beach.

"Romi loves to play with other dogs, particularly big dogs," his person said. "If he runs into one that wants to play, he's all in. If a big dog knocks him down, he pops up and gets back in the game."

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HOTEL TAXES, ROOM RATES, OCCUPANCY CONTINUE RECORD CLIMB

By MARY SCHLEY

TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY taxes — which make up almost a quarter of Carmel’s city budget — had an unprecedented jump at the end of last year, according to financial reports released this week. Not only did they more than double from 2020’s shutdown-induced low, but they eclipsed the same months in the three years prior by several hundred thousand dollars.

Hotel tax receipts in November and December 2021 totaled \$1,109,537 — more than 113 percent higher than the \$520,075 raised during those same months in 2020, when public health officials were telling people to stay home due to Covid. The late fall and winter months in 2017, 2018 and 2019 ranged from \$818,948 to \$878,207 in TOT.

In fact, in the last six months of 2021, hotel taxes brought in \$4,518,360 for the general fund, according to the bimonthly report, while the 2021-2022 budget approved by the city council last summer anticipated TOT would total \$5,333,562 for the entire fiscal year — leaving just \$815,202 to go before that target is hit.

‘Revenge travel’

City administrator Chip Rerig said he was surprised by the numbers. He speculated the spike might be attributed to “revenge travel or revenge spending” in response to the prolonged pandemic, and he wondered how long the trend might continue.

“It’s hard to know whether we’re going to sustain this kind of revenue, but it’s unprecedented,” he said. “It really took me by surprise. There were a lot of people here — there still are — but that was a pretty big jump.”

Similarly, the average daily room rate during the same two-month period last year was \$296, which marked a 35 percent increase over 2020’s average of \$219 and exceeded the average \$227 to \$237 per room hotel guests paid in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Clearly the pandemic didn’t keep people away, since occupancy rates last November and December were also higher than in the previous year. Sixty-six percent of the rooms in the city’s hotels, motels and inns were full, compared with 39 percent in 2020, 62 percent in 2017 and 2018, and 58 percent in 2019.

“We usually see visitors around Thanksgiving, and then there’s a lull and they come back at Christmas, but it seems like last November and December, they just came and stayed,” Rerig said. “And the occupancy rate hasn’t been this high in the last six years.”

Amy Herzog, executive director of the city’s Visit Carmel tourism group, said the “historically high” average daily room rate significantly contributed to the meteoric jump in TOT.

“These funds are helpful to the city as well as to Visit Carmel as we continue to track the trends in tourism to our destination,” she said.

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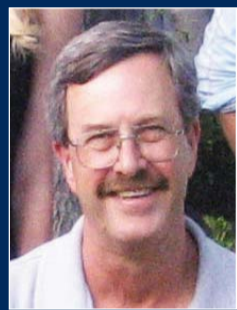


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Police & Sheriff's Log

Multiple kayaks stolen on Ocean

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.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Officer responded to a report of a dog in a parked vehicle on Ocean Avenue. Attempts were made to contact the owner of the vehicle but were unsuccessful. An area check was made, and later a person responsible for the dog returned. The dogs were checked and taken from the car. Educational information was discussed with both owners of the dogs.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Juvenile problem causing a family quarrel on Torres.

Pacific Grove: Suspicious circumstances on Arkwright Court.

Pacific Grove: Abandoned vehicle towed from Second Street.

Pacific Grove: Suspicious vehicle reported on the oceanfront. Both occupants were on probation. A probation search was conducted, and one subject was cited.

Pacific Grove: Theft from a locked vehicle on David.

Pacific Grove: Dispatched after report of a burglary on Wood Street.

Pebble Beach: San Carlos Road resident reported a dog bite.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Shoplifting of sunglasses from a retail business on Ocean Avenue. Partial suspect information obtained.

Pacific Grove: Two subjects engaged in illegal dumping on Lighthouse. Report taken.

Pacific Grove: Dispatched to a reported missing person on Ocean View Boulevard. Person in question was located by officers shortly after.

Carmel area: Suspicious circumstances on Cypress Way.

Pacific Grove: Battery report on Arkwright Court.

Pacific Grove: Subject lost her wallet at Country Club Gate.

Pacific Grove: Reported possible domestic battery on David Avenue.

Carmel Valley: A citizen found what they believed to be a package of fentanyl on Cachagua Road and turned it in to deputies.

Pebble Beach: Death reported at a residence on El Bosque Drive.

Pebble Beach: Golf cart reported stolen.



The gavel falls

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

Jan. 19 — Elizabeth Gonzalez, 38, of Greenfield, was sentenced to six years in state prison for striking and killing a pedestrian while driving under the influence of methamphetamine.

On Aug. 28, 2021, at 1:29 a.m., Gonzalez was driving westbound on E. Alisal Street near the intersection of N. Wood Street in central Salinas when she struck and killed pedestrian Domingo Trinidad Rodriguez, 30. Gonzalez waited at the scene for police to arrive. An investigation by the Salinas Police Department determined that she had been driving under the influence of methamphetamine and speeding at the time of the crash.

This case was prosecuted by the Monterey County District Attorney's Office specialized DUI Vertical Prosecution Unit. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Jan. 26 — Judge Jennifer O'Keefe sentenced Eloy Santiago Lopez, 39, a resident of Royal Oaks, to 23 years in prison for com-

mitting three counts of forcible child molestation. All of the offenses are violent felonies and are considered "strikes" under California's Three Strikes law.

In August 2020, Jane Doe reported that Lopez, a family member, molested her on several occasions when she was under 18 years of age. The offenses occurred when there were no other adults around. Lopez threatened Doe that she would be separated from her family if she told anyone about the molestation. As a result, Doe was too afraid to tell anyone about the abuse for many years.

In addition to his prison sentence, Lopez was ordered to register as a sex offender for life. A restraining order was granted prohibiting Lopez from contacting Jane Doe for a period of 10 years, the maximum term under the law.

The case was investigated by Detective David Gonzalez, Detective Sergeant Bryan Hoskins, Detective Rosy Silva and Deputy Michelle Kimble from the Monterey County Sheriff's Office. Doe was assisted by district attorney victim advocate Yanine Velazquez.

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Video helps cops nab two of three in late-night jewelry store break-in

By MARY SCHLEY

GOOD POLICEWORK and useful technology are to thank for the fact that two people suspected of breaking into La Renaissance Jewelry on Dolores Street early Saturday morning are now in jail, while officers are working to track down the third.

Two men and a woman drove into town a short time before the burglary, which occurred around 3:15 a.m. Feb. 19, Cmdr. Jeff Watkins said, and parked downtown. They saw jewelry inside the store and kept walking but returned a few minutes later.

“Two of them kicked the door in and stole jewelry,” he said. The pendants, rings, earrings and other pieces had been in locked glass cases inside the store.

The alarm sounded, and the officers working that night, Gerald Maldonado and Jacob Clifford, were on another call but rushed to the store. By the time they got there, the thieves were gone.

“They found the broken door and found stuff missing from the jewelry store,” Watkins said.

Cameras help again

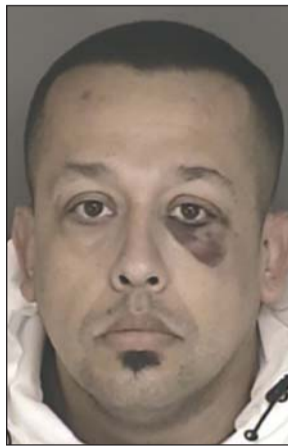
Assuming the burglars headed straight out of town after their heist, the officers reviewed footage from the city’s traffic cameras located at major intersections leading into town, and found images of their car, according to Watkins. The cameras capture images of vehicles entering and exiting town, as well as their license plates, in a half-dozen locations.

After spotting the suspect car, a black Dodge Charger, they rolled the video back to determine when the trio came into town — and found the same vehicle, but with different license plates.

It turned out they’d stolen the plates off a car parked at Junipero and Sixth.



Sinica Santos



Larry Santos

The true plate number led them to siblings Larry Santos, 40, and Sinica Santos, 44, who live in San Jose. Armed with a search warrant, a team of Carmel P.D. officers led by Sgt. Mike Bruno drove to their house on Nottingham Place Tuesday.

Larry Santos, they learned, “was a parolee who had just gotten out of prison on Thursday,” Watkins said. “He had a meth pipe and a bullet in his pocket. They searched the house and found a gun” and some of the jewelry.

His sister and alleged getaway driver had outstanding arrest warrants, according to Watkins, and officers found some of the stolen items on her, too. The identity of the

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Off trail, lost in the woods and without cell service, hikers need rescue

By CHRIS COUNTS

As a couple of outdoor enthusiasts learned the hard way last week, hiking can be a perilous activity, especially if you veer from the trail.

Just as the sun was going down Friday, the Monterey County Sheriff's Office received a call from a couple that was lost in Carmel Valley off Rancho San Carlos Road.

"The 911 call from a cell phone came as darkness was setting in," the sheriff's office

reported. "The signal was quickly lost, but not before the caller was able to give key details — where their hike started, the last trail sign they saw, and that they were stuck and unable to climb out of a canyon."

According to the sheriff's office, the hikers "made their way" up Williams Canyon — which is located off Rancho San Carlos Road — before entering the Miteldorf Preserve on a path called the Echo Ridge Trail.

At some point, they decided to turn back and took what they believed to be an

alternate route.

"The trail being steep and rough, with multiple obstacles and darkness approaching, the pair sought a shortcut northeast into the ravine," the report continued. "This off-trail trek descended through the thick brush, trying to access the creek and trail out. With light fading fast and suffering from fatigue and dehydration, they realized in a panic that they could no longer progress either down or up."

Calling for help

After the 911 dispatcher's brief contact with the hikers, the sheriff's search and rescue team responded to the area.

"The team used a four-wheel drive vehicle and progressed as far as they could on the rough and steep Headwaters Road, then continued on foot. In the darkness, led by headlamps, and walking a considerable distance deep into the ravine, the lost hikers were found."

The hikers were discovered in a steep ravine, and ropes were required to lift them

out of there.

They were safe, but pretty worn out — as were the rescue team members.

"They were tired, out of water, and relieved," according to the sheriff's office. "Our team members were bloodied, battered, and grateful for the successful outcome."

The effort to find the hikers took many hours — daylight was approaching by the time the rescue ended. "The sun was rising when rescuers finally returned the grateful hikers to the trailhead parking lot," according to the report.

The sheriff's office urged hikers to "be prepared when they hit the trail, and don't lose sight of it."

"We live in a stunningly beautiful area that can easily lull you into complacency and disaster," the report added. "The hikers have a newfound appreciation for the preparation needed to head into our wilderness — have proper clothing, water, food supplies, carry a flashlight, and never venture off-trail in areas that are unfamiliar."

REC TRAIL STABBER NOT FIT FOR TRIAL

By KELLY NIX

A MONTEREY County judge has determined that the 30-year-old man charged with randomly stabbing a person on the recreation trail in Pacific Grove last year is not mentally fit to stand trial and ordered him to be committed to a state hospital for treatment.

Daniel Hardin, 30, faces a felony assault with a deadly weapon charge for the Nov. 15, 2021, stabbing of Erwin DeJesus on the recreation trail near the American Tin Cannery.

The motive for the attack is unknown. Pacific Grove police arrested Hardin the next day.

Monterey County Superior Court Judge Pamela Butler late last month determined Hardin cannot stand trial in his current mental state, and she committed him to a state hospital for two years for treatment "to restore competency," so he can face the charge in a courtroom.

"As a result of [Hardin's] psychotic condition, he presents a danger of inflicting harm to others," Butler said during the Jan. 19 court hearing in Salinas.

She made the determination after reviewing physicians' reports about Hardin's mental competency. The judge's

order also authorizes the Department of State Hospitals to place Hardin in treatment in Monterey County Jail, "if deemed appropriate."

Hardin, per state law, will likely be involuntarily medicated while he's committed.

"The defendant is charged with a serious crime, and administration of antipsychotic medication is substantially likely to render him competent to stand trial," Butler found.

Medicated

Hardin was given credit for the 65 days he's already served in county jail. The medical director of the Department of State Hospitals is to submit a report within 90 days of Hardin's commitment "regarding his progress toward recovery of his mental competency."

Upon the Department of State Hospitals' finding of Hardin's mental fitness, Butler ordered the Monterey County Sheriff's Office to return Hardin to court while ensuring he's taking medication prescribed by the state agency.

Hardin, who also faces enhancements of the use of a deadly weapon and causing great bodily injury, is still in custody in the county jail.



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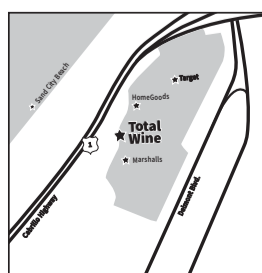


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Council wants more public input on long list of goals, projects

By MARY SCHLEY

How IMPORTANT is it to have house numbers? Should the city move forward with paid parking? Develop a plan to deal with climate change? What about updating tree ordinances or exploring barriers to the construction

of affordable housing? After getting sparse participation at past discussions about those and other goals and initiatives, the city council will host an afternoon session March 10 at Sunset Center with the hope that more people will show up and speak.

“It’s an opportunity for all of you to come, whether

virtually or in person,” assistant city administrator Maxine Gullo said in a video dispatch Friday.

“This is that meeting where we sit down with the council and the public and talk about all those priorities, about 30 in all, and what’s going to happen first, what’s the most important, what we should be spending our staff time on,” added planning director Brandon Swanson.

At their January meeting, council members discussed their list of projects, which was culled from 60 to 30 during an October 2021 daytime “retreat” at Sunset Center attended by just a few members of the public. (Many of the projects weren’t eliminated, just removed because they belonged on the list of capital projects or were routine tasks regularly handled by city employees.)

More than a couple

Swanson created a spreadsheet identifying various projects and goals and indicated how much progress has been made on them. It includes updating several ordinances and master plans, filling vacant positions, finding a manager for the Forest Theater, overseeing volunteer groups, exploring paid parking, building on a program for permanent outdoor dining, ramping up beautification efforts, finding ways to accommodate more affordable housing, exploring implementing street addresses and looking into underground utilities.

He also noted the council had discussed reinstating the design review board, developing the north lot at Sunset Center, finding ways to use Flanders Mansion and the Scout House, and developing and implementing a social media plan.

“As we go through these rather critical items when we’re setting the public’s agenda for things we want to prioritize, we would do better to have more free-flowing dialog like we do at the retreats,” Mayor Dave Potter commented at the Jan. 4 meeting.

However, that will only happen if there are “more than one or two people in the audience.”

City administrator Chip Rerig acknowledged that many residents and business owners might be unable or unwilling to participate in the all-day retreats the council usually holds and suggested a shorter session in the afternoon might generate better turnout.

To that end, the council will hold another planning session in Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center Thursday, March 10, from 4 to 7 p.m., with means for participating in person or via Zoom. More information will be available at ci.carmel.ca.us.

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Motorcycle accident trial begins

By KELLY NIX

THE SAN Francisco motorcycle enthusiast and inventor who sued Monterey County and others after he was badly injured in a motorcycle crash at Laguna Seca seven years ago is finally having his case heard in court.

Lit Motors CEO Daniel Kim filed suit in 2016 against Monterey County over the March 2015 accident in which he crashed a Ducati motorcycle after striking a row of sandbags in a run-off area of the track while trying to avoid a slower rider at Turn 5. Kim — who signed a liability waiver before riding on the 2.2-mile track — was thrown from the motorcycle and suffered serious injuries.

Kim named the county and then-track manager Sports Car Racing Association of the Monterey Peninsula and others in the lawsuit, alleging his injuries were a result of the sandbags, which he argued should not have been where they were.

In December 2017, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Thomas Wills decided in favor of SCRAMP and the county, ruling they were not liable for the accident and there was no evidence to show that the sandbags amounted to gross negligence, which Kim provided as a reason he should not be bound to the waiver he had signed.

‘Lack of control’

After Wills’ ruling, Kim filed an appeal and two judges with the Sixth District Court of Appeal reversed the earlier decision, allowing Kim’s lawsuit to go to trial in Monterey County. Though both sides spent five days trying to convene a jury, the parties opted for a bench trial, meaning Judge Wills will hear the case and issue a ruling. The trial is expected to be over next

week.

On Wednesday morning, attorneys for both sides argued before Wills what should be admissible in court.

A document filed in court by SCRAMP Tuesday revealed that Kim, during several Laguna Seca track days and one private event in 2014, “ran his motorcycle off the track and crashed at least four times.”

Retired professional motorcycle rider Jason Pridmore, an expert witness for Monterey County, reviewed photographs and video of Kim riding at Laguna Seca and at another track, and testified during a deposition that Kim “demonstrated an overall lack of control going into corners; lack of confidence” while braking while leaning over “before entering turns, and a failure to downshift before entering turns, resulting in taking turns too fast.”

Kim’s prior riding incidents “were warning signs,” and he demonstrated a “lack of riding skills and several riding habits that were incorrect and could have been improved during instruction,” SCRAMP said of Pridmore’s analysis.

But in a brief filed the same day, attorneys for Kim sought to exclude Pridmore’s testimony, calling it “irrelevant.” Kim’s prior incidents at Laguna Seca and the other track should be inadmissible because “incidents at other turns at Laguna Seca” and other tracks “naturally require different actions from a rider to traverse them.”

Also, evidence of lack of skill to prove the “quality” of someone’s “conduct on a specific occasion” has been inadmissible in California courts for 120 years, according to Kim’s attorneys.



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Donations to 'SPCA' may go elsewhere

BY CHRIS COUNTS

THE SPCA of Monterey County accused representatives of a New York City-based group with a similar name — the New York City-based American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals — of misleading donors from the Monterey Peninsula that their money will benefit the local SPCA. The issue arose this week because a representative of the New York organization was collecting money for the group outside the Safeway at Mid-Valley Center.

But Beth Brookhouser said the ASPCA is making claims that are not true, and she clarified that the two groups are not connected in any way.

"We do not get a single dime from them," she reported. "They are totally unrelated to

us. At best, they are being unclear, and at worst, they are being fraudulent."

According to Brookhouser, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has long sent solicitors here to raise money.

"They're legit," she told The Pine Cone. "They do a lot of wonderful work for animals nationwide."

But the local SPCA doesn't like their tactics. Brookhouser said the out-of-town group hires a third party to do its fundraising — she suggested its employees are not "trained correctly," and are not always honest about where donations are going.

Face-off on social media

In a post that stirred a debate on

See **SPCA** page 24A

Leadership class to take on First Murphy Park paths

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

IT'S TINY, occupying just a corner of the block at Lincoln and Sixth, but First Murphy Park contains some pathways made of dirt, others of stone, and still others of concrete etched to look like flagstone. A group of community members participating in a leadership class has developed a plan to beautify the park's paths with engraved bricks and will kick off the fundraising effort with a party March 10 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the park.

Guests will have the opportunity to purchase the 4-by-8-inch bricks, which will be engraved with words honoring special people, pets or milestones, like anniversaries, for \$150 to \$300. Installation is set to begin in the summer, and organizers said

they expect to raise \$250,000 "to help support organizations that have an impact on the future generations of Carmel, including the Carmel Youth Center and the Carmel Heritage Society," which is headquartered in the First Murphy House located at the park.

Leadership Carmel is a professional development program for people involved in business and other types of organizations to develop their leadership skills, local knowledge and professional networks.

As part of their nine-month program, participants work together to create and execute a project that benefits the City of Carmel and the community. Last year's group oversaw a temporary installation of artist-decorated 3D hearts and then auctioned them off for charity.



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Teacher starts fundraiser for fire brigade, scholarships

By MARY SCHLEY

A FOURTH-GRADE teacher at Carmel River School has launched an online fundraiser to benefit the volunteer Mid Coast Fire Brigade and create a scholarship for Carmel High seniors whose lives were impacted by a natural disaster. Will Bans, who taught at Captain Cooper School in Big Sur from 2012 to 2021 before moving

exist.” Mid Coast is a worthy recipient of community support, Bans decided, and so are the students in the Carmel Unified School District — especially those living in Big Sur, Palo Colorado and Cachagua — whose lives are regularly disrupted by fires, landslides and other natural disasters. “The community recognizes these hardships and appreciates those who live and work” in those remote areas, according to Bans. He hopes to establish a \$500 scholarship for a graduating CHS student to apply toward education at a university, community college or trade school, with the ultimate goal of establishing an endowment managed by the CHS Foundation.

“CMS and CHS students living in Palo Colorado and Big Sur were unable to go to class while Highway 1 was closed because of the Colorado Fire in January,” he noted. “It’s not just the Colorado Fire. Every few years, portions of the CUSD population, especially from the South Coast, have to deal with interruptions to their schooling because of natural disasters and compromised infrastructure.”

Appreciation

“When natural disasters like wildfires happen in our area, I feel like our community members want to help but often don’t know how,” Bans told The Pine Cone. “I thought it would be a good idea to organize a fundraiser as a chance for people to help directly and show we appreciate the volunteer firefighters who are often the first responders and put in harm’s way.”

Bans also said it was “heartwarming to see our local businesses quickly step up to create a fun incentive for people to donate to enter the drawing — it shows our local businesses also value our volunteer

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When a disaster shuts down Highway 1 south of Carmel, students can’t get to school. A fundraiser acknowledges their struggles.

to River, set up a gofundme campaign that encourages people to donate in exchange for the chance to win prizes, with the deadline for entering Feb. 28.

Bans was inspired to create the fundraiser after last month’s Colorado Fire in Palo Colorado burned nearly 700 acres in the heart of the area served by the Mid Coast Fire Brigade. The department is staffed by volunteers who “are dedicated to providing you with the essential services of fire and life safety you deserve,” Bans said. “However, as with most organizations, the organization is only as good as its weakest link, and without the support of the community, the fire brigade cannot



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Sculptor whose comfort women memorial caused a stir named art 'champion'

By CHRIS COUNTS

ONE of the town's best known artists, sculptor Steven Whyte has been named one of five 2022 Champions of the Arts by the Arts Council of Monterey County.

Whyte, who has a studio in The Barnyard, has made news in recent years by creating large sculptures with social justice themes. Perhaps the best known example is his monument honoring the hundreds of thousands of women who were forced by the Japanese military to become sex slaves during World War II. When his piece was installed in San Francisco in 2017, it caused a diplomatic row. A similar memorial was installed in Seoul, South Korea, two years later.

Whyte will be honored June 18 when the arts council presents its 17th annual gala at the Monterey Marriott.

The sculptor, who was born in England, is thrilled to be recognized as "champion" for the arts.

"Monterey is my adopted home and it is such an honor

to be recognized by this community. I also deeply appreciate the work of the Arts Council," Whyte said. "A career in the arts is not an easy road to pursue and it is so important that we continue to inspire and provide roads for success for the next generation of artists."

Sculptor thanks his staff

Whyte also gave a shout-out to his studio assistants, who will join him when he is honored. "I personally couldn't have done it without my studio team, and I am thrilled to be able to join them for what promises to be a wonderful evening on June 18," he added.

Also named as 2022 Champions of the Arts were Juan Sanchez, the founder of Palenke Arts in Seaside, Jan Harkness, who created of Monterey County Dance Theatre in King City, painter Kati D'Amore, and Javier Tamayo, the executive director of the Alisal Center for Fine Arts in



Pictured here with his studio team at the Barnyard shopping center, sculptor Steven Whyte has been named a Monterey County Champion of the Arts.

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The game show winners keep coming ...

By ELAINE HESSER

IN THE last three months, we've celebrated Naval Postgraduate School professor Sam Buttrey's triumph in the Professors Tournament on "Jeopardy!" and Carmel resident Ziona Goren's big win on "The Price is Right."

Most recently, one of Goren's friends, Cynthia Staehnke, also cleaned up on the price-guessing show, which has literally been around for generations. Staehnke said she's been watching it since she was a kid, when it was her "go-to" whenever she stayed home from school because she was sick.

A night in line

"I loved Bob Barker," Staehnke said

of the man who hosted the show for 35 years. When she heard he was retiring in 2007, she and a friend spent a night in line outside CBS studios in Los Angeles with more than 300 other people to get tickets to one of his last tapings. She didn't compete that year, and while she remained a fan, she said, "I never imagined I'd go back."

That is, until Goren told her she needed to watch the show on a particular date but couldn't give her any other details. That's when they discovered their mutual love of the game.

"I told her I tried before but didn't get on," said Staehnke, and Goren urged her to try again, explaining that because of Covid, the contestant pool was smaller and she'd have a better chance of being invited to "Come on down," and play.

Staehnke said everyone in the audience was either a potential contestant or friend or family member. The process started with an online application, followed by a Zoom call, after which she was invited to come to a taping and bring a couple family members.

The Prunedale resident told her boss at the Post Ranch Inn, where Staehnke is director of talent and culture, that she'd be taking a little time off for the taping.

Rowing machine

On Jan. 19, Staehnke, her wife, Lacy Juarez, and her mom, Claudine Staehnke, flew to L.A., went to dinner and "woke up with butterflies in our stomachs." They reported to the studio at 9:30 a.m., and prospective contestants were divided into four "pods," each with about 10 people, for group interviews. Then they sat down in the audience to wait. It wasn't long before Staehnke heard the announcer invite her to join three other contestants at the front of the auditorium in guessing

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"Price is Right" winner Cynthia Staehnke (left) with her mother, Claudine, and wife, Lacy Juarez. They made the trip to a January taping of the game show together.



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VERIZON

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arguing that a judge should order the city to approve the new tower because it failed to advise the company of the denial in writing by Dec. 17, 2021, a deadline imposed by the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Last year, the planning commission and then the city council refused to approve permits for the tower near La Playa Hotel, finding it would violate rules against telecom facilities in the residential district and would contravene restrictions on height, visual clutter, negative impacts on public and private views, and ground-mounted equipment in public view.

But Verizon's lawsuit "rests on a single, disprovable allegation: that the city did not take timely 'final action' required" by federal law, according to the response filed

by attorneys Gail Karish and Avi Rutschman on behalf of the city Feb. 17. Even though the telecom company "admits the city council voted to adopt a written resolution of denial of the application on Dec. 7, 2021, plaintiff wrongly claims that 'final action' occurs only upon delivery of a copy of the written denial to plaintiff."

No verb

First of all, the lawyers said, the city did, in fact, issue a written denial when the council adopted the six-page resolution listing the reasons why the tower proposal failed to comply with the municipal and zoning codes. That resolution was included in the city council packet in advance of the meeting and discussed during the hearing before the vote to approve it.

Mayor Dave Potter signed a final version of it with a few amendments a week later on Dec. 14, 2021.

"Second, neither the plain language of TCA nor case law supports plaintiff's assertion that the written denial

must be delivered to the applicant," the response continues. In fact, the U.S. Supreme Court has already noted that the law "does not use any verb at all to describe the conveying of information from a locality to an applicant; it just says that a denial 'shall be in writing and supported by substantial evidence contained in the written record.'"

The local government must only make the decision available, which the city did when the council approved the resolution and again when Potter signed it. The document could be obtained by anyone who requested it, according to the attorneys.

"In other words, the complaint alleges the city failed to do something that is not required under the law," they said, and since the lawsuit "relies on this single, false allegation of a failure to act," the judge should dismiss it with prejudice.

The case is scheduled for a March 30 hearing in front of Judge Nathanael Cousins in the U.S. District Court's Northern District courthouse in San Jose.

In Memoriam ELLA GRACE NICKLAS May 13, 1925 - February 8, 2022

Ella Grace Nicklas nee Schroder died peacefully on the evening of February 8, in her home at Merrill Gardens in Monterey, California.

Ella was born May 13, 1925, in Sydney, Australia. She graduated from Kogarah Girl's School in Sydney. From 1943-1946 she worked as a secretary for the American Army Medical Corp in Sydney during World War II. She married V. Earl Nicklas (Nick) on May 6, 1944. Nick was a Captain in the United States Army, 103rd Division, Hospital Corps.

Ella sailed to America aboard the SS Monterey with 400 Australian war brides. She landed in San Francisco and then took a train to New Jersey to meet Nick and her new in-laws. Her son Brent was born in Evanston, Illinois in 1948. Ella, Nick, and Brent moved to Baltimore, Maryland so Nick could study at Johns Hopkins University.

In 1951, they moved to Cooperstown, New York where Ella and Nick would raise their family. They lived there for 30 years. Ella gave birth to three daughters, Catherine, Meredith, and Lindsey in Cooperstown. Nick was Assistant Director of the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital, and Ella owned and operated the Cooperstown Nursery School for 20 years. Ella studied for a B.S from Empire State College and graduated in 1975. She then became Associate Director of Admissions at Hartwick College for six years.

Ella moved to Monterey in 1981 to become the Director of College Counseling at Santa Catalina School. She retired in 1996. She then worked in the Stanford University Admissions office for 5 years, retiring in 2001.

Ella had a lifelong interest in reading and books. For many years Ella and Nick owned a used, rare and antiquarian bookshop in Cooperstown, and Ella served as a trustee of the Village Library. Ella was a knitter, she loved flowers and gardening and was an avid traveler. All her life Ella studied and read poetry. For 20 years she was a member of two poetry societies in Monterey. She enjoyed nature and took long walks at Garland Park, Ribera Road and Asilomar Beach.

She is survived by her four children: Brent Nicklas (Laura) of Palm Beach, FL; Catherine Stroud (Larry) of Sebastopol, CA; Meredith Nicklas of Monterey; Lindsey Nicklas of Cooperstown, NY; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one niece and two nephews and their families in Australia. The family wishes to thank Dr. Richard King and his medical assistants, and Dr. Marc Lieberman. The family also wishes to thank the staff of Merrill Gardens. Ella had requested all memorial contributions to be made to the Carmel Valley Library Children's Room, Carmel Valley Village, CA.

You go a Waltzing Matilda with me ... G'day Mate!!



GLORIOUS LILY (GLORI) EVERT Carmel

Glorious Lily (Glori) Evert of Carmel went home to be with her Lord on Saturday, February 5, 2022. She has resided on the Monterey Peninsula since 1969.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Evert.

She is survived by her niece, Rosana Diab, of Le Havre, France.

Glori was very involved in her church, St. John's Chapel, where she was in leadership with the Episcopal Church Women. She helped in many ways as a member of the Vestry, Chairman of Ushers and a member of the search committee.

Glori enjoyed volunteering in support of local and statewide organizations. She served many years as a Docent at Monterey Museum of Art at La Mirada and president of the Monterey and Chico Republican Women's Club chapters. She was active with the Alliance Française de la Peninsule de Monterey and hosted scores of international officers attending the Defense Resources Management Institute (DRMI) of the Naval Postgraduate School.

Glori always had a positive outlook on life, no matter the circumstance. She enjoyed entertaining her many friends and visitors. Caring for and loving others was most important to her.

Her family wishes to thank her many friends for their love and support.

A funeral service will be held at St. John's Chapel, Del Monte, on Saturday, February 26, at 9 a.m. A burial service will follow at San Carlos Cemetery. There will be a reception at St. John's Chapel Fellowship Hall following the services. Glori has requested that all who attend be dressed in dark-colored clothing.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.thepaulmortuary.com.

Catherine Murphy Scannell

1/28/29 ❖ 2/12/22

Catherine (Kay) Scannell passed away peacefully on Saturday evening, February 12, at the Watsonville Acute Care facility. She turned 94 years old on January 28th. Although she could not escape aging, her blue eyes were clear and bright right to the end.

Kay was born on a farm near the village of Rockchapel, County Cork, Ireland. She immigrated to the US and found work in an envelope factory in Worcester, MA. She soon married Liam Gerald Scannell, also born in Ireland. Kay had four sons, William, Daniel, Kevin and Michael. She had five grandsons and then finally one granddaughter.

Her husband Liam passed away many years ago. She is survived by all her sons and grandchildren. Her sisters Nora, Mary Pat and Peg, are in the Dominican Order in Tacoma, Washington. Her brother, Martin, is still with the family farm in Cork and a sister, Betty, resides in the UK.

Kay lived in Massachusetts, Chicago, Illinois and Richmond, Virginia. Later in life she lived in Pacific Grove, California, close to the family of her youngest son, Dr. Michael Scannell. She was very happy to be nearby two grandchildren, Liam and Megan. After nine sons and grandsons it was clear that a granddaughter brought her great joy. She was an extraordinary mother and grandmother.



Gardening was a passion all through her life. Her interest in plants was extensive. She created award-winning gardens in Chicago, Richmond and Pacific Grove. She earned a Certificate in Horticulture from the University of Virginia. Years back she was a collector of African violets.

Kay was a doer, a craftsperson and artist. An expert quilter and seamstress. She knew how to bring together a great dinner party with fantastic food. Loved music of all types and was by nature a very social Irish woman.

A life that began in 1928 and ended in 2022. She lived in two cultures and was witness to turmoil and peace over 94 years of living. It was by no means a life without difficulty. She did not return to visit Ireland for over (40) years. Catherine remained stoic, optimistic and a great soul. Inexplicably smiling all the way to the end. She touched many lives with her loving and caring ways.

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FUNDRAISER

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firefighters.”

And, he noted, helping the kids whose education has been interrupted by natural disasters is extremely worthwhile as well.

“The scholarship is a way for the larger community to acknowledge these periodic educational hurdles and show gratitude for the families who live and work full time in the remote areas like Big Sur that locals and visitors cherish, where emergencies happen consistently,” he said. “The goal is to raise \$10,000 for the scholarship to reach

endowment status through the CHS Foundation and thus fund an annual scholarship in perpetuity.”

Entries for the drawing are \$25 each or \$100 for five and close at 11:59 p.m. Feb. 28, though donations are welcome after that, of course. The drawing will take place March 3, with Bans reaching out to winners afterward. Prizes include day passes to Esalen, a private movie screening at the Henry Miller library, Sunday brunch to go from Aubergine, a night’s stay at the Big Sur Lodge, gift certificates for local restaurants, a sculpted cake from beloved and talented pastry chef Michelle Lee, free bike rentals from Big Sur Adventures and Pedego, passes to Refuge, and items from Valley Botanicals and Happy Girl Kitchen.

To contribute, go to [gofundme.com/colorado-fire-natural-disaster-support](https://www.gofundme.com/colorado-fire-natural-disaster-support).

JEANETTE HAGOPIAN DIPPPELL

AUGUST 25, 1928 - JANUARY 31, 2022

Jeanette Hagopian Dippell passed away peacefully on January 31st. She was 93 years old. Jeanette graduated from Immaculate Heart High School in Los Angeles. Her combined interest in athletics and education lead her to the University of Southern California where she graduated with a B.A. in Physical Education and started a lifelong love affair with that storied institution.



In 1953 Jeanette married Cutler Dippell. Together they shared a deep love of travel and curiosity for other cultures and raised their three children to appreciate both as well.

Over the years, Jeanette volunteered for many organizations including the Camp Fire Girls, The Assistance League of Southern California and The American Cancer Society. She parlayed a volunteer position at the ACS into a paying job as an event planner and development officer. When a position as staff event planner became available at USC, Jeanette jumped at the chance to serve her beloved alma mater. Within months, she was promoted to Director of University and Alumni Events, a position that was the culmination of all her skills as a manager and event planner extraordinaire. Her work was her joy and her passion. Not only did she enjoy the challenge of overseeing all the university’s major events, she also cherished her role as a mentor to her younger staff and the hundreds of students who worked in her office. She had an open-door policy and all who worked with her were welcomed to share her wisdom, her boundless energy, her good humor and warmth and her deep love for the University.

Upon her retirement in 1995 at the age of 67, she and Cutler embarked on a new adventure when they moved to Carmel Valley on the Central Coast of California. Here Jeanette was able to share in the lives of her three grandchildren while exploring the area and all that it offered with her husband. After Cutler’s passing in 2012, Jeanette devoted much of her time to the study of genealogy, researching her father’s family and recording the journey they made from Armenia to the US. She continued gardening and sewing and making every holiday a special event for her friends and her family. A stroke in 2018 left her with some physical limitations, but she met them with characteristic humor, grace and more than a little dash of defiance. She may have been slowed down physically but her spirit was intact and in good form to the end.

Jeanette is survived by her three loving children: Ginger Ward of Carmel Valley, CA, Paul Dippell of Plano, TX, and Rebecca Rinot of Prunedale, CA. She also leaves behind her three beloved grandchildren, Christopher Ward, Maggie Ward Kelly and Dana Ward, and her great-granddaughter, Poppy May Kelly.

Those of us she left behind find ourselves wishing her a peaceful entrance to the pearly gates of heaven and an easy passage beyond, but we know that it is more likely, that upon entering those gates she will instead grab the nearest walkie talkie, contact whoever is running catering and audio/visual, and let them know that she is ready to help. Heaven’s special events will shine a little brighter with her star in ascendance.

MARIANNE (MANDY) ROSE ROSENBLATT ROGERS

Marianne (Mandy) Rose Rosenblatt (Rogers), age 76, of Marina, CA, passed away on January 23 after a month-long battle with COVID with her daughters Jennie and Melli by her side. She was preceded in death by her sisters, Jane Cannino and Celia Rogers. She is survived by her brothers and sisters, Geoffrey, Carol, Patricia, Christopher and John; her grandchildren Kaden, Amaya, Christopher and Jordan and her children Jennie, Melli and Shane.

Mandy had an incredible zest for life and spent her days as a professional artist, studying at NY’s Fashion Institute of Technology and entertaining admirable careers in textiles, designing wallpaper among other mixed media. Working at the famous Simplicity patterns in NYC she excelled at creating clothing, designing and sewing dresses for weddings, proms and countless special occasions. Her watercolor painting talents were world-class. She was taught early in life how to translate what she saw to a tangible form on paper and from then on was continuously practicing her skills and trying to better her eye. Many art shows featured her work as well as multiple solo showings. She also had a knack for incorporating other mediums within her watercolors, such as pen and ink, colored pencil, pastels and more. Landscape and plein air would become the bulk of her work. She loved Daniel Smith paints and spoke highly and often of pure pigments and rich hues. She always commented on shadows and light, how objects looked through her eyes. She took great care in documenting her life, through beautiful sketches and painted notebooks, journals and accordion paper books. Everything dated with pizzazz and joie de vivre.



Her life in the Catskill mountains of NYS led her to jewelry design with Rocko Minerals, where she honed her own wire wrapping skill using natural crystals and stones with precious metals, showcasing the stones rather than the wrap, which became a “mineral world” collectible in the industry. Her designs were sought and cherished by her customers and friends. Each piece came with its own special drawing, message of positive intention and a description of the treasures within.

Mandy enjoyed thrifty “treasure” hunting, dining out and was always ready for an adventure. She enjoyed being silly, in so many ways, including designing unique and fun Christmas ornaments that will continue to bring family members’ joy.

Being a full time nanny for her grandson, Kaden, brightened her last six years. She was a member of the Central Coast Art Association and looked forward to her Wednesday afternoon PG painting sessions with her darling art friends.

Mandy will be missed so very much. She had a charm, grace and way of loving like no other. Her magic reached many and no doubt will continue to live on for many years to come. A life celebration will be held in Mandy’s honor from 2 to 5 p.m. Thursday, March 3, at the Paul Mortuary, 390 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove. Invitation open to family and friends.



JOSEPH EDWARD HENDRICKSON

1937 - 2022

Joseph Edward Hendrickson, aka Joe, Joe Cool, and José, escaped this mortal realm at the age of 84 in Monterey, California on February 8, 2022, leaving in his wake a legacy of intelligence, impeccable standards and laughter. His home was in Carmel. (He once dubbed himself “José, The Germinator,” when he filed the paperwork, as did hundreds of others, to run for Governor of California during the 2003 recall of Governor Gray Davis; an election that Arnold Schwarzenegger, “The Terminator,” won.)

Joe was born in York, Pennsylvania, to James and Pauline Hendrickson, in 1937. He graduated as an Electrical Engineer from Penn State University in 1959. As a member of the Chi Phi Fraternity, he arranged for The Kingston Trio to stay at his fraternity house. He had an extensive career in the aerospace industry, having worked at Bendix, Teledyne and TRW on the Apollo Program. His greatest moment was during the Apollo 11 mission, in 1969, which put the first man on the moon. The astronauts set up the Apollo Lunar Surface Experiments Package [ALSEP] containing the radar antenna which he had helped to design. After the shutdown of the space program, he was employed at IBM and Hughes in California. He retired in 1993.

Joe savored an aged single malt Scotch on the rocks or a glass of red wine. “A glass of red wine a day is good for one’s health,” he would sometimes say, then take out an enormous wine glass that could fit a bottleful. In recent years, a favorite way to spend the evening was with a glass of Heller Estate Cachagua Cabernet Sauvignon listening to the classical guitarist in the firelit lounge of the Cypress Inn. He took pleasure in listening – in Dolby Stereo – to a guitar sonata played by Segovia, a Bach toccata performed by Glenn Gould, or “Tom Dooley” sung by The Kingston Trio. In short, his tastes agreed with those of someone he admired, Sir Winston Churchill, of whom Lord Birkenhead remarked, “Mr. Churchill is easily satisfied with the best.”

As a young family man, Joe played the guitar and led singalongs. At neighborhood holiday parties, leading “The Twelve Days of Christmas,” his repeat refrain of “five golden rings,” prolonged and at the top of his lungs, became an ear-shattering tradition. Even during his final year, in his illness, he could sing from memory an electric chorus of Bob Dylan’s “Subterranean Homesick Blues.”

Some of his other interests were history, painting, camping and fly fishing. He tied his own flies, including the Hendrickson fly, the dark and the light, and was proud to be a descendant of the Hendrickson for which it was named. Hying up and down the Pacific Coast in his sports cars was fun for him. He used his engineering style to perfectly broil salmon, lining up each piece just so. An outstanding gamesman, he was an accomplished opponent in chess, darts, Scrabble and Risk. In the 1970s and ‘80s, he sailed and raced a Cyclone and took a turn as Commodore of the Westlake Yacht Club. He also liked discussing politics – from his point of view.

At his best in an emergency, Joe once saved a young boy from drowning. During his final illness, Joe flashed with courage, a will to live, and his fighting spirit, stating, “I’m not ready to give up the ship.”

Joe enjoyed being with the Hendrickson clan at Amelia Island Plantation in Florida. Other travels he enjoyed were sampling regional wines on a cruise of the Mosel River in Germany, and seeing the Rome of history books. He was happy to call the town of San Simeon his home for many years. From his townhouse, he could watch the zebras follow the sun across the hills of the neighboring Hearst Ranch.

He loved to laugh, watching a Marx Brothers movie on the late show. He also loved seeing, over the years, like a good friend, his favorite film Casablanca.

Joseph loved his family. He joins in eternity his brother James and sister Phyllis. He is survived by his wife, Joan; his children Jennie, Jackie and James; his brother Dan and extended family.

Plans for a memorial ceremony are yet to be determined.

VACCINATIONS

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Whites are just behind at 77 percent.

Finally, Smith said, some local federal Covid-19 vaccine providers, such as the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, which also serve the Black community, "did not report Covid-19 vaccinations into the state immunization registry."

Media campaigns

Whatever the reason for the meager inoculation rates among Blacks and American Indians/Native Alaskans, Smith said the health department is using several approaches to ramp them up. But nearly two years into the pandemic, is enough being done?

While Smith acknowledged that the vaccine is "widely available" throughout the county, she said the health department offers "community-based immunization opportunities in multiple areas," including in locations where greater numbers of African Americans and Native Americans reside.

The health department also has partnerships with organizations such as the Village and VIDA projects, which urge minorities to get the jab.

"These workers are trained individuals from the community conducting outreach to inform individuals of the benefits of vaccination and testing, as well as to link them to these services," Smith explained. "Community health workers also help connect individuals with other resources they may need."

County health has social media campaigns to reach out to the African American population, which include "public service announcements by trusted community leaders." It's not clear if the campaigns address government distrust and institutional racism.

'Good place'

Meanwhile, health department epidemiologist Kristy Michie told news reporters during a briefing Wednesday that Covid-19 cases in Monterey County are on the decline.

"We are in a really good place," Michie said. "All of our numbers and surveillance metrics are pointing in the right direction. Our case rates are dropping. We're at about 33 cases per 100,000 population, and that's a seven-day

average with a seven-day lag."

The county's test positivity is just under 10 percent, which Michie said she would ideally like to see at less than 5 percent.

"But again, it's a lot better than we were a few weeks ago," she said.

The hospitalization rate has also plummeted, with 40 people who tested positive for Covid being hospitalized in Monterey County.

"All of our metrics about transmission of Covid-19 are headed in the right direction," she said.

Michie went on to say that the health department's public health bureau and other agencies "continue to vaccinate across Monterey County" and offer clinics two to three times per week.

She said, "Sixty-nine percent of our population is fully vaccinated, and when you reduce that down to just the eligible population, that's about 74 percent" who are fully vaccinated.

She did not mention low immunization rates among Black people and American Indians/ Native Alaskans.

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PRICE

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the price of a rowing machine.

“My mom and wife were yelling ‘\$2,500,’” but a man who bid ahead of her took that number, so she went with \$2,501. The price was \$2,599, bringing Staehnke onstage with comedian Drew Carey, who took over the hosting duties after Barker retired.

Her next game was called “Do the Math,” and consisted of deciding whether a set amount — just over \$1,000 — had to be added to or subtracted from the price of a pair of men’s Prada loafers to get the price of a computer. It was

CHAMPION

From page 12A

Salinas.

Those who work for the arts council congratulated the winners, and look forward to the June gathering. “We are so pleased to be able to celebrate in person this year, as we honor these five amazing individuals who have made a profound impact in the arts,” executive director Jacquie Atchison said.

Proceeds from the gala support the arts councils’ arts education programs, which serve more than 30,000 people. The awards have been handed out yearly since 2006. For tickets, visit arts4mc.org.

also her worst nightmare about competing, come to life. She said she’d never liked that game, and blurted out as much onstage, but it was edited out. A man who was still on Contestants Row encouraged her to add the amount to the loafers to get the price of the computer. She listened, and won.

Gone fishin’

She also won a chance to compete in the Showcase Showdown, where two finalists each guess the price of a different collection of prizes. The other contestant was a gentleman named Alfred, whom Staehnke had met earlier while they were waiting in line.

Alfred went first, but passed the first showcase — which included a boat, fishing gear and a trip to Hilton Head, S.C. — to Staehnke. She bid \$24,822, because Aug. 22 is her wedding anniversary. When Alfred got his shot at a showcase, Staehnke said she thought she was done. He was a car salesman, and there was a car in his prize package. He bid \$31,000.

“You can see me on the show telling myself, ‘It’s OK, it’s all right,’ over and over again,” she laughed. And she was right. While Alfred missed by \$13,000, Staehnke was only off by \$6,000, winning the game.

The taping ended around 3 p.m., and by 3:30, Staehnke had met with the show’s staff for paperwork and decisions about what prizes to keep (and pay taxes on), and was on her way back to the airport with her wife and mother.

Because vendors aren’t notified of who won prizes until the program airs, the boat hasn’t yet arrived, but when it does, Staehnke — whose father taught her to pilot a boat when they went fishing together — plans to take some trips with Juarez and her family.

BURGLARS

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third person remains unknown, but investigators are working on leads.

Watkins said the jewelry store — which was the scene of an armed robbery in November 2013 that ended with three people being arrested and ultimately convicted — also has security cameras that provided helpful footage.

“That was very useful,” he said. “Some of the same clothing they were wearing was found at the house.”

Jeweler Mario Agacanyan, who has owned the Dolores store for nearly 50 years, thanked the officers for their diligence and hard work in tracking down the suspects and recovering some of the jewels. “I so much appreciate the extremely good work of the Carmel Police Department,” he said. “They deserve all the credit.”

While much of the stolen jewelry has yet to be found, Agacanyan said, “Nobody got hurt, it’s just merchandise, and I have insurance.”

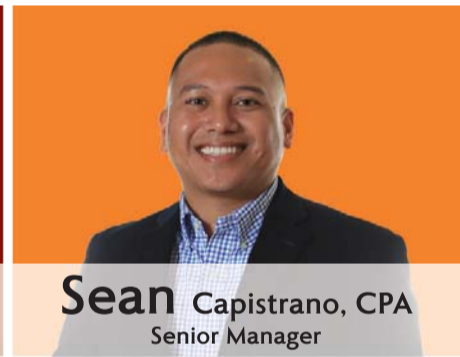
But since the thieves broke the door, Agacanyan hasn’t been able to open the store, costing him potential business, especially over the busy Presidents Day weekend.

Nonetheless, it was nothing like the crime nearly nine years ago, when the robbers bound Agacanyan, an employee — who managed to escape and chase after them — and a customer, stole cash off them, threatened them with guns, raided the floor safe and fled, only to be captured later.

“That was a bad one,” he said. “This time, I was sleeping when they took my jewelry.”

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THE PIT

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well as the community” and “carefully designed something which is in line with the guidelines in relation to development in Carmel-by-the-Sea.”

All told, the design drawn by the architects at Wald, Ruhnke & Dost includes a dozen one- and two-bedroom residential units ranging from 611 square feet to 1,092 square feet upstairs, and 15 retail spaces as small as 413 square feet and as large as 1,000 square feet at ground level. The underground parking garage would have space for 27 cars, as well as storage, restrooms and utility space. The 16,000-square-foot property would include 23,200 square feet of retail and living space spread through the first floor, mezzanine and second floor.

The new design is smaller in size and scale than Pastor’s earlier proposal and Leidig and Draper’s previously approved Del Dono Court project, according to Mitchell, and the complex would be set back from the street to better blend with the rest of the buildings in the area. The style, he said, “is not an imitation of the past, rather a modern design which is respectful of Carmel’s unique heritage.”

Changes made

Rather than having a courtyard at the center of the complex with palm trees growing up through it, the plans now include a plaza accessible from Dolores.

“We still have some private roof decks which are set back out of sight,” he said, but the larger communal roof terrace proposed in the previous plans was jettisoned in response to negative comments. The terraces would be protected from view and noise by “heavy planting.”

“I do think they were sensitive to many of the comments they received at the planning commission meeting from commissioners and the public,” Swanson said. “They broke up the massing in an attempt to better transition into the residential district. They listened to the comments about not looking Tudor and Mediterranean. They reduced the height and removed any appearance of a three-story building.”

Mitchell said the new complex will provide

much-needed parking downtown and that the storefronts reflect the community’s desire for small boutique spaces. While someone had earlier suggested including a hardware store, as the city has been without one since Knapp closed several years ago, “there is no demand for a hardware store to move into Carmel,” Mitchell said.

Among Pastor’s holdings is the Der Ling Building on Ocean, and Mitchell recently rented out two small spaces there. “We received a number of inquiries from retailers interested in opening a shop in Carmel,” he said. “The overwhelming feedback was that what people want is smaller boutique-style retail units that are more affordable, which is what we envisaged already for this project.”

‘Affordable by design’

While Leidig and Draper’s contemporary-style Del Dono Court project included affordable units to be managed by the nonprofit Carmel Foundation for low-income seniors, the new plans don’t include designated low-rent apartments.

“We have opted not to include a formal affordable housing element, and indeed are not required to,” Mitchell said, but the apartments will nonetheless “be affordable by design.” He speculated that the rents will be less per square foot than other low-cost housing in the city, “and the smaller one-bedroom apartments will be amongst the most affordable per month apartments available in town.”

Pastor, who has purchased some \$74 million worth of properties in town over the past seven years, said his reasons for buying The Pit were twofold. “Firstly, being a homeowner in Carmel myself, my friends and neighbors in the village were fed up with having a hole in the ground next to the post office,” he said. “And secondly, as again having discussed with the local community, the vast — although admittedly perhaps not often vocal — majority were not in favor of the previously approved modern architectural design.”

Pastor said he tasked the architects with coming up with buildings that look like they belong in town rather than in a large city.

“Assuming all goes well, we look forward to ridding the town of this ugly hole in the ground as soon as possible,” he said.

While projects in the commercial zones usually only

undergo one hearing before the planning commission, because of the scale and scope of Pastor’s, Swanson said this week, “We are confidently targeting the March 9 planning commission for a concept hearing to get feedback on the redesign from the commission and the public before coming back for a final hearing at the planning commission for a decision on the project.”

Swanson said he wants to ensure “that everyone has a chance to discuss and provide input on this new design.”

Anyone interested in seeing the plans can download them from the city’s site at ci.carmel.ca.us/post/current-planning-applications.

“The March 9 planning commission meeting will not be a final decision, only looking for feedback on the revised concept,” he reiterated.

PUBLIC NOTICES



NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING FEBRUARY 28, 2022

The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will hold a special joint meeting of the Planning Commission and City Council on **Monday, February 28, 2022, at 3:00 PM**, to receive a Presentation by the Telecom Law Firm Regarding Telecommunications Codes and to conduct an early public workshop related to drafting a citywide Wireless Telecommunications Ordinance.

This will be a virtual meeting. To participate, copy and paste this link in your browser: <https://ci-carmel-ca-us.zoom.us/j/88127148737?pwd=UDZNamt3VkNmellOSGlrZWxENHlHUT09>;
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When the winds are shifting and a pandemic strikes, adjust the sails

WE CAN'T know what waits beyond the horizon — Sea monsters? Squalls? Sunken treasure? — but a pair of adventurous Stevenson School seniors are eager to find out. It's a sailor thing.

"The pessimist complains about the wind, the optimist expects it to change and the realist adjusts the sails,"

currently ranked No. 1 in national collegiate sailing rankings. Parker, her friend and sometime-crewmate at Stevenson, will sail next year at Tufts in Massachusetts, home to the nation's 19th-ranked team.

"It's an amazing opportunity. I still can't believe it," said Berg, who was a boarding student at Stevenson Middle School until her family relocated from Portland, Ore., to Carmel, so she could attend Stevenson High as a day student.

"I looked at Boston University, and Brandeis, and a few of the larger schools on the West Coast, but Tufts was the one I really liked," said Parker, a boarding student raised in Marin County.

"I took my official recruiting trip there in September, on a beautiful day, and saw so many people walking around campus wearing their Tufts gear and studying outside. It seemed like everybody there was having a good time, while still being focused on their work," she said.

Parker's family, immediate and extended, sails recreationally every summer on the East Coast, but she's only been competing since age 14, as a freshman at The Bay School of San Francisco.

She transferred to Stevenson prior to her sophomore year.

"I definitely had a foundation in sailing before I got to Stevenson, but I think I've grown a lot over the past three years," she said. "Being able to sail with more experienced people has really helped my overall boat handling, my comfort level as a skipper, my leadership skills and my teamwork."

North American qualifier

She qualified to compete last year at the 420 North American Championships (named for the 420-class, two-person sailboat commonly used in youth sailing programs), but the Covid pandemic canceled those plans.

Her best day of competition, she said, happened this season when she and Berg raced a Stevenson boat to a first-place finish at a high school regatta at Encinal Yacht Club in Alameda.

"Carmen has a really great way of pushing the team, without always being the most outspoken one," Parker said. "She's always ready to give advice or offer support."

Berg remembers riding in the backseat of her mother's car at age 6 when she noticed a roadside sandwich board that said, "Learn to sail!"

"That's pretty much how it began for me," she recounted



PHOTO/COURTESY LEAH PARKER

Carmel Berg, pictured competing last July at the International Sailing Championships in Italy, will race next year at Yale.

with a laugh. "I was obsessed right away. I began competing when I was 7 and I've sailed every summer."

World championships

Berg's proudest accomplishment on the water was qualifying for the i420 World Championships two years in row. The 2020 competition, in Crozon France, was canceled because of the virus, but she sailed in the 2021 races in San Remo, Italy, this past July.

"That opportunity was pretty inspiring, but also a little intimidating," said Berg, who hopes to qualify again for this year's event, which will be held in Hungary. "That's probably the most impactful experience I've ever had, sailing against an international fleet in a foreign country, with Olympic coaches."

"Sailing is different in all parts of the world — there are a lot of different techniques and it was amazing watching all of those great sailors," she said. "You can learn a lot from watching your competitors"

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Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

observed American writer William Arthur Ward, a philosophy that coincides with the stouthearted outlook of Carmen Berg and Lilah Parker, who are headed for universities renowned not only for academic rigor, but also for elite college sailing programs.

Berg has committed to sail in the fall at Yale University,



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Racing partners Lilah Parker, left, and Carmen Berg after competing at this year's Sea Otter Regatta in Monterey Bay.

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SPORTS

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Berg said she chose to attend Stevenson because of its “inclusive community and the excellent education, but the fact that they also had a unique sailing program was definitely another attraction.”

Both sailors developed invaluable competitive skills navigating on Monterey Bay, and the Pacific Ocean in Stevenson’s two-person Flying Juniors sailboat, but college sailing promises to be very different: Most college regattas on the East Coast take place on lakes or rivers.

“Lake sailing is very different from the big, open, Pacific Ocean sailing I’m used to,” Parker said. “On a lake, you don’t have to think about currents. You’re not dealing with waves.”

“River sailing also is different, because you’re so close to land that you’ll have a less consistent wind. I have friends on the Tufts team who say it makes you a better sailor because you have to become very attuned to the smallest shifts in winds.”

Another major adjustment will be the busy collegiate

sailing schedule, which is crowded with multiple regattas, catering to all different skill levels, every weekend. College freshmen don’t redshirt in sailing — they compete and learn.

Top sailing program

Berg and Parker will be learning from the best. Zach Leonard has led Yale to 17 national championships and five Fowle Trophies (awarded annually to the best overall college team) since 2002. Tufts coach Ken Legler, in his 41st season, was inducted into the Intercollegiate Sailing Association Hall of Fame in 2019, with 20 national championships and 68 All-Americans to his credit. Legler is considered to be a pioneer of college sailing.

“Coach Legler was super-busy when I saw him. He was in the middle of his season, planning who would be going to the eight regattas that were scheduled that weekend,” Parker said. “He also was dealing with computer problems in his office, on the phone with his IT people, but he was super receptive, asking me questions, and listening to what

I had to say. I was very impressed.”

Leonard has built the nation’s top sailing program because of his focus on details and ability to give individual attention to every sailor, said Berg, who chose Yale over Brown, Harvard, Tulane and Tufts.

Both students respect the challenges they’ll face, but believe they have been well-prepared by the college-prep programs at Stevenson.

Choi excels: Santa Catalina alumnus Coco Choi, a junior at Yale, shot the best round for her team on Sunday with a 73 on Hilton Head Island’s Duran Golf Club in the Columbia Classic, a 14-school tournament in Melbourne, Fla. The tournament opened the spring season for the Bulldogs.

Choi’s top performance of the school year came during the fall at the Princeton Invitational, where she finished eighth overall (and recorded the best score on her team) to help Yale to a fourth-place team finish.

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Editorial

When war chooses you

WE'VE SEEN them for years, those signs in people yards or the stickers on their bumpers proclaiming, "War is Not the Answer." It's a nice sentiment, of course. But what would the people with those signs say to the Ukrainians today?

Russia invaded Ukraine this week for the simple reason that Vladimir Putin wanted to. As he explained the other night, his view is that Ukraine has no right to exist as a separate nation and is bound by history and destiny to be part of Russia. Unfortunately for the Ukrainians, he has an army that's powerful enough to make his vision — no matter how bizarre — become reality. Unfortunately for the rest of us, Putin's invasion is just the latest of hundreds of examples throughout history of wars that were started because of the ambition or paranoia of a single individual, and it's a reminder that peace-loving nations need a strategy for deterring such people from trying to fulfill their hegemonic fantasies. A strategy that is more than just expressions of feel-good slogans.

You don't have to look very far back in history to see even more striking examples of personal ambition causing wars than what Putin is doing today. One of the major factors that started World War I was the desire of the German kaiser and his generals to puff up their chests against the alliance of Russia, France and Great Britain. Believing that war was inevitable, and their best chance to come out on top was to strike first, that is what the Germans did. Millions died as a result.

And when it was all over, was Europe restored to peace? Hardly. And it need not be stated that it was the genocidal megalomania of Adolf Hitler that was largely responsible for the outbreak of World War II.

But if one person can start a war, tens of thousands or, if needed, millions, acting in concert, can certainly stop one. How do they do this? Not by expressing pat slogans, but by putting in place a set of insurmountable military and economic deterrents that will block the ambitions of even the most belligerent lunatic.

The time to put a stop to Putin's ambitions was 2008, when he grabbed a piece of Georgia, and in 2014, when he invaded Crimea. By letting him get away with those blatant acts of military thievery, we only encouraged him to do more.

Leon Trotsky, another Russian who was no stranger to naked acts of armed aggression, once observed that "you may not be interested in war, but war is interested in you."

When it is, a pleasant-sounding yard sign won't be much help.

BEST of BATES



"Why are houses in Carmel so close together?"
"It's to keep undesirables from moving in between them."

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Acting like children

Dear Editor,

Wonderful work to eliminate the Feast of Lanterns. Now is the time to eliminate some of the other racist festivals uncovered by the experts:

Oktoberfest and Mayfest, Cinco de Mayo, Thanksgiving, Cherry Blossom Festival and Chinese New Year — to name just a few. To celebrate the festivals, DNA analysis would be required, cards presented. Guidance from the former South Africa might be utilized.

Isn't it silly? Grownups acting and thinking like irrational children.

Patrick Clark, Carmel Valley

Use NOAA building for homeless

Dear Citizens,

Following the recent spat between the Pacific Grove City Council, the Homekey

Development initiative and the owners of the Monarch Resort, it seems that a reasonable way forward would be for the City of Pacific Grove to consider the NOAA building for the Homekey Development project. The NOAA building is right down the road, is available, and could be transferred to the City of Pacific Grove under the McKinney-Vento Act.

Title V of the McKinney-Vento Act allows state and local governments, as well as eligible nonprofit organizations, to apply for land and buildings that have been determined to be "suitable and available" for homeless use. The screening process for homeless suitability is required anytime federal property is excessed to the public. Seems like a win-win. Pacific Grove can claim homeless outreach goals, Homekey gets its development, and the harassment of the Monarch Hotel owners stops.

Mike Fitzgerald, Monterey

Unfamiliar with history?

Dear Editor,

It appears Leadership Carmel is unfamiliar with the city's history — particularly that of a lovely downtown city-owned park and historic building that harken back to Carmel's beginning.

It appears the group has taken a liking to Vermont and its history. I get that — what's not to like? But, hello, Carmel is not Vermont and The First Murphy is not a covered bridge.

The move to Lincoln and Sixth from a mushrooming commercial area that

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'RUGGLES OF RED GAP' AUTHOR WROTE MOVIES, BROADWAY SHOWS

NOVELIST HARRY Leon Wilson is not well known today, but he was among the most successful writers in the country when he moved to Carmel in 1910. In the 1880s, the young man from Illinois traveled west and gathered pioneer stories for the historical volumes compiled by Hubert Howe Bancroft. After having several stories published in the popular national magazine Puck, he accepted a staff position

overlooking the ocean just south of Point Lobos, and reportedly the first house built in the Carmel Highlands development of Carmel Villas Co., the second joint venture of Frank Powers and J. F. Devendorf. He described the setting in a letter as having "the scenic beauty of Capri" with "more variety," and "the perfection of the Italian climate."

In his large, scenic writing room at Ocean House, Wilson resumed writing novels. "Bunker Bean," the story of an introverted stenographer who finds strength after being convinced he lived past lives as Napoleon and Ramses, debuted as a serial in the Oct. 12, 1912, Saturday Evening Post. Doubleday published it as a book in January 1913.

Cow town butler

On May 5, 1913, the Wilson household grew with the birth of Harry Leon Wilson Jr. A year later, also on May 5, Helen Charis Wilson was born in 1943. In his 1973 book "Seacoast of Bohemia," Franklin Walker noted that Wilson said, "Becoming a father hugely enlarges one's artistic appreciation." It must have, as the new father soon completed his most popular novel, "Ruggles of Red Gap." Ruggles, an English valet, dryly tells how he was won in a poker game by Americans vacationing in Europe and taken to Red Gap, Wash. The wife was looking forward to Ruggles adding culture to their western cow town and especially to Cousin Egbert, a rugged cowboy traveling with them. This story was previewed as a Saturday Evening Post serial before being published as a book by Doubleday in March 1915.

Just as the serial hit newsstands, Wilson made movie headlines when Paramount released the Lasky Pictures production of "The Man From Home," closely followed in December 1914 by two other collaborations with Tarkington, "Cameo Kirby" and "Springtime."

He was also working on "The Man From Home," published in April 1915.

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History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

there and moved to New York in 1892 as an assistant editor. He became editor in 1896.

In 1902, Wilson left Puck, published his first novel, "The Spenders," and married his illustrator, Rose O'Neill. He published three more novels over the next three years. True to his roots with Puck, the books were humorous satire.

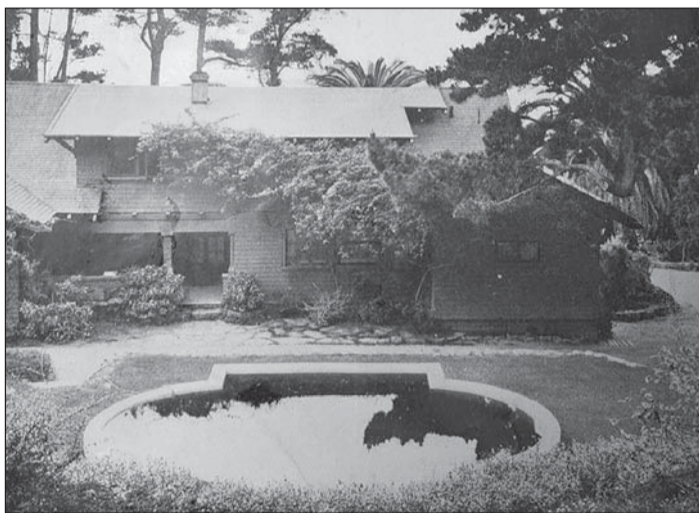
"The Spenders" had a brief run as a play on Broadway in 1903, where its conversion to the stage in four acts by E. E. Rose was criticized for depending on the audience having read the book. This brush with Broadway led to his association with Booth Tarkington and a multi-year romance with theater.

'Frenzied Finance'

The Wilsons and Tarkingtons spent 1905-1907 together in Europe. While Wilson collaborated with Tarkington on writing plays, Rose had her work accepted for display in the Paris Salon. Upon their return to the United States in 1907, Rose divorced Wilson, but the first of his plays with Tarkington, "The Man from Home," began a successful run. "Getting a Polish," their fifth collaboration to open on Broadway, debuted at the Wallack Theater in November 1910, about the time Wilson arrived in the Monterey Peninsula. He was attracted to the workings of the newly born Forest Theatre, and in June 1912 married Helen McGowan Cooke, one of the theater's popular players. He was 29 years her senior.

During their courtship, Wilson lived in Carmel and penned his first script for the screen. "Frenzied Finance," a three-reel comic-tragedy, was the story of a young and reckless gambler who inherits a bank. Pathé produced it in color and released it in late 1912.

That summer, the couple moved into "Ocean House," a large home on 8 acres



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Wilson built a large pool at Ocean House in the Carmel Highlands. He reportedly stocked it with fish.

Don't miss "Scenic Views" by Jerry Gervase
— every week in the Real Estate Section.

Dad was a travel agent and Mom took her on an adventure

LIFE HAS been a journey, not a destination, for Laura Lockett, who grew up with an international circle of friends, saw much of the world as a college student, and has spent the past 47 years sharing that firsthand knowledge as a travel counselor.

The colors she's seen and cultures she's experienced have likely influenced the artwork she creates today on the Monterey Peninsula, where Lockett, a plein air artist, finds unlimited inspiration just beyond her front door.

plein air painting companion of Dan Tellep for more than seven years, and studied for six weeks in 2007 with Warren Chang.

"Painting is a lifelong journey for me and I'm nowhere close to mastering it," she said. "I love watercolor for the colors, for the flow of the water, for the transparency ... but I'm still trying to figure it all out."

Art, like life, has been all about the journey for Lockett, who spent her early years in a small, segregated town in southeast Virginia, the firstborn of two children. Her parents, Ralph and Marjorie Lockett, founded one of America's first travel agencies, drawing upon experience Laura's father had gleaned from a

Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

"My brother calls this 'Hobbit Land,'" said the Pacific Grove resident, who shows her paintings at the Monterey Peninsula Art Foundation gallery on Cannery Row. "I love painting outdoors, where we're surrounded by so much beauty. I love that there are so many artists here and that the art community is so friendly and helpful."

Lockett is a watercolorist and impressionist who loves the paintings of John Singer Sargent, and whose walls at home are adorned with paintings by Stanley Wood, Sam Colburn, Nancy Johnson, Albert DeRome, Johnny Apodaca, Arthur Faber and Samuel F.B. Morse, among many others.

Lessons from legends

She has taken classes and workshops through the years from plein air oil painter Mark Farina, and master watercolorists Mary Whyte, Frank Eber, Tom Fong, Andy Evansen and Charles Reid. Lockett was a

previous career, booking train travel for the John Robinson Circus in the 1920s.

"Those were the days of the show trains, and Papa knew all the train schedules, in and out, all across America," she said.

Moving to Mexico City

When Ralph Lockett died of a massive heart attack, Marjorie sold the business and most of their belongings and drove with her children to Mexico City in search of a new life.

"My mother had been to Mexico City and liked it. It was one of the largest, most cosmopolitan cities in the world. It was much more affordable, and she had a friend there (George Ravelo), a man she liked a lot," said Laura, who was 12 at the time.

"We stopped on the way to visit friends in Houston, and that's where we were when President Kennedy was assassinated," she remembered. "As we were driving to Mexico City, we kept seeing the Mexican people standing in front of store windows, watching his funeral on TV sets. They loved JFK in Mexico."

Lockett recalled feeling disgruntled at first, having left so many friends behind in Virginia, but she adjusted quickly as a seventh-grader in the American School, where her eclectic and very social classmates were from all over the world.

Her mother quickly made a name for herself as a freelance travel writer and was hired by Eugene Fodor to be the editor of Fodor's guidebook to Mexico.

A lieutenant with the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II, Marjorie would also serve as the first female commander of the Alan Seeger American Legion Post in Mexico City.

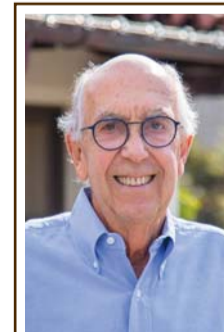
"My mother was an amazing woman," declared her daughter.

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Pacific Grove resident Laura Lockett, a certified travel counselor, paints impressionist watercolors and shows her work at the Monterey Peninsula Art Foundation gallery.



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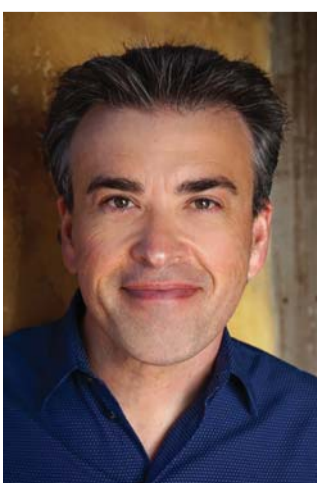


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Point to get a bunch more stop signs

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE 2018 Monterey County ordinance that reduced the speed limit on Carmel Valley Road to 45 mph between Highway 1 and just past Laureles Grade — a restriction that's since been lifted — also called for adding 18 two-way stops and 14 all-way stops at various uncontrolled intersections throughout the county, including in seven locations on Carmel Point.

County public works crews were set to install the new signs on Valentine's Day but were delayed until Feb. 22, according to spokeswoman Maia Carroll. The work didn't happen then, either.

"No work yet, hopefully Friday," she said Thursday.

When he first announced the project would get underway, public works director Randell Ishii said it would include installing new stop signs, striping and legends at Bay View and Martin Way, San Antonio and Isabella, 15th and San Antonio, 15th and Valley View, Isabella and Inspiration, 16th and Camino Real, and 15th and Dolores near Carmel River School.

Work hours were set for 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., and he didn't expect it to take longer than a day.

"Traffic control measures will be in place, and motorists may experience periodic delays," he warned. "Every effort is being made to accommodate commuters and complete the work as safely and quickly as possible."

SPCA

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Facebook last week, one local who works for the local SPCA confirmed a ASPCA representative said the money was going to the local group.

Some defended the ASPCA, while others suggested donors' money is better spent supporting the local group.

Brookhouser said the ASPCA used to come here about once a year to seek donations, but now they're showing up as many as four times a year. "They've learned that Monterey County is home to a lot of animal lovers," she observed.

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grew to engulf the little house on Mission between Fifth and Sixth and its restoration was a joyful community event — a multi-year project completed by an abundance of volunteers and donations in dollars and most generously in kind, prominent former mayors among them. The First Murphy represents the humble cottage of a worker family and the gardens of native pine and manzanita and bracken that were prevalent during the era and for many years after. The thought of destroying a garden that reflects the early history of Carmel-by-the-Sea is misguided. Insensitive.

I suggest the members of Leadership Carmel study the history of the building and its 1990 restoration project. They can begin with a short video available on YouTube, "Saving the First Murphy." The live music accompanying the well edited film will bring joy. Every speaker in the 6-minute film is gone now — along with others shown but not heard. Leadership Carmel's plan is not an example of mindful or capable leadership or community awareness. It dismisses the effort of capable community members and leaders — some of whom were supporting preservation of Carmel history long before many alive today.

I know whereof I speak. My inherited family albums are filled with photos of the

little house — my great aunts in long black skirts, freshly starched white blouses, cinched waists, Gibson Girl hairdos, and abundant children gathered around — the forest once surrounding the house framing each photo. It was their mother's and sisters' home. Built by their brother. When he was 17. M.J. Murphy. 1902. Brick paths were not in the budget. Formal landscaping a ridiculous notion.

Think, for heaven's sake.

Robin Aeschliman,
Pacific Grove

Mam behind the ties

Dear Editor,

To augment Jerry Gervase's fine article on a well respected local company, Robert Talbott: Another member of the Talbott "family" was Peter Reimann of PJR Creations, a local company that is still producing fine silk ties. Peter was one of the major fabric suppliers for Robert Talbott, in particular the fabric used for their signature seven-fold tie. He helped them start that production in the early '90s. In fact, Jerry's tie pictured in the article was one of Peter's creations. In addition to his own designs, he helped the named designers convert their designs into the high quality silk ties that Robert Talbott was famous for. Another of the unsung heroes in the back room supporting the big brand names.

John and Jean Peterson,
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United States District Court in San Jose, alleging that not only did Pacific Grove wrongly retaliate against him for expressing his political opinions, but that city councilwoman Jenny McAdams — offended by the social media posts — “engineered” his firing with the help of others.

The crux of the lawsuit is that Gonzalez’s opinions were protected under the First Amendment, and because of that, the City of Pacific Grove had no right to fire him for expressing them as a private citizen on his own time.

Dissent not allowed

“There is no dispute that Mr. Gonzalez was fired solely and expressly for his private, off-duty political speech,” the complaint, filed for Gonzalez by attorney Caleb Mason, says.

Gonzalez names the city, the police department, Police Chief Cathy Madalone and city manager Ben Harvey as defendants in the lawsuit. He also said he may add McAdams to the list depending on evidence uncovered as the lawsuit proceeds.

Gonzalez told The Pine Cone in an interview last year that his criticism of the far left Black Lives Matter organization was due to the group’s anti-police stance.

He “was opposed to the ideology, agenda, rhetoric, actions, and proposals of the Black Lives Matter political activist organization,” his complaint says. “So were millions of other Americans.”

When they fired Gonzalez, city officials said posts he made Nov. 28, 2020, on the social media site Parler had “violated a police department code of conduct requiring him to keep his private life unsullied,” to refrain from disgraceful conduct and speech or expression “that could reasonably be foreseen as having a negative impact on the credibility of the employee as a witness.”

But Gonzalez maintains that the

comments he made were protected speech, and he also says the alleged damage to the police department couldn’t have happened because he made them anonymously — at least until McAdams revealed that he was the commenter. The lawsuit doesn’t say how McAdams obtained the information.

Before the Parler posts, Gonzalez drew McAdams’ ire in the spring of 2020 when she spotted several stickers on his personal vehicle she felt were offensive, including a pro-Donald Trump decal and another for the California Three Percenters group, which progressives claim is a militia-type White supremacist movement. Gonzalez said he’s not a member of the group.

Angry about what she claimed were “racist” decals, McAdams “demanded” that Madalone identify the owner of the offending vehicle, implying that the person should be punished or fired.

“McAdams immediately and deliberately began using her official powers and office to attempt to learn the identity of the person who had dared express contrary political views to hers,” his lawsuit says. “The implication of her communications with Chief Madalone was that whoever it was should be fired.”

McAdams contacted Monterey County Weekly reporter Mary Duan “proposing she write an article about the vehicle with the offending stickers,” the lawsuit says.

After the newspaper published the article, McAdams again called Madalone and asked about the stickers: “Whose car was it? What was the chief going to do about it?” the complaint says.

But according to Gonzalez, nothing should have been done because his speech was protected. He blames Madalone — who was less than a year into her new job as chief of the P.G. Police Department — for not dismissing McAdams’ complaints and reminding her that it is inappropriate for an elected official to demand that city employees be punished or fired for their political views.

“She could have respectfully told council member McAdams and Ms. Duan that Americans, including employees of the

City of Pacific Grove, have the right to put political bumper stickers on their cars,” according to Gonzalez.

Madalone didn’t do that. Instead, on June 1, 2020, the same day Duan inquired about the stickers, she called Gonzalez to her office for a meeting with her and then-Commander Rory Lakind, and they gave Gonzalez an ultimatum: remove the stickers or park his vehicle off city property.

When Gonzalez said he was not comfortable with the demand because the stickers were on his personal vehicle, Madalone immediately placed him on leave, before issuing several public statements condemning the decals and telling the press that her department was “investigating potential connections to the white-supremacist and extremist group.”

“Mr. Gonzalez is a third-generation Mexican-American,” the complaint says. “He grew up in a poor neighborhood in Bakersfield. He is not white. He is not a white supremacist. He is not a member of any white supremacist or extremist group.”

‘Public outcry’

When the results of the police department’s internal investigation into the stickers concluded that Gonzalez did not violate the law or any city policies, Gonzalez contends McAdams “was not satisfied” and she “raised the issue repeatedly on social media and in city council meetings.”

McAdams “falsely and without any evidence accused Mr. Gonzalez of being a racist, a white supremacist, and a member of a violent, anti-government militia,” the suit says. “In fact, Mr. Gonzalez was and is none of those things.”

McAdams, the suit says, also coordinated with a few people, including Randy Fairgarden, who “embarked on a campaign

to get Mr. Gonzalez fired.” The former police officer also accuses Fairgarden, a 51-year-old Pacific Grove resident, of creating and distributing fliers to police departments throughout the state warning them to not hire him. The fliers falsely



Cathy Madalone



Ben Harvey

stated that Gonzalez took part in the Jan. 6, 2021, riots on the Capitol in Washington, D.C.

“Fairgarden and council member McAdams wanted Mr. Gonzalez fired and his future livelihood destroyed simply because they did not like the contents of his personal, off-duty expressions of his political beliefs as a private citizen,” the complaint says.

The pair, Gonzalez said, worked together to “digitally stalk” him on the internet by trying to find “social media statements they could use against him,” eventually finding the Parler posts.

McAdams and Fairgarden “sought to purge the employee rolls of Pacific Grove of all employees who hold personal political views they disapprove of,” the lawsuit says. “But that is not permitted by our Constitution.”

The two then publicized the statements in the press to create a basis for the argument that Gonzalez had to be fired because

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P.G. council to consider giving themselves raises

By KELLY NIX

MEMBERS OF the Pacific Grove City Council will once again consider giving themselves pay hikes and health benefits, which, if approved, could cost taxpayers upward of \$200,000 per year.

In 2021, councilwoman Jenny McAdams proposed doubling council members' monthly salaries from \$420 to \$840, and \$700 to \$1,400 for the mayor. A new proposal, however, cuts the pay hike to \$624 (a 48.6 percent increase) for council members, but still nearly doubles the mayor's pay to \$1,337 (a 91 percent increase).

'Very good for P.G.'

McAdams also proposed giving council members medical benefits. If the council OKs the raise and all seven council members enroll in the health plan, it would cost taxpayers about \$178,000 per year with increases in future years.

The new proposals, which are set to be discussed at the March 2 council meeting, come after McAdams and councilwoman Amy Tomlinson started researching council compensation and health benefits in October.

While spending \$178,000 or more annually isn't a

small sum for Pacific Grove — and the council declared a "fiscal emergency" in December 2021 — Tomlinson said a pay hike and health benefits would motivate citizens to run for office, including those who aren't well heeled.

"A family with two working parents and young children often cannot afford to dedicate the time required to serve on council," Tomlinson told The Pine Cone. "In general, increasing pay will give more citizens the opportunity to serve, and this will increase the candidate pool come election time. This is very good for P.G."

Councilman Luke Coletti is opposed to salary hikes and health benefits for the panel. Being a Pacific Grove City Council member, Coletti told The Pine Cone, amounts to a volunteer position, and the modest compensation "is meant to reimburse out-of-pocket expenses, that's all."

"In my opinion, any increase in compensation and benefits should only be done by a vote of the people," Coletti said. "If council members want to do this, they should put it on the ballot and campaign for it."

Coletti said the results of an informal social media survey he started last September indicated that 70 percent of the respondents were opposed to giving the council raises, while 9 percent were in favor. Twenty-one percent said pay hikes should be determined by the electorate.

FIRED

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of the "public outcry" over the social media posts.

"The city indeed used that argument to justify its termination of Mr. Gonzalez," the complaint says. "City manager Ben Harvey relied extensively on it in his September 24, 2021, written decision" terminating Gonzalez.

McAdams — though mentioned throughout Gonzalez's complaint — is not a defendant. However, Gonzalez says if it's found she used her "official capacity to attempt to procure" his termination, she could be named as a defendant. Fairgarden, the suit says, could also be added as a defendant.

Dim prospects

Gonzalez, who was named P.G. Officer of the Year in 2017 and earned a lifesaving award for diving into the water and saving a drowning kayaker, is still not working as a cop, even though he said he envisioned working for PGPD for another 25 years.

"Now, he likely will never be able to work as a police officer again, despite the accolades he earned for the performance of his duties and the complete absence of any suggestion of any improper conduct on the job," his lawsuit says.

Gonzalez is seeking more than \$1 million in damages, including compensation for the loss of salary and benefits for the time "he would otherwise have continued to work as a police officer," and for "mental and emotional injuries, distress, anxiety, and humiliation."

Pacific Grove city attorney David Laredo told The Pine Cone Wednesday that the city received the complaint earlier that day, and that he would brief city council members during closed session at the March 2 council meeting.

"Matters of this type are taken seriously," Laredo said. "We are in the process of reviewing these materials and reserving time with our risk management team."

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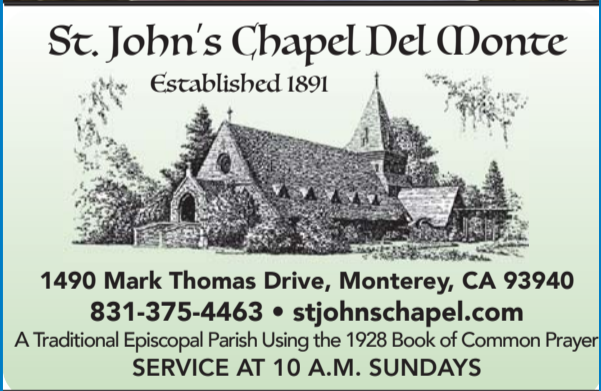
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HISTORY

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Success was to be found everywhere, even the Forest Theater, which staged “The Man from Home” in the summer of 1915.

Wilson, however, was busy that summer writing a sequel to his popular “Ruggles,” which was then being prepared for Broadway. A stage version of “Bunker Bean” was also in pre-production in Chicago. As the “Ruggles” production moved from Philadelphia to Broadway, the New York Tribune wrote on Dec. 19, 1915, that while Wilson, “foreswore [further] play writing, he writes the sort of novels that cannot be kept away from the stage.”

Reviewed as entertaining, the disjointed four-act play version of “Ruggles” closed after just a month. “Bunker Bean” fared much better in Chicago and was brought to Broadway for the 1916 season.

Doubleday published “Somewhere in Red Gap” in the fall of 1916, keeping Wilson one of 14 leading American authors selected to write the composite novel, “The Sturdy Oak.” This was not a collection of stories, but rather a cohesive novel, essentially in support of women’s suffrage.

Each writer provided a chapter — Wilson wrote the second. Mary Austin, formerly of Carmel, wrote the 13th chapter. Henry Holt published the completed work, “very cautiously edited” by Elizabeth Jordan, in November 1917.

Beloved character

The new film industry in Los Angeles echoed Broadway and felt Wilson’s novels could not be kept away from the screen. Perfection Pictures released “Ruggles of Red Gap” in February 1918. Lasky Pictures followed with “His Majesty Bunker Bean” in April.

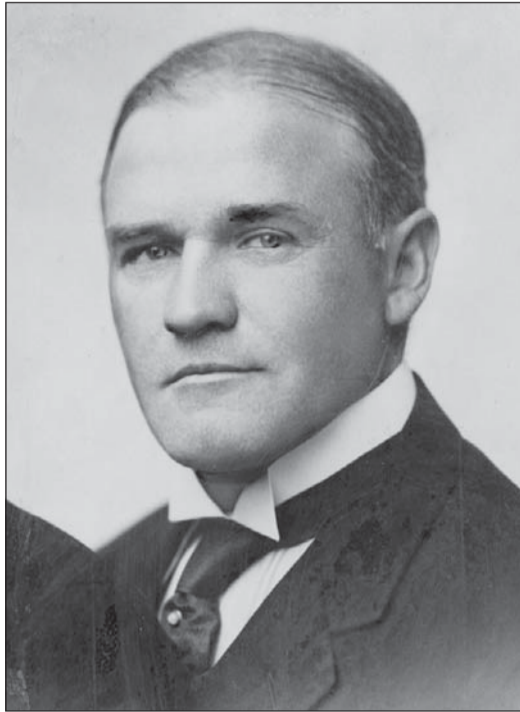
Whether it was the positive reception to the film or his personal love for the characters of “Red Gap,” Wilson

returned to that well and compiled a series of stories, published as “Ma Pettingill,” in April 1919. Ma was a beloved character in his first “Red Gap” book and the main character of his second.

Wilson renewed his friendship with Tarkington, and the families summered together at Kennebunkport in 1918. The pair began work on “The Gibson Upright,” a play satirizing Bolshevism in an American factory. The Saturday Evening Post serialized it before it premiered in Indianapolis in the summer of 1919. Their next comedic collaboration, “Up From Nowhere,” opened on Broadway in October 1919. It closed a month later.

Despite the mixed success with Tarkington, Wilson was at the top of his game as, at age 53, he entered the Roaring ’20s — a more tumultuous period for him.

We will wrap up the Wilson saga next week.



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This 1922 photo of Harry Leon Wilson shows the successful writer/humorist remained a dashing character into his 50s.

ARTIST

From page 23A

Laura Lockett revealed some artistic talent by creating an award-winning papier-mache image of circus clown Emmett Kelly while she was attending the American High School, and she sold papier-mache art at a consignment store in Acapulco.

She spent two years at the University of the Americas in Mexico City, then earned a bachelor’s degree in sociology from Chapman College in Orange.

In 1970, through Chapman, Lockett spent a semester sailing with World Campus Afloat.

“We went from Los Angeles to Japan, then Hong Kong and Thailand, around Africa to Portugal and back to New York. It really opened my eyes,” she said. “I was so enamored with the sights, the colors and the cultures of all the places I saw. It had a major impact on me.”

Lockett’s travels have taken her to Central and South America, as well as much of Europe, along with six cruises to Alaska. She returned to Mexico several times a year until her mother passed away in 2010.

“My mother and George and I traveled all over Mexico in her Volkswagen bus, with her springer spaniel, Panda, and an ice chest full of beer in the back seat while she was doing her research for Fodor,” she said. “We visited places most people have never heard of, and it was wonderful.”

Meeting her husband

After completing her bachelor’s degree, Lockett found work at the reservations desk of the Newport Beach Marriott Hotel, where she became smitten with the front-desk manager, Ron Horner. He became her husband.

In 1976, she was hired as a retail agent by the travel service, Ask Mr. Foster, while maintaining a long-distance

relationship with Horner, who became a night auditor at Asilomar.

“Ron lived on Monarch Lane near Asilomar, surrounded by pine trees, which smelled so wonderful,” Lockett said of her husband, who also is an accomplished fine art photographer.

“I would fly up here from Southern California almost every weekend — \$25 for a roundtrip ticket — but Ron finally gave me an ultimatum, so in 1979, I joined him. We’ve lived here ever since,” she said.

Lockett began painting with watercolors in the early 1990s in a class at the Monterey Adult School with celebrated local artist Anita DeCarlo. Her obsession took hold in 2007, after the first of several workshops with Farina, followed by four workshops with Whyte.

Hooked on watercolors

“That first one with Mary was in an 1800s-era church by the water in Charleston, S.C. — a wonderful experience,” she said. “After that, I was hooked.”

Lockett joined the Central Coast Art Association, which gave her opportunities to participate in her first group shows and solo exhibits. Lockett also belongs to the Central Coast Plein Air Painters Association, the Pacific Grove Art Center and the Monterey Peninsula Art Foundation. She is an associate member of the Carmel Art Association.

Lockett’s portfolio includes colorful, impressionist-style landscapes, seascapes and architecture. A painting of the old Gilmore Filling Station at Baja Cantina in Carmel Valley won a first-place ribbon at the 2021 Monterey County Fair.

Images of her work can be found online at mpaf.org/laura-lockett, and her paintings can be seen at the Monterey Peninsula Art Foundation gallery at 425 Cannery Row in Monterey.

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Since moving to the West Coast in 2005, Kelly has been involved in hospitality sales, being the top producer year after year. She is also a member of several local boards and non-profits, building relationships in the community for over 15 years. In her spare time, Kelly enjoys sailing with her family, hiking, and entertaining. Since joining Sotheby's in 2018, Kelly has been actively helping her clients buy and sell homes on the Peninsula.



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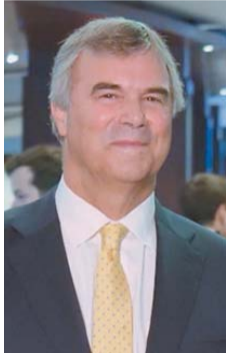
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Lifestyles

Age-related macular degeneration — what you need to know

By ELAINE HESSER



Dr. Mark Wieland

IF THERE'S one thing I keep coming back to while researching Healthy Lifestyles articles, it's the marvelous complexity of the human body. You could spend years just studying the eye, and many people do (see sidebar, page 30A). The rapid interactions between the human eye and the brain while simply watching the blue waves hit the white sand down at the beach are remarkable — but not nearly as complicated as what goes on with your eyes when you're driving a car or reading *The Pine Cone*.

There are a variety of impairments that affect vision as people age, including glaucoma and cataracts. But according to Johns

Hopkins (hopkinsmedicine.org), "Age-related macular degeneration is the most common cause of severe loss of eyesight among people 50 and older."

Seeing spots

To understand what the macula is, it's helpful to review how the eye works (see diagram, page 36A). Light enters through the cornea and is focused by the lens on the retina at the back of the eyeball. There, photoreceptor cells turn the light into electrical impulses, which are transmitted through the optic nerve to the brain, which converts them into images.

The macula is the portion of the retina that handles



Using an Amsler grid at home is a simple way to check for distorted vision — one of the symptoms of macular degeneration.

LOSS cont. page 36A



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SORTING IT OUT

Over-the-counter cheaters vs. prescription specs

By SALLY BAHO

IF IT'S getting harder to see that book you've been reading, you might be tempted to run down to the drugstore and pick up some over-the-counter readers, often called "cheaters." They come in strengths from +1.75 to +4.00 diopters — a measure of their corrective power. They're not quite the same as a magnifying glass, which makes things appear larger. Instead, readers adjust the point where your eyes focus so it's just a little closer to or farther from (depending on your needs) your face, keeping you from looking like you're playing a slide trombone while trying to move that printed page to the ideal reading distance.

And ... lots of people have 12 pairs around the house and three in the car. They've been using them for years and love them — why stop? Telma Barseghian, optometrist and co-owner at Blink Optometry in the Crossroads, helps people to figure out when and why to ditch the cheaters for something a bit more personal. She listed several reasons it may be time to make the switch.

Make it personal

The first is the common misconception that the vision in both eyes is the same. There are a few people who have perfectly equal eyesight in their two eyes. That is, each eye sees exactly the same — or has the same deficiency — and they can use the cheaters without a problem. But this is very rare, Barseghian explained, and most people have at least slight (if not major) differences in their eyes. Using readers when eyes need different degrees of correction causes one eye either to strain to see better, or to relax, which makes the muscle



Telma Barseghian

lax. Human eyes have complex systems of muscles that are constantly working. Like all muscles, they need exercise — if left to relax all the time, they can weaken. Overcompensating for our eyes by overcorrecting them, could actually be doing them a disservice by not working the eye muscle.

READERS cont. on page 37A

WHO YOU SHOULD SEE WHEN SEEING IS HARD

SHOULD YOU visit an optometrist? An ophthalmologist? An optician? They have different qualifications and do different things to help with your eyes' health and ability to keep seeing all there is to enjoy, from watching jellies at the Aquarium to reading the vintage of that bottle of pinot noir. Here's a primer, based on information from WebMD.



Opticians are technicians who design and fit patients with glasses or contact lenses, based on a prescription from an ophthalmologist or optometrist. In California, they can train on the job or attend a school, but do need to pass certain exams in order to practice. They can't give eye exams or prescribe eyewear.



Optometrists have undergraduate degrees and four years of additional training to earn their doctorates in optometry. They can perform eye exams, prescribe and fit eyeglasses or contacts, provide low-vision aids and monitor, manage and treat certain medically related conditions.



Ophthalmologists are medical doctors who followed medical school with one-year internships and three-year residencies in their field. That's sometimes followed by an additional one- or two-year fellowship and specialization. Ophthalmologists can give eye exams, provide medical and surgical eye care, treat conditions like glaucoma and cataracts, and diagnose and treat eye conditions related to other conditions, like diabetes.

The American Academy of Ophthalmology lists a number of subspecialties in which an ophthalmologist may also be trained, including cornea health, retina health, glaucoma, pediatrics and neurology — treating eye problems related to "how the eyes interact with the brain, nerves and muscles."

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A lifelong desire to help others led to a career in optometry

By SALLY BAHO

JANELLE BOCKENSTEDT, a dedicated and personable optometrist, is the co-owner of Peninsula Eye Care. She brings her Midwestern sensibility to her work, a practice that has three locations in Monterey County. Having practiced optometry for over 17 years, she has watched the changes and growth in her patients and technology throughout her career and enjoyed nurturing the relationships she has with patients and colleagues.

Learning compassion

Bockenstedt grew up in a big family in Strawberry Point, Iowa — the “cutest town ever,” she said. She attended the University of Northern Iowa for her undergraduate degree and, knowing she wanted to go into the medical field, earned a certificate in nursing to work in a nursing home and loved it. “I enjoyed taking care of people and it taught me a lot,” she said. “When you see people at their most vulnerable, it really teaches you compassion,” she said, and she has carried that compassion to her field and life ever since.

Bockenstedt chose optometry so she could fulfill her desire to help people while maintaining a good work-life balance. She attended the Southern California College of Optometry, and immediately after graduation moved to the Monterey Bay area, where she worked as an associate for a doctor for five years. But soon the opportunity arose to buy her own practice, and she and her business partner bought Peninsula Eye Care in 2006 in Marina, an established practice with more than 45 years of history.

Experienced mom

In 2018, the practice opened another branch on Munras Avenue in Monterey, a bright and welcoming office with big white walls, lined with designer glasses. But off in the corner, a brightly colored children’s toy may catch your eye. “I tend to get a lot of the harder cases,” Bockenstadt said, on account of her interest and expertise in pediatric optometry. “I think it helps because I’m a mom,” she said. She also explained that those tend to be very rewarding cases, since she can make a difference in the eyesight of a child. Many of the patients she saw as kids now come in for eye exams on their college breaks.

“I can see a 2-year-old and a 92-year-old in one day,”

During a retinal exam, optometrists can see signs of diabetes and hypertension

she said, which keeps her work interesting and engaging. One of her favorite things about the profession is the personal connections that are formed with patients and office staff. “Patients become part of your family. I look at the schedule and smile to recognize names of patients I can catch up with and see what is new in their lives,” she said. She is also grateful for the great team that “I have the pleasure of working with regularly. They impress me with their dedication to the patients and the office,” she added.

Bockenstedt appreciates that eye exams can be holistic exams of the body. She explained that during a retinal exam, optometrists can see signs of diabetes and hypertension, such as bleeding or hemorrhaging of the retina or ruptured blood vessels in the eye. “Eyes are end organs, and if we’re seeing effects in the retina, then the condition is already widespread and established in the body,” she said. In other words, nobody wants to see those symptoms. An “end organ” is an organ at the end of a nerve pathway and circulatory system. The eyes are end organs in the sense that they are among the last places affected by diseases such as diabetes and hypertension — similar to the hands and feet — due to the way blood flows.

Reference points

One of the greatest technological advancements in optometry, Bockenstedt said, is the ability to perform eye exams without dilating the pupils. “Nobody likes having their eyes dilated,” she said. The drops that are used make it hard for patients to see and drive, and leave the eyes sensitive to light for at about an hour after they’re administered. Of course, there are cases where the eye still needs to be dilated, but technology like the Optomap retinal scan provides a photo of the retina without dilation. These pho-



Janelle Bockenstedt

tos serve as great reference points, Bockenstedt explained, allowing the optometrist to see changes from year to year. So, as patients come back annually for their eye exams, in addition to catching up with them personally, she can track their eye health without having to dilate their pupils. Practical and effective, it makes doctor and patient happy.

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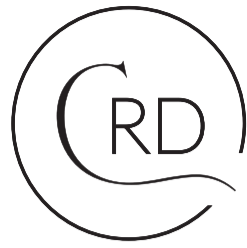
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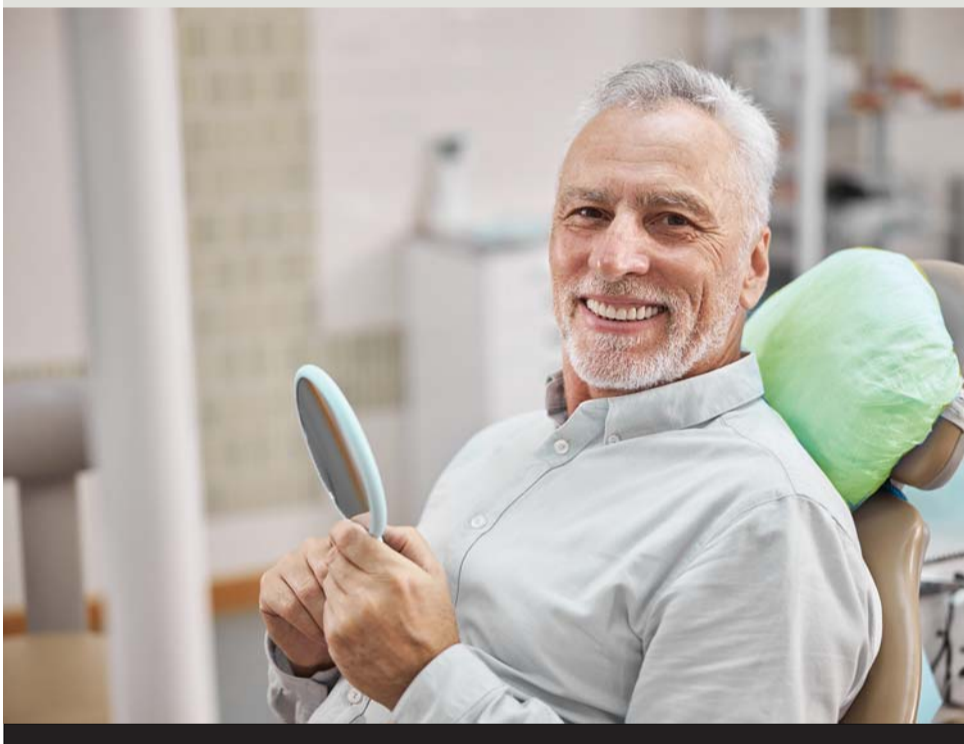
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Making it isn't complicated, but it requires some attention and a fair amount of stirring — perhaps a task for an aspiring junior chef, with an adult nearby.

Arborio rice is the right size grain and

has the right amount of starch to make risotto, so don't substitute another other kind. Chef Dan recommends Aquarello brand, but whatever your grocer has will work. Use a white wine that you would be happy drinking, since its flavor will intensify as it reduces.

Chioggia beets are also relatively easy to find and worth the search — they have an attractive red-and-white stripe pattern when sliced. To roast them, give them a good scrub. Trim any leaves, but try to leave yourself a bit of the stem enough to hold onto after they're roasted. Wrap them in aluminum foil and place in a 400-degree oven for 40 to 50 minutes. They're done when a fork pierces them easily. Once they cool, hang onto the tops, rub the skins off and trim any long roots, then cut off the tops with the stems. Serve and enjoy with some roast pork loin or grilled chicken for a change of pace.

Serves 4

Ingredients:

- 4 cups vegetable stock
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2 tablespoons butter, room temperature
- 1/2 cup yellow beet puree (see below)
- 1 medium shallot
- 1 1/2 cups Arborio rice (see notes)
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon minced parsley
- 8 pieces baby Chioggia beets, roasted and peeled (see notes)
- 1 tablespoon crumbled goat cheese
- Micro basil or any aromatic herb (optional)

Yellow beet puree

Peel and dice one large yellow beet and cover with water in a small saucepan. Simmer until tender, adding more water if needed. Puree in blender until smooth and set aside to cool.

Risotto

In a medium saucepan, heat the stock to a simmer. Lower the heat so the stock stays hot while you cook the risotto.

Place the oil and 1 tablespoon of the butter in a large, heavy-bottomed saucepan over medium heat. When the butter has melted, add the chopped shallot or onion. Sauté for 2 to 3 minutes or until slightly translucent.

Add the rice to the pot and stir it briskly with a wooden spoon so that the grains are coated with oil and melted butter. Sauté for another minute or so, until there is a slightly nutty aroma. Make sure not to let the rice turn brown.

Add all the wine and cook while stirring, until the liquid is fully absorbed.

Add a ladle of hot vegetable stock to the rice and stir every once in a while until the liquid is fully absorbed. When the rice

appears almost dry, add another ladle of stock and repeat the process for about 20 minutes, or until the grains are al dente — tender, but still firm to the bite.

Stir in the remaining butter, beet puree, parmesan cheese, and parsley. Top with Chioggia beet slices, goat cheese and microgreens. Season to taste with kosher salt and freshly ground pepper.

Chef Bio



DANIEL ELINAN has been the executive chef at The Hyatt Regency Monterey since November 2018. An alum of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y., Elinan's first job after graduation was at acclaimed chef Eric Ripert's Michelin three-star restaurant, Le Bernardin in New York City. Before coming to Monterey, he held executive chef jobs at the Hilton Virginia Beach, Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. and Hyatt properties in Key West and San Francisco. His international experience includes Hungary, the Czech Republic, Hong Kong and Shanghai.

During his career, Elinan has worked under three Michelin star-rated chefs and has been a guest chef at the prestigious James Beard House in New York City. Instead of a signature dish, he said he has "signature sauces, spice blends, powders and techniques that can be used in the creation of a variety of entrees and accompaniments."



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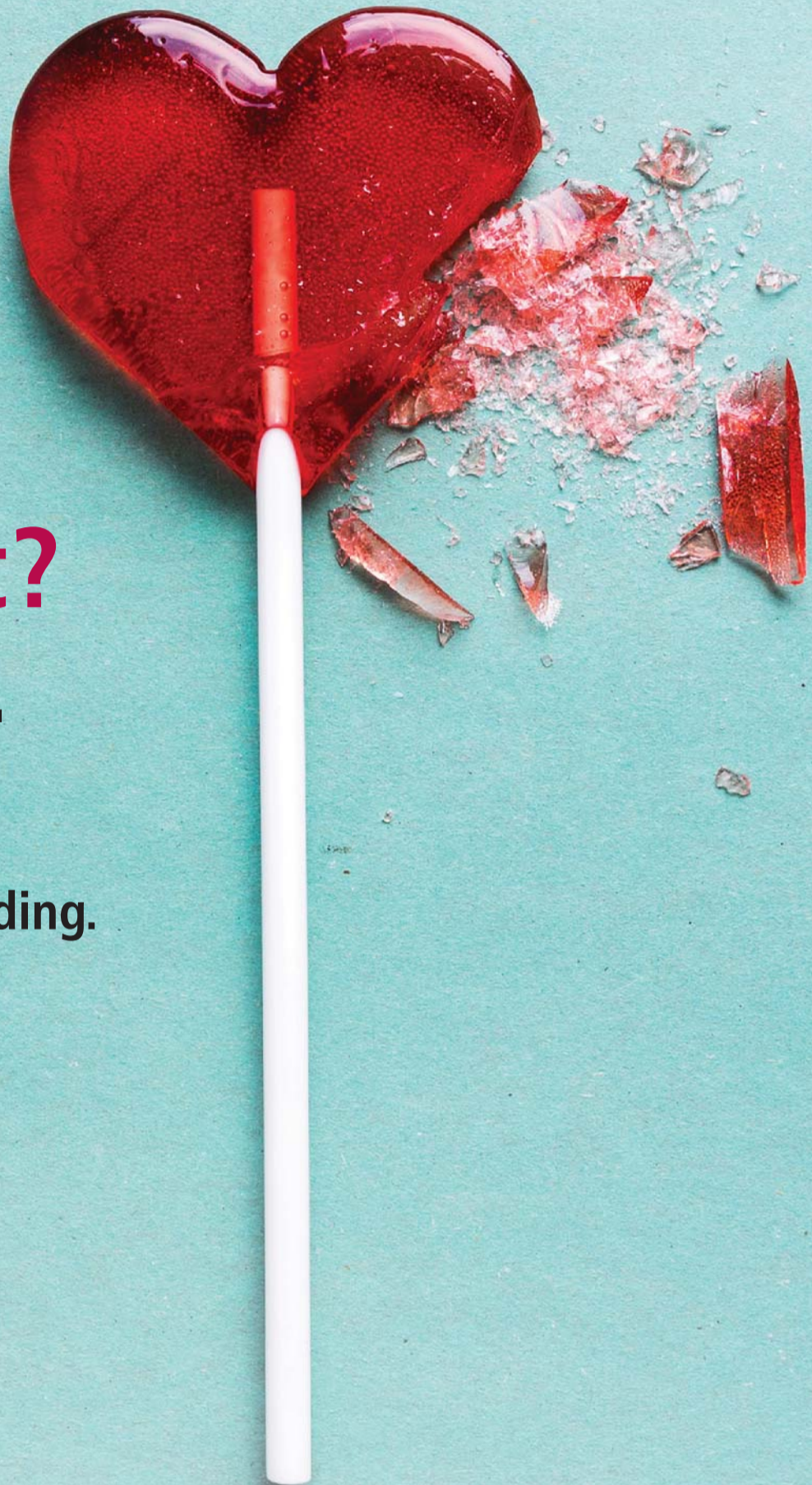
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central vision — necessary for reading and driving, among other things. When it begins to degenerate, The Mayo Clinic says symptoms include blurred or reduced eyesight in the center of the field of vision, visual distortions (such as straight lines seeming bent) and difficulty recognizing faces.

Dr. Mark Wieland of Northern California Retina Vitreous Associates in Monterey said that nobody knows exactly what causes the condition. However, he said, heredity, exposure to ultraviolet rays, and smoking appear to be parts of the equation.

Wieland explained that there are two types of age-related macular degeneration — wet and dry. He said that among people who develop the condition, “everyone starts out with the dry version, and about 10 to 15 percent convert to wet.” The wet version is distinguished by the growth of abnormal new blood vessels, which can leak plasma and blood beneath and into the retinal tissues. This can interfere with the retina’s function.

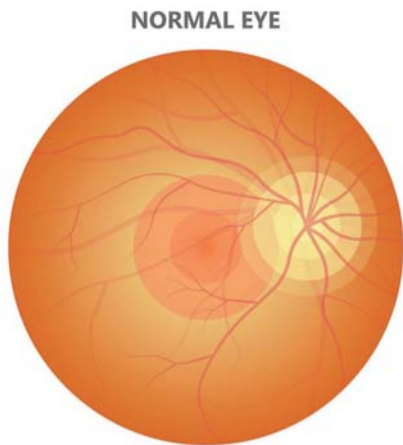
Either type can cause irreversible vision loss, and the disease typically occurs in both eyes. The wet form progresses more quickly than the dry form, however, and the two types are treated very differently. The condition can be detected during routine exams of the retinas.

Checking at home

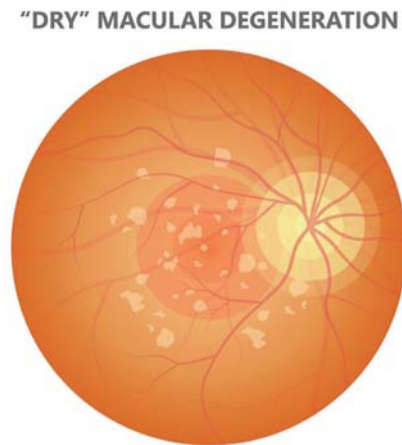
Another diagnostic procedure involves injecting a special dye into the patient’s arm. From there, it quickly travels through the blood vessels, including those in the back of the eye, making them easier to see. The doctor dilates the pupils and takes a series of detailed pictures of the retina. The technical term is fluorescein angiography, and it can be done in the doctor’s office.

If you get the diagnosis but don’t have any symptoms, you may be given an Amsler grid to perform daily checks at

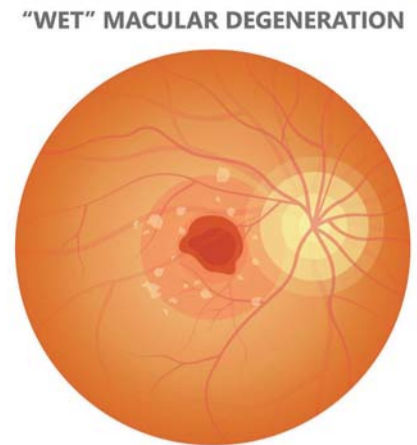
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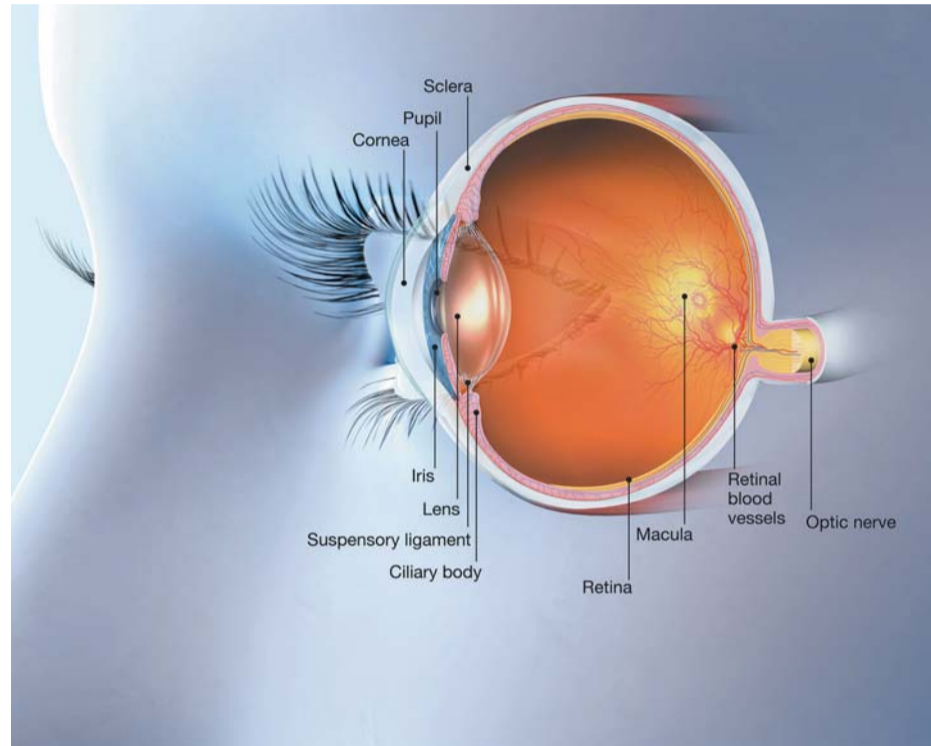
home. It’s a simple black grid with a small black dot in the middle, on a white background. (You can print one yourself from online sources and stick it on your fridge.) From 12 to 15 inches away, wearing whatever glasses or contacts you normally use, cover one eye at a time, and look at the diagram for five to 10 seconds. If the lines appear wavy or distorted, you should let your doctor know.

Peripheral vision

While age-related macular degeneration is irreversible, Wieland said that many patients are relieved to learn that it does not lead to total blindness. “It will never cause you to live in darkness — you’ll keep your peripheral vision,” he said. However, someone with the condition may become legally blind and/or lose the ability to read or drive. “It robs people of their independence,” Wieland said.

There are also treatments that can arrest or slow the disease’s progress. “There

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You might be correcting the vision in one eye while weakening the other eye.

"We use our eyes so much," Barseghian said. If there is a slight discrepancy in the eyes, it makes sense to correct that properly so we are not straining or fatiguing our eyes, or letting them get lazy.

Too strong?

Another reason to go for the prescription specs is an untreated astigmatism, which just means that the eyeball is oval-shaped instead of spherical. An astigmatism causes people to see minor distortions in characters that are rounded, such as Os, Cs, and Qs, or 3s and 9s. An uncorrected astigmatism slows down the speed at which you can return that book to Harrison Memorial Library.

"We owe it to ourselves to get a good pair of glasses so we can enjoy what we love, like being curled up with a book and allowing our eyes to function at their optimum," she said.

Barseghian continued, "Often times when we go to the drugstore and reach for a pair of glasses, we don't really know what is the best magnification for our eyes. We grab a pair of cheaters and things look bigger, so we think, 'Cool!' and go with it." But she cautioned that people who take this approach may start off too strong, potentially allowing the muscles to get a little lax, as mentioned previously. Keeping the eye muscles engaged and working optimally can help prevent the need for higher and higher strength cheaters.

During an eye exam, your optometrist normally asks how far from your face

Ask your doctor if it's time for prescription reading glasses.



you usually hold your book or electronic screen. From this response, vision is measured and corrective eyewear is personalized to that distance so that it's not creating too much strain or not enough. In the office it is done very precisely, and corrective eyewear is prescribed accordingly.

Easy isn't always best

The final reason is that, Barseghian ex-

plained, "Just like with anything else, we get what we pay for." If you buy a pair of drugstore readers, they are most likely made of plastic, which is to say, they're not optically smooth. The lenses may have minor imperfections, so they might provide some correction while still causing additional strain on the eye. Cheaters can be a quick and easy fix, but personalized corrective eyewear will serve you better in

the long run.

Barseghian urged us to listen to our eyes. If you feel like you're not able to read with pleasure or ease, or you find yourself rubbing your eyes and things are coming in and out of focus, don't automatically move to next higher strength. Instead, consider getting your eyes checked. After all, we all want to enjoy the views and to be able to read the menu at Grasing's.

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wasn't much 20 years ago, but in the last 10 to 15 years we've seen a lot of progress," Wieland noted.

For example, the National Institutes of Health demonstrated that certain vitamins can slow down the progress of the severe form of the disease. The NIH website has detailed information on the supplements, called AREDS (for age-related eye disease studies) or AREDS 2, a newer formula. They contain vitamins C and E, copper, zinc, lutein and zeaxanthin. (The older version included beta carotene, which the NIH says can increase the risk of lung cancer in current or former smokers.)

For the wet form, the state of the art is injecting specialized drugs into the eye at prescribed intervals, and research and development continue on ways to stop the disease's progression. Wieland noted that as recently as Jan. 28, faricimab (sold as Vabysmo), received FDA approval to treat wet age-related macular degeneration.

If the idea of someone sticking a nee-

dle in your eye is fear-inducing, you're by no means alone. Wieland explained that patients' eyes are numbed using anesthetic eye drops and then "we kind of sneak up on the side," so the person can't see the needle. "It's pretty well tolerated" by most people, he added. He said that other evolving advancements in technology include a tiny refillable device that can be implanted into eye wall to dispense small amounts of medication over time.

There are some simple preventive measures you can take, too. The condition's correlation with smoking suggests that quitting would be a good idea (if you don't already have enough reasons). Its association with exposure to ultraviolet light means that donning a pair of UV-blocking shades is a good idea, and consuming a healthy diet that includes dark green leafy vegetables may help, as well.

Finally, if you notice any symptoms, schedule an appointment with your eye doctor as soon as possible. It's not an emergency, "but you want to go sooner rather than later," Wieland said.



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Delving into the early works of masters, trio performs at Sunset Center

AN ENSEMBLE that's getting rave reviews, **The Horszowski Trio** performs early pieces by three master composers — and introduces another composer few locals likely know — when it performs at Sunset Center Saturday.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

Based in New York City, the trio includes pianist **Rieko Aizawa**, violinist **Jesse Mills** and cellist **Ole Akahoshi**. It was named after the late pianist and educator Mieczyslaw Horszowski, whose last student was Aizawa.

The program includes three pieces by master composers that were created early in their careers, Dmitri Shostakovich's *Piano Trio No. 1, Opus 8*, Claude Debussy's *Piano Trio in G major* and Leonard Bernstein's *Piano*

Trio. All were written before the composers turned 20.

"What I love is that you can hear the roots of their styles emerging," said **Amy Anderson** of Chamber Music Monterey, which is presenting the concert. "It offers a peak into where they're going."

Also on the program is *Piano Trio in F-sharp minor* by the late Armenian composer Arno Babajanian. Well known in Russia but not here, he created a piano trio that some call "The best piece of music you're never heard of."

The music starts at 7:30 p.m. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Proof of vaccination and masks are required, and seats will be distanced. Tickets start at \$51. Discounted tickets are available for active military and college students, and a limited number of free tickets are available for kids who are accompanied by an adult. Call (831) 625-2212 or visit chambermusicmontereybay.com.



Singer and multi-instrumentalist Casey Wickstrom plays Friday at Tarp's, and Saturday at Rio Grill and the Lodge in Pebble Beach.

Youth orchestras play Sunday

Also at Sunset Center, Youth Music Monterey County presents its second concert of the season Sunday. The group's Junior Youth and Honors orchestras, which include students from 30 local schools, will play music by Beethoven, Mozart, Schubert and others. They will be led by music director **Danko Druško**.

The concert will showcase the recent winners of a concerto contest, oboist **Cayden Bloomer** and marimbist **Juliet Oliver**.

The concert begins at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for kids. Call or visit www.youthmusicmonterey.org.

Live music Feb. 25-March 3

Bernardus Lodge & Spa in Carmel Valley — pianist **Michael Culver** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.),

guitarist **Richard DeVinck** (classical, Saturday at noon), pianist **Martan Mann** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.) and guitarist **John Sherry** (folk, rock and blues, Sunday at noon). 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.

Cibo restaurant in Monterey — **The Dave Holodiloff Duo** (bluegrass and jazz, Sunday at 7 p.m.), singer **Lee Durley** (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.

Cuz's Sportsman's Club in Seaside — **Songs Harry Hotbox Told Us** (Big Sur country, Saturday at 8:30 p.m.).

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A New York City-based ensemble, the Horszowski Trio performs Saturday at Sunset Center.

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FOOD & WINE

Checking in at Pacific's Edge, wine on the brain, and a café turning 3

JOSH KINZER has a lot on his plate as the new executive sous chef at Pacific's Edge in the Highlands Inn south of Carmel. He not only has to develop new menus and figure out the best options for desserts and pastries, he has to get a handle on the logistics of banquet and catering services and make sure everyone knows what job to do and how to do it well.

The Marina native, who cut his teeth in kitchens at other resort properties, including Bernardus Lodge under former executive chef Cal Stamenov, and helped open Salt Wood Kitchen & Oysterette in his hometown, joined the upscale hotel and restaurant in January.

Affable and down to earth, Kinzer this week said he's grateful to be running the kitchen at Pacific's Edge and is proud to continue working in the region where he grew up. He mentioned his 3-year-old daughter, Brooklyn, is quite the chef, too.

Caesar and risotto

On Sunday evening, he showcased his Caesar salad with crisp whole baby romaine hearts, garlicky housemade dressing, thin and airy focaccia croutons,

boquerones — mild Spanish white anchovies typically marinated in vinegar — and a perfectly cooked “5-minute egg, because 6 minutes is too long.” (Hint: When ordering, ask for a steak knife to make chopping the salad on the plate easier.)

The main course for the evening was

Soup to Nuts

By **MARY SCHLEY**

risotto, made extra creamy by the addition of mascarpone, topped with a piece of halibut that “was swimming yesterday,” Kinzer said, and a bright, crisp salad of thinly sliced fennel, radishes and pea shoots. The risotto is drizzled with herb oil.

“This is what I would want to eat,” he explained.

Pacific's Edge serves dinner Wednesday through Sunday from 5:30 to 9 p.m., with just the lounge open Mondays and Tuesdays. The Highlands Inn is located at 120 Highlands Drive off Highway 1 south of Carmel. For more information, visit hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/california/hyatt-carmel-highlands-overlooking-big-sur-coast-and-highlands-inn-a-hyatt-residence-club/high, and keep an eye out for details on the first wine dinner of the year with Bernardus on March 17.

Tasting at Grasing's

Grasing's restaurant at Mission and Sixth will host its first winetasting in 2022 March 1 at 4:30 p.m. on the rooftop deck. Representatives from Beringer Vineyards, Etude Winery, Beaulieu Vineyards and Stag's Leap Winery will be sharing information about the selections they're pouring and offering bottles for sale.

Executive chef Cal Stamenov will prepare “elevated small bites” to enjoy alongside the wines, and wine director Eric Ewers said he expects the event to sell out.

The tasting costs \$50 per person, but the fee will be waived with a purchase of \$100 or more.

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Help needed

American Burger in New Monterey teamed up with a couple of nonprofits Feb. 13 to hold the annual Super Bowl lunch for the disadvantaged, but the groups still need donations to cover the costs.

Athletes that Care, founded in 2016 by Matthew Gibbs when he was at Stevenson School, is a group of student athletes from Stevenson, Pacific Grove High, Carmel High, Palma and Santa Catalina who hand out sandwiches, clothing and toiletries to homeless people in Monterey every week, and AI and Friends was started by AI Siekert to serve breakfast to transients every Sunday at Window On the Bay Park.

According to the organizers, \$15 covers a meal, and donations to AI and Friends can be made by calling (831) 402-0820, sending a check to PO Box 1022, Pacific Grove, CA 93950, or going to alandfriends.org. The nonprofit “provides a dignified, nutritiously balanced meal every Sunday morning at the beach in Monterey to those who are hungry (with no questions asked).” The weekly feasts are meant to impress the guests, but also to “feed and uplift some of the most vulnerable members of our community.”

Meanwhile, Athletes That Care hasn't missed a weekly sandwich delivery in more than two years.

Chez Noir popups

Chez Noir, the seafood-focused restaurant set to open in the new complex across from the Fifth Avenue post office, is hold-



A month in, Josh Kinzer is getting his feet under him at the Highlands Inn, where he runs the kitchen for Pacific's Edge restaurant.

ing pop-up dinners on the Peninsula and around San Francisco Bay while construction is underway. Owners Monique and Jonny Black will host their next two sessions at Pearl Hour, the bar on Lighthouse in New Monterey, Feb. 27 and March 6.

“There will be live jazz by Zach Westfall Group,” said Katie Blandin, the bar's founder and owner. “It's first come, first served, and runs from 7 p.m. until we sell out.”

The menu is a la carte, not prix fixe, with Morro Bay oysters, fava bean toasts with jamon Iberico, mussel “piperade” on lavash, Monterey squid with salsa verde, fried asparagus with tuna mayo and roe,

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Mario Garcia, executive chef at Estéban, will lead a paella cooking demo March 27, when guests will get plenty to eat, drink and learn.

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potatoes with pickled herring and roe butter, seafood boudin on brioche with mustard cream and cabbage, Dungeness crab dip with garlic toast, and abalone-stuffed chicken wing with green garlic dressing. Prices range from \$8 to \$36 per item, with most dishes well under \$20.

For more information, visit cheznoircarmel.com and pearlhour.com.

■ **Café Carmel is 3**

Café Carmel on Ocean Avenue is turning 3 and will celebrate with special promotions, activities and a ribbon cutting March 3 from 5 to 7 p.m., when guests will be able to savor small bites, meet owner Sarah Cook and her team, and visit with artists Edi and Marie Claire. The third customer to walk through the door will win a free breakfast.

The café's charitable partner, Peace of Mind Dog Rescue, will be there, too, set up outside with adoptable dogs in need of loving homes.

Café Carmel is located on the north side of Ocean between Mission and San Carlos. Find more details at cafecarmel.com.

■ **Happy Hour at Sea Root**

Now staffed with new lead bartender Andrew Boggan, the Bar at Sea Root in the Hyatt Regency Monterey has launched an extended happy hour on weekdays, with \$6 items available until 6 p.m.

Highlights include artichoke bisque with chermoula crème, tapas and Israeli salads, local wines, craft beers and the signature drink, Kalimotxo, a mix of red wine and cola inspired by a beverage commonly consumed in the Spanish islands.

Sea Root restaurant opened last fall after the space was shut down, overhauled and reimagined, and it focuses on "a rich medley of Mediterranean flavors that tell the story of the ancient spice trade," by blending flavors found in the far reaches of the world.

The Bar at Sea Root is open daily from 3 p.m., when happy hour begins on weekdays. The Hyatt is located at 1 Old Course Road off Mark Thomas Drive. For additional information, visit hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/california/hyatt-regency-monterey-hotel-and-spa-on-del-monte-golf-course/mrydm/dining.

■ **J. Lohr's Monterey roots**

J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines has introduced a new Monterey Roots tier, releasing a riesling and a valdigué with new labels "spotlighting J. Lohr's history of excellence in viticulture and winemaking in Monterey County."

The riesling "offers enticing layers of honeysuckle, ripe pear, Meyer lemon, and lychee," while the valdigué "is a bright and juicy red with alluring fresh berry flavors." Both wines are less than 90 calories for 4 ounces and are best served chilled.

The riesling's new artwork features a rendering of the coastline, while the valdigué's showcases wildflowers. Both wines are certified California sustainable, indicating at least 85 percent of the fruit used in them was grown in



J. Lohr has long had a presence in Monterey County. The winery has launched a new tier with labels paying homage to the area.

sustainable vineyards, all the grapes were grown in California, and the wines were made in a certified facility. J. Lohr farms more than 1,400 acres in Monterey County, and the riesling and valdigué — the two varietals Jerry Lohr planted in his first vineyard in 1972 — are grown in the Arroyo Seco area.

■ **Learn to make paella**

Chef Mario Garcia at Estéban restaurant in the Casa Munras hotel will show guests how to make paella during a cooking demo March 27 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Paella is the traditional Spanish rice dish that comes in many iterations, though the version with saffron, seafood and sausage is the most widely known. It's prepared in a large pan over a burner and is meant to be shared at family gatherings and parties. (Getting a bit of the crusty rice from the bottom of the pan is a must.)

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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.

Folkale Winery in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Asher Stern** (Friday at 2 p.m.), **The Rough Jazz Combo** (Saturday at 2 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Daniel Cortés** (Sunday at 11:30 a.m.) and singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch** (Monday at 2 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road, (831) 293-7500.

Gusto Pasta and Pizza in Seaside — singer **Lauri Hofer-Romero** and guitarist **Bruce Forman** (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 **Pete Lips** (jazz, Friday at 8:30 p.m.) **The Andy Weis Band** with pianist **Gary Meek** and bassist **Dan Robbins** (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 **John Sherry** (folk, rock and blues, Friday, Saturday at 6 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Fred McCarty** (Sunday 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.

Julia's Vegetarian Restaurant in Pacific Grove — mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (bluegrass and jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave, Suite F, (831) 656-9533.

La Playa Hotel — **The David Morwood Band** (jazz, Saturday and Sunday). In Bud's Bar, Camino Real, (800) 582-8900.

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Alison Sharino** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (blues and rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Johan Sotelo** (Sunday at 6 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive, (831) 624-3811.

Midici Pizza in Monterey — singer **Miranda Perl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.) and singer

and guitarist **Al James** and bassist **Jesse DeCarlo** (jazz, Thursday at 6 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** (pop, rock and jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.), pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Steven Shook** (blues and rock, Monday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row, (831) 646-1700.

Puma Road at Portola Plaza in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Sam Cauthorn** (Friday at 5 p.m.), **Out of the Blue** (rock, Saturday at 5 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St., (831) 747-1911.

Rio Grill — singer and guitarist **Kevin Pfeffer** (Friday at 5 p.m.) singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (blues and rock, Saturday at noon) and singer and guitarist **Johan Sotelo** (Sunday at noon). Crossroads shopping center, (831) 625-5436.

The Salty Seal Pub in Monterey — **Rogue Roosters** (rock and blues, Friday at 8 p.m.), **The Chuck Brewer Band** (rock and blues, Saturday at 8 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row, (831) 920-2327.

The Sardine Factory in Monterey — singer and multi-instrumentalist **David Conley** (pop and rock, Friday and Saturday, Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m.). 701 Wave St., (831) 375-3775.

Sly McFly's in Monterey — **The Josh Rosenblum Band** (pop and rock, Friday at 9 p.m.), **Retreauspect** (classic rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.), **The Stingrays** (rock, Sun-



Singer and guitarist Josh Rosenblum brings his band, which was formed in Modesto more than a decade ago, to Sly McFly's Friday.

day at 8:30 p.m.) **The Long Distance Flyers** (classic rock, Monday at 8:30 p.m.) **Rhythm Tribe West** (classic rock, Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.), **5 Star** (rock and soul, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.) and **The DC Trio** (funk and r&b, Thursday at 8:30 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row, (831) 649-8050.

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Garcia will share the history of the dish and his secrets for making it, while sommelier Elliott Boone will talk about wines from various regions in Spain. Guests will sip the Spanish cocktail, Tinto de Verano, and nibble on meats and cheeses during the lesson, after which they'll be able to taste the results and explore a flight of Spanish wines. They'll take home a special gift, too.

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March 6 — The Monterey County Composers' Forum presents "Music in Bloom," 3 p.m. at Hidden Valley Music Seminars in Carmel Valley. This concert will feature music composed by local composers and song writers: Ettinger, Gatica, Kaiser, Macy, Moncrief, Roseman, and Victorine. Masks, proof of vaccination, and social distancing, please! Admission is \$15.

March 7 — In what may sound like Ladies Day at the Carmel Woman's Club, historian Neal Hotelling will present "Significant Women Who Helped Shape the Character of the Peninsula" at 2 p.m. All are invited. In a PowerPoint presentation, Hotelling introduces known and lesser known women whose lives and activities contributed to the community's rich and colorful past. The Carmel Woman's Club is at Ninth and San Carlos in Carmel. Reservations not necessary but proof of COVID vaccinations required. A coffee/tea reception in the outdoor patio immediately follows the program. (831) 624-2866 or (831) 594-6200

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All moved in at new site, Carmel Valley Art Association opens its doors

AFTER FINDING its fourth home since it was created in 2006, the Carmel Valley Art Association hosts a “soft” opening Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

bie Brainerd and Thomas Hawley, became a nonprofit in October 2020. But in early September last year, Allioti received word that the gallery’s lease would not be renewed.

Allioti said she and her group are not only looking forward to putting on art shows in the new space, but also receptions, workshops and classes.

“It’s a magical space,” she said. “We are so blessed. People come in and say, ‘Wow.’”

■ Finding art at the market

Bringing color and beauty to a workout facility in Seaside, photographer Mina Afshari will be at Elektren Studio in Sea-

side Sunday. The studio, which offers a variety of classes in unconventional exercise practices, will be the site of a closing reception for Afshari from 1 to 3 p.m. Her exhibit, titled “By My Window,” opened Jan. 22.

Afshari’s images are still lifes she created in her downtown studio on Lincoln using produce from the local farmers market. Besides seeking out unique shapes with vivid colors, she explores the contrast between darkness and luminous light. The end result are images that resemble paintings by Old Dutch Masters.

Captivated by the camera

Afshari, who is studying economics at UC Berkeley, became fascinated with photography during Covid. “I bought a camera last May, and started taking pictures of produce during the pandemic,” she recalled. “Now I feel like this has to be



The Carmel Valley Art Association has a new home at 9 Del Fino Place, and this Saturday, you can visit for the first time.

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

Last located next to Jerome’s Market, the gallery has set up shop in “The Courtyard at Carmel Valley” at 9 Del Fino Place, where it will occupy two spaces, a 600 square-foot office downstairs and a 1,000 square-foot gallery upstairs.

The gallery, which represents more than three dozen artists, including Will Bullas, Sam Johnston, Shelley Cost, Bob-

party of my life.” With her creative energy ignited, Afshari is ready to delve into more mediums. “I want to get into abstract painting and sculpting,” she explained.

Proceeds will benefit one of Afshari’s fellow students at Berkeley who is struggling with addiction. “He’s going through some hard times,” she added.

Elektren Studio is located at 1572 Del Monte Blvd. For more info about Afshari’s work, visit www.fromourmarket.com.

MORE MUSIC

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Tarpy’s in Monterey — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (blues and rock, Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Alison Sharino** (Saturday at noon) and singer and guitarist **Kevin Pfeffer** (Sunday at noon). 2999 Highway 68, (831) 647-1444.

Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Brad Wilson** (rock

and blues, Friday at 6 p.m.) and **The Sweet Dreams Duo** (pop and rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place, (831) 298-7453.

Urban Lounge at the Red Lion Hotel in Monterey — **Johnny Tsunami** (rock, Saturday at 7 p.m.) and **Rogue Rooster** (rock, Thursday at 7 p.m.). 1425 Munras Ave., (831) 649-4771.

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

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The Carmel Pine Cone

Real Estate



■ This week's cover property, located in Carmel Highlands, is presented by Jonathan Spencer of Compass.
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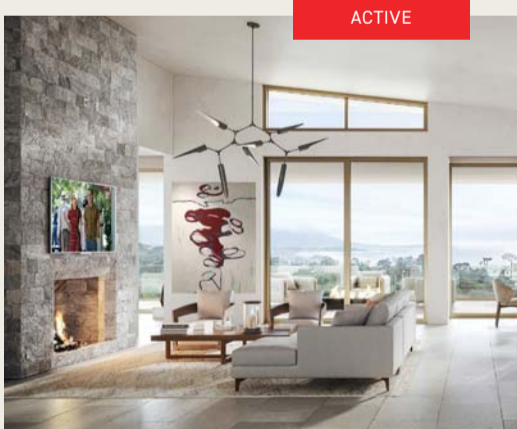
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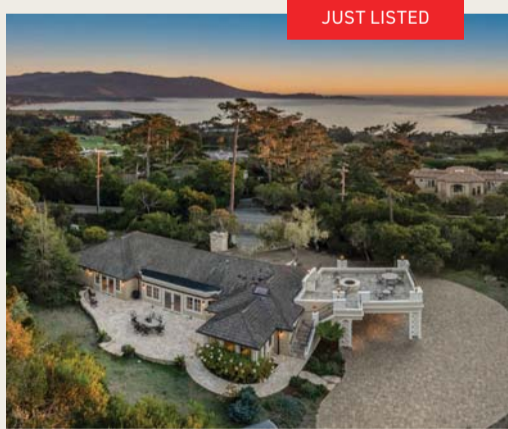


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*My barber lived in Thailand
In a place called Chomburri
he flew the miles to my land
just to trim my locks for me.*

JOE GRECO (Joe the barber) cut my hair, my father's hair, and trimmed the heads of my two older brothers during the World War II years. My brothers and I usually went at the same time. Mom gave my oldest brother a dollar and told him to give it to Joe, leaving a 25-cent tip. That's right, haircuts were two-bits each.

After I retired, haircuts that cost upwards of \$50 sent me scurrying to the thrifty haircut centers. I no longer need blow-dried styling. Besides, I like using the apps that give me the semblance of making an appointment. The other day I made a mistake using the app, so when I arrived at the hair emporium, I was fifth, not first in line. I stuck it out. I looked like an Old English sheepdog.

There was a time that when I needed a haircut, I looked for an old turquoise-colored ringer washing machine

sitting at the curb on Monterey's Bonafacio Street. Regulars knew the shop, The Outer Edge, was open for business when Michael Keenan put the washing machine outside. The shop itself was unusual. It was filled with retro para-

*He rises at an early hour
on the road to Mandalay,
and breakfasts on a whiskey sour
on his way to Monterey.*

Michael described himself as not simply a stylist but a hair architect. He married your hairstyle to your personality. He thought my aquiline nose required a Roman look, so I would leave his shop looking like Julius Caesar without the knife wounds.

Ten days working at a feverish pace earned him enough to live stylishly in Thailand. He had a full life there. He adopted three beautiful little Thai girls. He doted on them, clothed, fed, sheltered and educated them. He began teaching classes in English and economics at the local high school, starting with 17 students. Registration was up to 200 in a matter of months.

He went to Thailand to live in a relaxed, tropical

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Scenic Views

By **JERRY GERVASE**

phernalia — old radios, bicycles, clothes, pieces of flatware, dishes, furniture and pictures. But that's just half of it. What was unusual was that Michael lived in Thailand 20 days a month.

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POLICE LOG

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Carmel Valley: A civil dispute between neighbors on Schulte Road was documented.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A friend requested a welfare check on another friend on San Carlos Street at 0200 hours. Subject was located, healthy, and did not meet criteria for a 72-hour hold.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Hit-and-run collision on Torres with no suspect information.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found videotapes on Junipero Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 25-year-old male food delivery driver from Seaside was arrested at Santa Fe and Ocean at 2104 hours for violation of DUI probation and several nar-

cotics charges, including possession of drugs and paraphernalia, and having an open container. The 23-year-old male passenger, also a Seaside resident, was arrested for narcotics, probation violation and grand theft. Both subjects were lodged at county jail, and the vehicle was stored.

Pebble Beach: Students reported a suspicious circumstance from the year prior.

Carmel area: Suspicious circumstances at a business on Carmel Rancho Lane.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Money found within found property.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Unattended death inside a Sixth Avenue residence. Coroner called and decedent was taken for coroner's investigation.

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GERVASE

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atmosphere but could not simply exist there. He had to give back to the community.

In doing so, he attained a harmonious balance of relaxation, work and a healthy lifestyle few of us achieve. Balance and harmony were always evident in his conversations with customers. If it moved or stood still, Michael had an opinion about it. Most of his opinions were diametrically opposed to mine, so our discussions about politics, economics, sociology, or religion were spirited. In fact, Michael's patter always relaxed me. Listening to him talk made the worries of the daily grind fall away to settle in a silky heap at his feet.

*His shop was one eclectic mess
of mellow retro debris
But the miscellany I like best
was his philosophical potpourri.*

Precious mementos

I was one of hundreds of customers to learn of Michael's sudden death in 2011. He had a heart attack while he was in Thailand. There were newspaper stories about his passing. Bonafacio Street was closed to accommodate the huge number of people who wanted to pay tribute to him at his memorial service. Much of the retro-paraphernalia was auctioned off to willing collectors anxious to preserve a piece of ... well, a piece of Michael. They wanted memories of a man who hugged his customers and had them pay him by slipping cash or checks into the butter tray of the old refrigerator that contained a mirror where shelves used to be. Michael kept his hair-cutting instruments in the door's compartments.

I think Michael was one of those low-flying angels that occasionally come into one's life. Michael's customers loved him and he loved them in return. I like to picture him in Heaven, not cutting hair but having serious philosophical discussions with Aristotle, Plato, Socrates and perhaps even John Locke. When I remember those days, I think how improbable it was to have a hair architect fly 8,000 miles from Thailand to cut hair in Monterey.

*Why did I go to Michael's shop
When any salon might do?
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SHERIFF

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from Lincoln for having expired registration.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Unwanted subject reported inside a business on Ocean west of San Carlos at 1831 hours. The 62-year-old male Carmel resident was taken to county jail for being intoxicated in public and resisting arrest.

Pacific Grove: Subject found deceased in a medical facility on Lighthouse Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Fall on public property on Junipero.

Pacific Grove: Subject on David Avenue was placed on a 5150 hold based on suicidal statements.

Pacific Grove: Victim of fraud on Forest. Occurred via a phone call.

Carmel area: Subject was warned about trespassing at a shopping center on Carmel Rancho Boulevard.

Pebble Beach: A report of property found on Sunridge Road was taken.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Pebble Beach: Deputies assisted Monterey Police with a runaway juvenile report from Pine Meadows Way. Deputies located the 15-year-old female juvenile, and she was returned home. She was assaulted by her father in front of deputies. Subsequently, the 61-year-old male was taken into custody.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found iPhone at Del Mar — blue with a clear case.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dog at large. Fees paid and dog returned.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Catalytic converter taken from a vehicle parked on Dolores. No suspect information.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person dropped off a wallet found downtown

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Theft of kayaks from a vehicle on Ocean.

Pacific Grove: Female found unconscious in her home on 19th Street. Determined to be deceased.

Pacific Grove: Fall on public property at Lighthouse and Forest.

Pacific Grove: Subject on 19th Street was placed on a 5150 hold due to suicidal statements.

Big Sur: Report of a broken lock on a mailbox on Highway 1.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Cell phone found on Fifth and brought to the police department for safekeeping.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found driver's license on Ocean was turned over to the Carmel PD for safekeeping.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle blocking a driveway on Ocean Avenue. Driver returned to the scene and moved the vehicle. Tow truck was canceled prior to arrival.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found wallet on Lincoln Street turned over to the police department for safekeeping.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject on Lincoln called 911 over an argument with his full-time caregiver. Officers arrived on scene and spoke with both parties. Caretaker explained the subject being cared for has dementia, and outbursts such as this are normal. Officers spoke with subject's son, who confirmed his father has dementia and these types of incidents are commonplace. Son requested a report regarding incident.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle vs. bicyclist on Mission Street resulted in injury.

Pacific Grove: Subject causing a disturbance inside the Safeway grocery store on Forest at 0135 hours. The suspect was admonished for trespassing.

Pacific Grove: U.S. mail found on Hawthorne Street

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Carmel area: Deputies responded after report of burglary of a business on Carmel Rancho Boulevard.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury traffic accident on Carmelo Street. Vehicle vs. parked vehicle.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Contact made with a resident on Fourth who was looking for the owner of two cats in the area. Owner found and information obtained.

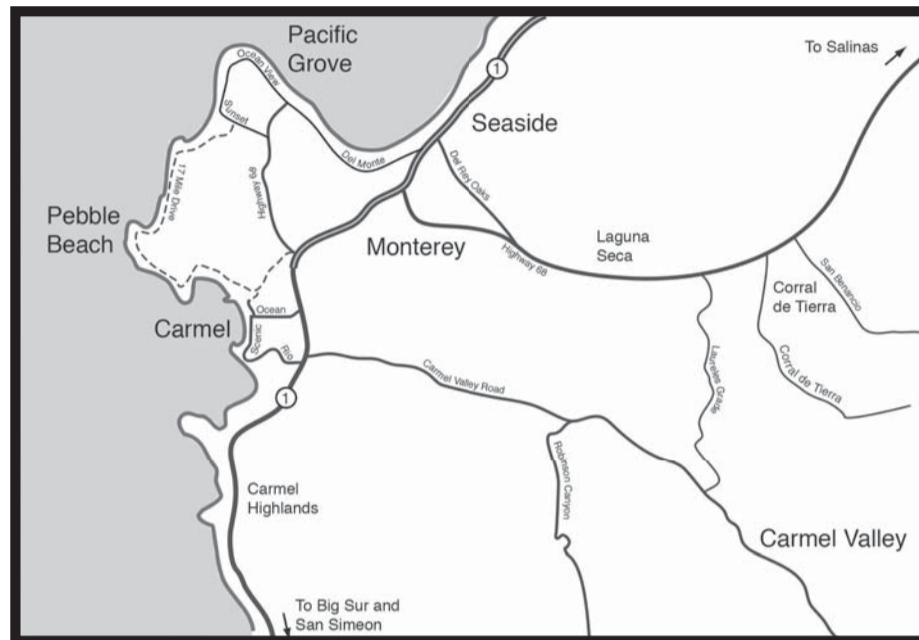
Carmel-by-the-Sea: During a traffic stop on Eighth, two minors were found to be in possession of cannabis, which was confiscated and booked for destruction. Driver was issued a citation. Information only.

Pacific Grove: Violation of a court order on Arkwright Court.

Pacific Grove: Attempted forced entry of a business on Sunset.

Pacific Grove: A drivers license was found at Lovers Point Park. Owner information is known. Property returned via mail.

Pebble Beach: Resident on Chaparral Road reported a male and female following on his property. It was later discovered the pair had burglarized a home under construction.



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APN: 001-704-005

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Marit Stensmyren to Redwood Holdings LLC
APN: 001-453-014

640 Martin Street — \$1,350,000

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199 Van Ess Way, Carmel Highlands — \$3,025,000

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Barbara Dolbec to Scott and Mariya Eggensperger
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261 Laurel Avenue — \$1,405,000

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2988 Colton Road — \$1,880,000

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413 Lobos Avenue, Pacific Grove — \$1,500,000

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Paul Doble to Steven and June Rivera
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1440 Lisbon Lane — \$4,600,000

1440 Lisbon Lane LLC to Roy and Leslie Adams
APN: 008-221-008

3188 17 Mile Drive — \$29,750,000

Sunset Cove Nominee Trust and Chevy Chase Trust Co. to 3188 17 Mile LLC
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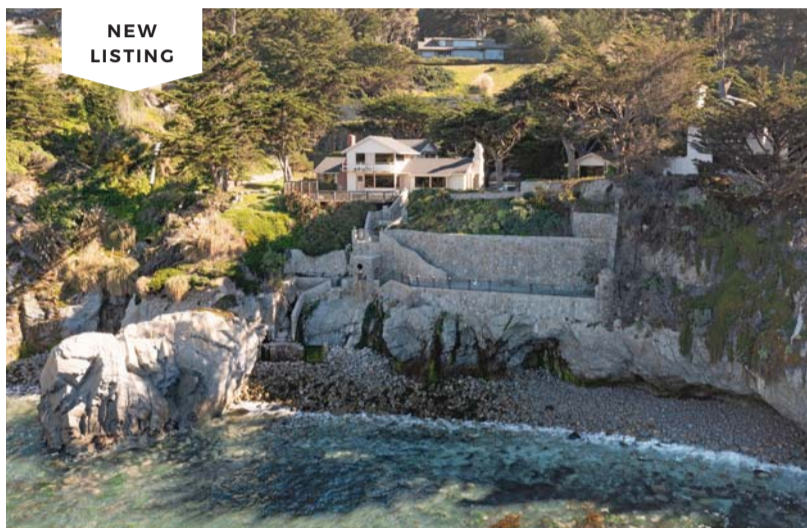
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