

Motorcyclist dies after teen driver knocks down pole

■ Rider and four other vehicles hit debris

By MARY SCHLEY

A 44-YEAR-OLD Seaside motorcyclist died Sunday morning after hitting a power pole and wires that fell across Highway 1 just south of Carpenter Street after a



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Highway 1 south of Carpenter Street was shut down for nearly four hours Sunday morning after a motorcyclist died in a crash caused by a teenage driver who hit a power pole with his truck, the CHP said.

teenage driver crashed into the pole with his truck, according to California Highway Patrol officer Saul Perez.

The motorcyclist, identified by the Monterey County Sheriff's Office as Ricardo De Orta-Garcia, worked at Carmel Valley Ranch, according to a longtime friend.

The freak accident occurred shortly before 6 a.m. May 12, when a 17-year-old male, whose name was not released by the CHP, driving a black Ford pickup truck northbound on Highway 1, "crossed the southbound lanes and crashed into a utility pole on the west side of the roadway," Perez said. "The impact caused the pole and wires to fall across the lanes."

Under investigation

It's still unknown why the young motorist, who lives in Seaside, crossed the double-yellow line onto the wrong side of the highway and hit the power pole.

Unable to avoid the fallen pole and wires, four drivers heading southbound on Highway 1 crashed into them moments later, including De Orta-Garcia, who was riding a red and black Honda motorcycle, according to the CHP.

CHP radio calls indicated the crash was reported at 5:52 a.m., and five minutes later, someone called in to report the motorcyclist and his bike down in the roadway. Carmel Police officers arrived at the scene just

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1,000 new homes must be affordable, locals say

■ Massive changes coming to C.V.?

By CHRIS COUNTS

AS MONTEREY County struggles to meet a state mandate to create more housing, it has identified sites for about 2,500 housing units in Carmel Valley.

But county planning commissioner Kate Daniels told The Pine Cone that the county's numbers rely on bad advice from a consultant and include many inappropriate sites — although she said there are good locations available for up to 1,000 units, mostly at the mouth of the valley and at mid-valley.

"We have the opportunity to craft our housing element in a way that may actually lead to the development of the housing we need in Carmel Valley, such as affordable-by-design units for moderate income and workforce housing," she said. "Instead, Harris and Associates produced a document that will lead to second homes and

investment opportunities because no one will be able to afford these homes."

Perhaps more importantly, Daniels said the county is using a faulty formula that creates high-end housing to subsidize low-end housing. The planning commissioner, who represents Carmel Valley and lives there, said adding an inclusionary housing requirement to projects that include luxury homes has ultimately produced very few affordable units.

'The only example'

So what's the best model for creating affordable housing? "If Monterey County is looking for evidence for what's worked in the past, Pacific Meadows is your example — not the Santa Lucia Preserve or Tehama," Daniels said. "Pacific Meadows is the only example of a substantial affordable housing project built in Carmel Valley during my lifetime — it was done on land that was donated and developed by a nonprofit."

Daniels said she's encouraged by the support she sees in Carmel Valley for projects that would offer truly affordable housing.

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Colorful broadcaster memorialized outside his favorite market



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John Madden may have been a famous NFL coach and sports broadcaster, but locally he was loved for his kindness and generosity — and a new statue proves it. See page 23A.

World admires Seaside man's rebellion in paint

By CHRIS COUNTS

ANYBODY CAN get a little irritated when the government nitpicks their compliance with one of the 10,000 laws we're all supposed to follow. But Seaside resident Etienne Constable came up with a mischievous way to comply with an edict that he hide a boat parked next to his house: He installed a solid gate to block the view of the boat from the street and then had his neighbor, artist Hanif Wondir, paint a realistic image of the boat on it.

Constable told The Pine Cone that he spent a few weeks after being told he had to conceal the boat, "pondering what the appropriate response would be."

First, he paved a driveway beneath the boat and installed the gate. Next, he reached out to Wondir.

"I knew this was right up his alley," Constable said. "I said to him, 'Hey, I got this letter from the city, and I have this idea.' His face lit up and he said he'd like to help."

Almost looks real

It took Wondir about a week to complete the photo-realistic work, which covers the 12-foot-wide gate and creates the illusion that you're looking at the boat.

"A painting of a boat in a driveway next to a house on a fence in front of a boat in a driveway next to a house," is how Wondir described his work.

"I'm not a rule breaker, but I like to make a political statement as necessary, as well as a humorous statement

Delves is first challenger to seek council seat

■ Potter, Richards will run again

By MARY SCHLEY

CARMEL PLANNING Commissioner Bob Delves said he'd like to see more fiscal discipline, transparency, community engagement and local control in city hall, and he believes he's the one who can deliver.

A former mayor and town council member in a Colorado resort village, Delves announced this week he will run for election to the city council in November, while incumbent Mayor Dave Potter told those attending a Carmel Chamber of Commerce event Friday that he plans to run again, and councilman Bobby Richards said the same this week.

"A month ago, I wasn't going to do this, and I just decided in the last couple of weeks that I think there's a need, I think I've got the skills, and I think I can help," Delves said Wednesday.

Delves, who had been visiting Carmel with his wife for decades, purchased a home on Camino Real near Fourth and moved here full time in 2019.

"We'd been coming to Carmel for 30 years on and off, but really what led to us moving here permanently was a dog," he said. Specifically, it was a very energetic vizsla puppy that needed a lot of outdoor exercise — not easy in the Colorado mountains in the wintertime — so the couple and their dog decided to spend three months in Carmel. A year-and-a-half later, they permanently left the snow and high elevations of Mountain Village, the base village for Telluride ski resort, behind.

Experience

Born and raised in Chicago, Delves lived in Milwaukee, Los Angeles and again in Chicago before relocating to Colorado in 2004. There, he honed his public leadership skills as a member of the Mountain Village town council for eight years, six of them as mayor, and said he led

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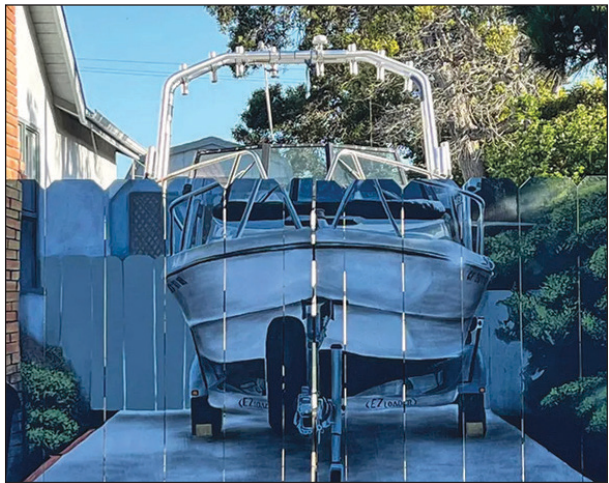


Bob Delves

and a creative statement," Constable told NBC News. "I'm all in favor of generating discussion and making people smile."

He also said there's no specific statement the artwork is trying to make.

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PHOTO/HANIF WONDIR VIA INSTAGRAM

Etienne Constable of Seaside came up with an ingenious way to comply with a city mandate — and his story went viral.