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## Homeless encampments off Highway 1 grow

### Newsom's 'hands off' policy cited

By KELLY NIX

FROM MARINA to Monterey, they're scattered all along Highway 1 — homeless encampments. Conspicuously nestled in sand dunes or partially concealed in the forest, the tented communities have grown exponentially over the past couple years. So has the garbage.

Despite the health and safety concerns and visual blight, little has been done to clean up the encampments — some of which look more like trash dumps — or get their residents into real housing.

City officials and police say their cleanup efforts are hamstrung by Sacramento, since the sites along the highway are located on property managed by Caltrans, the state's transportation agency. To complicate things, Gov. Gavin Newsom had ordered Caltrans to keep their hands off the areas, officials said.

"Many of our residents do not understand why the current situation continues to be allowed to escalate," Monterey city manager Hans Uslar said, referring to the proliferation of the improvised living spaces and the mountains of filthy detritus they accumulate.

Amid the politics, the people who live in the camps have heart-rending stories of how they found themselves living in tents on the edges of California's most celebrated highway.

#### All his life

Donald Vierra, 69, lives in a large encampment off Highway 1 near Chef Lee's Mandarin House in Monterey. He moved there a couple months ago from Laguna Grande Park in Seaside. A patriotic military veteran, he flies two American flags on the property, which currently has six residents.

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PHOTO/MICHAEL TROUTMAN, DMT IMAGING

Donald Vierra told a Pine Cone reporter this week he's been homeless most of his life and has no interest in having a house. He and five others are living in tents on Caltrans-owned property alongside Highway 1 in the City of Monterey.

## BIG SUR PLAN FACES LONG AND WINDING ROAD

By CHRIS COUNTS

A WORK in progress since 2013, the much anticipated update to the Big Sur Land Use Plan had its first public review Wednesday, when the Monterey County Planning Commission hosted a workshop and spent three hours delving into its details.

The plan guides land-use decisions in Big Sur. Some say the revision is needed to contend with the impacts of increasing tourism and the ongoing threat of wildfires. But the California Coastal Commission, which must approve the revised plan, has shown resistance to the scope of the proposed changes. For example, the commission has in-

creased its emphasis on public access in recent years, setting up conflicts with the plan, which suggests that new trails shouldn't be built until existing trails can be maintained.

The original plan was approved by the county in 1984 and certified by the California Coastal Commission in 1986.

#### Natural resources vs. coastal access

A number of local hot-button topics were discussed Wednesday, including the idea that resource protection

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## Scenic benches are latest hot commodity

By MARY SCHLEY

WHILE HOMES along Scenic Road sell for millions of dollars, its prized real estate doesn't only apply to houses. Now, there's competition for benches along the beach bluffs, too.

Planning commissioners put off approving a new bench

to honor longtime resident and former Mayor Sue McCloud Wednesday due to concerns the proposed location north of 13th Avenue would be dangerous, but they also asked for a diagram of all the benches on the seaside pathway and wondered whether they're running out of space to add more.

The McCloud bench was on the commission's July 14 consent agenda for approval without discussion, but commissioner Stephanie Locke pulled the application. "I think there were some concerns about the safety of the location of this bench," she said, arguing for a delay in the vote in order "to find other bench locations that would not have the drop-off that this location has in front of it."

#### A popular spot

In 2019, when commissioners approved benches in memory of the late Howard Brunn and Braxton Stuntz, they also identified eight potential locations for other places to sit along Scenic, for a total of 39 benches. Since then, senior planner Marnie Waffle said, all of those have been claimed by people who donated the funds for the benches and dedicated them.

"Scenic is very popular," she said. "We continue to get requests."

Resident Stan Meresman applied to donate the bench



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

People line up to pay for benches along Scenic Road to dedicate to their loved ones, but available space is running out.

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## Investigators seek cause of Monterra airplane crash

### Two killed as Cessna strikes house

By MARY SCHLEY

TWO WOMEN are dead and the federal government is investigating the crash of a twin-engine Cessna into a house on Monterra Ranch Road shortly after takeoff from Monterey Regional Airport Tuesday morning. On Thursday, the Monterey County Coroner's Office identified the pilot, Mary Ellen Carlin of Pacific Grove, based on strong "circumstantial" information, but was waiting on fingerprints to verify the name of the passenger, who was identified by a relative as Sacramento resident Alice Emig, according to KSBW.

"There was nobody home when the plane hit the



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(Above) Construction workers who witnessed Tuesday's plane crash watch a home on Monterra Ranch Road burn after they checked to see if anyone was inside. Nearby, an area of burned debris includes a landing gear strut (upper left of top photo).

house," Monterey County Sheriff's Cmdr. Derrel Simpson said. "There were two people on the plane."

The owner of the eight-seat Cessna 421C, Carlin was an experienced pilot and flight instructor for more than 30 years. Simpson said the coroner's office identified her as one of the victims based on surveillance video, the July 13 flight log and witnesses, including a mechanic. The official determination will be based on DNA results, however.

"I'm waiting for the coroner to give me her age and where she's out of," he said, though registration for the plane indicates she lived on Egan Avenue in Pacific Grove.

"They suspect the ID of the other lady but aren't going to release that," Simpson continued, until her fingerprints can be used to confirm her identity. But KSBW interviewed a Monterey woman named Sara Meyers who said the passenger was her 61-year-old daughter, who had been visiting. Carlin and Emig were friends, and Carlin offered to fly her to Mather, near her home in Rancho Cordova, to

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# Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

## Present from Pearl

WHEN HER dog Pearl Bailey died decades ago, she felt both a deep sense of loss and a clear sense the cockapoo was still with her.

Their relationship had begun when she was working for a veterinary clinic, and folks brought in an injured puppy they'd liberated from an unsafe situation in their neighborhood.

"The puppy sat in the clinic for four weeks while she healed, singing the blues," her person said. "I named her Pearl Bailey, took her home for the weekend, and never brought her back."

Some 13 years later, she died in her person's arms.

Over time, the woman enjoyed the company of other dogs, particularly Nestle, a black Labrador retriever, who had such calm energy she became a therapy dog for children. Yet, her person continued



to carry a sense of Pearl's presence in her heart.

After Nestle died, she dreamt that Pearl directed her to a little dog who could have been her twin. She immediately trolled the Internet, searching for Pearl's image and likeness, and actually found her. But then couldn't find the photo again.

"A month later, I awoke from the same dream," she said. "I returned to the internet and found Shasta, a 3-year-old Jack Russell-Chihuahua-Lhasa Apso-Shi Tzu-cocker spaniel-great Dane who looked just like Pearl Bailey."

She went right over to the animal shelter and adopted her "present from Pearl."

Shasta, now nearly 5, went from residing in the cottage of an elderly man to a Carmel Valley property she navigates like an obstacle course. After racing around the yard, she jumps atop the fence and trots across the rim like it's a balance beam, before returning to her course, below.

"The first time we took Shasta to Carmel Beach," her person said, "she blasted down the shoreline, which earned her the name 'Shasta McBlasta.'"

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# Pollacci confinement hearing postponed to September

By MARY SCHLEY

**CONVICTED RAPIST** Tom Pollacci denies he is a sexually violent predator, defense attorney Donald Landis told Monterey County Superior Court Judge Sam Lavorato in a Salinas courtroom Wednesday morning, and due to the voluminous records the lawyer will have to obtain and review, the next hearing in the case should be put off until fall.

Pollacci, who was released from Valley State Prison in Chowchilla in June and transferred directly to Monterey County Jail, appeared at the July 14 hearing via Zoom, as did deputy district attorney Cristina Johnson.

"I have a ton of records to get," Landis told Lavorato, starting with files from Salinas attorney Tom Worthington's office, which represented Pollacci in the first case, when a jury convicted the former Pebble Beach resident of raping a woman in the attic of his family's Lighthouse Avenue liquor store in 2008.

## Lots of files

Landis also said he needs to review an extensive file from the public defender's office, which represented Pollacci during the second case, after other victims came forward and he was charged with more rapes. (In that case, he pleaded guilty in 2011 to forcible rape rather than face another jury in a case where the prosecutor planned to seek a life sentence.) The attorney said he also needs to obtain records from the prison where Pollacci spent the last decade.

Landis — a private Carmel attorney who is representing Pollacci on behalf of the public defender's office at taxpayers' expense — suggested a hearing in late September "to see where everyone's at," and Pollacci agreed to waive his right to speedy proceedings after Landis explained to him,

"I need to be as prepared as possible to defend you at the probable cause hearing."

Lavorato made his "initial findings" that Pollacci is a sexually violent predator as defined by the Welfare & Institutions Code and ordered he be held at Monterey County Jail pending the conclusion of the probable cause hearing. He then scheduled the next hearing for Sept. 22 at 9 a.m. and told the lawyers he's also available to meet with the attorneys in the case at any time.

## All records secret

The judge also ruled on a motion filed by Landis in late June to have almost all records in the case sealed after some members of the media inadvertently obtained copies of psychological reports on Pollacci. Under the Welfare & Institutions Code, Landis said, those reports should have remained confidential, and Johnson said she had indicated they were to be filed under seal but that somehow the pertinent box on the computer filing form hadn't been checked.

On June 29, Landis filed a request for a motion by the judge "that both parties file all current and future exhibits, evidence and/or declarations containing similarly privileged information under seal through the conclusion of these proceedings."

He also said that when the commitment case is over — regardless of whether Pollacci gets sent to Coalinga State Hospital for mental treatment as a sexually violent predator, as the district attorney's office wants, or is released from custody — "defense will request that all privileged documentation remain permanently sealed."

Landis cited Pollacci's psychotherapist-patient privilege under the Evidence Code and HIPAA, as well as rights to privacy under the state and U.S. constitutions.

See **POLLACCI** page 24A

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Sheriff's Log**

**Just who were those masked men?**

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.

Arroyo Trail resident for destruction.  
**Carmel area:** Vandalism on Serra Avenue.  
**Carmel Valley:** Deputies responded to a verbal domestic on Via Contenta.  
**Carmel Valley:** Loud music complaint at 2317 hours on East Carmel Valley Road.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 25**

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Firearm and ammunition turned in by a Junipero Street resident for destruction.  
**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Elderly female with dementia reported missing from Carpenter Street by her caretaker. Female was found safe and transported to CHOMP for medical attention. Information only.  
**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Caller reported a lost bracelet somewhere in downtown Carmel.  
**Pacific Grove:** Burglary of a locked detached garage on Second Street.  
**Pacific Grove:** Fall on public property on Ocean View Boulevard.  
**Pacific Grove:** Unknown subject(s) took a catalytic converter from a vehicle while it was parked on Jewell.  
**Carmel Valley:** Deputies responded to a dispute between a husband and wife on Via Contenta.  
**Carmel area:** Firearms submitted by an

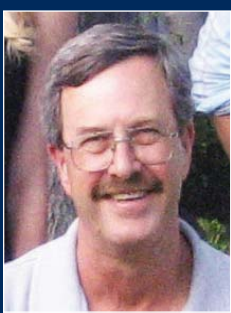
**SATURDAY, JUNE 26**

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A 41-year-old female on Scenic Road was cited and released for narcotics and drug paraphernalia at 0016 hours.  
**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Report taken on San Carlos Street for a lost money clip.  
**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fall on city property on San Carlos Street resulting in injuries. Patient was transported to the hospital.  
**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Single-vehicle non-injury collision into a tree on Vizcaino.  
**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Report of harassment from an ex-boyfriend. Subject was warned about trespassing at the business on Dolores Street, and the caller was counseled on restraining orders.

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**The gavel falls**

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

**May 4** — A Monterey County jury found Raul Arroyo, 64, guilty of numerous lewd acts with a child, when she was between the ages 14-15, and raping that same child when she was unconscious.  
In 2014, Jane Doe (age 13 at the time) and her four siblings were removed from their parents by the Child Protective Service because Doe's father was physically and sexually abusive to the children. The children were separated and placed in foster care until they were then placed with Raul Arroyo, Doe's biological relative. In the Fall of 2015, Doe began noticing a change in behavior from Arroyo. He would compliment her looks and touch her in a way that made her feel uncomfortable but may have seemed innocuous from an outside observer's perspective. On several occasions in 2016, Arroyo would continuously make sexual advances towards Doe, ultimately raping her in May.  
During the previous months, she was scared to report what happened because of the negative experiences she had from being separated from her family and siblings after her sibling's disclosure against her father. Despite that fear, she had been disclosing to confidants some of the abuse that had been occurring that year. On May 25, 2016, with the encouragement of her friends, she disclosed the abuse to her NJROTC captain at Soledad High School, who reported the conduct to police that same day.  
Later that day, Soledad police officers seized Doe's blankets and bedliner when she reported that the sheets had not been washed since the rape. The bedliner was tested by the California Department of Justice and multiple stains tested positive for Arroyo's DNA.  
Judge Stephanie Hulsey will preside over the sentencing.  
**May 6** — Oakdale Management Company LLC and Lexington Way LLC have entered into a stipulated judgment that includes \$360,000 in civil penalties and costs and prohibition from cultivating cannabis without the proper licenses.  
This stipulated judgment stems from a Dec. 6, 2019, inspection conducted at the defendants' Salinas cultivation site. During that inspection, Monterey County District Attorney investigators determined that while

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# Defense: Murder trial may have been tainted by sleeping juror

By MARY SCHLEY

SETTING THE stage for a mistrial in Joseph Sampognaro's murder case, defense attorney Tara Higgins is asking the court to release the identity of a juror who allegedly slept through parts of the nearly two-week criminal trial. Sampognaro was found guilty of first degree murder for shooting his father to death in a Laureles Grade barn last September and recklessly evading police when he tried to flee in a Corvette that he later crashed.

But "one of the jurors was seen sleeping on multiple occasions during the trial," according to the lawyer, and that could lay the grounds for a demand for a new trial or an appeal to a higher court. In criminal cases, the jurors' identities are kept secret, but the judge can decide to release them if the reason for doing so is more compelling than the reasons for keeping them confidential.



Joseph Sampognaro

Sampognaro is being held in Monterey County Jail without bail and was set to be sentenced in May, but his hearing was delayed several times. On July 8, Higgins filed a petition asking the judge to release "information related to jurors to ensure vindication of petitioner's right to effective assistance of counsel, a unanimous verdict, and a fully participating jury," as guaranteed by the U.S. and California constitutions.

### Investigation

Sampognaro was represented by the public defender's office during the trial, but after deputy public defender Thomas O'Keefe declared a conflict of interest prior to sentencing, Higgins took over. Higgins, who said this week she had "no comment" on whether taxpayers are covering her fees, hired defense investigator Virginia Hennessey to help her with the case.

In her July 7 declaration, Hennessey said that in June, she contacted court clerk Sally Lopez, who had been in charge of notifying alternate jurors that Sampognaro was found guilty and they were therefore released from any further responsibilities. A female alternate — whose name and number Lopez said she didn't recall — told the clerk that "a regular juror had slept during the trial."

"Lopez said the woman did not indicate which juror it was, whether they were male or female, or how often or when they slept during the trial," the investigator said in her declaration. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, they had been spread throughout the courtroom, but the woman didn't say where the allegedly sleeping juror had been seated. The clerk "did not inquire further of the alternate because she was working into the lunch hour and trying to finish her notifications so she could eat lunch before the afternoon court session."

To determine the identity of the allegedly napping juror and contact others who might corroborate the story — which could result in a mistrial — Higgins needs to know their names, addresses and phone numbers.

### Lunch break

In criminal trials, that information is kept secret, but anyone can petition the court for the records. If the request appears justified, the judge schedules a hearing, at which any juror can protest the release of the information.

In her petition, Higgins argues that "good cause requires disclosure of juror information, including their identity and contact information."

"One of the jurors was seen sleeping on multiple occasions during the trial," she wrote in the filing. "There needs to be some inquiry into these areas in order to present these arguments to court in a new trial motion. Disclosure of the juror's identity and contact information is necessary to resolve these matters and ensure that petitioner receives meaningful appellate and collateral review of his trial." (Higgins refused to say whether she is requesting the identity and contact information of a single juror, as her punctuation indicates, or if she meant to request all the jurors' contact information.)

She also said there's no compelling reason the judge should deny her request, because while protecting jurors from threats or danger of physical harm is the most common justification for keeping that information under wraps, "there would be no threat or danger of physical harm if the jurors' identity is disclosed to counsel." She promised she would not give their personal information to Sampognaro or anyone in his family, several of whom have criminal records of their own.

"Counsel for the petitioner will not disclose the juror information to the defendant, or anyone else, for that matter," she wrote. A hearing on the matter is set for July 29.



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## FORMER P.G. OFFICER RAISING MONEY TO SUE CITY OVER TERMINATION

By KELLY NIX

THE WIFE of the Pacific Grove police officer who was fired by the department in January after posting disparaging things about the Black Lives Matter political organization has started a fundraiser so her husband can file a lawsuit against the city to try to get his job back.

Vallerie Gonzalez, the wife of Michael Gonzalez, started the GoFundMe fundraiser last week, about six months after Pacific Grove Police Chief Cathy Madalone fired her husband for the posts, which included calling the Black Lives Matter organization a "hate group," and reposting a graphic with an expletive before the group's name.

After he was let go, anonymous activists sent letters to various police departments around the state threatening to "make it a headache not worth your trouble" if they hired Gonzalez. The group had falsely referred to Gonzalez — who is Hispanic — as a "white supremacist," Vallerie Gonzalez said.

### 'Strong case'

Gonzalez has hired a "great attorney, who will seek justice, not social justice," his fundraising page says.

"Michael's case is so strong that his attorney is willing to take his payment contingent on winning this case," Vallerie Gonzalez wrote. "But Michael needs money for court costs, filing fees, and other expenses outside the contingency scope part of this lawsuit."

She said Wednesday that \$4,000 of

their own money and \$6,000 that had been raised on another website was used to pay the attorney a retainer.

"My husband, Michael Gonzalez, is an America-loving former Officer of the Year and recipient of the Life Saving Award at the Pacific Grove Police Department,"



PHOTO/COURTESY VALLERIE GONZALEZ

Vallerie Gonzalez, left, poses with her husband and former Pacific Grove Police officer, Michael Gonzalez, who was fired from his job early this after some controversial social media posts.

Vallerie Gonzalez said. "But he recently lost his job to the woke mob. And now he needs your help to fight back."

A group of residents pressured Madalone to fire Gonzalez.

In summer 2020, before the social media posts emerged months later, some citizens, including councilwoman Jenny McAdams, criticized Gonzalez when they found out he had a sticker on his private vehicle for a group they claimed was a "racist" organization, and other stickers that were perceived to be insensitive to LGBT people.

Gonzalez argues that his comments about BLM were made off-duty, and that

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# Joint meeting on Verizon equipment at Sunset Center

By MARY SCHLEY

THE HISTORIC resources board and the planning commission will hold a joint meeting Monday, July 19, at 4 p.m., to discuss Verizon Wireless' application to install antennas disguised as a small chimney on the roof of Sunset Center near an existing Sprint wireless site.

The HRB will consider the project's consistency with the Secretary of the Interior's standards for improvements to historic resources, and the planning commission will weigh in on the design and whether the use is appropriate.

The installation of the cell equipment is basically a fait accompli, though, since the city has no real authority to deny the wireless company's application.

### Settlement

Throughout the numerous hearings on Verizon's application since it was first considered by the planning commission and denied in June 2019, the telecom company has maintained that the city's code forbidding the installation of wireless equipment in the residential areas violates state and federal laws. Regardless, its bid for five small cell sites in the neighborhoods south of Ocean Avenue was negotiated down to two at Sunset, one on Carmelo between Eighth and Ninth, and two outside the city limits in the county area.

Last October, as part of a settlement, the city agreed to let Verizon apply again for

the equipment installation and to update its laws, which the city council moved ahead with last week when it approved a contract with Telecom Law Firm to help draft a new ordinance.

### No choice, really

And in May, the council approved a 25-year lease with Verizon to install the cell towers at Sunset in exchange for \$1,000 per month in rent. City attorney Brian Pierik said at the time that the council had to OK the contract so the company could move ahead with its application for the installation, even though that is somewhat of a formality, since the city would have no legal basis for denying it. Historic resources board members and planning commissioners can determine how the equipment should look and where it should be installed, however.

"Federal law pretty much takes away all of a local jurisdiction's discretionary authority for wireless permits, especially when there's already an existing 'facility' there, like at Sunset," planning director Brandon Swanson told The Pine Cone this week. "We have a little authority over what it looks like and where it's placed, but even that is pretty weak if Verizon decided to pursue legal action."

Regardless, the board and commission will hold their public hearing "so the community could be involved and so our dis-

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# Pelicans love Point Lobos so much, they've decided to live there

By CHRIS COUNTS

**CLUMSY ON land**, graceful in the air and beloved by all, the brown pelican is a frequent visitor to Point Lobos State Reserve, where its population continues to grow, according to a docent who's been volunteering there since 2010. "Their numbers increase every year," said Dave Evans, who took a series of striking photos of the seabirds late last month.

Some images show them blanketing the rocks that surround the emerald green waters of China Cove, while others capture them searching for their next meal.

"They were picking snails and crabs off the kelp," Evans told The Pine Cone. "When the anchovies or sardines are running, we'll see them dive-bombing the water. One time at Gibson Cove, we had over 1,000 pelicans hunting anchovies."

Evans said pelicans once reared their young at Point Lobos but now do so on the Channel Islands.

"Bird Island was named for the brown pelicans who would nest there before DDT got them," he said.

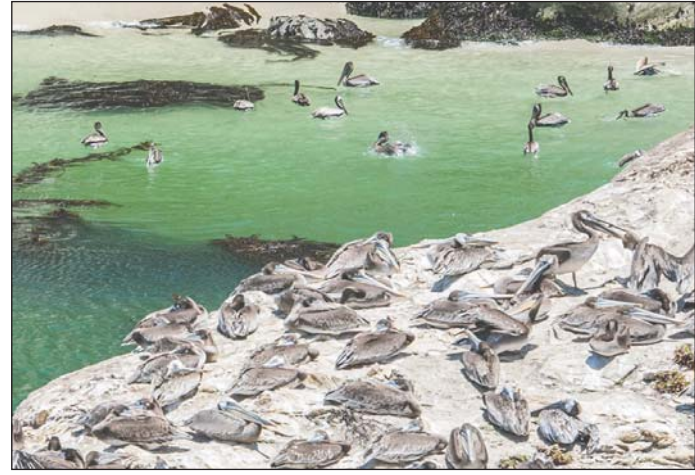
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"They were endangered and easily could have gone extinct," Evans observed. "They're back in good numbers, and we're getting more and more of them."

While pelicans haven't returned to Point Lobos yet to nest, they can be found there throughout most of the year on Bird Island, around China Cove, or perched on rocks along the North Shore Trail.

"They'll cover all of Bird Island — anything and everything right now," Evans added. "It's pretty cool."



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The local pelican population is on the upswing. The birds can be found in large numbers at Point Lobos State Reserve.

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# Commission gets first glimpse of Colonial Terrace overhaul

By MARY SCHLEY

THE FORMER Colonial Terrace Inn at San Antonio and 13th will be renovated and rebranded as the Carmel Beach Hotel and Spa, according to plans submitted to the city by Wald, Ruhnke & Dost Architects. The first step toward approval occurred last Thursday afternoon, when the forest and beach commission decided the 34,000-square-foot property should have 19 trees.

The historic hotel, which has been closed for several months, was purchased by Monaco businessman Patrice Pastor in fall 2019 for \$12,453,500 from a company owned by Roger Joseph of La Jolla. Joseph had bought it from the Gurries family in 2007 for just over \$9.8 million. It was originally built for Ida Theurer in 1930 and expanded over the years. After a trip abroad in 1937, she hired a German carpenter to design and build the distinctive shingle-sided structure that houses the hotel lobby and lounge.

“The proposed redevelopment of the mostly historic structures does not change any of the building footprints,” city forester Sara Davis told the forest and beach commission July 8. “Minor changes to the exterior hardscapes are being proposed.”

### No blocked views

But anytime renovation or new construction is proposed for a property of such size, she said, the municipal code requires the commission “to determine the number of trees required to be planted when a property over 8,000 square feet is developed.”

The recommended density is one tree per 1,000 square feet, with more taller trees than shorter ones, for a total of 34, according to Davis. But given the land is already developed and is bordered by overhead power lines on two street fronts, Davis recommended a total of 19 trees: 11 upper canopy and eight lower canopy.

“The lot is surrounded on two sides with transmission lines, which makes it difficult to approve large trees on the property lines to the south and west,” she said. On the upside, no houses on Carmelo Street up from the hotel have ocean views, “so large trees aren’t going to be blocking anyone’s view.”

The inn property already contains four cypresses and a large magnolia, along with five shorter trees. Five palm

trees are growing there, too, but Davis didn’t count those, because they will probably be taken down soon due to their age. “Falling fronds and debris from palm trees can be very dangerous,” she said.

### No fee

Davis explained that she arrived at the total of 19 trees by noting the locations of the existing trees and seeing where mature trees could thrive among them on the site.

“That’s about what would reasonably fit without being overly dense or impinging on the transmission lines,” she said.

Davis noted the commission could require Pastor’s development company to pay a per-tree fee into the reforestation fund for the balance between the 19 trees she is

recommending and the 34 based on one per 1,000 square feet.

Matt Heidel with WR&D Architects told commissioners the renovation will include upgrades to the interiors and exteriors of the rooms and will address ADA issues on the sloped property.

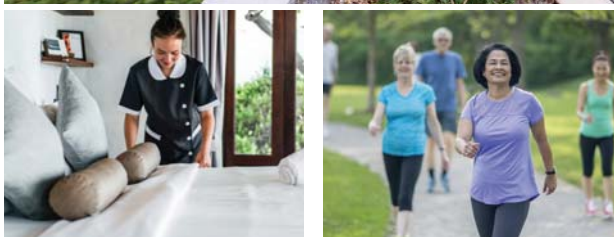
“It’s primarily driven by accessibility,” he said. “But we also want to beautify the site.”

Landscape architect Mike Arnone said he agreed with Davis’ recommendations, especially regarding not planting more taller trees than necessary.

“If we need to add more large-canopy trees, it’s going to be a challenge to make that happen,” he said. “If we try to

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## Builder called on carpet for illegal adds

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER COMPLAINING at public meetings for months about the illegal changes being made to a house under construction next door, Mike and Nora Raffetto got some vindication at the planning commission meeting Wednesday night, when commissioners voted to require builder Al Saroyan to undo some of them and denied his requests for some additional alterations.

### 'Troubling process'

"The applicant is a professional who understands there is a line that you don't cross if you don't want to go to the planning commission," said commissioner Robert Delves. "Instead of doing exactly what was approved to stay on that track, he went and did things that weren't approved and did not ask for permission." It was only after he got caught and was ordered to stop work, Delves said, that Saroyan came to the commission to ask for forgiveness.

"Then he repackages the violations into

a new request and throws in some more things," he said. "I'm real troubled by the process here."

Saroyan, a general contractor and licensed architect, was a member of the city's forest and beach commission from late 2016 until late last year and was known for being fairly unforgiving of people who didn't follow the rules when it came to cutting down trees. He has lived in town since 1988.

His extensive remodel of Hal and Vicki Westbrook's 2,725-square-foot house on Lincoln south of Ninth was approved in late 2019 for new electrical, plumbing and heating, windows and doors, exterior paint and light fixtures, a new roof, and a rear patio and outdoor fireplace.

"During construction, the applicant made some changes to the project," senior planner Marnie Waffle said succinctly at the start of the July 14 hearing.

Without getting the city's OK, Saroyan built a retaining wall to raise the rear patio

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## Planning dept. pleads for patience

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

WITH TWO job vacancies and another planner out on paternity leave, conducting business with the community planning and building department could take a little longer than usual, according to director Brandon Swanson.

One of the positions could be filled soon, as interviews with 11 semifinalists were completed last week, and a handful of candidates are moving on to the final interview.

Swanson said he hopes to have someone in place by the end of the month. It's

unknown when the new planning job added in the 2021-2022 budget will be filled and whether any of the finalists will be offered the position.

Meanwhile, associate planner Evan Kort is out on leave for the birth of his and his wife's first child.

"With those updates in mind, community planning and building asks for your patience and understanding as we operate with reduced planning staff and work to onboard a new member of our team over the next 30 to 45 days," Swanson said Friday. "As always, we will do our best to keep in touch and move things along."







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## Carmel Point home jumps latest hurdle as board of supes backs it

By CHRIS COUNTS

IN HIS latest challenge to plans by a couple to build a home at Carmel Point, resident David Sabih told the Monterey County Board of Supervisors Tuesday that the development would violate a slew of regulations, has setback and drainage issues, impacts privacy and doesn't fit in with the neighborhood. But the supervisors sided unanimously Tuesday with property owners Jo Mei Chang and Dale Skeen, allowing their project to move forward.

### 'Minor changes' challenged

Chang and Skeen want to build a 2,895-square-foot single-family home at 26327 Scenic Road — across the street from the landmark Butterfly House. The plan also calls for building a 360-square-foot main-level patio, a 160-square-foot upper-level balcony, an 815-square-foot terrace, two fire pits, a spa/hot tub and 300 feet of retaining walls.

Sabih, who has complained about the development since at least 2006, lives immediately to the south of the property.

After the plan was approved by the county zoning administrator way back in 2008, Sabih appealed the decision to the county board of supervisors, which approved the house. He then took his case before the California Coastal Commission, but the state watchdog agency "found no substantial issue" with the county's decision, which once again meant the home could be built.

Next, Sabih filed a lawsuit challenging the county's approval of the plan, and the two sides came to a settlement agreement that allowed "minor changes" to the previously approved permit. The changes were approved in 2011.

In the decade since, several such changes were approved the county, includ-

ing some on April 29. In response, Sabih appealed that decision to the county supervisors, which weighed in on the case this week.

At Tuesday's hearing, attorney Tony Lombardo brushed aside complaints that the home would cause setback or drainage issues, or impede on anybody's privacy. As for the house fitting in with others nearby, he called the neighborhood "very eclectic" and "completely non-homogenous."

"This is year 16 of a neighborhood dispute over building this house," he said.

Sabih's attorney, Alex Lorca, argued he needed more time to study the case, and he tried unsuccessfully to get supervisors to continue the hearing.

"It's a 15-year project, and we're just asking for 90 days," Lorca pleaded.

Sabih spoke, and said the would-be builders violated their settlement agreement with him.

Another neighbor, Debbie Dillon-Adams, also commented, noting that the changes proposed "were not minor and trivial," and she expressed concerns about setbacks, drainage and privacy.

### Land probed for burial sites

Like all homes proposed to be built at Carmel Point, this one was scrutinized for impacts on cultural resources, specifically Native American remains and artifacts. A 1999 report revealed the potential for impacting resources, while a 2007 report gave the project the go-ahead — but warned that the builders needed to proceed carefully because "a possibility still exists that, during construction, previously unidentified or unexpected resources may be discovered." A county report notes that the builders did pay a \$4,300 fine for doing "10 days' worth of earth work and ground disturbing activities without having an archaeological monitor on-site."

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# COUNTY BEGINS POSTING INFECTIONS WITH COVID-19 VARIANTS ON WEBSITE

By KELLY NIX

**MORE THAN 400** people in Monterey County have been infected with one of five Covid-19 variants, including the much publicized Delta variant, according to new statistics reported by the Monterey County Health Department.

The agency didn't say when those infections occurred, but it's also reporting an upswing in the overall number of coronavirus cases in the county, with 120 cases in the last seven days — four times the number from just a month ago.

While the much more infectious Delta variant has accounted for a mere 14 coronavirus cases in Monterey County, 347 have involved the lesser known Epsilon variant, according to data the health department posted on its website July 12.

The Epsilon strain, first detected in California, is considered by the World Health Organization to be a "variant of interest," which means it's not as worrisome to health officials as the Alpha, Beta, Gamma and Delta variants, which the World Health Organization has deemed "variants of concern."

## 'With caution'

Besides the Delta mutation, with 14 cases, the Alpha version has accounted for 35 cases, Gamma, four cases and Beta, only one, the data show. Despite the low reported numbers of variant cases, the health department said those diagnosed with coronavirus whose illness was caused by a variant "should be interpreted with caution."

"Only a small number of specimens from individuals with Covid-19 have been submitted for genome sequencing," the agency said. "It may take several days to weeks for sequencing results to be reported. Therefore, these data do not represent the true number of infections caused by

variants locally."

Meanwhile, the number of coronavirus cases in Monterey County continues to moderately increase. On Thursday, for instance, the county reported 26 new cases but also said just six coronavirus-positive patients are in the county's four hospitals.

County health officer Dr. Moreno did not respond to questions from The Pine Cone about the variants and whether the moderate increase amounts to a surge in Monterey County.

While the number of cases amounts to significantly more than last month, the increase is relatively small considering distancing and mask restrictions have been lifted, everything has reopened and residents are gathering in much larger numbers than when the state was locked down. And since the vast majority of the elderly, health-care workers and other vulnerable populations have been vaccinated, experts say that if a surge occurs, the consequences will be much less dire.

## Alzheimer's fundraiser set for October

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

**AFTER MORE** than a year of virtual events, organizations like the Alzheimer's Association are thrilled to return to in-person fundraising efforts. This year's Walk to End Alzheimer's is set for Oct. 9 at Custom House Plaza in Monterey.

Organizers have promised to follow all public safety guidelines in effect when the walk takes place and will also offer a virtual option for those who are not yet comfortable participating in person. The walk raises money to help fund care, support, education and research for those affected by Alzheimer's and other types of dementia.

According to the association, one out of every three Americans dies from such diseases, while more than 6 million people in the United States are living with Alzheimer's. Between 2000 and 2019, deaths from heart disease decreased 7.3 percent, but deaths from Alzheimer's disease rose 145 percent.

The Alzheimer's Association offers free services to all Monterey County residents.

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# Bikers to get safety improvements along Carmel Valley Road

By CHRIS COUNTS

AT THE instigation of local bicyclists, the county plans to make improvements to the south side of Carmel Valley Road between Carmel Rancho shopping center and Carmel Middle School to make it safer for them to ride along it.

“There is an existing bike lane along the north side of the road heading westbound, but on the south side heading eastbound, bicyclists have to share the road with motorists,” county official Chad Alinio told The Pine Cone. “This project would provide additional shoulder area that would improve accommodations for bicyclists.”

Alinio couldn’t say when the work would get underway, in part because the county is juggling other projects, as well as trying to work around upcoming events. “We are very aware of the return of activities in the area, such as special events and Car Week activities,” he said.

But Alinio said the county will make the improvements when it can. “We need to coordinate the timing of our im-

provements with other activities that involve the use of the public roadways,” he added.

Carmel Valley resident Martin Wegeman sent a letter to supervisor Mary Adams about the risks of biking along the south side of the road between the shopping center and the middle school, and he’s spoken out at public meetings. “It’s a very dangerous section of road,” he said.

Wegeman is encouraged by the county’s commitment to making the improvements — and impressed by the power of speaking out on a topic.

“It’s a very positive development,” he added. “It shows that if bicyclists voice their concerns, they can have an impact. The county listened to public comment and took action.”

## CRASH

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save Meyers from making the drive.

Flightradar24 shows the aircraft taxiing and heading down runway 10R at Monterey before getting airborne at 10:38 a.m. to climb to around 2,000 feet in two minutes before starting to turn right and descend rapidly. According to California Highway Patrol dispatch, someone called 911 at 10:45 a.m. to report seeing the plane, hearing engine noise and seeing smoke, and then the crash and flames.

The plane struck an unoccupied \$3 million house on Monterra Ranch Road in the upscale subdivision not far from the airport, igniting a fire that quickly consumed much of the residence and spread to nearby vegetation.

### Banging on doors

Jaime Valle, who works for The Valley Construction in Morgan Hill, was with a crew on a nearby jobsite and saw the plane crash.

“We heard an airplane getting closer and closer, and I looked up and I could kind of see the plane coming down toward us,” he told The Pine Cone Thursday. He said it appeared the pilot was trying to get the Cessna to pull up and recalled the screeching sound it made as it plummeted.

“Then there was a big loud bang and an explosion,” with a mushroom cloud of smoke, he said. At that point, they started running toward the scene of the accident, which he guessed was about a half-mile away.

“We started seeing debris, like the wing and the engine, and then the house on fire,” he said. The wreckage was from the airplane exploding, not from it falling apart in the air, he indicated.

They started banging on the doors and windows in the

home to see if anyone was inside but got no answer. “We ran to see if we could help anybody,” he said.

Firefighters from Monterey County Regional Fire District soon arrived and summoned help from Monterey Fire and several other agencies. Together, they managed to confine the blaze to the house and an eighth of an acre of grass. Based on the debris field, Monterey Fire Chief Gaudenz Panholzer said soon after the crash, they knew the two people reported to be on the plane were dead.

### Lack of response

On Wednesday morning, Eric Gutierrez from the National Transportation Safety Board, which is investigating the fatal accident, held a press conference at Monterey Airport but didn’t have much to share.

He said the cloud cover was between 700 and 2,000 feet that morning, and as the tower noticed Carlin’s aircraft was turning right toward the mountains and losing altitude, the air traffic controller gave a low-altitude warning and told her to climb. There was no response from Carlin, and moments later, the Cessna hit the residence.

Her lack of response wasn’t surprising to a seasoned pilot who noted the response to any in-flight emergency is to “aviate, navigate, communicate” — in that order.

Gutierrez told reporters investigators were still gathering data and evidence and documenting the scene.

“All the data will help toward developing a probable cause, which will eventually lead us to hopefully preventing future accidents,” he said. “That’s the end goal of the NTSB.”

He said he didn’t know whether weather was a factor or if the crash was the result of a mechanical failure, and that investigators are also collecting information on the aircraft, including maintenance records. They also worked to gather the wreckage and take it to a secure facility for thorough forensic analysis.

## Crackdown on illegal pot

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

MORE THAN 7,000 pounds of illegally grown pot plants and almost 300 pounds of processed illegal cannabis were seized and destroyed following an eight-day effort by state and local law enforcement agencies to crack down on unlawful growing operations, according to the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office.

Similar enforcement actions will continue throughout the year, deputy district attorney Gregory Peterson said Wednesday.

Some of the marijuana and related products are being lab tested to determine whether they contain “toxins, harmful pesticides and dangerous heavy metals — which is often the case in cannabis seized at illegal cannabis cultivations,” he said. Investigation into the illegal grows “is active and ongoing.”

California allows people to grow pot for their own personal and recreational use, but anything over six plants is considered commercial, which requires state and local cultivation licenses.



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# BIG SUR

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should take precedence over coastal access when the two conflict. The update to the land use plan embraces the philosophy.

“New public access should not be created until there are sufficient management capabilities, along with restrooms and parking areas, which in some cases isn’t possible,” attorney Pam Silkwood suggested.

The attorney, who represents El Sur Ranch, said there are more than enough ways for people to recreate down the coast. “Seventy-two percent of the Big Sur planning area is public land with many points of access,” she said.

### Clearing brush is good

Another topic the land use plan update addresses are the bureaucratic hurdles residents face when they try to reduce the fire-prone vegetation that surrounds their homes — a task that is required by state law. Resident Mike Caplin spoke out in favor of allowing residents to do whatever clearance is necessary to protect their houses without making them do a lot of costly and time-consuming paperwork.

Caplin pointed out that two years ago, Gov. Gavin Newsom made it possible for 35 “priority” fuel-reduction projects to be fast-tracked, including three in Monterey County, with one in the Palo Colorado area that was devastated in 2016 by the Soberanes Fire.

“He suspended all laws, including the Coastal Act, so crews could do the work,” he noted.

Caplin also said it’s just a matter of time before the Palo Colorado area needs more fuel reduction work — and it shouldn’t be made harder by fees and fines.

“It’s critical that issue is addressed in our coastal plan,” he added.

The subject of parking along Highway 1 came up, along with the coastal commission’s view that because parking was once allowed on the east side of Highway 1 across from the entrance to Point Lobos State Reserve but has since been banned, more parking must be created somewhere. Planning commissioner Kate Daniels noted that the county and the coastal commission disagree on

the topic, with the county insisting that its zoning code does not require it to replace the lost parking.

Silkwood also chimed in, suggesting that the burden of new parking should not be placed on private property owners.

### More meetings to come

The workshop is just the first meeting in what promises to be a lengthy process. Big Sur Land Use chair Mary Trotter called Tuesday’s workshop “an important step in a long project,” while Diehl encouraged people to speak out on the plan — wherever they live.

“Everyone is stakeholder in the Big Sur experience,” she said.


Planning commissioner and Big Sur resident Martha Diehl complimented the Big Sur and South Coast land use advisory committees for all the work they put into creat-

ing the update. The volunteer members met more than 100 times.

“How proud am I for my community for all the work and thought they’ve put into this,” Diehl told her colleagues. “The LUACs have gone above and beyond so that far flung members of the community could participate. It amazes and impresses me — it’s pretty much unprecedented.”


For now, more workshops are planned, including one set for Aug. 11.


Eventually, the county will prepare a final draft of the update, create corresponding land use regulations and analyze the plan for environmental impacts. Next, the county planning commission will weigh in on it, followed by the county board of supervisors. If the latter OKs the plan, it will move on to the coastal commission, which will determine if it’s consistent with the Coastal Act.



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# Quilters embrace activism, look to the sea for inspiration in ‘Shifting Tides’

ARTISTS OF every imaginable stripe are drawn to the Pacific Ocean, including dozens of quilters who will be represented in the exhibit, “Shifting Tides: Convergence in Cloth,” which opens Friday at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History.

Six days later — on July 22 at 6 p.m. — the museum hosts a reception for the artists, who are members of Studio Art Quilt Associates, a group that promotes quilting as an art form and doesn’t shy away from hot button topics. Forty-five of its members participated in making the quilts

## Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

in the show, and some will talk about their artwork and what inspired it. The artists come from California, Hawaii, Alaska and western Canada. The exhibit, meanwhile, has been to Alaska, and will move on to Hawaii in September.

The subject matter in the display goes beyond simply capturing the beauty of the ocean and its inhabitants, shining a light on issues facing sea life.

“This exhibit focuses on the current state of the Pacific Ocean ecosystem, with the natural diversity and human activities that sustain and threaten oceanic life,” reads a description for the show, which is curated by noted textile artist Ann Johnston.

New executive director Carla Bitter told The Pine Cone she’s thrilled to see the show open. “Any time you can merge art and science to tell compelling stories is great for a museum,” Bitter said. “You might not be compelled by data and charts, but a quilt might move you in a way that other information doesn’t.”



“Tidewater Glacier” by Cat Larrea (left) is included in a show of quilts that opens Friday at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History. A striking pelican portrait (right) was taken by photographer Greg Magee, whose work can be found in Pacific Grove’s Artisana Gallery.



The exhibit continues through Sept. 12. The museum is located at 165 Forest Ave. For more details, visit [pgmuseum.org](http://pgmuseum.org).

### ■ Taking flight as an artist

Not long after the Great Recession hit, home inspector Greg Magee was gifted a camera for his birthday. While the economic downturn soon spelled the end of Magee’s work in the housing industry, it marked the beginning of his quest to become a fine art photographer.

Magee started off by photographing birds.

“I found I had the hand-to-eye coordination that made it possible to capture them landing or taking off,” he said.

Soon, a new career took flight. A Moss Landing gallery started carrying his work, and Magee was pleasantly surprising by the sales. Next, he attended an art festival.

“I sold quite a few pieces, but I wasn’t hitting the top rung of the ladder, so I started doing landscapes and seascapes,” the photographer recalled. “I started shooting iconic locations — if I wanted my photos to sell, they needed to be more varied.”

Before long, Magee was on the road, selling his images at art festivals. A decade later, he’s cut back on all the travel, but he was doing at least a half dozen a year before Covid struck. Recently, though, he attended an art festival in Morro Bay, and was treated like a rock star.

“The sales were phenomenal,” he added. “It was well attended — I did better than any show I had done in the past.”

Locally, you can find Magee’s images at Artisana Gallery (612 Lighthouse Ave. in Pacific Grove) and the Haute Enchilada Cafe (7902 Moss Landing Road in Moss Landing). You can also view his work at [wildcentralcoast.com](http://wildcentralcoast.com).

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## High school students dedicate summer to women

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THIS FALL, Lexi Martin and Caitlin Silveira will begin their senior year at Pacific Grove High School, and they’re spending part of their summer break helping others. Through August 9, they’ll be collecting health and hygiene supplies for people — mainly women — in need.

Silveira said that they saw a video on social media about a national organization called Her Drive, headquartered in Chicago, Ill.

The group gathers menstrual care items, bras, general hygiene products including toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo and deodorant, and over-the-counter pharmacy supplies like Advil, vitamins, pregnancy tests and Benadryl, and gives them to those who can’t afford them.

Her Drive partners with volunteers around the country, providing a structure and procedures for running collection events and distributing supplies to local organizations.

Silveira and Martin completed an application and were approved to participate, helping women around the Monterey Peninsula.

There are drop-off points at Captain + Stoker coffee at 398 E. Franklin St. and Starbucks at 865 Lighthouse Ave. in Monterey, and donations can also be brought to a site in the Dennis the Menace Park’s parking lot at Lake El Estero in Monterey on Saturday, July 17 and Sunday, July 18, from 10 a.m. to noon.

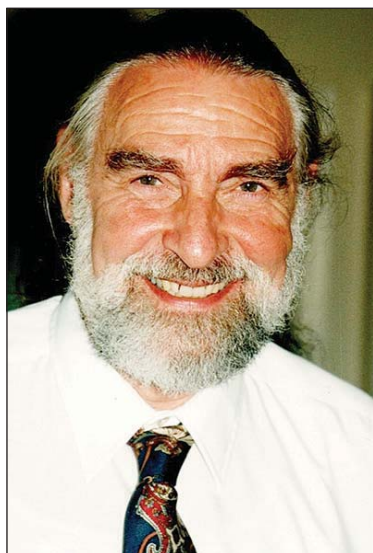
If neither of those days works, you can bring items to Pacific Grove High School from 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 29th.

The young women said they plan to distribute the goods through Community Human Services, Community Partnership for Youth, the YWCA’s domestic violence program, the H.O.M.E. Resource Center, and AI and Friends, which distributes breakfast to and assists those in need along the rec trail.

### KARLHEINZ EDGAR WOEHLE

June 5, 1930 – June 13, 2021

Karlheinz (Kai) E. Woehler, Ph.D., known to his friends as “Kai,” a retired professor of physics at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA, passed away on June 13, 2021, from complications of dementia at the Vista Harden Ranch Memory Care Facility in Salinas. He was 91 years old.



Born in Berlin, Germany, Kai experienced the horrible destruction of the war in Germany, but nevertheless, attended the universities in Bonn and Aachen from which he graduated with an M.S. degree in physics and then on to the Max-Planck Institute for Physics in Munich, where he earned his Ph.D. in 1962. That year, he and his wife Annedore, and son Markus, moved to the Monterey Peninsula where he joined the faculty of the physics department of the Naval Postgraduate School. He remained on the faculty until his retirement in 1997, earning an award as an outstanding educator of America.

Kai was preceded in death by his wife, Annedore, who passed away in 2004. He is survived by his son, Markus (wife Kristi) of Monterey, CA; grandson, Aleksander Woehler of Ontario, CN; sister, Elke Korge of Berlin, DE; nephew, Udo Woehler and niece, Kerstin Woehler, of Bad Ems, DE.

A celebration of his life will be held at St. Philips Lutheran Church at 8065 Carmel Valley Road from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 24, 2021. For a more detailed account of Kai’s life

and accomplishments and to sign his guest book, please visit [www.thepaulmortuary.com](http://www.thepaulmortuary.com).

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Kai Woehler’s memory may be made to: St. Phillip’s Lutheran Church, 8065 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93923; Chamber Music Monterey Bay, P.O. Box 221458 Carmel, CA. 93022-1458; Monterey Institute for Research in Astronomy, 200 Eighth St. Marina, CA 93933; Carmel Bach Festival, P.O. BOX 575 Carmel, CA, 93021.

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# BENCHES

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and plaque honoring McCloud, and he requested that specific location, where a large cypress tree that fell last winter was cut down, “for the view it provides.” City policy states that either the donor of the bench or the person it honors must be a current or former resident of Carmel-by-the-Sea. Meresman and McCloud both live here.

Waffle told commissioners she could work with Meres-

man to find another spot, though she worried “we might be running out of locations along Scenic.”

“I don’t have an objection to another bench or more benches or to a bench honoring anybody,” commissioner Robert Delves said, but he felt the proposed spot north of 13th would be dangerous because the bluff drops off in front of it, with no barrier and not enough “flat earth” in the area to accommodate, say, a stroller.

“It doesn’t seem safe,” he said.

Delves also suggested another comprehensive look at all the benches along the beach pathway. “I don’t think we have overcrowding of benches and think we can place

more, but let’s just do it thoughtfully,” he said.

Commissioner Gail Lehman agreed. “We don’t want this to look like an auditorium when we’re finished,” she said. “So, let’s get an overall look at it now.”

“I don’t think we’re out of room yet,” agreed commissioner Christopher Bolton. “But we will run out of room at some point.”

Commissioners unanimously decided to put off voting on the McCloud bench while the planning department works with Meresman to identify a different location and provides more information on all the existing benches and potential new locations.

# BUILDER

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to the level of the back door of the house rather than having steps down to it at ground level as approved, relocated a door from one side to the other, put in more light fixtures than approved and changed the color.

Saroyan requested approval of the unpermitted work already done, as well as other changes he wants to make, including installing a copper roof instead of wood, putting a heat compressor in the backyard and installing a driveway gate.

Waffle didn’t like the copper roof or the gate but recommended the commission OK most of the other alterations.

The Raffettos, who have a two-story home to the north, objected, not only because they feel the changes negatively affect their privacy, but because Saroyan made many of them without permission.

### ‘Don’t reward them’

“Please do not reward contractors for abusing the city’s approval and permitting process by allowing any of the unapproved work,” Nora Raffetto said. “Do not send a message that disregard is rewarded with approval and that process and permission are not important.”

In general, commissioners agreed with them and struggled to evaluate the requests on their merits alone.

“I’m probably the biggest as far as verbalizing the need for consistency in rules and regulations and following permitting guidelines and following the requirements of a jurisdiction,” said commissioner Stephanie Locke.

“I have an overall problem with work done without a permit,” said commissioner Chris Bolton. “It seems like a game, and I don’t want to play this game.”

After extensive discussion during the nearly two-hour hearing, planning commissioners voted 3-2, with Delves and Locke dissenting, to approve the patio that’s already under construction, the windows, the changes in paint color, and an outdoor fireplace and chimney, and deny the gate.

### A fair hearing

They also decided Saroyan should return with a proposal for a different kind of roof that’s not copper or wood — due to the latter’s fire risks — and said he has to move and shield the heat compressor and ensure it’s on quiet mode at night. They required him to put the door back where it’s supposed to be and reduce the number of exterior light fixtures.

“I think it sends a very strong message about doing unpermitted work,” LePage said of the commission’s decision. He thanked the Raffettos “for their determination and hanging in there,” and told Saroyan that he hoped Saroyan felt he got a fair discussion and hearing.

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## Graves Larkin Cox

6/8/1939 – 6/27/2021

Graves was born on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 1939 in Cleveland, Ohio, to Ethel Graves and Louis Larkin Cox. The Cox family moved to Carmel, CA in 1947. Graves attended Sunset School and Carmel High School. Graves met his then-to-be wife, Patricia Goodale Cox, while working at the UCLA bookstore. They moved back to Carmel in 1965 to raise a family.



Graves was a very hard worker. He worked in the family bookstore on Ocean Avenue, in the local restaurant industry, owned Decks Unlimited and in the mid '80s fell in love with horse shows. He and Sally Hudson ran numerous horse shows at the Monterey Fairgrounds. They then started Headlands Management in 1987. Graves was a USEF Steward for show jumping and co-manager of the numerous Headlands Management horse shows.

Graves is very well known on the peninsula and in the horse show community. Graves was a very giving person. He volunteered for many years for Carmel Youth Baseball. Additionally he was involved with CHS athletics, specifically volunteering with the football chain gang and putting on their annual banquet. Graves would fill up his truck often with firewood just to deliver to family and friends.

Graves is survived by his son Craig Cox; as well as his daughter-in-law, Mindy Faia; his three grandchildren: Quinci, Teagan, Walker Cox, and his girlfriend, Sally Hudson.

**In lieu of flowers, the family request that memorial contributions go to the Carmel High School athletic department, 3600 Ocean Avenue, Carmel, CA 93923**

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Elsa Fazzini met the Love of her Life (her “Amore” Lilio) Lee Chiodi and they married in 1942. In 1943 the young newlyweds moved to Southern California, residing in Studio City. Daughter Carla arrived in March of 1949.

Beloved husband Lee passed in 2003. Elsa then finally agreed to leave Studio City, their family homestead, moving to Carmel to be with her daughter in 2008.

Del Mesa Carmel became home, a move she never regretted. Elsa simply adored the beauty of the Monterey Peninsula, its abundant wonders, affording her a special lifestyle — plentiful in nature — which surrounded her every day! Carmel Mission Basilica chapel, Carmel’s scenic beach, Point Lobos, day trips to Carmel Valley and Big Sur were but a few of her favorite things.

Mamma Elsa shall be missed beyond any words her family and friends can ever convey. An abundance of Mother’s unconditional love overflowed to all she held near and dear.

♥ Lee and Elsa are dancing with the stars in Heaven ... ♥





# Gray's decades of coaching and a 'gazillion, mostly true stories'

AT AGE 81, Andy Gray's energy could power a city. He has the zeal of a couple dozen preschoolers in a bounce house.

His memory isn't quite what it used to be — names from his past can be elusive — but he has no problem describing super-human feats of athleticism he's witnessed

to safety.

There's also this boast: "I feel pretty sure my wife and I were the only people in history to have sex inside both the Arctic and Antarctic circles," Gray declared.

He also figures he's part of the British royal family, in an honorary sort of way. His maternal grandfather, Charles Saxson, served as a guard for Queen Victoria, attended her funeral in 1901, and was present at King Edward VII's coronation 18 months later.

Gray's mother, Vera Saxson Gray, was a stage actress in England who performed with, and was directed by, the legendary Noel Coward.

At age 90, walking with Andy through downtown Carmel, she approached Clint Eastwood with a steely-eyed stare and paraphrased a line from his "Dirty Harry" films. "I want to tell you that you just made my day!" she said to the actor, who laughed warmly and thanked her.

### Born British

Andy's father, Ken Gray, was a British Army major who had run a tank depot 60 miles from London during World War II, which ended in 1945. A year later, he moved the family to America, bought a 1946 Buick in New York, and drove to California, settling briefly in Los Angeles, then heading to Carmel after hearing about Derek Rayne Ltd., a menswear store on Ocean Avenue owned by a British expat.

"My dad walked in, asked for employment with his English accent, and Mr. Rayne said, 'My good man, you are hired,'" Andy said, sharing the family lore.

"The Major" was in demand as a sales associate at the store, dressing Hollywood stars and other VIPs who rolled into town looking for fresh attire.

"Red Skelton was one who didn't want anyone but The Major waiting on him," Gray said of the legendary comedian and TV star.

The Grays paid \$6,000 for a home on Carmelo Street, across the street from La Playa Hotel, and sold it four years later for \$11,000.

As a member of Carmel High's Class of '58, Gray and his classmates mischievously rolled pumpkins down Ocean Avenue (scurrying away from the police) on Halloween nights. He watched movies, danced, and socialized at the Carmel Youth Center. He ate burgers at the Rinky Dink, where females (except owner Jim Kelsey's wife) weren't allowed. He partied on Carmel Beach.

He also played halfback and linebacker on a football team that launched one of the greatest unbeaten streaks in California history, going 28-0-2 from 1956 to 1960 under legendary coach George Mosolf.

Using a tiny, flat, Phil Rizzuto-model

baseball glove, he played second base for the Padres varsity for three straight seasons, never committing an error, while wearing Coke-bottle eyeglasses.

"A Pittsburgh Pirates scout showed up at one of our games to look at Tim O'Shea, who was an outstanding pitcher," Gray recounted. "I went 4-for-4 that day — every hit went deep — and afterward Coach Mosolf called me over and introduced us."

The player was thrilled when the scout complimented him on his big day at the plate, and perplexed when he asked to look at his glasses.

"He checked them out for a minute, handed them back, and said, 'You know what? You probably better go to college,'" lamented Gray, whose big-league baseball

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## Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

during a coaching career that is still a work in progress after 56 years at Seaside, Stevenson and Pacific Grove high schools.

He has a vivid recollection of the day, as a 19-year-old, he delivered flowers to the Carmel Highlands home of Hollywood movie star Kim Novak, who opened the door just a crack and tersely ordered him go to the service entrance. So, no happy ending, but still a good memory.

And he's got a gazillion mostly true stories — each more spectacular than the last — from his adventurous travels to all 50 states, every South American nation, eight European countries, and the North and South poles.

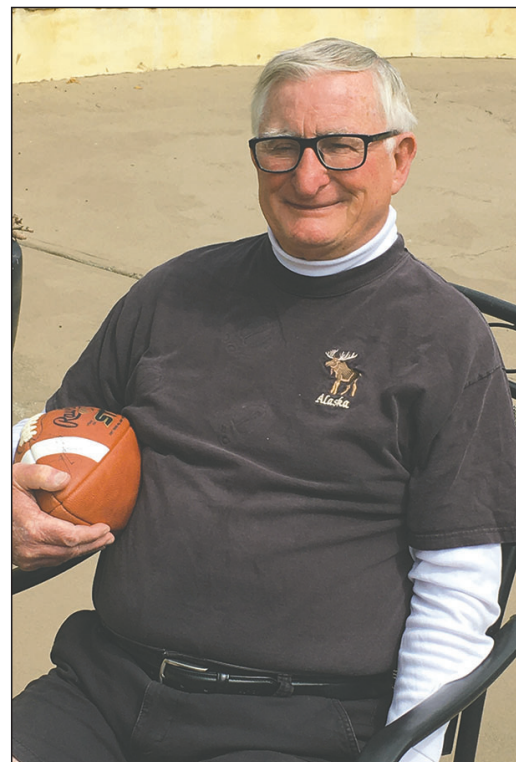
### Walrus and polar bears

He and his wife, Jean (who died of cancer in 2010), traveled into the Arctic circle, where Gray claims he was "chased" by a walrus for approximately a foot-and-a-half, before the corpulent, snorting creature keeled over, and went back to his nap.

He also went for a solo hike there at 10 p.m., still in broad daylight, stuck a hand in the freezing ocean, and headed back, ignoring "Beware of polar bears" signage until he saw one staring him down. He recalls flapping his arms, making loud, terrifying noises, and imagining the headlines in the Peninsula papers — "Local Coach Eaten by Polar Bear!" — as he racewalked



PHOTO/COURTESY ANDY GRAY



Above: Andy Gray coached multiple sports and served for 20 years as athletic director at Seaside High. Right: Andy Gray, 81, is in his 56th consecutive year as a high school coach on the Monterey Peninsula, and says he's never missed a game or practice during that time.

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# SPORTS

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dreams had gone up in smoke.

He went first to Monterey Peninsula College, then Humboldt State, where he majored in physical education and met the nursing student (and P.E. minor) who would become his wife.

### Memorable first kiss

His first date with Jean was a dance in the school gym, where both quickly discovered they were terrible dancers.

“So we went for a walk on a beautiful night, with the moon out,” he said. “As we came down a flight of stairs, I suggested she take my arm, so she did. Then her hand slid all the way down into mine” — a moment he said was even more romantic than their wedding night. “Then we walked to the middle of the football field, looked around to make sure nobody was watching, and kissed.”

They were married for almost 48 years. Jean worked 32 as a social worker for Monterey County, and Andy was hired to teach at Seaside High, where, over the years, he coached golf, baseball and football, and assisted briefly with the wrestling, softball and track teams. He also served as athletic director for 20 years.

Over 56 years (47 at Seaside), spanning seven decades, Gray coached more than 25,000 football practices and 530 games, mostly at the junior varsity level, where his teams averaged eight wins a year.

Gray said he has never missed a game or a practice. In fact, when an eye doctor warned him that he was unlikely to pass his next driving test, he left Seaside High to coach quarterbacks at Stevenson School, which is within walking distance of the Pebble Beach home where he’s lived for 50 years.

And he stepped down as Seaside’s varsity baseball coach so he could watch his son, Jeff, pitch and play third base for Pacific Grove High in the 1980s. He missed only one of Jeff’s football games during the three seasons that he played quarterback and kicked for the Breakers.

Eye surgery corrected his vision, and Gray nowadays coaches quarterbacks and special teams at Pacific Grove High, where his son is head football coach.

“It’s good,” he said of coaching with his son. “We talk about the players — whether this guy should be a running back, or an offensive guard. We discuss how we should conduct practices, considering we only have 20 kids on the team. The kids are always good, even though you’ll sometimes get one who thinks he knows more than you do.”

The octogenarian also works out regularly with Jeff Young, the retired athletic director, football and lacrosse coach, and Athletic Hall of Famer from Stevenson School.

“There are about 20 weight machines there, and I probably use 16 of them,” said Gray, who sports the sinewy, V-shaped physique of a man half his age. “I used to bench-press 300 pounds, but now I lift weights that are heavy enough to provide resistance, but light enough so I can do 10-12 repetitions in each set.”

Gray isn’t doing much cardio work at the gym, he said, because he gets plenty of walking in during the summer

workouts that are underway for Pacific Grove athletes.

He also hikes most days in Del Monte Forest, or goes to the beach with his 21-year-old grandson, Dominic.

His other grandchild, 18-year-old Juliana, played volleyball at Pacific Grove, and will enroll this fall at the University of Oregon, where she’ll volunteer as a manager for the women’s volleyball team.

Gray looks forward to being on the sidelines at Pacific Grove Breakers football games this fall.

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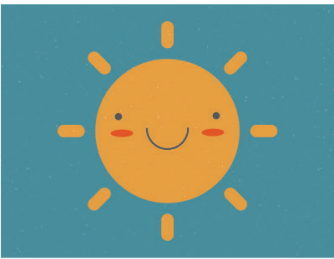

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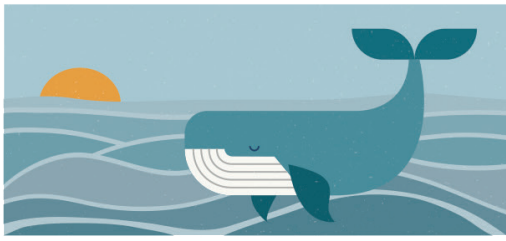
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## Editorial

# Inflation is no mystery

LAST MONTH, the United States had its highest level of inflation in 13 years, which is why you're starting to see news coverage of various items that are costing more, along with attempts to explain why prices are going up.

Funny thing is, even the most sophisticated news outlets seem to get the explanation part wrong. Inflation is quite simple, really. It happens when the amount of money in people's pockets goes up without a corresponding increase in the production of goods and services for them to spend their money on. The most direct way to make that happen would be to forbid people to work while still paying them as though they were — something the United States has been doing, and continues to do, in a very big way.

By itself, money is just a worthless piece of paper or a string of digits in some anonymous computer's memory bank. What gives it value is the shared understanding that to obtain a dollar, you have to do something valuable for the person who gives it to you, and that once you have it, you won't give your dollar away unless someone does something for you.

But what if, all of a sudden, \$5,000 showed up in your bank account without you doing anything to earn it, and the same thing happened to all your neighbors and everybody in the country? It's not hard to see that all that money would be spent less carefully than the same \$5,000 if you had to work a month to earn it. Having free money might not only lead you to buy things you don't really need, it would also make you willing to pay more for the things you do need.

And what if, at the same time all that money flooded the country, half the businesses were ordered to shut down for a year? In this scenario, there wouldn't be nearly as many things available for everyone to spend their free money on, because the things simply weren't being made.

When people have free money to spend but there are fewer things for them to spend it on, what you get is the perfect scenario for inflation. And if you don't believe it, just try to rent a car in Hawaii.

Remember when Beanie Babies suddenly cost a ton? Or have you checked out the going rate for the latest Air Jordans? Spending patterns like these aren't inflation, because the people who bid up the prices for toys or basketball shoes have to give up spending their hard-earned money on other things, not because they suddenly have lots of money to spend.

During a crisis, increasing the supply of money by paying people not to work can make it possible for them to survive. But when the crisis is over, it's very important to restore equilibrium by once again requiring them to earn the money they get. Otherwise, inflation.

When you give your kids an allowance without requiring them to work for it, the economic damage to the country is barely noticeable. But when trillions start being spread around on a long-term basis, the consequences can be dire.

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### 'Sheer neglect'

Dear Editor,

How long, dear citizens, how long? Our library, Harrison Memorial, has been closed for over a year. During last year of the plague there was, of course, a reason for the closure, that can't be argued, but now when most local libraries have opened their doors to the people, our historic building of learning, reading pleasure — a place for intellectual pursuit — remains locked up. The answer, blame, if you will, sits squarely with the city council, which has not funded the hiring of staff. And the staff, when it is in place, will require training, extending an already gloomy hiatus.

Which begs the question, is the city council really interested in our library? Do these folks ever visit the library? How many council members hold library cards?

The time has come — much delayed due to sheer neglect — to open the library.

Tom Parks,  
Carmel

### 'Please be patient'

Dear Editor,

In response to Mark Sanford's letter last week about the Harrison Memorial Library opening: The library was forced to lay off 60 percent of staff and has four full-time librarians left for two libraries. It will probably open mid-August on a limited basis when Ashlee Wright, library director, can hire back more staff and can get approval from the city.

Meanwhile, the outside library in back of the children's library is open for browsing and check-out Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. You can still order books and other materials online or by telephone. The library foundation and Friends of the Library fund materials, but it is up to the city to pay salaries and provide benefits. Please be patient.

Susan Murphy, library commissioner

### 'Why is there a delay?'

Dear Editor,

As Carmelites, we generously share our sidewalks, beaches and roads with visitors. The only two venues primarily for residents include our post office and the Harrison Memorial Library. If we are truly a "residential" community, as enunciated in the preamble to the city code, it seems more than appropriate that the city budget provide for expenses for those primary residential venues.

The city council should be providing funds to open the Harrison Memorial Library! Why is there a delay? Or does the council pay attention to its residents only at election time?

Anne McGowan, Carmel

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# ‘Bluebeard’s Eighth Wife’ — comedy takes a tragic turn

PLANE CRASHES on the Monterey Peninsula are rare, but as this week’s tragedy at Monterra reminded us, they still happen, and one of the earliest ones was in Pebble Beach, during production of a Gloria Swanson movie.

A 1923 gossip column in the Chicago Tribune noted that Swanson, “has gone to Del Monte both for a rest and to make the opening scenes of ‘Bluebeard’s Eighth Wife.’” Swanson was only 23, but already

filming brought tragedy.

An early scene was set on a beach in southern France. Standing in for France was the beach below the Pebble Beach Golf Links. Laskey contracted with Williams’ Brothers Aircraft Corp. of San Francisco to supply two planes with pilots for the shoot. Williams’ Brothers, founded by Percy, Lloyd and Chester Williams, was primarily an equipment manufacturer. Their father had invented a device to improve flying safety, and while the company maintained planes to test their products, it had no pilots on staff.

## History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

### Flying too low

a star, having worked in Hollywood since 1916. She was propelled to stardom after being put under contract in 1919 by Cecil B. DeMille for the Lasky-Famous Players production company.

Del Monte was the early name of today’s Pebble Beach Resorts, and a favorite retreat for Hollywood. The beautiful scenery of the area has appeared in more than 200 films.

The Bluebeard film, a six-reel silent feature, was Sada Cowan’s adaptation of Alfred Savoir’s successful French stage farce, “La Huitième Femme de Barbe-Bleue,” which debuted in Paris in January 1921. Later that year, it had a successful run on Broadway as “Bluebeard’s Eighth Wife,” with Ina Claire in the lead role. The 1923 movie was one of 10 films Swanson made with Lasky director Sam Wood.

### Double-crossed

The story is mostly set in France. The premise is that Mona de Briac, daughter of a French nobleman who had fallen on hard times, is urged by her parents to marry a wealthy American to save the family honor. She agrees, but on the morning of the wedding, she learns that the American has been married seven times before, and each of his previous marriages ended in divorce. The newlywed wife puts her husband through several fidelity tests and ignores his wooing.

Los Angeles film critic Pearl Rall commented, “Rather different from ‘Taming of the Shrew,’ but capital amusement.”

While the movie was a comedy, the

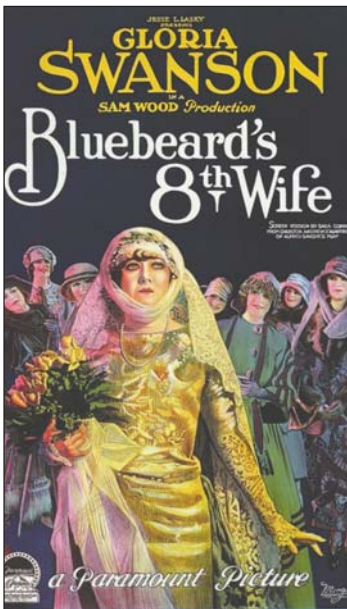
For the day of the shoot, March 11, 1923, the brothers retained Marshall Boggs and Harvey Pugh, two lieutenants from the Army Reserves, as pilots. They initially flew from the Williams’ hanger in San Carlos to the Del Monte polo grounds, which is now part of the Monterey airport. After meeting there with the director, they flew their planes to a field on Carmel Point to prepare for the shoot.

Company co-founder Chester Williams flew as a passenger in Pugh’s plane. Some reports indicate a cameraman was flying with Boggs, though it may have been another of the brothers. As the movie is lost and no exterior stills are known to exist, we can’t be sure whether the scene was filmed on Carmel Beach or at Stillwater Cove, or whether it included any aerial photography, and we can only assume the three scenes reportedly shot at Del Monte made it into the final print.

According to later court documents, prior to the filming, “The pilots were directed by those in charge of the filming to look through the camera to get its range of vision and to direct their flight accordingly so as to come within the picture.” After one trial flight, court records say, the pilots “were told that their planes would have to fly further out and lower in order to be in the picture,” so as to come within the picture.”

After one trial flight, court records say, the pilots “were told that their planes would have to fly further out and lower in order to be in the picture.” Pugh expressed

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It’s a real job that Harvey Pugh, Paramount postmaster, is required to fill. He handles an average of 375,000 letters each month, a figure, according to postal records, rivaling the quota of many of the small towns of the United States.

Left: A 1923 poster for “Bluebeard’s Eighth Wife,” which was partially filmed on the Monterey Peninsula. Right: Aviator Harvey Pugh, shown here in a contemporaneous newspaper photo, recovered from an on-location plane crash and was put on the payroll of Paramount Pictures as its postmaster.

# Custom mural provides relief for homeowner, inspiration for artist

SEVERAL YEARS of serendipity have helped Pacific Grove painter Amanda Menefee embrace the talents she’s been developing throughout her life — first as an admirer of her father’s artistry, then as a student of two well-known Northern California painters, and now, at long last, as a blossoming plein air painter on the Monterey Peninsula.

Menefee feels her artistic confidence

half three times. Her client played cheerleader throughout the process.

“She left me encouraging little notes, each of which ended with, ‘Happy painting!’” Menefee said. “And I’d write notes to her, usually on the back of the practice paintings I was doing for the wall. Anne actually framed two of those — one for herself, and another for me.”

Robertson also wandered outside every day to check on the progress, always leaving the artist with an ebullient review.

“She’d say something like, ‘Oh, it just looks so good! I feel so happy!’”

Menefee recalled. “Hearing comments like that was wonderful for me.”

The finished product, brilliantly bright, was life-changing for her client.

“I love walking through my garden

## Carmel’s Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

blooming — a metamorphosis she credits to Peninsula artist and Carmel gallery owner Romanoos Mattonen, who began giving her semi-private lessons in 2014 and taught her to spread her creative wings.

“She’s always urging me to reach for a new level,” said Menefee, who also studied with Wayne Theibaud at UC Davis, Ken Morrow at CSU Chico, and her father, Sacramento Valley artist Randy Wilson. “Romanoos is always saying, ‘You have to push! You have to keep trying new things if you want to keep learning and growing.’”

So, Menefee did.

Best-known for her pastel landscapes, seascapes, still lifes and portraits, Menefee stepped away from her comfort zone during the pandemic to paint her first-ever mural on an exterior wall of a Carmel Valley home, a project that brightened the life of the homeowner, and reminded the artist why she fell in love with creating art in the first place.

### ‘Miserable every day’

The resident, Anne Robertson, had grown weary of staring through her window at an eggshell-white surface that had been left behind after chemicals meant to kill her neighbor’s termites also destroyed the colorful vines and flowers that had adorned her wall for more than 30 years.

Menefee stepped up to the challenge, even though she had never previously attempted a mural, and had only limited experience with acrylic paint at the time.

“I’ve always been a helper by nature, and when Anne told me she felt miserable every day looking at those blank walls, I decided to take on the project,” Menefee said. “Painting a mural is something I’ve always wanted to do.”

Indeed, she had two false starts in her past. As a young artist, Menefee turned down a friend who invited her to add a mural to her home. “I just didn’t have the confidence to say yes at the time,” she said.

Years later, while living in Sacramento, a city known for its many murals, Menefee reached out to a muralist, asking to watch, assist and learn. She sent the artist samples of her own work, and felt frustrated when she never received a response.

The Carmel Valley project was a learning experience for Menefee, who practiced painting the poppies and butterflies on paper before adding them to the mural, and says she re-painted the same wall-and-a-



PHOTO/KEN ODA

Pacific Grove plein air painter Amanda Menefee, best known for pastel landscapes and seascapes, is blooming and diversifying as an artist.

again,” Robertson said. “Thanks to Amanda for her creativity and talent in replacing my creeping ficus, blue American agave, and other succulents with painted poppies and cheerful butterflies.”

### Horseback papergirl

Menefee grew up in the Northern California city of Oroville surrounded by animals, including the ponies she and her three siblings rode regularly.

“When I was in the sixth or seventh grade, I actually had a paper route, and I would deliver the newspapers on horseback,” she recalled. “We lived in such a hilly area that the kids on bikes didn’t last very long.”

Her mother, Mary Lou Wilson, who passed away in 2018, taught English and government for 30 years at a continuation school in Oroville, and also coached volleyball and softball. Her dad, Randy, taught art and coached golf for 30 years at Butte College in Oroville to support his own artistic pastime. He has been a lifelong in-

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## VERIZON

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cretionary decision makers could provide as much direction as the law will allow," and it's being held jointly because Verizon wouldn't extend the "shot clock" time enough to provide for two separate hearings, according to Swanson. The shot clock "dictates how much time a jurisdiction has before federal rules take over and the project is automatically approved," he said.

The meeting will be conducted via Zoom, and information on how to participate is available at [ci.carmel.ca.us](http://ci.carmel.ca.us).

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his Constitutional rights to free speech should have been recognized.

"He was targeted by online trolls for harassment based on his political views and was fired for expressing himself on his own time, as a citizen, on a matter of public concern," Vallerie Gonzalez posted. "That's illegal."

Gonzalez went on to say that her husband "intends to assert his constitutional rights" in federal court.

"Officer Gonzalez is a dedicated public servant who saved the life of a potential drowning victim on his first solo shift, and who has never had any disciplinary issues in more than seven years as an officer," she said.

Gonzalez has said that while he has no antipathy toward Black people, and was raised, in part, by a Black father, he's opposed to the far-left Black Lives Matter group, members of which have demanded police departments be defunded and have called for the "killing of police."

On July 4, a BLM chapter claimed on social media that the American flag is a "symbol of hatred," and said "when we see this flag we know the person flying it is a racist."

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## GAVEL

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defendants were licensed to grow 30,000 square feet of cannabis, they were actually cultivating 51,000 square feet of cannabis. Defendants cooperated with the Monterey County District Attorney's investigation and immediately agreed to eradicate the excess cannabis.

The district attorney's office is committed to ensuring a level playing field in Monterey County's licensed cannabis industry by penalizing and eradicating unfair and unlicensed business practices.

**May 10** — The Honorable Pamela L. Butler sentenced Celestino Delacruz, 37, a resident of Salinas, to four years in state prison. De la Cruz previously entered a no contest plea to a felony charge of arson and evading a police officer. Arson constitutes a "strike" offense under California's three strikes law.

On September 18, 2019, Cal Fire responded to a wildland fire near 460 Old Stage Road. The fire burned 13 acres of grassland. Surveillance footage from a nearby business showed a grey Nissan Quest minivan, registered to De la Cruz, come around the corner of Old Stage Road, cross the double yellow line into the opposing lane, throw something

## TERRACE

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focus more on the low-canopy trees, I think that would be an easier thing to achieve to minimize impacts on the neighbors and power lines."

Arnone's drawings indicate new artificial turf on the east side and new off-street parking, as well as a valet parking area.

New brick and pervious pavers, a new composite deck, a pizza oven, a seating area and fire pit, and new accessible pathways are noted on the landscape plans, too.

### No fees

Forest and beach commissioner JC Myers said he favored Davis' recommendation and saw no need to make the developer pay an in-lieu fee, and commissioner Sarah Berling nodded in agreement.

Myers noted the commission has discretion once a property reaches a certain size to determine "how many trees make sense."

"We look to the forester to give us her best opinion

from the driver's window, then pull back in the southbound lane to leave the area. Less than two minutes later, a fire was visible in the grass along the road. Fire investigators determined the fire was intentionally set. GPS records from De la Cruz's cellular device obtained showed the device moving in a southbound direction on Old Stage Road at the time of the fire.

On October 22, 2019, Cal Fire responded to a wildland fire in the 400 block of Old Stage Road. The fire burned 9.4 acres of grassland and brush. Video surveillance showed the same Nissan Quest minivan leaving the fire area minutes after the fire was discovered. Cal Fire Battalion Chief Richard Lopez located an ash pile made up of a paper product, like a napkin or a tissue, in what was determined to be the origin area of the fire. Fire investigators determined the fire was intentionally set. GPS records obtained from De la Cruz's cellular device showed the device moving up San Juan Grade Road and then turning Southbound along Old Stage Road consistent with the video surveillance footage. On October 29, 2019, Monterey County Sheriff Sergeant Bryan Hoskins attempted to conduct a traffic enforcement stop of De la Cruz's vehicle. De la Cruz led Sgt. Hoskins on a pursuit during which he crossed into oncoming traffic. Upon being contacted, De la Cruz admitted to being the only one who drove his vehicle and that he did not let anyone else borrow the van.

about what the property can actually maintain," he said.

No one else had any comments, so they unanimously voted in favor of Davis' recommendations.

Because many of the buildings are historic, the historic resources board will review the plans and make recommendations to the planning commission, which will consider the project for approval.

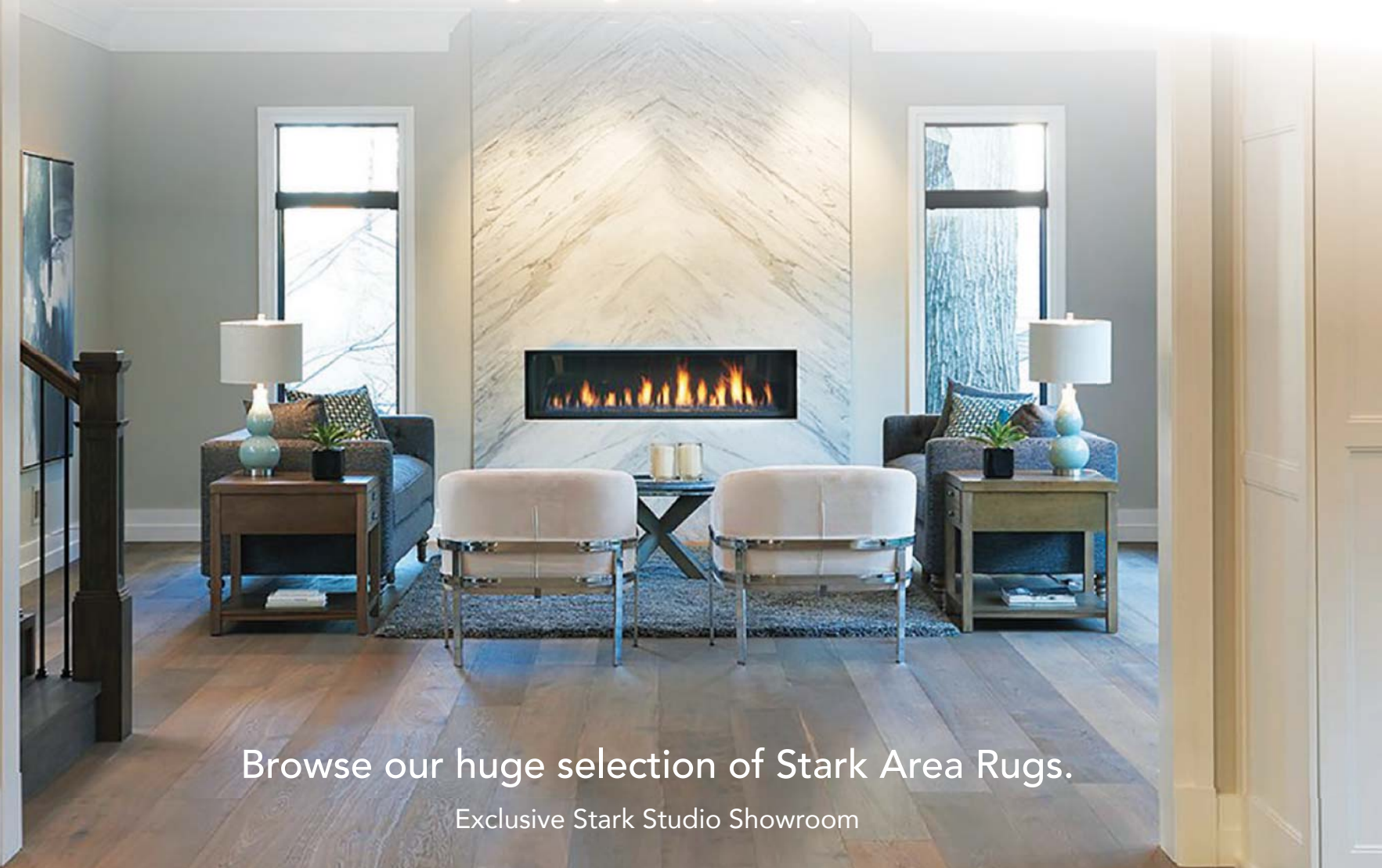
## POLLACCI

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In his filing, he cited a 2007 appeals court case that concluded, "While the psychological reports must be made available to the parties and the court, they remain confidential for all other purposes." Psychological evaluations are disclosed to the lawyers and judge in civil commitment hearings, but the law "does not authorize their release to the general public." That decision was reaffirmed in another appellate court case in 2013.

On Wednesday, Lavorato agreed and ordered that most records be filed under seal in Pollacci's civil commitment case.

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# HISTORY

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concern about the danger of flying so low, but “finally agreed to bring his flying down to 75 feet.”

From the other plane, Boggs watched as Pugh flew toward the coast and then went into a nosedive.

Pugh made frantic efforts to pull up, but given the low altitude, it was only seconds before Pugh’s plane crashed on the golf course.

The cast and crew were busy on the beach, unaware of any problem until they heard the crash. Some reports indicated it was engine trouble, but an inquest determined the plane struck an “air pocket,” causing the crash.

The movie crew rushed up from the beach upon hearing the crash, and Boggs landed his plane on the course to assist with rescue efforts. Wood later told reporters, “We ran up from the beach and found Williams crushed under the engine. He died before he could be removed from the wreckage.”

## Long recovery

The unconscious but still living Pugh was rushed to El Adobe Hospital (today’s Casa Pacheco) in Monterey, where a Dr. McAuley diagnosed and began treating Pugh for “a fracture of both legs, a broken jaw, and possible internal injuries.”

In a statement, Swanson said: “I am inexpressibly shocked over the accident which occurred today. I wish to express my heartfelt sympathy for the relatives of Mr. Williams in their bereavement. I understand that Mr. Pugh has a fighting chance for recovery. I pray that his life will be spared.”

Her prayers were answered, but it was a

long recovery for Pugh.

“Bluebeard’s Eighth Wife” was completed and distributed by Paramount Pictures with a premiere at Grauman’s Metropolitan theater in Los Angeles on Aug. 25, 1923. Reviewing the film, a critic declared: “It has the ingredients that appeal to modern picture goers. Pep, pretty girls, lavish sets, romance, and yes, risqueness.”

## Became postmaster

It was reported that for a dream sequence, seven recognizable stars depicting the would-be husband’s seven prior wives were shown as hanged rather than divorced. For the grim scene, instead of actresses, they used wax figures, but audiences could not tell the difference.

While the movie launch was a success, Pugh was still in the hospital — unrecognizable to friends. It was revealed his misshaped skull had 28 fractures.

In October, his father brought a photo from his home in Colorado so Bay Area surgeons could try to restore his appearance.

Pugh finally recovered and in 1927 was made head of the information department and postmaster at the Paramount Pictures studio. In this role he also reviewed all requests for studio access. He held the post for several years, but the accident likely played a role in his shortened life. He died in 1935 at age 41 and was buried in his family plot in Denver.

While the 1923 movie is lost, there is a 1938 remake available on DVD. The later version stars Claudette Colbert and Gary Cooper with an updated script by Billy Wilder. It was filmed at locations around the world but did not include the Monterey Peninsula.

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# ARTIST

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spiration and teacher to his daughter, who took his counsel seriously, recognizing that few people actually make a profession out of creating art.

## Veterinary dreams

“I decided pretty young that I wanted to become a veterinarian — that was always my plan, because I was always interested in medicine and animals,” she said. “But I never really learned to study — that wasn’t something they taught us in school — and it caught up with me at UC Davis. I didn’t survive organic chemistry and realized I’d be better off going a different way.”

Menefee detoured into mathematics, aced her first course — calculus — and decided to become an educator, like her parents, starting at Biggs Jr./Sr. High, then Las Plumas High in Oroville, and ultimately in Monterey County, at North Salinas High.

After a head injury from a horseback-riding accident curtailed her full-time teaching career, she became a private math tutor, and worked various jobs outside of the teaching profession.

“I went through a lot of different things after the injury, trying to make money,” Menefee said. “I’ve been a personal trainer. I worked at Office Depot. I tutored. And I started to get more focused on my artwork.”

She began showing her work at Gallery Silzer in Pacific Grove, where she remembers being teased by owner Peter Sil-

zer about the over-the-top excitement she felt from her first-ever sale. When Silzer closed his business, she exhibited for the next year-and-a-half at Venture Gallery in Monterey.

Then fellow Pacific Grove artist Julie Heilman invited Menefee to join the board of directors of the Pacific Grove Art Center, and a Carmel Valley painter, Alana Puryear, recommended Mattonen, a Carmel gallery owner and professor at Academy of Art University in San Francisco, as a private instructor and mentor. Their seven-year relationship has dramatically changed her skill level as an artist, Menefee said.

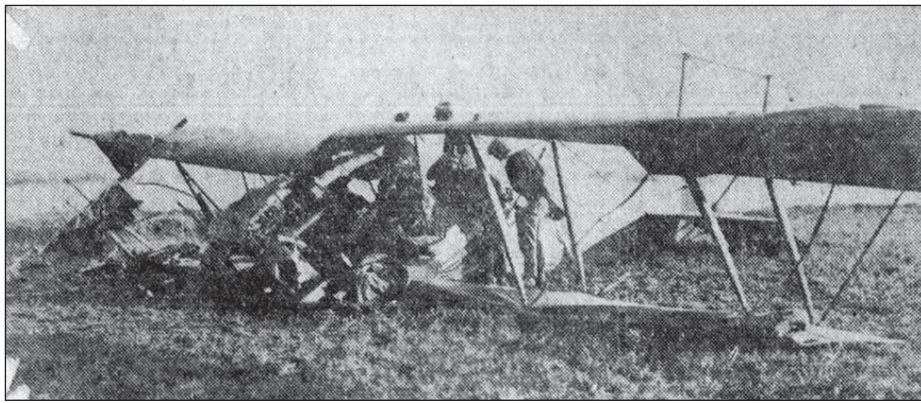
## New horizons

Menefee’s soft, colorful palette and impressionist style of realism are a curtsy toward French artists Renoir and Monet, two of her personal favorites, but she continues to explore new artistic horizons with renewed enthusiasm.

“I don’t know exactly what direction my art is heading, but I feel very excited about it,” said Menefee, who supplements her income by tutoring math students and selling Mary Kay cosmetics. “I just want to keep growing, and keep learning.”

“And I’d also really love to do other murals if those opportunities present themselves,” said the artist, who can be reached at (831) 229-0334. Additional information about Menefee and images of her paintings can be found online at [amandamenefee.com](http://amandamenefee.com).

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Carmel photographer Lewis Joselyn’s photo of the crashed airplane appeared in the San Francisco Examiner two days after the 1923 tragedy.

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# HOMELESS

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"I've been living on the streets all my life, and that's just the way I am," Vierra told The Pine Cone Monday. "If you bought me a brand-new house, I wouldn't live in it."

Vierra — who said he did two tours in Vietnam while serving in the U.S. Marine Corps — does not panhandle and relies on a \$700 monthly unemployment check, food and cash donations, revenue from aluminum can recycling, and fishing to get by. He recently turned in seven bags of cans in exchange for \$72. Vierra has Medi-Cal coverage but said he seldom needs to use it, though he'd like to get his teeth fixed.

## Garbage remains

While a good Samaritan visits his tent site on some weekends to hand out sandwiches, Vierra said he's not been contacted by homeless advocates or organizations, and said the police don't bother him. He also doesn't seek help from homeless providers.

"I don't do Salvation Army," he said. "What I do is survive out here."

Apart from the noise from the rush of cars speeding by on Highway 1 during the day, which he said he largely shuts out, Vierra said it's "peaceful" living in the encampment, especially at night when the road noise quiets down. Vierra said he quit drinking 48 years ago and doesn't have any substance abuse issues.

Because there are no walls or proper places to store things, the residents' belongings sit out in the open, though everything seems relatively organized. Two piles of garbage not far from the tents were left by previous residents, according to Vierra, and his living spaces are neater than other encampments. Caltrans or someone from the city swings by every couple weeks to pick up bags of garbage that he places near the road.

"You should have seen this place before I started," said Vierra, who cleaned up as best he could when he moved in.

While The Pine Cone was getting ready to leave the site, Vierra was using a shovel to unblock a drainage culvert adjacent to the tents, an ongoing practice so his tent doesn't flood.

One of the first things motorists see in when entering Monterey on Highway 1 — next to the Pacific Ocean — is an encampment in the sand dunes off of the Casa

Verde exit. Surrounding several tents is tons of garbage, from paint cans, empty liquor bottles, motorcycle and bike parts, broken furniture, old electronics, grungy stuffed animals, clothing and everything in between.

The area — just off the recreational trail and steps from the beach — seems to be collecting more trash as the months go by.

There are numerous encampments along the highway, including one near Del Monte Shopping Center and another between Hannon Avenue and Highway 1, where large amounts of rubbish and waste have piled up.

And there are many others on the Peninsula, including under the Carmel River Bridge and at the levee behind the Crossroads. There are others in Prunedale and along Highway 1 in Seaside and Marina, some with more trash than others.

Although the City of Monterey has implored the state to clean up the trash off of Highway 1, there's been no obvious effort to do that.

## 'Hands are tied'

In a Dec. 11, 2020 letter to Caltrans District 5 director Tim Gubbins, Monterey city manager Hans Uslar pointed to the blight and danger from garbage at the various sites. Days earlier, he said the Monterey Fire Department responded to a vegetation fire off Highway 1 near Sand City that was sparked when homeless people made a campfire to keep warm. Crews extinguished the flames and nobody was injured, but it could have been a lot worse.

"This incident," Uslar told Gubbins, "underscores the seriousness of the concerns with the lack of maintenance and cleaning along this stretch of the highway."

In a response 18 days later, Gubbins said Caltrans "will proceed with encampment cleanups only if suitable housing is available or there is an immediate safety concern," which would include "severe fire risk" from an encampment.

Gubbins, however, didn't mention other safety concerns, including not only Covid, flea-borne typhus, hepatitis and numerous intestinal conditions that can afflict people who live in unsanitary conditions.

Last week, Monterey police chief David Hober told The Pine Cone, "We have been asking Caltrans about" the areas near Highway 1 "and will reach out to them again."

Uslar said that during a meeting he and Monterey Mayor Clyde Roberson had with Gubbins in February about the trash, he "learned that Caltrans' hands were tied per the governor's order to leave the encampments on Caltrans

property alone."

"The challenge as I see it is not Caltrans, but the guidance it receives from Sacramento, which in essence, still prohibits Caltrans and the CHP from any mitigation work on the on/off ramps or other Caltrans properties," Uslar told The Pine Cone.

Newsom has since changed his tune. He announced Monday that he OK'd the \$100 billion so-called California Comeback Plan, which includes \$12 billion for a two-year "Clean California" initiative to tackle the state's homeless crisis.

The program, Newsom vowed, would "massively expand state and local litter abatement efforts" and create as many as 11,000 jobs over three years, "including for people exiting homelessness, at-risk youth, veterans, those reentering society from incarceration, local artists and students."

The largest investment of its kind in the state, Newsom said his approach would also "help tens of thousands of people get off the streets or avoid homelessness altogether through the creation of 42,000 new homeless housing units, including options for people with severe mental health challenges."

Newsom's "humane encampment strategy" includes programs and taxpayer grants for local governments "to move people out of unsafe, unhealthy encampments and into safer, more stable housing."

How and when Newsom's program will play out on the Peninsula, however, is unclear, and he hasn't offered a timetable. Caltrans spokesman Colin Jones in a statement Tuesday said that "as part of the Clean California initiative, we're developing criteria for clean-up at homeless encampments" on the Monterey Peninsula.

## Comforts of home

Frederick Levene, 59, formerly of Mobile, Ala., lives in a tent off Highway 1 between Aquajito Road and Soledad. Calling himself the "commissioner" for his help with other homeless folks, Levene first came to the Peninsula with his wife about five years ago while they were traveling around the country.

When Levene and his wife ran out of money, she moved back to Alabama after a year.

"She was glad to be home," he said.

Lying down with a blanket covering his legs, Levene was in his tent playing a video game on his cell phone

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when The Pine Cone contacted him Monday morning. He invited a reporter from the newspaper to sit down inside for the interview. A couple of empty Amy's Organic Lentil Soup cans and an acoustic guitar were within reach.

"I've moved around a lot, and I've helped a lot of these guys get off the street," the affable Levene said in a southern drawl from his modest-sized tent, which was equipped with a Samsung TV — powered by a generator he bought himself — ice chest, a couple chairs and other amenities outside, including a stove and grill.

A general contractor by trade, Levene said injuries have prevented him from working, and he hasn't had a job for years. He's been living in a tent for 14 months. He has four grown daughters and a son and has been married five times. He said he's never panhandled and survives with the help of a monthly \$1,041 federal disability check. He often goes to Salvation Army for services.

Levene has a positive outlook and talks about a "rent-to-own" housing arrangement on the Peninsula once he gets a supervisor contracting job that doesn't require a lot of physical activity. He also plans on attending online college classes in the fall.

**Offering help**

There are many homeless advocates in the county, but most of the unhoused people The Pine Cone interviewed said they had not been contacted by the nonprofits, or didn't want what they were offered.

Roxanne Wilson, executive officer of the Coalition of Homeless Services Providers — a nonprofit that has prepared what it calls a "five-year plan to reduce homelessness" — said there is "very slow growth in offering services" to homeless people on the Monterey Peninsula.

"There simply aren't enough resources on the Peninsula, and until there are, I imagine the encampments will continue to grow in places like Monterey and Carmel," Wilson told The Pine Cone.

In June, the Monterey Police Department's Community Action Team broke up 44 illegal encampments that were on public and private property. Officers also handed out fliers to dozens of homeless people with information about available services.

The department's Multi Disciplinary Outreach Team, a group formed in 2018 and is composed of police officers, social workers and others, assisted several homeless people last month, including getting them into substance abuse programs and a warming center in Salinas, the department reported.

Meanwhile, the Monterey-based Community Human Services is moving ahead with a 16-bed shelter for women and fami-



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A cluttered homeless encampment (top left) that sits just off Highway 1 in back of Chef Lee's Mandarin House in Monterey has six residents. A mound of trash and junk surrounds another encampment (lower left) tucked away in a ravine between Hannon Avenue and a southbound ramp to Highway 1. Frederick Levene, 59, (above) says he's lived for more than a year in a tent between Agujito Road and Soledad Drive in Monterey. All three of these camps are on state-owned property managed by Caltrans.

lies at 600 E. Franklin Street, in a building that used to be a dance center. CEO Robin McRae said this week that she anticipates the shelter will be open by summer 2023.

"Because families come in different sizes, occupancy will range from 24 to 35," McRae said. "The plans are for 16 beds for women and four rooms for families."

**Anguish and hope**

Oregon native Jessyca Harper, 42, became homeless four years ago after having been in an abusive relationship for nearly two decades. She's lived on the Peninsula since January when a friend she was traveling with from Oregon "left me here." Her tent is tucked between others at the campsite behind Chef Lee's.

"Before I moved here, I was at a different camp [near Roberts Lake in Seaside], and everything kept getting stolen from me, practically weekly or daily," she said, adding that men would often visit her previous campsite and solicit her for sex, although she isn't a prostitute, and police would tell her to move along.

On top of everything that accompanies homelessness, Harper is facing other dire challenges — breast cancer, mental health issues, and drug addiction. To allay what she said is chronic pain from the cancer and unrelated injuries, Harper turned to heroin.

"Ever since I found out about my cancer, I have been self-medicating," an emotional Harper said. "I have not been getting treatment," and she worries it's "too late" to get help.

For income, Harper sets up on the traffic island at the entrance and exit to Home Depot in Seaside with a sign asking for donations.

"I make \$50 to \$100 every single day I'm out there," Harper said. "I've had a \$100 bill given to me. Somebody gave me a \$50 bill the week before. And I hate doing it, you know. I'm not one to ask for help, so it's a lot easier holding a sign asking for money than to say it."

"I haven't had an easy life," she added.

The youngest of those The Pine Cone interviewed, Ryan Pippins, 31, of Modesto, came to the Monterey Peninsula about five months ago after the house he was living

in with his cancer-stricken mother burned down.

His girlfriend and young son, live on the Monterey Peninsula, but it's in a home where he's not welcome.

"This was the only place I was able to kind of call home because my child lives here," said Pippins, who said he had been enlisted in the U.S. Army.

While Pippins said he usually lives in his vehicle and has no substance abuse issues, he often visits the campsite behind Chef Lee's to visit Vierra, who was the first person on the Peninsula to befriend him. Unlike Vierra, though, Pippins has no desire to be homeless. He was scheduled to start a new job at a local hotel Thursday.

Asked if he would try to rent an apartment after getting a few paychecks under belt, Pippins said, "That's the plan. You got to start somewhere."

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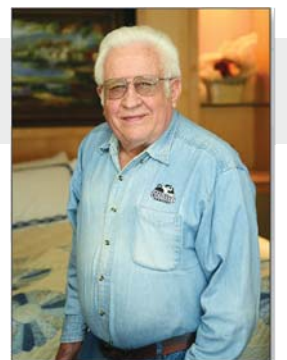
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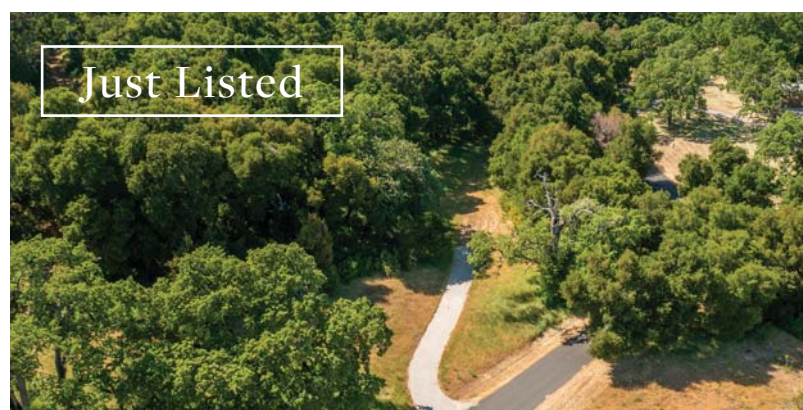
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# PET TALK

*Pine Cone  
family pets*

## If your dog could talk, he'd definitely tell you to shop local

By ELAINE HESSER

**DEAR AMAZON:** We saw your list of the most pet-obsessed cities in the United States and boy, did you mess up. Of course, you based your rankings solely on your own sales of pet toys and such, but seriously, Carmel didn't even make the top 20?

Ay, Chihuahua! Or, as a Welsh corgi might say, "Dim ffordd!" (No way!) It's not that pets here aren't fussed over, it's that their owners shop locally — farm-to-kennel, as it were.

### Accessorizing is in

First off, there's Diggidy Dog, the canine emporium that's been around since 2004, located these days at the corner of Ocean Avenue and Monte Verde Street. There, you'll find a wide variety of dog-centric goods, from hemp pillow covers for a good night's sleep, to toys shaped like wine bottles and golf bags, and quite a selection of canine couture.

For additional stylish attire, peruse The Sand Dollar Dog Company's fine selection of bandanas, hats, winter scarves, neckties and

Laurie Machado of Sand Dollar Dog Company with super-model Quinlan.



bowties at [thesanddollarcompany.com](http://thesanddollarcompany.com).

Proprietor and seamstress Laurie Machado has been making them since 2017. Last October, she moved her design studio out of her home and into a space over Cultura in Su Vecino Court.

"My mom showed me how to make a pattern for the bandanas," Machado said, and things just took off from there. During Covid, she expanded her line to serve human customers with masks, which she donated to businesses and teachers.

The adjustable, snap-on bandanas for dogs are her biggest sellers, and come in patterns to celebrate the seasons — the summer collection includes nautical themes, starfish and floral prints. She figures she makes about 160 bandanas a month, and you can purchase them in her studio, or at Brad's Barkery and Carmel Dog Shop.

### Experience matters

What are those places? (Or, for the French poodles, "Quels sont les endroits?") Carmel Dog Shop is Stuart Allen and Cindy Montgomery's boutique next door to the Cypress Inn on Lincoln, which means that if your dog seems underdressed at Yappy Hour, you can still avert a wardrobe disaster.

The store opened last August (yes, right in the middle of the pandemic), because although Allen and Montgomery wanted to have do it for some time, that's when what the perfect spot — next door to what's arguably the most pet-friendly hotel and restaurant in town — became avail-



You can find plain and fancy gear at Carmel Dog Shop.

able.

The partners have worked in and around Carmel for some time — Allen for 30 years, including Nielsen Bros. Market, Bruno's and the Raw Connection pet supply store in Carmel Rancho (where he still works). Montgomery has been the general manager of Diggidy Dog and a buyer at

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# When your four-legged roommate knows you're leaving

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

**THERE IS** a reason cats are rarely boarded or sent off to a pet sitter when their people leave home. They've been secretly waiting while their people packed, ready to have the place to themselves.

When you get home, a cat may glance over its shoulder as if to say, "Oh, were you gone?" But actually, even the most reticent felines want to know you care. While they'd rather remain in their own space, they do want someone to check in, make sure their food didn't spill into their water, play for a moment and maybe even offer a little affection. Even if they won't admit it.

On the other hand, dogs do not cope well with being left behind. Some of them become downright miserable watching their families disappear without them.

"Dogs definitely need more attention than cats do," said Lisa Katz-Chappell, of Katz, Dogs & Other Kritters. "And I tend to meet clients whose dogs need extra care — administering medications, addressing

anxiety, managing allergies and helping older dogs navigate their days. This is a business, but it's one built on compassionate care."

Chappell went into pet-sitting because she adores animals and often prefers their company to people. An avid hiker and walker, she appreciates a job that requires plenty of exercise in addition to feeding and making sure there's water. She stays with animals in their homes, caring for them as if they were her own. At a minimum, she makes frequent visits throughout the day.

"Dropping by to check the water dish and curb the dog is not caretaking," she said. "Dogs are sensitive creatures. We need to maintain their routines as closely as possible, making sure they feel confident and comfortable."

#### Board and care

Michelle Starr loves working from

home. Her Mid Valley home houses All Starr Pets, with a large parkland, framed by a 6-foot fence. There, dogs can run around together, getting exercise and interaction with each other.

"Dogs are social animals, used to being in a pack," said Starr. "If you isolate a dog at home instead of having him stay where he can socialize, he may go through stressful feelings and behavior. Dogs require more interaction than cats, who are very solitary, independent, and usually OK by themselves. My own cat doesn't crave my attention all day like a dog would."

Before Starr provides pet board and care, she invites clients to come out for a meet-and-greet, so they can become acquainted with her property and protocols, and feel comfortable with where they're leaving their dog.

"I'd be concerned if someone didn't invite me to visit the place," she said. "Clients can see their dog will be in the parkland or inside the house with me, becoming one of



Lisa Katz-Chappell

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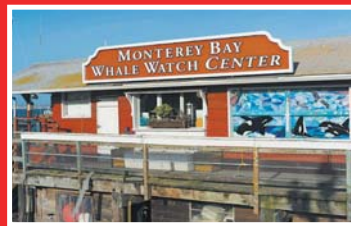
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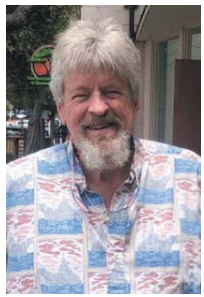
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# P E T T A L K

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Stuart Allen

the Raw Connection.

They like being part of the local dog scene, and said they don't hesitate to send someone to another shop if they don't have what the customer wants. For example, questions about nutrition are referred to the Raw Connection, but, "We do carry a little bit of food for forgetful tourists," Allen said.

Montgomery said she's fostered more than 100 dogs, and she and Allen are pet parents to a 13-year-old yellow Lab named Daisy, and a 9-year-old American Staffordshire terrier named Stan Lee, who was the model for the shop's logo, with a fancy bowtie for Carmel and a pair of sunglasses for the beach.

They offer a curated selection of dog beds, casual attire, toys and treats, including some from Brad's Barkery.

### Homemade goodies

You'll find the Barkery's retail outlet on San Carlos, between Seventh and Eighth, next to the TreeHouse Café. Store owners Virginia Maxwell and her daughter, 14-year-old Natalie Powell, are dedicated animal lovers who make their own dogs' food.



From left: Natalie Powell, co-founder of Brad's Barkery, at her shop, and Ronni Sweet with her Cardigan Welsh corgis.

Brad's Barkery moved into the space in May. But before that, Powell said, she and Maxwell had already been baking lots of treats. Powell first offered the goodies to Peace of Mind Dog Rescue and Animal Friends Rescue Project as free samples for people who rescued pets. The shop's namesake, Brad, is a Pomeranian the family adopted from AFRP eight years ago.

At first, they only sold the treats online operation (bradsbarkery.com). Maxwell's husband (Natalie's dad), Robert Powell, is the cook behind the innovative recipes, which have no gluten, sugar, salt or dairy.

"People kept asking us where they could come to shop in-person," Maxwell said, so they decided to open a retail outlet. There are logo-imprinted cookies, s'mores (with carob, not chocolate, which is toxic to dogs), bone-shaped goodies in lamb, turkey-cranberry and banana-oatmeal flavors, and the wildly popular doughnuts, which are frosted using a form of powdered yogurt and natural food coloring.

"They're human-grade," said Maxwell. "You could eat them, but some may not taste that nice," her daughter added.

Now, here's the really fun part. The treats can be color-coordinated with Machado's handmade doggie party hats and bandanas. That way, the custom-made stacked donut cake can match the birthday dog's outfit for a beach party. And yes, that is a thing, according to Maxwell and Powell.

### Custom gear

Maybe a custom leash or collar would boost Rover's self-esteem. Although she has no storefront and no e-commerce website, Ronni Sweet still does a brisk word-of-mouth business in bespoke dog attire around here.

Frustrated by collars that were too heavy, too small, too jingly or just plain out of proportion to the dogs that were wearing them, Sweet decided several years ago to make her own. Her two Cardigan Welsh corgis sport handsome and colorful collars designed just for them, along with a dual-dog leash.

Sweet starts each project in her Salinas studio by talking at length with the owner about what they're looking for. Then, she said that making the accessories involves sewing through several layers of thick fabric to get just the right look. She has also come up with her own poop-bag dispensers that are sewn directly onto her custom-made leashes so they don't hang loose and get in the way.

"I hate dangling poop bags," she said. She's also added

features that enable a dog's owner to easily snap leashes onto a chair in a restaurant or around the leg of a bench while everyone takes a breather after a long walk. Check out the collection at [sweetdesigns.dog](http://sweetdesigns.dog).

So you see, Amazon, it's not big retail or e-tail, but wagging tails that matter. Besides, everyone loves an underdog.

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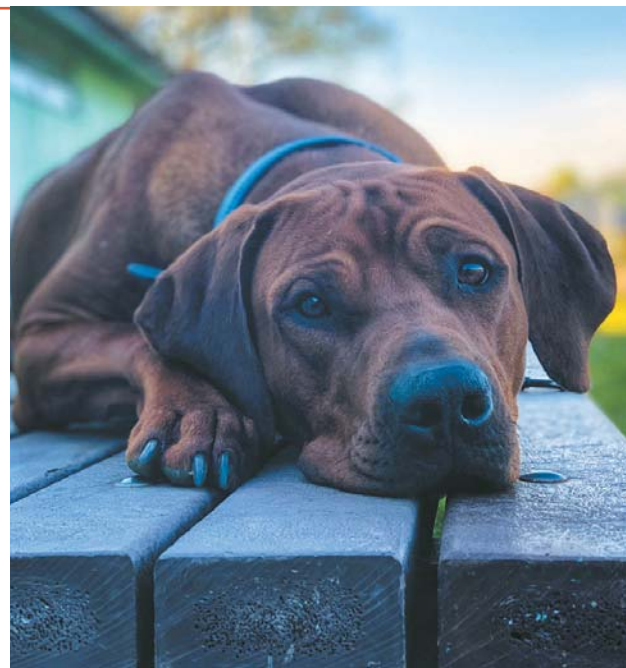
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Michelle Starr

my own dogs for the visit and treated like an extension of the family.”

Starr provides crates for dogs who are used to using one, but she doesn't force a dog to be in a crate, kennel or dog run. Instead, they hang out at what she calls her “doggie day camp.”

Starr began her board-and-care busi-

ness almost by accident. The Carmel Valley native graduated from Chico State's College of Agriculture, and was working for Pet Food Express, when customers began asking her to walk their dogs and even board them. She soon had so many clients, she shifted her job to part time and began developing All Starr Pet Services. In the ensuing seven years, she's fallen in love with a lot of pets.

#### The pack leader

Vicki Meza's boarding business has one focus: to let dogs be dogs. From the moment she picks up a canine and tucks him into her truck, bound for Laughing Dog Ranch in Carmel Valley, he's hers, a member of her family, until she delivers him home.

“I put the dog in a crate in the back of the truck, not a booster seat in the car. I don't set them on the bed and feed them bonbons while they watch ‘Lassie’ reruns. I get

them outside, running with other dogs, digging in the dirt, working out all that energy.”

The veteran behavior specialist and certified animal trainer is an animal advocate. She said her motto, “Rehabilitating dogs — Training people,” means she works from the dog's perspective, rather than trying to make them think, feel or act human.

“In working with a dog,” said Meza, “I go into their world to help them learn how to live in mine. I can train a dog to be able to live in his person's home, but he needs to know he can still be a dog.”



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# This Week

Live Music,  
Clubs and Events

## PacRep wraps up Covid concert series, revisits rock 'n' roll's early years

AS THE world opens up after Covid, PacRep Theatre wraps up a distancing-friendly concert series at the Monterey Fairgrounds Saturday with a tribute to rock 'n' roll in the 1950s and 1960s.

The performers have all starred in PacRep's end-of-the-year tribute concerts — including **Travis Poelle**, who plays Buddy Holly, and **Charmaine Scott**, who portrays Aretha Franklin — and they're traveling from near and far to get here. Other performers include **Davitt Felder**, **Scott Free**, **Lydia Lyons** and **David Schulz**, and they'll be backed by **Don Dally** on guitar, **Desma Johnson** on keyboards and **Phillip Tufts** on bass.

"We're getting the band back together," PacRep's creative director **Stephen Moorer** told The Pine Cone. "Travis hasn't been here for quite a while, and we're flying him back from New York. Charmaine is coming all the way from Georgia."

Moorer said he has mixed feelings about saying goodbye to the drive-in as a concert venue.

"It feels like it's the end of an era," Moorer said. "The Fairgrounds concerts turned out to be real fun — the artists were really appreciative for them, and audiences were thankful, too. It's been a great experiment."

Tickets are \$75 per vehicle and must be bought in advance. The gates open at 6:30 p.m., and showtime is 7:30 p.m. Some seating will be also available. The drive-in is located at 2004 Fairground Road. For more information, call (831) 622-0100.

### ■ Live music July 16-22

**The Barnyard** shopping center — singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Saturday at noon). 3663 The Barnyard, thebarnyard.com.

**Bernardus Lodge & Spa** in Carmel Valley — pianist **Mathias Morris** (classical, Friday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (folk, blues and rock, Saturday at noon), pianist **George Culver** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist

**Richard Devinck** (classical, Sunday at noon), singer and guitarist **Johan Sotelo** (Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Steven Shook** (Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.). In

## On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

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.) and **Boss City** (jazz, Sunday at 1 p.m.). On Highway 1 24 miles south of Rio Road, (831) 667-2700.

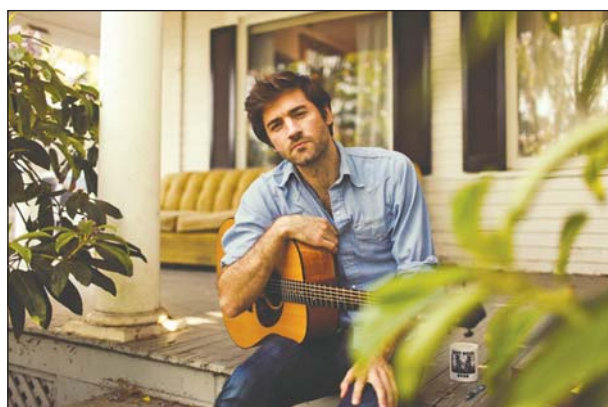
**The Coffee Bank** — **Red Beans & Rice** (rock and blues, Saturday at 7 p.m.). 26135 Carmel Rancho Blvd., (831) 250-7047.

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

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

**Folktale Winery** in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Johan Sotelo** (Friday at 3 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Asher Stern** (Saturday at 3 p.m.), singer and guitarist

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Singer and guitarist John Criagie (above) plays Thursday at Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley, while PacRep Theatre (right) presents its latest drive-in concert at the Monterey Fairgrounds Saturday.



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# FOOD & WINE

## Outdoor dining survey results, new wine and knives, and A Night in Africa

MORE THAN a month-and-half after its survey on outdoor dining ended, the city will release the results of the month-long effort at a special meeting tentatively scheduled for July 22, at 4 p.m.

“Our survey to gauge general public sentiment about future permanent outdoor seating/dining in the public right of way ended on May 31,” planning director Brandon Swanson said Friday.

“We are excited to say that 1,483 responses were received, with nearly 60 percent of those being from residents of Carmel-by-the-Sea.”

### Next steps

The questionnaire sought feedback on whether outdoor seating should become permanent, and if so, what it should look like and how much, if any, business owners should pay for the privilege of using public property for private profit.

“Analysis of the results by community planning and building is nearly complete,” Swanson said when he announced the meeting of the city council’s ad hoc committee on outdoor dining, which includes

Mayor Dave Potter and councilman Bobby Richards. Swanson plans to provide the results and seek direction from committee members on what to do next. Several community members and business owners, as

## Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

well as the heads of the chamber of commerce and tourism group Visit Carmel, participate on the committee, as well.

“This survey is still an early step in a long process to determine if permanent outdoor seating in the public right of way is appropriate,” Swanson said. “If the concept continues to move forward, there is a great deal of regulatory work that would need to be done,” including establishing fees, making sure it’s consistent with all the applicable city and state laws, and developing design standards.

Meanwhile, tasting rooms were required to remove their outdoor serving areas as of Wednesday, while restaurants are to get rid of their temporary parklets,

many of which cost thousands or even tens of thousands of dollars to build, by Sept. 12.

In addition to taking their tables and chairs out of the public right of way, all tasting rooms and restaurants must also get rid of outdoor seating on private property that wasn’t previously approved by the city, according to Swanson. Therefore, those that have expanded beyond their normal number of outside tables will have to cut back, while others that started serving outside during the pandemic will have to stop doing so altogether.

Keep an eye out for details on the July 22 ad hoc committee meeting at [ci.carmel.ca.us](http://ci.carmel.ca.us).

### Blade & Talon

Winemaker Nat Wong introduced his new label, Blade & Talon, during an event at Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley Sunday. Wong is a cellar hand at Folktale, and he debuted his first wine under the new label, a 2020 rosé made from Barbera grapes. The label is “inspired by his three passions: knives, falconry and wine,” and plenty of all three were on hand during the event.

Master falconer and wildlife educator Antonio Balesteri brought live birds of



Winemaker Nat Wong, who works in the cellar at Folktale, debuted his new label, Blade & Talon, during an event at the Carmel Valley winery on Sunday.

prey and talked about raptor conservation and ecology, and how the birds are used in vineyards as a non-chemical way to fend off pests. An SPCA specialist discussed the

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nonprofit's wildlife center and its role in providing education, management and rehabilitation.

And Sanford Owen, owner of downtown gem Carmel Cutlery on Dolores between Ocean and Sixth, displayed some of his favorite pieces and answered questions about them. He also shared his local brand, Monterey Bay Knives.

Find more information about Wong's new venture at bladeandtalon.com.

■ **Two rosés are better than one**

"The only thing better on a hot day than a well-crafted, chilled rosé is another glass of rosé! Luckily for you, we've got you double covered," the folks at Morgan Winery proclaimed last week, when they announced the release of not one, but two dry pink wines.

Followers of Morgan are well familiar with the winery's rosé of grenache, produced each year and easy to drink with all kinds of fare, especially on a warm summer or fall day. It tends to be on the lighter, more refreshing and floral side, with peach, berry and watermelon coming to mind.

This year, Morgan also produced a rosé made from organic pinot noir grapes grown on its Double L Vineyard.

"Pinot noir is the diva of the grape show, and it's prized for its fruit-forward characteristics and bright acidity," they said, describing the new release as possessing "lively aromas of ruby grapefruit, Fuji apple and subtle white pepper, followed by flavors of orchard fruits, wet stone, and tangerine."

The rosé of pinot sells for \$30 per bottle or \$324 per case (a 10 percent discount), while the grenache rosé goes for \$24 per bottle or \$259.20 per case.

Free shipping is available for six or more bottles, though people in hotter climates are well advised to shell out the \$40 to have their wine shipped overnight.

Better yet, visit the tasting room in the Crossroads shopping center at Highway 1 and Rio Road to check out the rosés and other Morgan wines in person. Tastings are available daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and while walk-ins are welcome, reservations are encouraged. Visit morgan-winery.com.

■ **A Night in Africa**

Folktales Provisions, the shop at Folktale Winery in

Carmel Valley, is hosting A Night in Africa Wednesday, July 28, from 4 to 8 p.m., offering visitors the chance to peruse interesting imported wares, art and photography while enjoying wine and light bites.

"Libations and a light spread will be served as customers graze our shop and hear stories about the handmade goods from our shop owner, shopkeeper and photogra-

pher," said marketing coordinator Allie Maffei.

Offerings include handmade baskets based on centuries of tradition, South African paper trays woven in methods passed from generation to generation, and photos taken by Sergio Silva, a server in Folktale's restaurant, Wine Gar-

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den, who also has a deep love of Africa and has traveled there extensively.

The shop also features kitchenware, art pieces, textiles, apothecary items, and pantry products like preserves, sauses, oils and vinegars, coffee and teas.

To RSVP for A Night in Africa, email shopkeeper@folktaleprovisions.com. Folktale is located at 8940 Carmel

Valley Road. Visit folktaleprovisions.com for more information.

## Wine and yoga

Holman Ranch on the eastern edge of Carmel Valley Village will host "Unwined" yoga and wine tasting July 28 at 5 p.m.

Guests will unwind on the lawn at this historic hacienda, with its stunning views overlooking Carmel Valley, starting with a 60-minute yoga session guided by a local instructor and ending with sips of two Holman Ranch wines.

All levels of yoga students are welcome. Guests should bring their own mats, water and towels. The session costs \$50 (\$35 for wine club members), and tickets can be ordered at [exploretock.com/holmanranch/event/289010/unwined-yoga-wine-tasting](http://exploretock.com/holmanranch/event/289010/unwined-yoga-wine-tasting).

## Ready for the fair

The 85th annual Monterey County Fair is set for Sept. 3-6, and organizers hope local bakers, craft brewers and other cooks will submit their creations for judging in the annual competition. The fair this week released its 80-page guidebook outlining requirements for taking part in the event, whether showing livestock, displaying floral arrangements, or sharing samples of jams and jellies, home brews, wine and baked goods. Online entries opened July 12 and are due Aug. 6.

The guidebook explains how to exhibit at the fair and

describes all the classes, categories, rules and recommendations.

Options for the home cook are many. Bakers can submit breads of all kinds, biscuits, cakes, cookies, confections, pies and pastries for \$5 for the first entry, \$3 for the second and \$2 for the third. Those who like to make preserves can enter sauses, toppings, salad dressings, vinegars, jams, jellies, pickles and relishes, fruit butters, conserves, and canned fruits and vegetables. And home brewers can try to wow the judges with a wide range of beer styles. Winners take home cash prizes and bragging rights.

## 'Full steam ahead'

While the coronavirus pandemic drove organizers to separate the livestock show from the rest of the fair by holding it the week before, everything else is full steam ahead, according to CEO Kelly Violini. Rides and carnival games will be operated as usual, while a new "Cub Country" toddler area in the Monterey Room will be available for the smallest visitors and will be sanitized regularly.

All the pertinent information, including the full guidebook, can be found at [montereycountyfair.com](http://montereycountyfair.com).

## Peter B's times two

The reopening of bars and restaurants all over the state following the lifting of pandemic shutdowns also means the return of Happy Hour, and Peter B's Brewpub in the Portola Hotel at the foot of Alvarado Street in Monterey

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**July 18 - "Music for a Changed World" concert presented by the Monterey County Composer's Forum,** 3 p.m. at Hidden Valley Music Seminars in Carmel Valley. Music by local composers Ettinger, The Jinxes, Kaiser, Macy, Owens, Price, Roseman, Schmidt, Victorine and Yramategui. Admission \$10 at the door. Masks and proof of vaccination required.

**Links Club is bringing back karaoke to Carmel-by-the-Sea!** The Ryan Rico Karaoke Show will be held 8-11 pm. every Thursday and Friday at Links Club in the Lower Level of Carmel Plaza. Food, craft beer and local wines will be served as well as hourly rental of the indoor golf simulators. No cost ever for karaoke. Happy hour at Links Club 3-5 p.m. Monday-Friday; \$2 off all draft beers, cocktails and IBrand wines by the glass. Plus daily food specials and Indoor Golf Simulators available for rent by the hour.



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**July 22 - Aspire Health Plan Presents: 5 Ways to Choose Happy, a Virtual Community Connections Class,** 10-11 a.m., free. Healthy living starts from the inside-out. Join us as we dive into a world of happiness research and explore 5 ways you can choose happy every day! We'll discuss practices you can incorporate into your regular routine that can boost your mood, swell feelings of contentment, and improve health outcomes. Register at (877) 663-7651, or [www.aspirehealthplan.org/connections2021](http://www.aspirehealthplan.org/connections2021).

**July 23 - Aspire Health Plan Presents: Retirement: Now What?, a Virtual Community Connections Class,** 10-11 a.m., free. Envision a rewarding, healthy, and purposeful retirement. In this class we will dive into visualizing and preparing for a retirement full of exploration, connection, and intention. Whether you are planning for retirement or currently retired, this presentation will be inspiring and lead to a joyous journey in the next phase of life. Register at (877) 663-7651, or [www.aspirehealthplan.org/connections2021](http://www.aspirehealthplan.org/connections2021)

**July 27 - Aspire Health Plan Presents: Brain Rules - How to Nourish Your Brain and Sharpen Your Mind, a Virtual Community Connections Class,** 10-11 a.m., free. While we cannot affect the passage of time, we can affect our passage through time. The food we eat is the building material for our bodies and brain. This class will provide information on nutrition and lifestyle changes to help you make informed choices to maximize your health and grow older with greater vitality. Register at (877) 663-7651, or [www.aspirehealthplan.org/connections2021](http://www.aspirehealthplan.org/connections2021)

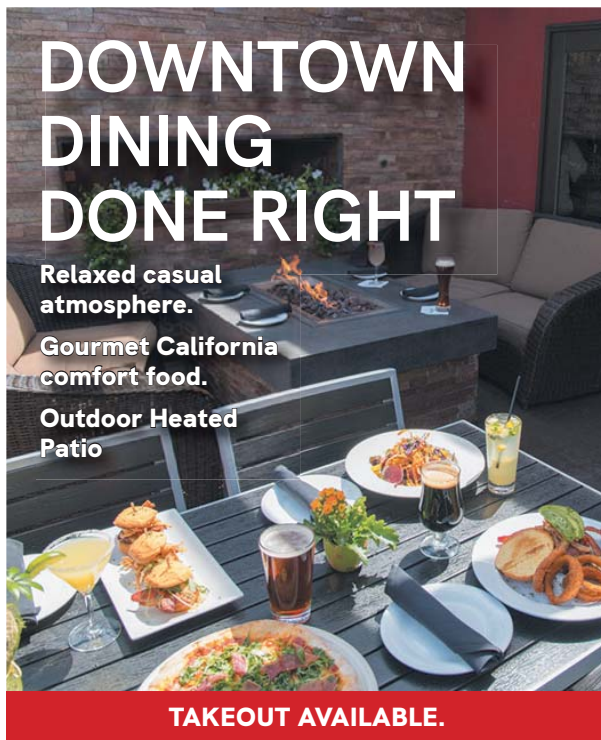
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has two: Traditional hours from 4 to 6 p.m., and a second Happy Hour for those who want something a little later in the evening, from 9 to 10 p.m.

The pub hasn't returned to seven-day-a-week service yet, so it's open Wednesday through Sunday. Happy Hours include a selection of Peter B's craft beers brewed onsite, cider, wine and well drinks, all for \$7 apiece, and appetizers like crispy cheese curds, tempura calamari, sweet potato tots, pepperoni pizza and Gilroy garlic fries, with prices running from \$8 to \$14.

For more information, including menus and a full beer list, visit [portolahotel.com/peter-bs-brewpub](http://portolahotel.com/peter-bs-brewpub).

### ■ The Tira Nanza story

The couple who bought Galante Vineyards and winery from Jack and Dawn Galante a little more than a year ago — in the middle of a pandemic, and only to find themselves surrounded by flames a month later as the Carmel Fire burned through Cachagua — had planned to release their first wines, a rosé and a viognier, this summer. But the impacts of the fire and smoke on the vineyards drove Greg Hill and Sydney Sharek to leave the fruit on the vines instead of harvesting it.

"It was an early and emphatic example of one of the most prominent lessons of the last year: It's great to have a plan, but it's vital to be able to adapt and recover when plans change," Hill wrote in a letter to their winery's supporters.

#### No smoke and mirrors

They now intend to produce a small bit of viognier, rosé and cabernet sauvignon "from the parts of the vineyard that we are most excited about," with releases planned in 2022 and 2023.

"The thought of finally having wines to share with all of you is our single greatest excitement and motivation as we move through what has the potential to be a great season," he said.

Hill has spent his entire career in the industry, starting with a job in a restaurant and wine bar when he was a teenager and extending to work as a winemaker locally and in Napa, Sonoma, Livermore and New Zealand. Sharek's background is in marketing, but she got hooked on the wine business when she went to participate in a harvest



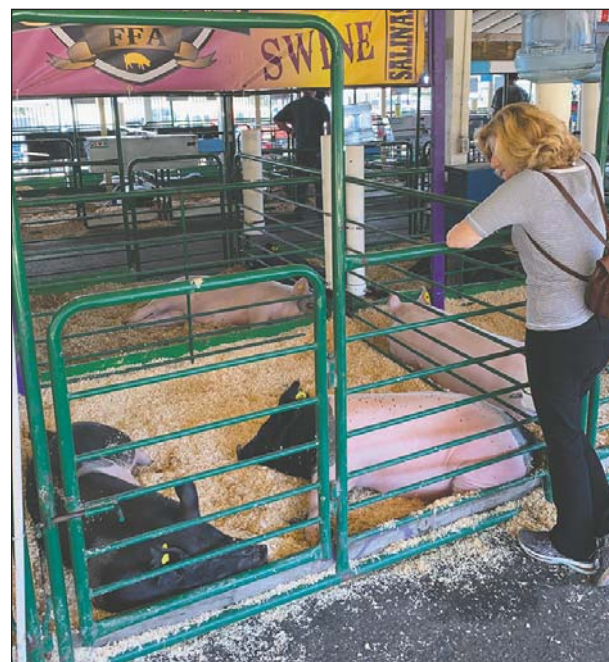
The Monterey County Fair will be held Sept. 3-6, with plenty of entertainment and fun. The livestock show take place the week prior to help avoid overcrowding at the fairgrounds.

with Hill in New Zealand. Now, as an owner, she holds a certificate in wine business management through Sonoma State and is applying her marketing skills to their new venture.

The couple said they plan to "build our brand on an authentic holistic approach and seek to offer genuine experiences and accounts by removing the shroud of smoke, mirrors and pretension that can often be associated with wine."

"As we reflect on everything that has happened since moving out here, it is almost unimaginable to think that it has only been a year," Hill wrote. "Between the pandemic, a wildfire, and all the challenges that come with starting a business, we have faced our fair share of difficult tests, but there have been far more high points than low ones."

To see year one at Tira Nanza depicted in images, watch Sharek's video at [youtube.com/watch?v=cNzWs1xlbs4](https://youtube.com/watch?v=cNzWs1xlbs4).



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**O**bserved a dog on the beach not under voice control.

**C**itizen reported a dog running loose at Second and Carpenter.

**A** citizen reported a dog unattended at Scenic.

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# MUSIC

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**Adrea Castiano** (Sunday at 11:30 a.m.) singer and guitarist **Lindsey Wall** (Monday at 3 p.m.) singer and guitar **Alex Lucero** (Wednesday at 3 p.m.), **Two Rivers** (blues, rock and soul, Thursday at 3 p.m.) and singer-songwriter **John Craigie** and **The Coffis Brothers** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road, (831) 293-7500.

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**Intercontinental Hotel** in Monterey — guitarist **John Sherry** (rock, folk and blues, Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m.). 750 Cannery Row, (831) 375-4500.

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

**The Lodge at Pebble Beach** — singer and guitarist **Taylor Rae** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Jenna Vivre** (Sunday at 6 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Luis Fer** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). In the Terrace

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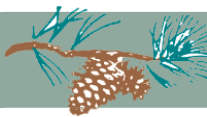
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