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TREES MAKE NEWS — INCLUDING ONE CUT BY MISTAKE

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Fallen trees were being reduced to pieces Wednesday in Toro Park, which remains closed due to extensive damage sustained during the River Fire, while another tree (right) that wasn't supposed to be cut down got chopped in error Oct. 2 in Carmel. See story page 9A.

First phase of toxic waste removal halfway done

■ EPA combing through fire wreckage

By MARY SCHLEY

TEAMS WORKING for the EPA have removed hazardous waste from nearly half of the homes and other buildings damaged or destroyed in the Carmel and River fires, with workers visiting the sites, marking potentially dangerous items and hauling the waste out.

As of Thursday, of the 117 sites to be cleaned, 53 were complete, 54 were pending, and seven had issues that couldn't be immediately resolved — such as a dangerously leaning tree — so they will have to return.

"We have really just been on the ground for about five days doing our Phase I cleanup work, which is the household hazardous waste cleanup in burned or damaged structures," Rusty Harris-Bishop, who works for the EPA, said during a county media briefing Wednesday.

'A physical effort'

Most of the work is done manually, with workers clad in Tyvek suits and other protective gear sifting through the burned wreckage in search of propane tanks, pesticides, paint, batteries, unexploded ammunition and other items that pose a health or safety hazard, and then carefully removing them. The EPA established its staging area for the work on Sept. 28, teams began assessing the Cachagua burn area Oct. 7, and they started removing waste from burned properties in the Sky Ranch area, near the origin of the fire, Oct. 9.

"The work is done by hand," he said. "It's a very physical effort."

Regarding the properties requiring some kind of follow-up, Harris-Bishop explained, there's "either something else that has to be removed or a precarious tree that poses a threat, so we've made note of that on the map." The online map he referred to indicates which properties have been assessed, what time the team was on site, and whether return is needed, but it doesn't show what the specific issues are.

"That means there's either a structure we weren't able to get into because it's too dangerous or there are other reasons why we couldn't access it to do it ourselves, such

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State: Gather with friends and relatives for holidays, but don't have fun

By KELLY NIX

GOOD NEWS. State health officials are now allowing gatherings with friends — as long as they are "small," don't last long and are held outdoors. Oh, and you must keep your face covered and stay 6 feet from others. And don't share anything. And if you feel moved to sing, shout or chant while gathering, please don't. But if you absolutely must sing, then do so "quietly" while wearing a mask.

Those are some of the quirky new rules — intended to ease previous restrictions on private gatherings — issued by the California Department of Public Health Oct. 9. Monterey County health officer Dr. Ed Moreno summarized some of the myriad and confusing directives in a briefing with news reporters Wednesday.

"The first issue is the size of the gatherings," Moreno explained. "The state has limited them to three households. The point they want to make is that the fewer the people, the better."

The state permits organizers to have umbrellas, canopies or other "shade structures" at gatherings, as long as three sides of the space — or 75 percent — are exposed to the outdoors.

And don't dare sidestep the rules by organizing mul-

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Ten schools get waivers to reopen

By MARY SCHLEY

FOLLOWING LAST week's announcement that All Saints Day School and two other private schools received county and state permission to bring younger kids back into their classrooms, Monterey County health officer Dr. Ed Moreno said Wednesday that seven more have gotten the go-ahead.

The waivers allow the reopening of preschool-through-sixth-grade education for in-classroom teaching, as long as the faculty, parents and community are OK with it, and as long as all the required health and safety protocols, like handwashing stations, social distancing, personal protective equipment and other measures, are in place.

The county and state granted waivers to the tiny Pacific Valley School on Big Sur's South Coast, San Carlos and Santa Catalina schools in Monterey, Madonna del Sasso and Sacred Heart in Salinas, and San Ardo Union Elementary and San Antonio Elementary in South Monterey County.

See **WAIVERS** *page 25A*

CHOMP opening clinic at Carmel Rancho

■ Will offer online appointments

By KELLY NIX

MONTAGE HEALTH next week will open its long-awaited urgent care clinic at the mouth of the valley, offering what officials say will be a convenient place for residents and visitors on this side of the Monterey Peninsula to go for minor burns, poison oak, suspected broken bones and an array of other ailments.

On Oct. 20, Montage, the parent company of Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, will open the doors to its MoGo Urgent Care clinic in Carmel Rancho next to Prim's. Spokeswoman Monica Sciuto said Penin-

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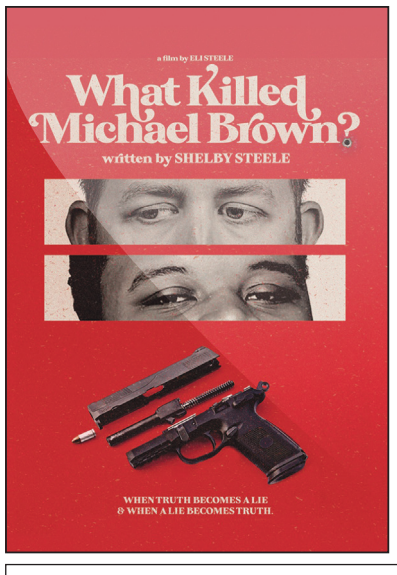
Did racism kill Michael Brown? Filmmaker says no and gets canceled



By CHRIS COUNTS

A STANFORD University scholar, author and filmmaker is running into not-so-surprising obstacles when it comes to releasing his new documentary, "What Killed Michael Brown?"

Shelby Steele's film, which debuts this week, offers a different perspective on the death of Michael Brown, whose shooting by a policeman in Ferguson, Mo., in 2014 triggered protests, riots, the Black Lives Matter movement and a national conversation on race. But you won't be able to stream the film on Amazon Prime.

"Unfortunately, we have found that your title did not meet Prime Video's content quality expectations and is not eligible for publishing on the service at time," an email from Amazon told Steele. "We will not be accepting resubmission of this title and this decision may not be appealed."

While the online retail and streaming giant didn't say why it decided to ban the film, Steele, who lives in Pebble Beach, told The Pine Cone he knows the answer.

Challenging the narrative

"The film challenges the prevailing view that it was police racism that killed Michael Brown," explained Steele, who wrote and narrated the film. "It pretty much documents the untruth of that. Not in any way was Michael Brown killed out of racial animus — the film makes the point racism has been in a radical decline. At least two Justice Department investigations found not one whit of evidence that Michael Brown was killed by racism."

Steele co-produced the documentary with his

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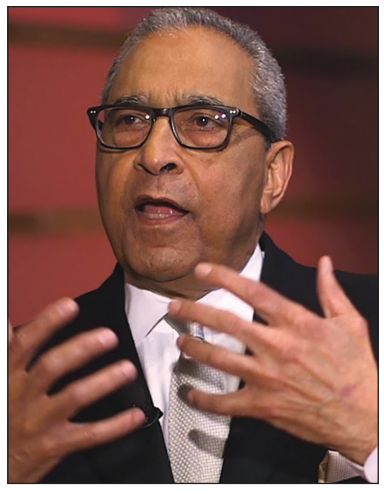

Shelby Steele and, at left, cover art for the DVD of his new film.

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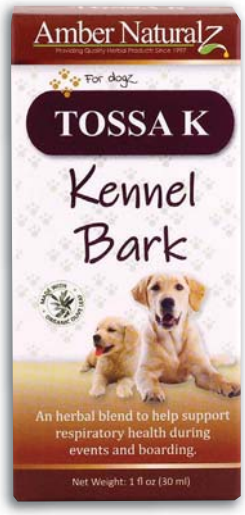

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

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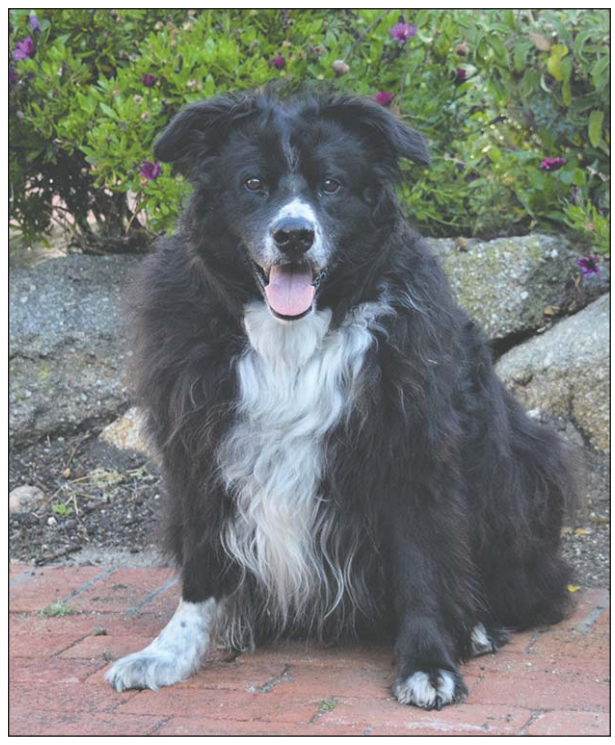
MR. BLACK is a wooly black bear of a dog who gets up slowly from his bed and ambles across the room to greet anyone who comes to visit. This he does by standing quietly, waiting for acknowledgment. Just a little pat will do. Then he wanders back to his bed and settles down. At nearly 15, he is so much less than he was and yet so much more. You can see the wisdom in his eyes.

Mr. Black is a border collie-Australian shepherd mix, whose person was determined to adopt him. He fell in love with the 18-month-old puppy at the Monterey County Animal Shelter but was told the dog wasn't yet eligible for adoption, as they were still trying to locate his family. He added his name to a list of hopefuls, second in line.

"The first family had until 5 p.m. on a Friday to adopt Blackie," his person said. "I called at five minutes to and said I really wanted him. I couldn't collect him for a few days after he'd been neutered, so I visited him and took him for a walk every day until I could bring him home."

"Blackie" was the name given to the pup by the shelter staff. As he matured, his person decided he needed the more dignified name, "Mr. Black."



One day, Mr. Black's person came across Josie, a springer spaniel, half blind and fully deaf, who'd been abandoned. He brought her into his Pacific Grove home and gave her to Mr. Black, who looked after her until she died, some eight years ago.

"He is so good and so patient," his person said. "He and I are inseparable. Sometimes I ignore him or he ignores me, but not for long. My family lives back East, but I never go visit them. I can't leave Mr. Black."

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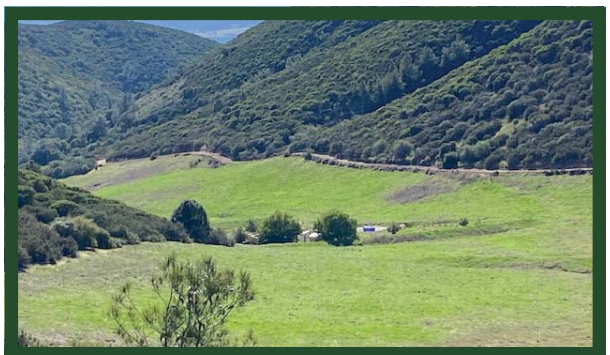

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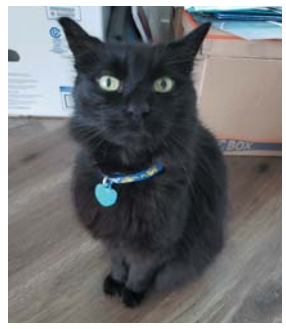

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Nine candidates vie for CUSD board

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH EDUCATION at the top of everyone's mind as parents, teachers and administrators muddle their way through distance-learning and all the other changes forced upon them by the coronavirus pandemic, several residents have emerged to take on the two incumbents — Karl Pallastrini and Todd Weaver — on the Carmel Unified School District board of education, and to replace longtime board member Annette Yee Steck.

Steck, who was first elected to the board in 1993, has worked in public finance since the early 1980s and began focusing solely on public financing for school districts in 1996. She joined the faculty of the California School Boards Association's Masters in Governance program in 2005, and, with her decision not to run for reelection, is leaving some big shoes to fill.

■ Seaberry Nachbar

Nachbar's family has been part of the community for six generations, she said, and she's lived here for more than 20 years. Her three children, now all teenagers, have attended Carmel schools, where she's been "a devoted and active parent volunteer."

Nachbar, who works for NOAA as an environmental educator and is on the state department of education's environmental literacy steering committee, said she wants to ensure that all children have the knowledge and information to address climate change and believes they also need a break from screen time and to get outside. She's helped "develop environmental and ocean literacy" for CUSD.

"I am a trained and experienced listener who values open dialogue and welcomes different perspectives and points of view," she said, explaining why people should vote for her. "I put emphasis on open communication and transparency."

While getting kids back on campus is the most pressing issue, Nachbar said, she wants to focus on serving all students, including those who are on a vocational path rather than an academic one.

"We need to create partnerships with our community businesses and organizations that can provide volunteer opportunities so students can see their potential," she said. "We need to balance the emphasis of the traditional college pathway with trades and vocational skills."

■ Samir Messiah

A civil engineer with a 10-year-old daughter in the school district and a son who's in medical school, Messiah said his father pushed him and his siblings to attend university, and he highly values education.

The greatest issue facing CUSD, he said, is how to teach effectively during a pandemic. "I would like to see teachers teach so teachers can be teachers and parents can be parents," he said. Adequate training and resources must exist for teachers to be able to do their jobs well, and parents shouldn't be expected to "revisit their knowledge skills in order to work shoulder to shoulder with their children on vague curricula and minimal instructions."

■ Alexis Delehanty

With teaching experience and graduate-level training in education, and drawing on her years as a parent who's been active in the district, Delehanty said she's running because she wants to "give back."

"I am a strong advocate for public education and its power to transform and enrich individual lives and our society," she said. "I feel that all board decisions should be made through the lens of asking, 'How does this serve our students?'"

While chaos ensued as the pandemic hit and the shutdowns became widespread,

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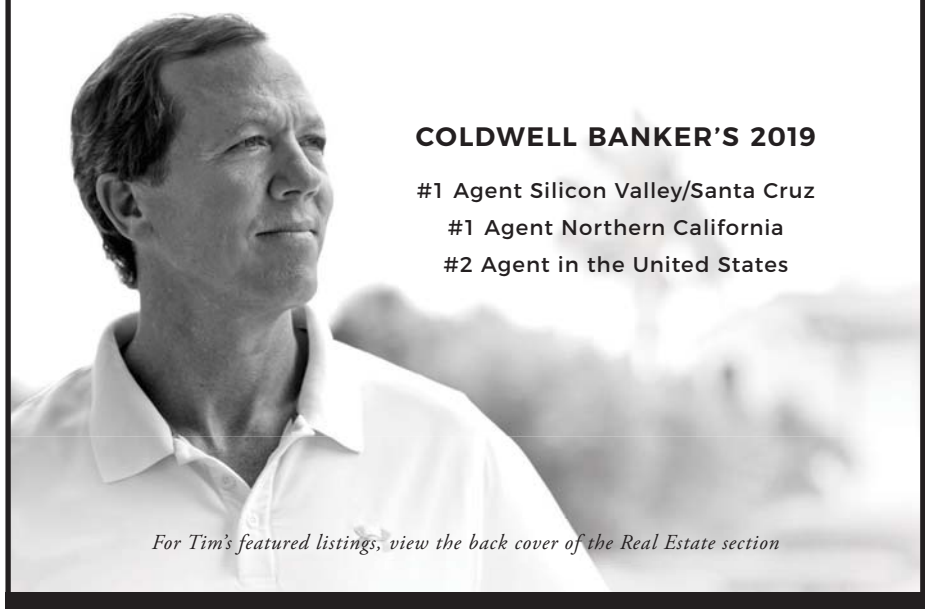

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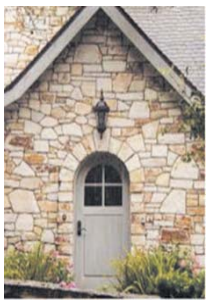

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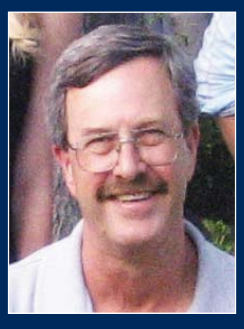

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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

All OK after arboreal ambush

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.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A male at Mission and Fourth overdosed on heroin at 0347 hours. Narcan was administered and he was transported to the hospital.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Credit card found at Dolores and Seventh yesterday and turned in to the station today. No contact information found. Card destroyed.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Minor damage hit-and-run on San Carlos. Driver unknown.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Debit card found at Ocean and Dolores, no phone contact. Card destroyed.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Credit card found. No contact information available. Card destroyed.

Pacific Grove: Unknown subject took a Nest camera and a sawhorse on Forest. The perpetrator fled from the scene.

Pacific Grove: Collision involving a deer on Highway 68.

Pacific Grove: A wallet found downtown was turned in. A message was left with the owner.

Pacific Grove: Conducted a vehicle stop on Central Avenue at 1723 hours and found a juvenile 16-year-old driver was unlicensed. The juvenile driver and a 14-year-old passenger later resisted arrest. The two juveniles were cited and released to their parents.

Pacific Grove: Minor ran from home on Balboa. Not taking prescribed medication.

Carmel Valley: Report of a missing or stolen watch on Cachagua Road.

Big Sur: A 60-year-old male on Highway 1 had a firearm in his vehicle not properly secured.

Carmel area: Brookdale Drive resident reported a child custody issue.

Carmel Valley: Person reported a verbal domestic at Mid Valley Center. Case closed.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Drug paraphernalia recovered at Mission and Fourth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Camera left by a restaurant customer on Sixth east of Lincoln. A note was left on the door after closing stating the camera was now at the police department.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A Ridgewood resident called 911 to report a person outside his home was knocking on his front door. The area was checked and no one was located. At 0615 hours, the same resident called 911 to report the same set of circumstances. The resident was evaluated for 5150 W&I but did not meet the criteria. A caregiver/power of attorney was notified.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male was looking at his cell phone and hit his head on a low tree branch in the area of Ocean and Mission.

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The gavel falls

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

Sept. 1 — Monterey County Superior Court Carrie M. Panetta sentenced Miguel Angel Morales Mendez, 32, a resident of Greenfield, to four years in prison for arranging a meeting with Jane Doe 1 for a sexual purpose and communicating with Jane Doe 2 for a sexual purpose.

Jane Doe 1 reported that she met Mendez on social media when she was 15 years old. She told him her age, and Mendez, who was 31 years old at the time, lied and stated he was 21 years old. They began an online dating relationship and communicated for around three months. Jane Doe 1 and Mendez met up in person on two occasions and Mendez kissed Jane Doe 1.

Jane Doe 2 also reported that she met Mendez on social media when she was 15 years old. Mendez was 31 years old at the time. She told Mendez her age, and he again lied about his age. Mendez indicated he wanted to engage in a romantic relationship with Doe 2, but Doe 2 declined, and eventually blocked Mendez on social media.

In addition to the prison sentence, Mendez is required to register as a sex offender. Judge Panetta also ordered Mendez not to have any contact with Jane Doe 1 or Jane Doe 2 for a period of 10 years, the maximum term under the law.

Sept. 2 — A jury convicted Michael Edwards, 57, a resident of Salinas, of felony charges of selling methamphetamine and heroin, and a misdemeanor charge of possessing controlled substance paraphernalia.

On Sept. 26, 2019, California Highway Patrol officers stopped the defendant for driving with expired registration. During a search of the defendant's vehicle, officers found a locked briefcase with 27 grams of methamphetamine, 2.9 grams of heroin packaged separately, and numerous items of drug sales indicia.

The defendant had a scale, pay-owe notebooks, a smoking pipe for methamphetamine, baggies for packaging, and a large amount of currency. He faces a maximum sentence of four years, eight months in Monterey County Jail, pursuant to penal code section 1170(h) for the felony convictions, as well as an additional six months for the misdemeanor conviction.

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State releases payroll data on Monterey County employees

By KELLY NIX

MONTEREY COUNTY paid its 5,900 government employees nearly $452 million in wages and $116 million in benefits last year, according to payroll data released by the state controller.

Betty T. Yee released the figures, which show that Monterey County paid out $452,136,369 in total wages and $115,894,867 in retirement and health benefits in 2019. That amounts to nearly $21 million more in wages and $2.6 million in benefits than the county paid in 2018.

Of the 20 top earners in county government, 17 of them work at Natividad Medical Center, the county hospital in Salinas. Its chief of surgery was paid $558,049 — a raise of $57,200 over the prior year — plus $39,473 in benefits. The figures released by Yee's office include job titles but do not identify employees by name.

A physician with the county health department was paid $387,350 and received $11,378 in benefits, while one of the county's top administrators earned a $353,706 salary and $37,708 in benefits. The county's top paid cop last year was an investigative sergeant in the Monterey County Sheriff's Office who received $335,263 in salary and $34,567 in health and pension benefits.

Some of the officials could be identified from their titles. District Attorney Jeannine Pacioni, for example, received a total of $313,647 in pay and benefits, and Sheriff Steve Bernal earned $254,236 and an ample $82,195 in health and retirement. The auditor/controller, a position held by Rupa Shah, made $229,200, plus $35,255 in health and pension. The county's supervising forensic evidence technician — essentially a crime scene investigator — made $135,486.

The employee responsible for collecting property taxes, Mary Zeeb, was paid $223,872 and received $38,736 in retirement and health benefits, while the person who manages the county's computer systems, the information technology director, was paid $218,516 in salary and $19,545 in benefits.

Grand jury investigated

The highest paid member of the county board of supervisors made $157,361 plus $26,396 in health and pension benefits in 2019, according to the data. The county registrar of voters, Claudio Valenzuela, was paid $163,986, with $34,164 in benefits.

The two lowest paid people in 2019 were a library assistant, who made $77, and a departmental information systems manager I, who earned $26.

After The Pine Cone reported that Monterey County failed to report its public payroll data for 2018, and filed late in 2015 and 2016, the county grand jury opened an investigation. It found the county had no procedures in place to prevent future late filings, and it recommended employees come up with written policies to ensure the data is filed timely with the state.

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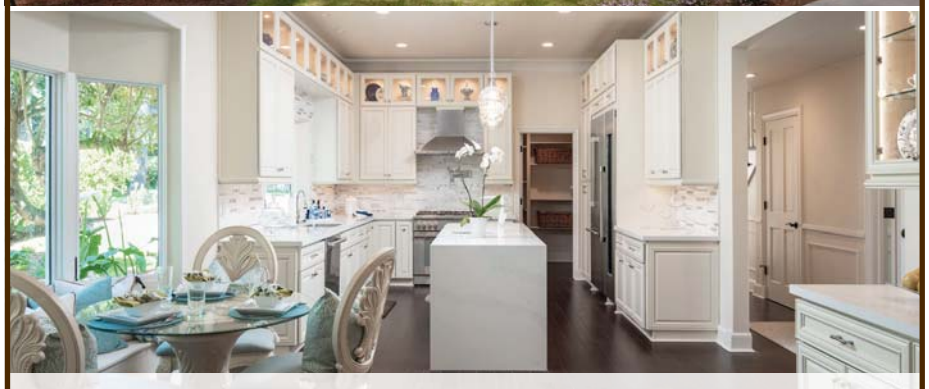

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Council OKs contract with Verizon that could open door to cell antennas

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CITY council agreed to let Verizon apply again to install cell phone antennas in town, according to an agreement approved Tuesday.

Despite concerns from several speakers at last week's meeting, city attorney Brian Pierik encouraged council members to OK the contract with Verizon. Last year, the planning commission and city council rejected the company's application to install five cell towers at the south end of town, and the agreement presented last week proposed a path for the future.

Verizon sought permission to install new cell towers on power poles on San Antonio, at 10th and Dolores, and on Lincoln and Mission, but the planning commission and then the city council refused to approve the plan, citing design rules and code sections prohibiting the installation of communications equipment in the public right of way. The telecom company took its case to the California Coastal Commission, which declined to hear it.

All along, the wireless company's attorneys argued that federal and state law preempt the local codes when it comes to approving wireless equipment, suggesting the denial could land the city in court. Last week, Pierik presented the proposed agreement to the council.

The deal states Verizon will apply for new locations for its towers — on Carmelo between Eighth and Ninth, and on Sunset Center's roof. Verizon would pay monthly rent of $1,000 for the equipment at Sunset Center for at least 25 years.

Another two towers will be proposed for locations outside city limits.

Municipal code redo

If the county or PG&E does not approve the locations outside the city, and if the coastal commission doesn't side with Verizon, either, the city must "consider a revision to its wireless ordinance to comply with federal and state law within six months of Verizon Wireless providing written notice to the city of that disapproval," according to the agreement.

And if the city again denies any of its proposed locations, Verizon can file suit in state or federal court. The company can also cancel the agreement if the city approves the new towers "with conditions that are not reasonably acceptable to Verizon Wireless."

After a council member and a member of the public asked that the Verizon item be taken off the consent calendar for separate discussion and a vote, Pierik explained that the agreement "does not obligate the city to approve any cell sites," and that the application would undergo extensive public input, just as it did the first time around.

"This agreement basically sets forth a process," he said. Pierik also said his office is looking at the sections of the municipal code that might conflict with state and federal laws, as Verizon alleges.

Resident Susan Nine said the proposed agreement was

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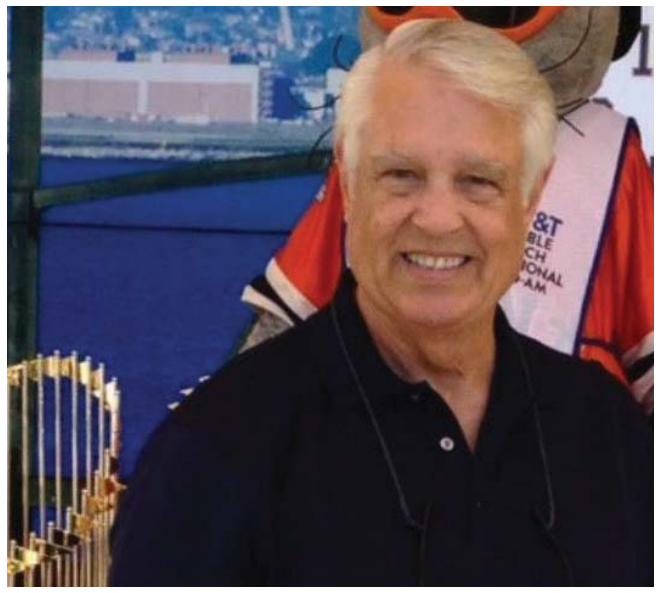

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Commission OKs Vesuvio rooftop tent

By MARY SCHLEY

To TRY to make it through the rainy season, Rich Pepe sought permission from the planning commission Wednesday night to install a tent over the rooftop patio at his Vesuvio restaurant. And wanting him to succeed, the commission said yes.

Located on Sixth between Mission and Junipero, the restaurant has some seating in a couple of parking spaces and on the sidewalk, but most of its outdoor tables are on the rooftop deck. In anticipation of cold, windy, rainy nights during winter, Pepe applied for permission to install a tent on the rooftop to keep patrons warm and dry.

Acting planning director Marnie Waffle recommended approving the tent for three months while Pepe's other application for a permanent installation is processed, but he asked for permission to install a temporary tent now through the end of the rainy season. Otherwise, he said, installing the tent would be too expensive to be worthwhile.

Commissioner Gail Lehman had no objections but wanted assurance the tent wouldn't have walls, since health and safety guidelines call for leaving at least three

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Stevenson apologizes for teacher sex abuse in the 1980s

By KELLY NIX

STEVENSON SCHOOL in Pebble Beach has formally apologized to several students who recently reported they were victims of sexual or behavioral misconduct at the private school decades ago, including a teen who reported that the wife of one of his teachers performed a sexual act on him the day of his graduation in the 1980s.

Responding to allegations of employee misconduct, the high school launched an investigation in April 2017. In a Sept. 30 letter to parents and alumni, Stevenson President Kevin Hicks offered an update of the findings by third-party investigator Stephanie Atigh.

The allegations in Atigh's report stem from a 2017 interview she had with former headmaster Joseph Wandke, who worked at the school from 1983 to 2015, and more recent interviews with former students, who came forward after reading a December 2019 letter about the school's investigation into past abuses.

Plied with alcohol

One incident involved a former teacher in the 1980s who, on the evening of the school's commencement ceremony, invited two new graduates, a male and female, both minors, to his and his wife's campus dormitory apartment. The teacher gave the boy a beer and the four sat down for a movie, according to the former students — who are now in their 50s.

"While they were watching the movie," the teacher "touched the female graduate in a sexual way that made her feel embarrassed and uncomfortable," according to Atigh. "He then left the living room briefly, and returned clad in a T-shirt and underpants."

The girl was "disturbed" by the behavior and left the home.

"The male graduate remained in the apartment," and the teacher's wife "made sexual advances toward him, which later culminated in an act of sexual misconduct by her," Stevenson said.

A day or two later, the girl, accompanied by her parents, told Wandke about her experience. However, she told Atigh she didn't feel he took her report "seriously." The boy told the headmaster about the beer, but never reported to him — or anyone else — about the sexual misconduct until the interview with Atigh.

Atigh said that she believes the accusations are credible and named the teacher and his wife in her report. While the teacher denied the allegations, his ex-wife refused to be interviewed.

The Pine Cone is not naming them, and others accused of misconduct, because they have not been charged with crimes.

"We sincerely apologize to both graduates and to their families for the sexual misconduct that these graduates experienced, and for the incomplete way in which the school responded, at the time, to the information that it had received," Hicks said in the Sept. 30 letter.

Drugs, too

Another former female Stevenson graduate Atigh interviewed recalled being invited to a teacher's dormitory apartment following her commencement ceremony, also in the 1980s. Though she couldn't recall the man's name, she said he offered an unidentified illegal drug at the gathering, which included other graduates.

While the former student said she reported the behavior to Wandke "soon after it happened," Atigh cited "insufficient evidence" to confirm the incident.

Yet another Stevenson alumna told

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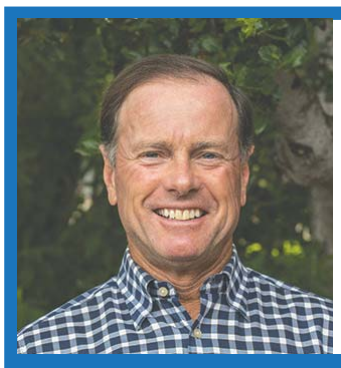

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Contractor cuts down wrong tree

By MARY SCHLEY

A TREE service working for the city removed a large pine after mistaking it for the large cypress around the corner that the city forester actually wanted cut down, causing an outcry among some residents and prompting the forest and beach commission to call him on the carpet.

David Refuerzo, a former forest and beach commissioner, notified various city officials about the pine on First Avenue after he saw the tree being removed Oct. 2 and asked a nearby resident what was going on.

Upon investigating, they learned the tree removal, which was done by John Ley's Tree Service, was an error, Refuerzo said in his email, which described the tree as 48 inches in diameter and about 125 feet tall.

"Obviously, there is no way to make this right," he said. "I hope that there is much to be learned from this colossal mistake."

Public works director Bob Harary told The Pine Cone city officials and many residents are "are very upset about this issue," and that the company could be forced to make restitution and possibly fined.

"City staff will be doing an extra confirmation going forward to hopefully prevent this from ever happening again," he added.

'Bad feelings'

At the Oct. 8 forest and beach commission meeting, city forester Sara Davis explained that she had marked the cypress on Monterey Street southeast of First for removal because it has a structural defect and is near power lines, but that Ley confused it with a large pine around the corner on First that "met the description" — other than the species of tree.

"He has worked for the city for over 27 years, and this is the first time there's been a mix-up like this, and he feels very badly about what happened and it was completely unintentional," she said. "We're working on getting the wires detached from the very tall stump so that it won't stand out in the neighborhood and continue to cause bad feelings."

Resident Karen Ferlito said the error "has caused great grief," because the tree was "very beloved."

"This should never have happened, and it should never happen again," she said. "And there really has to be some sort of consequence."

Ferlito said the city should make efforts to publicly post and notify people, especially in the affected neighborhood, when a tree is slated to be cut down. That way, they can plan to avoid the noise or move their cars — and would have time to question why a tree is going to be cut.

"The tree should be marked clearly, and each contractor that's hired to take out trees must abide by the rules and never take out a tree that's not marked and question any tree that they go to if they have any concerns they might be at the wrong place," she said. "With our lack of street addresses, it creates a very confusing situation at times. But the tree that was to be removed was clearly marked, and the tree that was removed had no marks on it."

Ramie Allard with the Friends of Carmel Forest said a contractor "who claims to be a tree specialist and takes down a completely healthy 100-plus-foot tree should be held accountable" beyond the fines and punishment levied on building contractors and property owners who unlawfully damage or remove trees. She said she was "so saddened to see this happen."

Error after error

Ley also spoke at the meeting to explain that the error didn't arise from confusion about the address of the tree, but from his failing to actually check to make sure he

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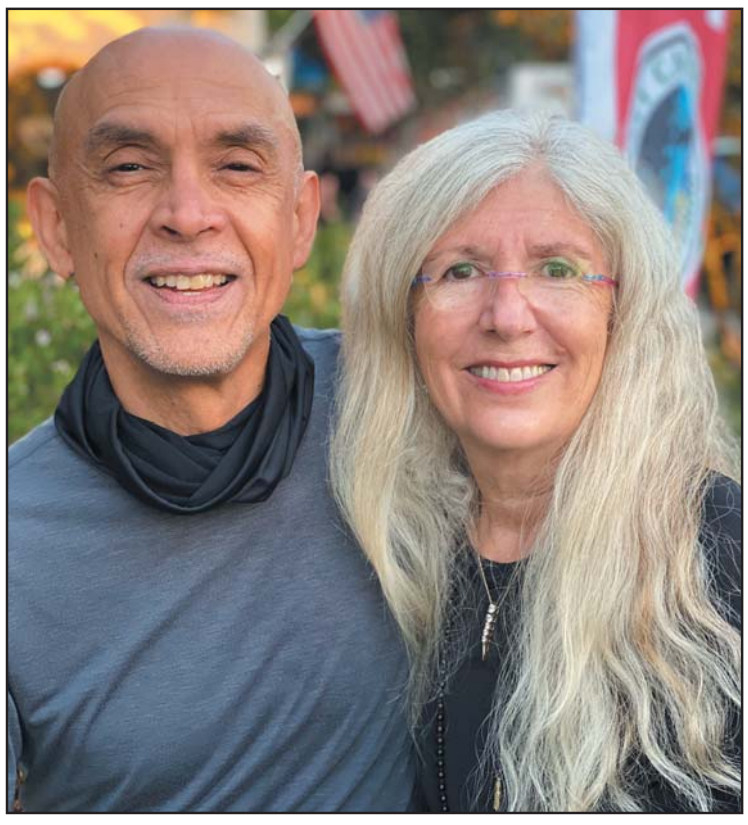

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Dolan Fire lingers while everybody waits for rain

By CHRIS COUNTS

FIFTY-NINE days after it was allegedly started by an arsonist, the Dolan Fire stands at 98 percent containment — which is where it's been for more than a week.

"The fire looks pretty good," fire official Kevin Harris reported Thursday. "Suppression is really moving along, but we're not done yet."

Firefighters are keeping a watchful eye on the hot weather, with temperatures as high as 99 degrees expected Friday in Big Sur. Winds, though, are expected to be light.

On Wednesday evening, in anticipation of high winds, PG&E cut power to residents in Big Sur. It was restored Thursday afternoon.

In response to the outage, some took to social media to comment. While many took it in stride, a few complained, and others noted that high winds never really materialized.

Vegetation is critically dry

As the fire consumes unburnt islands inside the containment lines, it will continue to generate smoke until wet weather arrives.

"Fuels are critically dry, and they'll stay that way until we get rain in late October or early November," meteorologist Kurt Van Speybroeck said.

Firefighters are focused on monitoring the fire's perimeter and inaccessible locations for increased fire activity, controlling fire and mopping up wherever possible, and reducing visual impacts.

The fire has burned nearly 125,000 acres, destroyed 14 homes and damaging another five. More than 300 firefighters remain on scene.

The fire started Aug. 18 just east of Highway 1 near Esalen Institute. Ivan Geronimo Gomez, 30, of Fresno, remains jailed on felony arson charges, with his bail set at $2 million.

Due to the fire, the Big Sur backcountry remains closed, along with Nacimiento-Fergusson Road. But Pfeiffer Beach, Willow Creek and Mill Creek reopened this week. Limekiln State Park, Kirk Creek Campground and Plaskett Creek Campground remain closed for now. Highway 1 is open.

Suicide cause of death for man found in P.G.

By KELLY NIX

SUICIDE WAS determined to be the cause of death of a 56-year-old man whose body was found late last month near the ocean in Pacific Grove, a commander with the Monterey County Sheriff's Office told the Pine Cone this week.

At about 12:30 p.m., officials recovered the body of the man on the west side of Ocean View Boulevard across from Crespi Pond near a vehicle turnout. While the cause of death, at that time, was not known, foul play was not suspected.

Family not notified

Sheriff spokesman Cmdr. Derrel Simpson told The Pine Cone Monday that an autopsy indicated the man took his own life.

Because his family has not been identified, however, Simpson said he was unable to release other details about the man, including his name and where he lived.

A total of 45 people took their lives in Monterey County in 2019, according to data from the Monterey County Health Department.

While suicide has increased in some areas in the United States, an uptick that has been partially blamed on the coronavirus pandemic, Monterey County was not on track to greatly exceed its annual rate. From January to July, the county reported 23 suicides.

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Board terms extended until election

By MARY SCHLEY

FIVE PEOPLE serving on the city's boards and commissions whose terms were supposed to end last month will continue with the job until Dec. 8, the city council decided last week.

Mayor Dave Potter and Mayor Pro-Tem Bobby Richards requested the extension so they could reinterview the 25 people who applied for more than a half-dozen positions, "to ensure the appointments made to the city's boards and commissions are done in a manner that provides the most benefit to each of the boards and commissions and the community as a whole," according to the report presented to the council Oct. 6. Potter and Richards were originally set to present their recommendations for the appointments at last week's meeting.

According to the municipal code, the incumbents have to agree to continue serving, and five did: Donna Jett on the community activities commission, Tara Twomey on the library board, Al Saroyan on the forest and beach commission, and Karyl Hall and Thomas Hood on the historic resources board. Their willingness to stay on should ensure each group has a quorum when it meets.

The extension will also result in a new council voting on the appointments, since at least one new person will be seated after the Nov. 3 election, and councilman Jeff Baron said that should always be the case.

"A few years ago, when we changed our elections from April to November, we did not change the calendaring of these appointments," he observed. Baron said he'd like to see the municipal code changed so the appointments won't be made just before the election, to avoid having an outgoing council choosing those who serve.

One not on the list

Longtime planning commissioner Julie Wendt was not included in the term extensions. She did not apply for reappointment, and she attended her final meeting last month. At the Oct. 14 planning commission meeting, her fellow commissioners praised her virtues and said they will very much miss working with her.

"Commissioner Wendt has not applied for a new term on the planning commission, and I was sorry to hear that," chairman Michael LePage said. "She was an excellent commissioner, and I wanted to acknowledge what a great person she is. She was always well spoken, and I know she'll be missed."

Commissioner Chris Bolton said Wendt was "one of the best" and that she'll be terribly missed, and commissioner Gail Lehman said she appreciated Wendt's "thoroughness and attention to detail."

"She was a tremendous asset to our commission," Lehman said.

Commissioner Stephanie Locke said she also appreciated Wendt's skillful analysis and input.

"I admired her very much," she said. "I hope the lessons I learned from her will carry forward."

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I Am

…an Educator — for 30 years, including teaching math and economics at Carmel High, 2000-2015. I have used varied modalities, including online teaching, to optimize student experiences and broaden their foundations and love of learning.

…a part of this community — a lifelong resident of the Carmel district. Both my children graduated Carmel High School, went on to earn graduate degrees and work in community/education related fields. I understand what it takes to help children find their own voices and pursue their own dreams and ambitions.

…an Environmental Builder – I studied green building and LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design). I work as a green builder, rehabilitating homes in Carmel Valley.

…an Agriculturalist — I remain involved with leasing and stewarding agricultural lands in the Salinas Valley.

…a Volunteer — I continue to work at the Cachagua Center to help support student learning through after-school programs, which I have done continuously for the past dozen years. I have helped with the adult ESL classes and work with teachers to plan curriculum. I currently assist with the distance learning classes.

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A thought from someone in the community

Anne-Marie es la mejor candidata para la mesa directive de Carmel. Es la única candidata que se ha interesado por las comunidades marginalas tales como Cachagua y Big Sur. Anne-Marie es la voz de aquellos que han sido silenciados o que no se les ha permitido participar en el proceso político democratico. Por lo tanto, Anne-Marie tiene mi apoyo incondicional.

Translation:

Anne-Marie is the best candidate for the school board. She is the only candidate who has an interest in the marginalized communities such as Cachagua and Big Sur. Anne-Marie is the voice of those who have been silenced or who have not been able to participate in the democratic political process. Therefore, Anne-Marie has my unconditional support.

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Open Letter To My Friends

The Great Rug Heist of Carmel

I once owned a truly extraordinary rug. It was originally woven for the Persian king of Baktiar. It was an enormous 16' x 28' rug garland with verses of Rumi poetry in the borders and weavers signature as a tribute to the King. The rug gained tremendous acclaim in the scholarly world of oriental rugs. There was definitely no other rug like this in the world. I practically indentured myself to attain to this masterpiece. It took me 10 years to finally pay for this rug.

Almost 30 years ago, armed robbers came into my store in Carmel on Dolores Street. They tied up my three employees, burst open the rug vault where I had kept this rug safely for 10 years and managed to abscond with my most valuable treasure. There were no clues, just a gaping hole where the vault doors once were. For two years, I searched the underground rug bazaars and auctions of the world knowing this lost Picasso would have to eventually turn up.

My son was at Dartmouth. I visited him often, and we would escape into New York City for an opera or ballet. But he would always tell me "Please dad, can we just this one time not spend two days looking for that damn rug!"

It was not by chance that I was still scouring Manhattan's wholesale rug market , searching every corner of thousands of rug shops. When I entered this one Persian workshop, I immediately was drawn to the monumental rug which stood carefully rolled tight, wrapped in paper in the corner. A rug of this notoriety wouldn't hide easily. There were only 20 rugs this large in the world. I'm 6 ft tall and with my outstretched arm, I am 8 feet which was exactly the half folded width of my rug. Could this be it?

My heart began to beat quickly. The size was right. And why was it hidden, covered in paper? Unnoticed by the two rug weavers, I managed to cut the paper with my room key just enough to expose the telltale weave of the rug. My hands were shaking as I counted the warp and weft to make no mistake.

Conway of Asia, Original Store, 1974

I tried to compose myself but to no avail. Now I had raised the suspicion of the two workers. I quickly played to their vanity and asked politely "Could I take your picture? I've never seen anything so intricate as the rug you are weaving. Is it for sale? They replied, "The owner will return at five you may ask him."

I had only five hours to devise a plan. I immediately thought of Khalil and Jamil, the twin sons of the man from which I had originally bought the now found rug. They were students at Columbia and they cut quite a swath at 6'6" inches both with piercing green eyes. They rushed to my hotel to help me out. Eagerly, we began to hone the details of what was unfurl before us.

We burst into the shop at precisely at 5pm and found the owner behind his desk. Khalil bolted the door behind us. The owner was startled by the bravado of the two turbaned men that towered over him. I threw down the FBI's photo of the rug and said "I've come for my rug!" He reached for his desk drawer but was quickly thrown against wall. Jamil's had holding his throat while Khalil tended to the two shopkeepers. I explained the rug in the corner once belonged to their father before it was passed to me. "Please, don't anger my friends. I can hardly control them myself." He said, "Let me explain!" I cut him off. "Everyone knows the rug is stolen, I don't need an explanation. There is a truck waiting at the loading dock and you have10 minutes to load the rug. And we can agree we will never speak of this again or would you prefer to explain it all to the FBI?"

That night in a cousin's kebabs house, we toasted the returned rug. I saluted my dear friends and their Oscar winning performance. They chuckled. We weren't acting! There was never a question we were leaving without the rug. We were just honoring our father by righting a wrong that had befallen you. It reminded me of the words of Rumi. "Out beyond the fields of right and wrong there's a place. I will meet you there."

I flew home to Carmel the next day with the prodigal rug safely ensconced in the belly of the beast. I called my son and said we never have to look for that rug again. And then I called the FBI and the local police only to find out the trail had grown cold and after two years they decided to close the case. I thank them for their good work and diligence.

Six months later I sold the rug to a prince in Saudi Arabia for a very handsome sum.

All of my rugs will be sold in a next month. Time is of the essence. I have grandchildren waiting. The prices will shock you. We are all moving to the good times lay ahead. We will defeat this virus and compassion will fill the hearts of all. Please VOTE!

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Big Sur writer looks at the legacy of innovative pre-school

By CHRIS COUNTS

With her first book, Jasmine Horan of Big Sur completes a circle that began when she was just 6 months old. Now 41, she tells the story of one of the world's most experimental early childhood programs — which she experienced first as a child, and then as a teacher and parent.

Horan delves into what made the school unique. She reached out to other alumni to learn about how their experiences at Gazebo shaped their lives. She also examines its legacy and speculates how its ideas can shape the future.

The Gazebo Park School was founded in 1977 by Janet Lederman as an alternative approach to traditional pre-school programs. It was a big part of daily life at Esalen for 40 years, offering "a more humanized, whole-bodied approach to teaching and learning," and providing "a sensory-rich environment for children."

Like Esalen, Gazebo was shaped by the rise of humanistic psychology in the mid-20th century which emphasized creativity, free will and human potential, along with environmental education.

The lines between teachers and students blurred, and students were given more responsibility — and trusted to take on a more active role in designing their playground and planning their activities. "The place was a magical park, a creative outdoor space designed by children for children," Horan told The Pine Cone.

Coming home

Years later, after graduating from Southern Oregon University with a bachelor's degree in English and Oregon State University with a master's degree in teaching, Horan returned to Big Sur to teach at Gazebo.

But Esalen closed the preschool in 2017, citing a need to focus on conferences and workshops. In response, several of its teachers have formed the Big Sur Park School and are carrying on many of its ideas.

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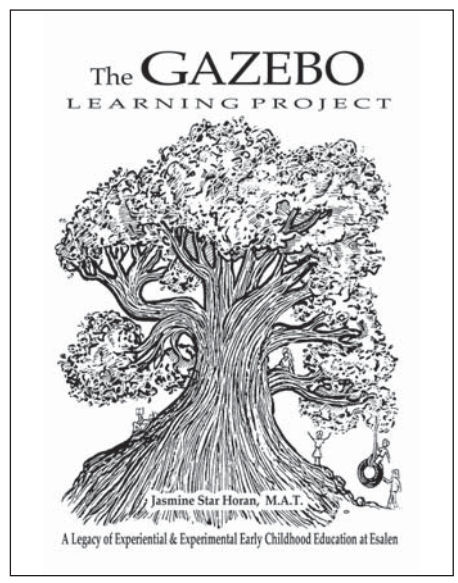

Jasmine Horan of Big Sur (left) has written a book (right) that explores the legacy of Esalen Institute's groundbreaking Gazebo School.

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tiple gatherings of three households at the same outdoor event — that's strictly a no-no.

"You might imagine, for example, a group of three households contacting another group of three households that contacts another group of three households, and so on and so on," Moreno said. "And before you know it, you've got dozens of households all meeting at the same place."

Gatherings also must be "kept short," meaning no longer than two hours in duration, since the state contends that there is greater risk of Covid transmission the longer people interact socially.

No sax

California also made a point of including rules for singing, chanting and shouting, which are "strongly discouraged."

But if singing does happen, participants must stay 6 feet apart and wear face coverings at all times, "including anyone who is leading a song or chant," the state warns. Also, singing loudly is discouraged.

"People who are singing or chanting are strongly encouraged to do so quietly (at or below the volume of a normal speaking voice)," the state said.

Instrumental music is OK as long as musicians are from one of the three households and they maintain their distance. And while drummers, guitar players and stand-up bass players are permitted to jam, the sax player will have to sit out the gig.

"Playing of wind instruments — any instrument played by the mouth, such as a trumpet or clarinet — is strongly discouraged," according to the state.

The closest holiday affected by the new guidance is Halloween. Health department officials in late September recommended against traditional door-to-door trick-or-treating, because it could lead to the spread of coronavirus, including "touching high contact surfaces such as doorbells and candy bowls."

Instead, officials encouraged online parties and costume contests via Zoom or Skype, car parades, drive-through events where kids and adults tour neighborhoods with Halloween displays, and "drive-in events where individuals can receive a treat bag (limited to commercially packaged non-perishable treats) or take-away item from an organizer while the participants remain in their vehicle."

While health officials had said Halloween parties were not allowed, that was before the state's new guidance for gatherings.

Meanwhile, epidemiologists at Stanford, Harvard and Oxford universities penned a document Oct. 4 arguing that Covid-19 lockdown restrictions are causing numerous devastating short- and long-term public health problems, and that keeping the restrictions in place until a vaccine is available will cause irreparable damage and disproportionately harm underprivileged people. The declaration has been signed by about 35,000 medical practitioners and medical and public health scientists.

Asked whether he acknowledged that Covid-19 lockdowns are resulting in myriad health problems cited by the doctors, including lower childhood vaccination rates, worsening cardiovascular disease outcomes, fewer cancer screenings, and declining mental health, Moreno told The Pine Cone he had not read the document.

Strain on restaurants

Moreno did cite the "vast impacts" the pandemic has created — apart from the threat of the virus itself — including "restrictions on movement" and "requirements of isolation and quarantine."

At the Monterey County Board of Supervisors Tuesday, District 2 Supervisor John Phillips brought up the economic effects of the coronavirus lockdown, and asked Moreno if he believed the county could move into the less restrictive tier, marked by red, within two weeks, provided the metrics are in the county's favor. (Monterey County is now in the most restrictive purple tier, which means, among other things, that restaurants are only open for outside dining.)

"The only reason I'm pushing so much is that with the winter coming up, unless these businesses can be moved indoors, they are going to have to close up," Phillips said, referring to restaurants. "Time is of the essence."

Moreno said that while cases have been declining, he could not predict if the county would reach the goal.

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Drive-in concerts OK after all, county officials say

By KELLY NIX

AFTER COUNTY health officials late last month warned everyone there could be no live music performed in public, they now say such performances are allowed in Monterey County — but only when concertgoers watch and listen from their vehicles.

On Sept. 29, the health department said, "live music or entertainment is not allowed at any public gatherings or community events under the current guidance."

Health officer Dr. Ed Moreno said the county was following the California Department of Public Health's direction.

But after questions arose why Sunset Center was allowed to hold two drive-in music concerts last weekend — given the county's unbending directive prohibiting live music performances of any kind, anywhere, including restaurants — county officials did not have an answer.

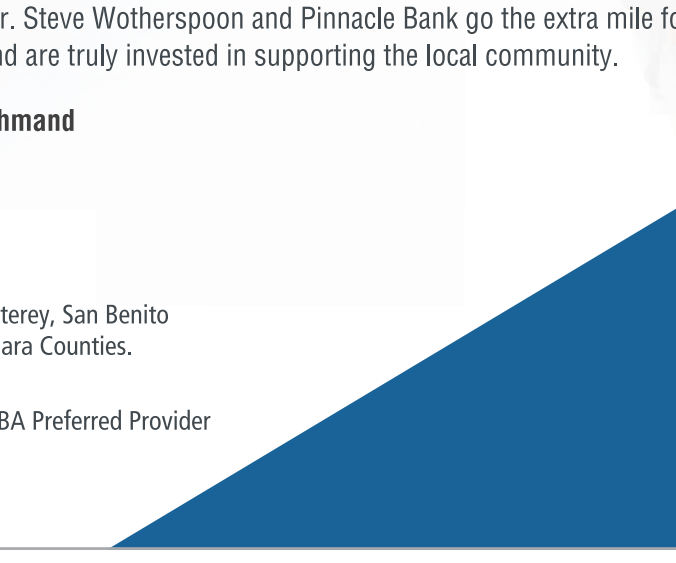
However, on Oct. 8, last Thursday afternoon, county spokeswoman Maia Carroll said county health consulted with the state health department.

Drive-in only

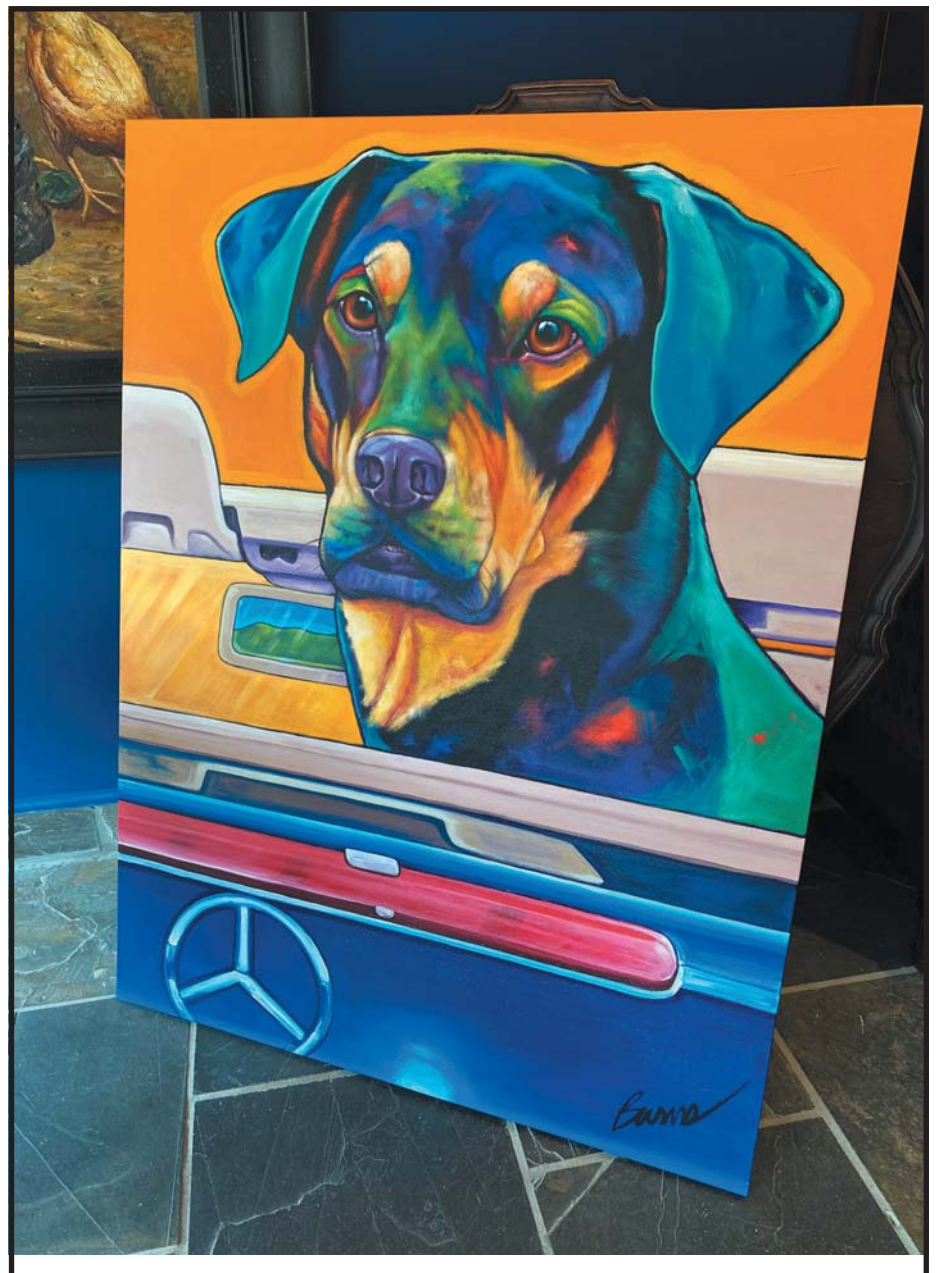
While traditional concerts are still banned, state officials implied that drive-in live music performances — which are set up like drive-in movies — are permitted.

"Live performances with in-person audiences are not permitted either indoors or outdoors," Carroll told The Pine Cone, repeating what the state health department said. "Band members or musicians performing for an online audience or for an audience in cars must physically distance from each other. The state is working on guidance on live performances which will be issued when finalized."

Sunset Center on Oct. 3 held two live concerts by a zydeco artist as part of its Live from the Lot series. The Carmel venue has plans to host other performances, including three concerts this weekend from Marty O'Reilly & the Old Soul Orchestra.



Guitarist Darrin Michell and singer Andrea Carter are presenting "sidewalk serenades" in Carmel. "Recently, as we left a birthday celebration in Carmel with our guitars still over our shoulders, we ran into Alex Shchebet, a local photographer who graciously offered to take our photo," Carter reported.



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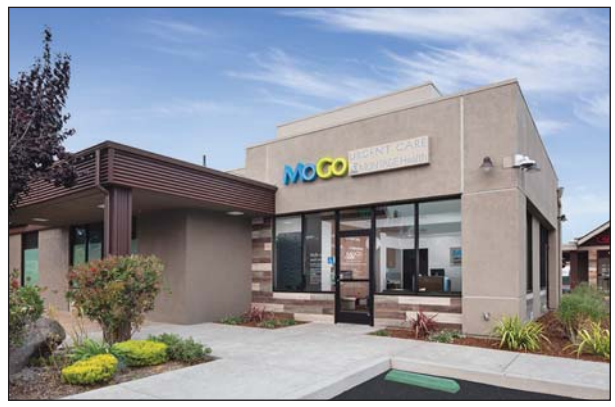
sula residents have "anxiously awaited" its opening.

"We are excited to offer an urgent care that is in closer proximity for Carmel, Carmel Valley, Pebble Beach, and Big Sur residents and visitors," she told The Pine Cone.

Already open are MoGo clinics in Monterey and Marina, and Sciuto said the Carmel Rancho branch will have the same look and format as the others.

However, the model for the clinics, according to Montage, is different from a typical Doctors on Duty. At the Montage sites, a greeter at the door asks patients basic questions about why they are there, takes vitals and guides them throughout their visit. Sciuto said Montage Health completely overhauled the traditional urgent care process to make it "much more streamlined" for customers.



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This new urgent care clinic at the Mouth of the Valley will offer residents in the Carmel area a convenient place to go for treatment of relatively minor injuries and ailments, officials said this week.

"Our goal is to get most patients in and out in about 30 minutes," she explained.

The list of illnesses and injuries that the new clinic will treat is extensive, and includes allergies, cold or flu symptoms, fevers, headaches, cuts and scrapes, minor burns, bruises and fractures, stomach issues, urinary tract infections and sore throats. It will also offer drug testing, physicals and other services for employers.

If a physician determines a patient has symptoms of Covid-19 or otherwise qualifies as a high-priority candidate for coronavirus testing, Sciuto said they will be told to go to CHOMP.

"No coronavirus testing will be ordered on patients without symptoms or for reasons such as planned travel or return to work," she said.

Walk-ins OK

Patients can walk in, or they can make reservations at MoGoUrgentCare.org. The Carmel clinic, like the other MoGo locations, is open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. 365 days a year. And while Sciuto said it accepts a wide range of insurance plans, patients can also pay out of pocket.

"People who choose not to use insurance can simply pay a flat fee of $250 that is all-inclusive of the services," including X-rays and lab work, she explained. Some medications will also be included, but the Carmel location is waiting on state approval to allow that to happen.

Chris Stegge, MoGo's chief operating officer, said he expects the Carmel clinic to serve about an equal number of patients from all age groups.

The opening of the clinics, Montage said, was driven by several factors, including a well documented shortage of primary care doctors on the Monterey Peninsula.

"While Montage Medical Group has been tirelessly recruiting and hiring doctors for the last decade and made a significant positive impact, this alone hasn't yet solved the problem," Sciuto said.

The Peninsula residents Montage interviewed about their healthcare needs prior to opening the MoGo clinics complained of long wait times at other clinics, the inability to get immediate X-rays and medications, and other issues.

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as a roof fallen in," he said, and heavy equipment will have to be brought in to deal with it.

Harris-Bishop said people whose properties require a return visit "will be notified if there's potentially household hazardous waste left on the site."

In addition, a few properties are not accessible at all.

Teams had completed about 45 percent of their work by Thursday morning, though they'll have more to do once the damaged and destroyed buildings from the Dolan Fire, which is now out, are added to the list.

"I don't believe we have an estimate for the number of structures in the Dolan Fire, so that would definitely increase the number left we have to do," he said.

Phase II cleanup, which includes removing all other burned debris, including ash, down to the foundation, will begin after Phase I is complete.

Information about damage, recovery and everything else related to the recent fires can be found by clicking on the yellow banner at the top of the county's website at co.monterey.ca.us.

FEMA deadline extended

Also on Wednesday, Kevin Wynne from the Small Business Administration announced the deadline for people whose homes were burned to apply for Federal Emergency Management Agency and SBA assistance has been extended to Nov. 23. FEMA and the SBA are working together to issue low-cost loans to fire victims.

"That's great news: They've got an extra month in which to get their recovery process going," he said.

The SBA has approved 197 loans for $21.5 million, according to Wynne, including 179 for homes and rental assistance, and 18 for businesses.

"SBA continues to work hand in hand with our FEMA counterparts in getting the word out," he said. Wynne encouraged people to register with FEMA at disasterassistance.gov and then "come on over to SBA and we can assist you there in getting the rebuilding and recovery from this disaster going." He said anyone with questions should call (800) 659-2955.

Also on Wednesday, President Donald Trump amended his Aug. 22 California disaster declaration to provide more federal tax dollars for debris removal and other emergency protective measures, including direct federal assistance. The previous declaration put the federal share of the costs at 75 percent, but the Oct. 14 amendment bumps that up to the full 100 percent.

"This additional funding is available to the state, eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations," FEMA announced. Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

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Pacific Grove cannabis shop could open up in former Pier 1, emails show

By KELLY NIX

THE OWNER of Pacific Grove's movie theater, the managing partner of the Beach House at Lovers Point and others have expressed interest in opening a pot shop, which could be located in the space occupied by the former Pier 1 store on Lighthouse Avenue, according to email messages between city officials and the business owners.

And one message shows a disagreement between Mayor Bill Peake and city manager Ben Harvey over public disclosure related to a cannabis store. The correspondence — obtained through a public records request by a citizen who forwarded it to The Pine Cone — revealed the behind-the-scenes haggling over a dispensary, which the city council OK'd in early September. Only one cannabis shop is allowed to open in P.G.

In August and September, Beach House restaurant managing partner Kevin Phillips and Lighthouse Cinemas owner Robert Enea independently asked about establishing a cannabis dispensary in the city, the emails show. Enea told Harvey he was inquiring for his son, whom he said owns several cannabis-related businesses. In addition, Matthew Nathaniel, with a business called Shryne Group, contacted Harvey about the idea.

But since early July, Harvey seemed focused on discussions with Scott Hawkins of Apothecarium, a cannabis business with numerous dispensaries in four states, including California, about the idea of opening a dispensary at 490 Lighthouse, where Pier 1 used to be located.

"We toured the building, and Scott envisioned a potential mixed-use project, with the dispensary in the front on the ground and basement floors, and residential in the back and upstairs," according to a July 9 email message from Harvey to P.G. city planner Laurel O'Halloran.

Harvey — who asked O'Halloran if it is possible to add numerous bathrooms to the building — also noted that city attorney David Laredo was involved in the discussions with Hawkins. O'Halloran later told Hawkins it would be possible to install additional bathrooms with a water purchase.

See **POT** *page 23A*

Candace Francis Roman

Candace Francis Roman 37, passed away September 14, 2020. She graduated from Pacific Grove High School in 2000. That same year she was the Portuguese Queen for FDES of Monterey. After earning her Associates Degree at Monterey Peninsula College, she went on to earn a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration from California State University of Monterey Bay.

Candace had a passion for high end fashion and jewelry. She managed various stores in Monterey & Carmel. She assisted in opening and managing the first couture consignment store in Carmel. Candace loved spending time with her family, making jewelry. She enjoyed exploring Big Sur, hiking, and walks on the beach.

Candace was laid to rest at El Carmelo Cemetery with her family.

Candace is survived by her parents, Mark & Marlene Roman; grandmother, Mary A. Freitas; her partner, Lyle; brother, Curtis, and sister, Cristin.

A Go Fund Me page is setup to help with funeral costs at:
https://www.gofundme.com/f/in-remembrance-of-candace-Roman

John Mason

John Mason died peacefully October 7, 2020, at home with his family close by, after battling brain cancer for the past 9 months.

He was born in San Jose, CA, the second child of John and Helen Mason. At the age of 12 John and his mother moved to Waitsburg, WA, a small farming town northeast of Walla Walla. He spoke fondly of his time there, with his experiences working on farms in the area, hunting, fishing and enjoying a rural upbringing. He played football, basketball, and trombone in high school.

After finishing high school in 1952, he enlisted with the Navy during the Korean Conflict. After doing boot camp in San Diego, he was stationed in Yokosuka, Japan where he was a teletype operator. He had many fond memories of his time stationed in Japan and would recount often getting soup late at night from the local noodle carts off base. He was later transferred to the USS Missouri where he completed his service in 1956. He enjoyed his time in the service and was proud of his status as a US Naval veteran.

Upon returning to civilian life, he worked as a truck driver in the Oxnard area. His father in 1957 helped John obtain employment with the phone company as an installer. He worked there for 33 years having worked himself up from a phone installer in the Monterey area, to switchman and eventually as a field service engineer in their power group, internally referred to as the "Arc and Spark Group."

In the late 1950s he met his one and only love, Magdalene Ferrigno, an introduction through mutual friends. They married in November of 1957 and settled on the Monterey Peninsula, purchasing a home where they raised two sons. He was active with his boys as they grew up. He volunteered for 56 years at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, starting his efforts volunteering back when it was originally hosted by Bing Crosby. In 1977, John was elected to the Monterey School Board and served until 1985 where he served his final term as the board president. He made many friends and had fond memories of his time volunteering at the Pro-Am and the on the school board.

After the passing of his wife in early 2015, John continued to stay active with the Pro-Am. He regularly enjoyed going out with his various breakfast and dinner groups, and often visited with his son in southern California and his family to celebrate holidays and other special occasions.

Those who knew John often described him as a great guy and true gentlemen. He is survived by his older sister, Dorothy, two sons, Jeff and Keith, Keith's wife, Betty Jo, and three grandchildren, Jane, Daniel and Amy.

The family is deferring his memorial and gathering until the spring/summer of 2021 when his family and friends can gather and celebrate and share his life. The details will be posted at www.thepaulmortuary.com as they become available.

Patricia Broussard

Patricia Broussard passed away peacefully Oct 8, 2020
She was born in Tottenham, London and
raised her family in Los Altos, Ca.
A partner in Barber Properties and very active in the community.

She retired to Carmel Valley in 2000.

She is survived by her husband Charles, Son Trevor Williams and family, Brother David, Stepdaughter Melissa, Stepson Whitney and longtime friend Jean. She is predeceased in death by her daughter Lynda.

Pat lived a life only imagined sailing and cruising the canals of Europe.

She will be missed and forever in our hearts.

Graveside services were held at Alta Mesa Cemetery in Palo Alto, Ca

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Our Warrior Has Gone Home

MARK ARTHUR SCHMIDT

December 11, 1952 – September 21, 2020

After fifteen months of courageously battling a brain tumor, Mark is at rest with his Savior. Born in Salinas, California to Joanne and Carroll Schmidt, Mark leaves behind his wife, Sally; his son, Ryan Schmidt; his daughter, Sondra Schmidt and his grandson, Jake Daniel Schmidt; his siblings, Eric Schmidt and Kris Kremkow; extended family and many friends. His son, Mark Tyler Schmidt, preceded him in death in 2012.

Mark loved God, his family, the Salinas Rodeo and his clients. He especially loved his grandson, Jake.

He ran the good race, fought the good fight and never complained. He was always optimistic and trusted God's plan.

Thank you to all who cared for our family during Mark's final days. We will never forget you.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that who believes in Him shall never perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16.

Love always, Sally and Jake

TREE

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was cutting the right one.

After first receiving the work order from the city in June, he said, "I went and took a look at it, and I did not have the notice with me, which was the first big mistake I made." Instead, he stopped at the intersection of First and Monterey and tried to figure out which tree it was, given that he knew it had a structural problem and was near power lines. He didn't examine any of the trees closely — "another mistake I made" — but noticed "a pine tree that didn't look right to me."

The tree "had a severe lean over the corner of two structures," and he saw about 50 feet up that some branches had been cut close to the trunk, which had caused health problems. He estimated the pine was about 70 feet tall and said he thought, "This must be the tree to come out."

'Didn't have paperwork'

When he finally scheduled the job, which had been delayed by budget cuts, and came out to do the work Oct. 2, "again I was lax and didn't have my paperwork together," but his suspicions about the tree's health were confirmed when he got a closer look.

"It looked like a really bad situation considering the lean of the tree," he said. "I considered that a hazard and that this might be the tree to be removed."

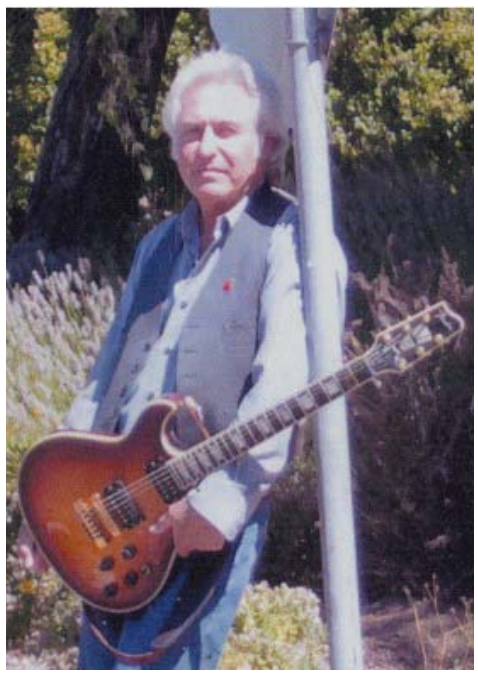
It wasn't until the next day "that I found out I had made a terrible error," he said, adding that he takes full responsibility for the mistake and was "not trying to make any excuses."

Because the cypress that was supposed to be cut still has to be taken down, Ley offered to do that work for free and said he will also remove the large pine stump as soon as PG&E relocates the power lines attached to it.

Commissioners couldn't discuss the issue, because it wasn't on the agenda, but chair Mike Caddell said Ley would be asked to return next month. Caddell also asked Harary to provide "the relevant provisions" of Ley's contract with the city.

"To be thorough, we probably need to be provided with any termination provisions in the contract," he said.

Steve Fox



Steve Fox, age 70, of Carmel Valley died suddenly on Thursday October 1st in a single car accident. Steve was proud to say he was a 5th generation native of Monterey County and his paternal grandfather was one of the designers of Highway 17.

As a teenager, Steve became an avid surfer and he also discovered and fell in love with music. He studied music theory and composition and later attended GIT (Guitar institute of Technology in Hollywood). He was deeply involved in rock music in the 1960s, 70s and 80s. He transcribed songs for the Moody Blues from their words with chord names to sheet music for song books. Steve was a teacher of guitar, voice and key board for many years, both privately and for the Monterey schools. He was greatly admired for his teaching ability, knowledge and enthusiasm. He also became skilled at repairing and refurbishing guitars. There is a video on YouTube of him speaking to a group at the Carmel Valley library about guitar history and guitar construction. Steve also worked as a self-employed landscape gardener after studying horticulture at Monterey Peninsula College. He served clientele from Carmel to Big Sur maintaining many beautiful landscapes on a regular basis.

Steve loved the natural beauty of the Carmel River area and felt blessed with the ability to maintain a home with acreage in that area. One of Steve's friends stated he performed all work with great care and love, and if you were lucky enough to know him, "you always walked away with more than you expected, he gave you a piece of his soul."

Steve is survived by his life partner, Laurie Waldman of Santa Cruz, his step-mother Nancy Fox of Oregon, a half-sister and a half-brother and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father Jack Fox, birth mother Barbara Fox and his grandmother Mayfield Fox. A celebration of Steve's life on Zoom is being planned.

Donations in his memory may go to the SPCA of Monterey County or a charity of your choice.

William Douglas Whiteman

April 27, 1945 to September 18, 2020

Bill Whiteman, a lifelong resident of Carmel, CA lost his battle with cancer Friday September 18th, 2020. Bill is survived by his wife of 55 years Diane, his brother Bob Whiteman, his son Blaine (Tanya), his daughter Robin Davis (Mathew) and his granddaughters Kaitlin Davis, Ashlyn Davis and Alaina Whiteman.

As a general contractor, Bill was known for his meticulously crafted houses. His homes have nurtured and sheltered countless local families and will stand to memorialize him for generations to come. Outside of work, he was an avid outdoorsman enjoying pack trips, hunting and fishing. After retiring from home building he became passionate about building and accurizing rifles. He was an innovator in cartridge design and bullet stabilization. The greatest joy in his life however, was the time he spent with his grand daughters. You could often see him at their many sporting events. He was also extremely passionate about his 2 poodles Walker and Tillie who never left his side.

Bill was tireless and energetic in all his pursuits. His spiritedness will be most missed, as he now rests. Please send donations to The American Cancer Society or Death with Dignity.

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Lorna Wunderman Monroe

Lorna Wunderman Monroe of Monterey, gifted teacher, avid athlete, fierce friend, world traveler, loving mother, grandmother and wife, died Sunday, September 27th, after a year-long battle with breast cancer. She was 66 years old. Her keen intellect, unassuming manner, perpetual energy and uproarious laugh will forever inspire and be remembered by all in her wide circle of family and friends.

Lorna grew up in Mountain View in an adventurous family that lived in a historic home that was once a bordello and speakeasy during Prohibition. Her father, the engineer, inventor and author Irwin Wunderman, was an early Silicon Valley pioneer; her mother, Gilda Wunderman, founded an international student cultural exchange organization. When Lorna and her two brothers were children, her parents took the family on a 7-month "vacation," traveling through Europe and North Africa. She never lost the travel bug and eventually visited six of the world's seven continents.

After graduating from the University of California Berkeley with degrees in biostatistics and public health, Lorna took a job at the American Medical Association in Chicago, where she met the love of her life, Ken Monroe. They married in 1987. Lorna loved Ken's children, Heather and Jason, like they were her own and after the birth of their daughter, Katie, in 1990, Lorna became a full-time mom.

In 1999, the family relocated to Monterey to be closer to Lorna's family in Mountain View. Lorna found her calling teaching math to students in Monterey Peninsula schools. She delighted in showing students how to embrace and effectively use math in everyday life. She became head of the Middle School Math Department at Santa Catalina School, where she spent the rest of her professional career.

Lorna gave generously of her time to all students and enriched the lives of hundreds. Her students regularly won top awards in regional math competitions, which she always prepared them for, and excitedly and proudly attended.

Small in stature, Lorna was a powerhouse athlete and tenacious competitor. On the tennis courts of Carmel Valley Ranch, her singles matches would produce hundred-shot rallies which she more often than not would win. She participated in runs and walks throughout Northern California and completed over 30 half marathons.

Despite her busy schedule, Lorna always found time for community service. An animal lover, Lorna helped support marine life on the Monterey Peninsula with contributed time and money. She held strong beliefs about local and national politics and was involved from the time she was a young girl, volunteering in campaigns in Mountain View. She was very active in the successful campaign for the Monterey County Board of Supervisors by her dear friend Mary Adams. A lifelong Democrat, Lorna participated in the Democratic Women of Monterey County, and joined a fact-finding mission to Cuba.

During her long illness, Lorna was grateful for the love and support from all those in her orbit. The family wants to give very special thanks to the students, faculty and administration of Catalina School; to her relentless oncologist, Dr. Arina Ganeles, and the medical team; and to Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula and its fine physicians and nurses, especially its palliative medicine professionals.

Lorna is survived by her husband Ken; daughter Katie Monroe Ahnen and husband Jacob; daughter Heather Monroe Lang and husband Trevor, children Treyton and Haiden; son Jason Monroe and wife Karla, children Grace, Madelyn, and Carter; mother Gilda Wunderman; brothers Rick Wunderman and wife Deborah, daughter Essi and Alan Wunderman, son Forrest, daughter Brandi Freas-Cusick; aunts Phyllis Penner and Rhoda Schild; Uncle Mark Wunderman; and an extended family of in-laws, nieces, nephews, and cousins in Ohio and California. Lorna will be so missed by family and many friends, colleagues, tennis teammates, running pals and students.

Lorna wished to have a celebration of her life event next fall in the hope that COVID is behind us and that her loved ones can all be together. Donations in her name may be made to the Marine Mammal Rescue Center, the Monterey Bay Aquarium, or the Montage Health Carol Hatton Breast Cancer Center.

The family would appreciate that any notes and personal comments be shared on the Paul Mortuary's website: https://www.dignitymemorial.com/.

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hardly "routine," and therefore should never have been on the consent agenda.

"It's of great concern and interest," she said. "Why is Verizon being given a second chance? Over a year ago, their applications were denied."

And the company could apply for new tower locations without having any agreement with the city, since anyone can apply for a different project after being denied.

"I would like to know the real reason for this," she said.

Nine also noted that approving Verizon's equipment would open the door to other companies, since the law demands all telecom companies be treated equally when it comes to approving such installations.

Councilwoman Jan Reimers recused herself since one of the proposed locations is near her home but spoke as a member of the public. She noted the equipment would be "in our viewshed and several others', as well."

Carol Kuzdenyi wrote to say that if a tower is installed at Sunset, she would no longer be able to attend shows there or shop within 1,000 feet of it, "because of the radiation from the tower."

"Although the FCC has denied that cell tower radiation causes harm to humans, plants and animals, it is being observed worldwide that the opposite is true," wrote another opponent, Tony Keppelman. He also said he wouldn't go to Sunset anymore if a tower is installed there.

As a whole, the council was not worried about the agreement. Verizon "still has to go through normal channels" councilwoman Carrie Theis said. "So, from our perspective, I don't see any reason not to approve it."

Mayor Dave Potter said he's "never been afraid of litigation," and the others were comfortable with dealing with Verizon during the application process, so they approved the agreement as proposed.

Bach Fest searches for new conductor

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

ON THE sidelines for now due to the pandemic, the Carmel Bach Festival announced details this week about its search for a new artistic director and principal conductor.

Paul Goodwin, who has performed both roles since 2011, plans to step down after the 2021 festival, so festival officials are seeking an "exceptional" leader to take charge of the annual two-week summertime gathering that celebrates "the works, inspiration, and ongoing influence" of classical composer Johann Sebastian Bach.

"We look forward to finding the inspiring, collaborative and forward-thinking leader to build on our solid foundation and provide artistic vision and leadership for the next chapter of the festival's life story," said Cyril Yansouni, the president of the festival's board.

Executive director Steve Friedlander told The Pine Cone he's hopeful the iconic festival can find the right person for the job, which requires being in Carmel for about four weeks each summer. Friedlander called the position a "magnet" for attracting top talent.

Applications will be accepted until Nov. 30. A limited number of finalists will be selected by mid-2021 and invited to conduct at the 2022 festival. The choice will be made after the 2022 festival, and the new hire will plan the 2023 festival and develop a long-term creative vision. That person would also conduct concerts by the festival's orchestra and chorale.

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STEVENSON

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Atigh that, like the other incidents, she was invited to a teacher's campus apartment on graduation day. The teacher provided alcohol to students, who were not old enough to drink.

"The graduate reported that in greeting her," the teacher "took her by the hand and spun her into a dip, as if they were dance partners, and attempted to kiss her." The student said she told Wandke about the incident soon after.

After interviewing the graduate and her mother, Atigh contacted the former teacher, who explained "he was very young and inexperienced" at the time, and conceded that offering alcohol to students was "the dumbest thing he ever did." He also said Wandke read him the "riot act" after learning about it.

However, the teacher claimed Wandke did not confront him about the alleged dance move and attempted kiss, which Atigh found was consistent with the graduate's recollection that the headmaster "seemed to them to be focused on the allegations regarding the provision of alcohol."

Interestingly, the woman told Atigh that the teacher was "excellent" and that she harbors no ill thoughts or feelings about him, nor was she traumatized by his behavior. She also accepted his apology.

Urged to report

Like he did with the other students, Hicks apologized to the woman and her family, and said he's "deeply sorry for what they experienced — including feelings of confusion and disappointment."

Hicks said the school has shared the results of its investigation with all the schools where the accused teachers have been employed, and with county child protective services.

Stevenson's investigation into employee misconduct began in spring 2017 after a former teacher and coach at the school was implicated in a child sexual abuse scandal at Choate Rosemary Hall, an exclusive East Coast boarding school. Stevenson reported there was no record of any sexual misconduct by the man while he worked at Stevenson from 1985 to 1988.

Besides requiring exhaustive background and reference checks, Stevenson now includes faculty training and student programs to prevent misconduct, and students are encouraged to inform administrators and parents if they've experienced "any behavior that contributes to a hostile environment," including physical, verbal, written or psychological abuse.

"Our recognition that the school could have in some cases supported these students with greater effectiveness and care inspires our present vigilance on behalf of our current and future students," Hicks said.

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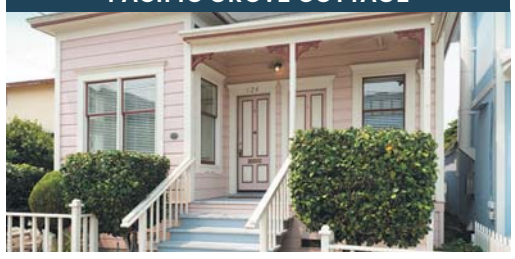

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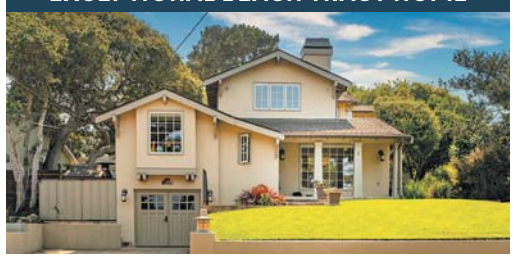

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sides open to fresh air.

"If it's windy or rainy and people are uncomfortable, what are you going to do?" she asked. "You really shouldn't drop down those sides, because you will really be putting people in danger."

"I certainly want everyone to prosper, but I think we have to take everyone's health really seriously," she added.

Commissioner Stephanie Locke agreed — but said enforcing the tent walls is another government agency's job.

"I'm absolutely 100 percent supportive of trying to keep every business in Carmel going during this pandemic," she said. "We're going to see every restaurant, winetasting room and bar struggling as we move into the colder weather."

Locke said she's supportive of the tent and noted that while she's concerned about the dropdown sides, that's not the planning commission's problem. Instead, it belongs to code enforcement or another branch of the city or county government.

Commissioner Chris Bolton predicted many other restaurants will come forward with similar requests for tents or other structures to protect their customers from the weather.

"I think we're going to see a lot of these, and I just want to encourage applicants that even through they're temporary, they should make them attractive," he said.

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"These are really tough times for our businesses, and particularly our restaurants," agreed commission chair Michael LePage. He suggested allowing Pepe's tent to remain in place through June 1, 2020. "We get rain all the way up through May — some of our heaviest rain sometimes happens in April — and if the applicant is going to all this expense, they need to be able to get the most amount of benefit they can from this," he said.

Commissioners unanimously voted to OK Pepe's tent through May 31, 2021.

The large tent in the parking lot at Seventh & Dolores was also originally set to be considered by the planning commission this week but has been delayed to its Nov. 10 meeting.

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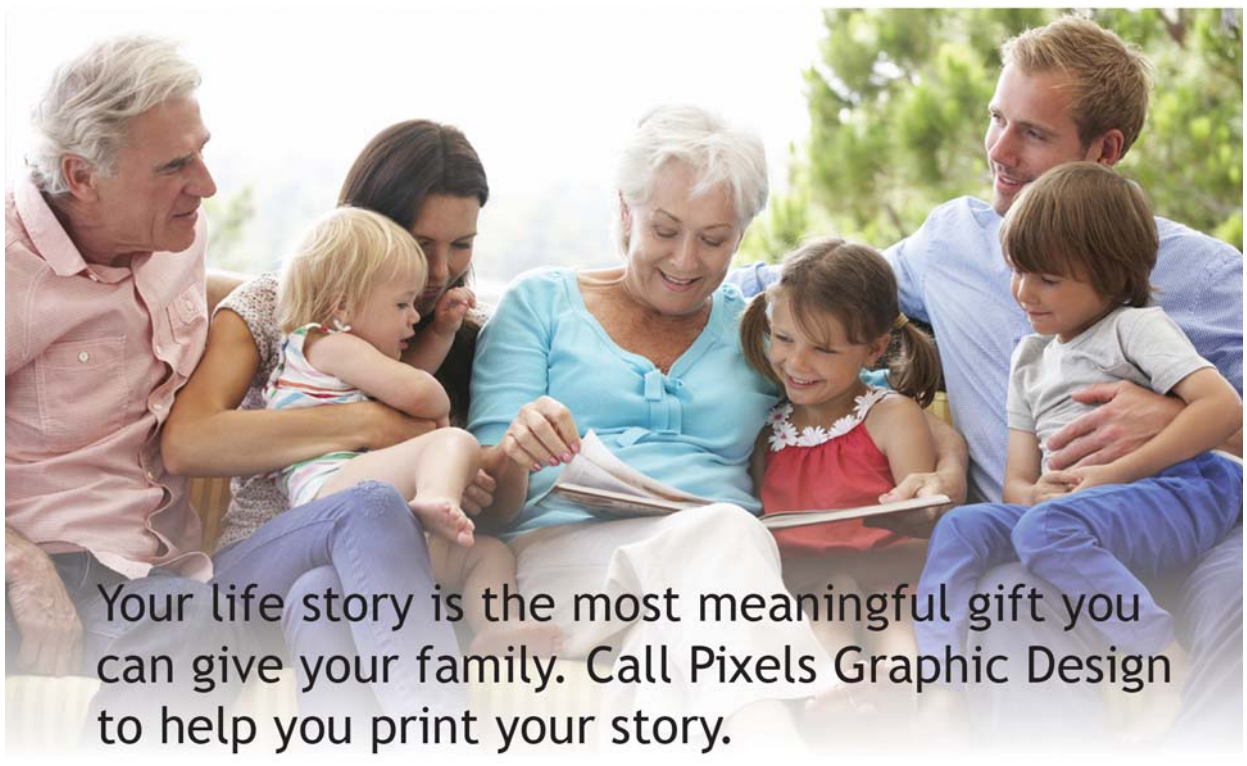

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In response to Harvey, O'Halloran said she also met with someone about the possibility of opening a brewpub in the Pier 1 building with two to three residential units. The message was sent before the council approved a cannabis dispensary. On Aug. 11, Laredo sent Hawkins a "concept draft ordinance" that would create a cannabis retail license process.

The citizen who gave The Pine Cone the email messages alleged that the communication shows the city "unfairly" favored Apothecarium over others who expressed interested in opening a dispensary.

However, in a brief interview late Thursday, Harvey said that a five-person selection committee, not him, will decide which business is best to operate a dispensary. The application process, he added, would be fair and competitive.

The email correspondence also reveals some disagreement between Harvey and Peake over the then-proposed cannabis ordinance, which Harvey was working on.

Peake suggested holding a town hall meeting to let the public weigh in, saying the "this subject is much too important to the community to only be given minimum notice."

Harvey responded by saying he respectfully disagreed, and that a public meeting would "accomplish nothing except pushing this item to the next seated city council for their consideration."

Six candidates, including incumbent Nick Smith, are running for three spots in the Nov. 3 election.

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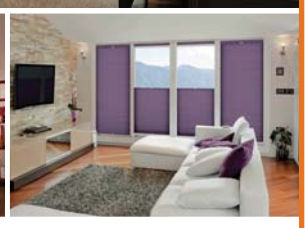

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Delehanty said, now is the time to be proactive.

"Losing the superintendent during the early stage of this crisis was ill timed and I think added to frustrations and a lack of trust," Delehanty said, and the board will have to move forward with hiring a permanent superintendent soon.

Communication between the district, parents and the community "needs improving," and when that occurs, better decisions will result, she said. "While this crisis is creating disruption on an unprecedented scale, it also offers the opportunity for innovation and creative re-thinking of old paradigms."

■ Jill Lewis

Lewis, who graduated from the former Monterey Institute of International Studies and went on to manage projects and negotiate for the federal government, returned to the area with her husband, a professor at her alma mater, now known as the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey.

Lewis said she's running on a platform of "transparency and taxpayers having power over how their money is spent."

She has three young children in the district and has spoken frequently of the difficulties of home-schooling them during the pandemic.

"With school closed, parents of young kids can't work, and young kids can't learn, while older students applying for college see the advantage of being a Carmel student dip, as they have far more education disruption than those back on campus," she said.

"We need to get our schools open as soon as possible following Covid safety guidelines and apply for a special status for Carmel, since we do not have high Salinas Covid numbers, to keep its kids educated and the economy from plummeting."

■ Anne-Marie Rosen

"As a former CUSD teacher, parent and longtime classroom volunteer, I have a longstanding commitment to working to ensure that our district realizes its enormous potential" Rosen said, adding that her "expertise and unique insight" will help the board develop sound policy.

She said she's passionate about education and wants CUSD to produce students who will go on to be successful adults who give back to their community.

"Beyond my significant teaching experience, I bring 35 years of experience working in the agriculture industry," managing budgets, leases, land stewardship, water rights and other aspects of the business, she said, as well as 10 years in construction.

The district's greatest concern is figuring out how "to prepare students for life in a dynamic and unpredictable future," and while the pandemic is unprecedented, natural disasters requiring the district's coming together are not.

"The community members and business people who are doing well are those who are creative, resourceful and resilient," she pointed out. "Beyond continuing to build on our existing academic strengths and high standards, we must offer more enrichment opportunities across all ages in our school district," including more electives and vocational classes, and hands-on opportunities.

■ Todd Weaver

Weaver, a parent of two CUSD students and appointee to the board, said he's running because he's "thoughtful, respectful, thorough, scientific and trustworthy."

He touted his "impeccable track record," integrity and ability to take on daunting tasks, including balancing a budget amid the economic uncertainty of a pandemic. Weaver also mentioned his experience on the board hiring interim superintendent Trisha Dellis to replace Barb Dill Varga and determining how to ensure "the students have the best possible education during a pandemic."

"My approach to addressing this has been to invest, iterate, and improve to be the best we can be with remote schooling while simultaneously advancing all options toward fully reopening schools safely," he said.

■ Kati Enea

Enea, who holds a bachelor's degree in political science/women's studies from San Diego State and works in corporate event planning and marketing, said she's running for school board because she's "passionate about bringing our community together and committed to helping our students thrive."

"As the daughter of two retired public-school teachers, I learned very early the importance of education and building a love of learning," she said. Enea's two children attend River and the middle school, and she's served as River School PTA president and a classroom parent, and was on the school site council.

While the pandemic and distance learning have caused hardship for many CUSD parents, she said, collaboration with teachers, administrators and the superintendent will lead to "solutions for a healthy return to our school sites as soon as possible."

"I believe in the CUSD leadership team and our teaching staff," she said.

Enea emphasized the importance of getting the youngest kids, as well as students with special needs, back into "the learning environment that will best support them as quickly and safely as possible," and she said sports are essential, as well, for students' physical and socio-emotional health.

Enea promised to advocate for all students, teachers and staff, to ensure parents have a voice, to encourage clear communication, and to bring the community together.

■ Karl Pallastrini

A former longtime Carmel Middle School and Carmel High School principal, Pallastrini was elected to the board as a write-in candidate — an unprecedented victory in Monterey County — in 2011 and subsequently successfully ran for reelection.

He said he wasn't planning to run again, but Steck's decision to retire caused him to reconsider.

"Three seats are up, and the two members not on the ballot are serving in their second year," he said. "The encouragement for me to stay is centered on my long experience as a middle and high school principal in the district, along with nine years of experience on the board. It is important to have the institutional history available in decision making."

Having been a district employee before serving as a board member, Pallastrini said he's in the unique position of being able to understand and guide both sides.

He said students "are entitled to be heard, advocate for their peers, and know that they are an essential part of the decision-making process," while parents need access to information and quick responses to their concerns.

With updated facilities and a sound financial position, the district is in good shape, Pallastrini said, so the greatest priority is getting kids back to school, because it's "so much more than just the academics."

"It's about the relationships," he said, which can't grow and develop through Zoom. Distance learning deprives students of their opportunities to learn from each other and discover who they are and want to be.

"It's tragic for parents, students, teachers and staff who have to re-tool everything they know about effective teaching and learning," he said.

Other issues on the horizon include increasing healthcare costs, more course options for CHS kids who are not on the college track, better internet service for Cachagua families, and the vacant, deteriorating Bay School.

Pallastrini said he also wants to continue offering Zoom for board meetings after restrictions on gatherings are lifted, so more people throughout the expansive district can watch and participate without having to attend in person.

■ Jake Odello

Odello attended CUSD schools throughout his academic life here and he said he's running because he wants to "serve the community I appreciate so much," and can draw on his student leadership experiences in high school and college.

Odello listed the four "pillars" of his campaign:

- Bring a unique perspective to the school board as a former CUSD student and a representative of the next generation of district leadership.
- Foster a cohesive and strong governance structure on which the community can rely.
- Champion and enable diverse and unique student success pathways.
- Ensure that all voices throughout our large and diverse district are heard and understood.

"I know this community and I know these schools," he said. "We are so lucky to live to where we live. My grandfather, Bruno Odello, used to say we live in paradise. I take that to heart."

The most pressing issue is returning to school as soon as possible, but only if it's safe, according to Odello.

He said he's appreciated the teachers' and district's efforts to improve online teaching and that he's "heard from multiple families about the positive experiences they are having with distance learning, even though this is not an ideal situation."

He sympathized with parents forced to choose between educating their kids and working, and said the district "should do whatever we can to develop creative and safe solutions for these families," including applying to the county for a waiver to get younger kids back in the classroom.

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"The principals and superintendents will resume instruction when they have secured the resources they need to implement their plans and they believe they have satisfactorily trained their staff on implementing the plans to bring the kids back into the classrooms," he said, including maintaining social distancing, wearing face coverings, frequent hand washing and sanitizing, and keeping the kids in small groups throughout the day, whether in the classrooms, during recess or when eating.

"They will decide on what date is most appropriate for them to reopen," he said.

Catalina to start Friday

Santa Catalina is planning to reopen classrooms for students in kindergarten through fifth grade, undertaking a phased approach starting with kindergarten Oct. 16, according to head of school Meg Bradley.

"We will open in a phased approach so that we may complete the necessary steps to implement our return-to-school plan, including staff training, grade-level parent meetings to review safety and health protocols, and the submission of all forms, including a signed Return to Campus Agreement," she said in an Oct. 12 letter to parents. "We will begin this process with kindergarten-to-grade 2 families."

The school will still offer distance learning for families who want to keep their kids at home, and Bradley expects her faculty and staff "will test and refine our daily educational, community, and safety protocols as we invite each grade to return."

"Our decision carefully balances the physical, social and emotional health and well-being of our entire community with our mission of delivering in-person education to our students," she said. "The waiver application process we went through with Monterey County allowed us to do an investigation on how to reopen school. Now we will put this plan into action, with a phased approach and time to make adjustments in order to return to campus safely."

Bradley urged parents to follow all the necessary protocols at home to ensure their kids don't contract and spread coronavirus, and noted Catalina's faculty, teachers, parents and students are "fortunate to have a campus that allows us to adhere to social distancing and other health-related guidelines," because it's so spacious and the plan utilizes it creatively.

"Flexibility and adaptability will continue as guiding principles as we enter this next phase together," she said.

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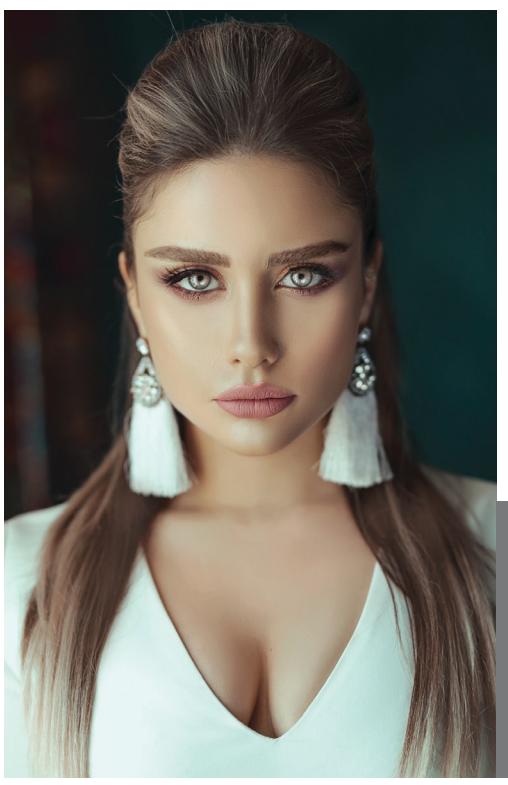

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Editorial

Our eyes have been opened

ALL THESE years, we've operated under the belief that openness and transparency in government were good things, and that the more the public knew about what the people who represent them were up to, and why, the better that would be for everybody.

We're not the only ones. From the U.S. Constitution right down to the California Public Records Act and a host of other state and local laws, public accountability is not only enshrined in the thousands of rules government officials and institutions are required to follow, it's professed as a deeply held value of nearly everybody who runs for public office and everybody who opines about the essence of what "good government" should be. Literally, you almost never hear anybody call for more secrecy — and that not only goes for what the people who occupy powerful positions in Washington, Sacramento or at Carmel City Hall are doing, but also for the people who lobby them to do something.

To cite a few examples: At the federal level, the Freedom of Information Act, the Administrative Procedures Act, the Presidential Records Act, and all those laws regulating lobbying and political contributions require disclosure not only of public records, but the identities of people who spend money to support political candidates or advertise on their behalf.

Same thing in California and its cities and counties. Thanks to laws like the California Public Records Act, the government can't take any action without notifying the public, and government officials are required to report who they're listening to or taking money from when they decide what to do.

Why all this disclosure? Because the more the public knows about what the government is doing and why it is doing it, the more likely it is that the public is being served, rather than the private interests of somebody who might have selfish or corrupt motives.

Same thing with the news media. The use of anonymous sources is widely seen as a sign of poor journalism, because if the reader doesn't know who provided information to a reporter, you have no way of assessing the truthfulness of what they said.

Here at The Pine Cone, we rarely use anonymous sources, and we even require people who write letters to the editor to provide their true names and hometowns — information which we believe provides crucial information to the reader to decide whether someone is worth listening to.

At least that's what we thought. But thanks to Carmel's new city attorney, Brian Pierik, and a handful of candidates for city council in the upcoming election, we've realized we were wrong.

Pierik decided — all on his own, apparently — that people who ask the government to take a certain action are entitled to anonymity, because requiring them to provide their names would have a "chilling effect" on their ability to speak up. In a recent case, somebody who criticized a house a neighbor wants to build was allowed to keep their name secret, even from the planning commission, just because they wanted to. What a revelation!

We used to think requiring people to identify themselves would only have a chilling effect on their ability to say something irresponsible, and that just as with the vast wasteland called the internet, letting people lobby the city council or planning commission from behind the shield of anonymity would just encourage them to say things that were untrue, irresponsible or even vicious. But Pierik said no. The important thing, according to him, is to let people speak, regardless of what they say or why they say it.

Say someone filed a permit application for a grocery store in town. Such a plan might very well draw objections from existing grocery stores, and it would be easy for the owner of one of them to come up with a host of supposedly community-minded reasons why the new store shouldn't be allowed to open — everything from traffic and noise, to impacts on climate change. And if the public and decision makers never knew that the objections came from the owner of an existing store, they'd never know that the true reasons for the objections might be that he didn't want the competition.

According to Pierik, that would be fine. Avoiding the "chilling effect," he says, is more important than accountability.

We'd like to thank him for enlightening us on this point, and we have our own change in policy to announce. From now on, we are dropping the requirement that people who write Letters to the Editor disclose their names. Anonymity, it turns out, is a good thing, so we're happy to offer it to our readers — especially if they want to take a few shots at city hall.

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False positives

Dear Editor,

It's bad enough that a coronavirus false positive test shut down a local business for no good reason. But what might be even worse is that Monterey County did nothing later to correct its records to reflect that the illness detection never occurred ("False positives inflating county's coronavirus numbers"). County health officer Moreno tells us that this is standard operating procedure. Counting positive tests is a bean counting exercise; whether or not a person turns out later to have the disease is beside the point.

Why is this a big deal? Because the number of positives determines if key sectors of the Monterey economy are allowed to re-open. The higher the number of positives, valid or not, the more restrictive the lockdown remains according to state rules. According to the New York Times, the detection thresholds for California risk levels are already incredibly stringent. They also don't take into account that many positive tests flag people who are not likely to be contagious. Meanwhile, people lose their jobs, children are kept out of school, and anxiety disorders spread everywhere.

Thomas Lee, *Monterey*

Secrecy and desal

Dear Editor,

I researched the Brown Act. The one our city attorney, Brian Pierik, is using to allow anonymous complaints. Believe it or not, it's in there. California citizens can legally lodge complaints anonymously. Yes, it goes against the grain (and our American tradition) and not to mention is cowardly, but it's legal and our city attorney is doing his job.

There's a silver lining here for those of us who are desal proponents. Pierik was instrumental in bringing the City of Camarillo desal plant online. He can hopefully help us open some minds to the benefits of having more drinkable water on the Monterey Peninsula.

Michael McWalters, *Carmel*

Time to take back

Dear Editor,

Your Oct. 9 editorial was spot on. While it seems like the epidemic is abating, danger lurks as the Monterey County Health Department takes a haphazard approach that puts the community at risk.

At this stage of the game — seven-plus months in — it's our fault, and it's time to take our community back.

Residents, business leaders, employees, houses of worship and their congregation

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Monterey's fishing industry seeks improved port after storms

History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

LAST WEEK this column provided some history of the wharves in Monterey, including the devastating November 1919 storm that led to creation of Wharf No. 2 in 1926 and the early breakwater protecting the harbor in 1932-1934. In late 1941, the city received permission to cap the breakwater, allowing pedestrians to walk out on it.

The timing was fortuitous as it also provided a place for the Coast Guard to dock a detachment following the bombing of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Lt. Harry Burnham reported for duty on Jan. 20, 1942, as the first port captain at Monterey since the days of Prohibition. Despite the improved breakwater, a storm in December 1943 did even greater damage than the 1919 storm. Losses from 1919 were estimated at $175,000. The 1943 losses exceeded $1 million (more than $15 million today).

It defied belief

Heavier losses were in no small part due to the growth of the Monterey fishing fleet. Even in the 1930s, sardine industry pioneer Knut Hovden had warned the fleet would quickly outgrow the protection offered by the breakwater that existed then. He had seen the exponential growth — from three pre-World War I canneries processing 7,710 tons in the 1916-17 season, to nine canneries and 43,040 tons in 1919-20. Growth continued, and in the 1942-43 season, several blocks of canneries processed 250,287 tons of sardines.

This growth required more, and larger boats — more than the harbor could house. Large purse seine boats — so called because their nets resemble purses when they are drawn around a school of fish — were introduced in the late 1920s and cost $50,000 to $100,000 each. Three, the Marettimo, Harold A and Success, were destroyed in the 1943 storm. Also, the California Fish and Game Commission's launch, Panjax, was slammed into the wharf pilings by one of the purse seiners and sank. Nearly 40 smaller boats were also strewn along the beach. Nets — valued at $10,000 for a purse seine net – and deep-sea diving equipment were washed overboard.

The 1943 storm hit unexpectedly at the height of the sardine season. With no storm warnings, several of the boats had gone out for the last night of fishing before the full moon. The other boats, as required by the military, had to be moored outside of the harbor. Under war restrictions, boats were not allowed in the harbor between sunset and sunrise.

The storm stirred up about 11 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 8. Just after midnight, gale-force winds reached 65 miles per hour. The unmanned boats broke away from their moorings and smashed into each other and the wharves as they were driven to the beach. As winds, waves and boats pummeled the wharves, wharf pilings were loosened and planks were pulled away.

The devastation defied belief. Tough and seasoned men sobbed. The next day, the Army sent men with 15 amphibious tanks to help clean up the beach and pull the boats that could be salvaged out to sea to avoid further damage.

Monterey officials immediately began working with boat owners and engineers to prepare a plan to create a safe and secure harbor large enough for the fishing fleet. Attorney Peter J. Ferrante represented the sardine fishing boat owners and played a

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This photo, looking toward shore from Wharf No 2, shows two of the large purse seine boats continuing to take on water as they are buffeted by waves the day after the December 1943 storm.

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

Her family taught her to master the fine art of adaptation

Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

A FAMOUS quote, attributed to multiple sources, helps Evelyn Klein make sense of the winding road she's traveled over the past 70 years. "Life is what happens when we're making other plans," said Klein, a mother, grandmother, multi-media artist, and adjunct instructor at Monterey Peninsula College, where she's taught printmaking, sculpture, creative and studio art for the past 15 years.

The impact of the pandemic is just one more example of life happening and best-laid plans being detoured. Teaching hands-on art skills entirely over the internet was initially daunting for Klein and other MPC teachers, who, when Covid-19 struck, only had a few days last spring to figure out how to teach virtual classes.

Nazis and strudel

Klein has since become skilled using Zoom, Canvas, and other internet technology to share complicated techniques with students who appear nowadays on a computer screen, "Brady Bunch" style, rather than gathering in a classroom.

For lecturers, the learning curve wasn't all that steep, but hands-on instructors, like Klein, had to dig a bit deeper for creative solutions.

"We have four presses for printmaking, kilns for ceramics, materials and equipment for sculpture … how do you teach this online?" she said. "Well, this is what artists do. We're resourceful. We're not linear — we think with the right side of our brains, which allows us to look at other possibilities, adjust and adapt."

Adaptation is a family trait, developed out of necessity. Klein's Jewish grandmother fed apple strudel to the Nazi SS who pounded on her front door in Vienna, Austria, while her husband hurried their two daughters (Evelyn's future mother and aunt) onto a train that carried them safely to London, away from the impending Holocaust.

PHOTO/CHUCK SEMERIA

Printmaking is one of many art forms Evelyn Klein is teaching online during the pandemic as an instructor at MPC.

Life happened again when they arrived in the United States. The family was turned away at Ellis Island, and settled instead in pre-Castro Cuba, where they spent five years before moving on to Chile. That's where Klein's mother and father met and were married. Evelyn was born in Santiago in 1950.

"There was a tremendous amount of anti-Semitism as I was growing up — there were a lot of places where Jews were not allowed. We rented a theater to celebrate the high holidays because we weren't allowed to have a synagogue," Klein said. "But Chile is a beautiful place — just stunning — and I had a nice life there as a child."

The political climate in Chile began to change. Au-

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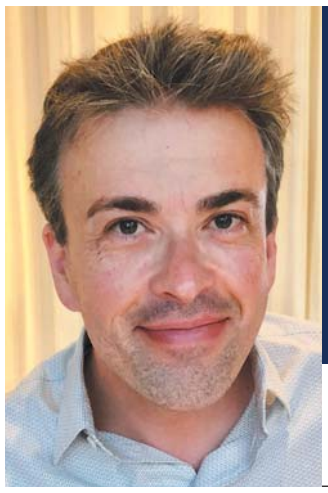

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gusto Pinochet became president and created a dictatorship that made life there unlivable. Evelyn was a 19-year-old student of architecture in Santiago when she and her newlywed husband, Roberto Klein, fled to Quebec.

"All of the Jews who were living in Chile were survivors of the Holocaust and saw the writing on the wall," she said. "We knew it was time to go."

In the zone

Roberto and Evelyn Klein lived for the next three decades in Montreal, where she earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Concordia University, and worked for 17 years as an artist and printmaker. By 1998, their three adult children (Denise, Patty and Danny) — weary of Quebec's ongoing efforts to become a separate country — had moved on to the United States, and Evelyn and Robert followed.

Once again, life happened: The Kleins settled in Gilroy, where Roberto immediately learned that he was suffering from acute leukemia. He died within four months of their arrival.

After five years in Gilroy, Evelyn Klein moved to the Monterey Peninsula, where she has worked for the past 15 years as a printmaker, painter, and art instructor at MPC.

"I do a lot of different types of art because I don't believe in boundaries," said Klein, who speaks English, Spanish, German and French. "Printmaking is very technical, but also fascinating. I was very interested in the marriage of painting and printmaking, so I worked on that for a long time. Now I teach mixed media, and I'm going more toward three-dimensional art.

"Sometimes I can't work fast enough to keep up with the images that are coming into my mind — my hands can't move fast enough. There are times when I'll have different instruments in each hand, and another one in my mouth," she said. "When I'm done, I'll often come out of my zone and feel like I'm looking at a piece of art that I've never seen before. I'm a stranger, and it's like I wasn't there when it was being made."

Klein says she also has been passionate since childhood about another art form — writing — a creative escape that seems to transport her to another world. "Sometimes I just fly away," she said.

Where creation happens

Finding time to pursue her own art has become a separate challenge during the pandemic for the teacher, who says the task of preparing lessons and inputting data online is time-intensive. But she's found a creative solution to that problem, too. "I always teach by creating my own art," she said. (To see images of her creations, go to evelynklein.com.)

"My work is wrapped in mystery. I am drawn to the dark side, the unexplainable. Remove the veil, reveal thyself, and the mystery will unfold," said Klein, who converted a backyard guest house into an art studio. "In my work, I bridge the boundaries between painting and printmaking. It is in this gap where creation happens."

Klein enjoys the scenery here, including around her home near Palo Corona Regional Park, where — an upside of Covid — wildlife she's never seen before has begun visiting her yard.

"And with fewer cars traveling along Carmel Valley Road, I sometimes hear birds chirping so loudly that they sound like they're inside the house," she said.

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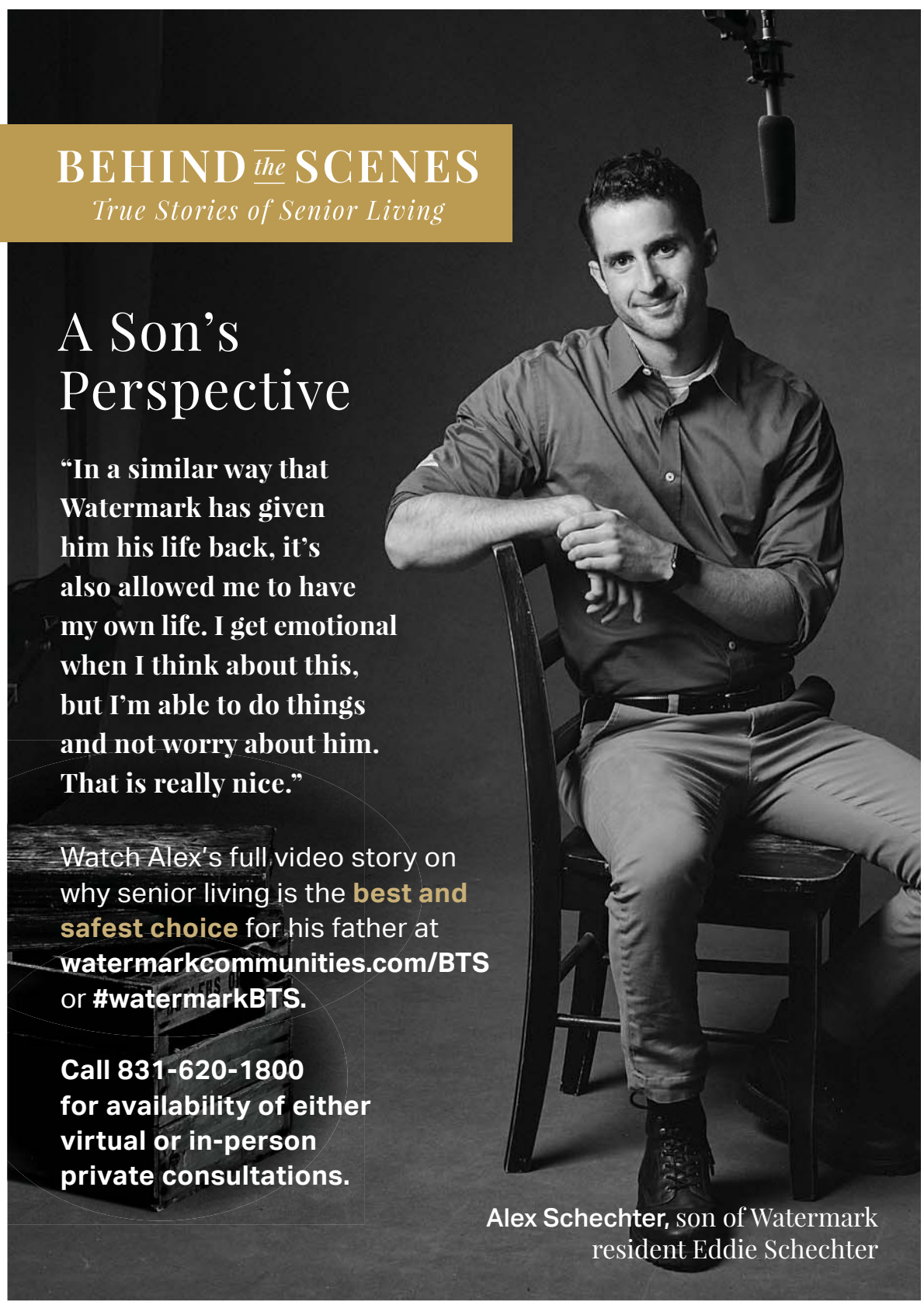

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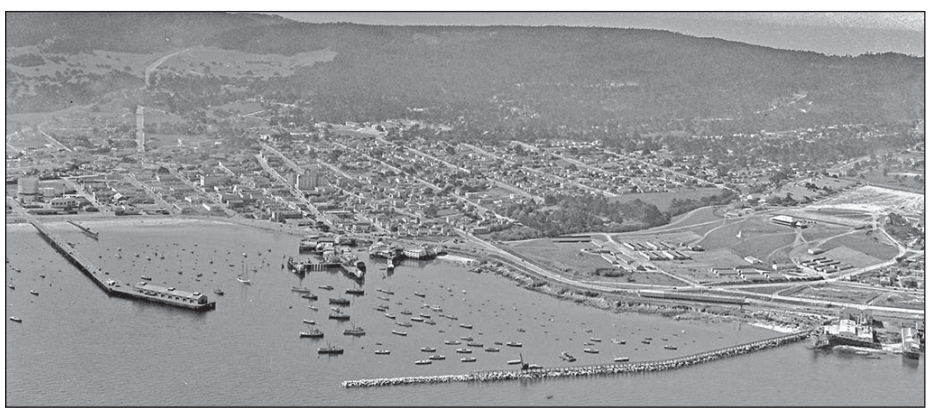
key role in completing the detailed plan and preparing it for presentation to the federal authorities.

On July 11, 1945, Col. K. M. Moore, district Army engineer, presided over a hearing where Monterey presented its case for $6 million in improvements to the harbor. The plan included extending the existing breakwater and adding a new breakwater east of Wharf No. 2, in the area of the former Del Monte Bath House. This would create a larger and almost completely enclosed harbor.

Ferrante and City Manager William E. Hansen produced a string of 27 witnesses that included purse seine skippers Sal Colletto, Horace Mercurio and Anthony Berry, and officials from the Coast Guard and fish and game. Hovden spoke for the cannery owners, again warning the improved harbor might not be big enough. Union leaders Dwight Campbell and John Crivello represented the thousands of fishing and canning workers who were unemployed whenever the fleet was incapacitated.

Harry Brown, a marine insurance underwriter testified that, from an insurance standpoint, Monterey had the worst reputation of any coast fishing port, pointing out that smaller boats were uninsurable because of the record of losses, and that even the larger boats would have high deductibles.

"It is a wonder that you have a fishing fleet here at all. The only reason you have one is that the fishermen are eternally vigilant and have been given fine cooperation by Capt. Burnham and Coast Guardsmen during the past few years," Brown said.



(Left) As clean-up from the December 1943 storm began, the army restricted access to the beach while a few boats listed just off shore along the east side of Wharf No. 2. (Below) This 1934 aerial shows the early configuration of the harbor.

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Dwindling sardines

The project received authorization from Congress but met with delays in engineering approval. Studies identified that the bay was subject to damaging long, low wave surge activity. Additional engineering was required to assure any structures could withstand the surges. Then the Navy, which was negotiating to buy Hotel Del Monte after leasing it during the war, wanted an expansion of the plan because it was contemplating using the Monterey Bay shoreline for amphibious training.

By 1948, estimates for the cost of the harbor improvements had grown to $10 million. But even as U.S. Army engineers in San Francisco were finalizing the new plans to be submitted in 1949, the fishing industry in Monterey was shrinking. For the five years ending with the 1945-1946 season, Monterey had average landings of about 200,000 tons of sardines each year, but the catch over the next three seasons was less than 100,000 tons.

The sardines had not actually disappeared, but there weren't enough to support the once-large fleet of fishing boats. Without the commercial need, it would be hard to justify the expense of such a large expansion of the harbor.

The engineers submitted their recommendation, but the board in Washington D.C. denied funding in 1949. Damage from a storm in 1953 brought a new effort, and that one was also denied. Following a 1960 storm, the Monterey City Council sent a request to Congress for $6 million, indicating the city would chip in $2 million for the harbor plan. Again, no luck.

Hopes were rekindled in late 1963, when Lt. Col. Robert Allen was appointed commander of the local Army Engineer District with a mandate to tackle the $100 million backlog of authorized projects that included the Monterey breakwater. In 1966, President Johnson authorized $81,000 for a further study of Monterey's breakwater project, which included building a model at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' base in Mississippi to study designs for withstanding storm surges.

In May 1967, still awaiting results of the study, Monterey's new and very blunt mayor, Minnie Coyle, led a delegation to Washington, D.C. to ask Congress to appropriate $500,000 for the project so the city could begin work within the next year. Once again, however, the efforts fell flat.

Repeated annual requests over the next few years were also denied. After 25 years of trying, city leaders finally abandoned the pricey project.

This was not the first nor the last time a local community would expend years and substantial tax dollars on a project that sounded good when it started, only to be abandoned later.

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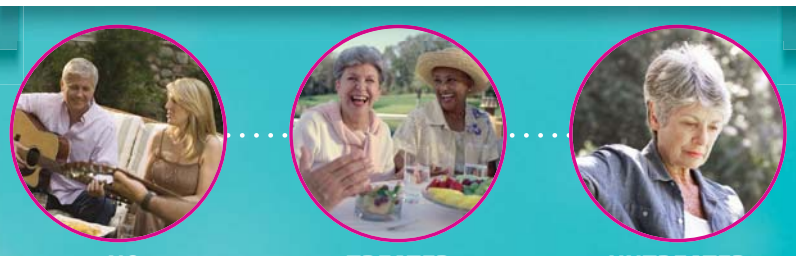

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members as well as other impassioned people must take collective action and flood the County Board of Supervisors and the county executive each and every week in a strategic and tactical way. Protest. March. Demand. Write letters. Call offices. Participate in the supervisor meetings. And don't let up. Not 20 to 50 people, but 200 to 500, or more, actively engaged.

Forget about our future. Our present is at risk right now. There is no time to waste. Whether or not our magnificent community survives is in our hands. No more blame. Instead, it's time to take back control and reclaim.

William B. Baron, *Carmel*

Recall Newsom

Dear Editor,

It's time we all got something straight. Leaders do all they can to prevent hardship for those they lead. When that isn't possible, they do all they can to lessen the hardship on their people. But that hasn't happened here in California. We have no leaders, just elected officials, bureaucrats, and bosses.

Our governor keeps moving the goalposts. He says, "Follow the science," but if he had followed the science, this would all have been over after two weeks. In that time, hot spots would have been found and quarantined. Instead, this man went on an unbridled power trip.

The county "health director" is just as clueless. He gets about $345,000 a year of our tax money to babble and make our lives even harder. He isn't following any science, either. But he doesn't care. And the county wants its property taxes on time, whether you can pay them or not. They don't care.

There have been 80 lives lost from this disease in a county of nearly 450,000 in just over six months. That's nothing. More than that lose their lives in this county every week to heart disease and cancer alone. But "they" don't care.

The governor, district attorney, and county health director allow "protesters" to "protest" sans mask/distancing, but persecute people who only want to go to church and worship. That's unconstitutional, the courts are saying. But "they" don't care.

Many aren't allowed to work. Not even facist and communist dictators denied people the chance to earn a living. That only happens in "democracies" like the USA. Look at the ever-longer lines for food. Look at people going door-to-door to sell items because they aren't allowed to work. "They" never miss a paycheck and don't care.

Want to go back to work? Want to throw away useless masks? Want to live again, like Americans should? Recall this governor. Not willing to do that? Then stop complaining. You voted for it.

Michael Markovitch, *Marina*

Losing democracy

Dear Editor,

Why is it that people like Jenny McAdams always seek to divide the citizens of this country instead of uniting us? McAdams has taken the phrase "systemic racism" and indicted not only Pacific Grove, but the entire country. When pressed by The Pine Cone for specifics, McAdams' only response was, "there is systemic racism everywhere." Her indictment of the local culture and America is vague and just a little simplistic.

This kind of thinking and speech is causing a cultural and political upheaval in this country, and if more wisdom does not prevail, we are going to dismantle the greatest democracy this world has ever known, and we will not even understand how it happened.

Tom Karras, *Pebble Beach*

'Ignorant and silly'

Dear Editor,

In last week's Pine Cone, one letter expressed how proud the writer was to be able to post a Trump sign on their lawn without complaint from neighbors or friends. They also said this is the "America they know," where everyone can express political views with respect to each other's opinion.

How profound! Did they forget that the person who changed that America, is the very person they are proud to place his name on their lawn? How silly to think that being politically polite to each other is more important than saving the country!

For God's sake man, are you numb! Wake up and look around. The country on the verge of civil war — being ravaged by a pandemic on one hand and torn apart by a wannabe dictator on the other. A madman threatening to unleash violent right-wing supremacist militias if he loses. Do you really know how ignorant and silly you sound?

Maher Essi, *Monterey*

Can't afford to lose charities

Dear Editor,

I'm on the board of a nonprofit that's been serving Monterey County for over 40 years. This year we received a letter from one of our funding foundations that they are focusing all of their grants exclusively on organizations that provide aid and services related to the fires and Covid-19 epidemic.

I applaud and agree with their decision 100 percent. At the same time, the money from this annual grant has been a major part of our funding for over a decade. As a result, our service is at risk of closing forever. I suspect there are many other nonprofits that are similarly facing existential funding challenges.

I appreciate that this is a bad time to be asking for money. However, there are many people in our community, like myself, who have not been financially affected by the pandemic and financial collapse. I pledge to give a little more this year to my favorite charities and ask those who can to make their checks a bit larger too. These nonprofit organizations provide essential services, and we cannot afford to lose them.

Peter Bolton, *Pacific Grove*

MPC and Measure V

Dear Editor,

On Nov. 3, our community will decide whether to support Measure V for Monterey Peninsula College.

As an MPC Trustee, I put a lot of thought into the decision to move forward with Measure V. I am fully aware that it is a difficult time to place a bond issue on the ballot, but I know that our college needs Measure V now. Here's why:

■ It may not be widely understood that the state funds community college districts at levels that pay for employee salaries and benefits, and little else. Every district has ongoing needs for both facilities maintenance and modernization, and the state does not fund any of that. This is why virtually every California K-14 district has been forced to utilize bond financing; it is impossible to improve or even maintain facilities without it.

■ Most districts place bond issues before the voters every six to eight years. In contrast, MPC's existing bond issue is now 18 years old. The college has been a careful steward of the taxpayers' money, but those funds have been depleted. As I said, the need for maintenance and modernization is ongoing.

■ California's elimination of odd-year elections means the next time MPC could ask voters for their support would be two years from now. Today's interest rates are historically low; if we are lucky enough to pass Measure V, our taxpayers will benefit from those low rates, as well as low construction costs that are the result of the current recession. From the perspective of saving taxpayer money, now is a good time to pass the bond issue.

I support Measure V because the need is there today, and MPC needs to plan for the future. I hope you'll join me.

Dr. Loren Steck, *Carmel Valley*

Poitras supports Leffel

Dear Editor,

I have known MaryAnn Leffel for 40 years. We first became acquainted while working in Carmel. She was a bank manager. I was a police detective. Check fraud was quite prevalent in the early 1980's so we interacted frequently. Her ability to recognize a scam in the making and report the situation before it came to fruition always impressed me.

Our paths have crossed frequently over the years. Her intellect, drive and common sense are second to none. Currently, we serve as commissioners with the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) representing special districts. She serves on LAFCO's finance committee, bringing a lifetime of experience to the table. We have also served for more than 10 years as members of the Special Districts Association of Monterey County. Here, too, her contributions have been exemplary.

MaryAnn is running for reelection to the Board of the Monterey Peninsula Airport District, where she has represented District 3 for a dozen years, always demonstrating an amazing ability to direct not just the financial aspects of the airport, but all facets of its operation.

It never ceases to amaze me how many people she knows personally and professionally at every level of government and business. She is honest and frank in expressing her views with the needs of the community always foremost in her mind.

I don't live within the boundaries of the airport district. If I did she would certainly have my vote.

Pete Poitras, *Monterey*

Backs council candidate

Dear Editor

I have known Karen Ferlito for the past 10 years and have come to admire her work as a member of the forest and beach commission. She has demonstrated important qualities which is why I am wholeheartedly endorsing her for city council.

These qualities include the following. In making a decision as a member of the commission, Karen began by listening to multiple perspectives on any given issue She would raise questions when clarification was needed and provide insightful comments to commission discussions. Using logic and solid reasoning, she would come to a decision which was in the best interest of the community.

I think her ability to listen, question, and promote discussion are qualities that will make her an excellent member of the Carmel city council. Please make sure you are registered and, when you cast your ballot, you'll mark Ferlito's name

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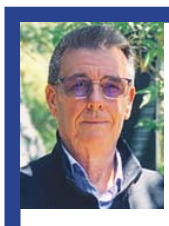

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BY LARRY MESLER

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FILM

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son, Eli Steele, who is also director and editor. The Steeles released the film just before the November election because they knew race would be an issue.

Steele called the decision by Amazon to ban the documentary "appalling" and "totally political." "They sent $10 million to Black Lives Matter, and they canceled me," he declared.

Instead, the documentary will start streaming Friday at vimeo.com.

Steele insists racism has "radically declined" since the 1960s. So if racism isn't as bad as many tell us it is, why is everyone so focused on it? He said there's a lot to gain by being a victim.

"The greatest power Black Americans have is the history of Black victimization," said Steele, who is Black and grew up in Chicago in the 1950s when the city was far more segregated than it is today. "We have an investment in victimization — that's our power."

Steele also took aim at the selective outrage over young Black men getting shot by cops, and he noted that "nobody cares" when young Blacks shoot each other in much greater numbers. According to the filmmaker, Blacks "can do and become anything they want in American life."

'Buying innocence'

Why would Amazon willingly hand over so much money to activists if their cause is based on something that isn't even true?

"Amazon is buying its innocence from whatever Black Lives Matters says," he said.

According to Steele, "America's original sin is not slavery, it is simply the use of race as a means to power."

So how do we get out of this mess? "More people need to stand up to it," Steele suggested. "We also need to stop entitling people by race — it was evil when we did it with slavery and Jim Crow, and it's evil now."

While "What Killed Michael Brown" will no doubt upset some people, Steele said he and his son are proud of the film, which he hopes will offer some balance to the dialogue over race relations in this country.

"We wanted to show people where race relations are today," he added. "We wanted to unravel things and see what is happening."

Steele — a widely read political commentator who has long argued that systemic racism is more of "a strategy" than "a truth" — won an Emmy Award in 1991 for his role as a writer for the documentary, "Seven Days of Bensonhurst," which examined the murder of a Black teenager in Brooklyn by a group of whites.

Besides being a filmmaker, Steele has now written six books on race, including "The Content of Our Character: A New Vision of Race In America," which won a National Book Critics Circle Award in 1991, and "A Bound Man: Why We are Excited about Obama and Why He Can't Win," which proved the writer wrong. Steele is also a senior fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution, a public policy think tank.

Trouble in store for tech giants?

The story of Amazon's refusal to even discuss hosting the documentary has so far eluded most of the media, and it's uncertain if the film will face obstacles from other distributors or online hosts.

But it comes at a time when many conservatives are saying censorship of their ideas by both traditional and social media has become commonplace.

The plight of Steele's film did capture the attention of the Wall Street Journal's editorial board, which criticized the tech giant for censoring Steele and warned Big Tech may pay a big price by offending too many people on both sides of the political aisle.

"We're skeptical of the many calls in Washington to break up large tech giants such as Amazon since that might do more economic harm than good," reads the editorial, which came out Wednesday.

"But political pressure is building on the left, which dislikes Big Tech's success and size; and on the right, which resents its leftward bias in suppressing cultural messages it doesn't want people to hear. By canceling important dissenting voices like the Steeles on such a vital subject, Amazon is inviting a political backlash."

For more about the film, including how to watch it, visit whatkilledmichaelbrown.com.

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Section 2

High school athletes hoping for scholarships stymied by pandemic

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

OH, TO be young again — unless you happen to be a top-drawer high school athlete in the time of coronavirus, when you repeatedly crash head-on into the word that drove us all crazy when we were their age: "No!"

"No, you can't hang out with your friends" … "No, you can't go to the gym" … "No, you can't play in the tournament" … "No, can't take that recruiting trip to the university of your dreams, have lunch with the coaches, tour the campus, meet potential teammates ...."

This should be a special time for today's 14- to 18-year-olds, and they'll never get it back. The lesson that life isn't always fair can be a real jolt at that age.

This is the first installment of a multi-part series on the impact of Covid on prospective college athletes at Carmel, Stevenson, and Santa Catalina high schools. Part One will address how the pandemic has affected the recruiting process.

Upcoming articles will discuss:

■ Innovative solutions prep athletes are employing to stay sane and in shape while they're barred from most public workout facilities.

■ Their level of optimism that they'll be allowed to compete in high school sports during a pandemic that doesn't seem to be going anywhere.

■ How safe and comfortable they expect to feel about sharing a playing field, gymnasium, pool, or locker room sometime soon with a virus that has infected nearly 18 million Americans and killed 215,000, since January.

The lingering presence of a worldwide pandemic, surreal as it may feel, has become an instant reality for today's teen athletes and their parents who, in many cases, have been investing in the college scholarship dream for years.

Elite club sports, travel ball, college sports camps, national and regional tournaments, and other events are specifically designed these days as offseason showcases for young people who might have college-level athletic ability. Coaches and scouts flock to these events from all over the country in search of talent.

Uncertain future

The coronavirus has canceled most of those opportunities, and may yet cancel prep sports for the rest of the 2020-21 school year, as it did last spring and this fall. The current plan (devised in July) from the California Interscholastic Federation — the body that oversees all high school sports in the state — has moved all of this year's fall sports to the winter and spring seasons, where they'll compete for attention, facilities, and multi-sport athletes with games that already occupy those months.

Two fall sports — girls tennis and golf — have been bumped to springtime, along with three normally played during the winter months — basketball, soccer and wrestling. They join baseball, softball, lacrosse, track and field, swimming and diving, and boys golf and tennis — traditional spring sports that will stay put.

Football, volleyball, field hockey, cross-country, girls volleyball, and water polo — always fall competitions — are

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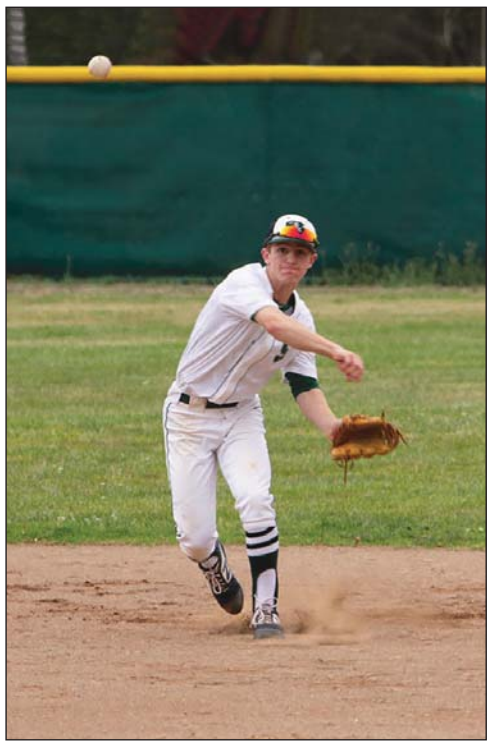

PHOTOS/(LEFT)STEVENSON SCHOOL, (ABOVE) COURTESY JESSICA BOHLMAN

Stevenson infielder Josh Peyton (left) has committed to play baseball next season at the University of Chicago. Carmel junior Elle Bohlman, practicing here on her home basketball court, has worked out aggressively during the epidemic to stay in shape.

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now scheduled for winter, where they join boys volleyball (moved from spring).

Practices for winter sports are scheduled to start in mid-December, and games begin in early January … if they begin at all. The virus will have the final word.

"From my perspective, the pandemic has affected the recruiting process heavily because I was supposed to do a lot of travel basketball tournaments that were canceled, and because I don't feel comfortable traveling yet," said Elle Bohlman, a Carmel High junior who hopes to play college basketball, her best sport. She also plays lacrosse, golf, and was the backup kicker on last year's varsity football team.

"I feel like this was the year I could show my true skills to coaches, and that has been taken away," she said. "I haven't been able to participate in travel ball, tournaments, camps, or showcases due to Covid."

The business side

Attracting the attention of college recruiters while sheltering in place can be a daunting task. High school coaches, athletic directors, counselors, and administrators make phone calls to their college contacts. The athletes leave messages, and email letters, statistics, and videos. But athletic scholarships — even non-scholarship walk-on invitations — are rarely offered to prospects who haven't been seen in the flesh. And that challenge has been exacerbated for athletes who play sports that were canceled in spring, summer and fall.

"Evaluating a player on video is going to be a challenge," said Matt Collins, head football coach at Hartnell College. "A lot of kids don't really develop until their senior year, or until after they graduate.

"So we have to communicate with their coaches — even people who coached them at the youth level — and hopefully get an idea about a player's athleticism and abilities," he said.

Stevenson running back Tyler Olson was anxious to prove to scouts that he's bigger, stronger, faster and smarter going into his senior year, but Covid has dashed those opportunities so far.

"Football recruitment has taken a huge hit. All of the combines and showcases were canceled during the offseason, so there hasn't been a way for coaches to find athletes, or see what they're capable of," he said. "With the delay of the (high school) season, there also hasn't been an opportunity to show progress we've made during the offseason."

Anna Watson, a senior at Stevenson, is less worried because of the nature of her sports — track and cross-country— which are time-based.

"The pandemic canceled track last spring, and cross country this fall, and I was really hoping for a chance to establish some new personal-best times," she said. "It's frustrating to know athletes in other states are competing right now, logging official times."

Another curve ball: Many college seniors were granted an extra year of athletic eligibility when their 2020 spring season was canceled, leaving coaches uncertain

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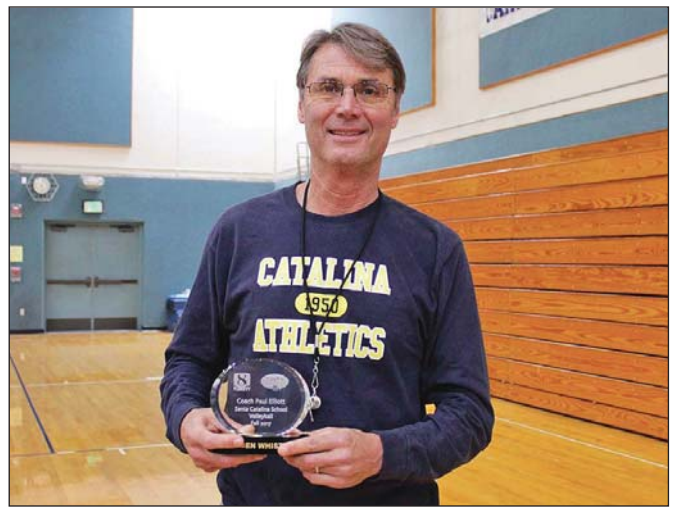

Paul Elliott, a hall-of-fame college coach before coming to Santa Catalina, predicts the pandemic will force more college freshmen to "walk on" (as non-scholarship athletes) in the next two years.

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of how many roster spots might be available to incoming freshmen.

"Uncertainty with college budgets, timelines and whether current college seniors are going to graduate or not is making it difficult for seniors in high school (to get recruited), and I think we'll see more walk-ons in the next couple of years," said Paul Elliott, a hall of fame college coach before coming to Santa Catalina School to coach volleyball and serve as athletic director.

Top high school prospects sometimes get attractive offers before their senior year. Carmel's J.T. Byrne was a junior when he accepted a full-ride scholarship to play tight end at Oregon State University.

Classmate Jabin Trosky, a shortstop, had five NCAA Division I baseball offers by the time he left middle school. He'll also play next year at Oregon State on full scholarship.

Highlight reel

Stevenson lacrosse star Rhea Cosand, a junior this year, has a solid Division I scholarship offer from UC Davis, but hasn't yet accepted.

"My intent was to use this past summer to showcase myself through tournaments, clinics and camps, and create a highlight reel to send to coaches," she said. "But coaches suddenly had to begin recruiting players based solely on film and/or previous encounters, as opposed to current, in-person events."

How important is a prep athlete's junior year to the scholarship quest?

"It depends on the sport, depends on activity, depends on the upside of the athlete," said Stevenson athletic director Justin Clymo. "J.T. Byrne had a handful of offers as a junior and could pick where he wanted to go. Elle Bohlman was counting on playing a bunch of summer basketball that didn't happen, so she's left holding the bag.

"If you're a junior, it's not the end of the world," he said. "If Elle was a senior right now, her situation would be worse."

'A trickle-down effect'

Stevenson baseball standout Josh Peyton, a senior, said NCAA Division I roster spots were dramatically reduced when last year's seniors were granted an extra year of eligibility. Those overcrowded rosters have caused "a trickle-down effect" to smaller colleges.

"Division III coaches are excited about the talent pool they're seeing, the quality of players who suddenly are interested in their programs," said Peyton, who has verbally committed to play at the University of Chicago, a strong Division III baseball school.

While campuses are closed to recruits during the pandemic, Peyton has had off-campus meetings with several coaches.

"One coach quietly gave me a tour of the campus — we drove in separate vehicles — and other coaches allowed me to walk the campus with my parents after we had a meeting," he said.

Whether a prep star attracts attention during the pandemic could depend heavily on how aggressive the athlete is about self-marketing, and how much help he/she receives from high school coaches, administrators, and others who are willing to contact a college recruiter with a sales pitch.

"This recruiting process isn't black and white — there are a lot of moving parts," Cosand said. "I don't think I would have been able to make such an educated decision if it weren't for the help from my parents, my coaches and advisors at Stevenson, and other important people who have offered incredible advice."

Next week: Staying sane and in shape during the virus.

How have you endured the epidemic, mentally and physically? Are you confident prep sports will resume this year? How safe and comfortable will you feel, in the time of Covid, if sports begin again?

Student-athletes and coaches at Carmel, Santa Catalina, Stevenson, CSUMB, MPC, or Hartnell College are invited to contribute to this discussion, express their opinions, and share their stories by emailing Dennis Taylor at scribelaureate@gmail.com.

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Promoter, singer-songwriter heads for greener pastures, more live music

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

EVEN IN the best of times, musicians routinely leave the area for bigger cities where there's more money to be made and rents can be cheaper. And with the Monterey County taking a hard line against live musical performances, it's no surprise that many local musicians are feeling the additional strain of having no work. One of those is **Kiki Wow**, who as a music promotor and singer-songwriter, has put as much energy into the local music scene as anyone. But with no live music in sight, Wow and her husband, recording engineer and musician **Greg Edenfield**, are getting ready to hit the road.

"After many months of Covid restrictions, I've been pondering whether I should stay or go," she said. "In just a few weeks, we are moving to a small town near Branson, Mo., where a big music community thrives and we will have access to a 24-track studio and production facility. After the recent fires — when we had to evacuate — a door opened, and we are taking that step of faith to walk through it, creating a new chapter of life."

Wow said she will miss "my very special California friends," along with the weather and the ocean. She said she will look back at her 13 years here with many fond musical memories, particularly in Carmel Valley Village, where she once lived.

"There was no music in the village when I got here, and ironically, there is no music now. But thankfully, there was a whole bunch in between, and I'm happy I had something to do with that," she added.

To keep in touch with Wow, follow kikiwow.net.

■ Live from the Lot again

Marty O'Reilly & the Old Soul Orchestra are set to perform Friday and Saturday in the Sunset Center parking lot as part of its new "Live From the Lot" drive-in concert series.

After zydeco performer **Andre Thierry** opened the series two weeks ago, Sunset Center has revised the days and times for concerts.

"We have changed the concert times to better suit our neighbors," executive director **Christine Sandin** reported. "They are now scheduled for Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 3 p.m. and Saturday at 7 p.m. There will be no performances on Sundays."

O'Reilly and the Old Soul Orchestra, meanwhile, are Santa Cruz quartet which serves up an original mix of folk, blues and rock.

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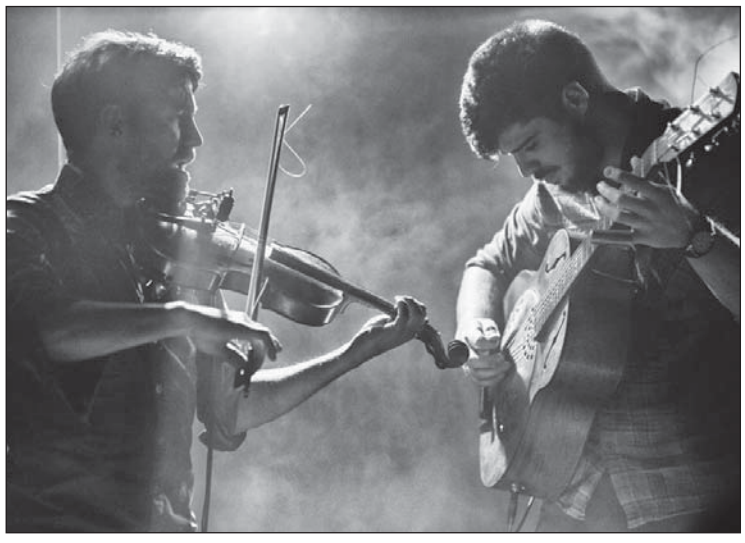
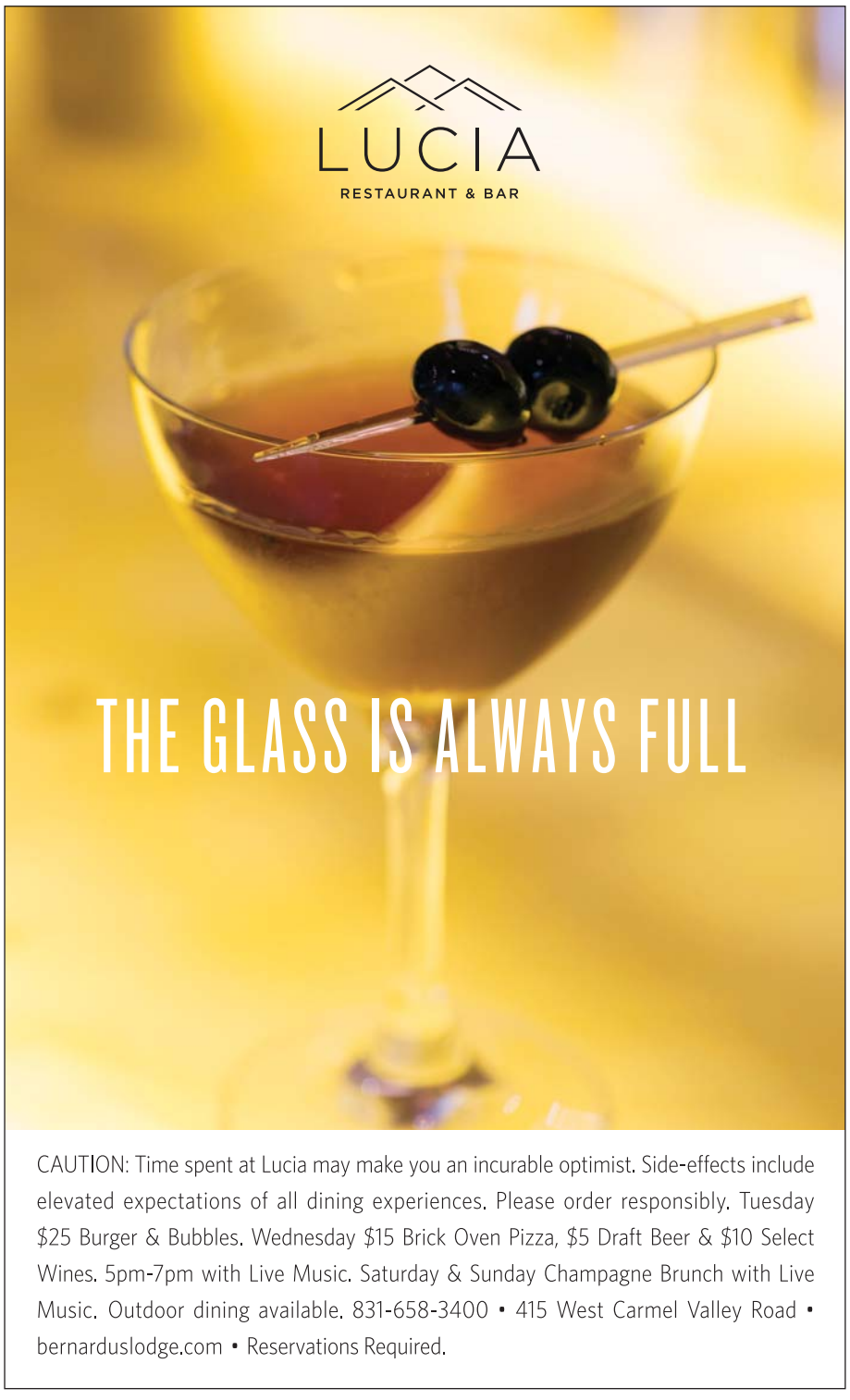


Marty O'Reilly & the Old Soul Orchestra play Friday and Saturday in the Sunset Center parking lot in the latest offering of its Live From the Lot drive-in concert series. With nowhere to play in Monterey County due to Covid restrictions, singer-songwriter Kiki Wow is moving to a place where she can perform.



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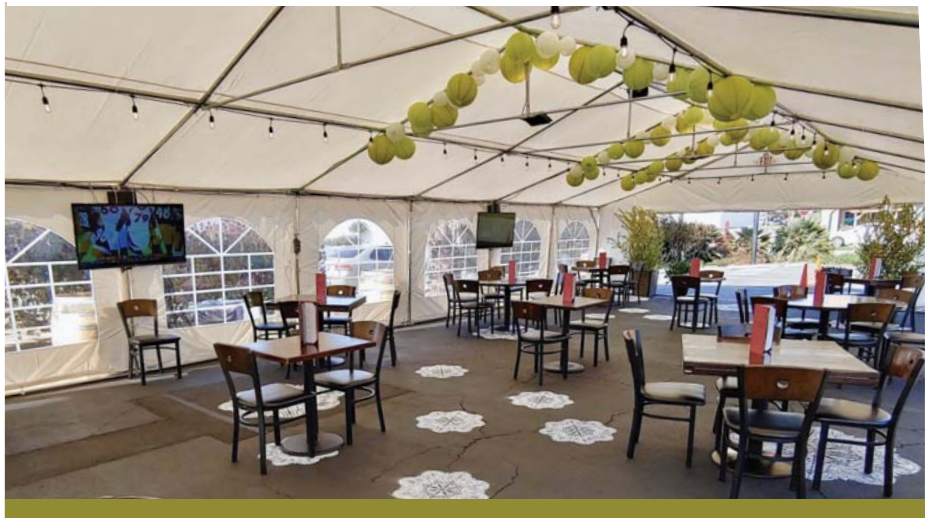

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FOOD & WINE

Disposables dining, virtual Halloween fun, and an honor for Heidi Scheid

WHILE MANY restaurants serving outdoors have returned to using dishes, glasses and flatware, rather than the disposable containers they utilized for takeout, a couple of downtown establishments have stuck with single-use packaging — sometimes to the dismay of their customers. But they have strong reasons for doing so, and diners who are skittish about eating out might consider visiting their establishments in particular.

Anna Bartolini, who owns La Balena on Junipero between Fifth and Sixth, offers a fine-dining experience with excellent, freshly made pastas, gnocchi and other Italian dishes. But the courses come in compostable paper bowls, plates and dishes, and the cutlery is single use, as well. Water comes in plastic cups, though wine is served in glasses.

Compostable plates

State guidelines encourage the use of disposable dishes when they will provide more safety and cleanliness than washed dishes, and at Balena, with its tiny kitchen, they make much more sense.

"Our kitchen is so small, and I've gotten sick several times when I had to be the dishwasher," she said, mostly contracting "really bad colds."

That made her think about the germs dishes carry, and especially when people are worried about catching coronavirus, she didn't want anything germy anywhere near the kitchen.

"I didn't think it would be safe," she said.

The pandemic has hit brutally home for Bartolini, whose family is in Georgia. Her brother caught the virus, as did her nephew, and then her mother, who died a couple of weeks ago of the illness. Doing anything she can to avoid spreading coronavirus — while keeping her business alive — is a top priority.

Brett Bird, the manager in charge of Hotel Carmel and La Playa, said disposables are used at the hotels' restaurants, Brophy's Tavern and Bud's, because the health department recommends them "whenever possible."

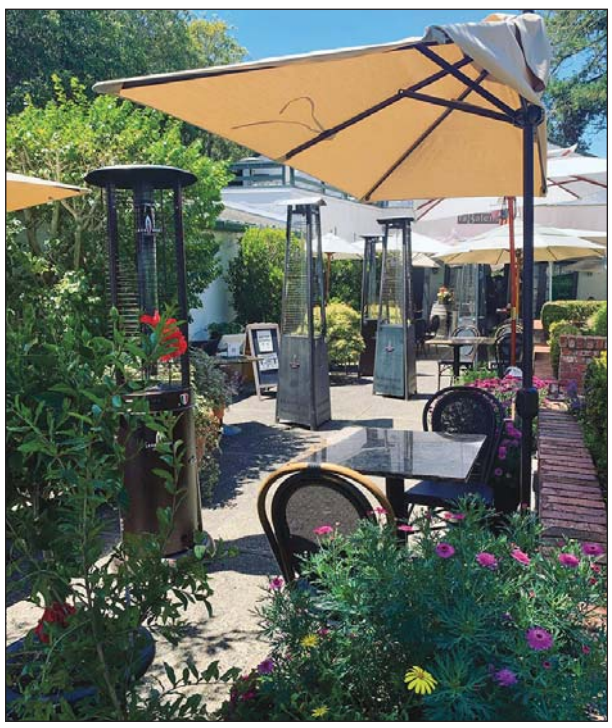
"Keeping food covered while transporting it to the table is an added safety precaution," he said. In addition, using throw away materials gives diners flexibility.

At Brophy's, "with only four tables, it isn't always possible to predict when a table will become available," Bird said, so customers can simply leave with their calzones, fish and chips, Cobb salad or other fare if they don't want to wait any longer for a place to sit.

At Bud's, the takeout containers give them flexibility in deciding where to dine, whether on the patio or elsewhere on the hotel grounds.

People need not worry about all those used forks, knives and containers bulking up the landfill, either.

"We are using green disposables," Bird said, which break down to compost in 90 days.



La Balena (above) has plenty of outdoor seating for guests at lunch and dinner. Quail Lodge golf pro Katherine Marren (who would now be wearing a mask, of course) will hold a clinic that will benefit breast cancer patients. And the new Tutto Buono Eataliano offers pizzas to go.

■ Virtual Halloween parties

With actual costume parties discouraged this Halloween, a couple of tasting rooms are hosting virtual gatherings and tastings to help those who love the creepy holiday to celebrate at least a little.

On Oct. 29 at 6 p.m., Twisted Roots in Carmel Valley Village will host "Stock Up, Dress Up & Party With Us" via Zoom. Owners Julie and Josh Ruiz are urging their fans to "wear your favorite Halloween costume and pair your favorite candy with your favorite Twisted Roots wine or cider," with prizes awarded for the best pairing and the best costume. Those interested in signing up can do so at twistedrootsvineyard.com.

Also at Twisted Roots, with the annual pumpkin-painting contest canceled due to coronavirus, a portion of the wine sales at the tasting room at 12 Del Fino Place Oct. 17-18 will benefit the nonprofit AFRP. "We may not be able to do our annual pumpkin painting this year to support Animal Friends Rescue Project, but we are still going to show them some love," they said. "Don't be shy, stop by the tasting room and say, 'Hi.'"

Galante

Galante Vineyards will hold a Virtual Halloween Costume Bingo party Oct. 30 at 4 p.m., with bingo games, and prizes for the best costume. RSVP by emailing maegan@galantevineyards.com, and log in on Zoom with ID 664494404.

And at the tasting room on Dolores south of Ocean on Fridays from 5 to 8 p.m. through the end of the year, customers are invited to pair any four sliders with their favorite wines during Friday Night Sliders. Choose from pulled pork, barbacoa and other flavors. For more information, visit galantevineyards.com.

■ Order holiday pies

Happy Girl Kitchen in Pacific Grove is now taking orders for holiday pies. "Kate is the pie lady at Happy Girl, and making pies is one of the things that makes her hap-

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piest," said owner Jordan Champagne. "She was born and raised in the middle of pie country in the Midwest and makes an amazing crust. The pies are made from local apples and pumpkins and are up for sale on our website starting now."

The pies cost $27 for apple and $30 for pumpkin and can be ordered for pickup on Fridays at Happy Girl, which is located at 173 Central Ave. Visit happygirlkitchen.com or call (831) 373-4475.

■ Quail Lodge benefits breast cancer

There aren't any pink cocktails on offer during Quail Lodge's annual fundraising initiative for the Breast Cancer Assistance Group of Monterey County this year, but the lodge, which was closed for three months due to the coronavirus shutdown, will still donate a portion of its room and golf revenues to the nonprofit this month.

BCAG is an all-volunteer group of breast cancer survivors who raise funds and awareness to improve the lives of locals with breast cancer and to help their families. The nonprofit is set to receive $1 for every room night and $1 for every golf guest green fee this month.

In addition, 50 percent of the proceeds from a half-day golf clinic with PGA pro Katherine Marren on Sunday, Oct. 18, will go to the BCAG. The clinic will run from 1 to 5:15 p.m. and will feature "light tips for full swing and a short game lesson," followed by nine holes of play, including three holes with the pro. The clinic costs $150 per person. To register, call Marren at (831) 277-9125 or email katherinemarren@quaillodge.com.

"Breast cancer awareness is a cause that is important at Quail on a personal and company level, and we hope that friends, neighbors and golf club members in the area will help support the effort by participating in Quail Lodge Golf Academy's half-day clinic or inviting a friend to golf," said Anna Hubbard, who handles PR for the resort.

For more information about golfing or staying at Quail Lodge, visit quaillodge.com. To learn more about Breast Cancer Assistance Group of Monterey County, go to bcagmc.org.

■ New spots to visit

Despite the pandemic, several new businesses on the Peninsula are thriving, including Tutto Buono Eataliano at 598 Lighthouse Ave. in Monterey. Owner Michelle Spadaro recently expanded her catering company to a brick-and-mortar spot and is sharing her family recipes of Sicilian pan pizzas and Italian street foods, including fried calamari, polenta stix, and arancini, as well as salads and other fare. It's open Tuesday through Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., and until 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. For information and to order takeout, go to tuttoeataliano.com or call (831) 920-1940.

The fledgling Monterey Bay Creamery on Fisherman's Wharf is serving sundaes, shakes and an assortment of homemade ice cream flavors, including strawberry, cookies and cream, and sea salt caramel, daily from noon to 7 p.m. Call (831) 288-6218 or go to montereybaycreamery.com for more information.

■ Exhibit to honor high-tech farmers

An exhibition set to open Nov. 12 at the National Steinbeck Center in Salinas will celebrate women who have helped bring modern technology to farming, with the goal of inspiring more of them to consider careers in agtech.

Created by journalist Amy Wu, "From Farms to Incubators: Women Innovators in California Agtech" uses video, still photography and other multimedia to tell the stories of "groundbreaking pioneers" in agricultural technology.

"Ultimately, I hope the exhibition, film series and book serve as vehicles to inspire youth — especially those from rural or underserved communities — to consider that agriculture extends far beyond tractors and overalls, and that it is a sector that offers an amazing range of opportunities

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Heidi Scheid was nominated as Wine Enthusiast's Person of the Year for her work in the industry. At her family company, she's helped increase production, launch new lines and get a dozen estate vineyards certified sustainable.

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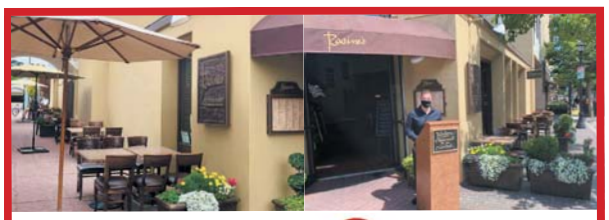

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that involve innovation," she said.

A "virtual opening" Nov. 12 from 4 to 6 p.m. will feature special speakers, including State Sen. Anna Caballero, Western Growers Center for Innovation and Technology head Dennis Donohue, and Karen Caplan, president and CEO of Frieda's Specialty Produce, and a panel discussion will be led by prominent women innovators in ag and agtech. Find out more at steinbeck.org.

Heidi Scheid honored

Heidi Scheid, executive vice president of Scheid Family Wines, was nominated as Wine Enthusiast's Person of the Year, an award that "highlights individuals who have made outstanding achievements over the past year in the wine and alcoholic beverage world."

Scheid joined the family business in 1992 and has been a key player in its evolution from a grape grower selling fruit to other wineries, to a "grapes-to-glass wine business for the global marketplace," with case production growing from 4,000 per year to 600,000 in the course of a decade. Scheid's portfolio of wines can now be found throughout the United States and in 15 other countries.

She has also supported efforts to get the winery's dozen estate vineyards certified as sustainable, is leading the effort to produce organic wines from the new White Flower Vineyard — which just had its first harvest — and helped create and launch Scheid's zero-sugar, low-calorie, low-alcohol wine, Sunny with a Chance of Flowers.

She chairs the Wine Market Council, where she's been a director since 1996, and served on the board of the California Association of Winegrape Growers for nine years, including two as chair. Scheid holds an MBA in finance from USC's Marshall School of Business and worked for Ernst & Young doing valuation consulting before joining Scheid Family Wines.

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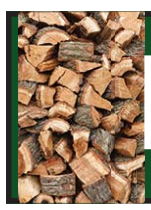

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Years in the works, Carmel Valley Village gallery becomes a nonprofit

FOR THE first time, Carmel Valley has an arts-related nonprofit of its very own.

Founded as a for-profit business in 2006, the Carmel Valley Art Association learned last month its application with the IRS for nonprofit status has been approved. The change will enable the association to expand its operations far beyond simply selling art.

The move had been in the works for five years. "It's a big deal for our gallery," said **Shelley Aliotti**, who goes from being owner to board member in the transition. "We can get grants now. We can start having art contests for schools. We'll have more resources to plan and expand our programs — it's really exciting."

Representing more than two dozen local artists — including **Sam Johnston**, **Will Bullas**, **Shelley Cost**, **Rolf Lygren** and many others — the gallery is located just steps away from Jerome's Market at 2 Chambers Lane in the Center Street Marketplace.

Aliotti said the nonprofit can do a lot to foster local creativity, and to get more people involved, she plans to expand membership options.

"The abundance of creativity and talent in this a community is impressive," she explained. "Yet many artists lack the information, know-how, and reach to gain exposure, earn a living, or share their gift. The gallery itself, paired with CVAA's multiple

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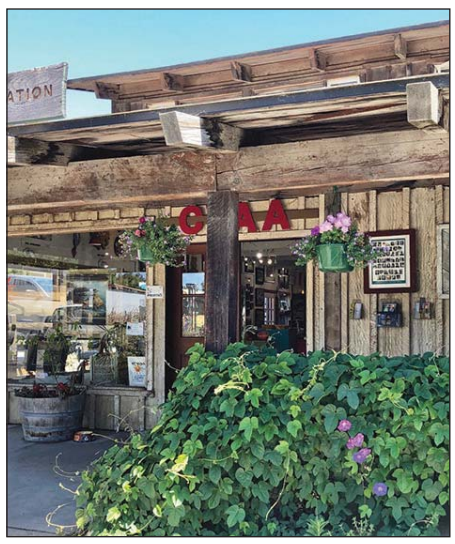

Painter Thomas Hawley (left) is back at his easel at the Carmel Valley Art Association, which is now a nonprofit. The gallery (above) is located steps away from Jerome's Market.

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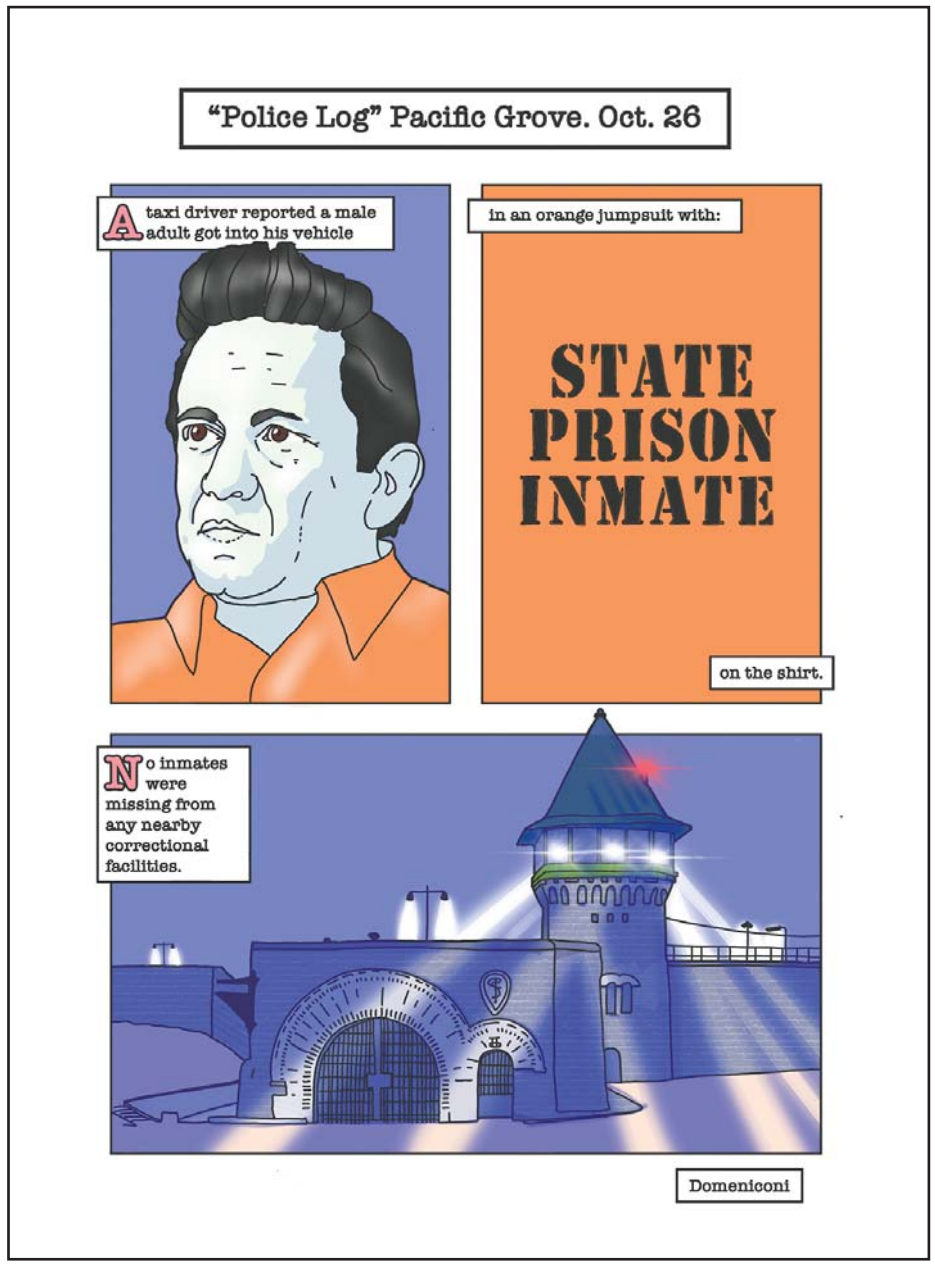

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■ **"Keep up the great reporting! I like reading the truth without the spin unlike other local papers."**

■ **"As a longtime reader of your paper, I want to thank you for the great job you and your team do in covering the area. And I especially like (agree with) your editorial page."**

■ **"When in Tucson, I look forward to Friday mornings with great anticipation so I can download the week's edition of the Pine Cone and read it cover to cover. This helps me feel connected to this very special community.**
When in our beloved Carmel, each Friday morning I jump in our electric car with our golden retriever, Daisy, by my side and race down to Ocean and Mission to get the newest edition. Daisy insists on carrying it in her mouth the entire way home. We have so much to be proud of in Carmel and the Pine Cone sits near the top of the list."

■ **"Thanks for the opportunity to read this wonderful little paper. It is much appreciated."**

■ **"We've been email subscribers to the Pine Cone for a year now, ever since we bought a house in Carmel (we still live in Minnesota but will be retiring in a few years— can't wait!) I really enjoy reading about our future home town."**

■ **"I'm not asking that this be published, but I want to offer my thanks to you for the insights, intelligence and objectivity offered in your paper. What a contrast to most publications out there."**

■ **"How refreshing to have direct, truthful, no nonsense editorials. Unfortunately, this style of writing has been lost in our feel good society. Keep at it."**

■ **"I get The Pine Cone every week and enjoy it more than you can know. What a wonderful paper you have. I read every word!"**

■ **"I just wanted to let you know how truly outstanding The Pine Cone is. The writing equals, if not exceeds, top-notch national papers. You and your staff should be proud. I know I've told you before how great I think The Pine Cone is, but it really is a terrific paper."**

■ **"Thank you for providing balanced and researched reporting and upbeat articles. I hope we have The Pine Cone around for many years to come. If it gets down to it, I would pay for the subscription to keep the paper viable."**

■ **"We poll our ticket-buyers as to where they hear about our concerts. You might be surprised to learn how many of them mention The Pine Cone. Thanks!"**

■ **"Thanks for the consistently great job you do with your newspaper. I regularly read several newspapers from around the country and yours has the best editorial integrity — bar none. Keep up the good work!"**

■ **"I look forward to The Pine Cone more than you will ever know."**

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ART

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information and promotional channels, will enable members to gain confidence and exposure while building connections to support themselves."

But Aliotti said there's a lot of work ahead to be a successful nonprofit. "We're on training wheels right now," she added.

To keep the creative juices flowing in the gallery, Aliotti has invited artists — one at a time — to come and paint, just as they had before the onset of the pandemic. The gallery, meanwhile, is open daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The gallery is located at 2 Chambers Lane in the Center Street Marketplace. Call (831) 659-2441 or visit carmelvalleyroadco.com/cv-art-association.

■ The Great Pumpkin lives!

The Monterey Museum of Art will celebrate Halloween this year with a free drive-through Great Pumpkin Drive art show at 720 Via Mirada.

The festivities will happen Friday, Oct. 30 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

For now, the museum is busy seeking pumpkins.

"Members of the community are invited to submit their spookiest or silliest pumpkins for us to display. You can create your own designs or use one of our stencils inspired by our collection," the museum's **Allyson Hitte** told The Pine Cone.

Hitte said everyone must wear masks. "The Great Pumpkin Drive will be contactless, and we ask that all visitors remain in their vehicles for the duration of the show," she added.

Pumpkin artists can drop off their creations Oct. 29 from noon to 7 p.m. Due to an anticipated high volume of traffic, those attending the show are encouraged to register in advance and choose an arrival time.

In tandem with the Great Pumpkin Drive will be a food drive. For more details about pre-registering for the pumpkin show, along with items most needed for the food drive, visit montereyart.org.

Painter Sam Johnston gets to work on his latest piece at the Carmel Valley Art Association, which recently became a nonprofit, enabling the gallery to expand its offerings.

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Tickets are $65 per vehicle, with no more than four adults in each. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. To check for tickets, call (831) 620-2040 or visit sunsetcenter.org.

■ Staying connected with 'moments'

With the county's Covid-related crackdown on live music in full swing, live music — at least officially — is hard to find these days.

Like other classical music presenters, the nonprofit Carmel Music Society can't give live concerts, so it's turning its focus to creating online content. Every Saturday morning since the middle of April, the nonprofit has uploaded to its website a "musical moment," sharing it with supporters as far away as Spain and Romania. The video and audio clips can all be found at carmelmusic.org.

"Each Saturday at 9:30 a.m., I put out a short piece of music, usually from our recorded archives and not longer than about 10 minutes and send it to a mail list of over 400 persons," Carmel Music president **Peter Thorp** said.

Chosen by Thorp, some of the "moments" are excerpts from concerts presented by Carmel Music, while others are simply great pieces of music with interesting stories. Thorp offer historical notes or commentary about each selection.

Thorp said he's received compliments for the online content. "I've heard, 'These are wonderful — keep them coming,'" he reported.

If and when live music returns, Carmel Music will be ready. "Next season is completely booked," Thorp added. "One group, **The Lincoln Center Quartet**, has already signed up for 2023."

GAZEBO

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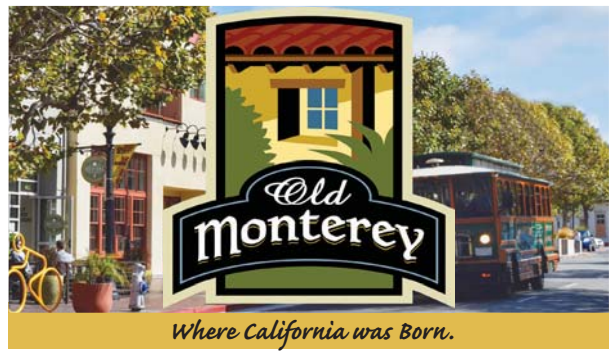
Horan, meanwhile, looks back at what made the school extraordinary.

"Through teaching, I began to see my own childhood through adult eyes as a writer and educator," explained the writer, a single mom who lives in Big Sur. "As I began to conceptualize my experience as a child, it inspired me to write this book. I recognized how unique my education experience was and wanted to share it — this book is for parents, educators, homeschooling families, therapists, and those who simply love Esalen."

Titled "Gazebo Learning Project — A Legacy of Experiential and Experimental Early Childhood Education at Esalen," Horan's book is available at her publishing company, silverpeakpress.com.

It's also available at the Phoenix Shop and the Henry Miller Library, which are both near Nepenthe, and at River House Books in the Crossroads shopping center.



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