Police nab suspect in downtown vandalism spree

By MARY SCHLEY

GRAFFITI MIGHT be considered a minor crime in a lot of communities — but not here. A Napa man who came to town for a wedding, got drunk and went on a vandalism rampage in the early hours of Oct. 23 ended up in Monte-

Vandalize a house near the downtown businesses. One showed Walker vandalizing a railing.

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The Monterey County Board of Supervisors on July 30 voted unanimously to require all of the county’s roughly 5,500 employees to be vaccinated. The compliance dead-
line was Oct. 31. While 92 percent of the county’s work-
force is fully vaccinated, compared to about 60 percent in July, there are still dozens who have not qualified for ex-
ceptions but are still not vaccinated.

On Tuesday, county human resources officials informed the Monterey County Board of Supervisors that 4,985 em-
ployees have shown proof they’ve been fully vaccinated,
Tenacious terrier

After falling for a tiny Tibetan terrier, she went to the breeder’s residence straight away to see him. Yet, as she moved toward him, a little girl dashed in front of her, proclaimed her love for the dog and carried him off.

Perterurbed, she sat down to ponder the situation, when what looked like the runt of the litter ran right up her leg and into her lap, and began chewing on her jewelry. Then the pup scurried off to tussle with her terrier siblings and seemed to vanish. She looked around, confused. “My friend told me to look down. There, tucked between my feet, was the little female. I didn’t mean to get her — I really just went for some puppy love,” her person said. “She claimed me.”

Two weeks later, Tashi took her first flight across the country. She was so calm, so quiet, so soothing throughout the trip, her person realized she had acquired an emotional support animal.

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Arch won’t get plaque after all

By MARY SCHLEY

REGARDLESS OF whether it lists solely veterans or includes others who helped in the World War I effort, a plaque proposed for installation in front of the World War I Memorial Arch at Ocean and San Carlos shouldn’t be there at all, the city council decided 4-1 Tuesday night.

After the historic resources board concluded the bronze plaque, with its list of Army and Navy veterans and those who helped in the war effort through the Red Cross, YMCA and other organizations, would comply with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and should be approved, a group asked the city council to deny it.

Former mayors Sue McCloud and Ken White, resident Mike Brown and master stonemason Brian McEldowney — whose grandfather built the original arch 100 years ago, and who worked on its recent restoration — argued the plaque should list only veterans. The arch was designed by architect Charles Sumner Greene and is a historic resource.

‘Inclusive approach’

At the Nov. 2 meeting, McCloud said she was also speaking for former mayors Charlotte Townsend and Steve Dallas and former council members Paula Hazdovac and Gerard Rose when she argued that only veterans should be listed on the plaque, not others who served in non-combatant roles. Greene also designed and sculpted an “honor roll” of veterans and others who helped in the war effort that hung in city hall, but it was later lost. McCloud suggested it would be more appropriate to recreate the honor roll and place it elsewhere rather than to list everyone on a plaque at the monument.

But Ian Martin has studied the history of the arch and said residents and decision makers a century ago sought to honor everyone. “This is what the Carmel community wanted to do — they wanted to have this inclusive approach,” he said. “All we’re trying to do is honor the wishes of the Carmel community of yesteryear and who they wanted to commemorate and have remembered in their service in the Great War as defined by them, not by us.”

‘Leave arch alone’

Residents, American Legion members and others spoke with varying degrees of passion on both sides.

“It’s very hard to decide what somebody wanted 100 years ago,” former American Legion Post 512 Cmdr. Brian Andrus said, encouraging the council to overturn the HRB’s decision, while current post Cmdr. Gerry Paratore said that even though Legion members voted to withdraw their support for the plaque, he was “a man divided, because as a citizen and as a veteran, I fully support the inclusive list.”

“To deny that plaque is to deny justice to folks who are long gone and can’t speak for themselves,” he said.

In discussion, Mayor Dave Potter asked councilman Bobby Richards to weigh in first, since he served in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1981 to 1987 and has been in the Coast Guard Auxiliary since 2009. While it’s important to recognize the veterans and auxiliarists who served in World War I, Richards said, he doesn’t want a plaque on the arch at all.

“I think the arch should be left alone, and it should be viewed from afar,” he said. “I don’t think it’s a great idea to have people come right up to it and try to read the names.”

Councilwoman Carrie Theis thanked everyone for speaking and those who restored the arch for the work they did, but she agreed there should be no plaque on the memorial. Alternatively, Devendorf Park is a “quiet place where you can contemplate what these veterans and these people come right up to it and try to read the names.”

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This time the prowler was real

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.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fall on city property on Ocean east of San Carlos.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Juvenile female was contacted during traffic stop at Camino del Monte and Pico at 2259 hours and found to be driving without a license. Juvenile was driving home from a downtown restaurant. Mother was contacted and responded to the scene to drive the juvenile home.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found wallet was taken in for safekeeping.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Outside-jurisdiction report of a lost wallet on Rio Road.


Pacific Grove: Patterson Lane resident reported the theft of a 4-foot-by-6-foot mirror from her residence.


Pacific Grove: Resident reported an ongoing neighbor issue at a complex on Pico.

Pacific Grove: A 25-year-old male on Bishop was determined to be drunk in public, and this was in violation of his probation terms. Male booked into Monterey County Jail on charges of public intoxication, proselytization, trespassing, vandalism and obstruction.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Pacific Grove: Possible wallet theft at a business on Forest. Credit cards used at retail stores in another jurisdiction.

Pacific Grove: Assisted adult protective services at a 19th Street residence.

Pacific Grove: Fountain Avenue resident reported being defrauded of money.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Lighthouse reported theft or loss of personal property.

Carmel Valley: School laptop was locked on the side of Carmel Valley Road and turned in.

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Woman who allegedly cased then burglarized home nabbed in P.G.

By KELLY NIX

A WOMAN arrested by Pacific Grove Police officers Tuesday on suspicion of burglarizing numerous homes has been charged with felony and misdemeanor crimes and is being held in Monterey County Jail.

Residents in Pacific Grove and other nearby cities in the past several weeks reported that their homes had been burglarized. A female, eyewitnesses said, would case homes during the day by knocking on doors and telling residents she was serving court paperwork.

“If nobody came to the door, she would check doors and windows and burglarize homes, taking prescription medications, cash and sensitive documents,” Pacific Grove Police Department spokeswoman Jocelyn Francis said.

On Tuesday at about 1:30 p.m., officers responded to reports of a suspicious person on the 800 block of Lighthouse Avenue. That person, police said, looked similar to the burglary suspect, and a black Mercedes SUV nearby matched previous sightings.

“While observing the vehicle, a female matching the suspect description entered the Mercedes,” Francis said. “Officers made contact, interviewed witnesses and made an arrest.”

More charges Genia Kushner, 53, of Aromas was arrested on charges of prowling and possession of medication without prescription.

Upon further investigation, police also booked her on burglary, attempted burglary and possession of stolen property charges.

Kushner was transported and booked into Monterey County Jail, where she’s being held on $50,000 bail.

The Monterey County Deputy District Attorney’s Office charged Kushner with felony first-degree burglary and misdemeanor charges of receiving known stolen property, loitering, theft of personal property and possession of a controlled substance.

She was scheduled to be arraigned Thursday afternoon in a Salinas courtroom.

Teacher accused of assaulting teen fired

By MARY SCHLEY

THE PACIFIC Grove High School teacher accused of slapping a female student on the butt twice during a class in August will be fired, Pacific Grove Unified School District Superintendent Ralph Porsas said in a statement this week.

“At last night’s meeting, the PGUSD Board of Trustees gave direction to the administration to begin the process of releasing a teacher at Pacific Grove High School,” he said in the Nov. 2 email to parents and the community. “The direction followed an investigation by the school district’s legal counsel into serious allegations of inappropriate conduct toward female students.”

Among those accusations were details shared by student Fiona McFadden at a PGUSD board meeting last month.

“During sixth-period sports medicine class, Tony Payan sexually assaulted me along with at least one other student,” she wrote in the letter read to the board by her mother. On Aug. 12 in his classroom, McFadden recounted, she was taping a classmate’s ankle when Payan passed behind her and touched her buttocks.

See ASSAULT page 13A

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City hall gets bulletproof glass

By MARY SCHLEY

PUBLIC WORKS crews last week took down the plexiglass that was installed to keep coronavirus away from workers in the front office and at the planning department in city hall and replaced it with heavy-duty safety glass. They made the change not because anyone has threatened harm to anyone there, but because industry experts and the state recommend it, according to Jane Wilson, senior human resources analyst.

“There are best practices in the field regarding increases in violence in the workplace and what can be done to make sure employees are better protected,” she said, especially in “service areas where there’s a lot of traffic.”

On the list
Installing bulletproof glass had been on the worklist for a while, in fact, but other projects took priority, according to Wilson.

“But we knew this was a best practice and something we knew we wanted to do,” she said.

The combination of a strong budget with unanticipated revenues and the ongoing threat of the pandemic drove the decision to go ahead and put in the glass.

“When the budget improved and we still had Covid, the two came together in terms of ‘Let’s do it now,’” she said.

The plexiglass barriers tended to flex, and therefore become porous, when people leaned up against the counters at the front desk and at the community planning and building window just down the hall, according to Wilson.

The thick safety glass that replaced it is riveted in place around the windows, so that’s no longer a problem.

“The one we’ve got now is very secure,” she said.

Wilson reiterated that the glass, which cost $11,908 plus the hours worked by Leo Hernandez, Michael Tope and Rene Aldama when they came in early to install it, is “just a preventive measure.”

“We’ve had no calls — no hostile people in the workplace,” she said.

Pebble Beach author to sign books

WENDY VAN Wyck Good of Pebble Beach has written a biography of Margaret, Esther and Helen Brouton, called “Sisters in Art,” which she will be signing at River House Books in the Crossroads shopping center Nov. 7 from 1 to 3 p.m.

The hardcover, which is filled with color art plates and photographs, traces the Broutons’ rise in the art world during the early 20th century. In Chapter 3, Good recounts some of the history of artists on the Peninsula, where Margaret participated in Monterey’s First Annual Industrial and Art Exposition in 1922.

The sisters spent a fair amount of time here, and the author describes some of the goings-on at Stevenson House, which was then a hotel.

You can check out Good’s blog about the family of artists at brutonsisters.com.
Sculptor is a finalist to honor teenager who sparked civil rights fight

By CHRIS COUNTS

IN THE latest testament to his skill as a sculptor, Steven Whyte is one of five finalists to make a piece that pays tribute to the late Barbara Johns, who, as a teenager, led a strike in 1951 to protest segregation at her Virginia high school. “I am super happy to be in the final group,” Whyte told The Pine Cone. The statue of Johns will be placed in the National Statuary Hall Collection in Washington, D.C., where it will represent the state of Virginia. It will replace a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee, which had been there since 1909, but was removed last December. Lee remains a hero to some, but many others have long called for the piece to be taken down because he owned slaves.

In April 1951, at age 16, Johns led 450 classmates in a walkout protesting substandard conditions at Virginia’s all-black Robert Russa Moton High School. The action is credited with helping to spark the movement to desegregate schools. She died in 1991.

Johns will join Parks, King

Among the 100 pieces in the hall are statues of Helen Keller, Martin Luther King, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Rosa Parks, Gerald Ford, George Washington and Harry Goldwater. And while Lee is gone, other Confederate icons remain, including former Confederates States President Jefferson Davis—at least for now.

California, curiously, is represented by statues of Junipero Serra and Ronald Reagan, two figures who offended many in the 21st century and could join the ranks of the canceled.

While most of Whyte’s pieces aren’t political or controversial, he made news in 2017 when his Comfort Women Memorial was unveiled in San Francisco. The piece caused a brief diplomatic row between the United States and Japan, and the sculptor received more than 1,000 angry emails about it. But he also received much praise. Whyte said he’d love to see one of his pieces find a home in the National Statuary Hall Collection.

“It’s been a longtime goal of mine,” added Whyte, who has a studio in The Barnyard shopping center. “To be able to achieve this milestone, while also assisting in changing the narrative of the individuals and stories we celebrate as a nation, would be an incredible achievement.”

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Talbott’s Diamond T Ranch sold

NOTED FOR its vineyards and sweeping views, the Talbott Estate’s mountaintop Diamond T Ranch in Carmel Valley recently sold for just under $9 million. Located at 16 Oak Meadow Lane, the estate includes two houses, a fruit orchard, a wine cellar and an assortment of barns and outbuildings — along with a Volkswagen bus that’s been transformed into a “Hippie Fountain,” and a 1948 John Deere tractor that once cleared the land.

The property is also home to a pair of vines — one is dedicated to chardonnay grapes, while the other is planted with pinot noir.

In 1950, the late Robert Talbott Sr. brought his family to Carmel, where he started what would become a very successful tie business.

When he and his wife traveled to Europe to buy silk to make ties, they fell in love with the vineyards of France and Italy, and became interested in making their own wines.

In 1982, Talbott’s son, Robb, began planting grapes at the Diamond T Ranch, and soon, Talbott Vineyards was born.

Despite selling the property, Talbott’s son, Robb, has no plans to retire. He and his family are moving closer to Carmel.

Former SPCA director dies at 75

By KELLY NIX

GARY TISCORNIA, the longtime former executive director of SPCA Monterey County and a man the nonprofit characterized as an “incredible leader, mentor, friend, and tireless advocate for the animals,” has died.

Tiscornia, 75, who led the SPCA from 2000 to 2016, died Oct. 14 in Tucson, Ariz., where he lived with his wife, Colleen. SPCA Monterey County’s marketing and communications vice president, Beth Brookhouser, who worked alongside Tiscornia, said he was always striving for ways to improve the lives of pets, wildlife and those who love them.

“My life is better for having known him and having him as a mentor,” Brookhouser told The Pine Cone Wednesday. “And so many programs exist in Monterey County and throughout the country thanks to his leadership, kindness and love for animals.”

When he retired five years ago, Tiscornia said the success at the SPCA during his time there was all due to the hard work and compassion of the staff of more than 70, the board of directors, and the nonprofit’s 350 volunteers, and said working with them made his stint a pleasure.

“My goal has always been to hire people smarter than I am,” he said. “I have some terrific people.”

SPCA President and CEO Scott Delucchi, who took over for Tiscornia after his retirement, said he inherited a thriving, beloved organization with many important programs and a talented team of employees, volunteers and board members.

“Gary’s fingerprints were on everything, and he could not have been more gracious during our transition,” Delucchi said. “His impact is still felt today and will continue to make a difference for years to come.”

Raided in Saint Joseph, Mich., and Tuscon, Tiscornia developed his concern for animals when he was a very young boy caring for his treasured childhood dogs, as well as wayward gophers and chipmunks in his backyard, according to his obituary, which also said he was “fair, pragmatic, forward-thinking, unfailingly in a crisis, and ethical to a fault.”

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COUNCIL OKs $420K in contracts

By MARY SCHLEY

The city council on Monday decided to hire outside companies to help with building plan checks, code compliance, citations and parking tickets, and the recruitment of a new police chief and library/community activities director. The council also decided to spend $101,000 more on two firms that are consulting on environmental issues, including climate change adaptation. The new expenses total $419,350.

The contracts were part of the Nov. 1 consent agenda and proposed for approval without discussion before the council went into closed session. Council member Karen Ferlito asked to talk about one of them — the $51,000 agreement with Bob Murray & Associates for executive recruitment services.

“Community input”

After former Police Chief Paul Tomasi announced he was retiring from his city job and going to head security at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, the city requested bids from headhunting firms and received two, according to assistant city administrator Maxine Gullo.

Using an outside search firm to recruit a new police chief and director of library and community activities — Ashlee Wright has decided to give up that position but will continue working for the city — will turn up qualified candidates more quickly, according to Gullo.

“I don’t think we need to pay the extra money at this point in time,” he said. “And if I do, I’ll come back and ask for it.”

Rerig also recapped the hiring the city has completed for a police officer, a paramedic, four librarians, and two dispatchers, and noted he is recruiting for someone to replace city clerk Britt Avrit, who left to work for another city.

Uhler is collecting public retirement, he said, and the typical time-period for executive recruitment in this region, “is three to four months.”

“Wishes to utilize a firm with specialized knowledge and skills pertaining to building plan check review for certain types of technical projects and for on-call code compliance services to augment staff availability during evenings, weekends and special events,” Gullo said, and the typical time-line is three to four months.

Because interim Police Chief Brian Gullo wants to work with Rerig “to develop some ideal candidate profiles” for each job, recruit people, screen applicants to develop a short list, make recommendations to the city, and continue working for the city — will turn up qualified candidates more quickly, according to Gullo.

The firm will develop “ideal candidate profiles” for each job, recruit people, screen applicants to develop a short list, conduct interviews, identify finalists and make recommendations to the city.

“Reputable executive recruitment firms are being in the range of $25,000 to $30,000 per executive recruitment in this region,” Gullo said, and the typical time-line is three to four months.

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The contracts

The council didn’t discuss any of the other contracts.

According to budgets and contracts director Sharon Friedrichsen, the city “wishes to utilize a firm with specialized knowledge and skills pertaining to building plan check review for certain types of technical projects and for on-call code compliance services to augment staff availability during evenings, weekends and special events.”

See CONTRACTS page 26A
Moe Ammar to retire after 29 years at helm of P.G. Chamber of Commerce

By KELLY NIX

MOE AMMAR, the influential Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce president who has steered the business organization for nearly three decades, announced this week he’s stepping down from the position to spend more time with his family.

Ammar said it’s been an “honor and privilege” to serve Pacific Grove for 29 years but that it’s time to focus on his family, which includes three children and six young grandchildren. “I want to enjoy Pacific Grove,” Ammar, who will soon be 65, told The Pine Cone. “I want to spend time with my family and contribute and be a member of the community. I’m always working.”

Ammar moved to the United States from Beirut, Lebanon, in 1976 to attend the University of Nevada Las Vegas. He met his wife, Trina, there and they got married three years later and honeymooned in Pacific Grove — a city he knew nothing about.

“We stayed at the Bide-A-Wee Inn,” Ammar explained. “I said, ‘Where do you want to honeymoon?’ And my wife, who is from Marin County, said Pacific Grove. I said, ‘I don’t know where that is, but we will go.’”

After working for major hotel chains in Dubai, Baghdad and Damascus, Ammar transferred to Monterey to work for the hotel that later became the Monterey Marriott. He moved on to the Doubletree Inn, now the Portola Hotel & Spa, before starting his longest gig at the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce.

During Ammar’s tenure, the chamber sponsored and helped pass four ballot measures to support the town’s businesses, including limiting residential vacation rentals and changing the zoning of the American Tin Canery property to allow a hotel to be built there.

Growing

Ammar helped grow the city’s long-running Good Old Days event from two city blocks to nine, and attracted a car auction to the Pacific Grove Golf Links. He also helped establish the Downtown Business Improvement District, which benefits 230 shop and restaurant owners, and opened the tourist information center eight years ago to draw more visitors to Pacific Grove.

Today’s P.G. Chamber is much different than it was when Ammar came aboard. There were only 90 chamber members then, compared to today’s 385 members, and its annual budget was a mere $55,000, which has grown to...

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Sales tax receipts skyrocket after the dismal coronavirus spring of 2020

By MARY SCHLEY

The Famine of a year ago has been supplanted by a feast this year, according to a quarterly sales tax report compiled by the city’s tax consultant, HdL Companies. Sales tax receipts from April to June rebounded by more than 170 percent, coming in at $840,094.

“This period, the local economy is benefiting from a resurgence in spending by local residents and businesses, along with the return of tourism to the area,” the report reads. “As Covid restrictions were being lifted, folks who had been homebound for so long abandoned their kitchens for indoor dining and their keyboards to shop inside stores and be among other people and touch what they were buying.”

All told, according to the report, general consumer sales that were down 63 percent a year ago gained 225 percent in the same period this year, thanks to the “re-good sales that were down 63 percent a year ago gained resurgence in both local and tourist trade.”

With the first and most severe coronavirus-related shutdowns imposed in mid-March 2020, the April-to-June quarter that year “was the most adversely impacted sales tax period related to the Covid-19 pandemic.” Diners were forced to get takeout, many “non-essential” businesses were shuttered, and most workers were told to stay home, all leading to steep drops in consumption and spending.

But with large numbers of people getting vaccinated in the spring this year, and many restrictions loosening, the dramatic gains that analysts predicted materialized. The resurgence in both local and tourist trade.

By the numbers

With sales tax receipts broken down by business type, casual dining brought it the most — $202,964 — during the quarter, seeing a 247.6 percent increase from a year ago, while jewelry stores came in second with $96,036, a 376.5 percent rise. Fine dining’s sales tax receipts rose by 361.5 percent, to $65,186.

Seven other sectors, from family apparel to home furnishings, saw mostly triple-digit percentage increases, bringing in $55,080 to $16,269 during the quarter. The only area to see a less significant boost was wineries, which generated $19,556 in sales taxes, a 47.2 percent increase over the same quarter a year ago.

Not surprisingly, given those results, the list of top 25 sales tax producers for the quarter is dominated by restaurants. Actual sales tax numbers for individual businesses are private, so the list is alphabetical. The top sales-tax generators for the quarter were Alvarado Street Brewery, Anthropologie, Little Napoli, Carmel Classics, Carmel Shell, Casanova, The Club, Coach, Dametta, Flaherty’s, Fourtane, Wilke’s Jewelers, Girl Boy Girl, Grasing’s, Il Fornaio, Khaki’s, La Bicyclette, La Playa Hotel, L’ Auberge Carmel, Pangaea, The Pocket, Porta Bella, Seventh & Dolores, Tiffany and Treehouse Café.
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Groups push back elsewhere

The Pine Cone reached out to Rick Hall, the president of Livable California, a group that’s calling for “empower-ment of local governments to foster equitable, livable communities and truly affordable housing.” The group bills itself as nonpartisan. Hall suggested that those who think their neighborhoods will be exempt from the new bills itself as nonpartisan. Hall suggested that those who think their neighborhoods will be exempt from the new rules will be disappointed.

“There are no blanket exceptions in SB 9,” he told The Pine Cone. “There are some exemptions, but there is no fire exemption.”

Hall said Livable California had the bill scrutinized by a group of attorneys.

“They looked at this every which way,” he reported. “They agree there’s no fire exemption.”

Also contacted for this story was Maria Pavlou Kalban, who formed a group, United Neighbors, “to protect single-family neighborhoods while supporting affordable and equitable housing for all.”

“SB 9 does not mention high-fire zones at all,” she said.

The group suggests the affordable housing crisis won’t be solved without protecting the rights of those who need housing and those who already have it.

“The rights of all residents of single-family homes and the rights of people needing affordable housing are bound together, and the solution to our affordable housing crisis requires thoughtful, effective and rapid-acting legislation,” a statement on the group’s website reads.

Mayor Bill Brand of Redondo Beach agreed with Hall and Kablan that fire or flood risk won’t exempt neighbor-hoods. A critic of SB 9, Brand told the newspaper that he’s been working for three years on a ballot initiative to allow local land use and zoning regulations to override conflict-ing state law.

The effort to collect signatures got underway this week when California Secretary of State Shirley Weber certified the initiative for consideration by the public.

Brand said he and other supporters are facing an up-hill climb to gather more than a million signatures over the next six months. But if the initiative succeeds, “it will bring planning and zoning back to local communities and 4 pounds of psilocybin mushrooms, and a Napa Coun-ty drug task force is handling that part of the investigation, according to Johnson.

At the Napa police station, Walker confessed to John-son he had committed the extensive vandalism in Carmel.

“If you’re faced with the video, and he didn’t have much of a leg to stand on,” he said. “There’s so much video of him, he couldn’t deny it.”

Johnson also said Walker told him he was drunk at the time, “and he wasn’t getting caught and no one stopped him, so he just kept doing it.”

“The next day, he realized he had kind of gone over-board,” he said. But he wasn’t exactly sorry.

“The remorse was minimal,” Johnson said. “I think he was proud of it, but not proud of getting caught.”

Shocked at the effort

Walker also admitted he was shocked police would make the effort to find and arrest him for it. They did, and he was booked into Monterey County Jail on a felony charge of vandalism. He has since made bail and was re-leased with a court date later this month.

Johnson reiterated his gratitude to the many business owners who provided video that helped CPD quickly iden-tify Walker. “I think everyone took it personally,” he said of the graffiti. “We here at the PD did, and people in the city did.”

Johnson also asked that anyone whose property was damaged by Walker but who hasn’t reported it yet call Carmel PD at (831) 624-6083 so it can be added to the case.

Not likely to help locally

While Brand and others call SB 9 a threat to neighbor-hoods of single-family homes, Monterey County Planning Commissioner Kate Daniels said she believes the legis-lation will ultimately have little impact on Carmel Valley Village. After recently listening to a presentation on the topic by county official John Daggaen, Daniels said she’s convinced exemptions for fire and flood threats do exist. She also noted there’s very little water available for any de-velopment. “The potential benefits of SB 9 will likely be minimal in a rural county like ours,” she suggested.

But Daniels called such a scenario “unfortunate” be-cause the local housing crunch won’t be addressed. The planning commissioner said the smaller homes the bill seeks to create are just what is needed in Carmel Valley. She urged residents not to shy away from the issue and have an honest discussion about it.

“In Monterey County, the lack of affordable housing is off the charts,” she added. “At a certain point, all of our communities and neighborhoods need to start talking about what we are for and not just what we are against, or we will never build the units we need to tackle our housing crisis.”

"They agree there’s no fire exemption."

SB 9
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SB 9’s new rules apply to urban areas — which Carmel and the Monterey Peninsula are considered by the United States Census Bureau — and “urban hubs” — which the Census Bureau says include Carmel Valley Village.

The bill exempts historic neighborhoods, but it doesn’t mention exempting areas threatened by fire or floods. Yet at senate.ca.gov, a page addressing SB 9’s “myths vs. facts” notes that it “excludes very high fire hazard severity zones, prime agriculture land, hazardous waste sites, earthquake zones and floodplains that do not have ade-quate mitigation.” So what does all that mean for Carmel Valley? Because parts of it have a high fire risk, is all the village exempt? And will “adequate mitigation” of fire or flood threats create a work-around for builders?

Also, does anybody really believe that state leaders in-ternalize California’s most affluent neighborhoods, so many of which are located in areas that are at risk from fires or floods, from a law that toasts equity? And how long will it take before a judge takes exception to such exemp-tions?

"They agree there’s no fire exemption."

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her on two occasions and slapped her butt “with his full palm,” in a way that was clearly not accidental. He said he needed to get by to grab a roll of athletic tape.

In her letter, McFadden said she felt “shocked and uncomfortable” and a few days later reported the incidents to a teacher and the school’s vice principal. Payan was put on administrative leave while law enforcement officers and others investigated, but a few weeks later, she was told he’d be returning to work with no repercussions.

Shortly after McFadden shared the details of her account publicly, the district announced Payan was being put on leave while an investigation was conducted. On Tuesday, Porras said that while the initial investigation by the Pacific Grove Police Department and the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office following McFadden’s report of the incident back in August “didn’t result in criminal charges, the subsequent employment investigation revealed additional information to support the board’s decision to take steps to release this teacher.”

He told The Pine Cone he couldn’t reveal what that “additional information” was, “because of student and employee privacy issues.”

In his statement, Porras acknowledged that “many in the community have questions and concerns about this matter,” and said the board’s decision triggered the “state-mandated process to release this teacher.”

Building trust

Laid out in a 2012 state appeals court case between the Stockton Teachers Association and the Stockton Unified School District, the process “requires some time and protocol,” he said, but “we believe strongly in our decision and the direction we are taking.”

Before the district can fire Payan, an administrative law judge must provide a final analysis and recommendation, according to Porras. Regardless, he said, “our ultimate goal in this process is to ensure this individual is released from our district and is no longer involved in our schools.”

He also took the occasion to reiterate his commitment to strengthen trust between the district and the community, in light of PGUSD’s seeming unresponsiveness to McFadden’s initial report and the subsequent decision to allow Payan to resume teaching.

In her Oct. 7 letter, the student articulated how those actions affected her. “This disrespectful and utterly disgusting choice left me with nothing but questions: Why is it that the teacher who sexually assaulted me along with other students is allowed to continue on with a normal, unaffected life?” she asked. “Why is it that I have to live with the fear that I will have to face the man who assaulted me every time I go to school?”

She dropped a class she had wanted to take in order to avoid him, she pointed out, and she condemned the school and the district for their dismissive treatment of her claims and for failing to care enough about their students’ safety. Porras said in his Nov. 2 statement that the district “will continue to work to share information quickly and transparently.”

“While we may not always be able to share every detail of a specific situation, we know it is important to share what we can and to acknowledge the feedback we receive from the community,” he said. “My door is open, and I welcome the opportunity to speak with any member of the community with questions.”

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ing and a brick sidewalk installed.

City administrator Chip Rerig described it as “a unique situation,” and Swanson confirmed it would be the first project of its type in the city.

Agreement makes it OK

Initially, Swanson and public works director Bob Harary “had serious concerns about a permanent encroachment for a grease trap with no assurances that it would be maintained to prevent leaks or other issues, especially into the future under potentially different ownership,” Swanson said in his report. But the city and Stilwell developed an extensive agreement that would place all the responsibility for maintenance, operations and service on the hotel owner in perpetuity.

The city would also be indemnified should anything go wrong, and its requirements include weekly inspections, monthly scheduled pumping, manufacturer-recommended cleaning methods, yearly inspections by a certified technician, and detailed record keeping.

“When I first saw this application, I was definitely opposed to putting the grease trap in the public right of way,” Harary said. “That concern has been eliminated because of this maintenance and operations agreement. Without the agreement, there’s no deal.”

He pledged the city would enforce it.

Swanson listed some pros and cons.

He identified that “anybody who applies for this would know they would have to comply with certain rules.” Proposals would be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Potter made a motion to approve it, with Richards’ support, but Baron and Ferlito wouldn’t commit, and a 2-2 vote would be the same as denial. (Councilwoman Carrie Theis recused herself because she owns a hotel nearby.)

As a result, the council instead voted to continue it with a request that Stilwell explore other options, including hand digging around the roots of trees on the east side of the property.

Locating the grease interceptor there would require a pump, though, which Stilwell said is a non-starter. Putting it in the kitchen — if the regulatory agencies would allow it — would set a bad precedent, he added, but he nonetheless less agreed to the delay.

Downsides are that it would set a precedent, there’s some risk to the city simply because it would be in the right of way, it could be argued that installing a grease trap is a private-property issue that’s not appropriate for public land, and it could interfere with installing public utilities there in the future.

Stilwell told the council the corner spot at San Carlos and Fifth is the only viable location for the grease separator, and that the wastewater district “fully recognized that there may be circumstances where this is appropriate.”

“What we are trying to do is comply with an important health and safety requirement,” Stilwell said. “Rather than setting a bad precedent, I think we are setting the right precedent — that the city will work with local restaurants to do what’s best for public health when the circumstances warrant it.”

Council divided

Former councilwoman Carolyn Hardy, restaurateur Rich Dy, former mayor Steve Dallas and former councilwoman Victoria Beach all opposed the proposal, suggesting it would open the door for other restaurants to move their grease traps onto public property and that it would put the city at undue risk. They also questioned whether there’s enough staff to monitor and enforce the agreement.

“We don’t know what the future might hold, and I don’t think you want grease interceptors all over the place in the public right of way,” Hardy said.

Mayor Dave Potter was receptive, since the trap would be easily accessed for servicing and the precedent wouldn’t be dangerous.

In fact, he said, it would be positive. Council members Jeff Baron and Karen Ferlito didn’t like the idea of opening the door to such installations in the public right of way and were uncomfortable with setting any precedents. Baron suggested the privilege would have to be extended to all restaurants, and Ferlito worried about the impacts on public trees.

City administrator Chip Rerig said the circumstances are unusual enough that “this will not make it a universal truth that everyone can put their grease interceptor in the public right of way,” but Baron worried that would be unfair to other restaurant owners who could be faced with similar requirements and circumstances in the future.

“I’m having a difficult time seeing a path forward for the city,” he said.

Councilman Bobby Richards said allowing the grease interceptor in the public right of way would make the restaurant safer for employees and guests, and he pointed out that “anybody who applies for this would know they would have to comply with certain rules.” Proposals would be handled on a case-by-case basis.

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while 305 workers have been given religious and medical exemptions and 73 are considered “non-compliant.” Those who continue to refuse to be vaccinated will be given “specific directives” to obey the county mandate.

“We would give them five days to be compliant,” county human resources director Irma Ramirez-Bough told the supervisors. “If they don’t comply within the five days, we will put them on leave of absence or proceed with corrective action.”

While she did not define “corrective action,” it’s likely that employees who continue to refuse the vaccine will eventually be fired. It’s not clear how the five-day grace period begins.

County workers who haven’t complied include some who applied for exemptions but were denied. Within the five-day period, the county will allow those who were denied exemptions to resubmit their requests.

“Some of those employees may be working on submitting additional information we requested and resubmit their exemption requests for consideration,” explained HR employee Ariana Hurtado.

Other employees might opt to get vaccinated and show the county proof that they’ve scheduled an appointment to get the shot, at which point they would be issued temporary medical exemptions, Hurtado said. Nearly 2,500 county workers, including those in the health department, county hospital, probation department and sheriff’s office who work in the jail, are under a state, not county, mandate to get vaccinated.

The remaining employees are under the county’s vaccination mandate.

Of the 73 county employees who have so far refused the vaccine, 49 of them work in the sheriff’s office, where Sheriff Steve Bernal — not the county human resources department — is responsible for enforcing the vaccine mandate.

The sheriff is the appointing authority and it’s up to him to determine whether or not to discipline his employees,” county counsel Les Girard explained.

First District Supervisor Luis Alejo urged Bernal “to follow our board policy.”

“We know when public safety officials are not vaccinated, they could not only put their own health in danger, but the public as well,” Alejo said.

Asked about the supervisors’ request, Bernal said this week that he has and is currently enforcing the vaccine mandate, but that nobody would be let go for refusing the vaccine.

“Most sheriff’s office employees are in compliance, and the rest are in the process,” Bernal told The Pine Cone Tuesday.

“Some have gotten exemptions. I will not fire anyone for not being vaccinated.”

Walt Furtado
1947—2021
Walt Furtado, age 74, of Pacific Grove, passed away peacefully at CHOMP on October 17, 2021, with his loving wife, Barbara, by his side.

Walt was born on May 24, 1947, on Wahiawa, Oahu, Hawaii. He graduated from high school on Oahu. Walt joined the Army and spent 9 years serving our country. In 1978, Walt and Barbara were married and spent more than 42 lovely years together.

Walt leaves his wife, Barbara; his sister, Geraldine Tripp and her family on Oahu; his daughter, Jessica Warnimont; stepsons Ricky Pires (Tam), and Randy Pires (predeceased Walt); two step-grandchildren, Randy and Angela; two step-great-granddaughters, Lily and Rosalie; and his daughter-in-law, Judith from Mississippi. At Walt’s request no services will be held.

Roger Allen Fulton
March 13, 1929 — October 19, 2021

Roger Allen Fulton passed away peacefully on October 19, 2021, in Monterey, California. Roger is survived by his wife of 66 years, Frances Townsend Fulton, his children, Sandra (John) Parke, Buzz (Jill) Fulton and three grandchildren.

Roger was born and raised in Richmond, Indiana. He served in both the US Army and the US Navy. Roger attended Navy Flight School in Pensacola, Florida, and earned his wings at age 23. He served as a pilot in the US Navy for 7 years, most notably as the commander of a P2V Neptune Maritime Patrol Aircraft, with a crew of 12, based in Quonset Point Naval Air Station in Rhode Island. It was there where he met his future wife, Frances Townsend, who was attending the University of Rhode Island.

After his Naval career, Roger graduated with distinction from Indiana University’s School of Business. His first job after college was with Aviation Power Supply, in Southern California, where Roger received a patent for developing a fuel injection system for aircraft. In 1969 Roger moved his family to Carmel. He built their family home in Carmel Valley and enjoyed it so much that he decided to pursue a career as a residential builder. He designed and built many custom homes in Pebble Beach and Carmel.

Roger was a member of Saint Dunstan’s Episcopal Church in Carmel Valley for 51 years. He was a volunteer for the Salinas Air Show for 13 years, where he was the liaison for visiting Blue Angels and Thunderbirds demonstration teams. Roger was also an active volunteer at several golf tournaments on the Peninsula, and he was part of the first group of docents at the Monterey Bay Aquarium in 1984. A private graveside service will be held with military honors. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Roger’s memory to: montereybayaquarium.org. To sign Roger’s guest book and leave messages for his family, please visit www.thepaulmortuary.com.
First Fridays features new art shows, live music

DOWNTOWN PACIFIC Grove comes alive Nov 5 when an array of shops and galleries stay open late for the monthly First Fridays celebration. Presented by the town’s chamber of commerce, the event starts at 7 p.m.

Participants include the Pacific Grove Art Center, Artistana Gallery, Phil’s Barber Shop, Pacific Grove Books, the Red House Café and many others.

At the art center, the Central Coast Art Association unveils its 85th annual Juried Show, while a trio of painters — Edi Matsumoto (“Goddesses and Warriors”), Bobbie Belvel (The Sea-Coast and Beyond) and Elizabeth Wrightman (“Who Knocked?”) — share their latest work. Also new is a tap group exhibit by Monterey High School title “Beauty Through Our Eyes.” The shows will be on display through Dec. 16.

There’s also live music — singer and keyboardist Glenn Leon-Guerrero plays old school R&B, while a talented lineup of musicians serves up a blues jam at Phillip’s Barber Shop, and at Wild Fish there’s a jazz jam.

JOHN FLETCHER

John Fletcher, 61, of Carmel-by-the-Sea, died peacefully surrounded by family after a short battle with lung cancer. John was a multi-faceted man: a natural teacher with an irreverent sense of humor; he was a hard worker; a talented musician and songwriter; and a natural storyteller. John had a huge appetite for life—he “played a big role” in his love of cooking, food; and the New England Patriots. John cherished simple things like spending a few hours at the ocean. He loved living in Carmel. It’s an understatement to describe John as generous. He was a one-man SWAG team for the family — many times he dropped everything to show up and help take care of friends when called. When their father was at the end of his life, John moved from California to Western Mass. and provided physical care for eight months until Ralph passed away. After a lifelong struggle with alcoholism, John enjoyed six years of sobriety. During this time he had a thriving painting business, worked at Home Depot, and was an active member of AA in Carmel/Monterey.

He leaves behind his siblings Ralph (Johanna Portaulos), Jim, Elaine (John Novo), Tom, Bob (Jeanne), Joe (Shari Sands), Kathy (David Simon), and Carrol (David Blatt); 16 beloved nieces and nephews; a horde of cousins, uncles and aunts. We will all miss his political rantisms. But mostly we will miss his friendship, his heart, his love, the unmitigated sound of his laughter, and the place he held in our lives. A memorial service will be held on November 26, 2 p.m., at the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula, 4590 Carmel Valley Road, CA, 93923. https://pray-with-us

LOIS ROCHELLE LYNEE-MCCARTHY

Lois R. Lynne passed away peacefully at her home in Carmel on December 11, 2020, surrounded by her husband, Rick McCarthy; her daughter, Tracy (Elman)/Harris Bennett; and her son-in-law, Keith Bennett. Lois was a beautiful soul who touched many people in the Carmel area. The last few years she and her friend, Janet Tzak, were the primary teachers of the Monterey Greek Dancers group. The members and associates of the Greek Dancers and the Greek Festival expressed a great loss and sorrow over Lois’s passing.

Lois was born in Chicago, IL, on Christmas Day in 1941 to her parents, Joseph Cohen and Bette Weiss Cohen. Lois lived in Chicago with her parents and her brother, Alan, for 12 years before moving to Southern California. There she finished grade school and attended Washington High School where she made many young friends. She then attended Los Angeles City College where she then received Associates of Art degree in Sociology/Psychology. Shortly after, she attended California College of Paralegal Studies where she was on the Dean’s List for four semesters. She later used her academic background by operating two Career Consulting/Resume Writing businesses, one in the San Fernando Valley and one in later in Palo Alto. She also worked as a Trust Advisor on Statute and Common Law Trusts for a Palo Alto firm.

She met and married Eugene Elman in 1961 and they had two children, Tracy Beth Elman and Steven Todd Elman. They lived in various places in the LA area, primarily the San Fernando Valley. Her daughter Tracy married Williams (Bill) Harris and they had two sons, Justin Michael and Matthew Ryan, who all still reside in Southern California. Lois’s son Steven married Lisa Sullivan and they had a son, Brendan Elman, who now resides in Billings, Montana.

Lois was always involved with charitable and socially beneficial work. As a teenager, she joined and became president of the local B’nai Britth girls club which did charitable work for Israel. After her kids were in school, she joined B’nai Britth Women (which changed its name to Jewish Women International “ JWT” in 1995) and later she joined the ORT Organisation of Rehabilitation Through Training which helped build vocational schools in many needy countries.

From the beginning of her life Lois dealt with many difficulties. She was born legally blind, and wore thick glasses and contact lenses most of her life. But it wasn’t until she had cataract surgery in the year 2000 that she could finally see comfortably. At 7 years old, she and her family lost almost everything in an apartment fire. A couple years later she witnessed a shooting across the street that would forever change their lives. The family cat was killed — that’s when they decided to leave Chicago! Her life with Gene Elman was understanding that, as hard as we try, we can’t get all of the critical nutrition we need from an ordinary diet. One of the saddest things about her passing is that at the end she was unable to swallow properly which means she couldn’t eat anything or take any of her vitamins. If the doctors could have helped her swallowing problem, she would likely still be here!

A Celebration of Life for Lois is scheduled for 3 p.m. Tuesday, November 16, at the Carmel Foundation. It will be held in Damon Hall (back room) which is at the southeast corner of Lincoln and Eighth in Carmel. It is the room at the top of the parking lot. Masks are required. Contributions to the Carmel Foundation in lieu of flowers would be greatly appreciated.

June Marian Gill, age 78, passed away peacefully in her sleep in Carmel, California, on Monday morning, October 4, 2021. Born in Los Angeles on June 8, 1943, she was the daughter of Harold Leslie Gill and Dorothy Margaret Kress. She has one surviving half-sister, Carolyn Gill of Redlands, California. June is also survived by her loving partner of 16 years, Gary L. Unruh, of Carmel. June cherished her role as godparent to Caledonia Gerner, Ella Gerner, and Benjamin Gerner. In addition to immediate family, June loved her chosen role as grandmother to Aiden Unruh-Nichols and Alex Unruh-Nichols as well as a loving stepmom to Holly Elizabeth Unruh, all of Monterey, California. June and Gary spent 14 years as residents of Santa Barbara and the last 2½ in their new home in Del Mesa Carmel, a beautiful retirement community.

June’s education included graduation from Ventura High School, a B.A. from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and a Ph.D. in French literature from the University of California, Berkeley. She taught French, Spanish, and cross-cultural courses at CSU Fresno during her 34-year tenure. She traveled extensively due to her interest in various cultures and her love of nature. She was an excellent photographer of birds, flowers and animals, these being the subjects of the majority of her pictures. She supported nonprofits that focused on nature preservation and on equal rights for women. Her grandmother was one of the first women to take on an academic position at the University of Texas, Austin. June had many close friends, most of whom she communicated with right up to her last days. During her relationship with Gary Unruh she the two of them traveled together extensively, both close to their new home in Carmel, California, as well as abroad. Posts placed on social media reflected the enriching experiences they enjoyed.

June was loved by many and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. A memorial will be streamed online at a later date.
ment said it would start offering pediatric vaccinations on Saturday, Nov. 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Breadbox Recreation Center, 745 N. Sanborn Road in Salinas. Vaccine providers in Monterey County, health officer Dr. Ed Moreno said, were allocated an initial 12,600 doses, but providers could order more on a weekly basis. There are about 43,000 children from 5 to 11 years old in Mon-terey County.

Lower dose

While children in that age group will receive the same Pfizer vaccine that’s been given to adults and older chil-dren, they will be administered only one-third the dose. Blum reiterated the safety of the vaccine — which has been found to be 91 percent effective — based on Pfizer’s results from clinical trials.

“They studied more than 2,200 children and the good news is that they actually saw fewer adverse reactions and side effects than they saw in their larger trials of older children and adults,” she said. “Your kids can still expect maybe a sore arm and feeling a little achy, but some of those high fevers and reactions appear to be less common in this group.”

Heart inflammation that was reported in some Covid-19 vaccine recipients in the 12 to 29 age range were not seen in the 5 to 11 age range, she said.

While children have been much less affected by coronavirus than adults, Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System’s Dr. Mahendra Poudel said it’s important they are vaccinated against the disease.

“Kids can still be asymptomatic and about half of those kids may be asymptomatic and could still transmit the infection to their parents, grandparents and other vulnerable adults,” Poudel said.

Using data provided by 45 states, 0.00 to 0.03 percent of all child Covid-19 cases resulted in death, according to an Oct. 28 report by the American Academy of Pediatrics. Community Hospital, Blum said, will not offer the vac-cine for young children, while Poudel said Salinas Valley Memorial is working with a clinic to immunize kids in that group, and that it could begin the effort as early as next week.

To find vaccine clinics in Monterey County for children in the 5 to 11 age group, go to montereycountyvaccines.cdph.ca.gov or call 2-1-1.

Meanwhile, Monterey County residents will be re-quired to wear masks indoors starting Nov. 5, under the terms of an ordinance OK'd in September by county supervisors Mary Adams, Luis Alejo and Wendy Root Askew. The three supervisors established the mandate af-ter Moreno declined to impose such a rule, saying it was unnecessary.

The supervisors made the mandate dependent on the CDC’s reporting of new cases in the county, with a thresh-old of at least 50 new cases per 100,000 residents per week, a number that was reached Monday. But even as the CDC said the county’s rate of new coronavirus infections was “substantial,” the California Department of Public Health and the county health department both said it was much lower.

For instance, on Thursday, the CDC said Monterey County was experiencing 66 cases per 100,000 people per week, while the CDPH put the number at 36.5, and the latest data from the county health department showed that it was 44.

Furthermore, other metrics show that although there has been a slight increase in cases recently, the epidemic in the county is at a low level, with health officials reporting eight people being treated for the disease in four hospitals. For comparison, more than 200 people with Covid were hospitalized in the county in January.

The Pine Cone asked Moreno Wednesday if he would comply with the mandate and begin the effort as early as next week.

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“Political decision”

At the Carmel city council meeting Tuesday, Coun-cilman Jeff Baron called the supervisors imposition of the mandate “a political decision, not a health-based de-cision.” He made the comment during a discussion that focused on the idea that some Carmel restaurant owners were using the mask mandate as a reason to keep their par-Kets in place.

“I find it kind of ironic that a year ago we had busi-nesses, and especially restaurants, complaining about the health officer’s mandate and using that against public poli-cy,” Baron said. “And now we have restaurants jumping on this mandate, which is not a health mandate, it’s a political mandate passed by the board of supervisors over the objec-tion of the Monterey County health officer.”

Baron was one of numerous elected officials in August who signed a letter to Moreno urging him to impose an indoor mask mandate, which, among other things, said “mask mandates work” and “helps to keep kids safe.”

“This mask mandate, while I welcome it, is a political decision, not a health-based decision,” Baron said.

The Pine Cone asked Baron why he decided to support the mandate if it was, as he claimed, politically motivated and not based on concerns over health. He did not respond.

Paul Gerald Filice

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Paul could walk into a room full of strangers and walk out with a new friend or two. If you put him in a room by himself, he would have a party. He had an infectious personality and charming smile. While he was taken from us too soon, he’s leaving behind a legacy of his loves: 49ers, pasta, wine, tomatoes, skiing, fishing and most importantly, family. With angels aplenty waiting for him to come home, he passed peacefully on Oct. 28, 2021, at the age of 70, surrounded by his wife and daughter. Born in Gilroy on Sept. 22, 1951, the youngest of four children, he was preceded in death by his parents MJ (Michael John) and Marian Filice. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Mary, daughter Regina Taber and son-in-law Michael Taber. He was Nonnuzzu to his two beautiful granddaughters, Lucille Marian and Margaret Norma. He will be missed by his siblings, Diane Bozzo, Michael Filice (Leslie) and Tim Filice (Janice) as well as a plethora of nieces, nephews, cousins and countless friends.

Growing up in a wine-making family and as the proprietor of San Martin Winery, Paul cared for the vineyards which became the proprietors of San Martin Winery, as a plethora of nieces, nephews, cousins and countless friends.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 8 at St. Mary Church, 11 First St., Gilroy. In lieu of flowers, the family asks to please consider making a gift in Paul’s memory.

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PARKLETS

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that “at some point, they would go away.”

The city should consider removing par-

klets that are in front of businesses that
do n’t want them there, according to Do-
lores Street gallery owner Richard Kreit-
man, and Ken Spilfogel of Flaherty’s said
his informal inquiries indicated more than
half of the downtown owners want them to
stay because they bring people to town.

“They’re happy to have the parklets here,” he said.

Councilwoman Karen Ferlito said she
had hoped “this would be the month we
could say ‘goodbye’ to the parklets.”

Unfortunately, with the mask mandate,
I think that’s not possible,” she continued.

Handicap access

Ferlito said she found the argument that
people only want to eat outside “ hollow,”
considering she’s seen restaurants full, es-

pecially when the weather is bad. But she

acknowledged the parklets will have to be
around at least a little longer.

Parklets’ lack of ADA compliance is
also a problem, Ferlito noted.

Councilman Jeff Baron said he thinks
the mask mandate is “neither here nor
there” when it comes to the parklet dis-
cussion. “This mask mandate, while I wel-
come it, is a political decision, not a health-

based decision,” he said.

Councilwoman Carrie Theis said she
finds the whole issue, and the unpredict-
ability of the ability to model and the related
rules, exhausting, while Mayor Dave Potter
said the monthly parklet discussions are
generating “more anger and anger.”

“The discussion is doing harm to not
only the council but to the community,”
Baron reiterated. “I would be interested in
taking a month off from the discussion,”
regardless of whether the county’s mask
mandate is still in effect come the council’s
December meeting.

Ultimately, the council decided 5-0 to
extend the parklets to Jan. 20, 2022.

Handicap access

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By printing the above, did we do something so bad that we should lose our jobs and be hounded into submission by a mob on Twitter? Does it contain a word so toxic that no one can be permitted to utter it, regardless of their intent or the context? Should our newspaper be forced out of business, our homes be vandalized and our children harassed until they’re afraid to go to school?

Here’s a better question: Could anyone who’s read Martin Luther King’s “Letter From Birmingham Jail” even contemplate the idea that it should be censored?

The letter is a masterpiece of such profound proportions, it not only helped revolutionize American politics at the time, it preserved for future generations the pain of 1960s racial discrimination in this country and the incredible courage it took to struggle against it.

As we reported last week, a local high school teacher was reprimanded recently for reading portions of King’s letter to a class of 11th and 12th graders, including the N-word. We were going to say that it must have taken a colossal amount of hubris for anyone to argue that the letter should not be read out loud and verbatim to high school seniors, but it’s worse than that. Only a fool would make such an argument. We say read the entire thing to every high school senior — and do it as soon as possible.

Human history is full of events so terrible that they’re literally unbeli-
vable to anyone who takes the time to learn about them. And the thing is — the people who did those reprehensible things weren’t that different from the humans of today. Has human nature changed much since biblical times? We doubt it. But the question doesn’t even arise, because the Katyn massacre (22,000 Polish soldiers murdered), the Great Leap Forward (36 million starved to death from starvation), the Holocaust (6 million Jewish murdered), and a great many other sickening things all happened within the last 80 years, which means the people who did them were not only just like us, they practically are us. And now, it’s contending with the most important historic document written by one of history’s most revered figures contains a word that makes people uncomfort-
able?

History must be studied because that’s the only way to understand your-
self and the world you live in. Some things are better than before. How do we build on those successes and make them even better? Some things still need to be fixed — why did earlier attempts to improve them fail? Some things today worse than ever, and that’s probably not an accident. What human actions made them worse, and how do we reverse them?

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sances by obvious vigilantes and complaints by someone not living nearby the STR should be ignored. There are some rumors and false statements that STRs have gotten worse. These statements are unfounded and lack validity. In our own experience as home hosts, the story is quite different than what is being cited by Monterey County Supervisor Mary Adams for District 5. Let me tell you of our own story renting two bedrooms in our home, welcoming guests who come to enjoy our area responsibly and at a reasonable rate. These guests help support local businesses and venues by spending vacation dollars locally that may not otherwise be possible. Regarding our environmental and community “footprint,” the imprint is negligible. We have no on site parking and greet each and every guest as they arrive. Losing the income from this ban would result in us having to relocate from a community we love. Nor is short term-renting a horror story of noise and neglect as is currently being portrayed in the latest desperate attempt to address the issue.

Please adopt a county ordinance that is fair to all concerned. Many municipalities with the challenges of inland and coastal community rentals have handled this delicate and controversial issue in very productive ways. By using the heavy hand of government to shut everyone down with the threat of losing income and property taxes in its nature. All the citizens realize just how complicated this issue is, and most everyone cares deeply about our neighborhoods and community. Let’s not buckle to the four tactics of a few and consider a reasonable ordinance for the good of the community and its citizens, all of us! CVAs Pris Walton said she and her group “do not want to ban short-term rentals in Carmel Valley, but they want to put limitations on them,” according to last week’s Pine Cone. This statement alone shows there is common ground with a thoughtful, well-structured county ordinance. Please rescind the idea of a pilot program that essentially bans all short-term rentals. The deviation from such a radical pilot program implementation is unconscionable and inaccealable.

Remata Barnwell, Pebble Beach

Chaos at MPC?
Dear Editor,

This year began and has continued in a tumultuous and chaotic manner at the MPC’s board of trustees meetings which many feel has risen to a crisis level. As evidenced in publicly available recordings of board meetings, at the center of the chaos has been trustee Debra Anthony. Minimum responsibilities for board members include being an active listener, respectful to others, willing to understand differing points of view, exercising the art of patience, and adherence with Roberts Rules of Order/Robert’s Act. Anthony is certainly entitled to her opinion and voice, and should be respected no less than any other board member; however, as well intended as she made her, her actions have been at the core of ongoing discord and divisiveness. Why has she found it necessary to belittle the college president in public forums, repeat the same, over-talk and hurl insults at other board members, display unprofessional behavior, disregard decorum and meeting protocols, curse, and be absent from or late to critical meetings?

Her provocative and mercurial behavior has created and fostered a divisive environment, detracting from the important work of the board.

To the board of trustees, our community deserves better. Meeting behaviors have created frustration and embarrassment to many staff, faculty and administrators. Your lack of controlling the divide that has come about by not reconciling unchecked behaviors has the potential to undo years of work. I can assure you that if this chaos is allowed to continue, the results will be disastrous, fiscally and professionally. They are already impacting the fabric and reputation of the institution.

The community funded the college foundation to $12,000,000 and supported two bond measures. What will be the response the next time MPC goes before the public to request a bond measure or solicit contributions? With David Martin’s departure, perhaps due in part to this chaos, what quality of president and/or chancellor do we feel would be willing to work with a dysfunctional board? Are your behaviors setting an example for orderly governance?

Immediate professional training is required that fosters respectful, positive and constructive conduct and reviews the rules of order for professional decorum. All board members must commit to attending. If they are not prepared to participate, they should consider resigning. I implore the board to take this issue to heart. Please set aside your personal differences and commit to working as a unit. Bickering and personal animosities have no place in your work.

Peter Baird, Monterey

Astronauts to share stories

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

AFTER a long hiatus caused by the coronavirus pandemic, the Carmel Public Library Foundation and Carmel Unified School District are again collaborating on their Community Night with the Library. Set for Nov. 10 at 6:30 p.m., the free program, “Meet the Stars in Space,” will have three astronauts sharing the tales of their journeys beyond Earth.

Stephen Frick participated in two Space Shuttle missions, Daniel Bursch had four spaceflights, and James Newman participated in the first Space Shuttle mission to begin assembling the International Space Station.

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and water. He continued north in January, reaching the equator in February 1579 and southern Mexico in early April. The records of Drake's travels do not record a stop along the 36th parallel, which passes through Monterey County, on May 1. They do record that on June 17, after sailing further north, Drake made land around the 38th parallel, what we call Drake's Bay near Point Reyes. His claim there named the area New Albion and again he claimed it for his Queen.

Still a question

This left a May 1 stop near Monterey possible, but unverified. So, while experts affirmed the bottle and sixpence were indeed 16th century, the lead scroll remained a problem. The British experts found yet another sixpence Smithsonian Institute in Washington, from the Herald's account. The story on Drake and the discovery, despite Clear's protests, that the story was refused to go forward with the story. In 1965, Clear said they were stolen in a home burglary while he was overseas. His email and writing about Monterey County history is nbhotelling@msn.com. It is a mostly meaningless footnote to Monterey history. His email is nbhotelling@msn.com. He also refused to sell them, despite being offered thousands of dollars.

Where the artifacts are now is anyone's guess. In 1965, Clear said they were stolen in a home burglary while he was overseas. His email and writing about Monterey County history is nbhotelling@msn.com. He also refused to sell them, despite being offered thousands of dollars.

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plus, it could provide equipment and services if the council pursues its plans to install paid parking downtown and/or in the Del Mar Lot, according to Friedrichsen.

Finally, two firms — Rincon Consultants, Inc. and Dudek — already have $24,500 contracts, which don’t require council approval.

Rincon helped amend the municipal code to comply with a new state law requiring businesses and residents to compost kitchen scraps and developed "adaptation strategies" for dealing with climate change.

Now, the firm will get another $50,500 to further assist with implementing the new state garbage rules, "assembling" the climate adaption plan and getting permits for urban capital projects that require CEQA review.

Dudek reviewed plans for drainage and erosion control on private projects and will receive an additional $50,500 to continue reviewing plans for compliance with state requirements for controlling the city's stormwater ordinance and obtain permits for the Mission Trail drainage project.

All the new and amended agreements on the Nov. 1 agenda were unanimously approved.
The homicide of Marcus Felks remains unsolved. If anyone has any information about his homicide, please call Detective Robert Miller of the Salinas Police Department at (831) 755-7954 or email him at robertm@ci.salinas.ca.us.

Sept. 2 — Police officer Alex Sakhrani pled no contest and was convicted of hit-and-run causing property damage. This offense occurred when Sakhrani was off duty.

On April 12, 2021, a security camera captured a white Toyota Tundra veer over the curb of Mar Vista Drive in Monterey, driving through landscaping and damaging several plants. The Tundra then continued into a nearby driveway and collided with a wall, before reversing and leaving the scene.

The Toyota Tundra was registered to Sakhrani, who admitted to driving the vehicle at the time of the collision when later contacted by law enforcement.

The Honorable Judge Elisabeth K. Mineta sentenced Sakhrani to one year of probation, 10 days in the Monterey County Jail, ordered to pay any outstanding restitution, and prohibited from consuming alcohol during the period of his probation.
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The Central Coast Section paid its highest possible compliment this week to the water polo program at Stevenson School. In a section stretching from San Francisco to Big Sur, the CCS opted to place both Pirates teams — boys and girls — in the postseason tournament reserved for its strongest teams.

After a 17-6 season, Stevenson was seeded No. 6 in the boys bracket, drawing an opening-round game at 2:30 p.m. Saturday against the nation’s 14th-ranked team, Bellarmine (15-11). The clash will take place in Bellarmine’s home pool in San Jose.

If that sounds intimidating, consider the task facing Stevenson’s girls, whose 20-4 record got them the No. 8 seed (among eight schools), and a first-round showdown against top-seeded Sacred Heart Prep in San Francisco (24-2) — currently the No. 2-ranked high school team in America, according to MaxPreps.com.

The news that Stevenson’s teams are considered top eight in the CCS (70 schools have boys teams, 50 have girls teams) was both flattering and daunting to student-athletes and their coaches on a coed campus with just 524 students.

First time in Open Division

Pirates teams have played in the CCS postseason tournament before, but always in the Division II bracket, against smaller and less formidable schools.

“I think we all kind of assumed we’d be placed in the Division II bracket again this year, since that’s where we’ve always been before,” said Jon Burke, first-year coach of Stevenson’s girls. “So, frankly, I think it was a little bit of a surprise for everybody, but I’ll call it a pleasant surprise.” It also was a bit of a thunderbolt for Burke, who came to the Monterey Peninsula after winning 10 consecutive CCS girls water polo championships during a 12-year coaching stint at Sacred Heart Prep.

“To be recognized as one of the top teams, and placed in the Open Division, was a great honor, but to also be playing the team I coached for 12 years, the irony is pretty thick,” he said. “I didn’t know if we’d ever play Sacred Heart — we don’t cross over with them very often, so this is definitely a unique situation.”

A Pirates victory would be an upset reminiscent of the “Miracle on Ice” at the 1980 Olympics (Team USA 4, Soviet Union 3), and Burke has no delusions about the challenge ahead.

“We’re looking at this as an opportunity to compete against ourselves and see what we can do right,” he said. “We want to try to appreciate the small successes — the shot blocks, the good defensive stops, goalie saves. We’re going to try to take it one possession at a time, one quarter at a time. I think that’s going to be the best way to approach the challenge of playing a team like Sacred Heart.”

Stevenson’s girls are led by the PCAL’s second-leading scorer, Sofia Bozzo, who has 105 goals, and Kate Morgan, whose 96 goals rank her fourth in the league. Goalkeeper Olivia Garley has 144 saves.

Stevenson’s boys, meanwhile, are not lacking in confidence, having gone 11-1 since Oct. 1.

“We’ve learned to play with no fear,” said Frank Reynolds, who said his boys team was educated by road losses to Foothill of Santa Ana (currently No. 9 in the country) and Huntington Beach (ranked No. 2). “I think those experiences hardened us into a team that, in my opinion, nobody should look past.”

Reynolds saw evidence of that on Oct. 16, when the Pirates defeated Bay League Peninsula Division champion Stevenson captain Jasper Dale, left, a senior, scored 83 goals this season, second only to his younger brother in the PCAL. Stevenson junior Wylie Dale, right, shown here firing a shot against Salinas, scored 91 goals this season, tops in the PCAL.

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Menlo-Atherton in its home pool, 11-10 in overtime, Stevenson’s most impressive effort of the season.

“That team won the CCS Division I championship in 2019, pre-Covid, so they were battle-tested and had won some huge matches,” he said. “For us to go into their house and step up to the moment was really when the lightbulb switched on. We realized that day that we could compete with anybody and that we were meant to be in this Open Division.”

The two highest scoring boys in the PCAL are Stevenson brothers Wylie Dale (91 goals), a junior, and Jasper Dale (83 goals), the Pirates’ senior captain.

The Dales and goalie Luka Zaninovich (132 saves) are considered top college prospects.

“I think our confidence is in a place where we’re ready to play anybody, but when we basically have a dead week (with no games), it’s a balancing act between that confidence and our fitness,” Reynolds said.

“We’ll work to keep everybody’s heart rate up at practice this week so we maintain the level of fitness we’re going to need to compete in the Open Division at CCS.”

Santa Catalina, competing in the Cypress Division, was led by Caitlin Kostka (9th, 22:15), Heidi Green (10th, 22:15), Audrey Morrison (11th, 22:16) and Sutton Pinkus (15th, 22:53).

In the boys competition, North Monterey County edged Carmel by eight points to win the Mission Division team championship.

Carmel’s top finishers were Aiden Tarantino (3rd, 16:25), Dylan Craig (5th, 16:50), and Tyler Imamura (6th, 17:00).

With 61 saves, goalkeeper Olivia Garley has been a force on defense for the Gabilan champion Pirates.

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PCAL cross country

Carmel ran away with the Mission Division girls title Saturday at the Pacific Coast Athletic League Cross Country Championship at Toro Park, where six of the first seven Mission Division runners were Padres.

Carmel freshman Ava Giaios led all Mission runners with a time of 19 minutes, 56 seconds for the 3-mile course, followed by teammates Christiana Kvitek (2nd, 20:17), Isabella D’Alessio (3rd, 20:34), Marissa Hobson (5th, 20:39), Sophia David (6th, 20:42), and Chiara Kvitak (7th, 20:55).

Senior Gabby Torres (8th, 20:58) and freshman Amy Rong (14th, 21:48) were Stevenson’s top finishers.

Carmel beat second-place Stevenson by 41 points to take the team crown.

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On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

The program includes music written by a dozen local composers, Dana Abbott, Steve Ettinger, Alejandro Gatica, Paula Kaiser, Carleton Macy, Douglas Ovens, David Price, Bill Rentz, Julie Roseman, Karl Schmidt, Dale Victorine and Rick Yramategui.

“We have some very good composers here,” said Macy, a retired college music professor who helps organize the annual event.

The compositions will be played by the Monterey String Quartet, with guest performances by violinists Tien-Hsin Cindy Wu and Liana Berube. Macy said Wu, who lives off Laureles Grade, has been doing small concerts in her yard during the pandemic.

“She truly is a world-class violinist,” he told The Pine Cone. “She’s played with most of the world’s major string quartets.”

The return of the forum was made possible by taxpayers. “We got a Covid relief grant for $5,000,” Macy said. “Most is going to the performers, and $1,000 is going to a video recording engineer.”

The music starts at 3 p.m. Tickets are $10. 104 W. Carmel Valley Road. mc-composers.org

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GIVE PEACE A CHANCE
Falling for fall cocktails, driving for arancini, and shopping for good food

JUST IN time for changing weather and shifting clocks, the bartenders at the Rio Grill and Tarpy’s are introducing new fall-inspired drinks.

Allison Peach, who runs the bar at Tarpy’s on Highway 68 at Canyon del Rey, said she took used flavors like apple cider and citrus to riff on classic cocktails.

“Spiked mulled apple cider is always very popular at my house during the holidays,” she said. Her Baked Apple cocktail features apple brandy, orange bitters, lemon, apple cider and mulling spices, and is served warm. “Guests can order it non-alcoholic, too,” she said.

Peach’s variation of a Negroni — which is traditionally equal parts gin, Campari and sweet vermouth — is called the Pressure Drop and includes Lo-Fi Amaro, Nolet gin and orange bitters. The restaurant’s proximity to Monterey Airport inspired the name, she said, and the cocktail is lovely to look at and to drink, with pronounced floral notes.

Peach, who has worked in the hospitality industry for 11 years and has been a bartender for four, said she’s delighted to have been given the chance to take on the responsibility of developing the cocktail program and deciding which spirits should be offered at Tarpy’s.

“It’s humbling and so exciting, and a huge learning experience, which has been fantastic,” she said.

Patrick Fischer, who holds the same role at the Rio Grill in the Crossroads, said it’s a great time for changing weather and winter drinks, I think about drinks that warm you from the inside, drinks you’d cozy up to around the fire with,” he said. “It’s a joyful time of year, and if our drinks can bring joy to someone as they sit in one of our restaurants, that’s a win.”

Nestalgia Fischer’s Fall Into Old Fashioned was inspired by his memories of receiving pecans from his grandparents during the holidays when he was a kid and includes pecan-infused bourbon, maple syrup and Angostura bitters. He infuses the bourbon himself, and the drink is nutty, nicely balanced and not too sweet.

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“I like to make people happy and talk to a lot of people, and to go around and be that icing on the cake for everybody’s experience,” he said.

Fischer noted that he and Peach “put a real patient while waiting for a table.

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By MARY SCHLEY

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“So, when I think about fall and winter drinks, I think about drinks that warm you from the inside, drinks you’d cozy up to around the fire with,” he said. “It’s a joyful time of year, and if our drinks can bring joy to someone as they sit in one of our restaurants, that’s a win.”

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To check out their new fall cocktail lineups, head to Tarpy’s, call (831) 647-1444 or visit tarpies.com, and to the Rio Grill, call (831) 625-5436 or visit riogrill.com.

Good Food for sale

Judges for the annual Good Food Awards culled more than 2,000 entries from producers across the country down to 351 finalists, and many of those are now selling their products in an online marketplace through Nov. 15.

“Open for two weeks only, and just in time for holiday shopping, the Finalists Pop Up Shop brings together more than 200 of the country’s best food and drink products in one convenient online marketplace,” organizers with the Good Food Foundation said. “Shipping costs are included, and revenues from each purchase go directly to the crafters, so shoppers can find unique and delicious gifts while supporting a localized and resilient food system.”

The annual awards focus on 18 different categories, from beer, coffee and charcuterie to preserves, snacks and spirits. The full list of finalists — including Pacific Grove’s Happy Girl Kitchen’s strawberry orange jam and Other Brother Beer’s Cerveza La Reina — can be found at goodfoodfdn.org/awards/finalists, while the store featuring many of them can be visited at shop.goodfoodfdn.org.

Nielsen’s tasting

Nielsen Bros. Market at San Carlos and Seventh will host a free tasting featuring Chandon’s bottled spritzer, as well as pinot noir and chardonnay from Skyaside, Napa-based Newton winery’s second label, from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18.

Chandon Garden Spritz is a blend of sparkling wine “and a unique bitters recipe crafted with locally sourced fresh oranges macerated with dry orange peels, herbs and spices carefully selected from the finest terroirs in the world,” according to the winery. “No artificial flavors and no artificial colorants are used at any stage in its production. Our blend is crafted purposely to make it simply and naturally delicious.”

Skyaside’s wines are made by Anne Dempsey, whose winemaking roots go back to her Tuscan grandfather’s start in the business in the United States in the 1920s. She received her Bachelor of Science in viticulture and enology from UC Davis and worked around the world but returned to California. “Her passion is to reveal the richness of California’s vineyards through wines that can be enjoyed on all occasions,” according to the winery.

The tasting will be free and hosted by Eddie Banaszek of distributor Pacific Wines and Spirits of California, a supporter of a localized and resilient food system.”

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will present its inaugural Carmel Wine Expo at Quail Lodge Nov. 30, the night before the chamber’s annual awards gala. For $40, guests will enjoy two hours of tasting and opportunities to cast their votes for best red, best white, best rosé and “people’s choice,” which will include two tickets and an award presentation at the dinner. Local wineries committed to pouring (and competing) include Bernardus, CRU Wines, Dawn’s Dream, De Tierra, Galante, Hahn, Holman Ranch, McIntyre, Scheid, Silvestri and Wrath.

Due to the size of the event, participants will have to provide proof of a negative Covid test or proof of vaccination to get in. The tasting will take place at 2025 Valley View Drive from 4 to 6 p.m. To register, go to carmelchamber.org.

Change at Mama + Pua

The Mama + Pua wine bar in the Crossroads shopping center will have new proprietors soon, owner Ashleigh Hutchison confirmed this week. She’s keeping the name and company but selling the wine bar and its liquor license to Lance and Roslyn Anderson, according to filings with the state department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. The new business will be called Vin Wine Bar & Bottle Boutique, and “the new owners are lovely,” Hutchison said. In the meantime, visit Mama + Pua for wine tasting, small bites, accessories and other delights. It’s open daily from noon to 7 p.m., with Aloha Hour specials available weekdays from 3 to closing. Visit manapua.wine for more information.

Drive-Through Arancini

The Festa Italia Santa Rosalia Foundation is holding its inaugural drive-through arancini sale Nov. 13 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the San Carlos Cathedral Parish Hall Parking Lot at 500 Church St. in Monterey.

Arancini are balls of risotto filled with meat, cheese and peas and then fried crisp and accompanied with a dipping sauce, and they’re always a hit at the annual Fisherman’s Festival. Made from scratch, they can simply be heated and served at home. The cost is $32 for a box of four, plus a $2 fee, and they must be purchased in advance at santaros.ticketspice.com/arancini.

ni-fund-raiser. For more information, call (831) 238-4448.

Favorite Fridays

For years, Hofsas House Hotel has hosted occasional wine-and-snack fundraisers benefiting various local charities, but the pandemic put all that on hold. Now, starting Nov. 18, Locals Favorites Wine Fridays return with a benefit for Peace of Mind Dog Rescue.

Scheid Vineyards will be the featured winery at the tasting, which will run from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the conference room next to the hotel’s pool. The $15-per-person fee (with additional glasses of wine available for $5 per pair) will go directly to POMDR, which helps find homes for senior dogs and lends a hand when owners are too elderly to continue caring for their pets.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling hotel owner Carrie Thess at (831) 624-2745 or emailing carrie.thes@hofsahouse.com. Hofsas House is located on San Carlos north of Fourth. Visit hofsahouse.com for more information.

Speaking of nonprofits

Coastal Roots Hospitality donates a portion of the proceeds from to-go orders picked up by customers at the Rio Grill and Tappy’s to local nonprofits and is looking for new charitable partners for 2022. The company’s “Pick It Up — Pay It Forward” campaign has 10 percent of all proceeds from in-person takeout orders going to six nonprofits throughout the year.

To be considered, organizations should submit a statement no more than 300 words long explaining why they should have a spot on the list and how they would use the funds. Name, contact information, website and mission statement should also be included. Email everything to pr@coastalrootshospitality.com. Submissions are due Nov. 30.
With art tours on hold, painter shares new work

Handcrafted furniture and fine art come together at Studio Fogline, where an exhibit of paintings by Elizabeth Murray opens Friday, with a reception starting at 5 p.m.

Besides being a painter and photographer, Murray is the author of six books, including “Monet’s Passion,” which uses words and images to offer an intimate look at the famous painter’s garden in Giverny, France.

The artist has long led group trips to the garden, where many of Monet’s paintings were set. But Covid has put the trips on hold for now.

Two decades ago, Murray bought a home in Monterey’s Peters Gate neighborhood that was built more than a century ago by painter Charles Rollo Peters, who achieved notoriety for his nocturnals.

After returning from her last trip to France in October 2019, Murray shifted her focus to constructing a painting studio in her yard — in part so she could do larger pieces.

The pieces displayed at Studio Fogline represent the first pieces created there. “I’ve long had the dream of having my own studio,” said the artist, who loves the idea that the money she made from teaching art in Monet’s garden made building the painting studio possible.

Murray’s colorful and somewhat abstracted new work "...an intensely wrought and burnished performance...” — Strings Magazine

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Nov. 7 — The Monterey County Composer’s Forum presents “Heroes as Art,” featuring local performers. Cindy Wu, and the Monterey String Quartet with David Lynn and Liana Yramategui; at Hidden Valley Music Seminars, Carmel Valley Road at Ford Road in Carmel Valley. $10. Vaccinated and masked, please.

Nov. 7 — River House Books - 1 p.m. Author Wendy Van Wyck Good will read from and sign copies of Sisters in Art; her biography of Monterey artists Margaret, Esther, and Helen Builes. 208 Crossroads Boulevard, Carmel. Call (831) 626-2665 for more information.

Last Chance Mercantile’s Nov. 7 — The Monterey County Composer’s Forum presents Crossroads Boulevard, from and sign copies masked, please. Road at Ford Road in Carmel Valley. $10. Vaccinated and masked, please. Yramategui; at Hidden Valley Music Seminars, Carmel Valley and the Monterey String Quartet with David Dally and Liana Hansen Newman, Ph.D. Nathaniel Frick, Daniel Wheeler Bursch and James and two-acre yard offer a huge selection of unique treasures.

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The COURT GIVES all persons interested in the subject matter of these notices Notice of Hearing: the hearing is set for Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 2 p.m. in room 331 of the court in 1000 County Building, 400 4th Street, Salinas, CA.

Nicholas Daniel Aguayo
1923 13th Street, Tissue, and Yramategui; at Hidden Valley Music Seminars, Carmel Valley and the Monterey String Quartet with David Dally and Liana Hansen Newman, Ph.D. Nathaniel Frick, Daniel Wheeler Bursch and James and two-acre yard offer a huge selection of unique treasures.
is inspired by her love of nature, and in particular, trees. The painter said they represent many things to her, including beauty, resilience, regeneration, solace and creativity. The pieces are done with oils, acrylics and watercolors.

“All the work in the show is based on trees,” she told The Pine Cone. “It’s all fresh work.”

Studio Fogline is located on Junipero near Fifth. studiofogline.com

Will shares his wit

Recently chosen by the Pine Cone’s readers as our Best Local Artist, illustrator and humorist Will Bullas presents a talk Tuesday in Sunset Center’s Carpenter Hall.

The artist will discuss his creative process and the inspiration for his work, along with making everybody smile, which he is particularly good at. “Dozens of Will’s images will escort our curious minds through this journey of humor and wit, with an occasional glimpse of more serious paintings that garnered Will a bounty of fine art awards,” an invitation to the talk reads.

The event is free and starts at 5 p.m. Masks are required, but proof of vaccination isn’t. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth.

Late local loved still lifes

Unlike a plein air painter whose creativity is sparked by the beauty of nature — or an abstract artist who discovers shapes and patterns in his or her mind — the late Peter Plamondon found his muse in the small manmade objects he artfully arranged in his paintings. He died last year.

A year after his passing, the Carmel Art Association presents a retrospective exhibit of his work through Nov. 29.

As a young man, he was inspired to paint by a pair of talented locals, Sam Colburn and Kaffe Fassett.

After studying art in college — he graduated in 1985 with a Masters in Fine Arts from Boston University — Plamondon quickly found success in the art world as a still-life artist.

Boston’s prestigious Alpha Gallery hosted his first solo show, and every piece sold. “Peter’s signature works were always still lifes, usually playful arrangements of ceramic, porcelain, or enamel cups, saucers, bowls, plates, teapots, garden pots, and vases that he sometimes enlarged to three times life size in acrylic on canvas,” the CAA’s Sally Aberg said.

Today, Plamondon’s art can be found in a number of prominent public and private collections — and, for the rest of this month, at the CAA gallery, which is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth.

“He was immensely talented and his paintings inspired a sense of serenity and calm,” said Fassett’s niece, Big Sur painter Erin Gafill. “He will be very missed indeed.”
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Cyprien Katsaris and pianist Dino Vera (jazz, blues and r&b, Friday at 7 p.m.), pianist Gennady Loktionov and singer Debbie Davis (cabaret, Saturday at 7 p.m.). The Andrea Triton Trio (jazz and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.), guitarist Richard Devinciv (classical, Sunday at 6 p.m.) and singer Lea Durley and pianist Joe Indelicato (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, (831) 624-3871.
Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist Todd Talbot (country, jazz and soul, Friday and Saturday at 5 p.m.) and singer-songwriter Johan Sotelo (Saturday at 3 p.m.) singer Chelsea Riddle and guitarist Glenn Bell (country, jazz and soul, Saturday at 11:30 a.m.), singer and guitarist Bobcat Rob (Monday at 3 p.m.) and Wuwu (Thursday at 3 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road, (831) 293-7500.
Scott Carmel Highlands — singer and pianist Dino Vera (jazz, blues and r&b, Saturday and Thursday at 7 p.m.). 120 Highlands Drive, (831) 620-1234.
The Inn at Spanish Bay — pianist Gary Meek, bassist Steve Uccello and drummer Andy Weis (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.), not to mention pianist Bill Spencer, bassist Steve Uccello and drummer Andy Weis (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.) 2700 17 Mile Drive, (831) 647-7500.
Juice and Java in Pacific Grove — Open Mic Night (Friday at 6 p.m). 599 Lighthouse Ave., (831) 373-8652.
Intercontinental Hotel in Monterey — guitarist John Sherry (rock, folk and blues, Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m.). In The C Restaurant, 750 Cannery Row, (831) 375-4500.
La Playa Hotel — The David Morwood Band (jazz, Saturday at 4 p.m.), Camino Real, (800) 582-8900.
Massa Tasting Room in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist Rick Chelew (folk, Sunday at 2:30 p.m.) and Gino Sotelo, (831) 659-6221.
Mission Ranch — singer and pianist Maddalene Earstrom (jazz and pop, Friday through Sunday at 5 p.m.) and pianist Gennady Loktionov (jazz, Monday through Thursday at 5 p.m.). 26270 Dolores St., (831) 625-9040.
The Pacific Grove Farmers Market — Stormy Wings (folk, Monday at 3 p.m.) Forest and Central avenues.
Puma Road at Portola Plaza in Monterey — singer and guitarist Tom Fiafa and singer Kate Fletcher (Sunday at 2 p.m.) 281 Alvarado St., (831) 747-1911.
Rio Grill — and violinist Razzavin (rock, Friday at 5 p.m.) and singer and guitarist Zack Freitas (Saturday at noon) and singer and multi-instrumentalist Casey Wickstrom (Sunday at noon). In the Crossroads shopping center, (831) 625-5436.
Sly McFly in Monterey — The Money Band (pop and rock, Friday at 9 p.m.).Retreataux (rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.). The Beach Cowboys (rock and blues, Sunday at 8:30 p.m.) and The Long Distance Flyers (Monday at 9 p.m.) 700 Cannery Row, (831) 649-8050.
Tarp’s in Monterey — singer and guitarist Zack Freitas (Friday, singer and guitarist John Sotelo (Saturday at noon) and singer and guitarist Taylor Rae, 2999 San Jose Ave., (831) 626-8184.
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Carmel Valley

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Gordon Wallace and Angela Sullivan to Tony and Jennifer Hsu
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Panetta Road — $1,250,000
Boomer LLC to 86 Panetta Road LLC
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166 El Caminto — $1,500,000
Robert Barton to Brandon and Margaret Dingee
APN: 187-191-018

73 Garzas Road — $1,750,000
Michael Collins to Arnie and Joanna Rosen
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9564 Oak Court — $2,179,000
Christian O’Dell to Thomas and Catherine Maloney
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Time travel is one of my favorite genres, both in literature and in the movies. Jack Finney’s novel, “Time and Again,” is my all-time favorite. When I read “The Time Traveler’s Wife,” I couldn’t wait for the movie to come out. I’ve seen it a half-dozen times. I stock up on Kleenex when I watch “Somewhere in Time.” Because of this film I developed a passionate crush on Jane Seymour, until I found out she did a semi-nude scene in “The Wedding Crashers.” I don’t like to share. I would do all of those things. What but would you change if you could?

That question and its answer were posed to me several years ago by that fascinating philosopher-renaissance-man-troubadour-racoonet-poet-songwriter Ric Masten at one of our weekly meetings of the Toosday crowd. Ric asked it this way: “Is there one thing in your life you would like to remove? Have you hurt someone, been hurt, had an accident or illness — something that if you were a magician you could snap your fingers and that awful thing would be gone out of your life?”

It was a profound question. I was relieved a priest sitting behind a screen in a confessional hasn’t asked it. It led me into some deep soul searching. What were the things I would remove from my life if I could make them go away by snapping my fingers?

This is what I came up with. Who did I tear the flesh from (see the definition of sarcasm), when did I not meet someone’s expectations (see disappoint) was concerned solely with my own desires (see disappoint), when was I self-centered? If possible, I would snap my fingers and wipe away the time I discovered my father wasn’t perfect, or snap twice for when my children discovered I wasn’t. I’d snap until my fingers were raw to bring back some folks who have passed away. I would snap hard for the times I equivocated when I knew which was the right path but took the road most traveled.

I would snap for the compromises done for expediency’s sake, and for the injustices turned away from for the sake of convenience. I would snap for the homeless persons passed by, forgetting that, “There but for the grace of God, go I.” I would snap for the compromises done for expediency’s sake, and for the injustices turned away from for the sake of convenience. I would snap for the homeless persons passed by, forgetting that, “There but for the grace of God, go I.” I would snap for the compromises done for expediency’s sake, and for the injustices turned away from for the sake of convenience. I would snap for the homeless persons passed by, forgetting that, “There but for the grace of God, go I.”

Courage in darkness

Ric never left his audiences without hope. He would quote Lakota Shaman Black Elk: “Where the path of difficulty lay was a possibility of grace.”

By JERRY GERVASE

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POLICE LOG
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Unattended credit card found in front of Bruno’s Market. The credit card was turned in for safekeeping.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A visitor at Sixth and Monte Verde reported a lost wallet.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Resident at Second and Monterey reported her house was being fraudulently listed in a local app for rent. Resident wanted the police department made aware.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14
Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 74-year-old male driver was cited at Rvr Road and Highway 1 and released with a promise to appear for having a false registration tab.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Unattended iPad reportedly left on top of a moving vehicle. The device was found at Lincoln and 10th and brought to the station for safekeeping pending contact with owner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Cell phone and checkbook found on a bench on Scenic near Eighth. Got ahold of the son of the owner who said he would advise the father about his found property.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fall on city property on San Carlos south of Fifth with injuries.

Pacific Grove: Battery on Lighthouse Avenue with prosecution sought against a 75-year-old suspect.

Several phone calls to the possible owner met with negative results.

Pacific Grove: A subject on Ocean View Boulevard surrendered a found watch to the station. Owner of watch remains outstanding.

Pacific Grove: Wallet found and turned in to the police department lobby. Owner was contacted and pick-up was scheduled. Wallet returned to owner.

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Pacific Grove: Subject on Adkright Court placed on a mental health hold.

Pacific Grove: Juvenile issue on Lighthouse Avenue.

Pebble Beach: Deputies received report of possible sexual abuse to a female juvenile on 17 Mile Drive.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male reported losing his camera in the area of Carmel Beach.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from San Carlos south of North.

Pacific Grove: Fraud reported on Lighthouse Avenue.


Pacific Grove: Vandalism on Sinex. No prosecution desired.

Pacific Grove: A 43-year-old driver was cited on Ocean View Boulevard for not having a license.

Big Sur: Member of the public completed a report of theft on Highway 1.

Carmel area: Online report of theft of mail on Guadalupe Street.

Pebble Beach: Deputies contacted a 40-year-old female on 17 Mile Drive who was very intoxicated and was arrested.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16
Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 24-year-old female Prunedale resident was arrested at Har- ton and Ocean at 0622 hours for DUI and possession of cocaine. She was transported to county jail and booked on charges of DUI and possession of narcotics.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Citizen reported subjects trimming a tree in a courtyard on San Carlos south of Seventh. No trimming committed in officer’s presence. (Small sticks/twigs were on ground.) Any further work to the tree was stopped. Forwarded to forestry and code enforcement.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Parties involved in a dog ding incident resulting in minor dam- age to the area of Third and Torres. Parties attempted to settle prior to the request for CPD assistance but were unable to come to an agreement. No dispute of facts/fault. All involved voluntarily provided insurance in- formation for possible claims. Information only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a theft of purse at a restaurant at Junipero and Sixth. All property was returned to the victim, who requested charges be filed.

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From page 8RE

SHERIFF

Pacific Grove: Bicycle was taken from Seventh Street sometime overnight.


Pacific Grove: Subject on 18th Street reported suspicious circumstances regarding her child.

Pacific Grove: Hit-and-run collision on Ocean View Boulevard.

Pacific Grove: Corner case on Ninth.

Pacific Grove: Suspicious circumstances on Fourth Street.

Carmel area: Attempted theft on Carmel Rancho Lane.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

Pacific Grove: Juvenile issue on Junipero at 0355 hours involving a 15-year-old, a 14-year-old and a 16-year-old.

Pacific Grove: Non-injury accident occurred on Forest.

GERVASE

From page 8RE

crosses the easy way — mark a holy place.” He would point out that growth occurs through trials and tribulations. The height of our highest highs is in direct proportion to the depths of our lowest lows. Then, to emphasize his point, he would wish us many miserable moments. You win. Darth. If you strike me down, I shall become more powerful than you possibly imagine.”

We like to think that we treated everyone fairly throughout our lives. Probably not! The philosopher Plato said, “In everyone’s life, no matter how good their intent, there are moments that people they made suffer.”

Time travel back though your conscience can be a daunting trip into the Twilight Zone. But if you are honest with yourself, the results can be finger-snappin’ good.

Contact Jerry at jerrygervase@yahoo.com

PACIFIC GROVE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18


Carmel area: Missing license plate from a trailer on Mission Drive.

Carmel area: Report of a suspicious threatening email received by an Egan resident. Report for informational purposes.

Carmel area: A male was causing a disturbance at a business on Rio Road. He was arrested on an outstanding warrant and lodged into the county jail.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury collision at Eighth and San Carlos resulted in minor damage. No dispute of fault; See LOG next page

At 0113 hours a hit-and-run collision on Forest involved a 15-year-old, a 14-year-old and a 16-year-old.

Coroner case on Ninth.

Two unknown subjects fraudulently used a credit card on Forest.

Carmel area: A domestic disturbance occurred on Carmel Knolls Drive.

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Number of sales declines but real estate market is still very strong

3rd Quarter Report

JUST ABOUT everyone expects the torrid real estate market we’ve enjoyed for more than a year to wrap up soon. It can’t go on forever, can it? Well, no, yet we find the boom to be fiercely tenacious. By any measure, except for a direct comparison with the other-worldly same quarter last year, we have just experienced a very good three months, indeed.

Think about these numbers:
■ More than $600 million in gross sales, translating into a $2 billion dollar plus annual market.
■ Median Sales prices up in all eight markets.
■ Of the 232 total sales, 100 were over $2 million.
■ Average days to sell incredibly low with many properties off the market in under 10 days.

What normally happens in up markets is that sellers eventually become too ambitious with their asking prices, buyers balk and the market cools. Some would argue that greed eventually kills markets. We don’t see that way. In soaring markets, no one buys, no one sells, and the market cools. This can be a painless process for sellers because listings that drag on through successive price cuts miss their best chance for top price by being too high at the beginning.

But so far in this crazy market, buyers are feeling all the pain.

Looking ahead, our Market Barometer promises a strong fourth quarter because in all the markets but one more than 30 percent of the listings are under contract. In Seaside the Barometer on Oct. 1 was a remarkable 58 percent. And speaking of Seaside, how about a median selling price of $576,500?

That single number is an exclamation point for this raging market.

House Talk

By Paul Brocchini and Mark Ryan

From previous page and Ninth.


Carmel-By-The-Sea: Identity theft on Lobos north of Fourth.

Pacific Grove: Abandoned vehicle towed from Monarch Lane.

Carmel-By-The-Sea: Non-injury traffic accident on Ocean Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle was stopped on Lighthouse Avenue for a vehicle code violation. Two occupants were found to be in violation of their probation terms. Both males, ages 19 and 24, were issued citations and released at the scene.

Carmel area: Online report of theft on Fairway Lane.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

Carmel-By-The-Sea: Non-injury collision on Santa Lucia involving road rage.

Carmel-By-The-Sea: Non-injury traffic accident on Monte Verde Street.

Carmel-By-The-Sea: Resident on Guadalupe south of Ocean Avenue reported a suspicious person prowling on her property. The suspect was later identified, and the case was forwarded for prosecution.

Carmel area: Online report of fraud on Via Casador.

Pacific Grove: Suspicous circumstances on Astilmar of a subject giving three unknown subjects cash.

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MORE SALES
From page 10RE

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3012 Arido Way — $1,042,500
JPA Marina Builders to Frank Cadigan
APN: 031-277-049

Reservation Road — $1,050,000
Monteoya Peninsula Retail Investment LLC to
Quick Quack Car Wash Holdings LLC
APN: 033-111-026

Monterey
820 Casanova Avenue unit 68 — $429,000
Jeffrey Ferrara to Sara Abdalla
APN: 013-254-019

MORE SALES
From page 10RE

1 Surf Way unit 28 — $628,727
Carol Tevebaugh to William Ferrales
APN: 011-442-058

810 McEllan Avenue — $675,000
Sharni Yahjou to Thomas Clark
APN: 021-113-011

977 Johnson Street — $875,000
Palma Patania to Santa Tarantino
APN: 001-333-002

557 Hawthorne Street — $1,150,000
Jerry Kruft to Victoria Li
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507 Herrmann Drive — $1,200,000
Artistic 1031 LLC to Flaires Investments LLC
APN: 001-295-002

440 Pine Street — $1,300,000
James Uchida to Cindy Grines
APN: 001-113-022

599 Newton Street — $1,550,000
Ben Beesley to Cindy Grines
APN: 001-142-004

123 12th Street — $1,736,500
Patricia and Earl Knoob, Nancy Runyan and Catherine Dillon
APN: 006-184-010

Pacific Grove
1359 Lighthouse Avenue — $5,800,000
Cindy Grines to Carl and Sandra Delay
APN: 007-031-010

Salinas
1103 Old Stage Road — $2,195,000
Veronica Balbick to Carlos Chavez, Marcos Cerdá, Leonar-
do Panades and Federico Sanchez
APN: 153-022-002

Seaside
473 Orange Avenue — $970,000
Theresa Sturtevant to Joseph Martinetto
APN: 006-184-010

1268 Prospect Street — $325,000
Penny Lane Equity Inc. to John Tarantino
APN: 007-031-010

Sand City
4091 Sunset Lane — $1,640,000
Richard Mayhew to Michelle Di Pretoro
APN: 012-286-034

Pebble Beach
4091 Sunset Lane — $1,640,000
Terrance and Carissa Lois to Gina and Paul Gasdik
APN: 008-122-015

3269 Cabrillo Road — $8,600,000
Marie Bernnito Partnership to Alexa, Angelo and Aiko Arena
APN: 008-461-009

3079 Hermitage Road — $1,830,000
Jane and Andrew Bell to John McGain and Christine Chakalis
APN: 007-031-005

Ben Beesley to Daniel Byrne
40 Castro Road — $1,828,000
APN: 001-871-007

599 Newton Street — $1,550,000
James Uchida to 440 Pine Street LLC
APN: 001-295-002

Artistic 1031 LLC to Flores Investments LLC
507 Herrmann Drive — $1,200,000
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107 El Torneo Court, Monterey — $3,075,000
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