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P.B. Co to replace smashed guardhouse in weeks

By KELLY NIX

THREE WEEKS after a giant Monterey pine tree demolished one of the gates into Pebble Beach Company, the county planning department has issued a permit for the tiny structure to be rebuilt. And residents who have had to detour to other gates to get into Del Monte Forest won't have to wait long to use it.

Powerful winds during a Feb. 13 storm caused the tree to fall on the Country Club Gate guardhouse and two vehicles, one of them occupied by a Pebble Beach mom and her 5-year-old son. While the two residents and the female gate guard were uninjured, the gate closure has been a headache for those who live on that side of the forest.

"Recognizing the urgency to reopen the gate as quickly as possible, our plan is to rebuild the gatehouse like it was before," Pebble Beach Company spokeswoman Katie Denbo said Thursday in a statement to The Pine Cone.

"We have accelerated construction and now plan on being done by the end of March," she said.

Freda Escobar, with the Monterey County planning department, said the Pebble Beach Company submitted an emergency application to rebuild the 87-square-foot

shack and that the county department OK'd the plans.

The "plans show no changes, just restore and replace," Es-

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PHOTO/KELLY NIX

A small guardhouse was positioned at the end of this stone flowerbed until a tree flattened it in February. The structure will be rebuilt in a few weeks.

Council wants citywide ban on vacation rentals

By MARY SCHLEY

WHILE RENTING out homes for short stays has long been illegal in Carmel's single-family neighborhoods, the city never forbade the practice in its commercial and multifamily-residential districts. But that's about to change, according to a unanimous vote by the city council Tuesday.

When the city started cracking down on illegal vacation rentals in single-family-residential neighborhoods a couple of years ago, officials also began pursuing owners of legal short-term rentals in apartment buildings and the commercial districts so they could collect the business license tax and the transient occupancy tax, which is 10 percent of the per-night fee. The resulting publicity also awakened other downtown property owners to the fact they could legally operate short-term rentals.

"Over the last year, it has come to the attention of the general public that the prohibition on transient rentals only applies to the R-1 District, and as such, the city has received a number of inquiries and applications to establish transient rentals in the downtown," planning director Marc Wiener told the council March 5.

"Since February 2018, the community planning and building department has issued 16 permits, authorizing a total of 23 units." An application for another three rentals is being processed, he added, and the department receives inquiries daily from people interested in capitalizing on the lucrative market.

A 2,218-square-foot, three-bed, three-bath "penthouse" with rooftop patio on the northwest corner of San Carlos and Seventh, for example, was fetching an average of \$1,138 per night through VRBO.com last November.

But the problems, Wiener said, are that long-term rentals downtown are being replaced by their short-term counterparts

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Missing man on bail for multiple sexual assaults

By MARY SCHLEY

THE VISITOR from Scotland who was reported missing at Monastery Beach last week — supposedly having disappeared after going for a swim while wearing only shorts — has been charged with 24 counts of sexual assault in his home

country and may have tried to fake his own death, according to Monterey County Sheriff's Capt. John Thornburg.

Kim Gordon (who has several aliases, including Kem Gordon, Kem Avis-Gordon and Kem Vincent) and his 17-year-old son traveled from Scotland to Los Angeles and then made their way north to the Monterey Peninsula. At around 5:30 p.m. last Monday, Gordon told his son he was going for a swim, but the teen never saw him go in the water and called authorities after 7 p.m. when his father hadn't returned. Extensive searches by dive teams and helicopters that night and for two more days yielded nothing, and a California State Parks official expressed doubt the missing man had ever entered the water.

Story falls apart

Deputies were also immediately skeptical, according to Thornburg.

"We interviewed the kid, and the stories started falling apart," he said. "He said they hitchhiked, then said they rented a car. That they stayed in a hotel, but they didn't stay in a hotel. That they were camping, but they had no camping gear.

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The Scottish man reported missing by his son Feb. 25 is supposed to be in Edinburgh court Monday on 24 counts of sexual assault.

Assemblyman Stone seeks ban on prisoner co-pays

By KELLY NIX

ASSEMBLYMAN MARK Stone has introduced legislation that would prohibit California prisons and county jails from charging prisoners anything for medical, dental and vision care — a move he said would ultimately save money.

That bill, AB 45, would permanently prohibit the California

Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation from collecting copayments for medical and dental services and charging for things such as eyeglasses, prosthetics and dentures. The bill, if approved, would also prevent all county jails from collecting even token copays from inmates.

"Copayments have long been viewed as impediments to getting medical services," Stone, who represents the 29th Assembly District, which includes Monterey County, told The Pine Cone this week. If inmates can't afford the copays, he said, "then they avoid those services, and that creates a much more dire situation for them."

Stone — who called the \$5 prison and \$3 county jail copayments "unjust" and "punitive" — said removing them will mean inmates get medical services earlier and avoid costly procedures and hospitalization due to complications. It will also cut down on inmates seeking medical services "on an emergency basis," he said.

The state prison system healthcare program is called Complete Care Model, which the agency said is "based on a preventative and comprehensive approach to patient care."

"Early detection and preventative health care align with most public and private health care organizations and can prove to be fiscally prudent," the corrections department says on its website.

While the agency already said last month it would remove the copay requirement, Stone's bill would prevent it from being reinstated later on. The bill would also mean that county

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Parker to retire as supe

■ Says aide should succeed her

By KELLY NIX

THE MONTEREY County supervisor who has represented Seaside, Marina and Del Rey Oaks since 2008 said this week she does not intend to seek another term, and has endorsed a member of her staff to fill her seat.

Supervisor Jane Parker, 65, announced Monday she would retire at the end of next year and said she wants Wendy Askew, 41, her legislative aide and a board member of the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District, to take her place.

"As my legislative county aide for the past decade and your elected MPUSD board member, Wendy is uniquely qualified and ready to hit the ground running as our next supervisor,"

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Adams and colleagues in D.C.



PHOTO/FACEBOOK

Supervisors Luis Alejo, Mary Adams and Chris Lopez with Congressman Jimmy Panetta (second from left) this week in Washington D.C. Why'd they make the trip? See Page 9A.

PENINSULA GETTING RECORD RAINFALL

CHRIS COUNTS

DURING WHAT'S being called the wettest year on record in the United States, the rainfall totals in Big Sur and the Monterey Peninsula just keep climbing.

The mountains in the county regularly get more rain than anywhere else, and this year has been no exception. On Big Sur's Anderson Peak, which stands about 4,100 feet high, 71 inches of moisture have been recorded since October 1, National Weather Service forecaster Spencer Tangen said. Since March 1, it has received more than 9 inches of rain.

Much closer to sea level at Big Sur Station, which is located next to Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, 35 inches of rain

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Kenneth Vernon Bullock

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Kenneth Vernon Bullock was born October 5, 1926. He grew up in Los Angeles, the only child of Vernon and Katherine Bullock. His mother was a registered nurse and his father was a newspaper typesetter. He rode out the Long Beach Earthquake of 1933, which left him with a lifelong feeling that if a person could survive that, they could survive anything.



When a WWII veteran dies, a thousand stories die with them. The events they lived, the memories they held, these first-hand accounts die with them. Ken was part of a noble generation when the culture was favorable to patriotism, and hard work was the norm.

Kenneth Bullock was the consummate storyteller and conversationalist. No matter where he went or who he met, he could find a meaningful way of connecting his life with his audience. He told stories of his grandparents' ownership of property that would become part of the estate of Huntington Library. He told stories of his love for history, and education at UCLA. But on Monday, February 18, 2019, the last chapter of his story on earth came to an end, when Kenneth Bullock passed peacefully in his Carmel home surrounded by loved ones and joined his Savior in glory according to the promises of God.

He had fond childhood memories of accompanying his mother frequently to Olvera Street in downtown Los Angeles for authentic Mexican food.

With the outbreak of World War II, Ken was among the underaged men who volunteered for the Army, serving in Tokyo and the Philippines.

At the end of the war he returned home where he obtained his Ed.D. at his beloved UCLA where, in an evening class he met his wife-to-be of 55 years, Ruth Greinke.

He began his career in education in Alhambra California, where he built his first family home and began his life with Ruth. In 1959 their son, Christopher, joined their family.

Ken and family enjoyed extensive travels throughout the United States, and later through Europe and Great Britain.

In 1972, Ken became Principal at Carmel High School, and the family moved north to Carmel. After a couple of years as principal, Ken decided that teaching was a better fit for him, so he took a teaching position at Carmel High until his retirement. During his years as a teacher, Ken acquired his real estate brokers license and continued in the real estate business on the Monterey Peninsula after retirement until the early 2000's.

Ken is survived by his son Chris and his daughter-in-law Trisha, also of Carmel.

Kenneth was a member of Saint Philip's Lutheran Church on Carmel Valley Road. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your charity of choice.

A memorial will be held at St. Philip's Lutheran Church of Carmel at 8065 Carmel Valley Road at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 15, 2019.

RENTALS

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and they also compete with the town's hotels.

"It is too early in the permitting process to determine if the 23 approved units are currently impacting occupancy rates, but as the number of transient rentals increases, staff anticipates that the occupancy rates of hotels could be impacted," he speculated, adding that vacation rentals also circumvent the city's cap on the number of hotel rooms.

Wiener suggested the council either ask his department to draft an ordinance prohibiting or limiting transient rentals in the commercial and multifamily-residential districts, or ask him to track the number of permits and make note of their effects, if any.

The two-dozen rentals represent about 3.5 percent of the town's multifamily units, which generally command lower rents than individual homes and are therefore more often occupied by workers and younger families, even though rents in the city are still high compared to other areas of the Monterey Peninsula. And presumably, some apartments are used as vacation rentals without the city's knowledge, though efforts to crack down on those and illegal rentals in single-family-residential neighborhoods continue.

Good for business, or bad?

Resident Barbara Livingston said she and others "were incredulous to discover we did not have a ban on short-term rentals downtown," and she called on the council to impose one, even if it faces resistance from the California Coastal Commission or lands the city in court.

But businessman Fred Kern suggested allowing them, especially to accommodate families or those looking for larger accommodations than the hotels in town can provide. He also noted that people who stay in vacation rentals spend money shopping and eating in town, too.

Gallery owner Richard Kreitman agreed. "We do get the 10 percent tax for these short-term rentals, so it's more a question of competing with hotels," he observed, adding that families that can't afford three hotel rooms for multiple nights might be able to pay for a vacation rental, which would at least have them in town rather than spending their money in another city. "So, I think it's a positive thing to make those available."

Other speakers were similarly divided, with some arguing for an all-out ban and others defending the practice. Several downtown property owners who have vacation rentals attended but did not comment.

Councilman Bobby Richards, who operates the Lamp Lighter and Forest Lodge inns, was definitive. "I just don't think that we should be allowing any more short-term rentals in the downtown area," not because they compete with hotels, he said, but because they cut into the less expensive housing options in the city.

Will coastal commission agree?

Councilwoman Carrie Theis, whose family owns the Hof-sas House hotel, said she was "a little conflicted about this," since most workers can't afford to rent here, regardless. "I don't have anyone on my workforce living in Carmel, other than me and one person I give a very low-cost rental to."

"Rentals here long-term are very expensive," she said, suggesting a cap on the number of vacation rentals, which would "keep the coastal commission off our back," and wouldn't threaten hotels.

"As it is, we're going to have to grandfather them in, anyway," she added, referring to the two dozen already on the books.

Councilwoman Jan Reimers had to recuse herself because she and her husband have a permit for short-term rentals at their Stonehouse Terrace complex, and councilman Jeff Baron and Mayor Dave Potter favored a total ban.

"I like seeing people living downtown," Baron said. "I would hate to see that environment disappear."

And Potter said he met waiters and waitresses, construction workers, caddies, electricians and others in similar vocations when he went door-to-door at apartment buildings during his campaign last fall.

"Monitoring the situation will just cause us to lose" that housing and those full-time residents, he said, and the council unanimously voted to ask Wiener to prepare an ordinance to ban vacation rentals.

Julia "Judy" Whitelock Bowhay

June 22, 1934 ~ February 18, 2019

Monterey

Judy, a resident of Monterey's Montereaggio neighborhood, died in the home she loved for fifty-seven years surrounded by her children and her beloved caregiver of twelve years, Mamakoula Hemo. Born in Los Angeles to Linus Joseph Garcia and Julia Whitelock Garcia, Judy grew up in Palos Verdes, with three adoring younger brothers.

She had a wonderful childhood full of beach trips and shell collecting, dogs, bunnies and chickens and enjoyed being a social butterfly in high school. She attended UCSB as a Home EC major where she met her husband, Brooks, who eventually led her back to the town he loved. She used to say that every time she drove over Carmel Hill and saw Monterey Bay she would get tears in her eyes because she felt so lucky to live here.

Judy was an amazing seamstress, cook and entertainer. During her thirty plus years of volunteering at CHOMP she made countless beautiful teddy bears to raise money in the hospital gift shop. She also made a beautiful Raggedy Ann or Andy doll for every new baby in the family as well as beautiful clothing for herself, her



children and her grandchildren.

Everyone was always welcome at Judy's table and, no matter how many were invited, there was always room for more. She made entertaining look so easy. The family would pack up on Memorial Day and spend the summers in Big Sur where they were always joined by multiple cousins who loved going to Aunt Judy's. She provided her children with the idyllic childhood that she and her cousins experienced. Judy had many wonderful friends and neighbors over the years and cherished those lifelong friendships.

Judy's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren (with one more on the way) have all stayed close by and adore her. She also has many nieces and nephews who loved their Aunt Judy and have been known to say that she always had room on her lap for them and a story to read.

Judy was predeceased by her husband, Brooks Bowhay, and her brother, Joe Garcia. She is survived by her children, Cindy (Doug) Petrick of Carmel, Mike (Marcia) Bowhay of Poulsbo, WA and Jenny Bowhay of San Francisco; her grandchildren, Tim (Kelly) Petrick, Katie (Joey) Camacho and Brooke Bowhay; her great-grandchildren, Everly and Henry Petrick; her brothers, Phil (Debbie) Garcia of Los Alamitos, CA and Richard (Julie) of Lincoln, CA; her brothers-in-law, Phil Bowhay, Mike (Alice) Bowhay and Tom (Laurie) Bowhay and her sister-in-law, Shirley (Frank) Mc Carthy.

Judy will be remembered at The Little Chapel by-the-Sea in Pacific Grove on March 23rd at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the organization which helped us for two years, VNA and Hospice, PO Box 2480, Monterey, 93942. To sign Judy's guest book and leave messages for her family, please visit www.thepaulmortuary.com.

Judy fought a long hard battle and as she would have said, "Julia, you've outdone yourself again."

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